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Ten dollars in advance will invariably be required for the announcement of candidates for office.

PUBLIC SALE.
WILL be sold, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Auctioneer in and for the Parish of St. Landry, at Washington,
On Saturday, 25th March inst. the valuable property belonging to Mr. Israel Guilly, and known as the

WASHINGTON HOTEL,
consisting in a lot of ground situated in the town of Washington, in this Parish, bounded North by Main Street, South by Washington Street, East by Carrière Street and West by Mountville Street, with all the Buildings and Improvements thereon created.
Conditions.— Payable in one, two and three years credit from the day of sale.
R. BENGUEREL, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, March 4th, 1854.

TO THE TAX PAYERS
Of the Parish of St. Landry.
BY virtue of the powers in me vested by law, as Collector of the Rail Road Tax, for the year 1854, and Parish Tax, for the year 1853, of the Parish of St. Landry, I will proceed to the collection of said taxes, in conformity with the law, and will extend at the following places, on the days below fixed, between ten o'clock in the morning and four in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the above taxes from the tax payers of each Police Jury Ward, to wit:

At the Court House, in the 1st Ward, on the 1st of May next.
At Washington, 2d Ward, at the office of Thomas C. Anderson & Co., on the 17 and 18th of March next.
At Gros Chevreuil, 3d Ward, at Michel Emonet, on the 20th of March next.
At Grand Coteau, 4th Ward, at the residence of Edmond Estillette, on the 21st of March next.
At Bellevue, 5th Ward, at the house of J. F. Richard, on the 22d of March next.
At Plaquemine Brulée, 6th Ward, at Carrol & Keough, on the 23d March next.
At Queue Tortue, 6th Ward, at the house of Lavergne, the election precinct, on the 24th of March next.
On the Mermento River, 18th Ward, at John Wright, on the 25th March next.
At Pointe aux Loups, 7th Ward, at Alexander Daigles père, dec., on the 27th day of March next.
At upper Plaquemine, 7th Ward, at Joseph E. Daigles, on the 28th of March next.
At Mallet Wood, 8th Ward, at Ulysse Gaberel, on the 29th March next.
At Faquetique, 8th Ward, at John McGee, on the 3d day of April next.
At Chataigner, 9th Ward, at Alexander Rougoot, on the 4th of April next; and at Ville Platte, at William Reed, on the 5th of April next.
At Bayou Chicot, 10th Ward, at the store of James Akenhead, on the 6th of April next.
At Old Grand Prairie, 11th Ward, at Philippe Stag, on the 12th April next.
At Bayou Boeuf, 12th Ward, at Thomas McRory, on the 7th of April next.
At Mountville, 12th Ward, at Peter Collins, on the 8th of April next.
On the Atchafalaya, 13th Ward, at John J. Morgan, on the 25th April next.
On Bayou Wax, 14th Ward, at James M. Moore, on the 1st of April next.
On Bayou Rouge, 15th Ward, at former residence of Thomas Stapleton, on the 17th April next.
At Prairie Mamouth, 16th Ward, at Joseph Landreaux, on the 13th of April next.
At Prairie Plaisance, 17th Ward, at François Dupré fils, on the 20th of April next.
At Couleé Croche, 19th Ward, at School House, on the 21st of April next.
I will be at Opelousas, at the Eagle Hotel, of Jesse Hayes, on the 1st day of May next, and will be found there, every day, for thirty consecutive days thereafter, Sundays excepted.
ELBERT GANTT,
Collector of Parish and Rail Road Taxes.
Opelousas, February 11th, 1854.

DRUGS Wholesale
AND
Medicines. Retail.
S. D. ALLIS
WASHINGTON, La.
KEEPS constantly on hand, as heretofore, a large and complete stock of PURE AND FRESH DRUGS AND MEDICINES, and other articles in his line.
Receiving the most of my supplies direct from New York, and the northern markets, I can recommend them equal to any purchased in the South, as my old customers can testify, and I will dispose of them on such terms, and at such prices as cannot fail to satisfy those who have been accustomed to purchase their medicines in New Orleans and elsewhere.
I have an old and experienced chemist employed, who attends at all times to putting up Prescriptions, &c.
The public are respectfully invited to call and examine my stock and prices.
S. D. ALLIS.
Washington, La., March 4th, 1854.

