

practicable, of the precise time at which the board will be prepared to join the state commissioners at Pittsburgh. In the mean time, a direct communication might be advantageously opened between the state commissioners and the board, who have already received general instructions on the subject. Letters addressed by the state commissioners to the board of engineers for internal improvement at Curabe land, Uniontown, or Pittsburgh, would be received by them.

Upon the other subject referred to by the delegation, I mean the survey of the Susquehanna, the President declines to say, that although he considers the subject an important one, it will not be practicable, consistently with the general arrangements adopted to carry into effect the act of the 30th of April last, under which he is authorized to make surveys for internal improvement, to cause a survey of the Susquehanna this season, as requested by the delegation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your most obedient servant,
J. C. CALHOUN.

FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS,
JULY 22.
THE MURDER OF WM. BONSAI.

On Wednesday July 21, we attended at the Mayor's office, for the purpose of taking down whatever evidence should be offered in the case of the *commonwealth vs John Thompson*, charged, on the oath of John M'Lean with having been a principal, or accessory, in the murder of Wm Bonsai of Delaware county. There had been a previous examination, of which we had no notice, on the 19th. We are indebted to the politeness of his honor the Mayor for the use of his notes which he took on the 19th, and which we shall avail ourselves of, as shall tend to contradict or illustrate the evidence of the 21st. The first witness called was

Fleming M'Gaw. [This young man assists Christian Eckhart to keep the tavern at the sign of the soldier on one side and Brick Yard Cart on the other, where the Peruvian dollar of the murdered Bonsai is said to have been passed by Thompson. On the examination of the 19th, the prisoner had admitted that he was at Eckhart's but denied that he passed the dollar. Eckhart the same day swore that the dollar in question was taken by him from a man of the same size and appearance as Thompson.] M'Gaw now swore that he has no doubt at all that the prisoner is the same man who passed the dollar to Mr. Eckhart.

He was here shown the dollar and said—"I remember," said he, "that dollar well. I never saw such a dollar as this before. This is the same dollar. I have seen Wellington in Chester jail, and he seems very much like one of the men who was with Thompson at Eckhart's when he passed the dollar."

Thompson, the prisoner, said he never had paid that or any other dollar for nine or twelve months. He admitted, what on the 19th he had denied, that he had seen M'Gaw at Eckhart's.

Enoch Bonsai. [The brother of W Bonsai, had been affirmed on the 19th and was now called, he said he had taken to Darby a bundle of old clothes, which were now produced, and which he said he had shown to Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Bonsai the widow of the deceased; he declared that Mrs. Warner told him to tell the Mayor that she was confident that this green coat Wellington had on the night of the murder of Bonsai—and that this drab buck coat was also worn by Boyce—and this striped Round-about was also on one of the murderers.]

The clothes in this bundle had been taken by M'Lean from the house of Thompson in Wood street when he arrested him—On the 19th he said, and now repeated, that all the clothes produced belonged to Wellington except the Wellington striped Round-about. "That is mine, said he, it is from the same piece as the trowsers I have now on, I gave 30 cents a yard for them, and got them from Bos Steel. I saw that great coat on Wellington, but I don't know how long ago."

Matthew Davis (had been sworn on the 19th and deposed that he saw the prisoner at Eckhart's in Coates street, and played two games at Snake with him; he was now called and said) "that that green coat, or some green coat, was worn by Thompson when I saw him at Eckhart's. It was on a Monday. I heard some talk among them about a dollar but I can't say what it was."

Enoch Bonsai, called again, "I am quite positive that that dollar is the same dollar I saw in the hands of James Bunting. (Bunting had on the 19th affirmed that the dollar then shown him, and which had been passed by Thompson to Eckhart, was the same dollar which on the 22nd of May he had given to Wm. Bonsai.) "I was sitting, said he, on the sill of

Bunting's door and my brother was behind me, and I handed him this dollar and he said if you don't want this dollar I will give you two half dollars for it: I said very well. On our way home from James Bunting's after dusk, my brother said he had got that dollar, and that Bunting had said he would change it. I had it twice in my hands. We both worked for Bunting. My brother was murdered that night between 9 and 10 o'clock. I know it was about that time for I was sitting, in my own house, on the bed side ready to go to bed waiting for my wife, when the little boy came and called me. It was 35 minutes after 11 when the doctor was done dressing the wounds of my brother.

