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HAVING an extensive stock, consisting of a complete assortment of Groceries and Provisions, I respectfully solicit the patronage of the merchants and planters of St. Landry; desiring an opportunity to prove to them that I can promote their interest, by selling the following articles on liberal terms respecting time and prices.

Tea. 20 boxes ½lb. papers Powchong a 25c.—just received.
Starch. 100 boxes ½lb. papers, a 30 to 36 pounds in a box.
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Candles. 5, 10 and 25 pounds, a 66 to 70c.
Soap. No. 1 Boston soap, firm and beautiful, a 3½c.
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Sugar. Hds. 4¼ a 4½. 4½c., in bbls. ½ higher
Salt. Fine $1 05, coarse 95c. in lots, old 5c. less.
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Tea. Young hyson a 18c. hyson skin at 14c.
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Wines. Malaga 37c., Madeira 60c. to $1 80 best
Claret. Casks $19 to $40, boxes $2 25 to $3
Brandy. Otard $2 25, Dupuy $2, Mc. Glory $2 50, Cognac $1 50.
Fruits. Almonds, raisins, figs, cream nuts, currants, prunes and preserves.

Flour, pork, lard, whiskey, bacon, butter and cheese, and every thing else in the grocery line, in the same ratio. Lots of $100 to $5,000 will be sold at above prices; at retail, 2½ a 3 per cent. higher.

Paper that can be discounted taken at 3, 6 and 9 months. feb. 13—6m

JORDY & BRASIER,
No. 10 *Conti street, New Orleans,*
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

and importers of Wines, Brandies, Cordials, &c. n28-1y

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Commission Merchants,

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P. L. MASSEY & BLACK,
APOTHECARIES & CHEMISTS,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Medicines, Drugs, Chemicals, &c.,
No. 46 *Camp st., corner of Camp & Gravier sts.,*
NEW ORLEANS.

Orders carefully put up, and articles of warranted quality. s12-1y

JARVIS & ANDREWS,
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Window-glass, Paints, Oils & Medicines.

Agents for Philadelphia Eagle Glass Factory, and Philadelphia and New York White Lead.
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NEW-ORLEANS. s12-1y

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No. 14 *Camp street.*

J. B. STEEL, (successor to Norman, Steel & Co.,) *Stationer, Publisher, Importer of London stationery, Books, &c.,* wholesale and retail.
Account Books, of the first class, manufactured of the best materials, and warranted superior.
Superfine Stationery.—Governments, Public Offices, Banks, and Counting Rooms supplied.
Drawing and Architectural Materials.
Cards.—Playing, Printers', (colored and plain,) Enameled Visiting Cards, &c.
School Books.—A full assortment of all kinds.
Cheap Publications and Magazines.
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The articles of Stationery, &c., from this establishment are warranted to be superior, and prices to give satisfaction.

☞ Printing and Book-binding, in all their various styles, executed in the best manner, at the lowest prices. New Orleans, Feb. 20—6m

BOTANIC DRUG STORE,
No. 80 *Poydras street, New Orleans, La.*

Where may be obtained a general assortment of Thomsonian Botanic Medicines, Simples and Compounds, all of which are warranted genuine and of a superior quality. The subscriber respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage, and confidently anticipates as liberal encouragement as he received while conducting a similar establishment in Natchez, Miss. Sold, wholesale and retail, as low as articles of the best quality can be obtained anywhere in the South, by s12-1y Dr. A. A. JONES, Agent.

FROST & CO.,
No. 10 Magazine st., New Orleans,

HAVE in store, and are constantly receiving from the northern manufacturers, a general assortment of

Boots, Shoes, Brogans, Hats & Clothing,

which we are selling at reduced prices. Particular attention is given to filling Planters' orders, for *Russet Brogans and Wool Hats.*

Planters and others are invited to examine our stock of goods. feb. 13-1y

N. Orleans Advertisements.

FAMILY & PLANTATION MEDICINES.

THE following useful family and plantation Medicines are constantly kept on hand by Comstock & Rumsey, at 59 Poydras street, New Orleans, and by

DR. HAWKINS, OPELOUSAS.

