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FOREWORD

The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson takes pleasure in sponsoring the publication of the Minute Books of its predecessors.

A perusal of this volume indicates its importance to the student of local history, law, and government. We especially wish to commend its study to the teachers and students in the schools of the parish.

This is the first volume of governing body minutes to be published under Federal Historical Records Survey auspices in the United States.

We trust this fine work done by the Works Progress Administration in preserving and making accessible the records of Jefferson Parish will receive the commendation it deserves.

M. R. Toledano

PRESIDENT

PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey in Louisiana is one unit in the nation-wide Survey, headed by Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director. In the nation and in each state, the project operates under the administrative control of the Division of Professional and Service Projects, Works Progress Administration. From its beginning as a nation-wide project late in 1935, the Historical Records Survey operated under the Writers' Project until November 1936, when it became an individual part of Federal Project No. 1. The administration and operation of the Project in Louisiana remained under the Writers' Project until March 1937.

The objective of the Survey in Louisiana has been the preparation of complete inventories of the records of the state, and of each parish, municipality, and other local governmental units. By July 1938, it was apparent that if the Parish Archives Inventories were to present a clear picture of the records it would be necessary to delve deeply into the minutes of the governing body of the parish. Experiments aimed at limiting transcription from those minutes to pertinent passages indicated that we could not hope to obtain full coverage or uniform results by leaving to field workers the selection of the material which should be copied. For that reason, workers were assigned to the transcription in full of the police jury minutes in one parish after another until at the present time 67 workers are transcribing as many volumes in 46 parishes.

The first volume of the Police Jury "Minute Book" in Jefferson Parish was transcribed in long hand using a pencil. The transcription was made word for word, line for line, and page for page. At the close of each day, the worker proof-read the material he had copied on that day against the original and transmitted it to the state office, where the editorial foreman of the transcription unit, Mr. Verne Fisher, read and filed the material sent in on each day. If any feature of the transcript, such as handwriting or spelling was in question, it was returned to the field for correction or verification. The transcriber inserted "[sic]" after each misspelled word to indicate that the error was not an error in transcription. It should be pointed out that Volume I of the Police Jury "Minute Book" in Jefferson Parish carries the minutes in French on the even numbered pages and in English on the odd numbered pages for the pages 1-255; for pages 256-346 the opposite is true. The transcription reproduced here is based entirely upon the English record. On the completion of the transcription of this volume, the state office editorial foreman visited the courthouse in Jefferson Parish and with one of the workers proof-read the entire transcription against the original. He then eliminated from the transcription all editorial [sic]'s. The pencil transcription was then typed in 5 copies. The ribbon copy was, in turn, proofed against the handwritten transcription. From the ribbon copy, stencils were cut during February and March 1939. The stencils, in turn, were proofed against the typed copy. In other words, the text which follows has been proofed on four occasions, two of them against the original record.

Although the worker's copy was made line for line, the mimeographed version does not follow that rule. The transcription here presented is

a word for word, paragraph for paragraph, page for page transcription. Page numbers have been indicated in brackets preceding each page of transcription. We have carried the inclusive page numbers in parentheses at the top of each mimeographed page. The pagination of the original was used to avoid the necessity of double page citations, to the original and published text, in the index. The editorial device used to indicate page endings is a line drawn entirely across the page. The double lines which appear in a number of cases, as on page 27, have no editorial connotation whatever, but are a transcript from the original. The editorial rule adopted for the transcribed marginal notes is that the marginal note shall begin on the same line as the first line of the paragraph which it serves.

The exact title of Volume I of the "Minute Book" is shown on the title page immediately preceding the first page of the published transcript. For purposes of uniformity in citation, should it be found possible to publish any considerable number of volumes of police jury minute transcripts, we have set up arbitrarily a title, under which any parish record may be published in full, e. g. Transcriptions of Parish Records of Louisiana. These must of necessity be published by parishes; so that the practice of assigning a number to the parish according to its alphabetical position in the list of parishes, used in the Inventory of Parish Archives series, has been retained. The series title assigned is Police Jury Minutes. Of course, each mimeographed volume will carry the exact title and inclusive dates of the original.

The index has been prepared under the direction of Mr. Randolph T. Palmer. The line-index form has been used throughout. An attempt has been made to include every place and proper name, and to group under subject heads the significant items of information contained in the record,

As a preliminary step to making readily accessible the entire body of local ordinances in the parish, we have also included a list, arranged chronologically, of the ordinances adopted by the police jury at Jefferson Parish between 1834 and 1843. These ordinances are covered by the subject index, but we believe that their importance warrants such special treatment as well.

A cursory examination of the contents of this volume will reveal, in large measure, the significance of police jury minutes as a fundamental source for the study of parish government and history. These records, taken in the aggregate, contain a vast body of local law, which, because it was not in accessible form, has been lost to all except a very few pertinacious lawyers. The minute books reveal in what measure the parish operated as a local government, and to what extent as an agency of the state.

While the whole picture is by no means to be obtained from a reading of this record, the all-embracing functions of the early police jury as a governing body and the record of its actions indicate in which offices to look for the source which will fill out the picture.

An example of the use which can be made of the transcriptions of Police Jury Minutes may be cited. As will be noted the minutes of the

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police jury of Jefferson Parish begin in 1834. The parish, however, was established in 1825. The question arose regarding minutes from 1825 to 1834. In scanning the Acts of the Legislature, it was found that in 1834 an act was passed by that body giving in great detail the powers and duties of the police jury of the parish of Jefferson. Consultation of the minutes showed that the police jury had, at a meeting held on January 15, 1834, (page 1) requested the senator and representative from the parish to secure an act from the legislature specifically defining its powers and duties. The result apparently was the act referred to above, which as approved by the governor on January 30, 1834. One of the significant sections of this act, and one not found in the general acts, was section 6, which ordered the police jury to transcribe in a book its ordinances and other proceedings. This would seem to indicate that there are no missing minutes of the police jury, that it had never kept any such record of its proceedings, and this conclusion seems to be borne out by the following pages of the "Minute Book", where there will be found a long list of ordinances for the regulation of all important parish affairs.

In Louisiana the Historical Records Survey began operation in March 1936, under the supervision of Lyle Saxon, State Director of the Writers' Project, who acted as State Director of the Historical Records Survey. On March 10, 1937, John C. L. Andreassen became State Director of the Historical Records Survey; Mr. Saxon continued as State Director of the Writers' Project. On March 6, 1938, Mr. Andreassen became Acting Regional Supervisor of the Survey in the eleven states comprising W. P. A. Region III. Since July 9, 1938, Mr. Vergil L. Bedsole has served as State Supervisor in Louisiana during Mr. Andreassen's absence from the State.

General regulations and procedures applicable to all Historical Records Survey units in the forty-eight states have been followed in Louisiana. The officials of W. P. A. in Louisiana have always given the project cordial support and assistance. Appreciation for the interest and cooperation of Jefferson Parish officials in our undertaking must be mentioned. The Police Jury, through its President, Mr. Weaver R. Toledano, Secretary, Mr. William Hepting, and Treasurer, Mr. C. V. Bourgeois, assisted the project by making the minutes readily accessible, and providing room and facilities for transcribing. Mr. Vic A. Pitre, Clerk of Court, provided room and facilities for workers who could not be accommodated in the police jury room.

This and the succeeding twelve volumes of the minutes are being published under the sponsorship of the Jefferson Parish Police Jury. Requests for information concerning this, or other publications of the Historical Records Survey in Louisiana, should be addressed to Dr. Edwin Adams Davis, Archivist, University, Louisiana, or to the State Director of the Survey.

John C. L. Andreassen
State Director and
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Historical Records Survey

POLICE JURY
OF THE PARISH
OF JEFFERSON
MINUTE BOOK

1834 - 1843

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Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.
Meeting of the 13th of January 1834.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Mr. Felix Delery appointed in place of Mr. F. Dugue for the 2^d. district, Mr. P. A. guillote in place of Mr. Walton, for the City of Lafayette presented themselves & after having been duly sworn, took their seats.

Members present the hon^{ble} F. Dugue president, Felix Delery--C. Zeringue--M Penny--Mr. Fortier jnr.--Phi Labarre, L^s. Bouligny-P.A. Guillote--Geo. Baumgard. Absentees M^s. D.B. Villars P-A Delachaise-- Antne Foucher jun^r--Eugene Fortier.

On motion resolved that the following resolution be adopted.

Request made to the Senator & representative of the Parish

Resolved that our senator and representative be requested to solicit from the legislature, the enactment of a law which would give to the police jury of this Parish, all powers necessary to obtain a good Police.

Invitations made to the senator & representatives of Orleans

Resolved that the senator & representatives of the Parish of Orleans be invited to unite their efforts to those of our Senator & representative, in order to obtain the enactment of said law-whereas the great risks and losses which that parish should be exposed to suffer if that of Jefferson had not a good police.

Whereas the great number of laws relative to police juries, it should be necessary that the law which is solicited, should be explicit enough in order to repeal any laws concerning the Parish of Jefferson only.

Mr. B. Boisblanc appointed treasurer.

On motion resolved that it be proceeded to the appointment of the Parish treasurer and in counting the votes, it appeared that Mr. Beausjour Boisblanc had been unanimously elected.

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Emoluments
of the
treasurer.

Resolved that the emolument of the treasurer shall be of eight per cent on every sums he shall receive on account of the Parish.

Duty of
the treas-
urer

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Parish treasurer not to pay any account before the same be accepted by the judge.

Committee
appointed to
examine the
police regu-
lations

Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed to examine the police regulations, to make the amendments they should think necessary & that the said committee be requested to make their report Saturday next--Messrs. P.A. Delachaise, Baumgard & N. Fortier Jr have been elected members of said committee.

Stray Cattle
\$2

Resolved that a fine of two dollars per head shall be exigible for the apprehension & leading of the stray animals to the different syndics one half of said fine for the parish & the other half for the person who shall have taken them up.

Money col-
lected on
grog shops
refunded to
the city of
Lafayette

Resolved that all sums collected by the treasurer of this Parish for licences on grog shops, within the limits of the City of Lafayette from the day of the incorporation of said city to the 20th of April last be reimbursed to the City Council of said City.

W. Sharp

Due reading having been made of a letter from Mr. Sharp claiming the sum of \$21-50cts for printing costs in his paper.

Resolved that Mr. Sharp be requested to furnish a more explicit

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account.

Mr. McDaniel

After having taken into consideration the letter of Mr. McDaniel claiming the amount of two bills the one of \$15 & the other of \$17 for internments of two corpse in October 1832.

Resolved that the total amount of those two bills be reduced to the sum of \$24.

Propositions
to establish
gaming houses

Reading having been made of the letters of Mr T Dews & Mrs Sacredotte & Givodeau praying to be authorized to establish gaming houses,

Resolved that those letters be deposited on the table.

D. Dean

Reading having been made of a letter of Mr. D Dean by which he gave to the police jury, in favor of the orphan assylum a sum of \$259 -- which is due to him by Mr. H. Davis.

Resolved that the secretary be requested to write to the said Davis in order to know if he should be disposed to pay said sum.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

January 13th 1834.

F. Dugue

President of the Jury

Meeting of the 18th January.

Members present Mrs. F. Dugue president, C. Zeringue M. Penny--F. Delery--Louis Bouligny--N. Fortier jun^r Geo. Baumgard--P. A Guillote.

the Parish attorney requested to settle with Mr. Depassau

On motion resolved that the Parish attorney be requested to settle as soon as possible with Mr. Depassau as sheriff of this Parish.

