

It is with extreme pain I have to inform you that Messrs. Bonwit, Hamilton & Howell fill in the action. They have left no officers of superior merit behind them.

It is the affair of this officer had been fortunate, I should have felt it my duty to have recommended to your attention Lieuts. Shubrick and G. H. Geer. They maintained throughout the day the reputation they had acquired in former actions.

Lieut. Twiss, of the marines, displayed great zeal, his men were well supplied and their fire incomparable, so long as the enemy continued within musket range.

Midshipm. Robison, who had charge of the force 3d division, managed it to my entire satisfaction.

From Mr. Robison, who was serving as a volunteer, I received all vital aid, particularly after I was deprived of the services of the master, and several loss I had sustained in my officers on the quarter deck.

Of our loss in killed and wounded, I am unable at present to give you a correct statement; the attention of the Surgeon being so entirely occupied with the wounded, that he was unable to make out a correct return when I left the President, nor shall I be able to make it until our arrival in port, we having parted company with the squadron yesterday. The enclosed list, with the exception of fear of its being short of the number, will be found correct.

For 24 hours after the action it was nearly calm, and the squadron were occupied in repairing the crippled ships. Such of the crew of the President as were not badly wounded were put on board different ships, in fact a part of my crew were put on board this ship.

On the 17th we had a gale from the southwest, when this ship lost her bowsprit, fore and main masts and main top mast, all of which were badly wounded, and was in consequence of disabled condition, obliged to throw overboard all of her upper deck; her loss is killed & wounded must have been very great. I have not been able to ascertain the extent. Few were buried after I came on board (25 hours after the action); the badly wounded, such as are obliged to keep their feet, occupy the forward side of the gun deck from the cabin bulk head to the main mast. From the crippled state of the President's spars, I feel satisfied she could not have lived her in this, and I feel serious apprehensions for the safety of our wounded 1 ft. on board.

It is due to Capt. H. to state, that every attention has been paid by him to myself and officers, that have been placed on board his ship, that delicacy and humanity could dictate.

I have the honor to be, with much respect, sir, your obedient servant.

STEPHEN DECATUR.  
To the Hon. Benj. W. Crownfield,  
Secretary of the Navy.

#### ARRIVAL OF COM. DECATUR.

Com. Decatur arrived at New London on Wednesday morning, in the Narragansett frigate, Capt. Gordon, from Bermuda, in 14 days.

Lieut. Sheebrick, midshipm. Geamer, Capt. Robison (all late of the President, and Capt. W. H. ms late master of the sbr. Armada of this port) also arrived in the Pelegus frigate and reached this city last evening in the Accommodation Barge.

We learn verily that the President sank to the Ponson and Penobscot brigates, but in previously completely silenced the fire of the Pensacola, and that Com. Decatur fixed his sword to the Capt. m. of the Majestic (a zeer) the com. of the British frigates.

We further learn, that in the action, the President lost 24 men killed and 15 wounded. Enemies loss not known. In the severe gale after the action, the President lost all her masts, and the Pensacola her fore and main masts, and both then went into Bermuda under jury masts.

We also learn, that the account of the defeat of the British army near N. Orleans, had reached Bermuda.

The news of the peace was not known at Bermuda, when the com. sailed.

The brig Macedonian, which sailed with the President, had not arrived at Bermuda, nor was it known that she was captured.

Merc. Adv.

BOSTON, February 25.

Com. B. C. H. is engaged in equipping and fitting for the Ind. port 74, in pursuance of recent orders. Exercises are making for manning her as soon as possible.

#### NOTICE.

THE subscriber having sold his stock of Merchandise, is determined to close all his accounts.—All persons indebted to him are requested to call immediately and settle their accounts—after the 15 of April next, suits will be brought on all accounts unpaid.

J. B. Mc CALL.

Vincennes, March 29, 1815. 3t-31

In the Circuit Court of Knox county, I. T. James Shaw, plaintiff,

vs.

Daniel Rankin, defendant.

#### In Attachment.

PURSUANT to a summons issued in the above cause, I shall proceed to take the deposition of witness, (to be read in evidence on the trial) at my dwelling house in Edwards county, Illinois territory, on Saturday the 29th of April, now ensuing between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

JAMES SHAW.

