

Capt. John Hobbs.

He was born in a small frontier village on the Big Blue River, in the northern portion of Jackson County, in the State of Missouri, in the year 1829, but does not remember the month. When but a mere lad he gained a great reputation among the hardy backwoodsmen and trappers of that section as a wonderful shot, as he had been known to bring down a deer at four hundred yards. At eighteen he was a successful trapper, and knew every elk path and otter pond for miles through the wilderness. His shrewdness attracted the attention of Bent, the great St. Louis fur trader, who secured his services when nineteen. It is to this incident that his subsequent misfortunes and ten years' captivity and sufferings among the Comanches may be attributed. Shortly after entering the service of the fur company, as the Captain related, he and a companion, Jean Batties, a French Canadian, were sent to the Cimeroe Springs, near the head waters of the Arkansas river. At that date the whole country was almost a howling wilderness, with but few settlers scattered here and there, and was swarming with hostile Apaches, Pawnees, and the scourge of northern Mexico, the blood-thirsty Comanches. On the 17th of September, 1847, as their luck had been bad, Batties proposed to Hobbs to start further south, where game was supposed to be in abundance; the latter acquiesced. During the evening of the first day's trip Hobbs trailed a buffalo. His capture is given in his own vernacular. "Putting spurs to my mare," said the Captain. "I soon overhauled the varmint, which proved to be a cow, which I killed. Batties soon joined me, and after we cut off all the meat we wanted we built a fire and bunked in for the night. The following morning, while preparing our grub, a war party of twenty Comanche braves, with eight or ten Pawnee scalps, and a drove of stolen ponies appeared on the scene. The leader of the band advanced toward me with outstretched hands, and growled out "How?" I answered him in a friendly way, still keeping an eye on my shooting-irons. All of a sudden one of the most demonic yells that ever greeted a mortal's ears was given, and before we could move the whole pack of hell-hounds were upon us two poor devils. They killed poor Batties before my eyes, scalped him, took off his moccasins, secured his rifle and ammunition, and then made for me. But the Chief somehow, took a fancy to me and drew off his pack after they had almost finished me and had the knife to my scalp. Look here," so saying the Captain parted the thick black hair on the side of his head and a long white scar was revealed. "That's the commencement, place," he resumed, "and in two minutes' time longer I expected they would have raised my top-knot, for certain. Do you see this?" Here he pointed to a deep scar just above his mustache, at the right of the nose, "That's another mark they gave me with a tomahawk on that occasion. Well, to make a long story short, they carried me with them up to the mountains. They danced around me, sung and played on the tomtoms nearly all night, and to wind up they cut off my hair and commenced to cut up my face, or what you might call it, to tattoo me. I objected so strongly that they stopped it, but they managed to put a brass ring through my nose. This I wore during my ten years' captivity. I was made a warrior, and went out with them on all their war and marauding expeditions across the Mexican border, and several times came near losing my life while fighting the Apaches and Pawnees. All told, my body bears seventeen bullet and arrow wounds." Removing his boots, the Captain exhibited to the reporter five buck-shot "indentures" in his right leg, and three or four gun-shot and arrow wounds in his left limb. "I remained with the red kins two years before I was made a warrior. About six months after this event, while hunting alone in the mountains of Lower Sonora, I heard the breaking of a twig not far from where I was standing. I cocked my rifle, thinking it might be a cinnamon bear. I did not hear the sound again, but instead saw the cause of it in the shape of a big Pawnee warrior who stood partly concealed in a clump of chaparral about 200 yards distant. We looked at each other fully five minutes without drawing a bead; suddenly he raised his gun and fired at me without taking aim. I jumped to the right and escaped, still keeping an eye on the Pawnee; he dodged around, but I soon let him have it square in the head and scalped him. When nearing the lodges I got two ash poles and stuck the ends of each into the ears of the scalp—it's the style of the Comanches to take ears and all—and marched into camp. Five minutes later seven hundred warriors, headed by Old Wolf, whom the United States soldiers and Mexicans well know to their sorrow, surrounded me, and such shaking of hands and hugging I never experienced before. The chief the next morning gave me his third daughter as a bride. By our marriage I have seven children." "Where are they now?" queried the reporter. "Oh, they're running wild on the plains," replied the Captain, laughingly. He said that in the Fall of 1847, after numerous fights with the United States soldiers, during which he tied to escape, (rather dubious,) the Comanches concluded to sell him and another white prisoner named Kirker. Thus, after ten years of captivity, he was taken to Fort Bent, and was sold to Col. Sumner, of the Sixth Cavalry. The Captain was ransomed for six yards of red flannel, one pound of tobacco, and a string of beads. Kirker was sold for eight yards of beads.

