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Attention!!!

THE subscriber takes this opportunity to inform his friends and the public in general, that he intends to move to the western country as soon as he can make a full settlement of all his business in this part of the country; and in consequence thereof, he intends to have a PUBLIC VENDUE, at his store, in Sand Town, at the Head of Chester, on *Monday* the 11th day of May next, where he will offer for sale, a great variety of DRY GOODS of every kind, for cash, wheat, or corn, to be paid when the goods are delivered. As there will be great bargains sold on that day, (if fair, if not, the next fair day,) he hopes the public will attend the sale, which will begin at ten o'clock, A. M.

PETER SNYDER.

Chester Town, April 28, 1807. 3

N. B. The store house will be for rent; it is in good order, and stands in a public place.

For Sale,

A VALUABLE two story BRICK HOUSE, and Lot of Ground, with a stable and carriage house, situate in Chester Town, Kent county, Maryland; the house has two good rooms and a passage on the first floor, and three rooms on the second floor, also, two lodging rooms and a store room in the garret. Possession will be given on the first of January next, or perhaps sooner, if necessary. Any person inclining to purchase, will please apply to Benjamin Chambers, or Joseph Williams, Esqs. in said town, who will shew the property and make known the terms of sale.

MARGARET FORMAN.

Chester Town, April 28, 1807. 3

Chesapeake and Delaware *CANAL COMPANY.*

A GENERAL Meeting of the Stockholders in the *Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company*, will be held at the Town-Hall, in the borough of Wilmington, on second day the first of June next.

EDWARD GILPIN, Sec'ry.

Wilmington, 4th mo. 28, 1807. 5

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans' court of Dorchester county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *John Harrington*, late of said county, deceased—All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the seventh day of November next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Witness my hand this 22d day of April, 1807.

JOSEPH DODSON, Adm'r of J. Harrington. 3q

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber intends to petition the General Assembly of Maryland, at their next session, for an act of insolvency to release him from debts which he is unable to pay.

FOLLARD NORTH.

Dorchester county, April 28, 1807. 7q

Take notice,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans' court of Dorchester county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *Daniel Bell*, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber, on or before the seventh day of November next, as they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit arising from said estate. Given under my hand this 21st day of April Anno Domini 1807. 3

THOMAS BELL, Adm'r.

Take notice.

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans' court of Dorchester county, letters testamentary on the personal estate of *Roger Woolford*, late of said county, deceased—All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the seventh day of November next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 21st day of April, 1807. 3

THOMAS WOOLFORD, Ex'or.

(BY AUTHORITY)

