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Temperance Department.

Temperance Notice.

On Christmas day, at 3 o'clock, P. M. the ann On Christmas day, at 3 o'clock, F. M. the shine ual mosting of the Cumberland county 'Tempe-rance Society, will bo held in the Lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church; when the annual Roport will be read, some changes in the Consti-tution considered, Belegates to the State Codven-tion considered, Belegates to the State Codvention appointed, and officers chosen for the coming year. The members of the Society are invited to year.

S. ELLIOTT, Secretary. NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Cumberland county Temperance Society, hereby respectfully romind the friends of Temperance. In the street, he was ashamed to meet a friend, for he was even conscious of his loahtsome appearance. With the fairest prospects before him, when he started in the world, of becoming rich, the had squandered his earnings and neglected his business, un-til ruin stared him in the face. Those who had known him for years, for he was in pub-lic business and was well known, could not help remarking, with pleasure, his changed and healthy appearance of the business and leaf business and the presence of the business and leaf business and the business and was well known, could not help remarking, with pleasure, his changed shall attend.

From the Journal of the Ame. Tem. Union. ECCLESIASTICAL ACTION.

drinking, so swelled up and bloated he had

been from the liquor! Many touching allu-sions were made by several of the members

to the changed condition of their families.-

that he was over one hundred dollars in debt,

his wife and children in suffering, want and

soon as he became perfectly sober, he began

to feel a new and painful concern for his

family: but he had no employment and knew

not where to find any. Finally a man, who was a drinking man, offered to sell to him a

horse on a few months credit, if he would

give him security. He offered a friend who

ly comfortably clothed, have a barrel of flour

in my house; good beds to sleep on, a good fire to sit by, and nearly out of debt?

We were forcibly struck with the remark

ase, delirium tremens, from which he had

A Thrilling Story.

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have mania a polu for five minutes!

A few months ago, one man who spoke, said

At a meeting of the (New School) Synod of Pennsylvania, Oct. 27, a letter from the Ex. Com. of the N.Y. Temperance Society induced resolutions, which urge continued and increasing effort on the Church in this noble cause; and a recommendation, which the interest and activity of the clergy should never need-to present the subject of total abstinence to every church and congregation within its bounds, at least once a year; and suaded to join the new temperance society, also that frequent, it matters not how frequent, and finally yielded to the persuasion. So meetings be held for the presentation of the sub. ject; and that the projected Convention at Harrisburg, in January next, be as numerously attended

as possible. TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

Adepted by the (Old School) Synod of Philadelphia. - The Committee to which was referred the

waga drinking man, but the owner of the horse would not take any man for security manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating the horse; and now said he, from working drinks, respectfully report the adoption of with my horse and carf. I have got my famthe following resolutions by the Synod. 1. Resolved, That it is decidedly their o pinion, that the ministers, elders, and memhers of the churches under its care, and others abstain from all intoxicating drinks as a

beverage. 2. Resolved, That the members of our suffered. I had rather, he said, lie in Balchurches be earnestly exhorted and enjoin- timore county jail for twenty years, thaned to refrain from the manufacture and sale of them.

3. Resolved, That a renewed impulse years, said that one need not wait until he should, if possible, be given to the progress died to experience the torments of hell. Let of the Temperance cause, to arrest the great him become a drunkard and get the mania and manifold evils arising from the drinks in a pote, and he will prove its worst horrors.

question, that a wholesome reform be effect- This man, we were told on that evening by ed as widely as the bounds of our country one who heard him relate it on a previous and the world, in the habits of all now given occasion; once, after having drank a quart genial influence even by the terrors which to the use of any alcoholic drinks.

