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TO OWNERS OF MILLS, AND MILL PRIVILEGES.—The subscriber offers his services as a Mill Wright, in the erection of new mills of all kinds, and in the improvement of old ones. He would state that his whole life has been spent in the study and practice of this kind of mechanism; and from his long experience as an operative, both in Europe and the United States, he has been enabled to inform himself of all the improvements introduced in machinery as applicable to water or steam power, and feels warranted in assuring those who may have occasion for his services, that he is master of his business, and perfectly able to perform any work satisfactorily.

The subscriber resides at Centreville, at which place, he has lately been overhawling and new-gearing a grist mill, introducing entire new machinery and three new run of stones.

Letters addressed to Centreville, St. Joseph county, Michigan, from any part of the state, or from Indiana, Illinois or Wisconsin and post paid, will receive prompt attention.

JOHN BEAUMONT.

REFERENCES—Mack & Patterson, Rochester, N. Y; Chas. A. Stewart, Esq., Detroit, Mich.; Digby V. Bell, Esq., Centreville, Mich.; John Fitch, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Henry Polkenhorn, Detroit; Jackson Langworthy, Rochester.

TO THE PUBLIC.—The proprietors of the DEMOCRATIC FREE PRESS, respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they will hereafter publish the same DAILY and WEEKLY. With the desire of making the Free ess worthy of the favor and patronage which it enjoys, the proprietors have been at great expense to obtain new and excellent material and stock for their establishment, and they flatter themselves that they will hereafter issue their respective publications in a manner that will give general satisfaction to their patrons.

The DAILY FREE PRESS, will be published every morning, Sundays excepted, on a large imperial sheet of the best quality, and will contain the latest foreign and domestic intelligence of the day.—*Terms, eight dollars per annum, payable every six months.*

The WEEKLY FREE PRESS, will be published every Wednesday morning, on a large elephant sheet of the finest quality, and will contain the same matter published in the Daily and Semi-Weekly papers.—*Terms, three dollars, in advance.*

At the late session of the legislature the Editor of the Free Press was appointed State Printer, and the Free Press consequently made the State Paper of Michigan. The earliest information of a domestic official character will therefore be found in its columns. During the session of the Legislature competent reporters will be employed in each House, and a correct daily report of the proceedings and Debates published. The laws of State are to be published in it forthwith upon their passage, and they are made legal evidence in its columns for six months after the close of the session at which they may be passed.

The proprietors are also publishers of the laws of the United States, and every subscriber therefore who is careful enough to preserve his files will have by him, not only the proceedings and discussions of the Legislature, but also the laws of the State and the United States complete in either the Daily or Weekly sheet.

Each paper will be mailed regularly to country subscribers, on the morning of publication and forwarded by the earliest mails.

BAGG, BARNS & CO.

Detroit, June 5, 1837. 57

THE undersigned hereby gives notice that he will do Conveyancing, take proofs and acknowledgments of Deeds, mortgages, take affidavits, protest bills and notes for non-payment, and attend to all other business pertaining to the duties of his office.

JAS. EASTMAN JOHNSON.

Notary Public, in and for the County of St. Joseph. Constantine, March 1, 1837. 35tf

NOTICE is hereby given, that legal proceeding have been had against Richard Roode, an habitual drunkard, a resident of the town of Penn, Cass Co. and the undersigned have been duly appointed Guardians of his person and and estate, all persons are therefore forbid selling him liquor for money or any other article of value, or trading with or trusting him without the consent of said guardians.

SAMUEL F. ANDERSON,
ORANGE M. ROODE,
ABNER KELSEY,
Guardians.

N. B. All money due will be received, and demands settled by said guardians.

Aug. 16, 1837. 3w59

FOWLING PIECES.—One dozen first rate fowling pieces, flint and percussion locks—also, fine rifle powder; common do. percussion powder and caps; flints; assorted sizes shot, for sale by C. L. & A. MILLER.

Aug. 15. 59

NEW GOODS.—Just received from New York, a new and general assortment of Goods, comprising every variety usually kept in a country store, and which are offered for sale on the most reasonable terms for cash.

JOHN S. BARRY.

Constantine, August 1, 1837. 3w57

JUST RECEIVED, a large lot of staple domestic goods, such as 6-4 and 3-4 ticking; superior bleached shirtings, common brown do.; bleached and brown sheetings, some extra heavy, for sale by C. L. & A MILLER.

August 1, 1837.

SEGARS.—10,000 Marino, Principe and light brown Havanna Segars; also, 10,000 common do. Superior fine cut chewing and smoking tobacco; Maccoboy and Scotch snuff, for sale by C. L. & A. MILLER.

