

erect hospitals or pest-houses, watch and work-houses, houses of correction, penitentiary, and other public buildings and to lay and collect taxes for the expenses thereof; to regulate party or other walls and fences, and to determine by whom the same shall be kept in repair; to cause new alleys to be opened through the squares, and to extend those already laid out, upon the application of the owners of more than one half the property in such squares: *Provided*, That the damages which may accrue thereby, to any individual or individuals, shall be first ascertained by a jury, to be summoned and impanelled by the Marshal of the District of Columbia, (and it is hereby made his duty to summon and impanel the same, in all such cases, upon application to him in writing by the mayor of the city,) and such damages to be paid by the corporation; the amount thereof, and the expenses accruing, shall be levied in due proportion upon the individuals whose property on such squares shall be benefited thereby, and collected as other taxes are; to occupy and improve, for public purposes, by and with the consent of the President of the United States, any part of the public and open spaces and squares in said city, not interfering with any private rights; to regulate the advancement and weight by which all articles brought into the city for sale shall be disposed of; to provide for the appointment of appraisers and measurers of builders' work and materials, and also of wood, coal, grain, and lumber; to restrain and prohibit the nightly and other disorderly meetings of slaves, free negroes, and mulattoes, and to punish such slaves by whipping, not exceeding forty stripes, or by imprisonment, not exceeding six months, for any one offence, and to punish such free negroes and mulattoes, by penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars for any one offence, and in case of the inability of any such free negro or mulatto to pay any such penalty and cost thereon, cause him or her to be confined to labor for any time not exceeding six calendar months; to cause all vagrants, idle or disorderly persons, all persons of evil life or ill fame, and all such as have no visible means of support, or are likely to become chargeable to the corporation as paupers, or are found begging or drunk in or about the streets, or loitering in or about tipping houses, or who can show no reasonable cause of business or employment in the city, and all suspicious persons who have no fixed place of residence, or who cannot give a good account of themselves; all eves-droppers and night-walkers; all who shall be guilty of open profanity, or grossly indecent language or behavior publicly in the streets; all public prostitutes, and such as lead a notoriously lewd or lascivious course of life, and all such as keep public gaming tables, or gaming houses, to give security for their good behavior for a reasonable time, and to indemnify the city against any charge for their support, and in case of their refusal or inability to give such security, to cause them to be confined to labor until such security shall be given, not exceeding, however, one year at a time; but, if they shall be found again offending, the like proceedings may be again had, and from time to time, as often as may be necessary; to enforce the departure of such vagrants and paupers as may come into the city to reside, unless they shall give ample security that they will not become chargeable on the corporation for their support; to provide for binding out as apprentices of poor orphan children, and the children of drunkards, vagrants, and paupers; to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which free negroes and mulattoes may reside in the city; to authorize, with the approbation of the President of the United States, the drawing of lotteries for the erection of bridges and effecting any important improvements in the city, which the ordinary revenue thereof will not accomplish, for the term of ten years: *Provided*, That the amount so authorized to be raised in each year shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, clear of expenses: to take care of and regulate burial grounds; to provide for the registering of births, deaths, and marriages; to punish corporally any colored servant or slave for a breach of any of their laws or ordinances, unless the owner or holder of such servant or slave shall pay the fine in such cases provided; and to pass all laws which shall be deemed necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by this act in the said corporation or its officers.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Marshal of the District of Columbia shall receive and safely keep within the jail for the county of Washington, at the expense of the said corporation, all persons committed thereto, under or by authority of the provisions of this act. And in all cases where suit shall be brought before a justice of the peace, for the recovery of any fine or penalty, arising or incurred for a breach of any law or ordinance of the corporation, execution shall and may be issued as in all other cases of small debts.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That real property, whether improved or unimproved, in the City of Washington, on which two or more years' taxes shall have remained due and unpaid, or on which any special tax, imposed by virtue of the authority of the provisions of this act, shall have remained unpaid for two or more years after the same shall have become due, or so much thereof, not less than a lot, (when the property upon which the tax has accrued is not less

