

# GAZETTE.

VINCENNES.

SATURDAY JAN. 30, 1836.

PEOPLES CANDIDATE  
FOR PRESIDENT IN 1836.

GEN. WM. H. HARRISON,  
Of Ohio.

HARRISON ELECTORS FOR  
INDIANA.

Gen. JOHN G. CLENDERIN, of Orange  
county.

Dr. HIRAM DECKER, of Knox.

Gen. MILTON STAPP, of Jefferson.

Mr. ENOCH McCARTY, of Franklin.

Mr. ACHILLES WILLIAMS, of Wayne.

Mr. ALBERT S. WHITE, of Tippewa-

no. Gen. MARSTON G. CLARK, of Wash-

ton.

Mr. ABRAHAM P. ANDREWS, of La-

porte.

Mr. A. W. MORRIS, of Marion.

The Editor of the Gazette intends starting for Cincinnati in about two weeks for the purpose of procuring entire new materials for the enlargement of his paper—he therefore, calls on those who may be indebted to him, for aid in effecting his purpose. The prosperity of our town and county is such, that the editor believes he will meet with every encouragement in his proposed design.

Our paper is unusually barren of news—it is not our fault. We have received no eastern papers since the 18th inst. On the morning of that day a few "way-worn travellers" were received at our office.

The detention of the newspaper mails at this time, is peculiarly vexatious.—The arrival of our late Charge from Paris, and the action of Congress on his communications to the Executive, must be interesting; and last though not least, the disposition of Mr. Clays Land Bill. We also should have heard long before this, the result of the Senatorial election in Mississippi, but we are in darkness, and how long we must remain so, depends on Amos Kendall.

We learn that Albert Badollet, Esq., has been appointed, by the President of the United States, Register of the Land Office at Vincennes, in place of John Badollet, resigned. The appointment has given general satisfaction to the people of Vincennes.

We commence the publication in this day's paper of the Internal Improvement Bill, which will be read with interest.—The news of its passage was received in this place on the 26th inst. with acclamations. The town was beautifully illuminated—salutes of artillery were fired—a large procession was formed, who, with a band of music, proceeded to the Hotel of Mr. G. W. Gould, where a short but impressive address was delivered to the crowd of citizens, by Samuel Hill, Esq., and although the cold was excessive, the rejoicings were continued until a late hour.

The provisions of this Bill are of immense importance to our rapidly increasing town. Notwithstanding the large additions which have been made the past year to the number of buildings in Vincennes, there is not a sufficiency to accommodate conveniently the increasing population, and this system of permanent improvement of the town, will be pursued vigorously. So soon as the spring opens, a number of new buildings will be erected, and afford, we hope, suitable conveniences for all the inhabitants, and the newly incorporated Vincennes Academy will furnish the means of superior education to our children, in addition to the numerous schools already established.

The Father of General Harrison.—Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was a man to whose ardent zeal and intrepidity of action, that body of patriots was greatly indebted for their harmonious organization. A large number of the members of the first Congress, as a compliment to Virginia, wished to call him to the Chair, as the successor of his brother-in-law, Peyton Randolph; but Mr. Harrison, with noble self-denial, and admirable judgment, declined in favor of John Hancock of Massachusetts, and used his utmost exertions in elevating him to the post of honor.

AN ACT to provide for a general system of Internal Improvements.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, that six persons shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who, together with the present Canal Commissioners, shall constitute a Board of Internal improvement to serve for three years from and after their appointment; the first appointments shall however be divided into three classes, by lot, at their first meeting.

The term of service of the 1st class shall determine at the expiration of one year, the 2d class at the end of the second year, and the 3d class at the end of the third year, so that one-third may be annually appointed so long as their services may be required, and shall be liable to be removed at any time by impeachment or joint resolution.

SEC. 2. The said Canal Commissioners thus constituted members of said Board shall respectively hold their offices there-

in during the time for which they would have served as Canal Commissioners, and their vacancies shall then be filled in the same manner as is provided for the appointment of the other members of said Board in the foregoing section, and their services shall continue in like manner and be subject to like removal. The Governor in making the nomination as above provided shall in addition to the qualifications for the discharge of the duties of the office, have regard to the local situation of the nominee, so that each work may be represented in said Board by a suitable person residing as near as practicable thereto.

SEC. 3. The Board thus constituted shall be called the State Board of Internal Improvement, shall take the same oath and give the same bond as is now required by law of the Canal Commissioners. They shall locate, under the provisions of this act, and superintend the several works of Internal Improvement in this state, and hold semi-annual meetings, and as much oftener as they may deem necessary. Five members shall constitute a quorum, and they shall each receive a compensation for their services the sum of two dollars per day for every day necessarily employed, and also an equitable allowance for travelling and other contingent expenses.