March 25, 1815. 3t-31

#### Pay Your Debts!

THE subscriber having thus long delayed going for goods, hopes he may not be disappointed in receiving payment from all those who are indebted to him by the 15th day of May next.—Those who do not make payment by that time, may expect their accounts and notes indorsed, and will be put in the hands of a proper officer for collection.

Chas. Smith.

April 1, 1815. 5t-31

#### LOOK HERE!

DOCTOR WILSON earnestly solicits all those who are indebted to him, either by note or book account, to make payment by the first of June.—As he intends settling his accounts once a year, no longer indulgence can be given.

9t-31 Vincennes, March 30, 1815.

To all Persons Concerned,  
PUBLIC notice is hereby given, that I intend to apply to the Board of Commissioners established by an act, entitled "An act for the relief of such persons as have suffered, or may hereafter suffer, by the destruction of the Records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire, at Vincennes, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," approved September seventh, one thousand eight hundred and four years, to perpetuate the memory of the exigence and destruction of a mortgage of four several tracts of land of four hundred acres each Nos. 95, 96, 74, and 48 in the Division, from Abel W. Jr. to me, for a debt due by said Westfall to Andrew Holmes.

Francis Vego

March 31, 1815. 3t-31

#### Three Dollars Reward.

STRAYED or stolen from Vincennes, on the 24th of this inst. a bay horse mixed with grey hairs, five years old, fourteen and a half hands high, a star on his forehead & spot on his nose, shod all round, his foot locks lately trimmed, branded on the near thigh, but the letters legible. I will give the above reward to any person that finds him, or give such information that I can get him again, and all reasonable expenses paid.

Isaac Anderson.

March 31, 1815. 3t-31

#### Notice is hereby Given,

THAT on Friday, the third day of March, 1815, there came to my house in Corydon, Indiana Territory, a certain Thomas Haydon, so he called himself, and said he was from Mecklenburg county, in the state of North Carolina, and applied to me for work; he informed me he was a blacksmith by trade—, having no work for him to do, he stayed with me until Monday, the fifth day at night, when he left my house, leaving his mare and saddle, which I have reason to believe he had previously stolen, my reason is, that the same night he left my house, there was a certain valuable bay mare saddle and saddle bags, taken from a horse rack in Corydon, belonging to Caleb Harton, she is near 15 hands high, a star in her forehead—the mare he left is an old gray, very much marked with the geers, and the saddle in a

manner worth nothing, has on as cantin new leather, and on the fore part of the saddle a piece of tin, nailed on with brass nails.

This man is about five feet nine or ten inches high, square made, very filthy, some grey hairs, and dark complexion, had on a neat black broadcloth coat, fashionable hat, neat swallow boots, mixed domestic pantaloons, and a silver watch in his fob. If any person has lost such a gray mare, and such a saddle, I should be glad they would come forward, prove property and take her away.—This is therefore to request all good citizens to keep a sharp look out, and apprehend and bring to justice all such impudic.

WILLIAM D. LITTEL.

Deep Spring, near Corydon.

March 12th, 1815.

The Editor of the Western Eagle, Madison, and of the Courier, Louisville, are requested to give the above a few insertions, and oblige, W. D. L.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

Adj'tant & Inspector General's Office,  
21st February, 1815.

NON commissionned officer, musician or private enlisted to serve during the war will be allowed to leave his regiment, corps or detachment until he shall be mustered, inspected and paid.

Arrangements have been made for paying and honorably discharging all non commissionned officers, musicians and privates who enlisted to serve for the war and have faithfully performed their duty accordingly.

All musters for payment of troops whose term has expired will be made up to the time of inspection for discharge.

Whenever a non commissionned officer, musician or private is disabled by reason of wounds or otherwise, while in the service, in the discharge of his duty, the Inspector General, or officer doing that duty, will transmit to this office the original certificates, with a copy of the discharge, that his papers may be filed and preserved to secure his rights in a future application for a pension.

By order of the Secretary of war,

D. PARKER,

Adj'tant & Ins. Gen.

#### CIRCULAR.

To Officers superintending the Recruiting of Regiments and Corps.  
Office of Superintendence of the Recruiting Service,

CITY of WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1815.

