

THE WESTERN SUN

VINCENNES, MARCH 6, 1824.

I have extracted from the Madison paper, the proceedings of a meeting of the people in that town, requesting the governor to convene the legislature, for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessity of a repeal, or an amendment to the late execution law. It would have gratified me, and I believe a majority of the people of this county, had a milder course been adopted.

I observe by the papers, that other counties are calling meetings for a similar purpose—would it not be well for the people of Knox, to call township meetings, to consult upon the matter.

FOR THE WESTERN SUN.

It is well known that the greater portion of the inhabitants of this county are opposed on principle to the relief system. It is undeniable, that a gradual approximation in the collection laws to the good old system, would meet the approbation of all. More than this, would injure the dearest interests of the country, by exposing many of our most valuable and enterprising citizens to the ruthless talons of the shavers and speculators, who are now prowling through the land, dealing in judgments, executions and debts of all kinds, & seeking whom they may devour.—Money cannot be realized at present by sales of land under executions. It is not in the country. The real property of our citizens must be protected from forced sales under contracts heretofore made.—All the neighbouring states have relief laws. The good sense of our citizens has convinced them that good policy requires of us to restore and enforce punctuality as soon as possible—and therefore the law of the session of 1822 & '23, relative to contracts made after the first day of June, 1823, was deservedly popular.—That law met the wishes, while it provided for the necessities of the people. That law was based on true principles—but under the execution law of the last session of the legislature, all contracts past, as well as future, are put on the same footing. And our citizens, who in former times, before the scarcity of money contracted some unavoidable debts, or assumed some responsibilities for friends, may now have their farms torn from them and sacrificed, under an execution to some insatiate sharper, for the mearest trifle. This cannot be borne. Laws should always regard the situation of the country, the necessities of the people.

Meetings have been called in many of the Eastern counties, to petition the governor to convene the legislature. We would recommend to the citizens of this county to assemble in their townships in course of the ensuing week, and to consider the propriety of holding a county meeting during the session of the Circuit court, to petition the governor to convene the legislature for the purpose of modifying the execution law as to the sale of lands under contracts made prior to the first day of June, 1823.

MANY KNOXITES.

From the Indiana Republican.

On Monday evening last, a large and respectable meeting of the citizens of this place convened at the court house, for the purpose of adopting measures to avert the threatened ruin which must result to many worthy citizens from the operation of the execution law, so far as it directs property to be sold for what it will bring. Doctor Joseph Oglesby in the chair.

On motion Resolved, that this society be styled the "Jefferson Relief Society."

On motion, Resolved, that the sense of this body be taken on the propriety of petitioning his excellency the governor, to call the legislature together for the purpose of repealing the execution law, so far as it directs real and personal estate to sell for what it will bring—ayes 64—Nays 14.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a petition for the purpose of carrying the above into effect, & lay the same before the people for their signatures—whereupon, Messrs Carpenter, Barrit, Enos, Watts & Totton, were elected that committee.

On motion, Resolved, that the above committee be instructed to open a correspondence with the different counties in this state, and the different townships in this county, for the purpose of procuring their co-operation in the above measures.

Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Indiana Republican.

On motion, the society adjourned until Monday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

February 9, 1824.

From the National Journal.

Russia.—By the last advices from St. Petersburg, (says the London Sun) the relations between that court and the

Dutch Government, seem to be, more closely united, and that the two governments are committed to each other to aid and support Ferdinand to regain possession of South America.

GREECE.

A confirmation of the surrender of Corinth to the Greeks, had been received in London from Zante. The Turks amounting to 12 or 15,000 men, had entrenched themselves near Missolonghi, but they had not attacked that fortress, so late as the 22d October. The garrison consisted of 6000 men, and 12 vessels, with troops under Marecordato, had arrived in the Morea.—Colocotroni, and the Hydriots, had sailed to repulse the assailants, and Piebro Bay, with 6000 Mariotes, was also expected to assist the patriots, so that decisive events were shortly looked for in this quarter. It is said in letters from Trieste, that the Greek government had addressed to the cabinets of Vienna, London, and St. Petersburg, an important note, in which they requested of those powers to recognise the political independence of Greece, which, it is supposed, would oblige the Porte to renounce all further attempts to have that nation under its power. It is also affirmed, that the affairs of Greece will be the subject of separate negotiations at St. Petersburg, in consequence of the minister of a great power having caused a memorial on the subject to be laid before the emperors of Austria and Russia, at their late interview at Gzerowitz. Baron Lebezeltern, the Austrian Ambassador at the Russian court, it is said would conduct these negotiations, together with the count Nesselrode.

By the President of the United States.