OFFICIAL. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.



OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE. COLUMBIA, S. C., December 20th, 1871.

The question having been raised as to whether the law authorizes the State Auditor, upon the approval of the Governor, to extend the time for the payment of taxes, after a careful examination of all the acts bearing upon the subject, and being unable to find any authority for such action, but at the same time knowing that extensions, have been granted in previous years, I submitted the matter to the Attorney-General for a legal opinion. In reply to the question alluded to, the Attorney-General answers: "I have the honor to say that the only section under which it is claimed, so far as I am aware, that the State Auditor, with the approval of the Governor, may extend the time for the collection of taxes, is the 147th section of the tax act. That section is in these words: 'If any of the duties required to be performed in this act on or before a certain day by any officer herein named cannot, for want of proper time, be so performed, the State Auditor, with the approval of the Governor, upon proper evidence of the necessity of the same, may extend the time as long as may be necessary therefor.'"

An examination of this section will, I think, lead to the conclusion that it has reference simply and only to an extension of time necessary for the tax officers to perform their duties, and does not intend to, and does not in terms, authorize an extension of time for the payment of taxes. I am aware that a different construction has been acted upon for the past three years, but now that the question is presented to me for the first time for my opinion, I am obliged to say that I do not think this section gives authority to you, upon the approval of the Governor, to extend the time for any other purpose than to allow the tax officers to complete their prescribed duties."

The law as construed by the Attorney-General, in whose opinion I fully concur, does not allow the exercise of discretionary power to any officer in this matter. I would therefore once more bring to the notice of all the importance of prompt and punctual payment of taxes, as under the decision above quoted I cannot do otherwise than execute the law, as provided for in the 97th section of the Tax Act, passed September 15, 1868, which says that the penalty shall attach upon all taxes and assessments not paid on or before the 15th day of January. EDWIN F. GARY, State Auditor.

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NOTICE.

To all whom these presents may concern: Know ye, that one month from the date hereof I will apply to the judge of probate for Beaufort county, for a final discharge as guardian of the estate of Col. C. McMichael. B. F. BUCKNER, Guardian. Dec-21-4t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of sundry writs of executions to me directed I will sell at public outcry in front of my office in the town of Beaufort on the first Monday in January next, (1872,) being the 1st day of said month, between the legal hours of sale, the following property to wit: J. NEWTON EVANS, vs. W. W. MARPLE.

All the right title and interest of W. W. Marple, in and to all that plantation or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Beaufort and State of South Carolina, known as "Clarendon," bounded north by lands of B. W. Pierce, east and south by lands of S. D. Gilbert, and west by Whale Branch Creek, containing three hundred and forty-one (341) acres more or less. Also the following personal property, to-wit: One steam engine. One saw mill. Two saws and shafting.

GEO. WATERHOUSE, vs. MARPLE & ROBINSON. All the right title and interest of W. W. Marple and J. Catherwood Robinson, in and to all that plantation or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Beaufort and State of South Carolina, known as "Clarendon," bounded north by lands of B. W. Pierce, east and south by lands of S. D. Gilbert, and west by Whale Branch Creek, containing three hundred and forty-one (341) acres more or less.

Also the following personal property, to-wit: One steam engine. One saw mill. Two saws and shafting.

T. J. S. FARR, vs. GABRIELLA MAYES, NOW GABRIELLA CHANCELLOR.

All the right title and interest of Gabriella Mayes now Gabriella Chancellor, in and to all that plantation or tract of land situate, lying and being in the county and State aforesaid, and known as Hunting Island. Bounded south by lands of James Stoney, and estate Wm. Pope, east by Backingham plantation, south and south east by May Easer, west by lands of Theobald Buckner, and Dr. Paul Pillsbury, containing two thousand eight hundred (2,800) acres, more or less.

Also the following personal property, to-wit: One house and lot in the Town of Bluffton. Bounded north by lot of Dr. Anderson, east by lot of estate of John Call, south by Mrs. Call's residence, and west by lot of T. Call, containing one (1) acre more or less, and also the property of Gabriella Mayes, now Gabriella Chancellor, at the suit of T. J. S. Farr. Terms—cash—purchasers to pay for stamps and papers. P. M. WHITMAN, Shff. Bft. Co. Dec-21-4t

OFFICIAL. QUARANTINE STATION, HILTON HEAD, S. C.

