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WHIG STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR:

WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON,

Of Armstrong County.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER:

JOHN STROHM,

Of Lancaster County.

FOR THE SUPREME BENCH:

RICHARD COULTER, Westmoreland.
JOSHUA W. COMLY, Montour.
GEO. CHAMBERS, Franklin.
WM. M. MEREDITH, Philadelphia.
WILLIAM JESSUP, Susquehanna.

WHIG COUNTY TICKET.

Assembly.

THOMAS L. CATHCART, of Allen,
ROBERT M. HENDERSON, of N. Middleton.

Prothonotary.

GEORGE ZINN, jr., of West Pennsboro'.

Clerk of Courts.

JOSEPH MOSSER, of Mechanicsburg.

Register.

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Commissioner.

JOSEPH G. CRESSLER, of Southampton.

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Director of the Poor.

GEORGE L. LINE, of Dickinson.

Auditor.

SAMUEL S. SNYDER, of Hopewell.

INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL TICKET.

☞The following ticket will be supported by Whigs and Democrats without distinction of party, who are favorable to the election of an Independent Judiciary:

For President Judge.

FREDERICK WATTS, of Cumberland.

For Associate Judges.

JOHN RUPP, of Hampden township,
SAMUEL WOODBURN, of Dickinson.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Johnston having received information that some of the rioters at Christiana are still at large, has issued the following proclamation. The Governor in this, as in every other act of his official career, exhibits an invincible determination to maintain the supremacy of the laws, and to vindicate the course of justice:

PROCLAMATION.

In and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I, WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON, Governor of said Commonwealth, do hereby issue this

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to me that a flagrant violation of the public peace has occurred in Lancaster county, involving the murder of Edward Gorsuch, and seriously endangering the lives of other persons; and whereas, it has also been represented to me that some of the participators in this outrage are yet at large; now, therefore, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, I, WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON, Governor of Pennsylvania, do hereby offer a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murder and violation of the public peace, as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State this fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Attest:—A. L. RUSSELL,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

JUDGE WATTS IN JUNIATA.

The Juniata *Sentinel* speaks in complimentary terms of Messrs. Frow and Morrison, the Associate Judges of that county who retire from the Bench, and adds—

"Of Judge Watts it is needless to speak.—He has presided over our courts but little more than two years, yet no man ever enjoyed the confidence of the public to a greater extent than he does at this time. That he is eminently qualified, is universally conceded, and that he has discharged his duties without 'fear, favor or affection,' even the most unscrupulous will not deny. He is respected and commended by all men; and but for the strenuous efforts of a few political leaders of the opposition party, to coerce the Democrats to sustain the nominee for President Judge, he would poll an overwhelming majority in this county. As it is he will do well, for no party tactics can drive many honest, candid and independent democrats in this county from supporting him; and if the other counties of the district will but do as much as Juniata towards securing an Independent Judiciary, Judge Watts will be chosen by a handsome vote."

THE TRUTH-LOVING VOLUNTEER.

The Carlisle *Volunteer* of Thursday last has nearly a column of highly indignant denunciation of the *Herald* for an alleged refusal to publish the cards of Messrs. Kennedy and Mullin, who offer themselves as candidates for Associate Judges. The *Volunteer* waxes very wrathy over such an exhibition of "muzzling the press," &c. The beauty of the thing is, however, that *the Herald of the day before* CONTAINED THESE VERY CARDS! A copy of our paper must have been *seen* by our neighbor, but although he knew he was asserting a downright falsehood we suppose he could not suppress his indignation! A truth-loving paper is the Volunteer, truly, and *always was*—over the left!

ARE YOU ASSESSED?

See to this matter at once. Let every voter examine the Assessor's list personally, and if his name is not there, call upon the Assessor without delay. Many votes are lost every election by means of neglect or carelessness in this respect. Remember, that no one who may be 22 years of age or more, when the election comes on, can vote without having been assessed at least ten days before the election.

☞A number of errors occurred in last week's Herald. The chief one was in the Proclamation of the General Election, which will be found in a correct shape to-day. In the proceedings of the Johnston Club of Carlisle, the name of Major James M. Allen, one of the most active officers of the Club, was inadvertently omitted to be inserted as Recording Secretary. There were other typographical errors which need not be mentioned.

☞From this to the election the "Herald" will necessarily be devoted to political matters. When the battle is o'er, we shall again cater to the tastes of the general reader. In the mean time we hope the latter will bear with us.

"FACTS AND FIGURES."

Mr. Bonham Convicted of Gross Misrepresentation!

