

PROPOSALS

FOR PUBLISHING BY SUBSCRIPTION

THE SECOND EDITION OF THE

GEOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE

WESTERN COUNTRY,

Being the result of the travels, extensive researches and remarks of

EDMUND DANA,

who was commissioned as agent, to explore and select from the Public Lands, the most eligible situations for AGRICULTURE & COMMERCE, with a view to make locations and purchases.

The curious and interesting facts collected by the author, in surveying these rude scenes of Nature, so lately the haunt of the untutored Savage, have accumulated to the size of two volumes.

This work is intended as a guide to emigrants, who are seeking how to better their condition by traversing sea and land thousands of miles, to gain a new home, where a more temperate climate and fertile soil, confers health and plenty—Also, for schools.

The intention of the author, in the first volume, is to give a general view of the whole western country, from the Allegheny Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. Also, the boundaries and latitudes of the British and Spanish dominions in the preliminary remarks—After the former, will be given a more compendious geographical description of the western country, as delineated and parcelled off into separate states and territories, by the acts of Congress. And also, a description of the respective parts of the unsettled and unsold public lands and late surveys, in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Arkansas, Missouri, and Michigan territories—including lands designated by the Spanish and French for donations, but not called for, and a brief account of the Canals now opening, and in contemplation to connect the waters of the great Western Lakes, with the Mississippi and Hudson rivers. Also will be added the Census for 1820 of the United States and territories and the latitudes of each state.

The attention of the author in the first volume has been chiefly confined to objects which would be most likely to determine the choice of a prudent man in a place of residence where he purposed to fix himself down for life. Such as the temperature of climate, healthiness of situation, face of the country, quality of the soil and the water, rivers and permanent streams—natural mill-seats, growth of timber, distances and bearings from places designed by nature for a market—mines and fossils.

Indeed, the author has endeavoured in his researches and remarks, to truly present, principally from his own personal and critical observations, the peculiar privileges and advantages naturally attached to the respective parts of the Western Country.

The second volume will contain a complete and correct description of the Military Bounty Lands in Illinois & Missouri, collected from personal observations and actual survey, and a map taken from the same, designating sections—the author having lived on and explored those lands one year.—Also, a particular description of the fractional sections which lie on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers—they being the most important part of the lands in the tract, and will be sold like other Congress lands. On these fractional sections are the principal sites for towns, Mills and Ferries within the military tract.—Also, those sections which have on them minerals and salt springs, will be particularly designated.

There will be added to this work, a list of the principal roads and routes by land and water extending, from the provinces of New-Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, through the United States and its Territories, to the Pacific Ocean—embracing the main interior cross roads, between the towns and places of most note. Also, will be added the numerous tribes, of Indians, and their manners and worship, west of the Allegheny Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, and numbers of souls, as far as can be obtained from every authentic source.

CONDITIONS.

The work will be printed with a handsome type on good paper and delivered to subscribers neatly bound, and gold lettered for \$1 75—bound in boards, \$1 37½. The 1st volume will contain 400 pages—the second volume will contain about 200 pages at one dollar without the map, and with it \$1 75. There will be Maps of each of the western states and territories from actual survey, as soon as possible after the surveys are received, of the late purchases from the Indians.

A discount of 30 percent will be made to those who take 25 or more copies.

The author tenders his acknowledgements to those who have patronized him by their very liberal purchases and recommendations of the first addition of his work, and assures the public generally that he will, if his life and health are spared, be indefatigable in his researches, and that the most particular care will be taken, in the revision and correction of the second edition.

Descriptions of new villages, recently established, shall be inserted if forwarded to Cincinnati, postpaid.

Subscription papers for the second, and books of the first edition, will be left with the following gentlemen: viz.—The Post-Master at Vincennes—Jacobs & Leroy, merchants do. Kilgour Taylor & Webb, do. do. Doct. Whittlesey, Carlisle, Ed. and Philips & Speer Book sellers Cincinnati—James Pearsons, Paoli—Robert Branham, Madison—Thomas Armstrong, Vevay—Stephen Wood, Wilmington—John M. Prentiss, Hindostan—Boothe and Newel, Salem—J. H. Coburn, Laurenceburgh—Capt. Salter, St. Louis.