Theodore Chachere,
Public Auctioneer for St. Landry.
Opelousas, July 28th 1853.
1y.

Sheriff's Sale.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.
Charles Deblanc vs Juste Bertinet—District Court.—Parish of St. Landry.—No. 7088.
BY virtue of a writ of seizure and sale, issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, the 1st day of April next, 1854, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., and continuing, from day to day, if necessary, all the right, title, interest and demand of Juste Bertinet, in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit: Two Lots of Ground, situated in the Town of St. Charles, of Grand Coteau, Parish of St. Landry, measuring ninety-six feet front, by one hundred and forty feet in depth, being Lots No. 33 and 34, according to the plan of said Town (being the same purchased by Wetz, from Patin), with all the improvements.

J. B. DAVID,
Sheriff of St. Landry,
Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, February 29th, 1854.

Valuable Houses and Lot for Sale in Washington.
BY S. D. ALLIS, Auctioneer.
WILL be sold, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, on
Saturday, 25th day of March 1854,
in the Town of Washington, on the premises,
THE LOT OF GROUND,
And all the Improvements thereon, known as the property of Dr. Walker.
Terms.—\$500 cash, \$500 payable on the 1st of April 1855, and the balance on the 1st of April 1856, with mortgage on the property, until final payment. Notes bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from maturity until final payment.
S. D. ALLIS, Auctioneer.
Washington, March 11th, 1854.

C. H. Mouton,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
WILL attend to all business of his profession, in the Parishes of St. Landry, Lafayette, Vermillion and St. Martin.
Office in Vermillionville, La.
31st December, 1853.—1y.

PUBLIC SALE.
ESTATE OF EDWARD J. HEARD
THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, a Public Auctioneer in and for the Parish of St. Landry, at the late residence of Dr. Edw. J. Heard, in the Town of Washington, in this Parish, on
Wednesday, 12th April next, 1854,
the following described property belonging to the Estate of said Edward J. Heard, dec'd, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A Negroman,
named Aaron.
One Horse, one Sulky,
10 head of gentle horned Cattle, a lot of medical Books, a lot of medicines, surgical instruments and some other articles.
Terms and conditions.—The slave will be sold upon a credit of one, two and three years, from the day of sale; and the balance of the property, all sums of ten dollars and under, payable cash, and all sums upwards of ten dollars, payable on a credit of one year, from the day of sale; purchasers furnishing security in solid to the satisfaction of whom the right, and all sums bearing 8 per cent interest per annum, from maturity; and moreover, the slave remaining mortgaged unto said Estate until payment of capital and interest.
S. D. ALLIS, Auctioneer.
Opelousas 11th March 1854.

Public Sale.
Estate of Francis Little, deceased
BY virtue of an authorization from the District Court, in and for the Parish of Rapides, to me directed, I will offer for sale, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, before the Court House door, in the Town of Opelousas, on
Wednesday, the 5th of April next, 1854,
the following described property, belonging to the succession of Francis Little, deceased, late of the Parish of Rapides, to wit:

A CERTAIN Tract of Land,
situated on the West bank of Bayou Boeuf, in the Parish of St. Landry, bounded on the upper side by lands of widow Garrigues, on the lower side by lands of Green Hudspeth, West by Bayou Crocodile, and fronting on Bayou Boeuf, containing about six hundred arpents, more or less.
Conditions.—Cash.
J. B. DAVID,
Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry,
Opelousas, March 4, 1854.
The Planter's Banner will please copy the above until the day of sale and send his bill to J. B. D., for collection.

STRAYED,
From the undersigned, in Opelousas, on the 10th instant, an American sorrel horse, 5 years old, thin made, high shouldered, short bodied, having a brand, some color marks, and a scar near one of his hind foot. The horse is probably making his way towards the North-West, as he has been seen near Ville Platte with another horse. A liberal reward will be given for the returning of my horse.
YVES D'AVY.
Opelousas 18th March 1854.

