

There is nothing in this world gives a man so much importance—nothing which hides so many faults and nothing which will pass current for so many virtues, as money—Without money an honest man is despised, and with it the greatest rascal or meanest scoundrel is respected.—You shall see a being without a single pretension to humanity: a mere walking lump of grossness and depravity; one of the vilest of the vile, provided he possesses the one thing needful—accompanied and almost worshipped by half a score of lickspitters, sycophants, bowing and grinning applause at every thing he utters; while a poor man of talents, of feeling and sensibility, and an independent soul, shall wander alone and unfriended, through a world which cares not for his sorrows.

To be poor is the lot of many from the commencement of their existence, but misfortune is apparently considered as a crime, and there is nothing more galling to a poor man of a liberal mind, than that kind of haughty arrogance which the rich and affluent assume towards him, more especially, if he has once been in better circumstances, he feels it keenly it sinks deep.

But to be reduced from affluence to misery and want, not by any faults of our own, but by a concurrence of events not in the power of man to foresee or to prevent, and in consequence of being poor to be treated with coolness & contempt, by those with whom, in days of prosperity we have been intimate, and called friends—embitters a man's feelings, makes him miserable and misanthropic, and causes him to despise human nature.

There is nothing which produces so much hatred to a former friend as the belief that he avoids you, because you have not as much filthy lucre, or because you have been unfortunate in business—and yet if a man has failed, no matter what may have been the cause, friendship soon changes into pity, and sorrow for misfortunes quickly degenerates into contempt—and the poor bankrupt generally, not only loses his friends & credit but also becomes at least for a time, an object for scorn to point his slow unmoving finger at.

There are, it is true, a certain class in society whose opinions, whose good or ill will has no more effect on an honest man than the idle wind; I mean those flat, lazy and stupid beings whom you find in all places, and meet at every corner of the streets whose money is respected, but who have no personal character. Yet this class of things; these purse-proud puppies—these substitutes for men, who have neither capacity to conceive, ambition to attempt, nor ability to execute, any thing either good or bad; tens of thousands of whose little souls might inhabit the shell of a tobacco seed, and yet have rooms to let, are suffered by common consent of society in a manner to look down upon and tyrannize over honest industrious men, and whose talents ought to entitle them to the first rank.

It therefore becomes necessary for every man whether knavish or honest; whether stupid or eminent to get money, to get it honestly if he can, but, by all means to get it: For if he is as wise as Solomon as strong as Sampson, and as brave and eloquent as Cæsar, unless he possesses the wealth of Cræsus, he will be disregarded and despised.

We have seen some conjectures in the newspapers respecting the delivery of the Spanish posts in Florida, which it has been announced are to be restored to the Spanish Government, that have led us to some enquiry into the subject.

The two posts, we are induced to believe, will be surrendered under variant circumstances.

The post of St. Marks will not be surrendered but to a force competent to hold it. It is a military post, remote from any population, surrounded by hordes of desperate Indians and negroes; it is the only barrier against their ravages and incursions. To evacuate it on the mere demand of any Spanish agent deputed to receive, or to a force incompetent to hold it, would be to evacuate it to the Indians; for, we have authority of the late Spanish commander of it, for saying that the Indians controlled him, and not he them. Self-preservation is the first dictate of nature and there is nothing in the law of nations, most rigorously construed, which requires a nation to prostrate any part of its population at the mercy of an infuriated and savage enemy. We have daily accounts that the Seminole Indians remaining unsubdued are embodied in force: this check withdrawn, and they might sweep our borders. On the appearance of a force adequate to garri-

son the post, it will be promptly given up.

With respect to Pensacola, that post stands on a different footing. There are not fifty warriors west of the Appalachicola, and the population of the frontier is sufficient to keep them in awe. The population of Pensacola alone is abundantly competent to preserve it from falling into the hands of the Indians. The post therefore, will be surrendered without condition, to any agent of Spain duly authorised to receive it.

It is thus seen, that the U. States do not desire to hold the Spanish posts, one of which is surrendered without condition, and the other without any condition but that it shall not be surrendered to a force, nominally Spanish, under control actually Indian. In a word, it is to Spain and not the Siminoles that both the posts are to be surrendered.

[National Intelligencer.]

Borough Ordinances.

AN Ordinance designating the time and mode of presenting claims to Lots in the town of Vincennes, and the manner of deciding thereon.