Printers throughout the Union and in Canada, are requested to give the above one or two insertions, and likewise procure subscribers. All communications must be forwarded to Cincinnati.

EDMUND DANA.

Vincennes, March 25th, 1820.

TAKE UP by James D. Duffin, of Hadden township, Sullivan county and state of Indiana, one dark brown Horse, near fifteen hands high—his right hind foot white—no marks or brands perceivable, supposed to be nine years old last spring—appraised to \$50 before me, a justice of the peace for said county, this 7th day of February, 1820, by Edward Purcell, Daniel Williams and John Williams.

I do hereby certify the above to be a true copy from my estray book—given under my hand and seal this 17th day of January 1820.

WM. WRIGHT, J. P.

CONVEYANCING.

Deeds, Mortgages, and all other instruments of writing, drawn upon the shortest notice, at reduced price.—Apply at the Vincennes Post-Office.

Ans 1—cgtw.

J. McGiffin & Co.

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public in general that he has just received in addition to his former stock, a large quantity of

CASTINGS, comprising a general assortment of **Hollow-Ware,** also, a few sets of **MILL IRONS,**

All of which he offers low for CASH Vincennes July 23, 1818. 3-41

NOTICE

OF STEPHEN COLLINS, an invalid pensioner, of the U. States will call at this office, he will receive some serviceable information.

Tobacco.

24 Kegs best chewing Tobacco.

3 Barrels common Segars.

at very reduced prices by wholesale.

DICKSON & WILSON. March 10, 1820 11—6w

Fine Cloths and Cassimeres.

DICKSON & WILSON Have just received a Case containing a handsome assortment of fine Cloths and Cassimeres. Blue, Grey and Black, which they offer for sale low

Vincennes, 10th March 1820. 11—3w

NEW GOODS.

Seventy Five Packages,

CONSISTING OF DRY GOODS

HARDWARE & GROCERIES.

Received and opening this day at R. M. F. Ansons, near door to C. Greater Esq's Hotel.

March 26, 1820.

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Dissolution.

The Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of N SMITH & Co. is dissolved by mutual consent N SMITH. S. P. STRIKER.

Those who are indebted to the above firm, are requested to make immediate payment to N Smith, who is authorised to receive and receipt the same.

Vincennes March 15th. 1820.

TAKE UP by James D. Duffin, of Hadden township, Sullivan county, and state of Indiana, one black

MARE,

eight or nine years old, all four of her feet white—with a star and snip—no brands perceivable—thirteen & a half hands high, appraised to \$35 by Thomas Hamilton and John Johnson, before me, a justice of the Peace for said county, this 6th day of February 1820.

I do hereby certify this a true copy from my estray book.

J. BLACK, J. P. S. C.

TAKE UP by Thomas Anderson, of Hadden township, Sullivan county and state of Indiana, one dark brown Horse, near fifteen hands high—his right hind foot white—no marks or brands perceivable, supposed to be nine years old last spring—appraised to \$50 before me, a justice of the peace for said county, this 7th day of February, 1820, by Edward Purcell, Daniel Williams and John Williams.

I do hereby certify this a true copy taken from my estray book

J. BLACK, J. P. S. C.

Tobacco Wanted.

The subscribers will give the highest market price in cash or merchantable for good merchantable Tobacco, delivered by the 15th of April.

WM. MILLS Jr. & Co. Evansville, 17th March, 1820. 13—3w

JONES & STOCKWELL

HAVE DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIP Those indebted to them will please call and pay; or if unable to pay, give their notes for the amount. One or the other is indispensable necessary.

MR. STOCKWELL is fully authorized to close the unsettled business of the Firm.

Princeton, March 15th 1820.

