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THIS establishment has recently been refitted and furnished in the latest style. Every attention will be given to the comfort and convenience of those who patronize the house.

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HAVING resumed the proprietorship of the above Hotel, the undersigned will spare no effort to render the house an agreeable place of sojourn for all who may favor it with their custom. *Wm. H. CORTRIGHT. June, 3rd, 1863*

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The MEANS HOTEL, is one of the LARGEST and BEST ARRANGED Houses in the County—it is fitted up in the most modern and improved style, and no pains are spared to make it a pleasant and agreeable stopping-place for all. *v. 3, n. 21, 1y*

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M. GILMAN has permanently located in Tunkhannock Borough, and respectfully tenders his professional services to the citizens of this place and surrounding country.

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A REVEREND GENTLEMAN HAVING BEEN restored to health in a few days, after undergoing all the usual routine and irregular expensive modes of treatment without success, considers it his sacred duty to communicate to his afflicted fellow creatures the means of cure. Hence, on the receipt of an addressed envelope, he will send (free) a copy of the prescription used. Direct to Dr. JOHN M. DAGNALL, 22 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. *v2n24y*

SCHEDULE OF STAMP DUTIES.

Revised February 1, 1864.

Stamp Duty

Acknowledgment of Deeds or other instruments, made before a justice, notary, or other qualified officer, exempt.

Affidavit, 5 cts.

Agreement or Appraisement, (for each sheet or piece of paper on which the same is written), 5 cts.

Assignment or Transfer of Mortgage, Lease, or policy of Insurance, is subject to the same duty as the original instrument.

Assignment ordinary, as of Bond, with out guaranty, exempt.

Assignment of Patent Right, 5 cts.

Bank Checks, Drafts, Orders, &c., at sight, or on demand, for all sums of money exceeding \$20, 2 cts.

Bills of Exchange, (Foreign) drawn in but payable out of the United States each bill, of set of three or more, must be stamped.

For every bill of each set, where the sum made payable does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency in which such bill may be expressed, according to the standard of value fixed by the United States, Above one hundred and fifty dollars, and not above two hundred and fifty dollars, 5 cts.

Above two hundred and fifty dollars, and not above five hundred dollars, 10 cts.

Above five hundred dollars, and not above one thousand dollars, 15 cts.

Above one thousand dollars, and not above one thousand five hundred dollars, 20 cts.

Above one thousand five hundred dollars, and not above two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, 30 cts.

Above two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, and not above three thousand five hundred dollars, 50 cts.

Above three thousand five hundred dollars, and not above five thousand dollars, 70 cts.

Above five thousand dollars, and not above seven thousand five hundred dollars, \$1.00

And for every two thousand five hundred dollars, or part thereof in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars, 30 cts.

(Foreign) whether drawn in or out of the United States, (if drawn singly or in duplicate) pay the same rates of duty as inland Bills of Exchange.

[The acceptor or acceptors of any Bill of Exchange, or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn or purporting to be drawn, in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, must, before paying or accepting the same, place thereupon a stamp indicating the duty. See Section 101, Act of July 1st, 1862.]

Bills of Exchange (inland, draft or order, exceeding \$20, payable otherwise than at sight or on demand, and any promissory note (except deposit notes to mutual insurance companies) whether payable on demand or at any time not exceeding 33 days, grace included, from date or sight, for every two hundred dollars or fractional part thereof, 1 ct.

Bills of Exchange exceeding 33 days, and exceeding 63 days, as aforesaid, 2 cts.

Bills of Exchange exceeding 63 days, and not exceeding 93 days, as aforesaid, 3 cts.

Bill of Exchange exceeding 93 days, and not exceeding four months and three days as aforesaid, 4 cts.

Bills of Exchange exceeding four months, and not exceeding six months and three days, as aforesaid, 6 cts.

Bills of Exchange exceeding six months and three days, 10 cts.

[The warrant of attorney to confess judgment on a note or a bond is exempt from stamp duty, if the note or bond is properly stamped.]

Bills of Lading of vessels for parts of the United States or British North America, exempt.

Bills of Lading, or receipt for goods to any foreign part, 10 cts.

Bill of sale of any vessel, or part thereof when the consideration shall not exceed \$500, 25 cts.

Bill of sale exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$1,000, 50 cts.

