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### RCWN INTO COURT.

Text of the Petition for a Writ of Mandamus Filed Against the Police Jury by District Attorney Edwards Wherein He Will Seek to Enforce That Body to Build a New Parish Jail and Court House Directly Against the Expressed Will of the Parish.

trial of all causes, both civil and criminal, and of every nature whatsoever as provided by law, and has been declared and recognized by the police jury as the parish seat of Jefferson Davis parish, Louisiana.

That under the constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, and particularly section 5 of act No. 27 of the general assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, and section No. 2746 of the revised statutes of the State of Louisiana the said police jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, bound, and it is its mandatory duty as such public officials, to provide a good and sufficient court house with proper rooms for jurors and for parish officers, and to supply the same with seals, books and appurtenances for the parish and for the various officers thereof; and likewise a good and sufficient jail, commensurate with the ability of the taxpayers to pay therefor, and in keeping with the dignity of courts, in the interest of public justice, and the proper and orderly administration of governmental affairs, parochial and state.

That the parish of Jefferson Davis owns in fee simple, free and unincumbered, a sufficient site set aside and designated as such for the erection of said court house and jail, at Jennings the parish of Jefferson Davis State of Louisiana; but the said Police Jury without just cause has failed and refused and neglected and ignored its duty and the mandatory provisions of the law, to provide a good, sufficient and permanent court house and a good sufficient and permanent jail for the Parish of Jefferson Davis at its said parish seat, notwithstanding urgent demand, and the knowledge on the part of the said Police Jury of the necessity for making provision for such court house and jail in the public interest.

That the temporary structures now in use as a court house and jail are inadequate and insufficient; that in said temporary court house there are no offices provided for the Parish officers; no witness rooms or Grand Jury rooms and no provision is made therein for the protection and safekeeping of the public records; that temporary jail is

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### POLICE JURY MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION.

Jennings, La., Aug. 6, 1914. The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis met this day in the Police Jury room, office building, Jennings, Louisiana, at 9:00 a. m. with the following members present:

- Arthur Guidry.....Ward 1
- Geo. Hathaway....." 2
- Henry Koll....." 3
- J. S. Tremé....." 4
- Ausam Marcantel....." 5
- John H. Cooper....." 6
- F. A. Arceneaux....." 7
- H. A. Eontenot....." 8
- Yves Pitre....." 9

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Jno. H. Cooper Pres. The minutes of the Police Jury of July 2nd., were read and approved in open session.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MERMENTAU FERRY.**—Mr. Hathway reported that the Police Jury of Acad Parish agreed to pass a similar ordinance in reference to the operation of the Mermentau ferry, to that adopted by this Police Jury, and to cooperate with this parish in the proper control and management of the Mermentau Ferry.

**DIPPING VATS.**—From reports of all members of the Police Jury there seems to be very little demand on the part of the people, and very little inclination to co-operate with the Police Jury, in the matter of establishing dipping vats. No applications for assistance for putting in vats had been received, and the people were taking very little if any interest in the matter. No action was taken.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Kent appeared and gave a good talk in reference to good roads and especially the observance of the Good Roads Day, Aug. 27th, and the President was instructed to issue his proclamation calling attention to the State law setting apart August 27th as a Good Roads Day, and urging the people to unite and give the day in the improvement of our public highway.

#### BOOKS AND RECORDS

Mr. Marcantel of the Committee on Books and Records reported that Mr. Gossett had agreed to loan \$50.00 per month on salary and \$10.00 per month on the board of a proof reader appointed by this Police Jury, to assist in proof reading the public records as made up by Mr. Gossett.

On motion of Mr. Hathway seconded by Mr. Guidry the following resolution was adopted: That the report of the Committee on Books and Records be received and that our proof reader be instructed to consult our attorneys, McCoy, Moss & Knox, on all points on which there may be any question in reference to how the correction should be made, and be guided by their advice in the matter.

#### BURNING STOCK

By Mr. Hathway—that unpaid claims for the burning of stock and paid by this Police Jury be placed in the hands of our attorneys for collection by law. Carried.

#### ROADS

**PETITIONS—Ward 1.**  
**PETITION FOR PUBLIC ROAD**  
Lake Arthur, La. Aug. 5th, 1914

To the President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, citizens of Jefferson Davis Parish, La., respectfully ask your Honorable Body to appoint six commissioners to lay out and procure right-of-way for a Public Road from the Jennings and Lake Arthur Public Road on the N. rt. line of Sec. 14, Tp 118. R. 3. W. to the intersection of 4th St. and Orange Ave in Lake Arthur.

We also recommend the appointment of Messrs. R. P. Howell, V. A. Miller, W. S. Streater, N. C. French, E. E. Baker, J. W. Burdine, James Guidry, Robt. P. Howell, Arthur Guidry, F. F. Arceneaux, S. Benoit, E. Harjo.

By Mr. Guidry—That the above petition be received and the commissioners be asked for be appointed. Carried.

#### WARD 1

**PETITION FOR PUBLIC ROAD**  
Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.  
Jennings, La. Aug. 6th, 1914

To the President and Members of the Police Jury of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis.

