

# THE WESTERN SUN.

TRUTH ITS GUIDE—LIBERTY ITS OBJECT

VINCENNES, OCTOBER, 3.

We must regret that the Proclamation under the signature of Trim, has not had the effect we hoped, and flattered ourselves it would have in silencing the reports of our partiality, which it will ever be our pride, not to merit, and, although we cannot pretend to absolute impartiality, which, like the fabulous Phoenix, appears but once in ages, if at all.—In this instance, (and this is the first and only piece rejected) we were actuated from principles of propriety on account of its style, not from party motives, as has been said by some.—Whether our objections were well, or ill founded the public will now determine.—Despicable as we conceive it, yet it demands from us some attention, which want of time has prevented our bestowing—when leisure time can be found he shall be attended to.

The arrival of the mail being changed, renders a change necessary in our day of publication, the Western Sun will therefore appear on Thursday, in place of Saturday, hereafter.

Owing to some errors which appeared in Genl. W. Johnston & Luke Decker Esqrs. circular we are induced to republish it.

The General Assembly of the Territory have at length arose, after a session of thirty four days.

During their session a number of general and some local laws have been passed.—Of the general, the mode of levying and collecting a tax on lands, for territorial purposes, has been materially changed, from an annual to a quadrennial assessment; an assessor to be appointed by the court for that time—the sheriff made collector, the tax to be twenty cents per hundred dollars of the amount assessed. Four different acts concerning the collection of the land tax in the counties of St. Clair, Randolph and Knox.—An act for the incorporation of Wabash Baptist church.—An act concerning vagrants.—An act to encourage the killing of wolves.—And an act reducing the fees of the General Court, and placing them upon a level with the fees of the Common Pleas, and likewise reducing the attorney's fees.—Besides a number of a general and local nature too tedious to enumerate.

The laws of the territory heretofore in force, have been revised, and brought each subject, under its proper head. This was a work of no inconsiderable task to the revisors, and merited an adequate remuneration.—It was also the subject of a lengthy and arduous examination and deliberation in the legislature. The members whereof, are not too young in legislation to fully come up to your wants and desires, no doubt—but it is fondly hoped, that the revision of our laws, if it does not completely deserve your encomiums, will yet answer the present exigencies, and more than counterbalance the expenses which the territory may have incurred by it.

From the reports of the auditor & territorial treasurer, it appears that we were in debt at the commencement of the present session, one thousand nine hundred and sixty seven dollars and ninety eight cents. But as the counties of St. Clair, Randolph and Dearborn have not paid into the treasury their quota of the taxes for the years 1806 & 7 and Knox is yet in arrears for 1806 and the whole of the year 1807. It is beyond a doubt that should there not be more delinquencies than we ought reasonably to calculate upon, that we shall in a short time have more in our treasury than will be sufficient to discharge all of our debts.

In the election of our Delegate to Congress, we conceive we have done nothing more than discharged the duty which devolved upon us as your representatives—whatever little spleen, animosity and party motives might suggest to the contrary, notwithstanding.

In the choice and election of our own immediate officers, we selected those who

appeared most deserving—whatever interest may have heretofore suggested, or may hereafter suggest, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the whole, sir, we have endeavored to conduct ourselves, while in the business of legislation, with decency, order and propriety, and had firmness, and the good of our country constantly in view.—We therefore hope, sir, as we have done for the best, you will look with a favorable eye and pardon our faults, and attach blame alone to our vices.

The General Assembly was on Saturday last prorogued, by his excellency the governor, to meet again on the third Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and eight.

We are sir,  
As heretofore,  
Your Humble Servants,  
GENL. W. JOHNSTON.  
LUKE DECKER.

## POST OFFICE,

Vincennes, October 1st, 1807.

A LIST of letters remaining in this Office during the last quarter which if not taken out before the expiration of three months, will be returned to the general Post Office as dead letters—viz.