Dec. 17, 1871. In accordance with instructions from His Excellency Gov. Scott, the restrictions imposed by proclamation upon vessels arriving in this port from New York and Philadelphia, are removed. Masters of vessels and pilots will however anchor all vessels from those ports in the harbor containing sickness, until examined, in compliance with general terms of the Quarantine Law. By order of the Governor. S. B. THOMPSON, M. D. Dec. 18-2t. Quarantine Officer.

EMANCIPATION. GRAND PARADE AND INSPECTION.

GENL. ORDER No. 4. Head Qrs. 3d Reg't., S. C. N. G. Company commanders will muster their men for parade and inspection, in front of the Arsenal in Beaufort, on Monday, Jan. 1st, 1872, at 11 o'clock A. M. Captains of companies not uniformed are requested to make effort to obtain uniform coats and caps, for their respective companies. By order P. L. WIGGIN, Brigadier Gen. W. J. Whipper will be present to inspect the regiment. Excursion tickets over the Port Royal Railroad, to members of the regiment, can be obtained of the agent, for fifty cents, to Beaufort and return. Dec 7, 4t.

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. BEAUFORT, S. C., Nov. 21, 1871. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until the 27th day of December next, for feeding the County Poor, as per present contract; which will expire on the 31st of December, 1871. Said proposals will be opened and contract awarded on the 27th December, 1871. JOHN HUNN, Chairman. Nov. 23-5.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 13, 1871. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that E. L. Dowling, by H. P. Weekly, has deposited in the office of the treasurer of this county, funds for the redemption of a certain piece of property joining lands of Heape and Weekly, containing 188 acres more or less, sold for taxes on the 7th day of March, 1871, for taxes for the year 1869—and sold July 3, 1871, for the taxes of the year 1870. A. F. HALL, Auditor Bft. Co. Dec-12.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 18, 1871. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that January Fields has deposited with the Treasurer of this county funds for the redemption of a certain piece of property in Beaufort township, lot 36, section 4, 1 N. 2 W. containing 10 acres, sold for taxes on July 3d, 1871, for taxes of the year 1870. A. F. HALL, Auditor Bft. Co. Dec-21.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 21, 1871. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that Ansel Greyson, by Edward Jones, has deposited with the Treasurer of this county, funds for the redemption of a certain piece of property in Beaufort township, lot 57, section 6, 2 S. 1 W. containing 10 acres, sold for taxes on July 3d, 1871, for taxes of the year 1870. A. F. HALL, Auditor Bft. Co. Dec-21.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 18, 1871. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that James Frazer has deposited with the Treasurer of this county, funds for the redemption of a certain piece of property in St. Helena township. Lot 14, section 29, 1 N. 1 W. containing 10 acres. Sold for taxes on July 3d, 1871, for taxes of the year 1870. A. F. HALL, Auditor Bft. Co. Dec 18.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Beaufort County, Dec. 15, 1871. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that Charles Seymour has deposited in the office of the treasurer of this county, funds for the redemption of a certain piece of property in St. Helena township, lot 48, section 29, 1 s. 1 w, containing 15 acres more or less; sold for taxes on the 31st of July, 1871, for the taxes of the year 1870. A. F. HALL, Auditor Beaufort county. Dec. 21.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Beaufort County. By R. H. Gleaves, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Moritz Politzer, of Beaufort made suit to me, to grant him letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Charles S. Kuh, these are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Charles S. Kuh, late of Hilton Head deceased, that they be and appear, before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Beaufort, on the 5th day of January next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Give under my hand, this 18th day of December, Anno Domini, 1871. R. H. GLEAVES, Judge of Probate. Dec. 21.

NOTICE TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

HAVING BEEN INFORMED THAT several parties are selling liquor without having purchased a County License, notice is hereby given that unless they attend to this duty immediately, proceedings will be instituted against them for violation of the law. The penalty for selling without a license is a fine equal to the amount of the license. Any party procuring a conviction of offenders against this law before a Trial Justice is entitled to one-half of the fine levied. F. E. WILDER, Trans. Bft. Co. Nov. 23-6t.

REFEREE'S SALE.