"In the county of Cumberland the State tax assessed for 1846 was $28,269 06, and for '47 was $30,125 50—making for those two years $58,394 47. While for the year 1849 the State tax assessed was $30,206 21, and for 1850 it was $33,806 33—making an aggregate of $63,102 54, and an increase of State tax tax assessed for the years 1849 and 1850 over the years 1846 and 1847 of $4,707 97 for the county of Cumberland alone. (Auditor General's Report for 1850, page 97.)

Thus we find that "the farmers of the commonwealth" have *paid* far more tax into the State Treasury during Gov. Johnston's administration than they ever did before, while the debt of the State has been reduced less, in the same length of time, than it was during Gov. Shunk's term of office."

We take the above from Mr. Bonham's "great" speech in the last *Volunteer*. It is the honest boast of Gov. JOHNSTON's friends that *during his administration* A LESS AMOUNT OF TAXES HAS BEEN COLLECTED FROM THE FARMERS OF PENNSYLVANIA *than during the preceding Locofoco Administrations.* Remember we say *collected*, for that which is *collected* is all that really comes from the people's pockets.—Mr. Bonhams attempts to explode what he calls this "idle boast." But how does he do it? The figures he gives above are all correct, but they don't prove that the Farmers of the State have *paid* far more taxes under Governor Johnston than before. They are the amounts of taxes *assessed*—not the amounts *collected.*—These increased assessments were made by the Board of Revenue Commissioners, composed of a majority of Locofocos. But the actual *payment of taxes* have *not* increased, but rather *decreased*, as every man will find by referring to the same page of the Auditor General's Report from which Mr. Bonham quotes. Below we give the *true* statement of the amount of State tax *collected* in Cumberland county within two years of Gov. Shunk's time and two years of Gov. Johnston's term. Remember, not the amount *assessed* but the amount *actually collected.*

Gov. Shunk's two Years.

1846, Tax received,	$28,506 43
1847, " "	28,674 77
	$57,181 20

Gov. Johnston's two Years.

1849, Tax Received,	$24,538 62
1850, " "	29,584 72
	54,123 34
DECREASE,	$3,057 86

So that Gov. JOHNSTON is proved to have actually received over THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS LESS from the Farmers of Cumberland county in the way of taxes than did his locofoco predecessor, Gov. Shunk! Is not the "idle boast" of Gov. Johnston's friends made *good?* Has Mr. Bonham "exploded" it? On the contrary is not Mr. Bonham proved to be guilty of a most gross perversion of the records of the State, and of attempting to deceive and mislead the honest Farmers of Cumberland county?

When we contrast the taxes received throughout the entire State during the same four years, we find a result equally favorable to Governor Johnston's administration. We find that in two years of Gov. Shunk's time the taxes *received* amounted to over *two hundred and fourteen thousand dollars* more than during the last two years of Gov. Johnston's term. We quote from the Auditor General's Report for 1850, page 118:

Gov. Shunk's two Years.

1846, Total Tax Received,	$1,445,112 70
1847, " " "	1,380,781 19
	$2,825,893 89

Gov. Johnston's two Years.

1849, Total Tax Received,	$1,293,921 23
1850, " " "	1,317,821 55
	$2,611,742 78
More under Gov. Shunk,	$214,151 11

These "facts and figures" not only convict Mr. Bonham of the grossest misrepresentation, but triumphantly sustain Gov. Johnston's assertion that over half a million of the State debt has been paid "*without any increased taxation upon the Farmers of the Commonwealth.*" We defy Mr. Bonham to disprove them, and when he makes another "great" speech we hope he will stick more closely to the *truth.*

LIGHT FOR MR. BONHAM!

One sage conclusion to which Mr. Bonham's very *fanciful* "facts and figures" has brought him is that Gov. Johnston *has not* reduced the State Debt over half a million of dollars, as his friends so confidently boast. We are really afraid that this wading through such a heap of "facts and figures" has been a little too much for Mr. Bonham and that his wits have really become somewhat *obfuscated!* We must therefore bring the light of Messrs. Bickel, Banks and Russel's certificate to bear upon him, so that his understanding may again be illuminated.—Messrs. Banks and Bickel are as *simon pure locos* as Mr. Bonham and *ex-officio* are probably as well acquainted with "facts and figures."—We invite Mr. Bonham's particular attention to the great six hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollar fact mentioned in the following certificate:

Office of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,
HARRISBURG, September 1, 1851.

To his Excellency William F. Johnston, Governor of Pennsylvania.

Sir:—In compliance with the 4th section of the act, entitled "An Act to create a Sinking Fund and to provide for the gradual and certain extinguishment of the debt of the Commonwealth," approved the 10th day of April, 1849, the Commissioners of said fund hereby certify that the amount of the debt of the Commonwealth purchased since the passage of the act of Assembly referred to, and now held by them, is SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY-EIGHT CENTS ($659,122 98) consisting of 5 per cent. loans negotiated under various acts of Assembly.