AN ACT

Respecting claims to land in the territorie of Orleans and Louisiana.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That so much of the first section of the act entitled "An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the territory of Orleans and the district of Louisiana," as provides that no incomplete title shall be confirmed, unless the person in whose name the warrant or order of survey had been granted, was at the time of its date either the head of a family, or above the age of twenty-one years, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any person or persons, and the legal representative of any person or persons, who, on the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, had for ten consecutive years, prior to that day, been in possession of a tract of land not claimed by any other person, and not exceeding two thousand acres, and who were on that day resident in the territory of Orleans or Louisiana, and had still possession of such tract of land, shall be confirmed in their titles to such tract of land: *Provided*, That no claim to a lead mine, or salt spring, shall be confirmed merely by virtue of this section: *And provided also*, That no more land shall be granted by virtue of this section, than is actually claimed by the party, nor more than is contained within the acknowledged and ascertained boundaries of the tract claimed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the claim of the corporation of the city of New Orleans, to the commons adjacent to the said city, and within six hundred yards from the fortifications of the same, be, and the same are hereby recognised and confirmed: *Provided*, That the said corporation shall within six months after passing this act, relinquish and release any claim they may have to such commons beyond the distance of six hundred yards [illegible] *Provided also*, That the corporation shall reserve for the purpose, and convey gratuitously for the public benefit to the company authorised by the legislature of the territory of Orleans, as much of the said commons as shall be necesary to continue the canal of Carondelet from the present basin to the Mississippi, and shall not dispose of, for the purpose of building thereon, any lot within sixty feet of the space reserved for a canal which shall forever remain open as a public highway: *And provided also*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to affect or impair the rights of any individual or individuals to the said commons, which are derived from any grant of the French or Spanish governments.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the rights of persons claiming land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, shall have full powers to decide according to the laws and established usages and customs of the French and Spanish governments, upon all claims to lands within their respective districts, where the claim is made by any person or persons, or the legal representative of any person or persons, who were on the twentieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, inhabitants of Louisiana, and for a tract not exceeding the quantity of acres contained in a league square and which does not include either a lead mine or salt spring, which decision of the commissioners when in favor of the claimant shall be final, against the United States, any act of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the time fixed by the act above-mentioned, and by the acts supplementary to the same, for delivering to the proper register or recorder, notices in writing and the written evidences of claims to land, be, and the same is hereby extended, for the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, till the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and persons delivering such notices and evidences shall be entitled to the same benefit as if the same had been delivered within the time limited by the former acts; but the rights of such persons as shall neglect so doing within the time limited by this act, shall, so far as they are derived from or founded on any act of Congress, ever after be barred and become void, and the evidences of their claims never after admitted as evidence in any court of law or equity whatever.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the rights of persons claiming lands in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, shall respectively transmit to the secretary of the treasury and to the surveyor general, or officer acting as surveyor general, transcripts of the final decisions made in favor of claimants by virtue of this act, and they shall deliver to the party a certificate, stating the circumstances of the case, and that he is entitled to a patent for the tract of land therein designated, which certificate shall be filed with the proper register or recorder, within twelve months after date. And the register or recorder shall thereupon (a plat of the tract of the land therein designated, being previously filed with him or transmitted to him by the officer acting as surveyor general in the manner hereinafter provided,) issue a certificate in favor of the party, which certificate being transmitted to the secretary of the treasury, shall entitle the party to a patent to be issued in like manner, as is provided by law for the issuing of patents for public lands lying in other territories of the United States.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the tracts of land thus granted by the commissioners shall be surveyed at the expence of the parties, under the direction of the surveyor general, or officer acting as surveyor general, in all cases where an authenticated plat of the land as surveyed under the authority of the officer acting as surveyor general under the French, Spanish, or American government, respectively during the time either of the said governments had the actual possession of the said territories of Orleans and Louisiana, shall not have been filed with the proper register or recorder, or shall not appear of record on the public records of the said territories of Orleans and Louisiana. The said commissioners shall also be authorised whenever they may think it necessary to direct the surveyor general, or officer acting as such, to cause any tract of land already duly surveyed to be resurveyed at the expence of the United States. And the surveyor general, or officer acting as such, shall transmit general and particular plats of the tracts of land thus surveyed to the proper register or recorder, and shall also transmit copies of the said plats to the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid shall respectively report to the secretary of the treasury their opinion on all the claims to land within their respective districts, which they shall not have finally confirmed by the fourth section of this act. The claims shall in the said report or reports be arranged into three general classes, that is to say; first, claims which in the opinions of the commissioners ought to be confirmed in conformity with the provisions of the several acts of Congress, for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the territories of Orleans and Louisiana; secondly, claims which though not embraced by the provision of the said acts, ought nevertheless in the opinion of the commissioners to be confirmed in conformity with the laws usages, and customs of the Spanish government; thirdly, claims which neither are embraced by the provisions of the said acts, nor ought in the opinion of the commissioners to be confirmed in conformity with the laws, usuages, and customs of the Spanish government; and the said report and reports being in other respects made in conformity with the forms prescribed according to law, by the secretary of the treasury, shall by him be laid before Congress for their final determination thereon, in the manner and at the time heretofore prescribed by law for that purpose.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the following allowances and compensations, shall be made to the several officers hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, to the principal deputy of the surveyor general, for the district of Louisiana, at the rate of five hundred dollars a year, from the time he entered into the duties of his office, in addition to the fees which he is entitled to receive by law. To the register of the western district of the Orleans territory, and to the clerk of the board of commissioners for that district, one thousand dollars each, for their service as commissioner and clerk respectively, during the year one thousand eight hundred and six. To each of the deputy registers of the territory of Orleans, five hundred dollars in full, for their services subsequent to the first day of January last, in addition to the fees to which they are legally entitled. To each of the commissioners at the rate of two thousand dollars a years; to each of the clerks of the boards, and to each of the agents employed by the secretary of the treasury, at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars a year, and to each of the translators, at the rate of six hundred dollars a year, to commence from the first day of July next, in the district of Louisiana, and from the first day of January next, in the territory of Orleans, and to continue to the time when each board shall be respectively dissolved: *Provided*, That no more than eighteen months compensation be thus allowed to the said commissioners, clerks, and translators, and that the compensation of any such officer absenting himself from his district or failing to attend to the duties of his office, shall cease during such absence or failure.

NATHL. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. SMITH *President of the Senate, pro-tempore.*

March 3, 1807.