Jurors when liable to fine

Resolved that hereafter the members of the police jury who shall fail to attend the meetings of the Police jury shall be obliged to pay the fine required by law.

Regular meetings

That hereafter the regular meetings of the Police Jury shall take place on every second Monday of each month.

the Attorney charged to claim from Harang's heirs

That the parish attorney is charged to claim from the heirs of judge Harang that sum that the said judge may owe as treasurer of the Parish as soon as possible which sums after having been collected are to be delivered with the hands of the present treasurer.

Fairchild & Callender

The bill of Msrs Fairchild & Callender having been taken into consideration received that it be submitted to the committee on finance.

Reading having been made of the letter of M^s Fairchild & Callender offering to point the deliberations of the police jury, resolved that it be deposited on the table.

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Lafayette
accounts
given to
the attorney

Resolved that the account of claims made by the City of Lafayette against the Parish of Jefferson in consideration of the sums collected on the licenses on grog shops, shall be delivered to the parish attorney to collect them.

Resolved that Mr. N. Fortier Jr. be appointed member

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N. Fortier
appd member
of the com-
mittee on
finance

of the committee on finance together with Msrs. P. A. Delachaise and Louis Bouligny.

Resolution
relative to
collectors

Resolved that all persons collecting money on account of the Parish of Jefferson shall make a monthly report to the police jury of all sums by them so collected specifying from whom & on what account the same has been received & it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Police jury to keep a faithful record of the same.

That all money collected on account of the Parish shall be paid monthly into the hands of the treasurer by the collector or collectors thereof & the vouchers for such payments shall be produced to the police jury whenever demanded.

Requisition
on justices
of the peace

That the several justices of the peace within the Parish of Jefferson, be requested to furnish the police jury of this Parish with a list of all suits on their respective dockets brought on behalf of or against the said Parish since they have been appointed justices of the peace, and also an account of the several sums collected by such justices of the peace in suits for the Parish & to whom paid over.

Secretary
his duty

And the secretary of the police jury is hereby requested to communicate this resolution to such justices respectively & to request their compliance therewith and it is hereby made the duty of the secretary hereafter, once every six months to renew such application to the respective justices, aforesaid & to communicate the result to the police jury. The jury then adjourned.

Parish of Jefferson January 18th 1834.
F Dugue president of the police jury

Meeting of the 7th February.

Members present Mr. F. Dugue president, C Zeringue -
P.A Guillote- Delachaise- Geo. Baumgard- L^S. Boulligny-
E. Fortier M. Penny- Phi. Labarre- Felix Delery- D B
Villars.

The jury having met by virtue of a convocation
asked by several members after reading of the Journal
on motion.

Regulations
ordered to
be printed

Resolved that the regulations of the Police jury
be printed in the City of Lafayette, in French & Eng-
lish & that a committee be appointed on that effect-
Mrs. P.A Guillote & G. Baumgard have been appointed.

Amts. allow-
ed to Mr.
Buisson

Resolved that the sum of \$80. be paid to Mr.
Buisson & a sum of \$40. to each of the other asses-
sors.

New commit-
tee appoint-
ed

That the secretary be authorized to procure him-
self the book where the account rendered the 13th
October 1831 by the late Treasurer T. M. Harang &
accepted by the committee then charged to examine
said account.

That a new committee be appointed to examine the
account since that time & make their report to the
president who then shall cause the jury to meet.

The jury shall take cognizance of it and will
decide in consequence.

The committee appointed by ballot is composed
of Mrs. Phi Labarre Baumgard- & C. Zeringue.

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The police
jury com-
posed of 12

Resolved that the police jury shall continue to
be composed of twelve members, that is to say that six
members shall represent the right bank of the Missis-
sippi--2 members shall represent the City of Lafayette
and four members shall represent the rest of the Par-
ish, in order that the division by the district should
remain the same.

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Division of
the 5th Ward

That the fifth district shall be divided into two wards in order that the first division should begin at the inferior limit of Mr. N. Fortier's plantation & stop at the inferior limit of Carrollton City comprehending (La metairie) shall form the 5th ward.

Limits of
the 6th Ward

The second division shall comprehend the inferior limit of Carrollton and shall stop at the inferior limit of Delassize's plantation & shall form the 6th ward.

7th Ward

The 7th ward shall comprehend Barataria.

The syndic
of the 5th
ward \$300

Resolved that the syndic of the 5th ward shall be entitled to \$ 300 per annum & that several syndics shall be paid quarterly on their drafts.

E. Guillote
apptd syndic

Resolved that the jury proceed to the nomination of the syndic for the 6th ward, & in verifying the votes it appeared that Mr. E. Guillote had been unanimously elected.

J Winters &
A P How
appted con-
stables

That Mrs. Joshua Winters & Archibald P. How be appointed constables for the parish, & in verifying the votes it appeared that they had been unanimously elected.

fine against
persons in-
cumbeing
levees &
battures

Resolved that three days after notice given by the syndic of his ward persons who shall have made obstructions or other encumbe on the levees & Battures shall be condemned to a fine of \$49 & of ten dollars for every day during which said obstructions shall exist after the expiration of the three days notice above said.

Police regu-
lations how
registered &
posted to be
force.

Resolved that hereafter three days after the police regulations shall have been registered & posted up at the door of the Parish Court they shall be in force.

Resolved that the following Regulations be adopted to wit:

Police regulations of the Parish of Jefferson adopted on the seventh February 1834.

Regulation to fix the manners in which the levees, ways, bridges & ditches are to be made & repaired.

The judge of the Parish of Jefferson, by and with the advice of the inhabitants composing the police jury of said Parish convened according to law, hath ordained & doth ordain as follows:

Art 1 of the
breadth of
Highways.

The breadth of the highways on both banks of the river and throughout the whole extent of the Parish, without exception, shall be at least twenty-five feet; they shall have a swell

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a swell toward the center sufficient to facilitate the running off of the waters and be lined on each side by a draining ditch two feet wide and one foot deep.

Art. 2.

The length of the bridges throughout the whole parish shall not be less than the breadth of the roads, and their breadth shall be at least three feet. They shall be made of cypress planks of a length equal to the breadth of the road and two inches in thickness, which planks shall be supported by joists placed at four feet distance from each other, four inches below the level of the road, so that the bridges be two inches below said level. Those bridges which are not constructed according to these proportions, shall be made anew & in conformity thereto.

The bridges on the canals of saw mills and others shall be solidly constructed of planks twenty feet long and two inches thick; they shall be secured with rails, and the ascent to them shall be easy and commodious.

Art. 3

The ways on the levees shall be, as all others twenty five feet in breadth.

Art. 4

If there be any trees, hedges, ditches or other objects which in any manner obstruct the passage on the land reserved for public ways all such obstruction shall be immediately removed, on penalty of a fine of \$25. against the person or persons whose duty it is to make and clear the way so obstructed, and the said fine may be exacted for every time that the said person or persons, being thereto required by the syndic or syndics of the district, shall have failed to comply.

In this disposition are not comprised such trees as are planted on the side of ways to form alleys, and not obstructing the passage.

Art. 5.

The levees shall in future be constructed at a distance of at least forty feet from the waters' edge, which is to be understood from the level of the soil without any regard to its declivity toward the river in the time of low water, but in places the bank is apt

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to tumble down the distance from the levee to the river shall be determined by the syndic assisted by at least two inhabitants.

Art. 6. If the earth for the construction of a levee, taken outside, that is to say, on the side of the river, a space of at least twenty feet shall be left untouched between the exterior base of the levee & the spot where the earth is taken from.

Art. 7. Every levee constructed anew shall be strongly lined with fascines or palisadoes, from its base to its summit in order that it be not diluted by the waves.

Art. 8. The levees shall be constructed in the following manner: For one and not above three perpendicular feet of water, (masse) five feet base for every foot in height; so that three feet in height shall give fifteen feet base.

For four feet height, the base shall be twenty four feet.

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For five feet, thirty five and eight feet base for every foot in height shall exceed five feet, calculated from the level of the soil.

The summit of a levee shall always be equal to one third of the base; but after the sinking of the earth it shall still be raised one foot above the level of the water when highest.

Levees shall be constructed by lays, in order to make them the stronger.

Art. 9. The proportion between the base and the height of levees shall be augmented one foot, on all lands where, there is not for every arpent of levee an individual either free or slave, capable of working, because that description of property, not being watched with all necessary care may expose the neighboring cultivators to the greatest inconveniences

Art. 10. For the levees already existing & which want to be repaired the repairs shall be ordered by the syndic, assisted by at least two neighboring inhabitants who after having been on the spot shall make a verbal proces of the repairs thus to be executed, the syndic when ordering the works for levees to be constructed

shall notify to the inhabitants the number of slaves who are to be employed at the said works until their completion; it being well understood that the said slaves shall be able to do the work; and in case at the expiration of eight days from the notification the syndic should not find this necessary number of slaves he had ordered as aforesaid he shall require from the inhabitants of his district the necessary number of slaves and those slaves shall be paid to the 18th Article, and the reimbursement enforced according to the 16th Article of the present regulation.

Art. 11.

In case of any proprietor being absolutely unable to effect the works of the levee enjoined by the present regulation he shall declare his inability before the Parish judge at least one month prior to the period fixed by the present regulation for commencing said works on penalty of a fine of two hundred dollars and of being liable for the damages resulting from the non performance of the works.

But on its appearing to the satisfaction of the judge, that the proprietor making this declaration is really unable to effect said works, the said judge shall authorize the syndic of the district, where the said works are required to cause them to be executed, either by means of adjudication to the lowest bidders or by journey men, if such can be found, or by requisitions of the inhabitants of the said district, in proportion of their number of slaves the whole at the expense of the proprietor bound to perform the said works; it being well understood, that in case the syndic should have adopted the way of requisitions of slaves on the inhabitants, to have the said works done, any inhabitant refusing to comply with such requisition shall be condemned to pay a fine of five dollars for every slave that had been required of him, unless upon the report of the syndic himself, the jury should have sufficient motives to remit the fine.

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And the proprietor where levees shall have thus been made, or repaired, shall besides the expenses of tracing and levelling pay the daily hire of the slaves at the rate of two dollars or at the price fixed by said adjudication or at that paid by him who has employed the journey men.

In case the said proprietor refuses to pay the expenses incurred on his account in making or repairing

his levee he shall be compelled to pay the same in the same manner and by the same summary and expeditious means as prescribed by the 16th Art. of the present regulation.

Art. 12.

The works for the levees shall begin every year in the month of July or as soon as the water is low, & shall be finished & completed by the first of November following, under penalty for every such Contravention of a fine which shall not exceed five hundred dollars nor be less than than fifty at the discretion of the Parish judge.

Art. 13.

One month previous to the commencement of the work specified in the preceding articles, the syndics shall carefully inspect the ways, bridges, ditches and levees within their respective districts and from the inspection they shall draw up a general report of the works to be made which they shall deliver to their successors who shall afterwards make the same known within their respective districts, & to send each inhabitant a statement of works that concern him.

Art. 14.

If during the reparation of the levees any part should happen to fall down so as to destroy the work already done or to increase considerably that remaining to be done by the inhabitant who is bound to perform it, the syndic of the district in which that accident has happened, with two neighboring inhabitants shall immediately repair to the spot, & if it should appear to them that the means of the inhabitant who has suffered by the accident does not admit of his completing his works in time to avoid an inundation or the loss of his crop they shall cause aid to be given to him by requiring the inhabitants of the said district to furnish him with a sufficient number of slaves, in proportion to the number they severally have, on penalty, in case of non compliance with said requisition of a fine of five dollars for every negro which the defaulter ought to have furnished to be paid according to the 16th Article.