Your obedient servants,
A. L. RUSSELL,
E. BANKS,
JOHN M. BICKEL,
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY.

The people are moving for an Independent Judiciary in other districts besides this. In the Berks district the Whigs are supporting H. W. Smith, Esq., a democrat, for President Judge. It is impossible to confine voters to strict party lines in voting for Judges. Where the people find a Judge on the bench administering the law with the impartiality and ability which distinguishes Judge Watts, it is not only natural but right that they should desire to retain his services. "Let well enough alone," is an old maxim and a good one. From the information which daily reaches us we have no doubt of the success of the Independent ticket in Cumberland county. The *Volunteer* will find that the "*clique*" which supports the independent ticket is a *clique* of nearly the whole body of voters. Our neighbor of the *Democrat* gives the ticket a hearty support. It is the People's ticket and they will elect it!

☞The York papers speak glowingly of the reception of Gov. JOHNSTON in that place last week. The number of people on the ground is estimated as high as THREE THOUSAND.

MR. BONHAM AND STATE DEBT.

Mr. Bonham commences his great speech in the last *Volunteer* with a labored vindication of his vote last winter to increase the State State Debt. And what is his vindication?—Why if we understand him it is simply this.—He argues that if it was good policy to build a new road avoiding the Inclined Plane at Philadelphia (which cost $400,000) then it is equally good policy to go on spending money and *increasing the State Debt* for the purpose of avoiding the Inclined Planes of the Allegheny Portage Rail Road and improving the curves of the Columbia Rail Road. This, if we have succeeded in raking out his *meaning* from the mass of figures in which it is befogged, is his argument. Mr. Bonham is therefore not only satisfied that his vote last winter in favor of NEW STATE DEBT was *right*, but he declares his intention of *repeating it* if he is re-elected. We quote from his speech as follows:

"I consider, therefore, an avoidance of the planes on the Portage road as vital to the interests of the Commonwealth, and *I shall sustain that measure* as long as I have the honor to represent, in part, the people of this county at the seat of government."

Now what would this avoidance of the Planes *cost?* Some time ago, Robert Fairies, an Engineer, was employed by the Canal Board to make a survery of a route to avoid these Planes. He reported to the Legislature that he had surveyed *four* routes to avoid these Planes and gave estimates of the cost of the proposed work. For the first line

His estimate was	$1,665,000 00
For the second, it was	1,405,000 00
For the third, it was	1,370,000 00
For the fourth, it was	1,315,000 00

The cheapest route therefore would cost more than *a million and a quarter of dollars!* This is the "measure" which Mr. Bonham tells the People of Cumberland county *he will sustain* if they will be good enough to send him to Harrisburg again! *He will vote to* INCREASE THE STATE DEBT OVER ANOTHER MILLION MORE! Just read his speech—he tells you so in plain words. To be sure Mr. Bonham gives certain reasons why this "*improvement*" should be made. And so there were *reasons* given in the days of Wolf and Porter why million after million should be spent until our State Debt now amounts to FORTY MILLIONS. Mr. Bonham's *reasons* we shall not examine. He may be satisfied with them, but the only question for the Farmers and Tax-Payers of Pennsylvania to determine is whether they will *sanction a further* INCREASE OF THE STATE DEBT FOR ANY PURPOSE? What say you, Tax-Payers, do you want Mr. Bonham to go back to Harrisburg with this deliberate purpose to vote more State Debt? Are *you* in favor of the Increase of the State Debt, or do you rejoice in its *reduction* by Gov. Johnston? You can't be deceived in this matter.—You can't be ignorant of Mr. Bonham's intentions. He tells you in plain terms that he goes for BORROWING MONEY to make a road avoiding the Inclined Planes of the Portage Rail Road.

If therefore you are in favor of INCREASED STATE DEBT vote for J. Ellis Bonham and John C. Dunlap. But if you are in favor of REDUCING THE STATE DEBT and DIMINISHING TAXES, vote for the Whig candidates ROBERT M. HENDERSON and THOMAS L. CATHCART.

MR. BONHAM'S POSITION.

Mr. Bonham is now fully and fairly before the People. His position cannot be misunderstood. No one can fail to understand what are his opinions and purposes. His last winter's speeches showed him to be a rabid FREE TRADE advocate. In his recent speech at Harrisburg he ridiculed and denounced as "*contemptible*," the Sinking Fund which has paid over half a million of the State Debt!