All of which are warranted genuine and todo all claimed for by them, by which planters can avoid the expense of a physician in almost all cases of indisposition, and they will be found to operate with much less injury to the constitution than calomel, quinine, &c. A pamphlet with full directions for the use of these several articles is furnished gratis to each family. We enumerate articles as follows:

May's Liniment, for the piles, warranted to cure in every case.
Lin's Temperance Bitters and Pills, for the stomach.
Indian Vegetable Elixer and Nerve and Bone Liniment, for rheumatism, warranted to cure,
Chinese Hair Eradicator, to remove superfluous hair.
Balm of Columbia, for the hair and to remove dandruff.
Fink Syrup, for asthma, coughs, and colds.
Sick Headache Remedy, a certain cure in all cases.
Health Elixer, for dyspepsia, indigestion, and costive bowels.
Roach, Bed-Bug, and Ant Poison, sure to kill them all.
Holmstock's Vermifuge, for worms—never fails.
Comstock's Extract of Sarsaparilla—half the price of others,
Bernard's Cholera Remedy, for darrhoeas and dysenteries.
Connell's Magical Pain Extractor, for burns, scalds, sores and swellings.
Allen's Balsam, for consumption and liver complaints.
Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, for consumption!
Green's Ague Mixture, warranted to cure in every case
Oil of Tannin—makes leather water-proof and doubles the wear.
Connell's Mixture for Secret Diseases, warranted.
Blackwell's do. do. do. do.
Lucenia Cordial—the only agency at 59 Poydras street N. O.
Gelatine Capsules, all kinds.
Castor Oil, in bottle.
Essences, all kinds.
Writing Sand.
Inks, black, blue, and red.
Indelible Ink.
Seidletz Powders.
Welch Toothache drops, a sure cure.
French Chachouc, for the breath.
British acd Harlaem oil.
Opodeldoc and Godfroy's Cordial.
Balsam of Honey.
Turlington's Balsam of Life.
Sealing Tapers, to use without a light.
Accoustic Oil, for deafness, a sure cure.
Syrup of Sarsaparilla.
Hooper's and Anderson's Pills.
Lee's Pills, Chinese Blood Pills, and Staple Drugs and Medicines, Paints, Oils, &c. low for cash.
Jan. 30-tf

ISAAC BRIDGE,
Commission Merchant,

FOR the sale of *GROCERIES, DOMESTIC GOODS, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES and BROGANS:* also, Rich's Improved Patent Salamander *BOOK SAFES;* Stevens' Patent *BALANCES;* New York & Williamsburgh Co. *WHITE LEAD,* &c.
No. 70 *Magazine st., New Orleans.* o3-1y

J. W. STANTON & CO.,
Commission & Forwarding Merchants,
Corner of Magazine and Lafayette streets,
NEW ORLEANS. s12-1y

RICE & HATHAWAY,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 72 *Magazine street, New Orleans.*

☞ Agents for N. Goodale's Sugar Refinery. Loaf, Crashed and Powdered Sugar constantly on hand.
New Orleans, Aug. 16—1y*

THOMAS B. WINSTON,
GENERAL GROCER,
Wholesale and Retail Store, Nos. 17, 19, *and* 21, *corner of Poydras and Commerce streets, New Orleans.*

HAVING taken these *THREE STORES* for a long term of years, I am determined to do business in such a way as to entitle me to the patronage of the *Country* and *City Merchants,* of *Planters* and of *Families.* One store intended solely for the *Retail* business, the other two entirely to the *Wholesale* department. To the Grocers, I have added a general *Provision* business—Pork, Lard, Bacon, Flour, &c. I shall be as liberal in terms as any established house in New Orleans, and for good paper I will give liberal time.