SEC. 4. In the meetings of said Board they shall determine the general outline of the operations in relation to such works of internal improvement as may be authorized by law, determining questions of importance submitted to them in relation to said works, and to assist in the examination of accounts and marking reports to the General Assembly, and as soon as any work or canal line shall be ready to be placed under contract the said Board shall elect one of their members to serve as acting Commissioner on said line, whose duty it shall be to superintend the same under the general direction and during the pleasure of said Board. A record of the proceedings of said Board shall be kept by them, as also an accurate account of the monies expended on each route, as well as every other matter that may legally come under their supervision or control, by virtue of this act.

SEC. 5. The said Board of Internal Improvement is hereby authorized and directed to adopt such measures as may be necessary to commence, construct, and complete, within a reasonable time, the following works viz:

1st. The White Water Canal, commencing on the west branch of the White Water river, at the crossing of the National Road, thence passing down the valley of the same to the Ohio river, at Lawrenceburg, and extending up the said west branch of the White Water above the National Road as far as may be practicable; also a connexion between the said White Water Canal and the Central Canal, by a canal, if practicable, if not by a Rail Road, to commence at some point near the National Road, thence to be continued to some suitable point on said Central Canal in Madison or Delaware counties, as the same may be found most practicable and best calculated to promote the interests of the state; and for the construction of said works the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated; *Provided* however, That if the state of Ohio shall ultimately refuse to grant leave for the construction of that part of the White Water Canal which passes through her territory, the said board shall construct, a Rail Road from some point near Harrison to Lawrenceburg, keeping it wholly within the territory of this state, in lieu of the canal as now located between those points, and pay for the construction of said road out of the moneys appropriated for the construction of said White Water Canal.

2d. The Central Canal, commencing at the most suitable point on the Wabash and Erie Canal between Fort Wayne and Logansport, running thence to Muncie town thence to Indianapolis, thence down the valley of the west fork of White River to its junction with the east fork of said river, & thence by the most practicable route to Evansville on the Ohio river; *Provided* however, the said Board of Internal Improvement may, if it shall be found most practicable and conducive to the interests of the state, select the lower or Pipe creek route in the line north from Indianapolis, then and in that case a Feeder shall be made to commence at Muncie town and communicate with said Central Canal at some convenient point on the same, which feeder shall be of equal size and capacity with the main canal, and made equally convenient for the purposes of navigation and be constructed simultaneously with the said main canal, and made equally convenient for the purposes of navigation and be constructed simultaneously with the said main canal, and in all other respects provided for in like manner with the same. For the construction of which Central Canal and navigable Feeder, the sum of three millions five hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated,

3d. An extension of the Wabash and Erie Canal from the Mouth of Tippecanoe river down the valley of the Wabash to Terre-Haute, and thence by the route as surveyed on Eel river, so as to connect with the Central Canal at the point designated in said survey, or else by the most practicable route from Terre-Haute as to connect with the Central Canal at or near the mouth of Black Creek in Knox county, or at some intermediate point between said points as shall, on further survey and examination of said routes, be found most conducive to the public good. For the construction and completion of the continuation or extension of said Wabash and Erie Canal the

sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

4th. A Rail Road from Madison through Columbus, Indianapolis, and Crawfordsville to Lafayette, to be called the Madison & Lafayette rail road, to construct which the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

5th. A McAdamized Turnpike Road from New Albany through Greenville, thence as near to Frederickburgh as shall be found practicable, having in view the expense of construction and public accommodation, through Paoli, Mount Pleasant, and Washington to Vincennes; for the construction of which the sum of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

6th. And the said Board is hereby authorized and directed to cause a re-survey of the route from Jeffersonville via N. Albany, Salem, Bedford, Bloomington, and Greencastle to Crawfordsville, to be made before the first day of October next, and if upon such survey so made it shall be found practicable to construct a Rail Road on said route, the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for its construction. But if, after such survey and examination shall have been made, the construction of the said Rail Road shall be deemed impracticable, it shall be and is hereby made the duty of said Board to construct a McAdamized Road on the route aforesaid, and in that event the same amount is hereby appropriated for its construction, to-wit, the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars; and then and in that event the said Board shall either commence said road at Salem, or make such arrangements as may be deemed expedient and consistent with the interest of the state with the Salem and Ohio Turnpike Company: *Provided* however, that said Board shall not make any arrangements with said Company or otherwise which shall have the effect to divert said road from the most direct and practicable route for the same between Salem and New Albany.

7th. The sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Wabash river between its mouth and the town of Vincennes; which said sum of fifty thousand dollars shall be part of the 1st loan effected under the provisions of this act, to be expended under the direction of the said Board of Internal Improvements for the removal of said obstructions as soon as the same can be done in a manner best calculated to promote the public interest.

8th. And the said Board are hereby authorized and required to cause, during the present year, a survey and estimates to be made of a Canal if practicable, if not a Rail Road, from the Wabash and Erie Canal at or near Fort Wayne, by the way of Goshen and South Bend, and Laporte, if practicable, to Lake Michigan, at or near Michigan City, to be called the Erie and Michigan Canal or Rail Road; said route to be kept within the limits of this state. For the commencement of which within 10 years, at the discretion of the said Board of Internal Improvement, and the final completion of the same, the faith of the State is hereby irrevocably pledged; and the money necessary to construct the said work shall be obtained in the same manner as is provided for other works in this act.