He *voted* last winter to INCREASE THE STATE DEBT. He does not deny this but endeavors to justify himself in his long-winded speech in the last *Volunteer*. He declares his intention to vote again, if re-elected, for the appropriation to avoid the Inclined Planes of the Portage Rail Road at an expense of *over a million and a quarter of dollars*—which must be *borrowed* and the STATE DEBT INCREASED to that amount!

Here is Mr. Bonham's position. Tax-Payers of Cumberland county, are *you* in favor of increasing the State Debt and doing away with the Sinking Fund? If so, vote for J. Ellis Bonham. He will make your hard earned money fly! He will give you Taxes to your heart's content! Col. Bigler has announced himself in favor of *borrowing money* to complete the North Branch Canal. Mr. Bonham will of course also favor that if elected.

But if you are tired of oppressive Taxes—if you are *opposed* to any further increase of the State Debt, and in favor of its *reduction*, as has been commenced by Gov. Johnston—then vote for the Whig candidates for the Legislature, HENDERSON and CATHCART, who will sustain the Sinking Fund and the wise policy of Gov. Johnston, and the gloomy days of TAXATION and DEBT will soon come to an end!

THE "OLD GUARD" IN MOTION!

We are happy to proclaim to our political friends throughout the State, says the Lancaster *Union*, that the veteran "Old Guard" is really in motion. Collectively, the Whigs of this great "County Palatine" are a ponderous body, but when once placed in motion, their impetus is irresistible. The Whig majority in this county at the election in October next will astonish the natives and throw "Old Berks" into convulsions. There were three large and enthusiastic Whig meetings in the county on Saturday week, and many more of the same sort are to come off before the close of the campaign. On the second Tuesday of October, there will be a fire by the "Old Guard" along the whole line—a fire which will do deadly execution. A general charge will ensue, which must result in the entire rout of the foes of Johnston, Strohm and the Whig Judicial ticket.

MURDER OF MR. GORSUCH.

This deplorable event has caused as a matter of course, a deep sensation, and is the theme of conversation. In Baltimore great excitement has been produced and a town meeting has been held to give expression to public opinion. The efforts of the Pennsylvania officers of justice, and the prompt action of Governor Johnston, in the premises, are warmly approved. The Philadelphia locofoco papers, and certain individuals, are, however, striving to make political capital out of it! Shame! To such Gov. Johnston's excellent letter administers a severe rebuke.

STATE AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

CHANGE OF DAY!—The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society held a meeting on Monday, the 8th inst. and changed the time of holding the agricultural fair to Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 29th, 30th and 31st of October. This change was made to avoid having the fair on the same day that the Maryland fair is to be held.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE!

Attempt of Unprincipled Men to make Political Capital out of the Murder in Lancaster County!

We publish below a correspondence between Gov. Johnston and certain citizens of Philadelphia, relative to the murder in Lancaster county. The object of these men evidently was to inflame the public mind, encourage agitation, and to make votes out of the unfortunate occurence. That we do not impute erroneous motives to these men may be judged from the fact, that several of those who sign this letter to Gov. Johnston, were active in the late Cuban meeting in Philadelphia, and were endeavoring to make political capital out of the massacre of some forty American citizens in that island. They showed their respect for law, order and the Constitution, by urging Americans to violate both law and the sacred obligations of a treaty, and they now show their respect for law and order by seeking to excite popular tumult, and make votes out of the murder of a citizen of a sister State.—Such cold-blooded, heartless and calculating villainy, will fill the heart of every citizen with disgust and abhorrence. The alleged murderers are in prison awaiting their trial. If found guilty, they will undergo the most dreadful penalty of the law. Good citizens will leave the case with the Judicial tribunals, to be by them settled as is consistent with the requirements of Justice:

To the Governor of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned citizens of Pennsylvania respectfully represent;

That citizens of a neighboring State have been cruelly assassinated by a band of armed outlaws, at a place not more than three hours' journey distant from the seat of government and from the commercial metropolis of the State.

That this insurrectionary movement in one of the most populous parts of the State has been so far successful as to overawe the local ministers of justice and paralyze the powers of the law;

That your memorialists are not aware that "any military force" has been sent to the seat of the insurrection, or that the civil authority has been strengthened by the adoption of any measures suited to the momentous crisis.

They therefore respectfully request the chief executive magistrate of Pennsylvania to take into consideration the necessity of vindicating the outraged laws, and sustaining the dignity of the Commonwealth on this important and melancholy occasion:

John Cadwallader,	A. L. Roumfort,
R. Simpson,	W. Deal,
John Swift,	Isaac Leech, Jr.,
Thomas McGrath,	C. Ingersoll,
S. R. Carnahan,	James Page,
Samuel Hays,	Geo. H. Martin,

Frederick McAdams.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14, 1851.