WOOL & HIDES.
MR. J. L. COURET will continue to purchase Beef Hides. He buys also Wax and Tallow, when they are brought at his residence, in Opelousas, where he pays as usual, cash.
He will also buy all the Wool of this Parish and surrounding Parishes, where men will be sent on the plantations to shear the sheep; he will also go at the planter's residence, who has some for sale, to claim the preference. He will pay from 20 to 30 cents per sheep, according to the quality of the wool.
Many persons knowing Mr. Couret's loyalty in business transactions, will find their advantage in granting him the preference.
Opelousas, February 11th, 1854.—12t.

Public Sale.
Sarah E. Hudspeth, wife &c. District Court, No. 7055.
Green Hudspeth & als. St. Landry.
BY virtue of a judgment rendered in the above entitled case, I, the undersigned, Public Auctioneer in and for the Parish of St. Landry, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, on
Tuesday, 4th April next, (1854.)
the following described property held in common between the heirs of the late David Hudspeth, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A certain Tract or PARCEL OF LAND,
situated in the Parish of St. Landry, in the neighborhood of Bayou Boeuf, and lying on Cow Bayou, being the Fractional Section No. 57, and lots Nos. 4, 5 & 12 in Section No. 61, Township No. 4, South of Range No. 4 East, containing one hundred and eighty-two acres and 18 hundredths of an acre, as per certificate of the Register of the Land Office in Opelousas, No. 1599, and

Lots Nos. 3 & 6,
in Section No. 61, Township 4, South of Range No. 4 East, containing, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, eighty acres and 20 hundredths, as per certificate of the Register of the Land Office in Opelousas.
Terms and conditions.—One and two years credit from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing their notes with good and sufficient security in solid, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear interest at 8 per cent per annum from time due until paid.
The sale will take place at the residence of the David Hudspeth, on Bayou Boeuf.
H. S. DUNBAR, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, 4th March 1854.

DR. PIGATE,
HAS returned from the North, and will now remain a permanent resident in this Parish. The Dr. has availed himself of the opportunity he met with in the city of New York, to become thoroughly acquainted with the scientific art of Dentistry, and is now ready to practice it in all its branches, and according to the latest improvement.
Office—At the late residence of Miss Marguerite Chretien in Opelousas.
Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

THEODOSE S. ROBIN,
Attorney at Law & Justice of the Peace.
WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to his care, as Lawyer, in the 14th and 15th Judicial Districts, and as Justice of the Peace, in the First District, of the Parish of St. Landry.
Office, in Opelousas.
Opelousas, January 14th, 1854.—1y.

Joel H. Sandoz, Not. Public.
Office at the Court-House, Opelousas.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned having formed a commercial partnership under the firm of **Noy & Estorge**, will continue the same line of business and at the same stand as P. & V. Roy, their predecessors.
BENOIT NEY & ESTORGE.
Opelousas 11th March 1854. 1m.

St. Charles Hotel,
OPPOSITE THE COLLEGE,
GRAND COTEAU, (La.)
Kept by N. GRIMMER, will be constantly open for the reception of travellers and of families.
Grand Coteau, 4th March, 1854.

\$20 REWARD.
Stolen from the undersigned, near the bridge of Washington, in this Parish, on the 10th instant, a croole horse, large and stout built, of a color very near dun, about 9 years old, four feet white and branded nearly thus AS, together with a spanish saddle covered with a buffalo rug.
A reward of \$20 will be given to whoever bring me back said horse and saddle.
JOSEPH LACOMBE.
Washington, 18th March 1854. 15—5t.

NOTICE.
ALL those indebted to the Estate of late Raymond Darbo are invited to settle the quickest possible with the undersigned, in Grand Coteau or with Mr. Ev. Debaillon, in Washington, and those who have claims are also invited to present them to either of them.
EUGENE PETETIN,
Testamentary Executor.
Grand Coteau, March 11th, 1854.