4. Resolved, That this Synod would most this terrible disease. I will never suffer affectionately and firmly say to the members from it again, he said, shuddering at the reof the churches, that they are utterly at a collections of the drunkard's madness; and lass to know how, amidst the light which going to his drawer, he took out a pistol, beams on this subject at the present day, loaded it, and after having deliberately fixany communicating member of the church of ed a percussion cap, placed the weapon to

hole address abounded in points and an- middle cataract, and at low water the curand debase themselves. The experience of ty, Mr. Kidd had but little experience in the the secretary was given with much feeling. use of oars, and when about half way across, He alluded to the iron bondage in which he he lost command of the boat, and found to break. Often, he said, when he would look sweep him with his light skiff over the dam. n the glass at his disfigured face, bloated up rom the effects of drinking, had he felt like niding himself away from the light of heaven. In the street, he was ashamed to meet a and healthy appearance on last Friday night. He was, externally and internally a new strongest vessel that ever floated survive the plunge, eighty-four feet down that tremenman. A member of the society who sat dous cataract. near, remarked that he (the secretary) had Mr. Kidd was perfectly acquainted with been obliged to have his clothes altered, and ouy a new hat in a few weeks after he quit

the localities, and fully aware of the awful perils of his situation. In the darkness of the night, there was no eye save the eye of Him to whom the midnight is as noon day, that could see, and no hand save His that could save him; and a speedy and terrible death seemed inevitable." But that eye did see, and that hand was stretched out disgrace, and even his own brothers ashamed to save and guide his little vessel to a point to speak to him in the street. He was pers of the dam somewhat higher than the rest; where after shobting nearly half way over it, it grated and finally stuck fast. But the terrors of his situation were even

now but slightly allevnited. The river had been rising for some days, and he had reason to suppose that it was still rising His boat rocked by the current which was sweeping under and around him, assur ing him how evenly balanced it was upon a pivot; how slight an additional force would The Committee to which was retried to the horse would not take any man for security destroy its equipoise, and not shift is off a security of water would be sufficient to hit is off a security of water would be sufficient to hit is off a security and got of which respecting the last the man obtained the security and got A wave this is by a gust of which even, or of the Synod of Philadelphia respecting the horse; and now said he, from working the gust of wind itself might throw it, from destroy its equipoise, and how small a rise its balance, and consign it and him to the terrible destruction over which they were suspended as by a single hair !.. Before and behind and around him were the mad waters of the swollen Genessee, plunging by sucof a member in reference to that awful dis- cessive leaps among the crags and down the cataracts into the dark yawning chasm be-low the Lower Falls, overhung with their cloud of spray, which even then fell upon him, and sending up their stunning and terother, who had been a drunkard for fifteen rific roar, as if spreading the pall and sounding the requiem of their intended victin?-How small appeared his chance of escape But ...

"Hope springs cternal in the human breast." and its foundations were not congealed in the bosom of him who then most needed its of brandy, felt symptoms of the approach of surrounded him for the tour hours during which his rescue was delaged.

He commenced shouting for help, and though no voice answered him from the shore, and though the roar of the waters almost he insisted that it had belonged to his wife,

was, to all intents and purposes crazy. The had been thrown across a few feet above the recently had in his possession a gold watch, and been unusually flush of money, and a tithesis. It was gratifying to see a man of rent for some distance above the dam is remark he made when purchasing lumber to such intelligence and fine natural abilities slight. When the water is high however, a floor a celler-that he had paid off a mortone knows to be true. Some of the very across. The river was very high on the ed of being the murderer of Mr. Suydam. best mechanics are men who habitually drink evening in question. To add to the difficul-On his arrest yesterday his replies to the questions put to him were confused and incoherent, and in consequence the Mayor determined his house should be searched .-had been held for years, and from which he his horror that he was rapidly drifting with During the search, one of the officers obser had vainly endeavored, time and again to the current, which he could not doubt, would ved that they ought to take up the floor of break. Often, he said, when he would look sweep him with his light skiff over the dam. the cellar, which had been laid down in the The dam, as we have remarked, is a few night, since the disappearance of Mr. Saydam. feet above the middle fall, the perpendicular Robinson endeavored to dissuade them from descent of which is twenty-five feet. A few it, saying that if they did, the house would a perpendicular descent of eighty-four feet. and there found buried three feet under the Between the dain and the middle falls, as earth the corpse of Mr. Suydam, the head plunge over the dam, and the descent of the Brunswick-indeed; we hardly see how it a good job of work in New York as a house Middle Falls, and live through the inter-vening rapids, and rocks to the brink of the Lower Falls, it could not; nor could the stronget vesset users that not a good of work in iter to ward a not see the through the inter-vening rapids, and rocks to the brink of the in his possession, with his signature torn off. We need scarce add, that the highest excitement in consequence prevailed in the quiet town of New Brunswick.