than that quantity,) as may be necessary to pay any such taxes, with all legal costs and charges arising thereon, may be sold at public sale to satisfy the corporation therefor: *Provided*, That public notice be given of the time and place of sale, by advertising once a week, in some newspaper printed in the City of Washington, for at least six months, where the property is assessed to persons residing out of the United States for three months, where the property is assessed to persons residing in the United States, but without the District of Columbia; and for six weeks, where the property is assessed to persons residing within the District of Columbia; in which advertisement shall be stated the number of the lot or lots, (if the square has been divided into lots,) the number of the square or squares, or other sufficient definite description of the property selected for sale, the name of the person or persons to whom the same may have been assessed, for the respective years' taxes due thereon, as also the name of the person to whom the same is assessed, and the aggregate amount of taxes due. The purchaser or purchasers of any such property shall pay, at the time of such sale, the amount of the taxes due on the property so purchased by him, her, or them, respectively, with the amount of the expenses of sale; and he, she, or they, shall pay the residue of the purchase money within ten days after the expiration of two years from the day of sale, to the collector of taxes, or other officers of the corporation authorized to receive the same; and the amount of such residue shall be placed in the city treasury, where it shall remain, subject to the order of the original proprietor or proprietors, his, her, or their, legal representatives; and the purchaser or purchasers shall receive a title in fee simple, in and to the lot or lots so sold and purchased, under the hand of the Mayor and seal of the Corporation, which shall be deemed good and valid in law and equity: *Provided, nevertheless*, That if, within two years from the day of any such sale, or before such purchaser or purchasers shall have paid the residue of the purchase money as aforesaid, the proprietor or proprietors of any property which shall have been sold as aforesaid, his, her, or their, heirs, agents, or legal representatives shall repay to such purchaser or purchasers the moneys paid for the taxes, and expenses as aforesaid, together with ten per centum per annum, as interest thereon, or make a tender thereof, or shall deposit the same in the hands of the Mayor of the city, or other officer of the Corporation appointed to receive the same, for the use of such purchaser or purchasers, and subject to his, her, or their, heirs or legal representatives' order, of which such purchaser, his heirs or legal representatives, shall be immediately informed by notice, in some newspaper printed in the city of Washington, or otherwise, he, she, or they, shall be reinstated in his, her, or their, original and title, as if no such sale had been made. And if any such purchaser shall fail to pay the residue of the purchase money as aforesaid, within the time required by this section, for any property so purchased by him, he shall pay ten per centum per annum, as interest thereon, and in addition to such residue, to be computed from the expiration of the two years as aforesaid, until the actual payment of such residue, and receiving of a conveyance from the corporation; and the said interest shall alike be subject to the order of the original proprietor or proprietors, as the residue of the purchase money as aforesaid; *Provided, also*, That no sale shall be made, in pursuance of this section, of any improved property whereon there is personal property of sufficient value to pay the said taxes; and that minors, mortgages, or others, having equitable interests in real property, which property shall be sold for taxes as aforesaid, shall be allowed one year after such minors' coming to or being of full age, or after such mortgagees and others having equitable interests, obtaining possession of, or a decree for the sale of such property, to redeem the property so sold from the purchaser or purchasers, his, her, or their assigns, on paying the amount of purchase money so paid therefor, with ten per cent, interest thereon, as aforesaid, and all the taxes that have been paid thereon by the purchaser, or his assigns, between the day of sale and the period of such redemption, with ten per cent, interest on the amount of such taxes, and also the full value of the improvements which may have been made or erected on such property by the purchaser, or his assigns, while the same was in his or their possession. *And provided moreover*, That where the estate of the tenant in default, as for years or for life or lives, shall be sufficient to defray the taxes chargeable thereupon, such estate only shall be liable to be sold under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the collector or other officer (duly authorized) to postpone, after such advertisement, the sale of any property advertised according to the provisions of the foregoing section, to any future day, for the want of bidders, by giving public notice of such postponement, and the sale made at such postponed time shall be equally valid as if made on the day stated in the advertisement.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the person or persons appointed to collect any tax imposed by virtue of the powers granted by this act, shall have authority to collect the same by distress

sale of the goods and chattels of the persons chargeable therewith; but no sale shall be made unless ten days' public notice thereof given in some newspaper printed in the city of Washington, and the provisions of the acts of Assembly of Maryland, now in force within the county of Washington, relating to the right of replevying personal property taken in execution for public taxes, shall apply to all cases of personal property taken by distress to satisfy taxes imposed by virtue of this act.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, shall not possess the power of assessing any tax on property in the city of Washington; nor shall the corporation of the said city be obliged to contribute, in any manner, towards the expenses or expenditures of said court, except for the one-half part of the expenses incurred on the account of the Orphans' court, the office of Coroner, the jail of said county, and the opening and repairing of roads in the county of Washington, east of Rock-creek, leading directly to the city of Washington, but the said corporation shall have the sole control and management of the bridge across or over Rock-creek, at the termination of K. street north; and shall be chargeable with the expence of keeping the same in repair, and rebuilding it when necessary.