August, 1. 57y

COMPETITION the life of trade.—G W SCHNABEL would inform his old friends, customers and the public generally, that he has just received the New York and Philadelphia Fashions. Now is your time, says I, to have a new and fashionable suit, which can be had one door below the Printing Office, where work will be done as well and fit as close as in any other house in Constantine. But not the best this side of Buffalo,' as I do not wish to send my brags quite so far from home.

June 21, 1837. 51

GROCERIES.—The subscribers have received a new supply of Groceries, which makes their assortment complete. Among them may be found black and green Teas of different kinds; Java, Rio and Laguira Coffee; St. Croix, Porto Rico and loaf and lump Sugars; N. O. molasses; rice; chocolate; spice; pepper; ginger, &c. &c. Also a new supply of Liquors,—consisting of—French, American and cherry brandy; St. Croix and N. O. rum; Holland gin; Madeira, Malaga, Muscat, claret and Champaign wines. They will be sold on as good terms and as low prices as at any other establishment in this part of the country. Tavern keepers and others wishing to purchase, are requested to call and see our goods and learn prices.

Aug. 2, 1837.] C. L. & A. MILLER.

SAW MILL SAWS, for sale by ALBERT ANDRUS & CO.

DRYGOODS.—A general assortment of dry goods for sale by ALBERT ANDRUS & CO.

October 7, 1837. 68

SMITHS & BOWMAN, having received a re-supply to their former stock of Goods, which consists of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Cutlery, Medicine, Crockery, School Books, Blank Books, Boots and Shoes, Looking-Glasses, Window Glass, 7 by 9, 8 by 10, and 10 by 12.

All of which they offer for the lowest cash prices They would also inform their friends and customers, both in St. Joseph and Kalamazoo Counties, that their Flouring mill will be in operation by the 6th February, when they will be ready to answer all orders for flouring and barrelling, or grinding Custom work.

They would further give notice that all persons living on the south side of the river, and coming to mill or to trade at their store, they will give them a pass which shall pay their Ferriage across to and from Three Rivers.

Three Rivers, Jan. 30, 1837. 31tf

FRESH GOODS.—The subscriber has lately received a new supply of seasonable GOODS, consisting of merino circassians, common colored do.; dark prints; sheetings; woolen blankets; Canton flannels; woolen socks; woolen gloves, lined cotton do; worsted comforters, &c. &c. Also, a supply of cotton batting, wicking, and wadding; which he will sell together with his former stock of goods, at the lowest prices for ready pay.

C. L. MILLER.

Constantine, Nov. 15, 1836. 20y

JUST RECEIVED, a splendid assortment of **HARDWARE,** consisting of *Table Cutlery, Pocket Knives, Razors, Scissors, Shears, Brass and Glass Commode Knobs, Pad, Trunk and Door Locks, Knockers, Door Latches, Blind Fastners, Candle Sticks, Pocket Pistols, Screws and Screw Drivers. Britania and Tin'd Iron Table and Tea Spoons,* every variety of *Hinges, Spurs, Curry Combs, Facets, Shovels and Tongs, &c. &c. &c.*

Also, a great variety of *Whips, Whipstocks, Riding Whips, &c. &c.* For sale by

ISAAC J. ULLMANN.

FOWLER & COFFIN, BRISTOL, Mouth Little Elkhart, Ia., are now opening an extensive assortment of Goods to which they respectfully invite the attention of the public in this vicinity—among which, are Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Iron and nails, Crockery, Boots and shoes, Hats and Caps, ready made clothing, Drugs Medicines, &c. &c.; together with a variety of Goods, embracing almost every article adapted to the country trade, all of which they will sell at prices that offer inducements to customers.

N. B. Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods. January 18, 1837. 29

RELIGIOUS WORKS.—Barns's Notes, The Young Christian,
The way to do good, Memoir of Bedell,
Great Teacher,
Baecher's Views in Theology,
Philosophy of Benevolence,
Doddridge's Rise and Progress,
Every Day Duty,
Pastor's Testimony,
At the new Book Store of

BAGG, BARNS & CO.

June 14.—50 Woodward Avenue.

SCHOOL BOOKS.—A large and general assortment of School Books of the latest and best editions, including

Olney's Geography and Maps,	
Malte Brun's do	do
Woodbridge's do	do
Mrs Willard's do	do
Burritt's do	do
Parley's do	do
Webster's Elementary Spelling Book,	
Webster's old	do
Emerson's do	
Hazen's Speller and Definer,	
Davis' Arithmetic,	
Colburn's do	
Adams' do	
Smith's do	
Emerson's do	
Daboll's do	
Willett's do	
Parley's do	
Parley's History, first book, do 2nd and 3d,	
American Class Book,	
National Reader,	
Introduction to do	
Young Reader,	
Academical Speaker, &c. &c. &c.	