> The following further particulars of this horrible affair are furnished by the Reporter of the New York Express:

The presumed murderer is named Peter

or \$780, and advanced him some money to for \$780, and advanced him some money to Duild a house; the house has remained only ing than otherwise, and is of a peculiary Build a house; the house has remained only partly finished; although occupied by him, his wife and a child, about five years old. On Thursday the 3d inst. being thanks-giving day, Mr. Suydham left home about the the the the the the the set the and a tended. Description of the tended of the the set the tended of the Military Acadamy, at West Point, 9 o'clock in the morning, sayinghe was going there on the day of the murder, to the bank, and would return in time for his fate remained a mystery, no tidings whata kuring been heard, excepting the testi-

On Sunday last, Peter Robinson met Mr. Edwards, jr. of New Brunswick, and told Suydam.

-Edmonds-told-his father of the conversation, and it struck him as being very strange that he should have so much money, when he had only a few days before sold him lum

ber, for which he wanted credit. Mr. Edmonds continued extremely uneasy throughout the night, and on Monday evenand questioned him very closely about the money with which he paid his mortgage;-

drowned his own, he continued it, resting at and had been in the house for 18 months. intervals to gather strength to give more en- That he paid Mr. Suydham himself at his Jesus Christian duty to manufacture or to use pulled the trigger! The cap did not ex- the end of which the Master Miller, taking —that he paid are solution in the paid of the solution of the such drinks, or to sell them to others, or to use pulled the trigger! The cap did not ex-such drinks, or to sell them to others, or to readily 5780, and Mr. Sug-rent a public house to any one intending to engage in the traffic, or to sign a petition to the next day he too was sobered at once. On to see that all was safe before retiring for money consisted of \$300 in gold and the engage in the traffic, or to sign a petition to the next day he too was pixel, unloaded it, the night, heard one of his cries. He sup-rest in State Bank notes. Mr. Edmonds engage in the traffic, or to sign a petition to the court to license any house in which such drinks are to be sold, and they do most earn-estly beg their brethren seriously and sol-emnly to consider the most important sub-ject, and at once and for ever renounce a bu-ject, and at once and for ever renounce a bu-ject, and at once and for ever renounce a bu-was, one man who was laving up for a clin-the night, heard one of his cries. He sup-posed that it was from some person on the opposite side of the river, and was at first disposed to disregard it. He heard the voice again, and thinking that it sounded he knews omething of Mr. Suydam's death, but he would not a satisfactory account of how he became pos-was one man who was laving up for a clin-the night, heard one of his cries. He sup-posed that it was from some person on the opposite side of the river, and was at first disposed to disregard it. He heard the voice again, and thinking that it sounded like a cry of distress, determined to cross over and setsed of the money. Robinson turned very

and as he had the policy of insurance, it would Report of the Secretary of War. Mr. Poinsett, in his Report, gives a full be all right. William, the other brother, upon whom ccount of the operations of the army durstrong suspicion rests as having been consuch interingence and fine natural abilities strong current sets over the dain through its gage Mr. Suydam held on his property, but dis property, but dis property, but dis remark, that some of our finest men were whole length, and then none but a person did not dare to take it to the Clerk's Office about 10 o'clock on the Thursday morning, accustomed to manage a boat can push one to be cancelled for fear he should be suspect. ing the past year. He says; the design en-The strongest proof, however, was in the sults. testimony of Mr. Evans, a jeweller, residing . He recommends that the quarters for the

in Newark. He stated that one day last men be built of the most durable materials. week Peter came to his store and exhibited and permanently furnished with fron single a gold watch, chain and seal, which he said bedsteads, in lieu of the double and treble he wanted to exchange for a thinner one, as bunks now in use.

In regard to the maratime frontier of the Gulf of Mexico, it is recommended the adit was too larges and then gave his name William Bower or Brown. He chose a gold lever watch; and said he wanted some silver dition to the permanent fortifications planspoons; that he had a sister about to get mar- ned for its defence, and now being erected, rolls further down, are the lower falls, with fall down. The officers, however, persisted, ried; he chose a set and ordered them to be the establishment of a depot, somewhere bemarked with the initials P. A. R. (the pris-oner's wife's name is Ann.) He said he sels. This would seem to furnish the best well as the two cataracts, the current is existing of the body at 7 o'clock last for even should his frail bark survive the night. The conviction was general in New also wanted some ear-rings & other jewelry, means of bringing the vast power of the up-

complained that the watch did not keep good A stone wall was erected/for the, purpose, Witness offered to exchange them, but he had not returned.