Gentlemen:—Your letter, without date, was this afternoon put into my hands by one of the servants of the Hotel. The anxiety which you manifest to maintain the laws of the land and the public peace, is fully appreciated, and I have great pleasure in informing you that more than twenty-four hours before the receipt of your letter, the parties implicated had been, through the vigilance and decision of the local authorities, arrested, and are now in prison, awaiting an inquiry into their imputed guilt. The District Attorney and Sheriff of Lancaster county, acting in concert with the Attorney-General of the State, deserve especial thanks for their prompt and energetic conduct. This was all done early on Saturday morning, and duly reported to me by the local officers.

The testimony taken by the U. S. Commissioner, who arrived at a later period on the ground, a printed copy of which has accidentally reached me this afternoon, confirms me in the belief that the State authorities had vindicated the law, and to a large extent arrested the perpetrators of the crimes.

The cruel murder of a citizen of a neighboring State, accompanied by a gross outrage on the laws of the United States, in the resistance of its process has been committed; and you may be assured that so soon as the guilty agents are ascertained they will be punished in its severest penalty by the law of Pennsylvania. I am very proud that the first steps to detect and arrest these offenders have been taken by Pennsylvania officers.

Permit me, gentlemen, having thus removed all just cause of anxiety from your minds, respectfully to suggest that the idea of rebellion, or insurrectionary movement in the county of Lancaster, or any where else in this Commonwealth, has no real foundation, and is an offensive imputation on a large body of our fellow-citizens.

There is no insurrectionary movement in Lancaster county, and there would be no occasion to march a military force there, as you seem to desire, and inflame the public mind by any such strange exaggeration. I do not wish our brethren of the Union to think that in any part of this State, resistance to the law goes undetected or unpunished, or that there exists such a sentiment as treason to the Union and the Constitution. The alleged murderers of Mr. Gorsuch, whose crime is deep enough without exaggerating it, have been arrested and will be tried, and they and their abettors be made to answer for what they have done in contravention of the law. But in the meantime, let me invite your co-operation, as citizens of Pennsylvania, not only to see that the law is enforced, but to add to the confidence which we all feel in the judicial tribunals of the land, by abstaining from undue violence of language, and letting the law take its course. Depend upon it, gentlemen, there is in Lancaster county a sense of duty to the laws of the land, manifested in the easy and prompt arrest of these offenders, which will on all occasions show itself in practical obedience.

The people of that county are men of peace and good order, and not easily led aside from the path of duty which the Constitution prescribes. They and every Pennsylvanian love the Constitution and the Union. They will detect, as they have done in this case, and arrest and punish all who violate the laws of the land. There is no warrant, depend on it, for representing the men of Lancaster county as traitors and participants in an "insurrectionary movement." You do them, unintentionally I have no doubt, great injustice.

I am deeply indepted to you for affording me this opportunity of expressing my views. But for your communication I might not have been able to do so. You and my fellow citizens at large, may be assured of my firm determination, at all hazards, and under all circumstances, to maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, and enforce obedience to the laws alike of the United States and of this commonwealth.

In order that I may be sure that my answer may reach its destination, (your letter having but accidentally come to my hands!) I have requested Mr. White to put it into the hands of Mr. John Cadwallader, whose signature, I observe, is first.

I am, with great respect,
Your obd't servant,
WM. F. JOHNSTON.

ALT BERKS IN COMMOTION!—The unterrified Democracy of Alt Berks are in a glorious state of confusion. Locofoco volunteer candidates are in the field: and the *Press*, one of the Locofoco journals, frankly admits that the wire-pullers at Reading "have dissolved the Democratic party, corrupted its principles, and made it a disgrace to vote for its nominations." The same Journal thus speaks of the Locofoco nominating Convention:—

"We are under the painful necessity of apprising the Democracy of Berks county, and in doing so discharge no more than a bounden duty, that the late Delegate Condention has dissolved the Democratic party of this county and driven the honest portion of the party to the adoption of such measures as will save our principles from total destruction.

A few facts which occurred before and during the session of the Convention, will convince every democrat that BRIBERY, CORRUPTION and SCANDALOUS INTRIGUES governed the action of that body, such as have never occurred in this or any other county, and such as every democrat—every freeman is bound, in justice to his principles, to his country and to himself, to resist and oppose by all honorable means in his power."

☞Read the startling exposure of the outrageous fraud and swindling on the Freeport Acqueduct, published on our first page.

MATTERS ABOUT HOME.

Camp-Meeting Row.