A Alexander Adams,  
B Nathaniel Byrte, Joseph Baird, Doc. Joseph Brownley, John I. Bailey, William Black, R. Baird, Shadrach Bond jr. John Beatty,  
C Daniel Curtan, Joel Collins, David Collins, Adam Clement, David Carlson.  
D Thomas Deaken, Thomas Davis, two, Toussaint Dubois, John Finly,  
G Robert Gill, Anthony Griffin, two, William Griffin, John Grant,  
H W. H. Harrison, John Hatton, two, William Hill, James Hall, Nathaniel Heald, Jesse Haden,  
J Michael Jones,  
L Saml. & John Leard, George Leech,  
M George Miner, William Mehoney Will. V. Mooreman, James Major, Cornelius Merry, Martin Miller, John Martin, Will. McDonald two, John Marray,  
O Thomas Orme.  
Peter Poppono, John Perrey, jr. Thom. Palmer, Eliza Parke,  
R Richd. Ridgley jr. two, Enoch Russell, John Reed jr, Joseph Robertson.  
S James Shaw, Samuel Sone, H. A. Smallwood, Jacob Sel; Sally Scott,  
T Solomon Tevarverbo, John Thompson  
W Abel Westfall, two Elizabeth Whirlack Edward Wilson, William Westgate, David Wells.

Gen. W. Johnston p. m.

## Registers Office Vincennes.

Proposals will be received in writing at this office until the last day of October next, for opening the following roads viz.

1st. A road from Vincennes to the Indian boundary established by the treaty of Greenville, in a direction to the North bend.

2d. A road from Vincennes to the Mississippi, opposite the town of St. Louis in Upper Louisiana.

The said roads are to be one rod wide and fit for laden waggons to travel.

Security will be required for the due performance of the contract, and such persons as are inclined to undertake either of said roads, are requested to insert in their proposals the names of those they intend to offer for their securities.

All letters directed to this office on the subject of the said roads, must be post paid.

JOHN BADOLLET, R. L. O.  
September 12th, 1807.

## To all persons concerned.

NOTICE is hereby given that I shall make application to the next court of Common Pleas, of the county of Clark, in the Indiana Territory, to be held on the second Monday in October next, to appoint three commissioners, for the purpose of dividing a tract of land in the Illinois Grant, containing 500 acres, known by No. 67, held by the heirs of Jacob Reager, dec. one third part of said tract of land I am entitled to, as assignee of Henry B. Reagar, one of theirs of said Jacob Reagar.

Abraham Eppler.

## TAKE NOTICE.

The Collector of the Tax, for the County of Knox, is bound by Law to demand the Tax, either by application in writing, or Advertisment.—And pay the same over to the Treasurer, on or before the first day of February next.—Therefore he earnestly requests all those who know themselves taxable, to meet him and pay the taxes at the following places, in the different Townships viz.

In the Bufrow settlement, on the 17th day of October at the house of B. D. Price.

In Palmyra Township, at Capt Noah Purcell's, on Monday the 19th of October.

In Harrison, on Saturday the 24th of October, at the house of captain Walter Wilton.

In White River Township on Saturday the 31st of October, at Captain David Robbs.

In Vincennes Township the first Saturday in November at the court house.

The Collector hopes the citizens will be punctual in their attendance.—Those who may not be able to attend at the above mentioned places, will find him ready to receive their taxes at his house in Vincennes, at any time before the fifteenth of November next.—Taxes not paid by that time lands will be advertised and sold.

PARMENAS BECKES.

Collector Knox County.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

All those who are owing their tax for the year 1806 that Parmenas Beckes esq. is authorized to collect the said tax, and will be ready to receive the same, at the times and places that he has notified the citizens by advertisement to wit:

In the Bufrow settlement on the 17th October, at the house of B. D. Price.

In Palmyra township at capt. Noah Purcells on Monday the 19th of October.

In Harrison township on Saturday the 24th of October at the house of captain Walter Wilton.

In White river Township on Saturday the 31st of October at Captain David Robbs.

In Vincennes township the first Saturday in November at the court house.

Those who may not be able to attend at the above places will find him ready to receive their taxes at his house in Vincennes at any time before the 15th of November next. Those who do not pay their tax on land before the fifteenth of November next, must expect to see their lands advertised for sale, for the payment of the taxes due thereon, and of course the additional cost of sale &c. added to the tax.

DANL. SULLIVAN, C. K. C.

For the year 1806.

September 25th, 1807.