The watch the prisoner exchanged was produced and the spoons, and also the watch vessels, of light draught of water, capable found in his possession, all of which were identified by the witness; his clerk also swore to the prisoner's identity. The prisoner listened unmoved to the

whole of the proceedings, and remarked as Robinson, and had resided in New Bruns- he was being conveyed back to prison, that wick between 12 and 14 years. He has also supposing he did kill Mr. Suydham they two brothers, William and James, the one a shoemaker, in the same place; the trade of the younger, one we did not learn. Some time since Mr. Suydam sold to Peter lot of ground; on a bond and mortgage,

Upon a further search of the house marks church,-since which time, until yesterday, of blood were distinctly visible on the floor itable to the superintendent, and satisfactoand the stairs, although they have been since ty to this Department. Every effort has carefully - painted over; the door has also been made to enforce discipline, and to instil mony of some persons in this city, who were been planed where it is supposed blood marks into the minds of the cadets a lo e of order mony of some persons in this city, who were positive they saw him here on the day he was missing. This was, however, subsequently the case, it is generally believed that Rob-inson must have enciced Mr. Suydham to the house, for the purpose, under the idea of the house, for the purpose, under the idea of lege or academy in the United States; while paying off his liabilities, and this presump-tion is strengthened by the fact of his having the whole of the papers in his possession. him he had paid the mortgage upon his house The murder, too, must have been committed and lot, and had also got a gold watch, which he showed him. He also stated that floor; probably while Mr. Suydhan was in he was afraid to go to get his bond cancelled, the act of writing, the blow at the back part lest they should suppose he murdered Mr. of the head was given, and he was despatched by the two-cuts on the top, and dragged from that room to the cellar, where he was found; the traces of blood are now visible upon the stairs.

His wife, we hear, left home on the Monday before the fatal deed, and only returned last Saturday. . The prisoner, it is believing determined to see Robinson. He did so, has lived with his brother, where his wife ed has never slept in the house since, but also went on her return.

> THE M'GREW ROBBERY-ROBBERY OF THE ONEIDA BANK-THE WIFE OF HARVEY WAS FROM PHILADELPHIA.

We have before acquainted our readers of Cincinnati, from the jewellry store of Mr. McGrew. Since that time the whole prop-erty has been recovered. The Republican states that it was given up to the Marshal by the wife of the burglar, whose name is and Territories, and in the District of Col-Harvic. He is an Englishman by birth, and umbia, (except those paid out of the Navy resided for a considerable time in Canada, peusion fund,) amounts to forty-four thouduring which time he and another individual sand three hundred, and ninety-fours of . ject, and at once and for ever renounce a bu-siness so fraught with ruin to others, and that may be a source of deep and bitter re-gret to themselves on a death bed, 5. Resolved, That the above resolutions be-published in the Presbyterian, and that the norther tennes, but remark the wonderful changes which the tennes with remark the wonderful changes which the tennes to the tenes to tenes to the tenes to tene be published in the Presbyterian, and that thing like two nundred doints. We could the pastors be directed to read them from not but remark the wonderful changes which the truth respecting him was at once con-their pulpits to the people of their charge. Extraordinary Progress of the Temperance Reformation in Baltimore. Reformation in Baltimore. Mr. Edmonds then went to the Mayor and considerable peried; he at length commenthey were receipted; he said they were and would not prosecute him, to divulge the to some persons here, and they knew Harvie, and as soon as they heard of McGrew's obbery they suspected him, and communicated their suspicions to the Marshal and Mr. McGrew. When the Marshal, on the next morning, went in, the wife immediately said, "I presume you are an officer, and I know what you came for, there are the goods,"--- pointing to them. She is represented as quite an intelligent and interesting woman, says she is from Philadelphia, and that she married Harvie after the Oneida Bank robbery .-Every part of the house underwent the most She did not appear disposed to conceal any rigit examination, but no traces could be thing about the burglary. She said her husband had no accomplices in the business. hole beneath the flooring, but nothing could that he went to the store between 7 and . be found. Some workmen were then em. o'clock, and brought home one handkerchief ployed in the house, and the flooring of the full, and then returned and brought home When asked why she continued to live been done previous to his coming there, for Robison had put it down himself, and worked at it the whole of the Wednesday man in his manners, and that her attach, cian who, whenever he had fresh matter, vachim of the danger to which he exposed himself, but all to no purpose. When something was said in her presence of the probability of Harvie having been the person who had stolen the cloaks and coats that have recently been taken from various houscs in the city, she repelled the charge with has fot yet been discovered. The body apparent indignation, and said her husband yes in a doubled position, the hole not being sufficiently large to suffer it to lay at full never engaged in such petty thefts .- Sat.