Estate of E. J. Heard.
ALL persons indebted to the Estate of Dr. Edward J. Heard, deceased, will please come forward and pay the same to S. D. Allis or to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against the said Estate will present the same for settlement.
SARAH J. HEARD,
Administratrix.
Washington, March 18th 1854.—3t.

Public Sale.
Estate of Philippe Andrepont and his wife, Meline Pitre, both deceased.
THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, public auctioneer, in and for the parish of St. Landry, at the last residence of the deceased, in Prairie Plaisance, in this Parish, on
Wednesday, the 29th march next, 1854;
the following described property belonging to the Estate of the late Philippe Andrepont and his wife Meline Pitre, both deceased, to wit:

The Plantation
where the deceased last resided, situated in the Quartier de Plaisance, in the Parish of St. Landry, containing about one hundred and sixty-seven superficial arpents of land, bounded West by land of Durel Dupre, North by James H. Thompson and Louis Debaillon, East by land of Israel Vasseur, and South by land of Durel Dupre, together with the

Buildings
And Improvements thereon erected and thereto belonging.
A TRACT OF WOOD LAND,
situated in the same Parish, measuring 60 superficial arpents (more or less) bounded North by Bayou Grand Louis, South by land of P. Mouille, East by Alexander Deville, and West by said Bayou.

A NEGROMAN,
named Janvier, aged about 22 years.
15 head of gentle horned cattle, one pair of work oxen, 3 work horses, four mares and their colts, a lot of hogs, an ox cart, one calash, plantation implements, household furniture, kitchen utensils and many other articles the enumeration of which would be tedious.
Terms and conditions.—One half payable on the first of April 1855, and the other half payable on the 1st of April following, 1856. The lands and slave remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until final payment of the principal and interest.
SIMEON FONTENOT, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, February 25th, 1854.

Estate of Antoine Ledoux.
THE purchasers at the successional sale of the late Antoine Ledoux, are hereby informed that the first payment becomes due on the 1st of April next. Those who are indebted to that Estate are earnestly requested to be punctual in their payment, otherwise they will incur costs.
PIERRE MOUILLE, CHARLES PITRE, Administrators.
Opelousas, March 18th, 1854.

Estate of the late Geo. W. Addison.
THE purchasers at the successional sale of the late Geo. W. Addison, are hereby informed that the first payment becomes due on the 1st of April next. Those who are indebted to that Estate are earnestly requested to be punctual in their payment, otherwise they will incur costs.
JOEL H. SANDOZ, Adm'r.
Opelousas March 4th, 1854.

Sheriff's Sale.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.
Union Bank of Louisiana vs. E. W. Taylor & als.—District Court.—Parish of St. Landry.—No. 4684.—Thomas Jackson vs. E. W. Taylor & als.—District Court.—Parish of St. Landry.—No. 4986.

BY virtue of two writs of seizure and sale, issued in the above entitled suits, by the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, the 1st day of April next, 1854, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., and continuing, from day to day, if necessary, all the right, title, interest and demand of E. W. Taylor and als., in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writs of seizure, to wit: A Tract of Land, lying on the West bank of the Bayou Boeuf, bounded by the lower side by land sold by the United States to Thomas H. Lewis, and on the upper side, by the heirs of William Lyons, containing five hundred and thirty-one superficial acres, and composed of Lots numbered 25, 26 and 27, in Township No. 4, South of the 31st degree of North latitude, and Range No. 4, East of the basis Meridian, in the South-Western District of Louisiana, with the Buildings and Improvements thereon; and the following Slaves, viz: Jacqueline, Jenny and her child, Clara, Poly, George, Jim Rabiot, Mary, Tom, Wilson, Leah, Nelly, and an infant.
Terms and Conditions.—One half of the purchase money payable on the 1st day of May next, 1854, and the other half, on the 1st day of May ensuing, 1855.
J. B. DAVID,
Sheriff of St. Landry,
Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, February 25th, 1854.