Gentlemen:

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### LOUISIANA GOOD ROADS DAY.

Complying with the Act of the recent General Assembly setting aside a certain day each year as "Good Roads Day", Dr. John H. Cooper, president of the Police Jury, has issued a proclamation setting August the 27th to be observed in this Parish. We give below the Act of the Assembly also the proclamation of Dr. Cooper:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.  
By Mr. Shell.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of Louisiana, the Senate concurring, That the last Thursday in the month of August of each year be and the same is hereby set apart and designated as "Louisiana Good Roads Day."

Be it further resolved, That the Governor or of the State be and he is hereby requested to issue proclamation annually at least 30 days prior to the day herein designated, calling upon each and every male citizen in the State to observe "Louisiana Good Roads Day" by working on the public roads of the parish, ward or district, in which said citizen may reside, or other roads as may be directed by the presidents of the police juries of the several parishes of the State.

Be it further resolved, that the Presidents of the police juries of the several parishes of the State be and they are hereby request to issue a similar proclamation at least 20 days prior to the day herein designated, and shall include in said proclamation a selection made by them of a sufficient number of overseers or managers, naming the road or roads on which the citizens of each locality shall work, and directing the overseers or managers, after allotting to each overseer or manager his portion of road, to notify each citizen over whose work he shall superintend, the kind of tool each will be expected to use, and all the detail arrangements shall be made with as much convenience as possible to the citizens working. Be it further resolved, That all of the newspapers in the State that will publish the proclamations and notices herein provided for without charge be and they are hereby requested to do so and they are further requested to urge upon the State the importance of the observance of "Louisiana Good Roads Day."

L. E. THOMAS.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT,

Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: June 16, 1914.

L. E. HALL,

Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

ALVIN E. HEBERT,

Secretary of State.

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, It is provided by Act No. 19 of the general assembly of the year 1914, known as House Concurrent Resolution by Mr. Shell, that the last Thursday in the month of August of each year be set apart and designated as "Louisiana Good Road's Day;" and Whereas, It is my duty to call upon each and every male citizen within the parish of Jefferson Davis to observe "Louisiana Good Roads Day" by working on the public roads of said parish on said day.

Now therefore, I John H. Cooper President of the Police Jury of the parish Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, do issue this day my proclamation calling on each and every male citizen within the parish of Jefferson Davis to observe Thursday, August 27th, 1914, as "Louisiana Good Roads Day" by working on said day on the public roads of said parish under the managers as hereinafter named and further directed in accordance with the provisions of said Resolution as follows:

Citizens of the several road districts of the parish will meet at such places as shall be appointed by the manager of each district, as now constituted. In ward 6 J. F. Hoke, will have charge of the work in District 1. And R. F. Weichert will have charge of District No. 2.

And I do hereby request that the managers notify each citizen under his supervision the kind of tool with which he is expected to work, and that said managers make a detailed report of said work to me as soon as possible. Intestimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 7th day of August 1914.

John H. Cooper  
President Police Jury, Parish of Jefferson Davis.

### LAYS THE LAW BEFORE POLICE JURY

District Attorney Edwards Submits Written Statement to the Police Jury Outlining the Mandatory Duty of That Body Under the Law With Reference to the Erection of a New Court House and Jail.

District Attorney Edwards last Thursday submitted a written statement to the Police Jury wherein he outlines in detail what in his opinion is the mandatory duty of that body with reference to the erection of a new court house and jail. The following is the text of his statement:

Gentlemen:

Regarding Courthouse and Jail at Jennings:  
Owing to the fact that I am engaged in court conducting a preliminary hearing in the case of the State of Louisiana vs. Boudreaux, charged with murder, it may be impossible for me to be present in person at least for any length of time, in order to discuss the above subject matter with your body, and therefore, prepare this statement to be filed, read at your present meeting in order that you may know the law on the subject which it is my duty, as your legal adviser to impart:

There can be no question is to the urgent need of these public buildings, especially the jail. One prisoner, in the custody of the officers, confined in the present temporary make-shift, was taken therefrom and murdered; one defendant charged with the crime of rape upon a ten year old girl, colored, escaped, together with one charged with forgery, and I believe other prisoners charged with minor offenses have escaped; my understanding is that the State Board of Health has had either condemned, or not approved of this temporary jail; prisoners from your parish must be transported and confined in the Calcasieu Jail, involving trouble, expense and inconveniences to the Courts, the bar and the public, all of which the tax payers must bear, receiving nothing in return, WHEREAS, any such expenditures could be put into a permanent building.

I now quote Sec. 2746 Revised Statutes, "Court House and Jail," as follows:

"The Police Jury of each Parish SHALL BE BOUND to provide a good and sufficient court house, with proper rooms for jurors; and also a good and sufficient jail, at such place as they may deem most convenient for the Parish at large, provided, that when the seat of justice is established by law they shall not have power to remove it."

The general law, Act No. 26 of 1910,

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IS IT NOT REASONABLE to assume that a bank is more willing to assist its customers than those who keep no bank account?

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