I am now receiving my *First Supplies,* and shall continue to keep (what has always been admitted, even by competitors) the best and cheapest assortment of Groceries, Liquors and Provisions in New Orleans.
New Orleans, Nov. 1844. n14 1yr

UPHOLSTERY & PAPER HANGINGS
At No. 41 *Royal street, New Orleans.*

THE subscriber has constantly on hand a large supply of CURTAIN STUFFS, comprising a large quantity of splendid embroidered Swiss muslin curtains,
Satin medallion curtain stuff,
Silk damasks, of various colors,
Worsted and silk mixed damask, various colors,
Cotton and worsted Mexico do. do do
Cotton damask do do
Also, a large variety of silk, worsted and cotton borderings and gimps, of assorted colors and sizes.
Silk and worsted tassels, assorted colors, etc.
Silk and worsted cords, do do
And, in short, all the numerous different styles of curtain stuffs and trimmings. Also, a large assortment of
GILT WINDOW-CURTAIN ORNAMENTS,
consisting of Window cornices,
Gilt poles, of different sizes,
Gilt ornaments and rings, different sizes,
Gilt eagles, do do
A splendid assortment of Embroideries, suitable for ottomans and footstool covers; embroidered bell-pulls, etc. etc., at remarkably low prices; together with a very large and splendid assortment of
PAPER HANGINGS,
which comprises the most splendid 'Historical Decors,' suitable for the decoration of fine saloons, etc.
'Decors,' representing the five senses, very fine.
Gold and silver paper hangings.
Velvet and embossed do.
Satin and plain do.
Velvet, gold, and silver borderings.
Bed top papers, with suitable borders, and a large assortment of fire board papers and borders.

The subscriber has constantly on hand a large assortment of hair and moss mattrasses, bedsteads, feather beds, sheets, musquito bars, and general bed furniture, together with parlor furniture. All of which will be sold low, by H. SIEBRECHT,
sep12-tf 41 Royal street, N.O.

N. B. Orders thankfully received, and punctually attended to.

F. V. OLDERSHAUSEN,
Boots, Shoes and Hats,
AT WHOLESALE,
No. 8 *Magazine street, New Orleans.*

MERCHANTS and Planters will find a complete assortment of the above goods to be sold, at Northern Cash prices, and inducements will be held out to them which will make it greatly to their advantage to purchase at this establishment.

N. B.—A complete assortment of shoe Findings, Tools, Trimmings, and every article made use of by Shoe-manufacturers or Planters who have their shoes made at home—constantly on hand.
February 13—3m

J. R. HETHERWICK,
Boot and Shoe Maker,
MAIN STREET, OPELOUSAS,

Tenders his thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who have so liberally patronized him for the last nineteen years, and is solicitous for a continuation of their favors. All order in his line of business, shall be punctually attended to, and the work executed in the first style of elegance and durability, at the following reduced prices, FOR CASH:

Gentlemens' fine calf-skin Boots,	$9 00
Do. strong do.	7 00
Do. fine calf-skin Brogans,	$3 to 3 50
Do. strong do.	2 to 2 75
Do. Boots footed,	5 00
Ladies' Shoes,	$2 to 2 50

N. B. Repairs neatly executed on moderate terms.
15th may, 1845-3m

EUGENE BERCIER. LOUIS VALIN.

BERCIER & VALIN,
GENERAL COLLECTORS,

VERY respectfully announce to the public, that they have commenced the business of *COLLECTORS,* and assure all those who may favor them with their accounts, that they will use punctuality and despatch. They solicit a share of patronage. Collection of bills or notes attended to in any part of this or the adjoining parishes, and returns made without delay.
Opelousas, 8 may, 1845-2m.

Summer Goods.

THE subscriber, thankful for the very liberal patronage he has received since his commencement in business, begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has now on hand and is yet receiving a large assortment of **SUMMER GOODS,** consisting in part of

French Muslins and Jaconets;
Linen-cambric Handkerchiefs;
Ladies' white and black Hose;
Thread Gloves; Black Ribbons;
Linen Drilling for pantaloons;
Mosquito Netting for bars;
Black Merino DRESS COATS; Frock do.
Black Pantaloons; Black Satin Vests;

And a general assortment of other

READY MADE CLOTHING

Together with a large stock of
Saddlery & Saddlery Mountings,
DRY GOODS; Boots and Shoes;
Hats, and Domestic Goods, etc., etc.