I shall continue business at the stand formerly occupied by Jones & Stockwell.

ROBERT STOCKWELL. Princeton, March 15th 1820 13—2w

50 Dollars Reward.

ANAWAY from the Subscribers, some time about the first of January last, from the United States Saline, hired to Timothy Gard, Esq. a Negro Man, named

JACOB;

very black; about thirty-eight years of age, five feet four or five inches high; chunky for his height, somewhat inclined to be bow-legged; has a fierce look when spoken to. As he had been at work at the Lick, it is difficult to describe his clothing. He has been accustomed to a variety of work—such as on a farm, on the river, at the Lick, &c. Being an artful cunning fellow, he may procure forged papers, and attempt to pass as a free man—perhaps may call his name Jacob Herral. The above Reward will be given for the delivering him to the Subscribers, Morgantown, Kentucky; or to Timothy Gard, Esq. United States Saline; or for securing him in any Jail, so that I get him again. JAMES A. PORTER & CO. Shawneetown March 2, 1820. 11—4w

BLANK NOTE BOOKS

For sale at this office.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, by several acts of Congress, the President of the United States is authorised to cause to be offered for sale the public lands in Illinois:

Therefore, I, James Monroe, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known, that there will be offered at public sale, at Shawneetown in the Illinois Territory, the following townships and fractional townships, north of the base line, viz:

On the first Monday of December next, Townships 1 to 4, in range 1 E. of the 3d principal meridian.

Townships 1 to 6 in range 2, do. 1 to 7, do. 3, do. 1 to 7, do. 4, do.

On the first Monday of February next, Townships 1 to 7, in ranges 5, and 6 E. of the 3d principal meridian.

Townships 2 to 7, in range 7, E. 3 to 7, do. 8, do.

On the first Monday of April next, Townships 1 to 5 in ranges 9, 10, and 11, E. of the 3d principal meridian.

Townships 1 to 4, in range 14, W. of the 3d principal Meridian.

Townships 2 to 7, in range 13, do. 5 to 7, in range 12, do.

Except such lands as have been, or shall be reserved by law for the schools or for other purposes, the lands shall be offered in regular numerical order, commencing with the lowest number of section, township, and range; and each sale shall continue three weeks and no longer.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, the 24th day of August, 1819.

JAMES MONROE.

By the President:

JOSEPH MEIGS, Commissioner of the General Land Office. 38 t 1st April.

100 Dollars Reward.

ANAWAY from the U. S. Saline, Ill. on the 14th inst. a negro man, named DICK, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stoutly made, 22 or 23 years old, and very black and ugly.—He has a small scar on his forehead, cut with a knife, and one on his left breast. His feet singularly shaped, being very narrow at the heel and broad at the toes—his eyes are generally red. He is fond of spirits, and will steal any thing upon which he can lay his hands. He is the same fellow that absconded from Mr. David Garnsey, of Missouri, last July, and who was put in Herculaneum jail for attempting to commit a rape upon a white woman. From some circumstances I am disposed to think he will go down the river, but whether he will endeavour to get into Texas, or stop in any of the states or territories bordering on the Mississippi, is doubtful. Any person taking up said negro within this state shall receive a reward of \$50, and if taken any where out of the state, and notice given me thereof, so that I obtain possession of him again, a reward of \$100, and all reasonable charges for bringing him to me. JOHN FORESTER. Shawneetown, Ill. Feb. 20. 1820. 10—3t

100 Dollars Reward.

ANAWAY from my farm in Logan county, Ky. in July last, a negro man, by the name of JACOB. He is a low, chunky made fellow; not 5 feet high, coal black, a large scar on the side of his face in the edge of his hair, occasioned by a burn, 23 years old. Any person delivering said negro to me shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid. ELISHA PRINCE. Feb. 16, 1820.—10 4t

G. W. LINDSAY,

(ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW.) Has removed to

EVANSVILLE. (IND.)

where all business entrusted to him, will be promptly attended to. Evansville July 17, 1819—31—tf