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk of the circuit court, and the register of wills, of the county of Washington, respectively, shall furnish the register of the city, or other officer of the corporation, appointed to receive the same, on or about the first Monday in January and July, in every year, correct lists of the transfers of real property in the city, during the next preceding half year, so far as can be ascertained by the records in their respective offices; and the said corporation shall make to the said clerk and register of wills such compensation therefor, as shall be agreed on between the respective parties, not exceeding six cents for each transfer on such lists.

Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of the public buildings or other person appointed to superintend the United States' disbursements in the city of Washington, shall reimburse to the said corporation a just proportion of any expence which may hereafter be incurred, in laying open, paving or otherwise improving, any of the streets or avenues in front of, or adjoining to, or which may pass through, or between, any of the public squares or reservations, which proportion shall be determined by a comparison of the length of the front, or fronts, of the said squares or reservations, of the United States, on any such street or avenue, with the whole extent of the two sides thereof; and he shall cause the curb-stones to be set, and foot-ways to be paved, on the side or sides, of any such street or avenue, whenever the said corporation shall, by law, direct such improvements to be made by the proprietors of the lots on the opposite side of any such street or avenue, or adjacent to any such square or reservation; and he shall cause the foot-ways to be paved, and the curb-stones to be set, in front of any lot or lots, belonging to the United States, when the like improvements shall be ordered by the corporation, in front of the lots adjoining, or squares adjacent thereto; and he shall defray the expences directed by this section, out of any moneys arising from the sale of lots in the city of Washington, belonging to the United States and from no other fund.

Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the present boards of aldermen and common council shall, before the last Monday in May next, divide the said city into as many wards, as, in their opinion, shall be most conducive to the interests of the city; and the boards of aldermen and common council may, from time to time, as the interests of the city shall require, alter the number and boundaries of the said wards: *Provided*, That the said wards shall, at all times, be so laid off, altered and bounded, that each ward shall comprise, as near as may be, an equal number of the inhabitants of the said city: *And, provided however*, That if such division shall not be made prior to the said last Monday in May, then the said city shall be divided into six wards, in manner following, to wit: All that part of said city to the westward of Sixteenth street west, shall constitute the first; that part to the eastward of Sixteenth street west, and to the westward of Tenth street west, shall constitute the second; that part to the eastward of Tenth street west, to the westward of First street west, and to the northward of E. street south, shall constitute the third; that part to the eastward of First street west, to the westward of Eighth street east, and to the northward of E. street south, shall constitute the fourth; that part to the eastward of Tenth street east, to the westward of Fourth street east, and to the southward of E. street south, shall constitute the fifth; and the residue of the city shall constitute the sixth ward.

The expenses which may be incurred, in improving and repairing the streets which form the boundaries of the several wards, shall be defrayed out of the taxes raised in the several wards which adjoin the same, respectively in equal proportions; and the present boards of Aldermen and Common Council shall, before the first Monday in June next, apportion, by law, such portions of the debt of the city, as have been heretofore chargeable to the

existing wards, amongst the wards established by this section, upon just and equitable principles. And the board of Aldermen shall, so soon as the same shall have been organized, on the second Monday in June next, divide the members into two classes in the manner following, to-wit: Those members who are now in office, and, by virtue of their election in June last, shall be entitled to take their seats in the new board, as members from the wards in which they shall, respectively reside, shall be placed in the first class, and those members who shall be elected, from the same wards, in June next, shall be placed in the second class; and the other members shall be placed in their respective classes by lot; and the seats of the first class shall be vacated at the end of the first year, and the seats of the second class shall be vacated at the end of the second year, so that one member shall be elected, in each ward, every year thereafter. And the members of the Board of Aldermen shall be, hereafter ex officio, justices of the peace, for the county of Washington, unless holding commissions in the army or Navy of the United States.

Sec. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force for and during the term of twenty years, and until Congress shall, by law determine otherwise.

**H. CLAY.**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**JOHN GAILLARD,**  
President of the Senate, pro tempore.  
May 15, 1820.—Approved:  
**JAMES MONROE.**

## 100 Dollars Reward.

A REWARD of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS will be given by the subscriber for the recovery of a letter deposited in the Post-Office in this town on the 14th day of July last, directed to Messrs. ADEL & MOULTON, Merchants, New-York, containing

**Four Hundred Dollars,**  
in Notes of \$100 each, on the bank of the United States. Said letter not having been received in New-York.