For sale by BAGG, BARNS & CO.

Woodward Avenue, near King's Corner.

Detroit, June 14. 50

EVERETT'S ORATIONS for sale by BAGG, BARNS & CO.

Woodward Avenue, near King's Corner.

Detroit, June 14. 50

TO BANKING & INSURANCE COMPANIES, MERCHANTS, AND OTHERS.—The subscribers have in operation a new Bindery, and are prepared to execute orders for FANCY BLANK BOOKS, for Banks, Merchants, and others, in superior style.

BAGG, BARNS & CO.,

Near King's Corner, Woodward Avenue.

Detroit, June 14, 1837. 50y

CONSTANTINE CASH STORE. THOS MOSELEY is now receiving a large supply of Summer Goods. His assortment contains every description suitable for the season and is worthy the attention of those who wish to purchase. He is aware that in these hard times, his customers will want the worth of their money, and can assure them that his stock was selected in New York during the pressure much cheaper than usual, and is offered at a small advance, *exclusively for cash.*

Constantine, June 26, 1837. 52

FAMILY MAGAZINE: Vols. 1 and 2, embellished with several hundred engravings, for sale by SNOW & FISK.

Three doors above the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank.

TO BUSINESS MEN.—Just received, a new supply of *Clerks' Assistants,* or every man his own Lawyer; also, form book.

SNOW & FISK.

Detroit, August 31, 1836.

☞ **Farmers Look at This.** ☜

PATENT FANNING MILLS.—P. E. GROVER would inform the citizens of St. Joseph and adjoining counties, that he is now making at his shop, in Constantine, the best article of *FANNING MILLS* ever offered for sale in the Western country, of an improved patent, and warranted to do a first rate business. Persons wishing to purchase the above article are invited to call and examine them as he will have them constantly on hand.

P. E. GROVER.

Constantine, June 29, 1836. 1tf

ONE CASE OF HEAVY BLACK & MIXED SATTINETTS, just received and are offered low by the piece.

Nov. 15. THOS. MOSELEY.

JUST RECEIVED and for sale by the subscriber, 6,000 lbs. Nails; 8,000 lbs. Iron; 28 boxes glass; wet and dry Groceries.

All the above named articles, the subscriber holds at Cash. I. J. ULLMANN.

Constantine May 24. 47

LAST CALL.—All persons indebted to W. T. HOUSE, will please call and settle the same by the 15th inst. or have the pleasure of settling the same with a Justice of the Peace. Constantine, April 5, 1836. 40tf

MUSIC STORE.—MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS of every kind, and in great variety, kept constantly on hand and for sale at the Detroit Bookstore, (old stand of Morse & Brother) where those wishing to purchase are invited to call and examine for themselves. The following articles can be found among the stock now on hand:

Two very superior German Violincelles,
Kent Bugles, Post Horns, Hunters' Pocket do.,
Flutes with from one to eight keys,
Pitch pikes, Tuning forks, Violin mutes,
Capo D'Astros, Guitars, with single and double bottoms, small Bugles, Pandean Pipes,
Bugle crooks and shanks, Violin bridges,
Pegs and bows, Piano and Guitar strings,
Fifes, common and extra, Flageolets and Clarionets, Violins, an extensive assortment, among which are to be found one of the celebrated stamp of *Breton!* one of *Claudot's* famed instruments, and one containing the stamp of *Thomson.* Admirers of the Violin are invited to call and examine these celebrated instruments.

Just received as above a large assortment of *PIANO MUSIC,* well assorted;

Piano instructors, Preceptors for the flute, fife, &c., Admired airs for the flute, violin, keat bugle and flageolet,

Also, L'Accordeon, Mouth harmonicons, Portable music desks, Bass and snare drums, &c. &c.

As soon as navigation opens, every addition which the market requires will be received, and the assorment kept full. Pianofortes will be constantly kept on hand, together with all the *new* music as soon as it is published. *Music Associations* will be furnished with every thing in this line, on the most reasonable terms.

BURGER & STEVENS.

Detroit, Jan. 2, 1838. 1y76

FAIRBANK'S PATENT PLATFORM SCALES, are now in extensive use in all parts of the U. S.—are not liable to get out of order—occupy but little space—no expense in adjusting them—no heavy weights to handle, and are very convenient for weighing. The common complaint that platform scales vary between heavy and light draughts is in these scales completely obviated—the operation being equally certain in weighing bodies of any capacity or amount.

