

pose. I say nefarious because however granting that expression may be to some, it is correct and true.

After what has been written by the first statesman of our country and has been read above, it would be presumption to add anything more on this momentous question, I therefore will terminate here the task which I had imposed upon myself, in the performance of which, I have not, I trust, violated any rule of decorum. I have as far as it lay in my power, endeavored to recast the tale for chaste and temperate discussion, to which we have been so long strangers. My abilities were not, I feel, equal to the importance of the undertaking, and much remains to be said upon so prolific a subject, but if I have contributed to induce those to reflect, who seemed to have hitherto delegated to a few eminent men their privilege of thinking, if I have awakened them to a sense of their independence, if I have succeeded in persuading that in matters of opinion, but especially on questions which involve the happiness of ourselves and posterity, no other authority ought to be submitted to, than that of eternal reason and truth, then my feeble efforts shall not have been exerted in vain. Truth having been my guide and the public weal my aim, I feel a conscious pride that I have contributed my mite towards the public good, and now resign the pen to those who actuated by the same honest motives, are more able to use it.

A FARMER.

At a meeting of a respectable number of the citizens of Vincennes, holden at the house of Charles Villeneuve, on Monday the 3d April, 1809, previous to the election of representatives. Antoin Marchal, was elected president, and William McIntosh, appointed secretary. The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to and passed.

Resolved, That the act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Borough of Vincennes,' appears to this meeting, to be a violation of the rights of the said citizens, recognized and secured by the ordinance made for the government of the territory, inasmuch as it erects the said town into a Borough; creates a board of Trustees, vested with power to elect their successors, who neither are elected by, nor responsible to the freeholders; and empowers those Trustees to take away and otherwise encroach upon the freeholders' rights and liberty of the said citizens without their consent.

Resolved, That the said act, and the provisions thereof in violating and otherwise encroaching on the rights, liberty and property of the said citizens, has a tendency to diminish their confidence in the legislature, and to alienate their minds from republican institutions.

Resolved, That the said citizens will by every lawful means resist the enforcement of the said act, should any attempts in violation of their rights or property be made to carry it into effect, before the first meeting of the general assembly.

Resolved, That the said citizens will not support the election of any candidate as their representative in the general assembly, who will not pledge his honor to them that he will, if elected, use his best endeavors to effectuate a repeal of the said act, at the first session of the general assembly.

Resolved, That Richardville, Thos. Jones and William McIntosh, be, and hereby are appointed to draft a petition in the name of the citizens, freeholders of Vincennes, to the general assembly; declarative of the objections which they make to the said act, & the reasons which have determined them to pray that body to repeal it.

Resolved, That the same persons draft a petition in the name of the said citizens to the general assembly, praying that the town of Vincennes may be incorporated, preferring to the freeholders thereof the right of electing the Trustees; and vesting the corporation with power to establish a market house and regulating the same; and also a law to regulate the commons of Vincennes. And that they draft a petition in the name of the said citizens to the court of Common

Pleas for this county, praying that the county court house and jail, be erected as near the centre of said town as circumstances will admit, and not on the ground heretofore appropriated therefor. That the said petitions be prepared and reported at the next meeting of the said citizens, hereby appointed to be held at Charles Villeneuve on Monday next.

Resolved unanimously by the Catholic citizens of Vincennes, that A. Richardville, A. Valle, L. Delaurier, J. B. Delaurier, L. Bazadone, Fr. Boye, des Biens, C. Villeneuve, Fr. Langeudo, A. Marchal, Fr. Racicot and Thomas Jones, be, and hereby are appointed on behalf the said citizens to present their petition to the general assembly, praying that body to incorporate the Catholic church, of the parish of St. Francis Xavier of Vincennes.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be published in the Western Sun.

(Signed)

ANTOIN MARCHAL,
President.

A Copy,

MM. MCINTOSH, Sec.

BY

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON,
Governor and Commander in Chief of the
Indiana Territory,
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS from the late division of the Territory it has become necessary to make a new apportionment of the Representatives to the general assembly; I have thought proper to issue this, my proclamation, hereby directing and declaring that the house of representatives shall, at the next general assembly be composed of eight members, of which, the county of Knox shall furnish three; the county of Clark, two; the county of Dearborn, two; and the county of Harrison, one. And I do further direct that the election for the additional representative from the counties of Knox, Clark and Dearborn, and for the member hereby assigned to the county of Harrison, shall be held on Monday the twenty second day of May next ensuing, at the places in the several townships of the said counties respectively, which have, or may be assigned by the courts of Common Pleas of said counties for that purpose.

Done at Vincennes, in the said Territory, on the fourth of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

[L.S.] In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and have caused the seal of the Territory to be affixed.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

By the Governor,

JN: GIBSON, Secretary.