George Boliver, Clerk Court Common Pleas, vs. A. M. Mackay. A. M. Mackay, Administrator of G. C. Mackay, vs. W. F. Hutson, Trustee, et. al. I will sell in the first case above stated in the Town of Beaufort, S. C., on the first Monday in January next, for one half (with the privilege of paying all) cash; the balance on a credit of one year, to be secured by Bond and Mortgage, purchasers to pay for stamps, papers and recording, 497 acres of land in the County of Beaufort, divided into two (2) farms; one bordering on the Tullifinny and the other on the Pocatoligo river. And with second case on the same terms the tract next below the one above described commonly known as "Mackay's Point," at the junction of Coosawhatchie and Pocatoligo rivers where they unite to form Broad river, containing four hundred and eighty-seven (487) acres; twenty-one acres, being at the extreme point, will be sold in twelve (12) separate building lots, and the rest of the tract in three (3) farms. These lands are at the head of steamboat navigation, and are six (6) or eight (8) miles from the junction of the Savannah and Charleston and the Port Royal Rail Roads. They are first-quality cotton and provision lands with great facilities for manuring with marsh and marsh mud, and are perfectly healthy. For particulars address Messrs. Hutson & Legare at Orangeburg, S. C., or the undersigned at Pocatoligo, S. C. C. J. C. HUTSON, Referee. Dec-7-4t

REFEREE'S SALE.

SOUTH CAROLINA, } In Common Pleas. Beaufort County. } W. F. Hutson, Trustee of Prescott Fund, vs. Mrs. Sarah Mole, et. al. Bill for Foreclosure and Sale. By virtue of a Decretal order in the above case, made on the 11th of April, 1871, by Hon. Zephaniah Platt, Circuit Judge, I will sell on the first Monday in January, 1872, the following property to wit: All that tract of land situate in St. Lukes' Parish, County and State aforesaid, near Coosawhatchie, bounded as follows: North and Northeast on lands of the estate of Theophilus Sauls, and J. V. Morrison, South and Southeast on lands of the estate of Mrs. E. A. Gillison, and West on the tract assigned by the Commissioners in dower to Mrs Sarah Mole. Containing eleven hundred acres more or less, and being two-thirds of the whole tract formerly the property of J. J. Mole. ALSO, The remainder of the estate in dower, assigned to the said Mrs. Sarah Mole, as aforesaid, containing five hundred and fifty acres more or less. Bounded North by lands of estate of Theophilus Sauls, East by the tract of estate of J. J. Mole, South and Southwest by lands of Charles Wilcox and Thos. Farr and others. Terms—One-half cash, balance on a credit of twelve months, secured by the bond of the purchaser, and mortgage of the premises sold, (with interest from date of sale,) and covenant of re-sale on breach of condition. Purchasers paying for stamps and papers. C. J. C. HUTSON, Referee. Dec. 7-4t

REFEREE'S SALE.

Jos. H. Mellichamp, et. ux. vs. Jos. B. Seabrook, et. al. Orangeburg County, In Equity. Under orders of Court made in this case, I will sell in the Town of Beaufort, in the County of Beaufort, on the first Monday in January next, the "Buck Island" plantation, the property of James Pope, deceased, containing 710 acres more or less. Situate in said County, and now or formerly bounded north by lands of John W. Kirk, east by lands of R. H. Kirk, deceased, and W. P. Guerard, deceased, south by May river, and west by lands of N. P. Crowell and J. P. Guerard. Terms—One-half cash, balance in one year, secured by bond, with interest from date, and mortgage of the property, with a covenant for resale on breach of bond. Purchaser paying for papers, stamps and recording. WM. ELLIOTT, Referee to sell. Dec-7-4t

TAXES! TAXES! TAXES!

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE. BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, November 6, 1871. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT this office will be opened for the receipt of STATE AND COUNTY TAXES for the year 1871, on the 20th day of November, instant. Taxes not paid on or before the 15th day of January will be liable to a penalty of twenty per cent. All taxes remaining unpaid on the first day March, 1872, will be liable to be collected by distress. The tax assessed on all real and personal property is: For State purposes, 7 mills, For County purposes, 3 mills, For support of Poor, 1 mill, Poll tax per capita, 1 dollar. The school tax assessed by the townships is as follows: St. Helena, one mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. Beaufort, one half mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. Bluffton, one mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. Hilton Head, one mill and one dollar for each legal voter. Yemassee, one mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. Peoples, one dollar for each legal voter. Pocatoligo, one mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. Coosawhatchie, one mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. Robert's, one mill, and one dollar for each legal voter. F. E. WILDER, Trans. Bft. Co. Nov. 23-6t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