Patrick Smith, (had been sworn on the 19th and recollected to have seen the prisoner at Eckhart's Tavern about 10 o'clock on Monday, May 24, and to play two games of Snake with somebody; he now swore that he) was certain as to Thompson being the man and the 24th day. He had made an entry in a book which fixed the day.

Mrs. Thompson, the wife of the prisoner, was now called to the clothes "This round-about, said she, belonged to a Weaver who worked with us. It never did belong to my husband. I can bring the man who owns it. I can swear it on the book. His name is John—he is a Scotchman. I don't know his other name. It did not belong to Wellington or to ———. It belonged to a weaver who has run away."

Jane Henderson, was called for the Prisoner and sworn. I have seen that Round-about on Mr. Thompson often. I lived with them. Wellington boarded with Thompson. I thought it was a Monday now I think it was a Thursday or Friday before this accident (meaning the murder) happened. Mr. Thompson was in the house that night the 22d of May. I saw him in bed myself that night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, and I saw him in his bed room on Sunday morning between 5 and 6 o'clock. I did not go into the bed room on Saturday night, but I saw him going into the room. I was in the room for a candle on Sunday morning. He was at home all day a Sunday and went out a Monday. I never spoke to Mrs. Thompson about this matter, since she subpoenaed me. I saw that round-about on Thompson before ever Wellington was at the house.

The prisoner's wife again came forward and said—"It is not his own jacket, but he has had it on many a time. It belonged to a boarder. I don't recollect his last name. They called him John: and does not belong to Thompson."

Thompson the Prisoner, said "there was a Scotchman named John Hamilton at the house. The jacket is mine—it was left at my house a year and a half ago. It is mine, and off the same piece as these trowsers. I never said that I bought them, or that I got them from Bos Steel. Sure they can't be any other one's property and mine both. I can't account for all the coats being of different sizes." (It must be evident to the reader that much of what we write down, was given in answer to questions put by the Mayor to the witnesses from time to time. The bearing this in mind will in some measure account for the contradictions which appear.)

John P. Roberts, Sworn. I heard Thompson say, before your Honor, that he got the jacket and trowsers from Steel, and gave 30 cents a yard for them. (Much was said here by Jane Henderson and the Prisoner about a third person, whose name we for the present decline publishing.)

Thompson said that Wellington had a kit of tools when he was at his house. (A kit of tools being produced, the Prisoner said) "This is his apron, I know it because I cut a piece off of it. I first saw Wellington in Jail. We were both in together. (It appeared that Wellington was discharged April 22, and the murder committed May 22.) I don't remember the last name of John. I knew I said, I got the jacket and trowsers from Bos Steel. I told you, Sir, that I got my broken farm by the fall of a loom, but afterwards I owned it was by a quarrel next door."

Mrs. Thompson, said that Wellington never went at their house by any other name. She did not know that all the clothes came to the house together. She said Thomas Boyd was the name of the witness she got the subpoena for, but she could not find him.

John Howard was brought from Arch street prison but what he said did not bear materially on the question.

John Hamilton, was called and answering was sworn. He examined the striped round-about jacket, and said—"that is John Thompson's jacket, and no other man's jacket. I went to Thompson's to work the 9th of July was a twelvemonth and then he owned that identical jacket. I wrought with him between the two Christmass's. He and I had a dispute about some money, and I sued

him. I have not spoke to the man since the murder, or shortly before. I swear that is the jacket of Thompson I was taking with Mrs. Thompson last Sabbath and she said Thompson would be out on Saturday, for that the clothes they got was Wellington's. She asked me to swear that, that was John Walker's jacket, and asked if I did not know that that was Walker's jacket, and if I would not swear it. I said, I do not want to swear any thing about it, for that if I did swear, I must swear it is Thompson's jacket. There are more people in the house knows it as well as me. John Anderson come up here."

John Anderson, Sworn. Having examined the jacket he said—to the best of my knowledge that is John Thompson's jacket. I saw it on him; or one like it.