The subscriber has received an agency for the sale of the above article in all its varieties, and will soon be able to furnish scales to any order with which he may be favored.

ALLEN GOODRIDGE.

Constantine, May 24, 1837. 47

NEW STORE AT BERRIEN.—PITT BROWN & R. E. WARD having entered into copartnership for the purpose of buying and selling Merchandize, Provisions and produce, would respectfully inform the public, that they have just received an extensive and general assortment of Dry Goods, ready made Clothing, Groceries, Hardware, Iron, Nails, Salt, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Glass, Queensware, Leather, Oil, Paints and Confectionary, which they offer for sale at unusually low prices.

☞ A liberal discount will be made to Tavern keepers and others purchasing by the quantity.

*** Persons residing at a distance will find it to their advantage to give us a call before making purchases elsewhere.

*** The highest price will be paid in cash for all kinds of country produce and provisions.

N. B. No *Ferriage* wilbe charged to persons trading at *this store* woreside east of the River St. Joseph.

Berrien, Oct. 1835. 1t

TAKE NOTICE.—CHAPIN & OWEN, would respectfully inform their friends, that they have Removed their stock of goods to the new brick building a few steps *below* their old stand, and *two doors above* the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank.

CHAPIN & OWEN have on hand a large stock of Groceries, Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Dye Stuffs, and all such other goods as are usually kept in similar establishments, all of which they will sell at low prices, and from their increased facilities in their new stand for doing business, they flatter themselves they will be able to please those who will favor them with a call.

Detroit, June 20, 1836. 1y1

JOHN F. PORTER,

FORWARDING and COMMISSION MERCHANT, ST. JOSEPH, Berrien co., Michigan.

REFER TO—
Pratt, Taylor & Co., Buffalo;
Brewster, Smart & Co. Detroit;
Hubbard & Co., Chicago; H. McCollum, N. York;
Treat & Hughes, Albany. 5tf

AMERICAN HOTEL AND STAGE HOUSE, CONSTANTINE.

JAS. M. HUNT, would respectfully inform the public that he is fitting up the above establishment inferior in style and convenience, to none in Western Michigan. The dimensions of his house are sixty-six feet on Water street, and forty-four on Washington street, comprising a Dining Room forty feet long and a Ball Room of the same length, which are being finished in the handsomest possible style; together with a large number of Single rooms. The Dining and Ball rooms will be ready for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

His table will be always furnished with the best Provisions the market will afford.

He feels confident that all who may favor him with a call will find themselves perfectly at home, if good accommodations and strict attention will accomplish it.

The Stage leaves here every other day for White Pigeon and Kalamazoo.

Constantine, June 29, 1836. 1tf

NEW GOODS!—NEW GOODS!! THOS. MOSELEY is receiving from New York and Boston his fall and winter stock of Goods. The assortment is extensive and well selected for this market. Contemplating a new arrangement in my business the ensuing spring, my entire stock is offered *for Cash,* wholesale and retail much cheaper than any goods are bought in this country. Merchants whose stock is reduced will find it to their advantage to call and examine. Among my goods are—

Super blue and black broad cloths;

Cadet mixed do, cassimeres, buffalo cloth hunters cord, merinos, circassians, flannels, rose-blankets, bro. din. table cloths, oil cloth covers, corded skirts, silk velvet, padding, canvass, drilling, merino shawls, buck mittens and gloves, woolen socks, hosiery, umbrellas, &c.

Molasses, N. O., P. R. and Havanna sugar, young hyson and black Tea, raisins, currants, candles, soap, mustard, coffee, 2 doz. shovels and spades, 3 doz. cast steel axes, 50 kegs cut and wrought nails, &c.

Constantine Nov. 15. 6w72

ERIE CANAL TRANSPORTATION: INSURED. WASHINGTON LINE. Dows, Carter & Co. Propietors, will start a boat from New-York and Albany for Buffalo daily.

Freight and Passengers forwarded to Rochester, Buffalo, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri, with despatch. Refer to.

Buckley & Noble, Monroe, M. T.
Mead, Perrin & Co. Northville, M. T.
John Hurlburt, Sault Ste Marie, M. T.
John F. Porter & Co. St. Joseph, "
Rix Robinson, Grand River, "
H. H. Comstock, Kalamazoo, "

For Freight or passage, apply to
A. H. Gale, New-York, 76 Cortlandt street,
Dows & Cary, 175 Washington street, N. York
L. Barker & Co. Rochester, N. Y.
R. E. Palmer & Co. Buffalo, N. Y.

