

ANTI-MASONIC.

From the Middlebury (Vt.) Republican.
RHODE ISLAND.

The Antimasonic State Convention drew up a Memorial to be sent to the Legislature of the State, at its sitting, praying for a repeal of the charters of the masonic bodies which have been incorporated by the State, and for the passage of a law prohibiting all extra-judicial oaths. That memorial has been presented to the legislature, which has just assembled. It is a very able document and is signed by seventy delegates.

Accompanying the memorial is a statement of the masonic bodies incorporated by acts of the legislature, with the amount of property which can be held by these incorporations. There are, including the Grand Lodge, 17 lodges incorporated by the State, and the aggregate amount of funds they may hold, including three lodges that are unlimited in funds, is \$430,000. There are five incorporated Royal Arch Chapters, and the amount of funds they may hold is \$130,000; making the whole amount of property which can be held by the lodges and chapters incorporated by the legislature, \$560,000.

Subjoined to the memorial, also, is a deposition of DE WITT CLINTON, which sets in the strongest light the independence and sovereignty which masonry assumes for herself. When we read the following sentence, taken from the deposition,—"But in all cases, all masons and all lodges are bound to obey the ordinances and decisions of the Grand Lodge to which they are attached"—we can easily see how Morgan might have been murdered according to an "ordinance or decision" of the Grand Lodge of New York. We subjoin the deposition.

DEPOSITION OF DE WITT CLINTON.

I, DE WITT CLINTON, of the city of Albany and state of New York, upon solemn oath, do testify and say, that I am a member of the society of Free and Accepted Masons, having been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York for several years, and am well acquainted with the laws, principles, and usages of the said society. The Grand Lodges in the several States of the Union, and I believe in all countries, have entire and complete jurisdiction over subordinate Lodges, their members and their proceedings; and in cases of appeal they are bound to decide the same, and all masons are bound to support the constitutions, ordinances and decisions of the Grand Lodge, of the county or state where they reside, and to submit in all their masonic concerns to the awards and determinations of the Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge has the power to inquire into the manner of conducting elections, to set them aside if irregularly conducted, and to order new ones. And the decisions of a Grand Lodge in such and all other cases are conclusive and binding. The principles of masonry are essentially and uniformly the same in all parts of the world. Any person expelled, or whose expulsion is sanctioned by a Grand Lodge, ceases to be a member of the fraternity of masons; and loses all claim to relief and is not admitted to visit any lodge; nor can regular masons hold intercourse, as masons, with him, nor is he entitled to any part of the Lodge from which he may have been expelled. A Grand Lodge has full power to reinstate any person who has been expelled from a subordinate Lodge. No Legislative act can create a Lodge nor can a Lodge continue to exist independent of a Grand Lodge. For the purpose of holding property as Corporations, Lodges have obtained acts of incorporation from the constituted authorities, but such Lodges must previously have received a charter or dispensation from a Grand Lodge. Nor is the authority of the Grand Lodge, or the duty of the members of the subordinate Lodge affected by such incorporation. The right to hold a masonic lodge is derived from a grant of the grand lodge. The right of such a lodge in its aforesaid capacity to hold property as a Corporation may be derived from the grant of the public authorities. But in all cases, all masons and all lodges, are bound to obey the ordinances and decisions of the Grand Lodge to which they are attached.

The regulations of Masonry are generally preserved in a book sanctioned by the Grand Lodge and denominated the Constitutions, and the unwritten rules are delivered down by tradition, and both united compose the code of Freemasonry.

(Signed) DE WITT CLINTON.

Clark's Office, Supreme Judicial Court, County of Newport, Nov. 27, 1830.

Newport, ss.—I hereby certify, that the above is a true copy of an original Deposition now on file in said office, duly collated by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this day and year above written.

GEO. C. MASON.

SIFTERS, Strainers, Spinning Wheels, Sugar Boxes, Barrel and Half Barrel COVERS.—For sale by VALERIUS DUKEHART, No. 101 1/2 Baltimore-st., Baltimore City. Baltimore, 2d mo. 9th, 1831. 44

Blank Deeds for sale at this office

THE POOR HOUSE ACCOUNTS.

JOHN B. M'PHERSON, TREASURER,
In account with the Directors of the Poor, and of the House of Employment of Adams County.

1830.	DR.	Dolls. Cts.
To Commissioners' Orders on Wm. S. Cobean, Treas.		4250 00
Cash received of Mr. Culp, error in bill,		1 34
Balance due John B. M'Pherson,		40 24 1/2
		\$ 4297 58 1/2

	CR.	Dolls. Cts.
By balance last settlement,		2 46 1/2
By cash paid on sundry orders for the support of out-door Paupers and funeral expenses,		292 17
Stock Cattle for 1829 and '30,		120 00
J. McCullough for Horse,		87 00
John Pfoutz for Fulling and Carding,		33 20
John Stephenson for Groceries,		97 12
Flour, Merchandize and Groceries, (including balances of last year's bills,)		329 71
Hirelings' wages,		156 25
M. Clarkson, for Hardware and Sheep,		73 38
Sundry persons, for Grain and Flour,		289 42
Vegetables,		46 74
S. H. Buehler, for Drugs and Medicines,		82 90
Beef and Bacon,		211 33
Plaster,		20 00
Locust Posts,		37 50
Executing Orders,		35 30
F. Burkman, on contract for building Barn,		1350 00
Wisler and Taylor, for chapping Cord Wood, &c.		81 84
Justice's Fees,		16 20
Directors, extra service,		9 00
Stevens and Fuller, Counsel Fees,		20 00
Printing,		31 00
Materials and Repairs—Hospital & Smoke-house,		201 10
Sundry Tradesmen, for work,		122 41
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Steward—Cash to sundry persons,		200 00
Salary to Stewart, Treasurer and Physician,		341 75
		\$ 4297 58 1/2