Art. 15.

As soon as the works presented by the preceeding article shall be completed the syndics within their respective district shall proceed to the inspection of the said works in order to ascertain whether they ought to be approved & they shall give notice to the proprietor who shall have performed said works in order that he may attend at the said inspection & approval, Should he think proper.

Art. 16.

In case the works not being performed or of their not being approved it shall be the duty of the inspecting syndic to report immediately the fact to the Parish

judge in order that he may condemn the defaulter to the fine

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prescribed by the 12th Article.

The syndics shall immediately cause the said works to be completed at the expense of the proprietor by requiring a certain number of slaves within their district the said slaves shall be paid at the rate of two dollars per day.

Art. 17.

If any rupture (crevasse) should happen to take place in any levee in consequence of any parts falling down, the syndic of the district, with two neighboring inhabitants shall immediately repair to the spot and require the inhabitants of the said district in proportions to their respective number of slaves, to send a sufficient number of negroes to remedy the accident and no compensation for assistance shall be demandable.

Art. 18.

Whenever a rupture shall take place on a plantation & the negroes of the owner on whose land it will take place shall not suffice to repair it, the syndic shall require from the inhabitants of his district the number of slaves he will think necessary to repair the said rupture, and these slaves shall be paid at the rate of two dollars per day and fed at the expense of the inhabitant on whose land they shall be working, and every planter who shall refuse to send his slaves shall be condemned to a fine of ten dollars per every slave, these expences shall be recovered before any competent Court.

Art. 19.

Any inhabitant who should have sent one or more slaves to stop a (crevasse) on an other proprietor's lands either during the day or in the night, shall be entitled to the payment of those of his slaves, who should happen to drown themselves or otherwise lose their lives by the effect of said works.

In such cases the syndic of the district in which the accident happens assisted by three inhabitants of the said district, shall proceed to the appraisement of the above slave or slaves & the verbal proces they will make out of such appraisement, shall serve the owner in claiming his payment from the jury of the Parish. The jury shall order the payment of slaves thus lost in the public service out of the funds of the Parish, after having ordered that the amount of the same be levied

upon the landed property within this Parish in proportion to the tax to which the said properties are respectively subject and in addition to the said tax.

In cases where slaves employed as above mentioned should happen to be wounded and disabled so as to be unable in future to be of the same service to their masters as they were before, the owner of such slaves shall be entitled to an indemnity, which shall be settled and paid in the same manner as above.

Art 20.

On plantations subject to (crevasses) the owners shall be bound to have always ready a number of pickets & Clubs, the quantity & proportion of which shall be determined by the syndic, in order to experience the least delay possible in case a rupture should take place at their levees.

They shall also have a deposit of straw and moss, & finally every owner shall be bound to have a white overseer on his lands, as well as a number

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of workmen sufficient for the keeping of the levees, ways, bridges, fences &^d in repair: and on failing to comply with this last paragraph of the present article the syndic shall provide for it at the expense of said owner.

Art 21.

Besides the works which the inhabitants are bound to perform at Certain periods of the year by virtue of the present regulation they shall at all times be under obligation to keep their ways, bridges, ditches and Levees in good repair and free of all kinds of filth and of weeds, in order principally that the holes which might exist in the levees be perceived and if after having been duly repaired and notified by the syndic of their district to execute the said repairs they refuse or neglect to do so within the prescribed delay, they shall be condemned to a fine of twenty five dollars.

Art 22.

The syndics within their respective districts shall see to the observance of the present regulation and of all others that may be made relative to ways, bridges, ditches, levees, fences and to the police of Cattle on all matters relating thereto, they shall Correspond direct with the judge of the Parish, to whom they shall take care to denounce all the abuses they may discover in any of the said particulars.

Art 23.

In all cases when the number of slaves of one district of the Parish is not sufficient to stop the effect of an inundation which may have happened there or to execute the works ordered by the syndic the judge of the Parish on receiving official notice thereof, shall require the syndic of the other district on the same side of the river to cause the inhabitants of said district to contribute according to the number of their slaves.

Art 24.

The syndics shall frequently survey the levees when the river is high or threatens to overflow, and if the said syndics perceive that the said levees need repairs or strengthening they shall immediately give notice to the inhabitant to whom they belong or to his representative requiring him to have the necessary work done on them, without delay, on penalty of a fine of forty nine dollars, and in case the inhabitant should again neglect to make immediately the said repairs the syndic shall recur to the means prescribed to him by the 16th article of this regulation.

Regulation

To determine the manner in which fences are to be made, police of cattle, &c. the division of the Parish in wards, &c.

Art 25.

The Parish shall be divided into seven wards for each of which these shall be named a syndic and two inhabitants.

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inhabitants whose duty it shall be to see that he strictly performs the duties of his office.

the 1st ward shall commence from the Canal Bernoudy & extend to the upper boundary of Messrs Dugue' Brothers and L^s Harang.

the 2nd Ward shall begin at the upper boundary of Messrs Dugue' Brothers and L^s Harang and Extend to the upper boundary of the plantation of Mr. E. Drouet.

the 3rd Ward shall commence at the upper limit of Mr. E. Drouet and extend to the upper boundary of Baptiste Paquet's plantation f[ree] m[ale] c[olored]

the 4th Ward shall commence at the upper boundary of the plantation of Mr. Kenner and extend to the lower boundary of N. Fortier's plantation.

the 5th Ward shall commence at Mr. N. Fortier's plantation & extend to the lower boundary, of Carrollton and shall include la metairie.

the 6th Ward shall commence at the boundary of Carrollton & extend to the lower boundary of Delassize's plantation.

the 7th Ward shall Comprehend Barataria.

The syndics shall receive the following envoluments including their Parish taxes and shall be paid quarterly on their draft.

Art 26.	The syndic of the <u>1st</u> Ward	\$200.00	cts
	" do " " <u>2nd</u> "	200.00	
	" do " " <u>3rd</u> "	200.00	
	" do " " <u>4th</u> "	200.00	
	" do " " <u>5th</u> "	300.00	
	" do " " <u>6th</u> "	200.00	
	" do " " <u>7th</u> "	200.00	

Art 27. No owner of Lands cleared either in whole or in part shall be dispersed from keeping up division fences, whether or not he makes use of the lands near the limits or whether he leaves a space between the said Limits and his cultivated lands, the intention and object of the regulations being that the division fences be always kept up at the joint expense of the proprietors whose lands lay adjourning.

Art 28. Every syndic on the request of any inhabitant to examine a boundary fence, shall repair to the spot, accompanied by at least one uninterested inhabitant and according to the circumstances of the case, shall order that the said fence be repaired, or that a new one be made and put up; & he shall fix the time at which the work shall be finished.

Art 29. The syndics may renew, every eight days, or at such intervals as they may deem necessary the summons relative to the erection

tion of repairs of division fences and it shall be

their duty to present to the judge or to the president of the police jury all persons who shall not execute their orders and the delinquents will be liable to a fine of forty dollars for every summons which they shall have disobeyed and said fine shall be recovered from by suit before the Competent tribunals.

Art 30.

Whenever a boundary fence shall form the limit between two continuous districts, the requisitions provided by the two preceeding articles shall be made by the syndic of the ward within the limits of which is the plantation of the proprietor to whom said requisitions are to be addressed.

Art 31.

Whoever shall open the fences of a plantation without the permission of the proprietor, or the person who represents him, shall be condemned to pay a fine of forty nine dollars, and if the delinquent be a slave, he shall be sent to the syndic or to any justice of the peace and shall be punished by a flogging of twenty five lashes.

Art 32.

All proprietors of animals shall cause them to be branded, & shall send over to the syndic of his ward a figurative copy of said brand that it may be refered to, if need be under a penalty of five dollars for each contravention of the kind.

Art 33.

It is expressly prohibited to all persons to allow their animals to graze on the highways, levees or batures of other persons under penalty of a fine of ten dollars for each animal thus taken in contravention, one half of said fine to the profit of the parish and the other half to the profit of the inhabitant or other person who represents him, who shall have taken up said animals. The proprietor only has this privilege in front of his land.

Art 34.

Whenever animals shall have committed any damage to the roads levees, fences or crops, the party injured shall immediately call on the syndic and two neighboring inhabitants that they may determine the nature of the damage and the manner in which [it] was committed; and if it be proved that there be any fault on the part of the proprietor of said animals, he shall (besides the damage to which the injured party may pretend) be condemned to pay the fine fixed in the preceeding article.

Art 35.

The inhabitant who may have stray animals on his plantation, shall cause them to be driven to the syndic. the syndic shall notify the proprietor of said animals, if he resides within his ward to withdraw them on paying the fine above determined, and the costs

incurred; and if twenty four hours afterward the said animals are not with drawn, the syndic shall cause them to be driven to the depot, and he shall be allowed twenty five cents per day for each animal thus sent to the depot for the expense of feeding and keeping.

Art 36. As for sheep the fine shall be but twenty five cents per head and the expense of feeding and keeping but six cents per head and per day.

Art 37. It shall be the duty of the syndic immediately to cause a notice to be posted at the depot, during three weeks, in French and English, with the indication of the brands and other particular

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particular marks by which said animals may be known and if at the expiration of that time they are not claimed, the syndic shall sell them at auction shall deduct from the proceeds the expenses of taking up and keeping, the damages of the injured party if the case be such and the fine incurred, and shall deposit the balance, if there be any, in the hands of the parish treasurer, who shall keep it until claimed by the owner.

Art 38. If the proprietor of the stray animals thus taken up be unknown, or resides out of the limits of the Parish, the syndic shall give notice of the taking of said animals, by two publications in french and English in one of the newspapers of Lafayette with an interval of seven days between the two publications, and three days after the last one, said syndic shall proceed to the sale of said animals, and employ the proceeds in the manner **prescribed** by the preceeding Article. The syndic shall not receive any stray animals unless they be accompanied by a note signed by the person who shall have taken them up, and when the syndic shall have arrested them himself he shall cause the fact to be known to at least one of his neighbors.

Art 39. In case any person should stop one or more stray animals taken up in execution of the present regulation, whether he takes them at the moment when they are being conducted to the syndic or to the depot, or whether by positively opening or by breaking the fences or walks so as to allow them to come out, before paying the costs and the fines stipulated in the said general rules, such person on conviction of said offence shall be condemned to pay a fine which shall not exceed fifty dollars & which shall not be less than twenty five dollars.

Art 40.

Every inhabitant is authorized to cause to be taken up and delivered to the syndic of his ward, any stallion found in his land being less than four feet eight inches high or which being of that height has any notable deformity, and the syndic in case the owner shall not claim the said stallion within twenty four hours by paying ten dollars fine, shall be obliged to cause him to be cut without being at all responsible for the effects.

Art 41.

It is expressly prohibited to allow any vicious animal to range on another's lands, and the inhabitant on whose lands any such animal may be found is authorized to kill the same, assisted by one of his neighbors, so that he may prove that he could not otherwise get rid of them; and he cannot do it elsewhere, but on his own lands under penalty of a fine of one hundred dollars, but hogs & goats may be killed when found on his property.

Art. 42.

Any person having a horse, a mule or any other animal attacked with glanders or any other contagious malady, who shall allow him to range at large shall be condemned to pay a fine of forty nine dollars without prejudice of the damages which may be claimed by third persons.

The syndic after having caused the said diseased to be ascertained by at least two inhabitants shall destroy and bury such animals as may be infected at the expense of the proprietor, or at the expense of the Parish if the proprietor be unknown.

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Art 43.