All of which will be sold at very low prices, FOR CASH.
P. COLLINS,
1 may, 1845-4m Main street, Opelousas.

TO ROAD MAKERS.

PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned, at his residence, and liberal prices given, for Ditching and throwing up the earth upon the Road leading from Opelousas to Barry's landing.
ELIAKEM LITTELL,
1st may-tf on this road, near Opelousas.

Cooking Stoves.

THE subscriber has on hand three large Cooking Stoves, with all the apparatus complete.

Also, a very large FLAT BOAT, which will be sold cheap for the lumber. N. GILBERT
Washington, La., March 27,-tf

NOTICE.

THE subscriber has on hand a second-hand CARRIAGE and pair of HORSES, which he offers to sell at a great bargain. Also, a second-hand HORSE-CART, very little used. N. GILBERT,
April 24, 1845.-3t Washington.

GEORGE MARTIN.

This Splendid Stallion & Racer.

NOW the property of Messrs JOHN F. MILLER and RICE GARLAND, *will stand at the plantation of the latter, near the town of Opelousas, until the 1st of July next;* and will serve mares at the rate of $30 *the season;* and one dollar to the groom, for each mare; to be paid cash when the mare is sent. One person sending two or more mares, will have the services of the horse at $25 each. The price for the season to be secured by a good note, payable on the 1st of July next.

GEORGE MARTIN is a full blooded horse, as his pedigree will show. On the side of his sire, Garrison's Zinganee, and also of his dam Gabriella; he is nearly allied to that well known horse, Sir Archy. There is no horse in the United States that has more of the blood of that celebrated racer and stallion; and it may safely be said that there is not in America a better bred horse than George Martin. As a race horse he has run successfully at all distances, from one mile to four mile heats, and combines great speed with indomitable game. His reputation as a race horse is as high as that of any other in the country.

GEORGE MARTIN is a rich bay, with black legs, mane and tail; without a spot or blemish; has a fine constitution; a good disposition; and is now in fine health. He stands five feet two inches under the standard, and is eight years old this spring.

The proprietors have a large and well enclosed pasture, for the use of the mares, with abundance of shade and water:—mares will be fed with grain at the rate of twenty-five cents per day.

Every care will be taken to prevent escapes and accidents, but the proprietors will not be responsible for any.
Opelousas, 20th march, 1845.

Notice.

THE subscriber having replenished his stock of goods this spring, and having determined to sell them at the most moderate prices, invites an examination before purchasing. His assortment consists of

Balzorines, Silks, figured Jaconet, white and colored Muslins, Barregt, Linens, Calicoes, Domestics, &c. &c.

ALSO,

Clothing, Hats, Boots & Shoes, Hardware & Saddlery, Spanish Saddle Trees, Flour & Salt, Whiskey, Spirits of Turpentine, Paints, Oil, Lamp Black, &c.—together with an assortment of

Groceries, Hardware, Medicines, &c

All of which shall be sold at the lowest prices.
NATHAN GILBERT,
March 27-tf Washington, La.

N. Orleans Advertisements.

NORTH & BROTHERS,

HAVE removed to the store *corner of Common and Magazine streets,* where they keep their usual large assortment of American, English, Irish, Scotch, French and German

DRY GOODS,

which they will sell as low as they can be offered by any in the city, for cash. N. Orl'ns, Feb.13-1y.

A. F. DUNBAR & CO.,
No. 18 *Custom-House Street, New Orleans,*
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
Boots, Shoes and Brogans,

Have constantly on hand a general assortment of the above articles, for sale on liberal terms.
February 13—1y.

No. 4543.
DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
FELICIA CHRETIEN, wife of CHARLES N. OLIVIER,
vs.
HER HUSBAND.