NEW ORLEANS & OPELOUSAS PACKET.
The new and elegant steamer
Red River,
GUSTAVE LOUAILLER, Master.
Will henceforth ply as a regular packet between Washington and New Orleans. This boat is safe, comfortable and fast runner, admirably built for this navigation and is of light draft. The officers will use all their exertions to satisfy those who will encourage them. For further information apply on board.
Feb. 11th, 1854.

Morrogh & Mouton,
Attorneys at Law,
WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to them, in the different Courts of the Fifteenth Judicial District.
Office in Washington, La.
January 7th, 1854.—1y.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.
THE co-partnership heretofore existing in Opelousas, under the style of Goldman & Kaufman, has been, by a mutual consent, dissolved since the 23d February instant. The business of the house will be continued under the firm of S. Kaufman & Co., who are the only one charged of the liquidation of the late partnership of Goldman & Kaufman.
They take this opportunity to thank the citizens of this Parish for the flattering patronage they have received from them till this day, and claim the continuation of the same for their successors. In the same time they invite all those who have claims against the old partnership to present them and all those who are indebted to it to come and settle up the quickest possible with S. KAUFMAN & Co.
GOLDMAN & KAUFMAN.
Opelousas, 25th February 1854.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned having purchased the Store of Messrs. Goldman & Kaufman, in Opelousas, claim the patronage of their friends and the public in general; they hope by their strict attention to the business, to merit the encouragement of the whole community.
They will always have on hand a good and choice Stock, and planters may rely on finding always at their establishment the finest and best goods for themselves and the use of their plantations, at as low a price as any other house in the parish and on reasonable terms.
S. KAUFMAN & Co.,
Opelousas, February 25th, 1854.

Anderson, Bassett & Wilkins,
(Successors to Thos. C. Anderson & Co.)
HAVE just received a large and complete assortment of
Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of Ladies Fancy Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Linseys, Hardware, Cutlery, Paints, Oils, Bagging Rope, Lime and every article usually kept for the country trade.
Also, two Family Carriages with harness, low for Cash, or good paper.
They will be pleased to see their old friends, and feel confident that the terms and prices will make it to the advantage of punctual customers to patronize them. Having everything designed for the use of plantations, Orders from the country will be filled and forwarded with promptness.
A deduction of 10 per cent will be made on all bills for Cash.
Washington, La., November 5th, 1853.

WAREHOUSE & GROCERY
AT BARRÉ'S LANDING.
THE undersigned respectfully announce to their friends and the public in general, that they have leased, for a number of years, the Warehouse and Grocery Store, at Barré's Landing, where they will be ready to receive and forward with dispatch, all freights confided to their care. They will also keep at the same old stand a Wholesale and Retail Grocery Store, for families. They claim a liberal share of public patronage.
L. A. DESKIN,
ALFRED LOUAILLER,
St. Landry, January 14th, 1854.—1y.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTION.
(Formerly Mr. Ch. Thieneman's.)
T. VALADE, Principal.
MR. HOARE, Professor of English.
THIS institution bases its claims to the confidence of families, on its good direction, the perfect order established, and the affectionate care bestowed on each scholar.
The English Language, taught by a competent Professor, is the object of the strictest attention.
TERMS:
Boarders, for the Scholastic Year of 10 months, \$ 130 00
Day Scholars, for same period, " 40 00
Payable quarterly.
T. VALADE.
Opelousas, January 14th, 1854.

NOTICE.
THE subscribers are now receiving a fine assortment of Goods, which they offer low for cash, or to punctual customers, payable on a short credit. Their goods have been selected with a great deal of care and they hope will please the public. The Ladies will find a variety of fancy articles of latest fashions, such as *Barege Dresses, Silk do, Cashmeres and Muslin de Laine, Chemisettes, Sleeves, Gloves, &c., &c.*
Likewise a fine assortment of Clothing for Gentlemen.
T. LASTRAPES & Co.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.