The syndics in the respective wards have the right to visit the herds of Cattle brought from other parishes, into that of Jefferson, and if they discover in such herds any animal of any inhabitant of their ward, they shall immediately give him information thereof, that he may act as he sees fit, the syndics shall make such visit whenever requested so to do by an inhabitant of their ward.

Art 44.

Whoever shall enter into an enclosed field whether in Cultivation or not without the permission of the proprietor or of his representative, whoever shall break down the fences for the purpose of hunting and gaming on the lands of another, whoever shall fire with ball or other shot toward the roads or toward the inhabited houses: whoever shall kill or wound knowingly

any domestic animal shall be fined for each contravention of the kind in the sum of forty nine dollars without prejudice of the damages which those persons may be entitled to.

It is prohibited to leave dead animals on the road or near the road so as to incommode persons passing by. the inhabitant on whose lands such animals may be found shall cause the same to be buried under penalty of a fine of ten dollars provided he shall have recourse against the owner of such animals if they are known, for account of Costs.

Every inhabitant shall cause to be drained all stagnant water at the foot of his levee, or in swampy ground in front of his land.

Art 46.

The distance and dimensions of every boundary ditch to be made shall be fixed by the syndic accompanied by two inhabitants. No one shall be allowed to dry up any earth between his boundary lines and the said ditch, nor shall any one be allowed to dig up any earth unless it be at the distance of at least ten feet from the boundary line.

Art 47.

No one shall be allowed to fasten to the posts boards or other pieces of wood composing the covering levees, nor across the road, any barge, boat schooner, flat boat or other embarcation, or object of whatever kind under penalty of a fine which shall not be less than five dollars and which shall not exceed \$49.

Art 48.

The syndics shall keep a book, in which they shall insert, exactly their correspondance with the parish judge, the justices of the peace and the inhabitants relative to their functions.

The letters shall be numbered, they shall also transcribe into said register, the process verbals they may make and all orders they shall give in execution of the present regulations, the syndic shall also enrregister in said book, the names of the delinquents whom they have informed against to the parish judge or justices of the peace, and shall present said book every year to the police jury.

Art 49.

No order and no information, relative to the execution of the present regulations of the police of the Parish, and of the amendments which may subsequently be adopted, shall be set aside for want

for want of form, the said orders and informations of the syndics shall be always valid provided they are intilligible.

Art 50.

All the fines shall be to the profit of the Parish except those relative to the estimation of stray animals the half of which shall belong to the person who shall have taken up the animals, and the other half to the Parish.

The said fines shall be pronounced & recovered by the Parish judge & the justices of the peace, except those relative to the taking up of stray animals which shall be pronounced and recovered by the syndics.

Regulation

To determine the manner in which owners of land may open the necessary canals in order to drain the soil.

Art 51.

In order to avoid all kinds of contentions which might arise among the inhabitants according to the 4th title of the second chapter of the digest of the Civil law, now in force in this state it shall in future be allowed to any owner of land situated on the Mississippi in order to let out the waters which pass upon his land, or cover a part of it: provided that he shall in no case injure his neighbours, or any other proprietors by pouring the said waters upon their property.

Art 52.

Whenever an inhabitant shall wish to open a canal for the purpose of giving an issue to the waters of a bayou or any other water course passing through his land he shall be bound to give information thereof to the syndic of his district, whose duty it shall be to repair to the spot immediately, accompanied by the inhabitants and examine the contemplated work; and if the said syndic with the said few inhabitants or a majority of them should be of opinion that the work can be executed without injury to the neighbors, then they shall authorise such inhabitants to go on with his work, & should give notice to the neighbouring proprietors that they may execute the same work on their land if they think it proper.

Art 53.

If the land situated beyond the bayou or water course do not belong to the neighbouring inhabitant, and he should have nothing but that bayou or water course to receive the natural waters of his land and those of his ditches: the person opening the canal

shall erect no dyke on the side of the property which should find itself in the case foreseen above, and it shall not be in his power to prevent that neighbor from pouring his waters into the Canal which he shall open, or shall have opened for his own use, provided that the inhabitant or inhabitants whose water shall fall into the ditch or rivulet, the course of which shall be altered, on account of the great advantage resulting for them, by substituting a means of rapidly draining the water instead of the difficulty of the former ditch or rivulet and on account of the indispensable necessity in which they find themselves for their crops, by letting in the water from the river, or by any other cause to pour an extraordinary quantity of water, shall be bound to contribute in

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digging and repairing said canal.

Regulation

To determine the manner in which patroles shall be ordered within the Parish of Jefferson, the order to be observed in the same as well as the powers of the Patroles.

Art 54

All white Citizens above the age of fifteen years, and all the free men of colour above above the same age shall be bound to make the patroles ordered by the syndic of their respective districts, without it being in their power to be exempted therefrom, unless for very good reasons: Provided however that they shall be allowed to put in their stead a free man of their colour in case they could not perform personally that service; which they are bound to do under penalty of a fine of five dollars for each and every such contravention, & the said fine shall be paid into the Parish treasury, after having been decreed by the judge on the information of one of the syndics.

Art 55.

The syndics shall order one patrole every week within each district & oftener if necessary, in such manner however that the said patroles do not always take place on the same day & at the same hours.

Art 56.

The patrols shall consist of three or five armed men, according to the population of each district, in order not to occasion any unnecessary trouble to the citizens: but in case the public safety should be threatened or it should become necessary to attack any

encampment of runaway slaves, the syndics may order out any number of men they may deem convenient, & they shall always when not assuming the command themselves, designate the command of the patrol

Art 57.

The patrols shall arrest all the vagebonds and suspicious persons, whatever may be their colour, they shall fall in with on the road or in any other places within their districts, and deliver them up to the syndics who shall cause them to be brought to the Parish jail, to be there subject to the disposal of the judge after having previously been thereto authorized by the justice of the peace of their district if said justice of the peace deem it necessary & the expenses of bringing such persons shall be paid by the Parish treasury. The said patrols shall moreover denounce to the syndics that they may report thereon to the parish judge. (as every citizen has a right to do) all hawkers or pedlars who should have traded with slaves without being thereto expressly authorized by their masters; or who should offer goods for sale without having taken a license from the parish judge, or the mayor of the City dated the same year, as is prescribed by the acts of the 16th March 1809 & the 8th of April 1811, the latter (sect 5) forbidding every free person to cause any goods to be sold out of the City & suburbs of New Orleans, by his or their slaves, under the penalty of a forfeiture of such goods.

Art 58.

The patrols shall arrest all the slaves they shall meet with, who shall not be bearers of passes from their masters, in violation of the black Code, & the police regulations, they may chastise them with twenty five lashes, and bring them to their masters, or inform the latter of the arrestation of their slaves. In

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In case the slaves should be runaway, and belong to another district, they shall be sent to jail, therein to remain at the disposal of the Parish judge.

Art 59.

Every person is forbidden to give dancing or drinking, or any other amusements to slaves; the patrols shall visit the places where they may suspect any such thing to exist, & shall stop all the slaves they shall find there, & chastise them in the manner above described. They shall denounce the offender to the syndic that he may report thereon to the judge who shall condemn such offender to the payment of a fine

of \$49 for the use of the Parish.

Art 60.

Agreeably to the 35th section of the black Code, the patroles may fire upon any slave who would refuse to stop when pursued.

Art 61.

The syndics shall order commanders of patroles not to suffer any night dance in the negro huts of plantations and in order that the planters of the Parish be apprised of it, each syndic shall send a circular letter on that subject to those of his district.

Art 62.

Any slave who shall be found with fire or other arms shall be proceeded against agreeably to the provisions of the 19th and 20th articles of the black Code; the former forbidding all slaves to carry any kind of apparent or hidden weapons even with the permit from their masters & the latter prescribing that no slave hunter shall carry a fire arm without a permit from his master, which permit shall not be valid beyond the limits of his plantation.

Regulation

For fixing the manner in which powder houses shall be built & kept.

Art 63

Every person or persons who wish to build stores for depositing powder therein, within the limits of this Parish shall be obliged to conform to a plan of building which shall be furnished by two engineers: one named by the person or persons who wish to build the same & the other by the police jury.

And in case that the said engineers should not be able to agree upon the manner which should appear the most suitable as relates to the solidity of the building or buildings and for the security of the neighborhood in case of explosion they shall have a right to name a third person as an unpire.

Art 64.

No powder shall be deposited in the said stores until after all the conditions of the plan furnished by the engineers shall have been complied with.

Art 65.

All and every one of the said stores shall be guarded by at least twenty men (well famed, well armed, well furnished and above all not addicted to drunkenness) eight of whom shall be chosen by the person or persons

who shall have caused the said stores to be built, and twelve by the police jury, the said guard of twenty men shall be subject to the orders of three commissaires, residing within the limits

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of the Parish and appointed as follows: one by the person or persons who shall have caused the said stores to be built; and the two others by the police jury.

Art 66.

It shall be the duty of the person or persons who shall then have caused to be built the said store or stores, to have a place separate from the body of the store, yet within the same walls to lodge the guard & which shall be susceptible of containing at least twenty men extra in case it should become necessary to send any reinforcement; whether on account of insurrection or for other causes the whole at the expense of the person or persons who shall have caused the stores to be built.

Art 67.

It shall besides be the duty of the judge, the different syndics and justices of the peace and of the patroles, to visit the same the first, one every month, and the others from time to time for the purpose of informing themselves if the guard be complete in number, if the guard is well kept up; if the sentinels are regularly at their posts, night as well as day; particularly if notwithstanding the precautions that may have been taken, not to admit as guard other than sober men, there may be found among them some that are not sober; and agreeably to circumstances, they shall report to the police jury.

Art 68.

Every powder house built within the limits of the Parish shall be surrounded by a wall which shall be four feet thick at the base, fifteen feet high and one foot thick at the upper part so that it may contain a second wall of earth, which shall form a glacis within: the glacis shall be ten feet wide at the top, thirty feet at its base, and the said wall shall have a gate clothed with strong iron plates.

Regulation

Concerning the Barataria Road.

Art 69.

The Barataria road shall pass on the right side of the Bayou called families' Bayou; & the syndic is authorized to cause all the necessary work to be done; in conformity to the following article.

Art 70.

The roads shall be cleared for the width of eighty feet through its whole length; and the branches and bodies and shoots of trees cut away. The inhabitants shall not be bound to make ditches on each side of the road, except in the places that shall have been cleared seven years; but as soon as seven years shall have elapsed since the spot shall have been cleared, the syndics shall order the ditches to be made.

In every part where there shall be no ditches on both sides of the road; as many traverse ditches shall be made as shall be necessary to drain the low ground & the said ditches shall be covered by bridges.

Art 71.

The syndic of Barataria accompanied, as is required by the regulations,

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the regulations, shall fix the times within which the work should be done.

Regulation

Relative to Slaughter houses

Art 72.

When the judge of the Parish or any justice of the peace shall be informed that any slaughter house exhales any bad smell, he shall on proof of this fact, order that it be shut up for the space of six months & he shall besides condemn the proprietor to a fine of fifty dollars to the benefit of the Parish, and every person who shall neglect or refuse to obey the order, shall be condemned to pay a fine of ten dollars to the benefit of the Parish, for every day that they shall thus refuse

or neglect to obey but if ten days after the notification of the order, the slaughter house should not be shut up, it shall be the duty of the judge or justice of the peace, to order the sheriff or any other person to pull it down. It is expressly prohibited to slaughter animals in the open air, near the public roads under pain of a fine of twenty five dollars for every contravention.