IN pursuance of law, I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known, that Public Sales will be held at the Land Offices in the States of Indiana and Illinois, hereinafter designated, for the disposal of such lands, situated within the limits of the districts of land offered for sale at those offices, respectively, as were relinquished to the United States prior to the first day of October, 1821, under the provisions of the act, approved on the 2d day of March, 1821, entitled "An Act for the relief of purchasers of the public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820," in the manner following, to wit:

In the State of Indiana.

At the Land Office at Vincennes, on the first Monday in June next, for the disposal of the relinquished lands lying within the following described townships and fractional townships, viz:

North of the Base line.

In T. Nos. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 & 9 of R. No. 1
1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 frac. 10 2
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10 frac. 11 3
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 & 11 4
1 2 3 6 7 8 11 frac. 12 5
1 2 3 4 5 6 8 10 and 11 6
1 2 6 7 13 frac. 14 7
1 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 frac. 15 8
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 frac. 16 9
fr. 6 town. 7 8 9 10 fr. 11 10
town. 12 13 14 15 fr. 16 11
Fr. T. Nos. 1 8 9 and 10 12

South of the Base line.

In T. Nos. 1 2 3 4 frac. 5 6 & 7 of R. No. 1
1 2 4 5 6 frac. 7 2
1 2 3 4 5 6 and 7 3
1 4 5 frac. 6 4
1 2 3 4 5 6 frac. 7 5
1 2 3 4 5 6 frac. 7 and 8 6
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 frac. 8 7
1 2 3 4 5 6 frac. 7 8
1 2 3 4 5 and 6 9
2 3 4 5 frac. 6 and 7 10
1 town 3 4 5 6 frac. 7 11
2 " 4 5 6 frac. 7 12
3 4 5 6 7 and 8 14

At the Land Office at Jeffersonville, on the third Monday in June next, for the disposal of the relinquished lands lying within the following described townships, and fractional townships, viz:

North of the Base line.

In T. Nos. 1 2 3 4 5 6 & 8 of range no. 1
1 2 3 4 5 and 6 2
1 2 3 4 5 and 6 3
1 3 4 5 and 6 4
1 2 3 4 5 and 6 5
Fract. T. 1 townships 2 3 4 and 5 6
2 " 3 4 5 6 and 7 7
2 " 3 4 5 6 7 and 8 8
1 " 2 3 4 5 6 7 & 8 9
Townships 4 5 6 7 8 and 9 10
4 5 6 7 8 and 9 11
Fract. 3 4 5 townships 6 7 8 and 9 12
7 8 and 10 13

South of the Base Line.

In T. Nos. 1 2 and 3 frac. 4 of range no. 1
1 2 and 3 frac. 4 2
1 2 3 4 and 5 3
1 2 3 4 5 frac. 6 4
1 2 3 frac. 4 5 and 6 5
Fract. 1 2 and 3 6

At the Land Office at Kaskaskia, in the State of Illinois, on the second Monday in June next, for the disposal of the relinquished lands lying within the follow-

ing described townships and fractional townships, viz:

In T. Nos. 1 2 5 6 7 9 11 12 13 14 15
frac. 16 and 17 of range no. 1
1 2 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 2
13 frac 16 and 17 3
1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 frac 11 4
12 13 14 15 and 16 5
1 2 4 5 6 7 8 frac 9 10 and 11 6
1 2 3 5 6 7 frac 8 and 9 7
1 2 3 4 5 6 frac 7 and 8 8
1 2 3 4 5 6 frac 7 9
1 2 3 4 5 frac 6 10
1 2 3 4 frac 5 11
Fractional 1 T. 2 3 and 4 10

Fract. T. 1 2 3 and 4 11
At the Land Office in Edwardsville, in the State of Illinois, on the first Monday in July next, for the disposal of the lands relinquished at Edwardsville and Kaskaskia, lying within the following described townships and fractional townships, viz:

In T. Nos. 1 2 3 4 6 7 and 8 of range No. 1
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 and 8 2
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 and 8 3
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 and 9 4
1 2 3 4 7 8 9 and 10 5
1 2 3 5 6 7 and 9 6
1 2 3 4 and 5 7
1 2 3 4 and 5 8
1 2 3 frac 4 and 5 9
Fract. 1 and 5 10

At the Land office at Shawneetown, in the State of Illinois, on the fourth Monday in June next, for the disposal of the relinquished lands lying within the following described townships, to wit:

In T. Nos. 1 3 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
14 15 & 16 of range No. 1 E.
1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 2
13 and 15 3
1 2 3 5 7 8 9 10 12 13 4
& 14 5
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 13 6
& 15 7
2 4 5 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 8
& 15 9
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 10
13 14 15 & 16 11
1 2 3 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 12
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 & 12 8
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 & 11 9
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 & 12 10
1 3 4 5 & 6 11
1 12 W.
1 & 2 13
1 2 3 4 & 5 14

Also, at the times specified, there will be exposed, at public sale, agreeably to the provisions of the fourth section of the act of the twenty fourth of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," such lands heretofore sold at the respective Land Offices, aforesaid, as have been forfeited, or which, before the day of sale designated in this Proclamation, may have reverted to the United States, together with the sections and part of sections heretofore reserved by law for the future disposal of the Congress of the United States.