The colored camp-meeting held for some days past near Shippensburg we are informed has been a scene of continued disorder and violence ever since it commenced. Liquor we presume was as usual the *cause*, and fighting the consequence. One man is said to have been beaten so badly that his life was in danger.

Local Items.

☞We learn with regret that an accident occurred at an early hour on Monday, on the Cumberland and York rail road, by which three fine burthen cars belonging to Major Jacob Rheem of Carlisle were thrown off the track and almost totally destroyed.

☞A detachment of fifty men under command of Brevet Lt. Col. Porter, of the Mounted Rifle Regiment, left Carlisle Barracks on Tuesday of last week, and another detachment of fifty left on Thursday morning under charge of Lt. P. Calhoun, of the second Regiment of Dragoons. Both detachments are destined to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

☞Two new locomotives of diminutive size but of highly improved construction for speed, have been put on the Cumberland Valley Rail Road to draw the passenger cars. One of them made the trip from Chambersburg here a few days since in sixty-three minutes, we are informed.

South Middleton Awake!

The meeting of the friends of JOHNSTON and STROHM, at Matthew Moore's, in South Middleton township, on Saturday evening last, we understand was an immense outpouring of the people and characterized by the highest enthusiasm. That veteran Whig, JOHN ROYER, presided, assisted by a number of other officers, and speeches, replete with clear and convincing arguments, were made by R. M. HENDERSON, Esq., our talented candidate for Assembly, and JAMES R. SMITH, Esq. The addresses elicited loud expressions of applause. The Whigs of South Middleton are rousing up to the work, and promise to give a good report of themselves on the second Tuesday of October.—They can if they will.

Voice of Old West Pennsboro'!

The proceedings of the Johnston Club, of Dickinson, which met in conjunction with the Whigs of West Pennsboro', at Mount Rock, on Saturday evening last, will be found in another column. The meeting is reported to have been one of the largest ever held in that township, showing that our friends are awake to the importance of the contest. The resolutions, it will be seen, approve in strong terms of the Independent Judicial ticket, and speak we are confident the opinions of the mass of the Whigs throughout the county on that subject. The speeches of Messrs. PENROSE, SHARP and RHEEM, were of the right stamp, and were loudly applauded. The speech of Mr. Penrose, we are informed, embodied an answer to that of Mr. Bonham, in the last *Volunteer*, and fully and thoroughly exposed its numerous and outrageous mis-statements of "facts and figures." We learn that Mr. Penrose has been solicited to prepare it for publication, to which we hope he will consent. The people desire to hear the *truth*, and that is all that is needed to bring troops of friends to the standard of Johnston and Strohm.

Johnston Club of Dickinson.

Agreeably to public notice given, the Johnston Club of Dickinson met at the public house of John Crozier, at Mt. Rock, on Saturday evening Sept. 13, 1851.

The President being absent, the Vice President took the chair and called the meeting to order.

WM. M. PENROSE, Esq., being called for addressed the meeting.

On motion, a committee of thirteen were then appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting,

Whereupon, Capt. George Miller, Capt. Wm. Greason, Joseph McDermond, John G. Williams, Victor Shannon, John T. Green, John Greason, Samuel M. Sharp, Matthew Davidson, Jacob Rheem, Montgomery Donaldson, Jacob Beltshoover and Henry Sheaffer, were appointed said Committee.

During the absence of the Committee the meeting was addressed by A. B. SHARP, Esq., and Maj. JACOB RHEEM, of Carlisle.

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions, reported the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, We will soon be called upon to exercise the peculiar privilege of freemen in the choice of officers to bear rule over us. And whereas, We are about to test by experience for the first time in this state, the practicability and utility of electing by ballot the Judicial Officers of our Courts of Justice. And Whereas, We feel deeply impressed with the paramount importance of the principles involved in the approaching election, and conscious of our responsibility as electors, therefore

Resolved, That we sincerely deprecate the course pursued by a majority of the opposition in this county, in making partizan feelings and attachments to certain political organizations, the standard of qualification to fill the most important Judicial stations.

Resolved, That this meeting cordially approve of the action of the late Whig County Convention in refusing to place in nomination party candidates for the Judiciary.

Resolved, That the interests of the community, the freedom and integrity of our courts, and public confidence in the administration of justice, and an impartial dispensation of the laws of the land, imperiously demand of us circumspection and independence of partizan feelings and bias in the selection of these officers.

Resolved, That in carrying into effect these our views, we will use our united efforts to secure the election of the Hon. F. WATTS, as President Judge of this district, and Col. SAMUEL WOODBURN and JOHN RUPP as Associate Judges of this county.

Resolved, That the acknowledged abilities, integrity and business habits of these gentlemen, eminently qualify them to fill the offices for which they are candidates, and entitles them to the support of all the friends of a pure and independent Judiciary.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in any of the papers that may give them room.