## INDIANA TERRITORY,

Randolph County,

Bryand Morrison } to wit, foreign attach  
vs } ment at March term  
James Haggan, } 1805,

In the above case notice is hereby given to the defendant, that unless he be and appear before the court of common pleas next to be holden at Kaskaskia, in and for the county of Randolph on the third Monday in December next and shall by himself or attorney then and there enter special bail in the said action for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, and receive a declaration and plead to the same, that judgment will be rendered against him and the goods, chattles, lands and tenements in this case attached, will be sold to satisfy his debts agreeable to law.—Sep. 14 1807.

ROBERT MORRISON, C. R. C.  
R. ROBISON,  
Attorney for pliff.

## NOTICE

I Shereby given that I shall apply to the next court of Common Pleas to be holden for the county of Clark, in the Indiana Territory, on the second Monday in October next, to appoint three commissioners for the purpose of dividing three tracts of land in the Illinois grant, in the said county, to wit: Lot No. 10, of 500 acres, 300 acres in No. 9; and 300 acres in No. 2—owned by the heirs and representatives of William Sullivan dec. and myself.

JOHN HARRISON.

August 26th, 1807.

## INDIANA TERRITORY,

Randolph common pleas,

George Filler, } to wit, foreign attach  
vs } ment April Term  
James Dunn, } 1807.

In the above case notice is hereby given to the defendant, that unless he be and appear before the court of Common pleas next to be holden at Kaskaskia in and for the county of Randolph, on the third Monday in december next and shall by himself or attorney then and there enter special bail in the said action for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, & receive a declaration and plead to the same, that judgment will be rendered against him and the goods, chattles, lands and tenements in this case attached, will be sold to satisfy his debts agreeable to law.—Sep. 14 1807.

ROBERT MORRISON C. R. C.  
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Attorney for Pliff.

## INDIANA TERRITORY.

Court of Chancery, August Term 1807.

Nathaniel West, Compl't.

against } In Chancery.  
Robert Evans & Robert }  
M. Evans, Defendants }

THIS day came the complainant by his counsel, and the defendants not having entered their appearances according to law, and the rules of this court; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Robert Evans, one of the defendants is not an inhabitant of the Territory, on motion of the complainant by his counsel it is ordered, that the Defendant Robert Evans, appear here on the twenty fifth day of November next, to answer the bill of the said complainant, otherwise it will be taken as confessed, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Western Sun three times successively.

A copy,  
Attest—H: HURST, C. C. C.

## INDIANA TERRITORY.

Court of Chancery, August Term, 1807.

James Laffelle & Francois }  
Laffelle, Complainants } In Chancery  
against }  
James Pelletier Defendant }

THIS day came the complainants by their attorney, and the defendant not having entered his appearance according to law, and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the defendant James Pelletier, is not an inhabitant of this Territory; on motion of the complainants, by their counsel it is ordered, that the defendant appear here on the twenty-fifth day of November next, to answer the bill of the said complainants, otherwise it will be taken as pro confesso, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Western Sun, three times successively.

A Copy,  
Attest—H. HURST, C. C. C.

## BATTLES IN POLAND.

Elensburg, June 18.—Two ships from Koningsergh have arrived, here which bring advice that the French are only 2-1-2 (German) miles from that city.

Great rejoicings it is stated, have taken place at Flushing, and else where, in consequence of the victory obtained by the French over the Russians, whose loss in killed and wounded, is stated at forty thousand men, besides thirty thousand prisoners.

## PRIVATE LETTER.

Hamburgh, June 22.—This morning early, private intelligence had been received here from a person of distinction at Danzig, dated the 19th inst. According to this the French Emperor attacked the Russians have lost every thing. Whether this is a new affair, or whether the battle of 15th is meant cannot be determined, prince Borghese is gone express to Paris with the news of the victory of the 14th. The same letter adds that the French entered Koningsergh, on the 16th inst.

It seems [as I am informed on good authority] that the above news, is contained in a letter from Gen. Rapp to Mr. Buonaparte; it states that above 80,000 prisoners were taken. Mr. B. had sent it to the office of the New Gazette to be printed, but had afterwards stopped it, because the letter was not official.

We understand that the price to be paid by Mr. Jefferson for the Floridas is four millions of dollars.