IN this case, the law and evidence being in favor of the plaintiff,—It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the plaintiff have final judgment against the defendant: that she be forever separated in property from her husband, the defendant; and have, hereafter, the separate and sole administration of all her property, both dotal and paraphernal, free from any control of her said husband.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the plaintiff recover in nature from her said husband, the following property, being a part of her dower, to-wit:—

A negro woman named Mirté, aged now about thirty-one years, and her child named Julie, now aged about twelve years; one bed and furniture; one armoir, and one toilette-table. That she recover from said defendant, in money, the sum of nine thousand five hundred and twelve dollars, being the balance of her said dower. And that, to secure the payment of said sum, she have a privilege on all the moveable property, and a legal mortgage on all the immoveable property and slaves owned and possessed by the defendant, on and after the twentieth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and that she be allowed to enforce the same according to law. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the plaintiff do recover from the said defendant, the further sum of nineteen thousand three hundred and forty-seven dollars and forty-six cents ($19,347 46,) being the amount of her paraphernal rights, received and disposed of by her said husband, the defendant; and that, to secure the payment of said last-stated sum, the plaintiff have a legal mortgage on all the immoveable property and slaves, owned and possessed by the defendant, on and after the twenty-second day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one; and that she be allowed to enforce the same, according to law. It is further adjudged, that the defendant pay the costs of this suit, to be taxed.

Signed in open Court, this 3d day of June, A.D. 1845.
(Signed) GEO. R. KING, Judge 5th District.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of St. Landry.

I, J. POSEY, Deputy Clerk of the Fifth Judicial District Court, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the judgment in the above-entitled cause.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court, at Opelousas, this 4th June, 1845.
J. POSEY, *D. Clk.*
Clerk's Office, June, 1845—j12-5t

No. 4567.
DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
JANE YOUNG, wife of PIERRE LACOMB,
vs.
HER HUSBAND.

BY reason of the law and the evidence in this case being in favor of the plaintiff, Jane Young,—It is by reason thereof, ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said plaintiff have judgment of separation of property, from her husband, Pierre Lacomb, and that she be permitted in future to administer the same, free from his control. That she have judgment against her said husband for the sum of three thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars, with mortgage upon the whole of his property, from the nineteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and twenty-five. That defendant pay the costs of this suit.

Signed in open Court, this 3d day of June, 1845.
(Signed) GEO. R. KING, Judge 5th District.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of St. Landry, } ss.

I, J. POSEY, Deputy Clerk of the Fifth Judicial District Court, in and for said State and Parish, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the judgment in the above-entitled suit.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court, at Opelousas, this 4th June, 1845.
J. POSEY, *D. Clk.*
Clerk's Office, June, 1845—j12-5t

No. 4570.
FIFTH DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
CELESTINE LAVERGNE, wife of CONSTANT CHACHERIE,
vs.
CONSTANT CHACHERIE, her Husband.

BY reason of the law and evidence in this case being in favor of the plaintiff,—It is ordered and decreed by the Court, that the said plaintiff, Celestine Lavergne, be separated in property from her said husband. That she be adjudged to have the sole and exclusive administration of her paraphernal property, uncontrolled by her said husband. And it is further decreed by the Court, that the said plaintiff have judgment against her said husband, for the sum of five hundred and twenty-eight dollars—the amount of paraphernal funds, and property recovered by her said husband, and by him appropriated to his own use and purposes; and that the tacit mortgage of the plaintiff be recognized for the sum of four hundred dollars, from the first of January, 1838, and for the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars, from the 19th day of September, 1831. And it is further decreed, that the defendant pay the costs of suit, to be taxed.

Done and signed in open Court, this 3d day of June, 1845.
(Signed) GEO. R. KING, Judge 5th District.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the judgment in the above cause.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court, at Opelousas, this 4th June, 1845.
J. POSEY, *D. Clk.*
Clerk's Office, June, 1845—j12-5t

No. 4574.
DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
MARY ANN MIXER, *wife of* FRANCIS CULLOM,
vs.
HER HUSBAND.

IN this case, the Court having heard the evidence adduced by the parties, and the plaintiff having proven her demands against the defendant, and the law and evidence being in her favor—it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed, that she be separated in property from the defendant: that she be permitted for the future to administer her property free from the control or interference of her husband, the defendant: that she recover of her said husband the sum of three hundred and ninety dollars, with a legal mortgage to secure the payment of the same, on all the mortgageable property of the defendant, from the date of this judgment. It is further ordered, that she recover in kind forty head of cattle, or so many as still exist, if there be more branded with the brand "*Mc.*" or with the brand "*FD.*" which may not be sold; also, on the silver spoons and forks—provided there be not more than twelve table-spoons, twelve tea-spoons and twelve forks. It is further ordered, that the defendant do pay the costs of this suit to be taxed.