SURVEYING
JOHN McDONALD, will promptly attend to any Surveying confided to him.
Office at Charles N. Ealer's Main Street Opelousas.
Opelousas, May 8th 1853.—1y.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
Tuesday, 6th December, 1854.—The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Gantt was appointed President pro-tempore.
On motion of Mr. McCrory—Resolved, unanimously, by all the members present, being in majority of the members composing the Jury, That the fifteenth (15th) Police Jury ward of this Parish be, and the same is abolished—as a separate Police Jury ward, and that the territory included in its boundaries, as established heretofore, be and is attached to the Police Jury ward known as the twelfth ward—provided that said fifteenth ward shall still continue to be called the fifteenth School District.
On motion of Mr. Teale—Resolved, that a sum not exceeding thirty dollars be, and is appropriated out of the taxes of 1853, not otherwise appropriated, to repair the bridge over Nezigoué, on the road from Hayes' Island to Bayou Chicot.—Messrs. Jean Roulet, Levy Campbell and François Derasier, were appointed commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Teale—Resolved, that commissioners be appointed to examine the situation of Bordelon's Bridge, over Cane, and report.—Messrs. Ozmaize Fontenet, Blaise Guilly and Firman Fontenet were appointed commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Wright—Resolved, that a warrant issue to Joseph Texery, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-two dollars, for building a bridge over Couleé Blanc.
Resolved,—that commissioners be appointed to examine into the situation of Nicholas Yeast, demanding the aid of this Parish—John Wright, James Myers and Celestin Berje, were appointed commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Thibodeau—Resolved, that the following named freeholders, to wit: Nathaniel Be, Thibodeau, Olivier Gaudry, Robert Smith, Jean Be, Thibodeau, Elvire Gaudry and Leon Thibodeau, as chairman, be and are appointed a jury to change a part of the public road from Grand Coteau to Mermento.
Mr. E. Andrus, from the commissioners appointed to examine the condition of the Court-House, and to report on the best means to remedy and stop the cracking of the walls of said building—reported "that, in the opinion of the committee, it is necessary to run two iron bars, one on or at the upper floor, and the other at the top of the window—and moreover, one at each end and one at the middle."
On motion of Mr. Barry—The Jury had a recess, and having re-assembled, reported, that the report of the commissioners on the Court-House be adopted and that commissioners be appointed to carry the same into effect, by causing to be inserted as reported, bars of round iron of one and a half inch diameter.—That Messrs. Jesse Hayes, Hezekiah Hayes and Joseph Munfield, be commissioners, to cause the same to be done, present the account of the cost thereof—whereupon a warrant or warrants shall issue for the amount certified to be true, payable out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, out of the taxes of 1853.
On motion of Mr. Devillier—Resolved, that the rule be dispensed with and that the widow of Lezine Blaire be placed on the list of paupers, at the rate of sixteen dollars per year, until the 28th February, 1854, and that Joseph Marcantel be appointed to receive and disburse the same.
On motion of Mr. Barry—Resolved, that a committee of seven members be appointed to re-district the Parish into nine Police Jury wards.—And on motion of Mr. Morgan, that said committee shall memorialize the Genl. Assembly to repeal the act approved 18th April, 1854, entitled "An act to reorganize the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry," (acts 92 and 93) whereupon Messrs. E. Andrus, J. Z. Fontenet, J. C. Barry, F. C. Devillier, J. P. Andrus, E. Gant and J. N. Hudson, were appointed as said committee.