WE, the subscribers, Auditors to settle and adjust the Public Accounts, do certify, that we have examined the items which compose the above account, and do REPORT, that they are correct, and that the balance of Forty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Four and Three-Fourth Cents, is due John B. M'Pherson, Treasurer—it being from the 5th day of January, 1830, to the 4th day of January, 1831, both days included.

JOHN LILLY, CHA'S KETTLEWELL, AUDITORS.

46 Paupers remained at the Poor-house on the 6th day of January, 1830.
41 Paupers remained at the Poor-house on the 5th day of January, 1831.
10 Paupers supported out of the house by the Institution.
75 Paupers admitted in the course of the year, including out-door Paupers.

\$20 REWARD.

RAN AWAY from Hagerstown about a month ago, a negro woman named LETTY,

Aged 40—has projecting teeth; and a sallow, wild, unhealthy look; much addicted to intemperance; and is partially deranged when drunk—has a dress of new crossbar liasey. She was discharged away by her husband, who is a short, bandy legged old man, with a sore mouth and a high forehead—loves whiskey. \$20 will be given for information respecting them.

J. REYNOLDS.
Hagerstown, Feb. 1—[9] St—44

CIRCULAR.

Office of American & Foreign Agency for Claims, 49 Wall-st. N. York, Jan. 1831.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, having Claims, Debts, Inheritances, &c. payable or recoverable abroad; that this Agency has established, under the special auspices and patronage of distinguished individuals in this country, a regular correspondence with eminent Bankers, &c. in the principal ports and capitals of Foreign Governments, in commercial relations with the U. States; through the mediation whereof such valid claims as may be confided thereto, will be expedited for settlement, and promptly and effectively recovered; when furnished by the claimants with the suitable legal proofs and vouchers, together with the requisite Power of Attorney, to be taken and acknowledged before any Judge of a Court of Record, or other competent Civil Magistrate, Municipal Authority, or Notary Public; and the whole duly authenticated by the Governor of the State or Territory in which the same may be perfected, and legalized by the appropriate Foreign Consul. Having also established a similar correspondence throughout the United States and British America, the like claims for recovery in any part thereof respectively, will be received and efficiently attended to, in behalf of American as well as Foreign claimants.

Orders for the investment of funds on Mortgage of Freehold property, or the purchase of Public Securities of the U. States, Canal Loans of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, &c. punctually and faithfully executed.

Applications addressed to this Agency in cases requiring the investigation of claims, search of records, or the intervention of legal proceedings, should be accompanied with an adequate remuneration to defray the preliminary charges and disbursements attending the same, and all letters must be post paid. AARON H. PALMER, Counsellor of the S. C. of the U. S. ACTUARY. January 19. 3m—41

PETER AUGHENBAUGH, STEWARD,
In account with the Directors of the Poor and of the House of Employment of Adams County.

1830.	DR.	Dolls. Cts.
To balance on last settlement,		2 23 1/2
Cash received of John B. M'Pherson, Treasurer, on Orders,		320 00
Do. Do. from Chester and Franklin Counties for supporting Paupers,		45 04
Do. Joseph Chamberlain's Trustees,		36 81
Do. William Weems,		2 00
Do. Samuel Diehl and others, for Flaxseed, &c.		11 00
Do. for Hides and Skins,		24 86
Do. for Turkeys,		5 50
Balance in the Steward's hands.		1 86 1/2
		\$ 449 33 1/2

	CR.	Dolls. Cts.
By Cash paid harvest hands and hirelings,		81 03 1/2
Do. Tradesmen's Bills,		18 50
Do. Wagon expenses,		10 46
Do. J. F. Hinkle and others for Cattle,		85 75
Do. Simpson and others for Merchandize,		66 78 1/2
Do. Sundry travelling Paupers,		13 37 1/2
Do. Postage,		75
Do. D. Comfort and others, for Cloverseed and Grain,		36 35
Do. Fresh Fish,		5 31
Do. J. F. M'Farlane and S. Wiblo, for Meat,		39 04 1/2
Do. Fruit and Vegetables,		82 97 1/2
		\$ 449 33 1/2

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JOHN LILLY, CHA'S KETTLEWELL, AUDITORS.

Produce of the Farm—For the year 1830.

210 Bushels of Wheat,	36 Tons of Hay,
428 do. Rye,	3149 lbs. Pork raised on the farm
75 do. Corn,	2252 lbs. of Beef,
155 do. Oats,	160 yds. Linen & Cloth manufactured,
8 do. Cloverseed,	Board Hauling and Timber for
7 do. Flaxseed,	Barn; \$ 215 73.
40 do. Potatoes,	

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