BACON & HAMS.—Just received, 5000 lbs. Bacon and Hams, and for sale by

W. A. SANGER & Co.

Mottville, June 6, 1837. 3w49

HAT, CAP & FUR STORE.—G W. VAN TINE, respectfully informs his old friends and customers, and the public in general, that he can again be found at No. 86 Main-st., a few doors below the Canal Bridge, where he now has on hand and is manufacturing, a general assortment of HATS and CAPS of every quality,—which, for elegance, durability and cheapness, are surpassed by none, at wholesale or retail, and on such terms as cannot fail to please.

Buffalo, June 20, 1836. 1

At a regular meeting of the Probate Court for St. Joseph County, held at the Court House in Centreville on the 27th day of Nov. 1837.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Allen. } **UPON** the filing of a petition of Wm. B. Brown Attorney for Marvin Allen, executor of said estate, for license to sell and convey the real estate of said deceased situated in the counties of St. Joseph and Cass, Michigan, the personal property being insufficient to pay the Legacies bequeathed by said deceased. Ordered, that notice thereof be published in the Constantine Republican, a newspaper printed in Constantine, three weeks successively to the end that all persons inereested may appear at the Court House in Centreville, on the last Monday of December next at ten o'clock, A. M., and show cause if any they have why said license should not be granted. CYRUS INGERSON,

3w75 Judge of Probate.

1837. THE STEAMBOAT MICHIGAN, (propelled by two powerful low pressure engines) ARCHIBALD ALLEN, Master, will perform her trips for the present season agreeably to the following arrangements:

Leaving Detr't for Buffalo.	Leaving Buffalo for Det't
May, 5, 11, 17, 23, 29.	ay, 8, 14, 20, 26.
June, 15, 21, 27.	June, 1, 18, 24, 30.
July, 14, 20, 26.	July, 17, 23, 29.
August, 12, 18, 24, 30.	August, 15, 21, 27.
September, 16, 22, 28.	September 2, 19, 25.
Oct. 4, 10, 16, 22, 28.	Oct. 1, 7, 13, 19, 25 31.
Novemeer, 3, 9, 15.	November, 6, 12, 18.

She will make four trips during the season to the Upper Lakes.

From Buffalo touching at the Ports on Lake Erie, Mackinac, Green Bay, Cheboygan, Milwaukie and Chicago. Homeward bound, at Michigan City, New Buffalo, St. Joseph, and Grand River. Leaves Buffalo, June 1 and 30, July 29 and Sept. 2. Also leaving Detroit June 3, July 2 and 31 and Sept. 4. On her return trip, she will leave Chicago June 10, July 9, August 7 and September 11.

The Michigan is about 500 tons burthen—is 3 years old—and her well known strength and speed as well as her unrivalled reputation as a sea vessel are already known to the travelling public. Her accommodations, always spacious and elegant, were increased the last season by the improvement of her Ladies' Cabin, and the addition of eight large and splendid state rooms adjoining.

Application for passage or freight may be made to the master on board, or to the following Agents

O. NEWBERRY & Co. Detroit.
HOLT, PALMER & Co, Buffalo.
NEWBERRY & DOLE, Chicago.

NOTICE.—The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of Adams and Appleton, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The accounts will be settled by either of the subscribers, at the office of W. C. Pease

CHARLES S. ADAMS.
JOHN A. APPLETON.

Constantine, Oct. 16, 1837. 68tf

P. S.—All indebted will please *fork up immediately.*

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the subscriber, either by note or on account, whose demands are now due must settle the same forthwith. A delay of 3 weeks will add costs to the amount. Dire necessity compells this call and he hopes it will be attended to.

ALLEN GOODRIDGE.

Sept. 1, 1837. 62w3

32 CASES of Boots and Shoes this day received by THOS. MOSELEY, containing—

96	pairs	Men's thick boots;
36	"	" calf "
26	"	" Kip "
50	"	boys thick "
150	"	Men's and boy's thick shoes;
100	"	" " calf "
75	"	Gent's kid dancing pumps;
100	"	" morocco slips;
100	"	Women's calf walking shoes;
100	"	" high lace "
50	"	" gaiter boots;
100	"	" leather pegged "
150	"	" kid slip pumps;
220	"	" village lace "
50	"	" col'd morocco "
50	"	" Grecian lace "
50	"	" French kid ties;
24	"	" fur lined shoes;
200	"	Misses leather boots and slips;
100	"	Children's morocco boots.

The above stock was selected from the manufactories in the vicinity of Boston, by an experienced shoe-dealer, and will be sold to the trade by the dozen at a small commission, and at retail very cheap.