Done and signed in open court, this 3d day of June, A.D. 1845. (SIGNED) GEO. R. KING, Judge 5th Dist.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of St. Landry, } ss.

I, J. POSEY, Deputy Clerk of the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the judgment in the above entitled cause.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court, at Opelousas, this 4th June, 1845.
J. POSEY, *D. Clerk.*
Clerk's Office, June, 1845.—j12-5t

FOR SALE,

ONE large and substantial-built *OMNIBUS,* for sale cheap. Also, *HARNESS & SADDLERY;* together with a general assortment of *DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,* &c. N. GILBERT,
15 may, 1845-3t Washington, La

JOB PRINTING

Of every description, neatly and expeditiously executed at the office of the "St. Landry Whig"

REPORT
OF THE
TRIAL OF BARNEY B. MITCHELL, FOR THE MURDER OF ROBT. McGAHEY.

DISTRICT COURT, OPELOUSAS,
May 29, 1845.

This case, which was called up on Thursday, the 29th ult., in the above Court, Judge GEO. R. KING, presiding, was continued three days, and caused a deep sensation in our community. Mitchell is a very young, and rather good-looking man, and during the trial, evinced a firmness and watchfulness unusual on such occasions.

When put at the bar, and the indictment had been read to him—he answered in a determined tone—*not guilty!*

The empanelling of the jury occupied considerable time—as the entire panel was gone through, and others summoned, before the jury was completed.

Counsel for Prosecution—District Attorney (Judge Hallam), and Caleb L. Swayze, Esqs. *For defence*—Thos. H. and W. B. Lewis, and Judge Overton, Esqs.

After the preliminary business had been gone through with, and the witnesses sent out of hearing of the evidence, the first person called into Court, and sworn, was—

Wm. Link. Who was informed, on 1st or 2d March, 1843, that the body of a dead man had been found 1½ miles from Bayou Bœuf; proceeded with Dr. Collier, Zenon Guillory and others, to examine and bury it; found it; it was nearly naked; appeared to be killed by a gun; smelt rather bad; the weather was cold; wound on the left side of the face; the gun or pistol seemed to be put up to his head, shot ranged upwards; the other side of the face looked natural; face was fair-complected; deceased had long, black, pretty hair, though somewhat matted with blood; body was found near Dr. Cooke's swamp road, on the side of the road, with leaves and brush thrown over it; dec'd was tall and slender built; there was a patch of cane near the spot; saw horse tracks there; the parties did not seem to have scuffled or struggled; witness saw prisoner and McGahey (or one who was said to be McGahey) together four or five days previous.

Zenon Guillory sworn. Mitchell and a young man called aged dined at his house, in the latter part of February, 1843; said they were going to the cane ridge to look at the lands; young man was tall and slender; had black hair, fair complexion, and was well dressed; heard Mitchell call his name; can't recollect whether the name was McGahey; Mitchell returned to his house some days after, at nine or ten o'clock at night; witness asked him where his friend was; prisoner replied he had left him in the Big cane, who had hired an Indian to conduct him to Bayou Bœuf; witness offered him supper; declined taking any, but subsequently drank some milk; prisoner was much agitated; witness spoke to him, but received no answer; sat before the fire with his head between his hands, was restless and apparently much troubled in mind; said he was afraid he would lose his horse, which dec'd was riding, and that dec'd had traded off the little black horse he was riding for a gun; prisoner told witness he had lost his way; breakfasted next morning and rode off. Witness was present at the inquest held over the dead body; thinks it was the body of the young man who dined at his house with Mitchell at the period aforesaid. It was Saturday night Mitchell reached his house, on his return from the cane ridge.