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WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON,
Governor and Commander in Chief of the
Indiana Territory,
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an act of Congress, passed at their last session, the Governor of the Indiana Territory, was empowered and directed to divide the said Territory into five districts, each of which to be entitled to send one member to the Legislative Council of the Territory. Now therefore be it known, that the five districts as aforesaid, shall be formed as follows, viz.—The county of Dearborn, shall form one district; the county of Clark, one district; the county of Harrison, one district; the townships of Jefferson, Polmyra, and Vincennes, in the county of Knox, one district; and the townships of Harrison, White river, Wabash and Ohio, in the said county of Knox, another district. And I do further direct and order that the election for the said members of the legislative council, shall be held at the same time, and at the same places, as are fixed by my proclamation of the fourth of this instant, for the election of an additional Representative; and the proceed-

ings in the said election shall be the same as prescribed by law for the election of Representatives.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Territory, at Vincennes, this tenth day of April, one thousand [L.S.] eight hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the thirty third.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

By the Governor,

JN: GIBSON, Secretary.

NOTICE.

I FORWARN all persons from purchasing a bond of two hundred pounds given to Jeremiah Claypole by me for what they call the wild land Indiana Territory; also bonds given to Benjamin Sabat for the same kind of land, and a power of attorney given to him to sell land in Kentucky on Slate for the payment of the same; which power I disannul, with the bonds also not to trade for, as the land I shall not get; and am determined not to pay them.

THOS. FLOWER

April 8, 1809.

19—3W

IN THE COMMON PLEAS Of Knox County.

Genl. W. Johnston,

vs

William Lientz.

Foreign attachment in debt.

Whereas a writ of foreign attachment has been issued from the clerks office of the said court of Common Pleas, of the county of Knox, returnable to the November term now last past of the said court, in favor of the said Genl. W. Johnston against the said William Lientz, which has been returned by the sheriff of the said county executed on two thirds of a tract of land of two hundred acres on the N. W. side of the Wabash river—Now public notice is hereby given that unless the said William Lientz does appear by himself or his attorney and enter special bail to the said action, within the time prescribed by law, judgment by default will be entered against the said defendant, and the property attached will be sold to satisfy the said plaintiff.

R. Buntin C. C. C. P. K. C.

March 21, 1809.

19—3W

50 Dollars Reward

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber in the month of November last, a negro man named

MATHEW,

about 35 years of age, a thick short well made fellow, flow motioned, flat nose, thick lips and white eyes. I am informed that he is gone to the Ohio Saline or the Red Bank settlement.

The above reward shall be given to any person who shall deliver the said negro to me or secure him in any jail so that I may get him again.

L. Labeaume.

16 Jan. 1809.

19—9W

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INDIANA TERRITORY,

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NOTICE is hereby given that by an act of Assembly, passed at the session of the Legislature of the said territory, at their session of one thousand eight hundred and seven, if any non-resident claiming lands in this territory, either by entry, patent, deed for conveyance, bond for conveyance, or other evidence of claim, his or her agent, or attorney, shall neglect or refuse to list his or her lands with the assessor of the county where such land may have been entered and located, before the tenth day of March, then next, and now instant, and the tenth day of March, quadrennially, thereafter, the assessor shall immediately proceed to list and make a valuation of the lands of such non-residents, that may be in his county, per hundred acres, according to the quality of the soil, and its relative situation; but in making such assessment and valuation, houses, barns, and other improvements shall not be included.

And further notice is given, that the Sheriff of every county, shall, by the fifteenth day of July, annually, demand payment of the taxes, or sum assessed, on each inhabitant in his county, in person, or by notice in writing, left at his or her usual place of residence. In case of non payment of taxes, by the time appointed, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff, to levy and collect the tax so in arrear, by a sale at the court house door of his county, of the tract of land for which the said tax shall be in arrear, or so much thereof as will bring the tax due thereon, to be laid off in form of a square, or parallelogram, in some corner of the tract, designated by the Sheriff at the time of sale; Provided, That if the owner of any tract, or tracts of land, for which the said tax shall be in arrear, or any person for him, shall, on the day of sale, tender, and deliver to the Sheriff, at the place of sale, goods and chattels sufficient to make the said tax so in arrear, then the said Sheriff shall not sell the said land, or any part thereof, but shall make and levy the said tax in arrear, by a public sale of such goods, rendering such overplus (if any) to the owner of such land, or such person for him.

PETER JONES.

Auditor of Public Accounts.
Vincennes, 1st March, 1809.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE subscribers, a committee appointed by the board of Trustees of the Vincennes University, are authorized to lease the lands belonging to that institution upon the following terms, viz.

"Each lessee shall clear on quarter section, twenty five acres; to clear all the timber off the same eighteen inches, and under; and to put five acres of said cleared land in meadow or grass; and to make a good and lawful fence round the same. Each lease to continue five years, and no longer. Each lessee must build a good cabin at least eighteen by twenty feet to be hewed inside and out; and to leave the cabin and fences in good repair."

B. Parke,

Jno. Johnson,

R. Buntin,

Vincennes, March 21, 1809.

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