Resolved, That the Secretary be a Committee to forward copies for publication.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the public house of John Hooker, on Saturday evening the 27th inst.

JOS. A. WEAKLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

DEATH OF ROBERT HARRIS, ESQ.—This venerable citizen of Harrisburg, the only surviving brother of the late Mrs. Hanna, has followed his sister to the tomb in the short space of two weeks. Mr. Harris died on Thursday, September 4th, aged 82. He was a gentleman universally esteemed and beloved, and had filled many offices of trust, including that of Representative in Congress. Within the past year, he visited Washington City, and was presented to President Fillmore, and was thus enabled to say that he had been introduced to every President of the United States, from Washington down.

☞The Clarion (Pa.) Register, advertises SIX FURNACES, TO BE SOLD BY THE SHERIFF IN ONE DAY! See the effects of Locofoco government.

DEATH OF COOPER, THE NOVELIST.—James Fennimore Cooper, the popular American Novelist, died at his residence at Cooperstown, N. York, on the 14th inst., in the 62 year of his age. He had been sick for some months.

GOV. JOHNSTON IN PHILADELPHIA.

Gov. Johnston reached Philadelphia on Thursday afternoon, on his way to fill appointments in Berks and Lancaster counties. He was warmly received by the Whigs of the city, and escorted to his Hotel by a large delegation. The members of the Whig Nominating Convention waited on him in a body, and in a reply to an address of welcome he made a brief but truly eloquent response. In the evening a large crowd assembled around the Hotel, and insisted on the Governor presenting himself.—He made a brief address and announced that he would speak to the people at length at the mass meeting in Independence Square on Monday evening. On Friday the Governor proceeded to Reading. At every point along the road he was met by large delegations of the people who proceeded with him, and at Reading his reception was enthusiastic in the extreme. The *Journal* says "the people came with banners flying, music playing and making the air ring with shouts and songs and huzzas! Never since the glorious time of 1840 has there been such a tremendous outpouring of the masses!" The Governor spoke at Reading, and left next day to speak at New Holland and other places. On Monday he again reached Philadelphia.

Of the meeting in Independence Square on Monday evening, the Philadelphia *Sun* says, last evening there was a mighty avalanche of people in that sacred enclosure, Independence Square. They had assembled there to give a warm and hearty reception to the Chosen Son of the Keystone State, Gov. WM. F. JOHNSTON. Such a gathering we have seldom seen. Large bodies of men, in lines of procession, with banners flying and drums beating, marched from the different surrounding districts, to soul enlivening strains. They filed into the Square in admirable order, full of enthusiasm, and their joint shouts of patriotism, like the mighty falls of Niagara, might have been heard for miles. Frederick Fraley, Esq., presided at the meeting and Gov. Johnston delivered a speech two hours long, which was received with deafening applause. Judge Conrad reported the resolutions, the last of which pledges on the part of the Whigs of the city and county "*a larger vote and a heavier majority for* JOHNSTON—*the tried and the true—than any recorded in the annals of the party.*" Gov. Johnston will visit Bucks and Montgomery, and then proceed to Chester county, where he will speak on the 19th. On the 20th and 22d he will be in Schuylkill county; on the 23d in Danville and Northumberland; on the 25th in Liverpool, Perry county; on the 25th in Bloomfield, and on the 26th in Lewistown. The Whigs of these counties will doubtless give the Governor a reception worthy of the man and the cause.

SHOCKING OUTRAGE!

Awful Murder in an Attempt to Capture Fugitive Slaves!

One of the most dreadful occurrences we have ever been called upon to record, took place near Christiana, in Lancaster county, on Thursday morning last. Mr. Edward Gorsuch, respectable citizen of Baltimore county, Md., accompanied by his son, three nephews, a deputy marshal and others, repaired to Penningtonville, Chester county, to arrest two fugitive slaves named Pickney and Parker, (of which Mr. G. was the owner,) who were living near Christiana. Early on Thursday morning, they proceeded to the house where the slaves resided, and attempted to arrest them—the marshal, in the presence of a white man living in the neighborhood, having first read his authority to do so.

The slaves were advised to surrender, but refused; and, whilst the owner and his party were attempting to secure them, about one hundred negroes gathered, who at once commenced an attack on the whites—incited, it is believed, by the white person in whose presence the Marshal read his authority to arrest the slaves. In the melee which ensued, Mr. G. was knocked down with a club, and whilst in the act of falling was shot by one of the slaves, the lead entering the right lung and proving fatal almost instantaneously. His dead body was afterwards robbed of about $300 in money and a gold watch. The son, on witnessing the fate of his father, discharged a pistol at one of the party, which it is supposed struck him in the arm or the posterior. The negroes afterwards attacked him, and shot him and beat him very badly. He also would no doubt have been killed, (as we are informed by one of the nephews,) had not a white man and a negro interposed—the former of whom cried "for God's sake don't hurt him more, he is dying now," and the latter got over the body and protected it. He is now lying at Christiana, very much injured, though his wounds will not, it is thought, prove fatal.