SIR,

THE recruiting service is suspended until further orders.

You will immediately call in all your subordinate officers with their parties, and direct them to hand in to you their recruiting accounts, which, with your own, you will forward with as little delay as possible to the proper officers at Washington; those for bounties and premium to the paymaster general; those for contingent expenses to the account of the war department; and all accounts, returns and vouchers relating to arms, accoutrements, clothing and camp equipage to the superintendent general of military supplies.

You will settle all accounts for the hire of rendezvous and quarters, and for all contingent expenses, and will take special care to prevent any waste of public property in the possession of yourself and your subordinates.

And as soon as you have collected your parties from their different rendezvous, you will report yourself, officers and men to the adjutant and inspector general for orders.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obedient servant,

R. H. MACPHERSON,

Superintendent Rec. Serv.

#### VINCENNES BANK.

BOOKS are open at the door of J. D. H. in Vincennes, for receiving subscriptions for the stock of the Bank of Vincennes, all who are desirous of becoming stockholders are requested to apply to M. Hay, who will give every necessary information on the subject.

WILL JONES,

CHAS. SMITH,

W. LAGOW,

J. D. HAY,

NAT. EWING,

Indiana Territory, Knox county, ss.  
CIRCUIT COURT, March Term 1815.  
William Badger,

vs.

Nancy B. dger,

Petition for a Divorce.

IN this case the complainant having filed his petition praying to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony with the said Nancy, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said Nancy is not resident within this territory—it is therefore considered by the court, that unless the said Nancy shall appear at the next term of our said Circuit court, to be held on the first Monday in June next, and answer the petition aforesaid, that the same will be taken as confessed, and decreed accordingly; and that this order be published for eight weeks in some public news paper in this territory.

A Copy.—Tele.

R. BUNTING,  
Clerk, C. C. K. C.

#### Public Notice is hereby Given.

THAT the undersigned, commissioners appointed by the legislature of this territory, to receive and register evidence of the loss of Patents, Deeds, &c. by the destruction of the Recorder's office of the county of Knox, in the year 1814, will meet at the house of Peter Johns, in Vincennes, on Monday the 27th of February next, at 10 o'clock in the morning, for the dispatch of business.

B. PARKE,  
J. D. HAY,  
N. EWING.

January 9th, 1815.

For the information of those concerned the following section is published.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no person or persons shall be permitted to introduce testimony concerning of, or relating to any Patent, Deed, Bill of Sale, Will, Inventory, or other writing, until such person or persons shall produce to said commissioners satisfactory evidence, either by his, her; or their own affidavit, or the affidavit of some other person, that such patent, deed, bill of sale, will, inventory, power of attorney, or other writing, was absolutely lost or destroyed as aforesaid, and that he, she, or they have given at least three weeks public notice in some public paper printed in this territory, of their intention to produce such testimony, and that the purport or substance of such testimony was set forth in such public notice; and if any person or persons shall attend and produce contravening testimony, the same shall be received and recorded as aforesaid.

#### Every Little Helps!!

THE subscriber is preparing to proceed or remit, for a supply of new goods—this requires all his means, and he respectfully invites those indebted to him to call and make payment before the 10th day of next month. Necessity alone calls this invitation.—It is expected all who are disposed to save trouble and expense, will attend to it.

#### He has just Received

Coffee, Cotton, Madder, Allspice, Salt Petre, Ginger 4d 8d & 10d Nails, Cambric Muslin, Linen Cambric, Shoes, Cotton Cards, Wool Hats, Superfine Cloths, &c. &c. which, with a variety of other goods heretofore in store, will be sold at the most reduced peace prices.

JOHN EWING.

N. B.—John Ewing will purchase Furr skins, Bees Wax, Tallow, good clean Lard in ferkins, Hemp, Maple Sugar, or any other articles of country produce that may suit the peace establishment.

Vincennes, March 1815.

THE BOOK & STATIONERY STORE  
of JAMES G. READ,  
18 removed to Owen Reiley's where persons wishing any articles in his line will please to call

J. G. READ

is now absent for a new supply, he expects to return in four or five weeks, with such a supply as will render a call on him from all who wish to purchase advisable.

March 23, 1815.