Art 73

When a slaughter house shall be situated near the public roads the judge of the Parish or justice of the peace, shall have the right to fix agreeably to the localities, the manner in which the cattle shall be driven, so that no accidents shall happen on the roads. He shall cause all houses of this kind which shall have been made without his authorization, to be destroyed & shall condemn besides, the delinquents to pay a fine of fifty dollars for the benefit of the Parish.

Whenever any animal shall escape from the slaughter house, or from the park to the public road the proprietor of the slaughter house or the person who is slaughtering shall be condemned to pay a fine of ten dollars to the benefit of the Parish.

Regulation

Concerning balls & other assemblies of Coloured persons, as well free as slaves.

Art 74.

Whenever free persons of colour shall wish to give a ball or any other party where there shall be more than ten in number, they shall apply to the judge of the Parish [for] his permission. In case such permission shall not have been obtained, the proprietor of the house where the ball or any other party shall have taken place shall be condemned to a fine of forty nine dollars to the profit of the Parish; if the party takes place out of a house then every person

person who shall have been present shall pay a fine of five dollars.

Even when the permission shall have been obtained

no slave shall be admitted amongst them without a written permission of the master under penalty of a fine of ten dollars to which the judge shall condemn every delinquent.

Art 75.

No white person shall participate in such parties under a penalty of forty nine dollars for every contra-vention.

Regulation

Concerning Taverns, Coffeeshouses, Billard Rooms &c.

Art 76.

Every person intending to keep a public billard house, a tavern or any other place of public enter-tainment to board or for money lodge, or to sell spirituous liquors by retail, that is, from the small-est measure to a gallon inclusively, within the limits of the Parish, shall be bound.

1^o To ask from the Parish judge, a license to that effect with the recommendation of two re-spectable inhabitants residing in the said Par-ish, under penalty of a fine of twenty dollars for each contravention.

2^o To give bond with good and sufficient se-curity in the sum of three hundred dollars to secure the payment of the duty which shall be hereafter mentioned and a full obedience to the present ordinance.

3^o To pay twenty five dollars for a license to keep a billard room, & one hundred dollars for a license for keeping a tavern a boarding house or a coffee room the said sums to be paid in advance.

4th To put up on his door or fence an insign bearing his name and trade in large letters, un-der penalty of interdiction & of a fine of forty nine dollars.

5th Not to sale any spirituous or intoxicating liquors to the indians, under penalty of a fine of \$20. for each contravention of this kind. and as to slaves, if he should sell them any without a written permission from their master or mistress, under penalty to pay in favor of the Parish a fine of twenty five dollars.

6th Not to sell any liquors to any soldier in the service of the United States, stationed in the Parish, without a permission from his officers; under penalty of interdiction.

7th To shut his doors & quit selling liquors at eight o'clock in the evening from the 15th of September to the 15th of March, & at nine the balance of the year, under penalty of a fine of \$25 for each contravention.

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8th Not to sell falsified liquors under penalty of a fine of forty nine dollars & of interdiction.

9th Not to pass over his license to any person under penalty of a fine of forty nine dollars, which shall also be paid by the person who should receive it.

Tariff and Regulation
of the
Jail of Jefferson

Art 77. It shall be the duty of the jailor to keep the jail clean. The jailor shall receive one dollar and fifty cents for every slave put in the jail under his charge, & eighteen and three quarters cents per day for his board.

Art 78. The tariff of costs shall be stuck up in french and English in the office of the jailor and on the door of the jail; & when the sheriff shall neglect to do so he shall be subject to a fine of two dollars.

Art 79. It shall be the duty of the jailor to present every year, on the second monday of june his accounts to the police jury.

Art 80. All provisions of regulations contrary to the provision contained in the foregoing articles are hereby repealed.

Regulation.

To fix the manner in which are to be used the banks of the Mississippi within the limits of the Parish.

Whereas by the article 661, of the civil Code of Louisiana the space which is to be left for the public use by the adjacent proprietors on the shores of navigable rivers, is to be determined by laws or particular regulations:

Whereas by the 501 article of the same code the battures or alluvions on the shore of a river whether navigable or not belong to the front proprietors who are bound only to leave public that portion of the bank which is required by law for the public use:

Whereas by an act of Legislature of this state, approved on the 25th day of March 1813, the police juries are empowered to make all such regulations as they may deem expedient for securing a free

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for securing a free passage for boats and other small crafts, and for the tow lines to be left on the banks of the river mississippi for the public use

Whereas after thus having fixed the space to be left on the shores of the Mississippi on the battures which are not surrounded by levees, it is just that the balance of said battures should be left for the exclusive use of the front proprietors to whom they belong:

The police jury of the Parish of Jefferson doth ordain as follows:

Art 81.

The riparian proprietors of plantations or other lands not divided in suburbs on the river Mississippi within the limits of this Parish and who have in front of said property, battures, not surrounded by levees, shall be, & the same are hereby bound to leave on the shores of said River a free passage for the public use, said passage to be sixty feet wide as far as possible, and then all the balance of the said battures if they are larger than the space required for the said passage, shall remain to the exclusive use of the riparian proprietors to whom said battures may belong:

without prejudice to the said proprietors of the right which they may have to damages in case that any individual should exercise without the consent of said proprietors on the surplus of the said battures, the same acts which he is authorized by law to exercise on the space which is to be left for public use on the shores of navigable rivers. It is however well understood that the said proprietors shall in no case be allowed to surround with fences or other works or to encumber in any other way, the surplus of said battures, the use of which is exclusively reserved to them that might prevent the free access of the public to the levee along the said batture.

Art 82.

All persons, even the reperian proprietor himself, are forbidden to do any work or construction, or to put any incumbrance on the space which is to be kept for the passage and other use of the public; to which the shores of a navigable river may be subject so as to render the use of said passage impassible, more difficult or less commodious under penalty for every trespasser to be sentenced on the complaint brought before the Parish judge or any other justice of the peace of their parish, by any white person or by any reperian proprietor, to remove said incumbrances, or to destroy said works with the delay which shall be fixed by the said judge in a written notice; and in case that any delinquent should fail obeying said order, the said judge or justice of the peace shall have full power to cause said works to be destroyed or said obstruction to be removed at the expense of said delinquent, who should moreover be condemned to a fine not less than ten dollars nor exceeding forty nine for every contravention and to the benefit of the Parish.

Art 83.

All persons who shall deposit merchandize or other objects on the space

on the space reserved for the public use on the shores of the river Mississippi, within the limits of this Parish shall not be allowed to lease them there more than ten days to be counted from the moment said goods or other object shall be unloaded thereon under penalty of having said goods &c. removed in the same manner & by the same means provided for the removal of obstructions and other incumbrances that may prevent the free use of the space left for the public by the present ordinances, according to the provisions contained in the preceeding article.

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Art 84.

And it is further ordained that the provisions contained in the said article shall apply also to those who bring down flat boats or rafts on the shores of the Mississippi; and they shall be bound to remove them within the delay which shall be fixed to that effect by the Parish judge or any justice of the peace of said Parish, to whom a complaint shall have been made for the purpose of said removal which said judge shall be authorized to cause to be cut to pieces at the expense of whomsoever they may belong to, the said flat boats or other crafts, or craft that may be abandoned on the shores of the Mississippi and prevent a free access thereto.

Art 85.

And it is further ordained that no provision of this ordinance shall be so construed as to impede in any manner whatever the rights which belong by law to every riparian proprietor to prevent any individual from cutting down the trees that grow on the batture that belongs to him, from taking of the earth and the logs driven there by the river, and from pasturing his cattle even in the space reserved by the ordinance for the public use the said right belonging only to the riparian proprietor to whom said batture may belong.

Art 86.

It is further ordained that after three days notice given by the syndic of any of the different wards the persons who may have made any works upon the levees or battures or otherwise obstructed them shall be condemned to pay a fine of \$49. and of ten dollars per day for the whole time during which such obstruction may subsist after the three days notice above provided to be given.

Additional Article.

Concerning the Barataria Road.

Art 87.

The Barataria road from the river to the end of Mr. Millaudon's road shall be under the jurisdiction of the syndic of the 1st ward and the rest of said road to bayou Ouacha or Barataria under the jurisdiction of the syndic of the 7th ward.

The Barataria road shall run upon lands high enough

enough as not to be subject to [be] overflowed.

Regulation

Concerning the treasurer.

Art 88.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the Parish of Jefferson, to collect or cause to be collected the revenues of the said parish subject to the laws & ordinances of the police jury and in conformity with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

The said treasurer shall keep an exact account of all the monies received and expended by him as parish treasurer and he shall once, at least, every six months and oftener if required by the police jury make a full and explicit report to said jury of the situation of the treasury setting forth the several amounts received and expended by him up to that period, & specifying the several sources of revenue & the several items of expenditures.

The said treasurer shall not pay out any money except upon a previous appropriation made by the police jury & then only upon the draft of the president thereof.

He shall whenever required by a resolution of said body or by any committee appointed by the same submit to them for examination the books & vouchers of his department. The treasurer shall give a bond with one or more securities to be approved by the police jury in the sum of _____ conditioned by the faithful administration of his department. The treasurer may be removed from office for misconduct by a majority of the police jury and in consideration of his services as treasurer he shall be entitled to receive a compensation of _____ upon all monies received by him on such capacity.

Regulation

Concerning the secretary.

Art 89.

It shall be the duty of the secretary of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to keep a bound book wherein he shall record in the English and french languages the proceedings of the police jury of said parish. It shall be his duty to take charge of, and preserve the various papers, documents & archives of the said Parish.

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said Parish

The secretary shall attend the state meetings of the police jury, and shall keep a true record of the proceedings of that body at such meetings, and shall prepare for publication under the direction of said body in the English and french languages the ordinances and laws which the police jury may order to be promulgated and he shall attend to all duties which the rules and ordinances of the police jury have annexed or hereafter may annex to said office. The secretary shall be removable from office for any misconduct by the vote of majority of the members of the police jury and in consideration of his services he shall be entitled to receive a compensation of 450 dollars per annum.

The offer made by Mr. B. Boisblanc parish treasurer to give for securities Mr. Ed. Soniat and Mrs Widow Boisblanc was accepted.

Parish of Jefferson February 7th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 10th March 1834.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present Mes^{rs} F. Dugue' prest.-- P. A. Guillote C. Zeringue--Peny--Baumgard--Felix Delery-- D. B. Villars Eugene Fortier.

Absentees Mes^{rs} P. A. Delachaise--L^s Bouligny--
Pascalis Labarre--M^r Fortier jun^r--Ant^{ne} Foucher jun^r

Mr. LeBreton Dorgency secretary having resigned his office Resolved that a secretary pro tempore be appointed and on motion F. Dugue' junior was called to fulfil said office.

On motion Resolved that the president of the police jury be empowered to change the order of the numbers of the police regulations already adopted and in force since the 12th february last & number them in a manner they should regularly follow one another.

On motion Resolved that all the officers of the police jury now in function shall continue their service till the second Monday of March 1835 & that from said day it shall be proceeded to their reelection or replacing on the 2^d Monday of March of every year.

On motion Resolved that the committee appointed to examine the amt. of claims to be presented to the successor of the late treasurer T. M. Harang should adjoin to the Parish attorney in order to be positive about that matter for the next meeting of the jury & that in case more positive explanations should be sooner obtained the judge should be informed of it in order to convene an extraordinary meeting of the jury.

On motion Resolved that the secretary be enjoined to notify the several syndics to make their report on the grog shops.

Resolved that the president of the police jury shall

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furnish a note to the order of the prest. & Board of Council of the City of Lafayette at 90 days for the sum of seven hundred & sixty three dollars & 16/100 amount due to said City by virtue of a resolution adopted the 13th January Last.