In the fight, two of the nephews were also injured, one of them having received a shot through the right arm. The Deputy Marshal is said to have showed a want of nerve to discharge his duty.

The whole party dispersed shortly after the occurrence, leaving the body of Mr. G. where it fell, and where it was afterwards found.

The North American of Monday gives the following additional particulars:

On Friday morning the United States Marshal, Mr. Roberts, accompanied by Mr. Commissioner Ingraham, John W. Ashmead, Esq., United States District Attorney, Recorder Lee, and several other gentlemen, left the city for the scene of the late outrage at Christiana, Lancaster county, with the view of fully enforcing the law of the United States, relative to the rescue of several fugitive slaves, the murder of the elder Mr. Gorsuch, and the wounding of his son and nephew. The officers were accompanied by some 45 U. S. Marines, under command of Lieuts Watson and Jones, with a civil posse of some fifty men, Marshal Roberts having made a requisition to that effect.

The party, upon reaching Christiana, immediately proceeded to discharge their duty, by scouring the woods and surrounding villages for miles. They labored incessantly the greater portion of the day and night, and succeeded in making twenty-four arrests in all. The names of the parties captured were Joseph Scarlet and Samuel Kendig, white, and Wilson Jones, Francis Hawkins, Benjamin Thompson, Wm. Brown, (No. 1,) Wm. Brown, (No. 2,) John Halliday, Elizabeth Mosey, John Morgan, (boy,) Joseph Bon, John Norton, Lewis Smith, George Washington, Harvey Scott, Susan Clark, Tamsy Brown, Eliza Parker, Hannah Pickney, Robert Johnson, Miller Thompson, Isaiah Clarkson, and Jonathan Black, all colored.

In the possession, or rather upon the premises, from which some of the parties were taken, several guns, dirks, and huge clubs were found. Some of the guns were heavily charged, and are now in the hands of the proper officers.

There was but one disposition manifested on the part of the authorities from the city, who were promptly seconded by the Prosecuting Attorney from Lancaster, Mr. Thompson, and a portion of the police from that city, who had, the day before, made some eleven arrests, and secured their prisoners in Lancaster jail.

The excitement about Christiana and the neighborhood was intense, and hundreds of people were in attendance during the examination of the prisoners on Saturday afternoon and evening. It was after nine o'clock, before the officers of the United States concluded their arduous duties, the heat being intense, and almost suffocating throughout.

There is no doubt but that several prominent actors in this lamentable affair have been secured, and if found guilty, they will be severely punished.

It will be remarked that the marshal for the State of Maryland accompanied Mr. Gorsuch. The Philadelphia papers state that neither the U. S. Marshal for Pennsylvania, A. E. Roberts, Esq. nor any of his deputies, was called on to serve the process, nor had they any knowledge of it or of the riot, until intelligence of the latter was received in Philadelphia on Thursday evening. Had the process been confided to them, says the North American, it is possible the event would have had a less deplorable termination.

OUR FORTY MILLION STATE DEBT

The following statement of the various loans constituting the Present STATE DEBT of Pennsylvania, and amounts as they stood on the 1st day of December, 1850, is copied from the Annual Report of JOHN N. PURVIANCE, late Locofoco Auditor General, made to the last Legislature:

Statement of the Public Debt of Pennsylvania.

Stock Loan per act		April 2, 1821	$20,322 99
do	do	April 1, 1826	295,224 71
do	do	April 9, 1827	999,211 15
do	do	Mar. 24, 1828	1,997,418 42
do	do	Dec. 18, 1828	798,274 64
do	do	April 22, 1829	2,197,372 48
do	do	Dec. 7, 1829	50,000 00
do	do	Mar. 13, 1830	3,994,509 28
do	do	Mar. 21, 1831	2,481,201 81
do	do	Mar. 28, 1831	120,000 00
do	do	Mar. 30, 1831	298,966 48
do	do	Mar. 30, 1822	2,343,437 62
do	do	April 5, 1832	500,000 00
do	do	Feb. 16, 1833	2,539,880 13
do	do	Mar. 1, 1833	529,922 74
do	do	Mar. 27, 1833	529,922 75
do	do	April 5, 1834	2,264,532 61
do	do	April 13, 1835	959,