Mr. Barry, from the committee on Finance, reported the claims against the Parish, had been carefully examined, that the following had been found correct and are recommended to be paid, to-wit:
Of sundry persons, for bringing in election returns, 7th November, 1853, \$158 80
Ulysse Gaberel, fees as magistrate in criminal cases tried before him, 12 00
John Wright, witness claim of Drozin Broussard, (transferred) 2 20
Achille Ardin, timber furnished for a bridge over Bayou Cane, 10 00
M. B. Coreil, repairing bridge on Bayou Cane, 3 00
Harrison Rogers, posting up election notices in 1853, 62 15
Pierre Goslin, gallowes and coffin negro Jack, in addition to \$10 formerly allowed, 20 00
Ouzime Matte, fees as constable, 10 00
Amounting to two hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-five cents.
The committee further reported, that the account of Dr. R. H. Little, for \$16 50, attendance on criminals in jail, the Parish physician being absent, had been rejected.—That the claim of Guy H. Bell & Ulysse Gaberel, as justices of the peace, for \$30 00, for the trial and conviction of the negro-man slave Jack, accused of the murder of his master, Olivier Laferre.
Mr. Wright moved the account of Guy H. Bell and U. Gaberel, be allowed for \$30 00.—Mr. Morgan moved to lay the same on the table.—Guy H. Bell moved to accept the same on his part of any amount, on account of the claim.
Mr. Wright moved to allow the claim for ten dollars.—Mr. Devillier moved that ten dollars be paid by the Parish.—On motion of Mr. Carte, the whole subject was laid on the table.
On motion of Mr. Barry—Resolved, that the report of the committee on claims be adopted, and the claims allowed by them shall be paid on the usual warrant out of the taxes of 1853, not otherwise appropriated.
Mr. Morgan, from the finance committee, reported the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:
Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, that the meeting of the Jury, to be held on the third Monday of January next, (being the 16th day of the month) the amount of taxes to be assessed on the Parish for the service of the present year, 1853, shall be fixed and determined on.
The following is an estimate of the expenditures that are required:
FOR ORDINARY PARISH PURPOSES.
Salaries of officers, \$1000 00
Pay to Police Jurors, 1400 00
Fees of magistrates, constables and witnesses in criminal cases, 1000 00
Maintenance of prisoners, by law to be paid by the Parish, 1000 00
Expenses of holding elections, 950 00
Support of indigent persons, 1400 00
Printing, 175 00
Collection of taxes, 1300 00
Roads and bridges, 200 00
Expenses of the Court, 200 00
Contingent expenses, 625 00
For ordinary Parish purposes, \$9000 00
EXTRA PARISH PORTIONAL.
Existing debts, \$3000 00
Pay for grand & petit jurors, 1000 00
Construction of public works, 7000 00
11000 00
In all, twenty thousand dollars, \$20000 00
On motion—Resolved, that said report be adopted and published.
On motion of Mr. Andrus—Resolved, that on the third Monday in January, the Jury will proceed to elect a Collector of the Parish taxes for the present year, 1853, as also the tax levied for the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Rail Road, for the year 1854.
On motion of Mr. Carte—Resolved, that the Directors of unbranded animals, be required to return to the office of the Clerk, the Parish brands in their possession, and this on, or before the first day of January 1854.
On motion, the Jury adjourned to the third Monday in January, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
JOHN P. HUDSON, President.
Guy H. Bell, Clerk.