There will also be offered, immediately after the closing of the sale of the relinquished & reverted lands, any sections & fractional sections, situate in townships heretofore offered for sale, at the offices aforesaid, but which, from unavoidable causes, were not so offered; and, at the Land office at Edwardsville, there will be offered certain Islands in, and fractional sections adjoining the Mississippi river—

In T. No. 1 N. of ranges Nos. 10 & 11 W. range No. 10 West, and townships Nos. 4 & 5 of range 9

The lands reserved by law for the use of schools, or other purposes, will be excluded from the sales, which will commence with the lowest number of section, township, and range, and proceed in regular numerical order.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this second day of February, A. D. 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

By the President:

GEORGE GRAHAM,
Commissioner of the Genl. Land Office.

"The Reformer."

THE design of this work is to expose the clerical schemes and pompous undertakings of the present day, under pretence of promoting religion, and to show that they are irreconcilable with the spirit and principles of the gospel. The great missionary operations which commenced a few years since, and the numerous Theological Seminaries created, & which are still erecting in every part of our country, have tended to the exaltation of an order of men to a height not warranted by the New Testament. Their number and influence are rapidly extending throughout all parts of the community, and threaten the destruction of our civil and religious liberties. By means, either direct or indirect, they are steadily advancing their cause, and their ascendancy over the minds of the people; and at no distant period, should their influence continue to increase, scarcely an individual will be found willing to incur the hazard of opposing any of their schemes. The pernicious effects of clerical domination in this country, may be inferred from the history of other countries, and

ought early to be guarded against. There are already few who have sufficient firmness to present these men before the public in their true colors, and hence the prospect of their success, and our danger is greatly increased.

From these considerations, and to expose the corrupt, pompous, and fashionable religion inculcated and supported by this pensioned order of men, *The Reformer* was commenced. The extended circulation of the work among the reflecting and better part of the community, has convinced the editor that his views on these subjects are not peculiar; and that the publication may be more generally known, and consequently be more useful, he is induced to present some notice of it in a more public way than has yet been done. Being neither under the jurisdiction nor influence of any particular sect, *The Reformer* will not be made an instrument for advancing the views or interests of any; but rebuke evils wherever met with, and pursue the line of truth marked out by the precepts of Divine Revelation, regardless of the frowns or the censures of those who, from interest, prejudice, or caprice, may become its opposers.

TERMS, &c

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Great Bargains.

FOR sale TWO PLANTATIONS, on which there are about

300 acres improved

one of these farms is within one mile and a quarter of Carlisle, in Sullivan county, the other lays in Shaker Prairie—they will be shown to any person wishing to purchase, on application to

JOHN DULEY.

March 2, 1824.

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Sheriff's Sales.

BY virtue of an execution to me directed from the Clerk's office of the Knox Circuit court, I will expose to public sale on Friday the 19th instant, at the court house in Vincennes, for the term of seven years, all that certain tract, tenement or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Catherineette prairie, about four miles to the south east of Vincennes, containing one arpent in front, on the Catherineette pond, and forty arpents in depth, running back, and adjoining the lands formerly of Francois Tarpin, (called Lamerade) now deceased, on the one side, and on the other side by land of Louis Boyer, (at the time of the conveyance) conveyed to Pierre Laplante, by Louis Boyer, by deed dated the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ten, by reference had to the record will more fully show—also that certain tenement or parcel of land, containing one arpent in front, and forty arpents in depth, situate, lying and being in the Catherineette prairie, adjoining the land first described on one side, and on the other side by land of Francois Godard, whereon he at present lives, conveyed to Pierre Laplante, by Louis Boyer and Francois Boyer, by deed dated the twenty-sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, as by reference had to the record will more fully show, as the property of Pierre Laplante, at the suit of Francis Dixon and Francis Wilson, Merchants, trading under the style and firm of Dixon & Wilson—sale to commence between the hours of ten A. M. and three P. M.

JOHN DECKER, Sheriff K.C.

March 6, 1824.

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BY virtue of two executions to me directed from the Clerk's Office of the Knox Circuit court, I will expose to public sale on Friday, the 19th instant, at the court house in Vincennes, for half the appraised value, all that certain tract of land containing sixty acres, (be the same more or less) lying, situate and being in the prairie below Vincennes, adjoining lands on the east side of Jean B. Bonhomme, as the property of Pierre Aynde it being the same whereon he now lives at the suit of Kilgour, Taylor & Webb and one in favor of Arthur Patterson—sale to commence between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and three P. M.

JOHN DECKER, Sheriff K.C.

March 6, 1824.

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