Bill of sale exceeding \$1,000, for each 1,000 or fractional part thereof, 50 cts.

Bill of sale of personal property, (other than ship or vessel,) 5 cts.

Bond, personal, for the payment of money. (See Mortgage.)

Bond, official, 50 cts.

Bond, for deed or conveyance of land, 25 cts.

Bonds—County, city, town bonds, railroad and other corporation bonds and scrip, are subject to stamp duty. (See Mortgage.)

Bonds of any description, other than such as are required in legal proceedings, and such as are not otherwise charged in this Schedule, 25 cts.

Certificate of deposit in bank, sum not exceeding \$100, 2 cts.

Certificate of deposit in bank, sum exceeding \$100, 5 cts.

Certificate of stock in an incorporated company, 25 cts.

Certificate of profits in an incorporated company, for a sum not less than ten dollars, nor exceeding fifty dollars, 10 cts.

Certificate of profits in an incorporated company, for a sum exceeding fifty dollars, 25 cts.

Certificate general, 5 cts.

Certificate of record, upon the instrument recorded, exempt.

Certificate of record upon the bank, exempt.

Certificate of weight or measurement of animals, coal, wood or other articles, exempt.

Certificate of ownership of burial lot, 5 cts.

Certificate of qualification of a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Deeds, or Notary Public, 5 cts.

Certificate of search of records, 5 cts.

Certificate that certain papers are on file, 5 cts.

Certificate that certain papers cannot be found, 5 cts.

Certificate of the sale of land for taxes, 5 cts.

Certificate of redemption of land sold for taxes, 5 cts.

Certificate of birth, marriage and death (when required by State law,) 5 cts.

Certificate of qualification of school teachers (when required by State law,) 6 cts.

Certified Transcripts of judgment, satisfaction of judgment, and of all papers recorded and of papers on file, each, 5 cts.

[N. B.—As a general rule, every certificate which has, or may have, a legal value in any court of law or equity, will require a stamp duty of 5 cts.]

Charter Party, or letter memorandum, or other writing between the captain, owner, or agent of any ship, vessel, or steamer, and any other person relating to the charter of the same, if the registered tonnage of said ship, vessel, or steamer does not exceed 150 tons, and not exceeding 300 tons, and not exceeding 300 tons, \$300

Charter party exceeding 300 tons, and not exceeding 600 tons, \$5.00

Charter party exceeding 600 tons, \$10.00

Contract, (See Agreement.)

Conveyance, deed instrument or writing, whereby lands, tenements or other realty sold, shall be conveyed, the actual value of which exceeds \$100, and does not exceed \$500, 50 cts.

Conveyance exceeding \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, \$1.00

Conveyance exceeding \$1,000, and not exceeding \$2,500, \$2.00

Conveyance exceeding 2,500, and not exceeding \$5,000, \$5.00

Conveyance exceeding \$5,000, and not exceeding \$10,000, \$10.00

Conveyance exceeding \$10,000, and not exceeding \$20,000, \$20.00

For every additional \$10,000, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$20,000, actual value, \$20.00

D. s. dispatch Telegraphic.—Any dispatch or message, the charge for which, for the first ten words, does not exceed twenty cents, 1 ct.

Dispatch, Telegraphic.—Exceeding 20 cents, [N. B.—Messages transmitted by Telegraph and Railroad companies over their own wires, on their own business for which they receive no pay, do not require stamps.]

Entry of any goods, wares or merchandises at any Custom House, either for consumption or warehousing, not exceeding \$100 in value, 25 cts.

Entry exceeding \$100, and not exceeding \$500 in value, 50 cts.

Entry exceeding \$500 in value, \$1.00

Entry for the withdrawal of any goods or merchandise from bonded warehouse, 50 cts.

Insurance (Marine, Inland, or Fire) where the consideration paid for the insurance, in cash, premium notes, or both exceeds \$10, 25 cts.

Insurance (Marine, Inland, or Fire) where such consideration does not exceed \$10, 10 cts.

Insurance (Life) when the amount insured shall not exceed \$1,000, 25 cts.

Insurance (Life) exceeding \$1,000, and not exceeding \$5,000, 50 cts.

Insurance (Life) exceeding \$5,000, \$1.00

Lease of lands or tenements, if for a time not exceeding three years, 50 cts.

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[N. B.—Lease of coal and iron lands, subject to duty under head of "conveyance."]