**JAMES JACOBS,**  
For the late firm of Jacobs & LeRoy.  
May 31. 8-ff

## Hides and Skins.

**Kilgour, Taylor & Webb,**  
WILL pay in Cash or Merchandise, for any quantity of

**Raw Hides,**  
Calf, sheep, and Deer SKINS,

Of a good quality, deliverable at their Store, near the STEAM-MILL.  
Vincennes, Jan. 28, 1820, 42-ff

## Bees-Wax.

**KILGOUR, TAYLOR & WEBB,**  
WISH to purchase a quantity of

**Beeswax.**

For which they will pay a reasonable price in CASH or MERCHANTIZE, at reduced prices.

January 22. 41-ff

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

THIS is to give notice to all make and manner of persons, gentle and simple, who are indebted to me by note or on book account, that it is necessary to pay up, immediately, if they wish to avoid consequences. I have been generous; if you will be just, we will square the yards, and all well. If you neglect this reasonable call, I shall shew you the big papers, directly.

**W. E. BREADING.**

Vincennes, June 24. 11-ff

## Notice.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of

**Jacobs and LeRoy,**

Was dissolved on the 12th instant, by mutual consent.—All persons indebted to them by Note or Book Account, will please to call immediately and adjust the same with Mr. Richard M. P. Anson, (at the Store formerly occupied by Jacobs and LeRoy,) who is duly authorised to settle the concerns of said firm.

**JAMES JACOBS,**

**ALEXIS LEROY.**

April 29, 1820. 3-ff

## Notice.

**Samuel H. Clubb,** assignee of William Martin, for the n. e. qr. of sec. No. 13, in T. No. 3, n. of R. No. 13, w. having filed in this office an affidavit of the loss or mislaying of certificate No. 5298, granted on the 2d day of May, 1818, to said William Martin, for the above designated quarter section.

All persons concerned, are hereby required to take notice, that in 3 months from the date hereof, I shall issue to William Martin, a duplicate of said certificate No. 5298, unless previous to that time, some legal and sufficient objections are made thereto.

**JOHN BADOLLET, R.L.O.**

June 1820. 11-3wpd

## Blank Deeds

For sale at this office

## Estrays.

STATE OF INDIANA,

Posey County.

### TAKEN UP

By Razen Halsell, of Posey county, Mears Township, one Black Mare, 14 hands and one half high, branded J. C. on the near shoulder, supposed to be 11 or 12 years old, a few white spots on her back, occasioned by the saddle, and a white speck on her right flank, and a white hair about her tail, appraised to 40 dollars, by Wm. Dodge and G. Lowe, before me this 3d day of June, 1820.

*A copy Test.*

*J. C. D. V. E. T. J. P. P. C.*

June 3d.

11-3wpd

### TAKEN UP

By John J. O'Brien, at the mouth of the Wabash, Two Mares, one is a brown 7 years old, 15 hands high, branded on the near shoulder with E. appraised at 50 dollars. The other is a Bay, 8 years old, 15 1/2 hands high with a snip and star near her hind foot white, a lump on the right ear, appraised at 35 dollars.

*JOHN DANIEL, j.p.*

Black township, Posey co. { 11-3wpd

May 12th, 1820.

11-3wpd

### TAKEN UP

By David Greathouse, a calico coloured HORSE, about 9 years old, supposed to be of the Spanish breed, with a bell on, and branded with the letters J. C. on the left shoulder, appraised at 31 dollars.

*JOHN DANIEL, j.p.*

Posey co. { 11-3wpd

May 27. 11-3wpd

### Taken Up

By Joseph Chamness, living 4 miles east of Washington, Daviess county, a bay Mare, 7 years old, 15 hand high, a star in her forehead, a white spot on her left hip, a feather on the neck, (right side) shot before, no brands perceptible, appraised to 75 dollars, by R. Palmer, and Michael Wiles, before me,

*P. P. RODGERS, j.p.d.e.*

Washington, June 1. 10-3wpd

### Taken Up

By Cornelius Berkshire, living in Washington, Daviess county, Ia. a Chesnut SORREL MARE, about 13 hands 3 inches high, near hind foot white, a blaze in her face, branded with the letters A. C. on her near shoulder. Appraised to 30 dollars, by James Ball, Jacob Freeland and A. Bruce.

*P. P. ROD*