SEC. 9. The said Board, in constructing that part of the Wabash and Erie Canal which lies between Lafayette and Terre Haute, shall have power to connect by lockage and otherwise the Canal with the Wabash river on section number forty-seven, and at such other places where the interest of the state and the convenience of its citizens shall in their opinion be promoted by such connection. And the said Board shall also be authorized and required, upon application being made, to permit any county or association of individuals to tap any or either of the canals herein mentioned and provided for, at any point upon said Canals by side cut Canal or Canals, whenever, in the opinion of said Board, the navigation of said Canal or Canals shall not be injured thereby.

SEC. 10. The members composing the Board of Internal Improvement shall meet as soon after their appointment as convenient, and choose one of their members to be President of said Board, and appoint a Secretary, whose duties and compensation they shall regulate. The President of the Board shall have power to call meetings of the same when in his opinion the public interest may require it, and said Board shall have authority to adjourn from time to time to meet at any other place they may think proper, and have power to employ such Engineers, agents, and other assistants as the interest of the state shall in their opinion demand, to enable them to discharge the duties required of them by this act, and to pay such Engineers, agents, and assistants for their services such sums as in their opinion may be a reasonable compensation for the duties which they may perform.

SEC. 11. Distinct accounts shall be kept of all disbursements of money which have been or which shall hereafter be made for the construction of that part of the Wabash and Erie Canal which lies eastwardly of Tippecanoe river within the grant of the canal lands, and the amount of such expenditures shall be charged to and paid out of the canal fund, and an account also kept of the tolls which may be received on that part of the Canal, in order that their amounts, as well as the proceeds arising from the sale of the canal lands, may be strictly applied to the payment of the canal fund for which by various acts of the General Assembly they have been specifically pledged.

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SEC. 13. The said Board of Internal Improvement shall be authorized to give drafts or checks from time to time, payable to such persons and at such places on the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, and receive from them all such sums of money as may be necessary for the prosecution of the works contemplated by the acts of the General Assembly in relation to this subject, under such rules, regulations, and restrictions as the said Commissioners of the Canal Fund may deem necessary for its security and proper application, and the said Board of Internal Improvement shall cause the same to be expended in the most economical manner on the works of improvement authorized by this act, at such times and places and in such sums as they may deem most conducive to the interest of said works, to establish reasonable tolls and adopt all measures necessary for the collection and payment thereof to the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, and report to the legislature at each session thereof of the state of said works, with an account of the expenditures, together with their proceedings under this act, and recommend such measures as they may think advisable to promote the objects intended by this act, and likewise when called upon by the Governor to report to him from time to time such information as he may require.

SEC. 14. The Board of Internal Improvement is hereby authorized to put under contract, and construct that part of the Wabash and Erie Canal which lies between the Tippecanoe river and the Ohio state line, and any and all such portions of the several works as are authorized by this act, to make such minor changes in the lines already located, such re-surveys and at such times and places as they shall be advised by the Board of Internal Improvements that it will be required for the progress of any of the works of Internal Improvement to which the same has been appropriated by this act, and the said Commissioners of the Canal Fund shall issue for such loans transferable certificates of stock in the name of the state, which when signed by them shall

be valid; and to facilitate the purpose herein contemplated the Commissioners of the Canal Fund shall have power to make such arrangements relative to obtaining loans, the payment of interest thereon, and the transmission and deposits of money, as they may deem conducive to the interest of the state.

SEC. 15. For the punctual payment of the interest and final redemption of the principal of all sums of money which may be borrowed under the provisions of this act, there shall be and hereby are irrevocably pledged and appropriated, the Canals, Rail and Turnpike Roads, with the portions of ground thereto appertaining and privileges thereby created, and the rents and profits of the water power thereof, together with the net proceeds of tolls collected thereon, the sufficiency of which for the purposes aforesaid the State of Indiana doth hereby irrevocably guarantee.

SEC. 16. The said Canal Fund Commissioners are hereby authorized to negotiate a loan not exceeding the sum of five hundred thousand dollars in addition to the loans heretofore authorized by law for the canal fund, the proceeds of which shall be applied to finish that part of the Wabash and Erie Canal which lies between the Ohio state line and the mouth of the Tippecanoe river, and within the lands granted by Congress, to aid in the construction of said work, which authority to contract said loan on the credit of the state shall be as ample and governed in every respect by the same provisions as have governed the loans which have heretofore been authorized by the several acts of this state for that purpose; and for the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said loan or loans the said Canal when constructed, its tolls, its interests and profits derived therefrom, and the proceeds of the Canal lands are hereby pledged, the sufficiency of which to pay the interest and principal of said loan or loans, as the same shall become due, the state hereby guarantees.

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