Experiments have been made at Old Point Comfort to test the utility of hollow shot. but the shells broke against it, making but little impression. Permanent-works, he thinks, should not

be the only defences relied on, but steam f carrying two guns for throwing shells of eight or ten, inches diameter, and so con-

structed as to present a small surface to the fire of an enemy, should be used. Percussion locks for muskets he considers much superior to those now in use, and ad-vises their being adopted by the Army. from the present system, is strongly urged. The enlistment of boys, the same as for the Navy, is considered to be worthy the atten-

tention of Congress. He recommends the crection of barracks

has been conducted in a manner, highly credthe mathematical and military studies, as far as the theory is concerned, are as complete as those taught in any school in America or Europe:

A new edition of the Army Regulations has been drawn up, and is about to be published, with such amendments and additions as the experience of the last four years has dictated.

The regular troops now in Florida amount to about 4,500 men, and the militia in ser-vice to about 2000. He recommends that authority be given to the Executive to engage the services of this description of troops for a twelvemonth, or during the continuance of hostilties in Florida. The term of three months is much too short to ensure efficiency; and frequent , enlistments are a a fruitful source of insubordination, as well as of great additional expense.

The number of Indians emigrated from the interior to the West, since the year 1836, n extensive robbery which took place in amounts to very nearly 41,000, of which about 5,000 were removed during the past season.

The number of pensioners of every description now on the rolls in all the States

mounts to two million forty-eight thousand. six hundred and sixty-three dollars, exclusive of the Navy-pensions. He says of the exposed condition of the archives of this Department:----Many of them are kept in small buildings, at an inconve-nient distance from the War Office, and surrounded by combustible materials. A plain. fire-proof building, capable of containing all these detached offices, might be constructed for a sum, the interest on which would not exceed the amount now required for paying the rents of those now occupied for the purpose .- Weekly Messenger. VARIOLOID .- The New York Evening Star states that there is a great deal of varioloid prevailing in that, city at present, and adds that in many instances it has proved fatal. and may in fact, be termed small-pox in a milder state. The same paper, in speaking of the subject of prevention, has the following: "Nothing is more easy to prevent the contagion than vaccination. - If children and adults were vaccinnted again and again until they can no longer take it, they will be entirely safe from varioloid or small-pox. This vaccination is attended with no inconvenment for him was such that she could not cinated his children. If they had a posthule. leave him. She said she has often talked to with inflammation, he inoculated them. again, until it produced no longer any effect on the system, and they were perfectly shielded from the contagion. Small pox and varioloid are disagreeable and danger ous diseases, and preventives should be strongly urged in a populsed city. Persons whose blood is impure, gross and rich, will be more liable to inflammation and severe attacks in case of taking this disease. Purify the blood; get, rid of gross humors in time; take cooling medicine; live plain and