R. C. Daniels, vs. the Linden Park Land Company, et. al. Warrant of Attachment. R. G. Whitaker, vs. The Linden Park Land Company, et. al. Warrant of Attachment. George Opydyke, et. al. vs. The Linden Park Land Company. Warrant of Attachment.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. R. F. Graham, Circuit Judge in the above stated case, to me directed, I will sell at public outcry in front of my office in the Town of Beaufort, on Monday, January the first, (1st) 1872, the following personal property, to wit: Eighty (80) pairs shoes, five (5) pairs boots, eleven (11) Balmoral skirts, eight (8) coats, seven (7) pairs pants, three (3) wool hats, eight (8) straw hats, six (6) linen coats, three (3) linen vests, one (1) pair pants, eight (8) pairs drawers, four (4) shirts, thirty-two (32) yards drill, fifteen (15) colored handkerchiefs, twenty-two (22) white handkerchiefs, twenty-two (22) yards muslin, fifteen (15) yards flannel, ten (10) pairs gloves, forty-one (41) yards Print, eight (8) pairs half hose, sixty-five (65) spools thread, half dozen files, eight (8) pocket knives, six (6) smoking pipes, ten (10) purses, ten (10) papers needles, fourteen (14) card hooks, two (2) dozen paper pins, two mirrors, nine pieces braid, forty-three bottles medicines, twelve boxes salve, one dozen pencils, half dozen pass books, half gross tea spoons, half gross table spoons, half dozen lamps, 1 1/2 dozen tumbler, fifteen yards bagging, 1 1/2 lbs. seed cotton, one roll 12 inch belting, one letter press, fifteen yards jean, one double 1/2 inch block, one single 1/2 inch block, half dozen planters' hoes, twelve gallons lard oil, twelve gallons molasses, oyster tongs, one bbl. soda biscuits, seven wooden pails, one lot tin measures, three pairs scales, one and one-quarter dozen rim locks, one double bit axe, seven plow points, nine pad locks, three dozen butts, one gross screws, one bush scythe, one lot hasps and staples, twenty lbs starch, fifty lbs. soap, one lot paper bags, one gross matches, one dozen strap hinges, thirty-three papers tacks, sixty-three bowls, two pitchers, ten cans milk, thirty lbs. soda, one bung borer, one tobacco cutter, four gates and faucets, twenty-five cords wood, one store desk. One lot of Manufactured lumber, estimated at two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) feet; four hundred (400) saw logs, (estimated,) attached as the property of the above-named Linden Park Land Company, at the suit of R. C. Daniels, et. al. Terms cash—Purchasers to pay for necessary papers. P. M. WHITMAN, Shff. Bft. Co.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

SOUTH CAROLINA, } In Common Pleas. Beaufort County. } W. F. Hutson, Trustee of Children C. C. Gregorie, vs. Wm. J. Jenkins. Bill for Foreclosure and Sale. By virtue of a Decretal order in the above case, made by Chancellor H. D. Lesesne, on the 14th February, 1868, directing the Commissioner in Equity, then in office, to sell the mortgaged premises in the above case, described on sale day in April, 1868, or first convenient sale day thereafter, I, P. M. Whitman, Sheriff of the County aforesaid, as successor of the said Commissioner, and in pursuance of the said Decretal order, will sell on the first Monday of January, 1872, between the legal hours of sale, the following property to wit: All that plantation in Prince Williams' Parish, Beaufort County, known as "Warrens," containing nine hundred acres more or less. Bounded north by Saltkeatchie River, East and Southeast by lands of J. H. Screven, South and southwest by Unionto and West by road from Pocatoligo to Saltkeatchie Bridge. Terms—One-third cash, balance on a credit of twelve months secured by bond of purchaser with interest from date of sale, and mortgage of premises sold, with covenant of re-sale on breach of condition. Purchasers paying for stamps and papers. P. M. WHITMAN, Shff. Bft. Co. Dec. 7-4t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Philip T. Pearce, administrator, Estate of Isabel Murray, deceased, vs. John Murray, et al. Under order of court made in this case, I will sell at public outcry in front of my office in the town of Beaufort, on the first Monday in January next, (1872,) being the first day of said month, between the legal hours of sale, the following property to wit: All that lot in the town of Beaufort, designated as lot "E" block "72," bounded north by lot "A," east by lot "D," south by Beaufort River, and west by lot "F." Terms—One third cash, balance in one and two years secured by the bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Interest payable annually. P. M. WHITMAN, Shff. Bft. Co. Dec. 14-3t

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of Stephen A. Kittles, late of Beaufort county, South Carolina, will present the same duly attested to John E. Kittles, Administrator, Mathews' Bluff, and those indebted will make payment to the undersigned. JOHN E. KITTLES, Administrator. Dec. 4-4t