Perpetual Lease, subject to stamp duty under head of "Conveyance"—the stamp duty to be measured by resolving the annual rental into a capital sum.

Clause of guaranty of payment of rent incorporated or indorsed, 5 cts. additional.]

Manifest for Custom-House entry or clearance of the cargo of any ship, vessel, or steamer for a foreign port, if the registered tonnage of such ship, vessel, or steamer does not exceed 300 tons, \$1.00

Manifest exceeding 300 tons, and not exceeding 600 tons, 3.00

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Powerer's Checks, 5 cts.

Pension Papers.—Powers of attorney and all other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay, or pensions, or to receipt thereof, exempt.

Passage Ticket from the United States to a foreign port, costing not more than 30, 50 cts.

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thereon. If he neglects to do so the party for whose use it is made may stamp it before it is used; but in no case can it be legally used without a stamp; and if issued after June 1, 1863, and used without a stamp, it cannot be afterwards effectually stamped. Any failure on the part of the maker of an instrument to appropriately stamp it subjects him to a penalty of fifty dollars.

Suits are commenced in many States by other process than writs, viz summons warrant, publication, petition, &c, in which cases, these, as the original process, severally require stamps.

An appeal or instrument by which a suit is transferred from a Justice of the Peace to a superior court is an original process, and subject to stamp duty as such.

Writs *in acie facias* are subject to stamp duty as original process.

The Jurat of an affidavit, taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or other officer duly authorized to take affidavits, is held to be a certificate, and subject to a stamp duty of five cents. Where, however, affidavits are made relative to any petition, motion, or other proceeding in any suit actually pending in any Court, no stamp duty is chargeable thereon, in consideration of the fifty cent stamp affixed to the "original process" by which that suit was commenced. The fifty cent stamp affixed to the "original process" in the commencement of a suit exempts all affidavits made on certificates issued under it.

Certificates of loan, if there shall be any written or printed evidence of an amount to be paid on demand or at a time designated, are subject to stamp duty as "Promissory Notes."

A mortgage or trust deed being duly stamped as "Mortgage," is not subject to stamp duty by virtue of a power of attorney or power of sale contained therein.

The assignment of a mortgage is subject to the same stamp duty as that imposed upon the original instrument; that is to say upon every sum of two hundred dollars, or any fractional part thereof, of the amount secured by the mortgage at the time of its assignment there must be affixed a stamp or stamps denoting a duty of ten cents.

When two or more persons join in the execution of an instrument, the stamp to which the instrument is liable under the law may be affixed and cancelled by any one of the parties.

In all conveyances of real estate by deed where the actual value of the estate conveyed exceeds one hundred dollars, the law provides that the stamp affixed must answer to the value does not exceed one hundred dollars, the instrument of conveyance is subject to a stamp duty of five cents per sheet. (See Agreement.)

Where there is a sale of land incumbered with a mortgage, without a covenant by the grantee, express or implied, to pay mortgage debt, the stamp must be appropriate to the consideration of the grant of which consideration the mortgage will not form a part. Where the grantee assumes to pay the mortgage debt is properly estimated as part of the consideration, and the stamp will be such as is appropriate to the whole value of the land.

A good rule to observe in acknowledging and recording instruments, is to make an note in the acknowledgment or on the record amount of stamp duty affixed, and the date of cancellation.

The Florida Atrocity

The more we learn of the influence which led to the Florida expedition and the unchristian massacre of Olustee the worse the whole affair seems to be. There is an intense feeling of indignation concerning this matter throughout the country which has not yet found expression in the newspapers or in Congress. The letters which reach the North from soldiers, officers, and civilians in that military department agree in tracing the whole responsibility for the expedition and consequently for the disaster, directly to the White House, at Washington. The most shameful feature of this whole matter is the cowardly attempt by the President and his friends to try and place the responsibility upon General Gilmore, in the face of this formal official document:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, HILTON HEAD, S. C., January 31st

In accordance with the provisions of the presidential proclamation of pardon and amnesty, given at Washington on the 8th day of December, in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and in pursuance of instructions received from the President of the United States, Major John H. Hays, assistant adjutant-general, will proceed to Florida, and other convenient points in that State, for the purpose of extending to the citizens of the State of Florida an opportunity to avail themselves of the benefit of that proclamation by offering their signatures the oath of allegiance therein prescribed, and by issuing to all those subscribing to said oath certificates entitling them to the benefits of the proclamation. Fugitive citizens of the State of Florida within the limits of this department will have an opportunity to subscribe to the same oath, and secure certificates, in the office of the post commander at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

By command of Major-Gen. G. A. Gilmore, E. W. Smith, A. A. G.