John Morrow Sworn. Having looked at the jacket he said I have seen that jacket on Thompson and I believe it to be his. I saw it on him last summer. We have had no talk about the murder or concerning anything else.

John Hamilton, called again, "I am not the young man she said gave that jacket; it was John Walker—he is somewhere about 12th and South streets. I know nothing of Thomas Boyd."

Thompson said I know nothing of Thomas Boyd.

The Mayor here began to review the Testimony and interweave it with observations when again the wife of the prisoner presented herself and said "I can bring the boy forward that gave that jacket. I can bring him to the fore—that boy did not pay his board. I did not bring him because I did not look after him. The jacket is John's own jacket. I did not ask Hamilton to swear any thing about it being John Walker's."

Hamilton being called said "She asked me to swear that it was Walker's Jacket."

The prisoner, John Thompson, was fully committed.

LATE FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

Our correspondent of the Boston Courier has transmitted us the copy of a letter (which will be found below) received by the arrival there of the brig Coion, from Valparaiso, and purporting to have been addressed to Commodore Hull on the 1st of March last, by the captains of several American vessels at Callao, complaining of bad treatment by the soldiers who lately took possession of Callao and hoisted the Spanish flag; also by Admiral Guise; and requesting Commodore Hull's presence there to protect the rights of our citizens. By the same arrival we perceive that the Commodore was at Valparaiso on the 27th of March on board the frigate United States, whence he sailed on the 4th April for Lima. It will be seen by our shipping list that the Franklin, Commodore Stewart, sailed from Valparaiso on the 16th March in company with the Colon for the United States. The Franklin may therefore be hourly expected. Admiral Guise had declared Callao in a state of blockade and off every vessel which appeared before the port. There were about 8000 barrels of flour at Lima, and about 6500 were daily expected in vessels which had arrived on the coast—sales dull. [N. Y. Ev. Post.]

Copy of a letter written at Callao, March 1st, to Captain Isaac Hull, commander of the Naval Force in the Pacific.

Sir—We beg leave to inform you that on the 5th ult. a mutiny took place in the Castle of Callao, garrisoned by the Buenos Ayrean troops, with a view of forcing the Peruvian government to pay them their arrears, and which ended in their hoisting the Spanish flag, and declaring for the King. Our property has suffered all the depredations of an unlicensed soldiery for were both in together. (It appeared that Wellington was discharged April 22, and the murder committed May 22.) I don't remember the last name of John. I knew I said, I got the jacket and trowsers from Bos Steel. I told you, Sir, that I got my broken farm by the fall of a loom, but afterwards I owned it was by a quarrel next door.

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We have a large amount of American property at stake, and we trust you will come to our relief as soon as possible. Our cargoes for the most part are perishable, and we think we have a right to land them after having come so far to this our only market on this coast, and from the circumstance of having commenced discharging whilst Callao was under the Patrio flag—This Admiral Guise will not permit us to do, and we are most anxiously waiting for your presence, under the belief that our rights will be protected.

Your humble servants,
HIRAM PUTNAM,
Captain of ship China, of Salem.
PERRY B. BOWERS,
Captain of ship Providence, of Providence.
ROBERT B. MACY,
Captain of ship Huro, of New Haven.
AARON W. WILLIAMS,
Captain of brig Herald, of Salem.
SAMUEL ERWIN,
Captain of brig Ontario, of Philadelphia.
BURROWS,
Captain of ship Frederick, of Stonington.
JUSTIN HARRISON,
Supercargo of ship Huron.

From the N. Y. Advocate, July 16.
A DISCOVERY.

Lately we learnt that gold was plenty in North Carolina; in Mexico we have heard of the mines; but it may turn out that the whole western world is filled with that precious ore.

It is stated, in a letter from Curacao, that "an event has taken place in Aruba which surprises all. Very considerable quantities of pure gold have been found in the bed of a large ravine, and lumps of as much as three ounces have been dug from the cliffs on each side. Some has been put on board the Fanny, for New York, to be tried. One piece has been found as heavy as seven ounces."

Last Notice.

ALL persons indebted to HENRY A PETRIKIN are informed that unless they discharge the several amounts due by them, on or before the next August court, their accounts will be placed in the hands of proper officers for collection. Further indulgence will not be given.