Reading having been made of a letter addressed to the police jury by M^r. D. Prieur Mayor of New Orleans concerning the levees of Carrollton. Resolved that a copy of said letter be sent to the syndic in the jurisdiction of which are situated said levees, enjoining him to put in to execution the regulations concerning such words.

Resolved that whenever by executing the police regulations the syndics shall have law suits to sustain, the costs of said suit shall be paid by the Parish.

Whereas Pierre Gustave whose goods have been seized for having sold without license as a pedlar, has proved to the satisfaction of the police jury that he is a stranger and was unacquainted with the laws of this state; and taking also into consideration his poverty Resolved that the fine incurred by him be remitted & that his goods be restored to him in his paying the costs of suit.

On motion the articles 88 & 89 concerning the parish treasurer & the secretary were adopted.

On motion Resolved that it be proceeded to the election of the secretary & in verifying the polls it appeared that F. Dugue' jun^r had been unanimously elected.

Resolved that the sheriff be authorized to provide a convenient house for the Court room, the price of which not to exceed twenty dollars per month.

March the 10th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 31st March 1834.

Members present Ms^{rs}. F. Dugue' prest Plis Labarre
--M. Peny--G. Baumgard--E. Fortier--N. Fortier jun^r
Louis Boligny--Felix Delery--P. A. Guillote--D. Villars.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Delachaise--Zeringue--A Foucher junr.

On motion Resolved that the secretary be dispensed with the reading of the journal.

On motion Ms^{rs} F. Delery V. D. B Villars have obtained leave of absenting themselves

On motion of Geo Baumgard the following resolution was adopted

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Parish treasurer to collect or cause to be collected at his own expense & responsibility

the taxes or any other revenue of the Parish

It shall be the duty of the treasurer 30 days before commencing his collects to give notice to the residents & non-residents having taxable property in this Parish by advertizements in one of the papers printed in said parish & by notices posted up in the usual places.

It shall besides be the duty of said treasurer to inform each proprietor of the amt. of the tax to which he is subject with written summons left at his domicile enjoining him to pay in the prescribed delay.

That the treasurer shall be answerable for all sums he shall have neglected to prosecute recovery against those who shall not exactly pay their taxes or any other account.

That the treasurer shall have a right to 10 per cent & no more on all sums collected by him on acct. of the Parish.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the treasurer to demand from the sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson & to cause all sums said sheriff has collected on acct. of the Parish to be remitted to him.

Reading having been made of the answer of the several justices of the peace to the letters addressed to them by order of the police jury, resolved that the jury shall take cognizance of them at the next meeting.

On motion resolved that the art of the regulations relative to the manner in which the treasurer is to pay the accounts presented to him be so amended as to read as follows. It shall be the duty of the treasurer not to pay any account unless it be approved of by the Parish judge.

March 31st 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president

Meeting of the 4th April 1834.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest M. Peny D. B. Villars--P. A. Guillote--P. Labarre--Ene Fortier-- C.

Zeringue--Ls Bouligny--Ant. Foucher junr--Felix Delery--
Geo. Baumgard.

Absentees Mrs P. A. Delachaise--Mr Fortier Jr.

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After reading of the journal.

On motion of Mr. Boligny Resolved that the president of the police jury be requested to address a letter to the mayor of the City of New Orleans inviting him to cause the streets of the upper faubourgs to be repaired.

Resolved also that a similar letter be sent to the president & board of Council of the city of Lafayette & that said letter be

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printed in the gazette of said city.

On motion of Mr. Foucher the following art was adopted.

Besides the powers given to the syndics by art 16 they shall have power to cause to be made by journeymen & at the costs of the delinquents the works that shall not have been executed according to the orders given by virtue of the regulations & no more than \$2 per day should be allowed to each journeyman

On motion of Mr. Zeringue Resolved that the committee appointed on the 7th feby last to examine the treasurer's account be authorized to make any transaction with the administration of the succession of the late T M Harang or with any other person who would think proper to intervenc relative to the claims the parish has a right to exercise against his succession for the sums by him received in his capacity of Parish treasurer treasurer.

On motion the jury adjourned until monday the 14 April 1834.

Parish of Jefferson April 4th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president

Meeting of the 14th April 1834.

Members pres^t Msrs F. Dugue' pres^t--Geo Baumgard
--C. Zeringue--M Peny--Felix Delery.

Absentees Msrs Delachaise--Boulligny--Labarre--N.
Fortier jun^r Ene Fortier--D B. Villars P. A Guillote
Ant Foucher jun^r

for want of quorum the jury adjourned until the
second monday of May next,

April 14 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president

Meeting of the 12th May 1834.

Members pres^t Msrs F. Dugue' pres^t Felix Delery--
Eugene Fortier--M Peny--P. A Guillote--Geo Baumgard

Absentees Messieurs Labarre Delachaise N. Fortier
jun^r--Louis Boulligny--D B. Villars C. Zeringue-- Antne
Foucher jun^r--

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for want of a quorum the jury adjourned until
monday next the 19th instant.

May 12th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president

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Meeting of the 19th May 1834.

Members prest Mssrs F. Dugue' prest P. A Guillote
--N. Fortier junr--Euge Fortier--Geo Baumgard--C Zeringue
--F. Delery

Absentees Msrs. M Peny--D B Villars--C Zeringue--
Labarre--Louis Bouligny--Delachaise.

The jury not being in sufficient number to deliber-
ate adjourned until monday next the 26th instant

May 19th 1834:

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 26th May 1834.

Members prest Msrs F. Dugue' prest--P. A Delachaise
--N. Fortier junr--Geo Baumgard--Eugene Fortier, C,
Zeringue--P. A. Guillote--Felix Delery--Louis Bouligny,

Absentees Msrs Peny--Villars--Labarre.

Reading of the journal having been made

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of
the treasurer T. M Harang having reported that they
could make no arrangements with the administratrix of
the succession

On Motion of Mr. P. A Guillote

Resolved that said committee be requested to con-
tinue their services, to establish the acct. of claims
to be made by the Parish against the succession of said
treasurer & deliver it to the parish attorney to en-
force thereof.

Resolved also that in case the parish attorney now
in function should resign his office (as he verbally
announced it to the president of the police jury) Mr. H.
F. Deblicux should be appointed in his place & shall
have \$600 a year for his services as such.

Mr. Baumgard on behalf of Mr. Hoey having presented an account for funeral expenses against the parish.

Resolved that this account be remitted to the Parish attorney in order to examine it & give his advice on what the jury is to act upon.

Mr. Geo Baumgard having prayed to be authorized to keep a ferry within the limits of the city of Lafayette, Resolved that this privilege be granted to him on the condition that he shall not charge more than 18 3/4 cents per person for crossing & that servants who shall cross with their masters shall pay nothing.

Resolved that the president of the police jury be authorized to pay out of the funds belonging to the Parish which might be in the hands of the sheriff, the note or part of the note of \$763.16cts. given by him the prest. of the police jury by virtue of a resolution adopted the 13th January 1834. & of which Cornelius Hurst is now holder, in order to renew it for such sum that might be due on said note for the time he can.

Reading having been made of the petitions of Mrs Bertrand Cadet--James Rose V A S. Cartwright praying to be authorized to emancipate the slaves therein mentioned.

Resolved that the jury see no objections but that it should be ultimately decided at the next meeting.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

May 26th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 9th June 1834.

Members prest. Mrs F. Dugue' prest.-- M Peny-- Ed Rawle--Pascalis Labarre.

for want of a quorum the jury adjourned indefinitely

June 9th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

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Meeting of the 18 June 1834,

Members prest Ms^s F. Dugue prest^t-- M Peny--P.
Sauve' St Mesme LeBroton--M Turner--Eugene D'huart--
T Ellis Louis Bouligny--Horatio Davis.

After reading of the journal The above gentleman
lately elected members of the police jury

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after having made the usual oath took their seats.

2^o Reading having been made of the petitions of
Ms^rs Bertrand Cadet-Cartwright & Rose praying to (be)
authorized to emancipate their slaves therein mentioned
On motion Resolved that they be rejected.

Doctor Ridgely presented two bills of ten dollars
each for having assisted in his said capacity to the
inquests made on the body of One M^rs Simpson and on that
of a drowned negro belonging to M^r Hanson on motion.

Resolved that the bill relative to the inquest
made on the body of Mrs Simpson be accepted & that the
other account be laid on the table.

The account of of Ms^rs Moreau Lislet & soule'
amounting to the sum of \$500 for having superintended
in 1832 the printing of the police regulations of this
Parish having been presented, On motion Resolved that
the sum of \$300 be offered to them.

Those accounts of ten dollars each presented by
Doctor Milling for assistance given to sick people in
the jail of this Parish were accepted, On motion it
was resolved that they should be paid.

On motion Resolved that the house of Joseph Cossa
be designated as the place where the election of July
next shall take place at Cheniere Caminada Resolved
also that the commissioners of said election be appoint-
ed by the judge

On motion Resolved that Ms^rs Michel Commagire
Tisapheme Boutte' & Zinon Boutte' be appointed to pre-
side the election of July next which is going to take
place on the plantation of Ms^rs L. J M. Commagire.

On motion of Mr. Sauve' Resolved that Mr. Deblieux be authorized to sue for the recovery of the amount due by the succession of the late Parish treasurer Resolved also that a committee be appointed to assist him & to establish the amount of said account.

The president appointed Ms^{rs} Sauve' Turner & Davis member of said committee

On motion Resolved that the clerk of the police jury do notify the City Council of the city of Lafayette to put in repair on or before the first monday of July next all that part of the road or levee street, with [in] the limits of said city, Resolved also that if at that time said work was not done it shall be the duty of the syndic of the 6th ward to cause the work to be done at the shortest delay

On motion of m^r Sauve' Resolved that a committee of two members be appointed to take cognizance of the debts of the Parish and to make a report thereof at the next meeting of the jury. The president appointes Mes^{rs} Sauve' and Bouigny members of said committee.

On motion Resolved that the grog shops within the

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limits of the Parish of Jefferson be subject to pay an annual tax of \$200 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Bouigny Resolved that the secretary of the police jury be requested to write to the syndic of the 6th ward in order to know the reasons why he has not caused the necessary repairs to be made to the road in front of faubourg Wiltz.

On motion of Mr. Peny Resolved that a committee be appointed to propose a plan to build a Parish jail at the next meeting of the jury. Resolved also that said committee be requested take arrangements with the City Council of Lafayette on that subject.

The president appointed Ms^{rs} Sauve; Peny and Turner members of said committee

On motion the jury proceeded to the app^t of the assessors for the Parish when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mes^{rs} M Peny M Turner & H^{tie} Davis had been unanimously elected

On motion the jury adjourned until the 2^d Monday of July next.

June 18th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 14th July 1834.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest. Edward Rawle
--M. Peny--St Mesme LeBreton--Turner--Bouligny--P.
Sauve' & T. Ellis.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Jules Fazende--Pascalis Labarre--
Ene D'huart--Htio Davis.

Mr. Ed Rawle lately elected member of the police jury to represent the 6th district having made the usual oath, took his seat.

After reading of the journal M. P. Sauve' member of the committee appointed to take cognizance of the debts of the parish having reported that the committee had no time to fulfil that commission prayed that a delay be given to them & that one more member be joined to them said demand having been granted the president appointed Mr. Turner member of said committee.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to propose a plan to build a Parish jail having reported that in consideration of the bad situation of the finance of the Parish it would be better to wait for a more favorable time & that by means of 250 or \$300 the old jail could be repaired well enough in order to secure the prisoners.

On motion Resolved that said committee be requested to have said jail

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said jail repaired at the shortest delay provided the expenses do not exceed \$300.