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Borough of Vincennes in common council assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That in pursuance and furtherance of the first section of the Act of Congress entitled "An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for the use of the inhabitants of the said town," approved April 20, 1818, this Board of Trustees will immediately after the promulgation hereof, proceed to examine and adjust all claims to lots in the town of Vincennes, at the time and in the manner hereinafter designated.*

§ 2 *Be it further ordained* That the claimant or claimants for any lot or parcel of ground, shall make out or cause to be made out, and sign with his, her or their proper name, a notice in writing, stating therein distinctly the quantity of ground claimed, the street or streets (by first, second &c.) upon which it is situated, & the person or persons adjoining, if known, as also by what manner of title the same is claimed, whether by deed, and from whom, shewing therein the chain and connection of transfer; or by occupancy, for what period and by what right, and whether the claimant rests his, her or their claim upon written evidence only, or upon parol testimony, or partly upon both—whenver the claim or any part of it depends upon any written document or documents, they shall accompany the said notice of claim; and where any part of such claim depends upon oral testimony, the deposition or depositions supporting said claims lawfully taken before any Judge or Justice of the peace (and when taken out of the county of Knox to be certified under the seal of the proper clerk's office) shall accompany the said notice and other documents, and in all cases where any doubt may be suggested by a counter claimant, or entertained by this Board, as to the credibility of any such witnesses, it shall be the duty of the Board to oblige the claimant to produce the said witness or witnesses before this Board in order to undergo a personal examination.

§ 3. *Be it further ordained*, That the clerk of this Board shall record in a proper book or books to be by him provided at the expense of this Borough, all such notices of claims in the order and rotation in which they are delivered in; and to issue whenever requested, a subpoena or subpoenas for such witness or witnesses (provided he or they reside within Knox county) as may be so, as aforesaid required by the Board to give their personal attendance, to appear and give evidence at the next or any subsequent meeting of the Board. (provided it be within a reasonable time) at the option of the claimant, under the penalty of five hundred dollars. It shall be his further duty to record truly & impartially in the said book or books, the substance of all oral testimony adduced or given before the Board in support of any claim or claims by such deposition or depositions; and generally to do and perform, in regard to the said claims, all such other & further duties as the Board may direct.

—He shall immediately enter into bond, with two or more responsible securities, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, safely keeping and punctually delivering over to his successor in office all books, deeds and other writings appertaining to his office or in his charge; which bond shall be taken and the securities approved of by the chairman of this Board, to and in the name of Benjamin V. Beckes as sheriff of Knox county & his successors in office, to and for the use of any person or persons who may be

injured by the misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance of the said clerk; and by the said chairman caused to be recorded in the recorder's office of Knox county and then deposited with the Borough treasurer.

§ 4. *Be it further ordained*, That the said clerk of this Board shall have & receive the sum of twenty cents for every hundred words contained in the record he may be obliged to make of the said lot or part of lot so as aforesaid claimed, for his trouble in making the necessary record of such claim, to be paid him by the several and respective claimants.

§ 5. *Be it further ordained*, That in order to afford to counter claimants an opportunity to lay in their claim or claims before this board, no final decision shall be made by the Board until the expiration of three months after presentation and proof made before it of such original or first claim. And in order that the said claims when so presented may be made public, for the information of all concerned, it shall be the duty of the clerk to insert a list thereof in the Western Sun for six weeks successively, the expense whereof shall be paid by the successful claimant to such respective lot.

§ 6. *And be it further ordained*, That after the expiration of the said three months, it shall be the duty of the Board to take up, examine and decide upon the several claim or claims of that length of standing, according to evidence of record before the Board: and in case of confirmation, shall make and execute to the conferee, his heirs and assigns, a deed or deeds (after such form as may hereafter be prescribed by the Board) designating such lot or lots by the number or numbers to which it or they may properly belong by and on the survey & plat then existing, thereby assuring him her or them in the fee-simple estate thereof forever.

This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication.

G. W. JOHNSTON,

Chairman pro. tem.

JOHN EWING, Clerk pro. tem.

SUPPLEMENT to an Ordinance entitled "An ordinance directing the manner of surveying the commons & prescribing the terms of sale."

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Borough of Vincennes in common council assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That a Treasurer, distinct from the Borough Treasurer, be appointed to attend to his duties as such in all monied matters relating to the Commons, under the same restrictions, regulations and penalties as are provided by [the] Ordinance for the guidance and government of the Borough treasurer.

Sec. 2. *Be it further ordained*, That any provision in the Ordinance to which this is a supplement, not corresponding herewith, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

G. W. JOHNSTON,

Chairman.