HARVEST HOME.

Farmer's & Mechanic's
Infantry,
ATTENTION!

YOU are ordered to parade, at the Centre square in Bellefonte, on Saturday the 14th day of August next, precisely at ten o'clock A.M. in your usual uniform, for the purpose of drilling. Each member will provide himself with six rounds of blank cartridge.

It is confidently expected that each member will be punctual in attendance, as business of importance will be transacted on that day.

By order of the Captain,
J. W. MILES, O. S.
July 31, 1824.

NOTICE.

A few good COLLIERIES & WOOD CHOPPERS will find employment at Clearfield Furnace by making immediate application.
P. A. KARTHAUS,
Karthaus, July 27, 1824.

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, issued out of the court of common pleas, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, on the premises, on Monday the 2nd day of August next,

A certain tract or parcel of land, containing about one hundred & twenty acres, more or less, situate in Baldeagle township, Centre county, adjoining lands of George Bresler, & others. Seized & taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Frederick A. Richards, deceased, now in the hands, possession or occupancy of Asher Hunt and William Richards, administrators of the estate of said Frederick A. Richards.

ALSO,
By virtue of a like writ, issued out of the same court, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the court house in the Borough of Bellefonte, on Monday the 23d day of August next,

A certain house and two lots of ground, in the town of Millheim Centre county, with the improvements and appurtenances. Seized and taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of John Keen.

ALSO,
By virtue of a like writ, will be sold at the same time and place,

A certain tract of land containing five hundred and fifty acres, with the improvements and appurtenances, situate in Ferguson township, Centre county, called by the name of "WHITE-HALL" adjoining lands of Philip Bennet and others. Seized and taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Samuel Park.

ALSO,
By virtue of a like writ, will be sold at the same time and place

A certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less, situate in Halfmoon township, Centre county, adjoining lands of Christian King and others. Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Jacob Yoder.

ALSO,
By virtue of a like writ, will be sold at the same time and place,

A certain tract or parcel of land containing forty acres, be the same more or less, situate in Spring township, Centre county, adjoining lands of Thomas Burnside and others. Seized and taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Richard Carey.

ALSO,
By virtue of a like writ, issued out of the same court, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, on Monday the 30th day of August next, four Horses, four Cows, three Steers, four small cattle, eighteen Sheep, fifteen acres of Rye, one waggon, one windmill, plough and harrow, together with household furniture. Seized and taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Samuel Brown, by

Joseph Butler, Shff.

Administration Acc'ts.

TAKE NOTICE,
That the following administration accounts have been examined and passed by me, and remain filed in my office for the inspection of heirs, legatees, creditors and all other persons in any way interested, and will be presented to the next Orphans' court, to be held at Bellefonte, for Centre county, on the 23d day of August next, for confirmation and allowance:

- The Administration Account of John P. Davidson, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of Phineas Davidson, late of Halfmoon township, deceased.
- The Administration Account of Thomas Moore, acting executor of the last will and Testament of Elijah Moore, late of Halfmoon township, deceased.
- The Administration Account of Henry Graninger and Philip Shreckengast, administrators of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of Henry Keller, late of Logan Township, deceased.
- The Administration Account of Adam Stover, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of Philip Fronks, late of Haines township, deceased.

WM. PETTIT, Register.
Register's Office, Bellefonte,
July 19, 1824.

FOR SALE,

A valuable plantation in Halfmoon township, Centre county; containing 350 ACRES

200 of cleared land, 15 of which are meadow, and a large apple orchard—the whole in high state of cultivation.

The buildings are a

Brick House,

and a large bank barn.

If not sold at private sale before the 16th day of October it will be offered at public sale on that day.

CHRISTIAN KING,
Halfmoon township, July 19, 1824.

CAUTION.

All persons are hereby cautioned against taking an assignment of three promissory notes which I gave Peter Emigh, of Halfmoon township, for \$50 each, dated, severally, the 22d of November 1820, and payable in the years 1824, '25, and '26, as I am determined not to pay them unless compelled by law, or unless the person, or persons, holding said notes, comply with the conditions stipulated in an article of agreement entered into between myself and the said Peter Emigh.

JACOB HOFFMAN.
July 22, 1824.