Dr. Collier sworn. Saw Mitchell the Sunday succeeding his return from the cane ridge; Mitchell inquired if he had seen a young man riding a black horse; described his person; stated he had been with him to the cane ridge, had started from the cane ridge together, had separated on the way, but had agreed to meet Saturday night at Guillory's; the young man hired an Indian to pilot him out, before they separated; prisoner told witness that he and the young man had dined together at Guillory's, as they started for the cane ridge; prisoner did not mention the young man's name, during the conversation; McGahey was a stranger in the neighborhood; was not acquainted with him; he was said to be in quest of land. Witness was present at the inquest held over the corpse; should judge it to be that of a man of 28 or 30 years of age, of fair complexion, and of tall and slender stature; could not say whether the wound was inflicted by a gun shot or a club; one side of the face was much disfigured, the other side was natural; thinks perhaps deceased had been dead four or five days.

Philip Veazie sworn. Mitchell and McGahey came to his house, on the cane ridge, about the 23d February, 1843, inquiring for land; he soon changed his conversation; talked but a short while about lands, but commenced talking of roads that led to a wood back of Dr. Cooke's plantation; inquired of witness how a draft was made negotiable or transferable; witness replied, by the person in whose favor the draft was drawn, endorsing his name on the back of it; inquired of witness if the bones of a man, who, it was supposed had been murdered, had not been found in the swamp, and if the public had talked much of the circumstance, and if any efforts had been made by the civil authority to detect the murderer; proposed purchasing a gun from witness; told him he wanted it for Mr. McGahey; took witness out of the presence of McGahey, to tell him thus; said that neither he nor McGahey had any money, and asked him to credit him for the price; witness then left them at his house, and went to his work on the road; whilst on the road, heard a gun fire several times; returned to dinner at 12 o'clock; prisoner and dec'd were still at his house; renewed the conversation about the gun; prisoner said he had tried the gun and found it was a good gun; the price was agreed on, at a credit; has never been paid for the gun; witness returned to his work on the road after dinner; returned home in the evening, and found prisoner and deceased gone, and the gun also; prisoner nor deceased did not bargain or propose to bargain a black horse or any other horse for the gun; Mitchell told witness he had no idea of going to Bayou Bœuf that evening, but would put McGahey in charge of an Indian to pilot him out; Mitchell introduced the young man by the name of McGahey; McGahey was tall and slender, had black hair, light complexion, and thinks was dressed in black.

Garwood sworn. Prisoner and deceased came to his house on 23d February, 1843; prisoner introduced deceased by the name of McGahey; said they were hunting for lands; McGahey had a watch, which he requested witness to hang up whilst he was there; they left his house on Saturday, 25th February, 1843. [Witness's description of the personal appearance of McGahey corresponds with that of the other witnesses.]

Mrs. David Hudspeth sworn. Prisoner and deceased left her house together; prisoner returned on Sunday following, and again departed on Monday morning. The last time, left a pair of saddle bags; there was a pistol in it enveloped in a handkerchief.

John Hudspeth sworn. The handkerchief produced in Court was enveloped around a pistol, and both taken from the saddle bags, left by Mitchell at his brother David Hudspeth's house; the handkerchief was stained with blood, as was the guard of the pistol enveloped in it; the handkerchief looked as if there had been an effort made to wash out the blood.

Garwood recalled. Prisoner and deceased came where he was working on the road; an Indian was present; Mitchell pulled out a pistol and presented it at the Indian in jest; wrapped up the pistol in a handkerchief, and put it in his pocket; the handkerchief in Court is the same.