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On motion of M^r Peny Resolved that a note of \$300 payable one year after date subscribed by the president of the police jury to the order of P. Soule' be given in payment of the accounts of Ms^{rs} Moreau Lislet & Soule' approved at the last meeting.

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Two accounts of Judge Leech one for the sum of \$25. for an inquest made on the body of M^rs Simpson the other of \$60.73^{cts} relative to certain costs of suits having been presented.

Resolved that a member of the police jury assisted by the parish attorney be appointed to examine said accounts.

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The president appointed Mr. Bouligny to that effect.

Ms^{rs} M^r Turner & Horatio Davis having declined to serve as assessors for the Parish Resolved that it be proceeded to the appt^t of two persons to serve as such & in verifying the polls it appeared that Ms^{rs} Charles Livaudais and Harry Buckman had been unanimously elected.

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On motion the jury adjourned until monday the 28th instant.

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July 14th 1834.

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F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 28th July 1834.

Members present: Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest.--St Mesme LeBreton--L^s Bouligny--Pascalis Labarre--M. Peny M. Turner--T. Ellis--Jules Fazende--Ed^d Rawle P. Sauve--Hatio Davis.

Absentee M. E. D'huart.

The prest authorized to give two notes to Ms^{rs} Moreau Lislet & Soule'

After reading of the journal On motion the president of police jury was authorized to furnish to Ms^{rs} Moreau Lislet & Soule' two notes of \$150. each instead of one note of \$300.00^{cts} which he was authorized to subscribe in their favor at the meeting of the 14th inst.

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Dr. Milling's bills

On motion of Mr. Sauve' Resolved that the accounts of Dr. Milling be laid on the table until the police jury has the means to pay them up.

Prest authorized to negotiate a loan

On motion of Mr. Davis, Resolved that the president of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson be & he is hereby authorized to negotiate a loan for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) at a rate of interest

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rest not to exceed eight per cent per annum.

The loan when reimbursable.

Resolved that the above loan shall be reimbursable in five annual instalments & that to secure the payment of said loan a tax of eighty cents per thousand dollars be levied on real property and twenty five cents per head on slaves.

Parish taxes increased.

To facilitate the negotiation of the above loan

Bonds to be signed by the president & clerk

Resolved that the president of the police jury be and he is hereby authorized to issue bonds in the name of the police jury of the the Parish of Jefferson to be signed by him the president of the police jury and countersigned by the clerk.

Resolved that nothing contained in the above Resolutions shall be so interpreted as to operate a repeal of the tax now laid on real property by the parish or that said tax is pledged for the payment of the aforesaid loan.

Report of a committee of the Jail

Mr. Mortimer Turner on behalf of the committee appointed to have the parish jail put in repair having reported that he caused the said jail to be visited by an undertaker who seemed to be willing to make said repairs but said that it would cost five or six hundred dollars instead of three hundred dollars price offered.

On motion of Mr. Edward Rawle.

Police notice to be given about a jail

Resolved that an advertisement be inserted in one of the news papers of New Orleans and in the Lafayette Gazette proposing to builders to furnish plans & estimates for a suitable prison & when approved by the jury a contract to be made for its erection provided the sum appropriated shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500.)

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On motion of Mr. Turner.

The judge invited to extend the prison bounds.

Resolved that the Parish judge be invited to meet as soon as possible with the judges who have determined the prison bounds in order to extend them to the limits of the Parish.

Mr. Bertrand's petition

The petition of Mr. Bertrand Cadet praying to be authorized to emancipate two slaves: Celeste & her daughter being presented, resolved that said petition be rejected.

Juillet 28 1834.

F. Dugue' judge president.

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Meeting of the 8th September 1834.

Members present F. Dugue' president--M Peny
Edward Rawle--H^{tie} Davis--T. Ellis.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Jules Fazende--L^e Mesme LeBreton--
P. Sauve'--P. Labarre--L^s Bouligny--M Turner.

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Resignation of Ms^s Fortier & Brown as syndics

Ms^s Livaudais & Peny appted. syndics.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not deliberate on affairs But the appointment of two syndics having been necessary by the resignation of Ms^{rs} Clement Brown & Thophile Fortier the Parish judge & the members present proceeded to said appointment agreeably to the 1st section of an act entitled "an act additional to the several acts on the police juries approved March 11th 1820 When M^r. C. Livaudais was appointed syndic for the 1st ward & M. Perry for the 2^d ward

On motion the jury adjourned until monday 15th instant.

September 8th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of the 15th September 1834.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' pres^t--Plis Labarre--St. Mosme LeBreton--M Turner--T Ellis--Htio Davis Ed Rawle --P. Sauvo'.

Absentees Ms^s LS Bouligny--Jules Fazende.

reading of the journal is made and approved.

Resignation
of Mr. Peny

Mr. M^l Peny one of the members of the police jury representing the 5th ward having resigned his seat in said body

On motion resolved that the president of the police jury be authorized to have an election held on the 26th inst. to fill said vacancy.

The city of
Lafayette
divided in
two dis-
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Resolved that the city of Lafayette be and it is hereby divided into two districts for each of which a number shall be elected to the police jury; That Jackson street from the River to the woods shall separate the two [dis]tricts. Resolved also that the superior part of said City shall form the 11th district & the inferior part the 12th.

President
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Resolved that the article adopted at the meeting of the 28th July authorizing the president of the police jury to effectuate a loan be so amended as to authorize the said president to negotiate said Loan at a rate of interest of 10P/c per annum.

Committee
relative to
a new Jail

Resolved that a committee be appointed to deliberate and make a report on the way of building a strong jail the price of which not to exceed **four** thousand dollars

Mes^{rs} Turner-Rawle and Ellis were appointed members of said committee.

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Resolved that the City of Lafayette be annexed to the sixth ward and be under the control of the syndic of said ward in as much as concerns the manner of taking up, keeping & disposing of strays.

Several petitions praying that constables be appointed for the Parish, being presented, Resolved that the same be laid

laid on the table till next meeting.

On motion the jury adjourned until the 2^d Monday of next month.

September 15th 1834.

F. Dugue' president.

Meeting of the 13th October 1834.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' president--M. Turner--Htio Davis--T. Ellis--P. Sauve'.

Absentees Ms^{rs} J. Fazende--L^s. Bouligny--plis Labarre--St Mesme LeBreton--Ed Rawle.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not deliberate on affairs & at the request of three members it adjourned until monday next the 30th instant.

Monday October 13th 1834.

F. Dugue' president.

Meeting of the 20th October 1834.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' president--Pascalis Labarre--Ed Rawle--St Mesme LeBreton--T. Ellis--Jules Fazende--M. Turner--P. Sauve'.

Absentees Ms^{rs} L^s Bouligny--Htio Davis.

Reading of the journal is made and approved.

On motion the jury proceeded to the election of the administration of public schools when in verifying the polls it appeared that Ms^{rs} P. A. Guillote'--Jno. D. Orr--Harry Buckman--Charles Derbigny & F^{ci}s B. Bennett had been unanimously elected.

Mr. Rawle reporter of the committee appointed to propose a suitable plan for the jail presented one made and proposed by M^r. John allison. The jury approved

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said plan provided a committee of two members be appointed to ascertain of a more precise manner on the price and on the way of assuming the payment & also to know with what materials & how the work should be executed.

The president appointed Msrs. M^r Turner &

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E^d Rawle members of said committee.

The accounts of J. Charbonnet J^r sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson & of Judge R^d Leech being presented Ms^{rs} Turner & Sauve' were appointed members of a committee to examine those of the sheriff & Ms^{rs} Turner and Ellis to examine those of judge Leech

On motion the jury adjourned until the second Monday of November next.

Parish of Jefferson October 20th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Meeting of the 10th November 1834.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest. Pascalis Labarre--St^t Mesme LeBreton--Mr Turner E Rawle.

Absentees Ms^{rs} H^{tio} Davis--Jules Fazende--Louis Bouligny--P. Sauve' T. Ellis.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not deliberate on affairs and adjourned until the second Monday of December next.

Parish of Jefferson November 10th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Meeting of the 8th December 1834.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest.--M. Turner--T. Ellis--St. Mesme LeBreton.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Pascalis Labarre--P. Sauve' Ed
Rawle--Jules Fazende--H^{tio} Davis--Louis Bouligny.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not
deliberate on affairs and adjourned until the second
monday of January next.

Parish of Jefferson December 10th 1834.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Meeting of the 12th January 1835.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest--St Mesme
LeBreton--Ed Rawle--M. Turner--T. Ellis.

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Absentees Ms^{rs} Pascalis Labarre--H^{tio} Davis--Ls
Bouligny--P. Sauve'--Jules Fazende.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not
deliberate on affairs & on motion of the members present
the jury adjourned until Monday next the 19th inst at
10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson January 12th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Meeting of the 19th January 1835.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest, Pascalis
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On the proposition of the president who informed the jury that Mr. N. N. Destrehan had been elected members of the 1st district & by consent of the jury Mr. Destrehan made the usual oath of office in the hands of said president.

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Resolved that elections take place in the districts to replace Mr. Horatio Davis member of the [Blank in record] district. Mr. Peny member of the [Blank in record] district. Mr. Bouligny member of the [Blank in record] district & in in the district by reason of an election not having yet taken place.

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Resolved that the president of the police jury be requested to take the necessary steps to obtain from the state Legislature a law authorising the police jury of the parish to effectuate the loan of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) which was voted for at the meeting of the 28 July & 15th September 1834.

Resolution
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Resolved that the resolution limiting the costs of the jail to be built to the sum of \$4,000 be repealed & that the plan & contract now presented by Ms^{rs} Rawle & Turner composing the committee appointed for the building of the jail signed by M Allison the person who proposes to contract for the building of said jail be accepted at the price by him proposed of \$6,800 (six thousand eight hundred dols.) provided however that the committee be authorised to make such alterations as to the mode of building as they may deem necessary & that the payment be secured to the contractor by a bond or bonds issued by the president of the police jury payable at the period fixed upon by the committee in the contract to be made and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. with right reserved to the police jury to pay & take up the bond at any time previous to maturity.

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build the jail be authorized to make such arrangements with Mr. Allison respecting the payments of the notes as will insure the best interests of the Parish.

That a new estimate be made and a contract drawn specifying the manner in which such payments are required to be made & time said jail will be finished.

Resolved also that the committee appointed have power of making any alterations in the contract that they might think to be of benefit to the better security of said jail, provided the price of building the same is not increased by said alterations.

On motion Resolved that the committee appointed at the meeting of the 20 October 1834 be changed & that Mr. M. Turner assisted by the Counsel of the Parish be appointed to examine said accounts relative to the sheriff's account.

Resolved that the resolution of March 31st 1834 allowing to the treasurer 10 p/c on the sums collected on account of the Parish shall not apply to the sums obtained by the jury by means of the loan mentioned in the second Resolution of the sitting neither to other loans the jury could effectuate, and that on those sums no commission shall be allowed to the treasurer.

Resolved that the treasurer collect from the sheriff the amount of taxes due to the Parish & that said treasurer pay the bills against said Parish which have been approved of in conformity with their dates.

Resolved also that the treasurer be authorized when settling with the sheriff for the taxes of 1833 to receive in part payment the accounts of said sheriff approved by the jury.

Resolved that the fine relative to stray animals as fixed in the 33d article of the police regulations be reduced to one dollars per head & that sum applied to the use of the Parish alone & that the compensation allowed for keeping and feeding said animals as contained in Article 35 be reduced to 12 1/2 cts. per day & per head.