APPROVED,

TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

Making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situated between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve, and for other purposes.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That for the disposal of the lands of the United States, situated between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve, a land office shall be established, which shall be kept at such place as the President of the U. States may direct: and that for the disposal of the lands of the United States, lying on the Ohio river, between the Cincinnati and Vincennes districts, a land office shall be established at Jeffersonville; and for each of the said districts a register and receivers of public monies shall be appointed, who shall give security in the same manner, in the same sums, and whose compensation, emoluments, duties and authority, shall, in every respect, be the same, in relation to the lands which shall be disposed of at their offices, as are or may be provided by law, in relation to the registers and receiver of public monies in the several offices established for the disposal of the lands of the United States, north of the river Ohio, and above the month of Kentucky river.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted* That all the lands of the United States, in the said districts, shall, with the exception of the section number sixteen, and with the exception also of thirteen sections, including the lower town of the Delaware tribe of Indians, and their improvements, which said thirteen sections shall be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall be reserved for the use of the said tribe and their descendants, so long as they continue to reside thereon, and cultivate the same, be offered for sale to the highest bidder, under the directon of the register of the land office, and of the receiver of public monies, at the places, respectively, where the land offices are kept, and on such day or days as shall, by proclamation of the President of the United States, be designated for that purpose: the sales shall remain open at each place for six weeks, and no longer: the lands shall not be sold for less than two dollars an acre, and shall in every other respect, be sold in tracts of the same size, and on the same terms and conditions, as have been, or may be by law provided for lands sold north of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of the Kentucky river. All the lands of the United States, in the said districts, with the exceptions above mentioned, remaining unsold at the close of the public sales, may be disposed of at private sale, by the register of the respective land offices, in the same manner, under the same regulations, for the same price, and on the same terms and conditions, as are or may be provided, by law, for the sale of the lands of the United States north of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of the Kentucky river. And patents shall be obtained for all lands sold in said districts, in the same manner and on the same terms as are provided by law, for other public lands sold in the state of Ohio and the Indianna territory.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the several superintendants of public sales, directed by this act, shall receive six dollars a day, for each day's attendance on the said sales.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States, in the recess of Congress, shall have full power to appoint and commission the registers and receivers of public monies of the land offices established by this act, and their commissions shall continue in force until the end of the session of Congres next ensuing such appointment.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the several lead mines in the Indiana territory, together with as many sections contiguous to each as shall be deemed necessary by the President of the United States, shall be reserved for the future disposal of the United States; and any grant which shall hereafter be made for a tract of land containing a lead mine, which had been discovered previous to the purchase of such tract from the United States, shall be considered fraudulent and null: And the President of the United States shall be, and is hereby authorised to lease any lead mine, which has been or may hereafter be discovered in the indiana territory, for a term not exceeding five years.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That George Ash shall have the right of pre-emption to six hundred and forty acres of land including his improvement on the river Ohio, below the former Indian boundary line, the boundaries of the tract shall be designated by the register of the land office, and the said land shall be granted to him at the same price, and on payment being made in the same manner as for other public land at private sale, the respective instalments of the purchase money shall become due at the same time with the payments of the first public lands sold in that district.

NATHL. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

APPROVED.

TH: JEFFERSON

Notice to Debtors and SPECULATORS.

THE subscriber intends, on the first Tuesday in May, to put in suit, all bonds and notes not discharged previous to that day, which are due to him as trustee for the sale of *John W. Harrison's* lands, and also as executor of Mrs. *Rachel Thomas*, deceased.—He also offers for sale on advantageous terms, a FARM containing near 500 acres of land, on which is a quantity of branch meadow ground; and also some lots in the town of Easton. Apply to

JOHN SINGLETON.

April 21, 1807. tf

CORN.

A QUANTITY of CORN in the ear for sale, which can be delivered at a convenient landing on Miles River.—Apply to

JOHN KENNARD.

Easton, April 21, 1807. 3

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office, Cambridge, April 22, 1807.

HENRY ANELL; Richard Arey; Thos. J. Bullitt, Esq. Henry Barrow, (2) James Blake; James Caulk; Joseph Ennalls, Esq. Robert Deshields; Solomon Dickerson; Dr. Robert Dell; capt. Sol. Frazier, (4) James Greentree; Benjamin Hammond; William Hillard; William Harrison; John Hosker; Geo. Jacob Houx; Francis Insley; Betey Taylor; John Mackarie; Richard Mitchell; Samuel Lecompt; Joseph M'Men; Michael Lucas; (2) Aaron Parvin; Moses Pasapa; Confandra Linsicom; Mrs. Cuta Patridge; Messrs. Ferguson and Reid; hon. Philip Reid; Thomas Simmons; Matilda Hodson; J. B. Robbins, Esq. Levin Stevens; John Smoot, Esq. John Travers; Sarah Trippe; Dr. Devereaux Travers; Ezekiel Vickars; Augustus Wheeler; Levin Woolford, Esq.

Notice is hereby given,

TO persons who purchased property at the sale of the late *George Roberts*, deceased, of Talbot county, that their note have become due, and that immediate payment is requested, as indulgence cannot be given.

WM. ROBERTS, Acting Ex'or. of Geo. Roberts, dec'd.

April 28, 1807. 3

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