Nov. 15. 6w72

PROCLAMATION

BY STEVENS T. MASON,

Governor in and over the State of Michigan.

Whereas, by the sixth section of an act of Congress, passed the 20th day of April, 1818, it is declared. "That if any person shall, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, begin or set on foot, and provide or prepare the means, for any military expedition or enterprise, to be carried on from thence against the territories or dominions of any foreign Prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, with whom the U. States are at peace; any person or persons so offending shall be declared guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding three thousand dollars, and imprisoned not more than three years."

And whereas, by direction of the President of the United States, my attention has been requested to any movements of the character designated in the the act above cited, within this State, and my inteference desired, to arrest the parties concerned, should any preparations be made of a hostile nature, against any foreign power in amity with the United States.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request of the President of the United States, and in view of the popular commotions now existing in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, I do hereby caution, and enjoin upon all good citizens of this state, and all other persons whomsoever, resident or being within our borders, to abstain and desist from the commission of any act which may, in the least degree, violate the laws of the United tates, or disturb the peace and amity now existing between the people of this Union and the government of Great Britain.

And I do, by this Proclamation, further enjoin upon all our officers of this State, to aid in the faithful enforcement of the laws of the United States, and in the arrest of all persons who may attempt their infringement.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the State to L. S. be affixed, this 28th day of December, 1837.

STEVENS T. MASON.

By the Governor,
KINTZING PRITCHETTE, *Secretary of State.*

From "Ethel Churchill," by Miss Landon.

MEMORY.

Ah, tell me not that memory
Sheds gladness o'er the past;
What is recalled by faded flowers,
Save that they did not last?
Were it not better to forget,
Than but remember and regret?

Look back upon your hours of youth—
What were your early years,
But scenes of childish cares and griefs?
And say not childish tears
Were nothing: at that time they were
More than the young heart well could bear.

Go on to riper years, and look
Upon your sunny spring;
And from the wrecks of former years
What will your memory bring?
Affections wasted, pleasures fled,
And hopes now numbered with the dead!

BANK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

[Made to the Legislature, April 6, 1838.]

To the honorable the Legislature of the State of Michigan.

The undersigned, in obedience to the resolution of the honorable the House of Representatives, have the honor to

REPORT:

That immediately upon the appointment of the present Board of Commissioners, they commenced the important duty of examining the institutions subject to their inspection, and have been constantly and assiduously devoted to the arduous task, to the present time. It is a subject of regret, that the time allowed them has not yet been sufficient for the investigation of all the moneyed institutions subject to their supervision, previous to the resolution of the House.

It was the design of the commissioners, at the earliest period possible, to have presented to the executive, agreeably to the provisions of the statute, a detaild account of the condition of all such institution.—This would have enabled them to have presented at one view, the resources, responsibilities and condition of the several banks, in such a manner as to enable every individual to judge of their solvency, and to obtain a correct idea of the pecuniary condition of our state institutions.

The early cal. of the house, for information as to those institutions which have been examined, added to the interest which the whole community feel in this important matter, have induced the undersigned to lay before the legislature at this time, such information as a partial examination has placed in their possession.

The absence of our associate, Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq., who is now engaged in the western portion of the state, in the examination of the banks located within the limits of the third judicial district, prevents his jotning in this report. This is especially to be regretted, since we are unable thereby, for want of information, to give the result of his investigations into the condition of the banks in the last mentioned circuit. There are established therein, two chartered banks, a branch of the bank of Michigan, and eleven banking associations organized under the act to organize and regulate banking associations. Of the affairs and condition of these, the undersigned have reason to believe a report will, at an early day, be made by Mr. Fitzgerald.

In the first and second judicial circuits, there are nine banks established under special charters, which are subject to the examination of the commissioners. The Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, the Bank of Pontiac, and the Bank of Macomb County, all of which are chartered institutions, not having given their assent to the provisions of the "Act suspending for a limited time certain provisions of law," &c., are not subject to such examination. There are also established within the limits of the said circuits, under the "Act to organize and regulate banking associations," and the amendment thereto, thirty-three banks.

To the institutions located in the first and second judicial circuits, the investigations of the undersigned were confined.—Of the banks therein above enumerated, five have done nothing more than to organize and file their certificates in the office of the Secretary of State: these are the Commonwealth Bank of Tecumseh, the Bank of Auburn, in Oakland County, Citizens' Bank at Ann Arbor, and the Adrian Bank at Adrian. No bills have been issued by either of these banks.