tached to the Police Jury ward known as the twelfth ward—provided that said fifteenth ward shall still continue to be called the fifteenth School District.
On motion of Mr. Teale—Resolved, that a sum not exceeding thirty dollars be, and is appropriated out of the taxes of 1853, not otherwise appropriated, to repair the bridge over Nezigoué, on the road from Hayes' Island to Bayou Chicot.—Messrs. Jean Roulet, Levy Campbell and François Derasier, were appointed commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Teale—Resolved, that commissioners be appointed to examine the situation of Bordelon's Bridge, over Cane, and report.—Messrs. Ozmaize Fontenet, Blaise Guilly and Firman Fontenet were appointed commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Wright—Resolved, that a warrant issue to Joseph Texery, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-two dollars, for building a bridge over Couleé Blanc.
Resolved,—that commissioners be appointed to examine into the situation of Nicholas Yeast, demanding the aid of this Parish—John Wright, James Myers and Celestin Berje, were appointed commissioners.
On motion of Mr. Thibodeau—Resolved, that the following named freeholders, to wit: Nathaniel Be, Thibodeau, Olivier Gaudry, Robert Smith, Jean Be, Thibodeau, Elvire Gaudry and Leon Thibodeau, as chairman, be and are appointed a jury to change a part of the public road from Grand Coteau to Mermento.
Mr. E. Andrus, from the commissioners appointed to examine the condition of the Court-House, and to report on the best means to remedy and stop the cracking of the walls of said building—reported "that, in the opinion of the committee, it is necessary to run two iron bars, one on or at the upper floor, and the other at the top of the window—and moreover, one at each end and one at the middle."
On motion of Mr. Barry—The Jury had a recess, and having re-assembled, reported, that the report of the commissioners on the Court-House be adopted and that commissioners be appointed to carry the same into effect, by causing to be inserted as reported, bars of round iron of one and a half inch diameter.—That Messrs. Jesse Hayes, Hezekiah Hayes and Joseph Munfield, be commissioners, to cause the same to be done, present the account of the cost thereof—whereupon a warrant or warrants shall issue for the amount certified to be true, payable out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, out of the taxes of 1853.
On motion of Mr. Devillier—Resolved, that the rule be dispensed with and that the widow of Lezine Blaire be placed on the list of paupers, at the rate of sixteen dollars per year, until the 28th February, 1854, and that Joseph Marcantel be appointed to receive and disburse the same.
On motion of Mr. Barry—Resolved, that a committee of seven members be appointed to re-district the Parish into nine Police Jury wards.—And on motion of Mr. Morgan, that said committee shall memorialize the Genl. Assembly to repeal the act approved 18th April, 1854, entitled "An act to reorganize the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry," (acts 92 and 93) whereupon Messrs. E. Andrus, J. Z. Fontenet, J. C. Barry, F. C. Devillier, J. P. Andrus, E. Gant and J. N. Hudson, were appointed as said committee.
Mr. Barry, from the committee on Finance, reported the claims against the Parish, had been carefully examined, that the following had been found correct and are recommended to be paid, to-wit:
Of sundry persons, for bringing in election returns, 7th November, 1853, \$158 80
Ulysse Gaberel, fees as magistrate in criminal cases tried before him, 12 00
John Wright, witness claim of Drozin Broussard, (transferred) 2 20
Achille Ardin, timber furnished for a bridge over Bayou Cane, 10 00
M. B. Coreil, repairing bridge on Bayou Cane, 3 00
Harrison Rogers, posting up election notices in 1853, 62 15
Pierre Goslin, gallowes and coffin negro Jack, in addition to \$10 formerly allowed, 20 00
Ouzime Matte, fees as constable, 10 00
Amounting to two hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-five cents.
The committee further reported, that the account of Dr. R. H. Little, for \$16 50, attendance on criminals in jail, the Parish physician being absent, had been rejected.—That the claim of Guy H. Bell & Ulysse Gaberel, as justices of the peace, for \$30 00, for the trial and conviction of the negro-man slave Jack, accused of the murder of his master, Olivier Laferre.
Mr. Wright moved the account of Guy H. Bell and U. Gaberel, be allowed for \$30 00.—Mr. Morgan moved to lay the same on the table.—Guy H. Bell moved to accept the same on his part of any amount, on account of the claim.
Mr. Wright moved to allow the claim for ten dollars.—Mr. Devillier moved that ten dollars be paid by the Parish.—On motion of Mr. Carte, the whole subject was laid on the table.
On motion of Mr. Barry—Resolved, that the report of the committee on claims be adopted, and the claims allowed by them shall be paid on the usual warrant out of the taxes of 1853, not otherwise appropriated.
Mr. Morgan, from the finance committee, reported the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:
Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, that the meeting of the Jury, to be held on the third Monday of January next, (being the 16th day of the month) the amount of taxes to be assessed on the Parish for the service of the present year, 1853, shall be fixed and determined on.
The following is an estimate of the expenditures that are required:
FOR ORDINARY PARISH PURPOSES.
Salaries of officers, \$1000 00
Pay to Police Jurors, 1400 00
Fees of magistrates, constables and witnesses in criminal cases, 1000 00
Maintenance of prisoners, by law to be paid by the Parish, 1000 00
Expenses of holding elections, 950 00
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