J. B. Reeves sworn. Witness, McGahey and prisoner were together at witness's house in February; McGahey spoke of visiting New Orleans; witness requested him not to go before 1st March, as he had a draft on Flower & Finley, which he wished him to collect for him; the draft was for $694. Witness took out the draft in presence of prisonor and deceased and endorsed it; prisoner asked witness if that endorsement would enable McGahey to collect it; witness replied in the affirmative; prisoner asked witness if *any one* could collect it; he replied affirmatively; witness delivered draft to deceased in presence of prisoner; witness handed his watch to deceased stating it was out of repair, and requested him to have it repaired in New Orleans. Shortly after this, Mitchell spoke of visiting New Orleans, and persuaded deceased not to go by way of Alexandria, but to return with him by way of Opelousas, that they could visit the city together; Mitchell assigned as a reason, that he had some business to settle in that neighborhood; that Major Webb and others were indebted to him; that sometime after he exhibited a letter, which he alleged he received from Major Webb. Deceased consented to go by way of Opelousas; witness lent him a black horse, and deceased left his horse with witness; prisoner never spoke of visiting New Orleans before he saw witness endorse the draft to deceased; witness and deceased were intimate friends; prisoner was destitute, and had little or no money; witness loaned him a coat to visit New Orleans; has never seen or heard of the coat since. [Here a letter was offered in evidence, written by Mitchell in New Orleans, and addressed to David Hudspeth, enclosing a $20 bill; stating that he had found the young man in New-Orleans, and requesting Mr. Hudspeth to take care of the pair of saddle bags he left at his house, which contained a pistol enveloped in a handkerchief; it also requested him to take care of a horse left by him at Déjean's, the place from whence he embarked for New Orleans.] When witness heard of the discovery of the body of McGahey, and the description given of it by those who held the inquest, he felt satisfied that it was the body of McGahey; he left his residence in Rapides for this Parish, and went to the steamboat landing at Washington. This letter was handed to him from the steamboat, and he carried it to the residence of David Hudspeth, and heard it read. Witness suspected that prisoner had murdered deceased and taken the draft and watch, which were the property of himself; he proceeded to New Orleans immediately, in hopes of arresting the payment of the draft, by Flower & Finley. When he reached there, he called at the counting house of Flower & Finley; the draft had been paid; he examined the draft in possession of Flower & Finly; it was the draft endorsed by him to McGahey; prisoner had left the city; heard of him in North Carolina; went on there; got his watch which had been found in the possession of Mitchell; got portion of his money, which was taken from Mitchell—got it by legal process. Deceased asked witness what character Mitchell bore; replied that he did not know much about him; had seen him occasionally. Deceased had in his trunk $125, part silver, part gold; don't know how much deceased took with him when he left his house; witness and deceased came from Alabama together; reposed much confidence in deceased, or would not have entrusted his watch and draft with him. [Described his personal appearance as did the other witnesses.] McGahey wore a ring; had a ring on his finger when he left; can't say whether the ring in Court is the same that McGahey wore; thinks it the same, is not positive.

Major Webb sworn. Prisoner overseered for him at one time; discharged him and paid him; owed him nothing afterwards; had no business transactions with him afterwards; never wrote Mitchell a letter.

George Hudspeth sworn. Had a conversation with prisoner after returning from cane ridge, who asked him if he had seen McGahey; said he was afraid he would loose his horse which McGahey had; expected McGahey had gone to N. O., and he would go and see if he could find him there.

Solomon Link sworn. Nothing important elicited; prisoner spoke of lands &c.

Déjean sworn. Says prisoner came to his house, and staid two or three days—left, and when he returned, he seemed affected and gloomy—complained of toothache; eat very little; slept at his house two nights; paid part of his expenses.

Dr. Murph sworn. Saddle bags were examined—and some articles found marked "McGahey"—the handkerchief enveloped an empty pistol.

Israel Guillory sworn. During conversation at dinner, witness told prisoner that as he never worked he could have no money. M. said he had money; had also a hickory stick; said the horse had thrown McGahey, and they had exchanged. Witness said he had a handsome mare—prisoner proposed to buy her for $50, and pulled out a doubloon.

Mrs. Valsin Ducharme sworn. Stated that about first March, she resided at Mr. Martel's place, near Déjean's, not far from Barry's Landing. Prisoner came to her house, and asked for something to eat, which she gave him. He offered pay for it, which she declined receiving. He then took a ring from his finger, and gave it to her daughter; it is the same ring produced in Court. Took the measure of her child's foot, promising to give her a pair of shoes; and would return again to her house. Left on steamboat and never saw him afterwards.

Mooring (sheriff of North Carolina) sworn. Arrested prisoner 17th April, 1843; 26th May