The Farmers' Bank of Sharon, and Saginaw City Bank, the Detroit City Bank, the Bank of Michigan, and the Michigan State Bank, have not yet been visited by the commissioners.

Annexed are the statements of all the banks within the said circuits, with the exceptions above named, exhibiting their resources and liabilities, as sworn to on the day when the said institutions were respectively examined. The accompanying exhibit will display, under appropriate heads, much useful information relative to the affairs and condition of the institutions of the state. From the examinations which the undersigned have been able to make, they have reason to believe that in the main these statements are correct. In the instance, however, of the Bank of Manchester, facts have been developed which have destroyed their confidence in the statement of its condition, made by the cashier of the institution, under the solemnities of an oath. Such measures have already been taken to secure the interests of the bill holders, that there is reason to hope that no loss will be sustained, and no great delay in the discharge of the responsibilities of the bank suffered by its creditors. In the meantime investigations are in progress, which will enable a full history to be made of the transactions of its officers and the condition of its affairs. In the instance, also, of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Pontiac, there is reason to doubt the accuracy of the statement as to the amount of specie in bank, reported as the bona fide property of the institution. The facts in this case, likewise, when maturely developed, will be duly reported to the proper authorities.

The commissioners have deemed it an object of the highest importance, to see that in all instances ample securities were given by the directors and stockholders for the final discharge of the liabilities of the several institutions. The securities by bonds and mortgages of unincumbered real estate, required by the sixth section of the amendment to the general banking law, are in some instances already perfected, in others, they are now in preparation.

In this first examination, many things were exhibited in the transactions and condition of institutions, requiring change and correction; and it has been the intention of the commissioners to have every institution under their control, put into a proper and safe condition, which will ensure public confidence. The annexed statements and exhibits will present some instances where such changes have been required, and have since been made.

A second visit to these institutions, which will be made without delay, will enable a more explicit exposition of facts, and a more complete exhibit to the public of their true condition.

In the examination, the following banks were found in such condition, and their transactions in relation to the provisions of law under which they were established, of such a character that it was necessary to apply to the Chancellor of the state for proceedings against them, agreeably to the statute. Injunctions have been accordingly issued against the following banks, viz:

The Farmers' Bank of Genesee county, at Flint.

The Jackson county Bank, at Jacksonburg.

The Farmers' Bank of Sandstone, at Barry.

The Exchange Bank, at Shiawassee.

The Bank of Lapeer, at Lapeer.

The Wayne county Bank, at Plymouth.

A detailed report of the examination of the Farmers' Bank of Genesee county is already in possession of your honorable body. The facts connected with the remainder of the above named institutions, against which proceedings have commenced, will now be detailed; for the more full explanation of which, copies of various papers relative thereto, are hereunto annexed. The occasion is here taken to remark, that the investigations in some instances are not yet completed, but will be pursued, until all the facts are fully developed for the information of the public.

On the 22d day of February last, the undersigned, together with their associate, Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq., visited the Jackson county Bank, located at Jacksonburg.

The President and Cashier were absent—the bank was in charge of Charles Van Dorn, who had been appointed teller temporarily. The teller presented to the commissioners, a letter from Paul B. Ring, the president, addressed to two of the directors, which expressed the hope that the Commissioners would not insist upon an examination at present, for the reason that in the absence of the writer, satisfactory information of the state of the bank could not be afforded them. The commissioners, however, having expressed their intention to proceed immediately to the examination, the teller expressed his willingness to exhibit the books and papers, and afford such information as was in his possession. Search being made for the stock book, it could not be found, the teller presumed it to be in the trunk of the cashier, to which he had not access.

On examination of the books of the bank, the following circumstances were exhibited; the names of all persons and corporations with whom accounts had been opened, were written in pencil—the entries in ink. In a few minutes, therefore, the whole face of the business transactions of the bank could have at any time been entirely changed.—On the 5th of November, 1837, there appeared to have been an entry of specie deposite of $20,000 in the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Detroit. This entry had been erased with a knife, but on careful examination the original entry was legible.

There was also an entry of a specie certificate from H. H. Brown & Co., Detroit, for $10,000. The date of this entry had been also the 5th November. This had been erased and a new date substituted.—The language of the entry had also been altered, but being written over, the original words could not be traced. This certificate of deposite was not to be found, and was presumed to be in the hands of the absent cashier. The teller and Mr. Fitch, one of the stockholders who was present during this examination, were of opinion that certificate was the first instalment of specie paid in.

