

For the Evening Telegraph.

GRAND JURY.

Ignorance and Corruption of Aldermen. The unlawful and oppressive practice of aldermen in Philadelphia in issuing their warrants demanding bail, in default of being able to enter the required security...

All are disposed to sustain these prosecutions when resorted to for public protection in a proper class of cases against those who obtain credit by false representations of owning real or personal property...

The decision in this case contains a full and able review of the English and American ruling under the laws of also processes. There are several leading cases decided by Judge King (Philadelphia Rep., Vol. 1) the first year after the act was passed...

Considering the oppression exercised over the poor and unfortunate in criminal prosecutions by the pretence of a creditor, the arising from contract, a proper regard for the just and impartial administration of the law makes it the imperative duty of the Judge holding the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia...

The late deceased esteemed President Judge of this district, Honorable Oswald Thompson, in conversation with the writer, opposed abolishing the Grand Jury, assigning as the principal argument the protection of the innocent from the expense of a trial...

The Grand Jury was instituted as a protection against malicious prosecutions, ignorance and corrupt motives of committing magistrates. The prevailing opinion is that many jurors discharge the responsible obligations imposed upon them regardless of the oath or affirmation taken in open court...

The obligations under which the Grand Jurors discharge the judicial duties imposed upon them, are— "That you will diligently inquire and true presentment make as well of all such matters and things as shall be given you in charge..."

Second, "Present no one for any, baird, or malice." That private prejudice, however strong the impressions may be against the accused, or public rumor and general reputation, unfavorable as it may be, should be discarded in their deliberations.

Third, "If through fear, favor, or affection, reward, or the hope thereof." The obligations imposed by this part of their oath, embrace every part of the grand jury's duty, and hence the grand jury should be considered as a matter of an indictment, and true bills found or ignored without regard to the evidence, influenced by partiality, revengeful feelings, or other improper motives.

The judicial tribunals are created by the Constitution and established by law, particularly those of criminal jurisdiction, to protect alike all classes in their life, liberty, property, and reputation, from destruction, persecution, and oppression...

The proposition of Senator Kellogg to divide out the offices fairly among the several States is in harmony with the expressed purpose of the Constitution...

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The Constitution and criminal law of Pennsylvania prohibit the issuing of a warrant, or holding to bail (committing), or the Grand Jury finding a true bill without probable cause being shown by the prosecution.

First, The offense described in the complaint of the prosecution, set forth in the warrant, and commitment, and return made to court, must come within the true construction or positive provisions of the criminal law.

Second, The evidence must establish the necessary facts in the indictment, and the grand jury must believe the accused has said or done that which is required by law to constitute a criminal offense, before any one can be held to answer before a Grand Jury or court.

In the next communication will be noticed the unlawful practice of aldermen in issuing their warrants, and the consequences thereof, for slander and other opprobrious epithets; usurping criminal jurisdiction where the law only permits civil actions to be brought.

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CITY ORDINANCES.

RESOLUTION. Resolved, That the City of Philadelphia, in her corporate capacity has at various times been entrusted with the care and administration of certain trusts for charitable and benevolent purposes.

And whereas, The trusts of this Commonwealth have power and authority to compel a proper execution of the trusts and upon sale of property of the city, to commit said trusts to the charge of the city, to commit said trusts to the charge of the city, to commit said trusts to the charge of the city...

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A SUPPLEMENT. To an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a sewer on Main street, Manayunk," approved October 17, 1868.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized to pay out of item 17 for constructing branch culverts of appropriation to the Department of Highways for the year 1869, so much of the cost of constructing a sewer upon Main street, Manayunk, between Cotton street and Shurr's Lane, as shall exceed the amount payable under existing ordinances. Provided said excess shall not be greater than two thousand dollars.

Approved this first day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine (A. D. 1869).

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That permission is hereby granted to the Twenty-fourth Ward Market Company to erect in front of their Market House on Market street, west of Fortieth street, a corrugated iron awning similar to those erected by the Farmers' and other Market Companies. Provided, That the said Twenty-fourth Ward Market Company pay into the City Treasury the sum of twenty-five dollars, to pay for the publication of this ordinance, all ordinances or parts of ordinances to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR CLEANING and keeping clean all the streets, alleys, courts, or other public highways, with the inlets and gutters therein, embraced within the following areas in the city of Philadelphia, from date of contract to the first day of January, 1870.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the Office of the BOARD OF HEALTH, southwest corner of SIXTH and SANBORN Streets, until 12 o'clock, noon, on the fifteenth day of April, 1869, for cleaning and keeping thoroughly cleaned all the streets, alleys, courts, together with the immediate removal from the highways of all the fifth and dirt, after the same has been collected together, embraced in the area of each of the several districts named and described in this advertisement. All to be done under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

Bids must be for separate districts, naming the number of the district, and each bid must be accompanied with a certificate from the City Solicitor, that security has been entered at the Law Department in the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), in compliance with an ordinance of Councils, approved March 25, 1869.

Contractors will be required to clean and remove the dirt from all the principal streets from the south line of South street to the north line of Vine street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Broad street, between sunset and sunrise.

The Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids, also the right to award contracts for one district only.

Warrants for the payment of said contracts will be drawn in conformity to Section 5 of the Act of Assembly, approved March 18, 1869. The envelopes enclosing the proposals should be indorsed, "Proposals for Street Cleaning," naming the number of the district bid for.

First District—From the north line of Prime street south, all the streets, lanes, alleys, etc., from the Delaware river to the west line of Broad street.

Second District—From the north line of Prime street to the north line of South street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street.

Third District—From the north line of Prime street to the north line of South street, and from the west line of Sixth street to the west line of Broad street.

Fourth District—From the north line of South street, south, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river, all streets, lanes, alleys, etc.

Fifth District—From the north line of South street to the north line of Chestnut street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street.

Sixth District—From the north line of South street to the north line of Chestnut street, and from the west line of Sixth street to the west line of Broad street.

Seventh District—From the north line of South street to the north line of Chestnut street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river.

Eighth District—From the north line of Chestnut street to the north line of Vine street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street.

Ninth District—From the north line of Chestnut street to the north line of Vine street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river.

Tenth District—From the north line of Chestnut street to the north line of Vine street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river.

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AUCTION SALES.

M. THOMAS & SONS, NOS. 133 AND 141 N. 8 FOURTH STREET. SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS, APRIL 8, at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday.

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