JOHN EWING, Clerk pro. tem.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD

WILL be given to any person who will bring back

JOHN STOCKWELL.

an Indented apprentice to the Tailoring Business, who ran away on the night of the first inst. his age is about eighteen years, of a dark complexion, black Hair and Eyes, talks very fast; had on when he went away a half worn Caster Hat, new blue Round about Jacket double-breasted with white Bullit Buttons on the breast and cuffs, Pantaloon linsley, pale blue and white mixed, his other clothing not recollected, he went away in company with the artful George Perley, an old croney of his, I expect they will make for the Ohio river, thence to New-Orleans.

I will give the above reward to any person who will apprehend and bring back the above named Stockwell, or \$25 if lodged in any jail in the United States with information so that I may be enabled to get him again. I also strictly forwarn all persons from harbouring, employing or crediting on my account, as I am determined to put the law in force against all such who disregard this notice.

HENRY RUBLE.

Vincennes. (Ia.) Nov. 7, 1818.—49—tf

J. CALL

Attorney at Law.

KEEPS his OFFICE on Second St. opposite the POST-OFFICE.
Vincennes, Jan. 9th, 1818.—tf

THE SUBSCRIBER
HAS just received from New-Orleans a small quantity of
RUSSIA IRON,
AND A FEW BARRELS
HAVANNA SUGAR.
—ON HAND—
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
Dry Goods & Groceries,
which he will sell low for CASH or
COUNTRY PRODUCE
GEORGE HUSSEY.

Sept. 25.

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NOTICE.

The Sale of Lots in the Town of OXFORD,

WILL commence on Monday the 7th day of December next, upon the premises, on a Credit of ONE and TWO YEARS after the day of sale. This TOWN is situated on an eminence of the west bank of the Wabash river (Ill.) at the place called heretofore Bon-Parte, and is inferior to no situation which the Wabash affords from its mouth up, and indeed, with one exception, it is the only landing place on the west bank of the river from its mouth to Palmyra, in the neighborhood of Vincennes. It is laid out upon an entire liberal plan, and in the neighborhood of a healthy flourishing settlement of wealthy Europeans.—The situation and local advantages of this scite are so well known, a description is scarcely necessary.

CHARLES SMITH,

WILLIAM JONES,

November 14.—50—4w

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Vincennes, Sept. 28, 1818.

Public Notice is hereby given, THAT by virtue of an act of Congress approved April 20, 1818, entitled "An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes, and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for the use of the inhabitants of the said town," PUBLIC SALES for the disposal of the said Common, or a certain portion thereof, agreeably to an ordinance this day passed by this Board of Trustees, shall be held at the Court-House of the said town of Vincennes, on the 3d Monday of November next, and be continued from day to day, by adjournment, until the sale of the said common, or such portion or part as may be authorised and offered, be completed.

By order of the Board.

G. R. C. SULLIVAN,

Chairman pro. tem.

C. H. TILLINGHAST, Clerk.

The Editors of the "Indianian," Jeffersonville, "Louisville Courier," and "Western Spy," will publish the above in their papers, each 3 weeks, and forward their accounts to the editor of the Western Sun. (44—7w)

G. R. C. Sullivan & J. Call,

WILL hereafter practice law in conjunction, in the county of Knox, those who may wish to employ them may depend upon the attention and exertions of both. They have made arrangements so as one or the other will always be found at their office in Vincennes, nearly opposite the Post-Office.—COLLECTING BUSINESS, will be particularly attended to in Knox county.—They will also attend to Conveyancing upon the shortest notice, and undertake agencies not incompatible with their profession. The postage of Letters addressed to them on business must be paid.
11—tf
Vincennes, Feb. 12.

One Cent Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber on the morning of the 7th instant, living in Allison Prairie Crawford county Illinois, a bound girl 13 or 14 years old, named Nancy Walters. Any person that will deliver the said girl to me at my house shall receive the above reward.

EZRA H. ALLISON.

November 9, 1818.

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A BRIDGE TO LET.

I WISH to contract for the building a BRIDGE, across a piece of low ground, of about twenty-five rod long, within three quarters of a mile of Vincennes on the west side of Wabash River, Illinois. The materials of the Bridge to be of Hued Timber and Plank, the Plank will be furnished by me. Any person desirous of undertaking the work, by application to me or Charles Smith in Vincennes, can get a liberal contract and the Cash paid at the completion of the work, or if requested, a part of the money will be advanced.

THOMAS ANDERSON.

In the Christian Settlement.

November 10.—50—4w