The commissioners proceeded to an examination of the specie of the bank. Gold coin was exhibited loose in a drawer, which being counted, amounted to the sum of a thousand and thirty-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents; about $120 in loose silver, was also counted. Beneath the counter of the bank, nine boxes were pointed out by the teller, as containing one thousand dollars each. The teller selected one of these boxes and opened it, this was examined and appeared to be full of American half dollars. One of the commissioners then selected a box, which he opened and found the same to contain a superficies only of silver, while the only remaining portion consisted of lead and ten penny nails. The commissioners then proceeded to open the remaining seven boxes; they presented the same contents precisely, with a single exception, in which the substratum was window glass broken into small pieces. The teller, as well as A. F Fitch, the stockholder above mentioned, disclaimed all knowledge of the transaction. How, then, or by whom this fraud had been perpetrated, they could not tell. The teller stated that the boxes had been in the bank for some time past—but whether the contents, or any part of the same, had been there within the last twenty-four hours, they did not know and could not swear.

Immediately on the discovery of this fraud, the teller and Mr. Fitch went into an adjoining apartment, and after a little consultation, 'produced from under a bedstead two boxes, one with a lid and apparently full of coin, the other with half a lid and half full. These they stated to be also the property of the said bank of Jacksonburg. The commissioners counted the coin in the several boxes above mentioned, and found the contents to be as follows, to wit:

Box 1st	contained	$205 42
" 2d	"	137 50
" 3rd	"	261 00
" 4th	"	242 25
" 5th	"	294 00
" 6th	"	243 00
" 7th	"	279 50
" 8th	"	248 50
" 9th	"	603 00
" 10th	"	671 50
" 11th	"	723 50
		$3,909 18

The coin not in boxes as above mentioned amounted to,	
Silver,	153 00
Gold,	1,037 96
Total amount of coin in bank,	$5,099 78

On reference to the statement of the bank, dated February 19, 1838, the third day previous to this examination, which is appended to this report, marked No. 1, it will appear that on that day the bank claimed, under the signatures of three of its directors, to be possessed of the sum of $20,000 in specie, independent of the certificate of deposite for $10,000. This statement was copied from the statement book of the bank, and is certified by the teller as a correct copy of the same. So disgusting an exhibition of dishonesty and falsehood is unworthy of a single comment.—The condition of this institution at the time of the examination, as drawn from the exhibit made at that time by the teller, would appear to be as follows, to wit:

Resources.

Disco. notes and other notes,	$37,694 42
Due from other banks,	4,341 00
Bills of other banks,	3,189 00
Specie,	5,099 96
Certificate of deposite,	10,000 00
Expense account,	939 32
	$61,263 70

Liabilities.

Capital,	$30,000 00
Circulation,	44,940 00
Deposites,	586 49
Profit and loss,	439 00
Total liabilities,	$75,965 49
Total resources,	61,263 70
Shewing a deficit of resources to meet its liabilities of	14,701 79
If to this be added the certificate of deposite of	10,000 00
Which could not be found, and which it is probable is not a real asset of the bank, and also bills of the bank put in circulation and not entered upon any book which was accessible to the commissioners, and which subsequent information has shown to be	20,000 00
There will appear to be a real deficiency of assets to meet the liabilities of this bank of	$44,701 79

Such is the character and condition of the Jackson County Bank.

On the twenty-third day of February last, the commissioners entered into an examination of the condition of the Farmers' Bank of Sandstone, located at Barry, in the county of Jackson.

The certificate of this bank was filed according to law, in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 29th day of January, 1838. The capital stock was named at $50,000. The security furnished was the personal bond of the directors. The thirty per cent. on the capital stock, required by law to be paid in specie, was never actually so paid in, but a certificate of specie deposite appears to have been used instead of coin.

No stock book was ever opened, and no list of stockholders was posted up in the banking house. The list of stockholders and officers of the bank hereunto annexed, marked No. 2, was furnished by H. N. Baldwin, the cashier. The following statement, prepared and signed by the cashier at the date of the examination, exhibits the condition of this institution as stated by the officers:

Statement of the resources and liabilities of the Farmers' Bank of Sandstone, Feb. 23d, 1838.

Resources.

Bills discounted,	$6,985 00
Notes of other banks,	400 00
Specie,	236 00
Expenses and profit and loss,	161 69
In agent's hands for exchange,	27,424 00
	$35,507 16

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in,	$15,000 00
Deposites,	450 00
Discounts received,	80 82
Circulation,	46,933 00
	$62,463 82

If from the amount of liabilities as above stated, viz: $62,463 82, we deduct the amount of resources, $35,507 16, it will exhibit a deficit in the means of the bank for the payment of its debts of $26,956 66. The discounted bills, notes of other banks and specie, were found