One of the most extraordinary moral reformations that has ever taken place in this and fears for the success of this association country, has been in progress in our city for existed. No one would believe that men the last nine months. Its origin we will who had, for so many years, been habitual briefly state. Six or seven men who had, drunkards; could possibly be reformed. There for years, abandoned themselves to the bru- were too many instances of temporary refortalizing effects of intoxication, formed a re- mations, to leave even the shadow of a hone. solution while in a tavern, and surrounded But now the most sceptical have ceased to by every thing to tempt their morbid appe- doubt. A new wonder has appeared. There tites, that henceforth they would not again is hope for the drunkard! In closing this touch, taste or handle strong drink. Acting notice; we will add that, the "Washington upon this resolution at once, they formed, a Temperance Society," as this association is "Total Abstinence Society," the members, called, is made up almost entirely of meof which, like themselves, should be of those chanics and laboring men, who have for a who had once been habitual drunkards. long time been addicted to drinking. They This was the first step. The next was to are about forming, it was stated, auxiliary I his was the first step. The next was to go to their old boon companions; and by ar-gument and persuasion, endeavor to bring them into their association. Their success, was beyond expectation. Men who had for years resisted the entreaties of friends, and who form the society, has still his drinking the prayers and tears of their suffering famacquaintances, and constant persuasion and ilies, acted upon by some new and strange importunity is used to bring them in. Some impulse, laid aside the cup of confusion and will station themselves near the accustomed ranged themselves upon the side of temperplaces of resort for drinking, on the night of the weekly meetings of the society, and urge ance. Thus, by steady and rapid accessions, the society grew into strength and import-ance, and, at this time, numbers over two on their way to the tavern, to go with them their old companions, whom they intercept Thus; by constant activity and untiring watchfulness, they are rapidly swelling their hundred members.

On Friday evening last, these men held a numbers and diminishing the army of drunkpublic experience meeting in St. John's numbers and diminishing the army of drunk Church, North Liberty, treet. The house ards. We shall keep an eye upon this as was crowded with gratified spectators. The sociation, and as interesting facts fall under meeting was opened by an eloquent and ap-propriate address from Mr. Rece, and then our notice, present them to our readers .-Balt. Sun of the 16th inst. many of the members of the society gave in their experience of the ills of drunkenness and the blessings of solviety. We were particularly pleased with the forcible re-marks of the president. Tailure was word, FOUR HOURS OF. PERIL AND TERROR-RES. CUE FROM THE BRINK OF THE CATARACT.

For the first two or three months, doubts situation.

trying to construct a raft, but as an attempt to bring him off by a craft so unmanageable, would be attended with vastly more danger to those making its than chances of deliverance to him, the project was abandoned.

One of the party now volunteered an attime. tempt which his courage made successful.-

To rescue him from it; if possible, was upon being pressed produced them, and also now the object. Some time was spent in the policy of insurance; the seal was torn from the bond, but it was not receipted. He was asked when he paid the bond; he then said he paid it to Mr. Suydam at the Bank,

a short time after it was executed; it appeared, however, that the policy of insurance was deposited five months subsequent to that

With a long pole in his hands, and a long rope made fast by one end to his body, which his comrades were to pay out as the phrase is, as he advanced, and with which he was He was then conveyed to the office of the Justice to be examined in due form and some others returned to the house to institute a search, a strong suspicion then existing that there had been some foul play .--to be drawn back if necessary, he bravely ventured into the water. Making his way slowly and cautiously along the inner slope of the dam, he at length reached the boat still suspended and swinging with its half doomed passenger where it was first so providentially moored and by means of rope, front cellar was discovered to have been another, all before 8 o'clock. pole and oars, the whole were safely brought ashore, and Mr. Kidd was restored as it were just laid down-the carpenter said it had to life, after enduring the mental sufferings, the perils and terrors of his awful situation, more painful if possible, than death itself, for about four hours! Some idea of his innight before. They fixed upon the narrowest plank, and

tense sufferings during that time, may be derived from the fact that he has been sick in consequence of them ever since. He is doubtless thankful to have escaped even hard substance, about S feet below the surith a fit of sickness. face; they immediately commenced digging We have not learned the name of the brave and soon drew forth the mangled remains of with a fit of sickness.

and generous man through whose agency his the unfortunate Mr. Suydam, - he was com-rescue was accomplished.

MURDER OF MR. SUYDAM.

The following from the New York Court length. rier and Enquirer of the 15th inst, in relation

particularly: pleased, with, the torsider to: he said: that hat eased to have any genue. The hand bear mark to the presider). Full are sugar a sprit: the said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat eased to have any genue. The said: that hat which we are pleage, for it had all been mated. The disappeartance of the said to destrict of the said

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