It is clearly pointed out that the expedition as undertaken in pursuance of instructions received from Mr. Lincoln himself, who sent his own private secretary JOHN HAY, to restore the state to the Union.

But there is a secret history in connection with this matter. It seems that Mr. LIN was inspired to order the expedition by a tax collector, named STRICKNEY, at Port Royal, This man, who is a sharp, unscrupulous new Englander, after a visit to Washington, boasted that he had got "Abe" all right. There was to be money in the thing for himself and friends. Even the offices were divided in advance. HAY was to be the member Congress from Florida while STRICKNEY aspired to the senatorship. As only about a thousand votes were required, they could be got from the soldiers, camp followers, and sutlers, who would occupy the state upon its conquest.

In every point of view this has been a most scandalous business. Why was HAY made a major and then an assistant adjutant-general over the heads of brave officers who were periling their lives upon the battle field for honorable promotion? What heart can men have for fighting under such circumstances?

Another shameless proceeding was the sending home of two New Hampshire regiments, all the way from Jacksonville, immediately after the slaughter, to vote for Gilmore for governor. The regiments—so well informed Port Royal correspondent informs us—were not entitled to return on furlough, but they were sent home, notwithstanding, at the public expense, to help elect a member for Mr. LINCOLN's presidential canvass.

A CORRECT ENGLISH.—"As the vine," says Washington Irving, "which has long twined its graceful foliage about the oak, and been even lifted by it into sunshine, will, when the hardy plant is nipped by the thunder-bolt, cling round it with its tendrils, and bind up its shattered boughs, so it is most beautifully ordained by Providence, that woman, who is the mere dependent and ornament of man, in his happier hours, should be his stay and solace when suddenly smitten with calamity, winding herself into the rugged recesses of his nature, tenderly supporting the drooping head, and binding up the broken heart."

ABUSING HIMSELF.—A certain green customer, who was a stranger to mirrors, and who stepped into the cabin of one of our ocean steamers, stopping in front of a large pier glass, which he took for a door, said, "I say, mister, when does this here boat start?"

Getting no reply from the dumb reflection before him, he repeated his question: "I say, mister, when does this here boat start?"

Incensed at the still silent figure, he broke out: "Go to thonder, you darned sassafra colored, thick-headed bull calf; you don't look as if you knew much anyhow!"

A LETTER from out West from a pious individual says: "Dear Brother; I have got one of the handsomest farms in the state and have it nearly paid for. Crops are good and prices were never better. We have had a glorious revival of religion in church, and both of our children (the Lord be praised) are converted.—Father got to be rather an incumbrance, and last week I sent him to the poor-house."

If a man is bitten by a dog he is likely to get mad, whether the animal has the hydrophobia or not.

RULES FOR HOME EDUCATION

The following rules are worthy of being printed in letters of gold and placed in a conspicuous place in every household:

1. From your children's earliest infancy inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.
2. Unite firmness with gentleness. Let your children always understand you mean what you say.
3. Never promise them unless you are quite sure you can give them what you say.
4. If you tell a little child to do something, show him how to do it, and see that he does it.
5. Always punish your children for willfully disobeying you, but never punish them in anger.
6. Never let them perceive that they vex you or make you lose your command.
7. If they give way to penulence or ill temper wait till they are calm, and then gently reason with them on the impropriety of their conduct.
8. Remember a little present punishment when the occasion arises, is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment should the fault be renewed.
9. Never give your children anything because they cry for it.
10. On no account allow them to do at one time what you have forbidden under the circumstances, at another.
11. Teach them that the only way to appear good is to be good.
12. Accustom them to make their little recitals with perfect truth.
13. Never allow on tale-bearing.
14. Teach them self denial, not self indulgence of an angry and resentful spirit.

John L. Burns, the hero of Gettysburg has been pensioned. Burns is nearly seventy years of age, and was the only civilian in Gettysburg who shouldered his musket and entered the Union ranks to repel the invaders of his own town.