The registration of Mr T. B. Volant Labarre syndic of the fifth ward was read and accepted and on motion resolved that it be proceeded to the election of a new syndic for that ward

When in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Pierre Laustiere Labarre had been unanimously elected.

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On motion the jury adjourned till the 2^d Monday of
February 1835.

Parish of Jefferson January 19th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

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Monday February 9th 1835.

Present Ms^{rs}. St. Mesme LeBreton--Pascalis Labarre

Absent Ms^{rs}.

The jury not being in sufficient number to delib-
erate was adjourned by the members present until the
second Monday of March next. Parish of Jefferson
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F. Dugue' Judge president.

Monday March 9th 1835.

Present:

Absent,

The jury not being in sufficient number to delib-
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monday of April next.

Parish of Jefferson March 9th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Monday April 13th 1835.

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Meeting of the 8th June 1835.

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The following persons having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective Districts presented themselves and after having taken their oaths into the hands of the president took their seats, viz:

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Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest Charles Livaudais member of the second district, Mr. Theodule D'Auterive member of the third district, M^r G^l LeBreton Deschappelles member of the fourth District Mr. Minor Kenner member of the seventh district, M^r F^s Pascalis Labarre member of the eighth district, Mr. Raphael Beauvais member of the ninth district, M^r. P. A. Delachaise member of the tenth District, Mr. Benjamin Buisson member of the eleventh district and Mr. Elisha Crocker member of the twelfth district.

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Absentees Ms^{rs} B althazard Saulet member of the first district, Mr. Joseph Dusuau member of the [Blank in record] district, the member of the [Blank in record] district not being yet appointed.

On motion the jury proceeded to the election of a secretary "pro tempore" when it appeared that F. Dugue' Jr was elected.

Some objections having been made against the election of M^r. R^l Beauvais member of the 9th district it was, on motion, Resolved that a committee be appointed to verify said election and make a report thereon at the next meeting.

The president appointed Ms^{rs} Labarre, Kenner & Crocker member of said committee.

On motion of M^r. Labarre Resolved that the fifth ward of the Parish of Jefferson be divided into two wards & that the metairie shall hereafter form a ward denominated as the eighth ward for which a syndic shall be appointed with a salary of \$200. per annum.

Resolved also that on account of this change the syndic of the fifth ward shall have a salary of no more than \$200. per annum.

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On motion of Mr. Delachaise it was proceeded to the election of the several officers of the Parish, when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Charles Livaudais had been appointed syndic of the first ward, Mr. Louis Montautt syndic of the second ward, Mr. Manuel Garcia syndic of the third ward, Mr. Beausjour Boisblanc

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Parish Attorney
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Br. Boisblanc
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syndic of the fourth ward, Mr. P. Laustiere Labarre syndic of the fifth ward, Mr. Raphael Beauvais syndic of the sixth ward, Mr. Theodule Dauterive syndic of the seventh ward and Mr. T. B. Volant Labarre syndic of the eighth ward, Mr. H. F. Deblieux of the Parish, Mr. Beausjour Boisblanc parish treasurer and F. Dugue' junior secretary of the police jury.

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The jury then proceeded to the election of the assessors of the Parish when in verifying the polls it appeared that Messieurs Harry Buckman, Charles Livaudais and F. Dugue' junior had been duly elected.

Resolved that whenever it shall be necessary to fill any vacancy in the police jury; or to hold the annual Election the judge shall have power and is hereby authorized to issue writs of elections in the several Districts in order to provide for such elections.

Resolved that annual election of the members of the police jury shall take place on the first monday of June of every year.

Resolved that a committee on finance be appointed to take cognizance of the accounts presented against the Parish said committee to be assisted by the Parish attorney.

The president appointed Messrs Delachaise Labarre and Crocker members of said committee.

Resolved 1^o that the tax on inns & Tippling shops shall hereafter be one hundred dollars payable to the Parish judge by the party applying for a license under the existing regulations at the time of such application.

2^d That whoever shall open a Tippling shop bar or inn without previously obtaining such license may nevertheless be made to pay the aforesaid tax of one hundred dollars and moreover a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and compelled to close such Tippling shop or bar unless he shall immediately obtain such license and that it shall be the duty of the Parish attorney on information given him of the facts to sue before any court of competent jurisdiction for such tax and fine.

3^o That the syndic shall see that the police regulations which make it the duty of keepers of inns Tippling shops & bars to have their names on a sign board over their doors in front of their houses be complied with & that every person offending against the said provision shall pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

That the three foregoing resolutions be published in the Lafayette Gazette once on next Saturday & shall be in force on the following monday.

A petition of the inhabitants of the District of Barataria praying that the Barataria Road be opened Till "l'Isle Bonne" on the Bayou Barataria having been read, Resolved that their demand be granted & that the syndic of that ward be directed to have the necessary works executed.

Several accounts having been presented, on motion they were refered to the committee on finance.

On motion the following Resolutions were adopted, viz:

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It is prohibited to leave dead animals on the roads or near the roads, the inhabitants on whose lands such animals may be found shall Cause the same to be buried under penalty of a fine of ten dollars and he shall have recourse against the owner of such animals

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so buried for two dollars per head of Cattle, mule or horse and one dollar for each sheep, dog or other Carcasses of domestic animals.

As to the dead animals that shall be found in the roads or streets it shall be the duty of the syndic to Cause them to be buried at the Costs of the owners if they are known and at the costs of the Parish in the Contrary Case.

On motion. The jury adjourned until monday the 22^d of June inst at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson June 8th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

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Meeting of the 22^d June 1835.

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Members present Ms^{rs} P. A. Delachaise, C. Livaudais, Pascalis Labarre, Theophile Fortier Raphael Beauvais, Theodule D'Auterive & Elisha Crocker.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Balthazar Saulet, Gel LeBreton Deschappelles--Joseph Dusau, Minor Kenner Benjⁿ Buisson.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

On motion Mr. P. A. Delachaise was called to the chair.

Mr. Theophile Fortier lately elected member of the police jury to represent the 5th District presented himself and took his seat after having taken his oath of office into the hands of the president.

Mr. plis Labarre reporter of the committee appointed at the last sitting in order to inquire into the validity of the election of Mr. R^l Beauvais member of the 9th District having exposed that he had not time enough to take cognizance of the fact & having asked that more leasure be granted to said committee.

On motion Resolved that his demand be granted and that a reasonable delay be allowed to them to make their report.

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A letter of Mr. Jⁿ Allison concerning the

Meeting of Monday the 13th July 1835.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members Present, Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest., P. A. Delachaise, Pascalis Labarre, G^l Deschappelles LeBreton, Theophile Fortier, M^r. Kenner, R^l Beauvais C. Livaudais, Balthazar Saulet.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Crocker, Buisson, Dauterive--
Dusuau.

Mr. Balthazar Saulet lately elected member of the police jury to represent the first District presented himself and took his seat, after having taken his oath of office into the hands of the president.

Ms^{rs} Balthazar Saulet, Deschappelles LeBreton & Minor Kenner having, at the request of the president exposed the reasons why they did not assist at the proceeding sittings, have on motion, been dispensed with the fine.

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On motion the jury proceeds to the appointment of the Commissioners of election for a senator to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. C. Derbigny, which election is to take place on the 29th June inst. and the two days following when it appeared that Ms^{rs} Michel Commagere, Thisaphene Boutte' & Zenon Boutte' had be[en] appointed commissioners of the election which is to be holden in the district of Barataria & Ms^{rs} H. P. Fauchier, Joseph Cossa & Theodule D'Auterive commissioners of the one which is to be holden at the Cheniere Caminada

Mr. L^s Bouligny one of the commissioners of the election of M^r. R^l Beauvais having prayed to be heard and having exposed to the jury his conduct concerning the said Election,

On motion Resolved that the jury shall determine the question only after the committee appointed to verify said Election shall have made their report.

On motion the jury adjourned until the 2^d Monday of July next.

Parish of Jefferson June 22^d 1835.

P. A. Delachaise,
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On motion the president of the jury is authorized to demand from the sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson the necessary funds to pay the two notes of \$150 dollars each, subscribed by him by virtue of a resolution of the jury at their sitting of the 28th July 1834 for the payment of Ms^{rs} Moreau Lislet & Soule's account.

The committee appointed to verify the Election of Mr. R^l Beauvais member of the 9th District having made their report & submitted the same to the jury

On motion Resolved that said election be declared valid.

The following Accts. are presented and approved.

1^o That of Mr. Graval for having buried a dead body in McDonoghville, \$15

2^o That of Dr. Milling for having visited a dead body on the 9th of July inst^t at the request of the presidⁿ of the board of Council of the City of Lafayette-----\$10

That of the president & beard of Council of the City of Lafayette for having hold an inquest on the same dead body-----\$15

Is also presented that of Dr. Toumeur of the sum of \$20 for having visited a dead body at the Metairie, which account was reduced to the sum of \$10.

On motion of Mr. Delachaise

Resolved that of [a] committee of (3) three members be appointed to have the parish jail built, said committee is to act according to the instructions given by the jury at their sitting of the 19th January last.

Resolved also that in case the hereinafter expressed amendment should not impede - the arrangements with

the undertaker, the president of the jury be authorized to give in payment of said Jail, Drafts on the Parish treasurer instead of the bonds spoken of in the article of the 19 January last.

This committee appointed by ballot is composed of Msrs Benjamin Buisson, P. A. Delachaise & Raphael Beauvais.

a petition of the inhabitants of the Cheniere Caminada praying that a public road be delivered them along the Bay Caminada is read;

When on motion it was resolved that prayer of said petition be granted & that the syndic of the 7th ward (where said Cheniere is situated) be directed to have the necessary works executed.

The petition of Msrs James Vance & J. W. Behar praying that they should be permitted to establish a steam ferry boat opposite the City of Lafayette being presented.

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On motion Resolved that their demand be granted.

A petition of M^r. Jean Biller of this Parish, praying to be authorized to emancipate his mulatress named "Elodie" aged twelve years is read

Resolved that the jury see no objections to such prayer but that it shall be ultimately decided only at the next meeting.

Resolved that that a sum of five hundred dollars shall moreover be put at the disposal of the jail committee, so that said committee, may if they think proper make some improvements to said jail

On motion the jury adjourned until the second Monday of August next.

Parish of Jefferson July 13th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Monday August 10th 1835.

Members present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' prest--R^l Beauvais
--C. Livaudais B^d Saulet.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Delachaise--Labarre Deschapelles
LeBreton--Buisson-Crocker, Kenner Fortier--Dusuau,
D'Auterive.

The jury not being in sufficient number to delib-
erate on affairs was, on motion adjourned until the
second monday of September next.

Parish of Jefferson August 10th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge president.

Meeting of Monday September 14th 1835.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment. Members
present, F. Dugue' prest--P. A. Delachaise--Pls Labarre
--Th Fortier--R^l Beauvais--C. Livaudais--Theole Dauter-
ive--Joseph Dusuau--Absentees Ms^{rs} Kenner--Crocker--
Buisson & Saulet.

Due reading of the journal is made and approved.

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Mr. Joseph Dusuau member of the police Jury to
represent the sixth district presented himself & took
his seat after having made the oath of office into
the hands of the president.

Mr. Hurst & M^{rs} Tuttle tavern keepers against whom
suits were instituted on behalf of the Parish for hav-
ing sold spirituous liquors without License having
prayed to be dispensed with the fine.

On motion Resolved that their demand be rejected.

On motion of M^{rs} Plis Labarre

Resolved that the president of the jury be invited
to write to the several syndics of the Parish of Jeffer-
son enjoining them to make at the shortest delay & in
day time a visit in the several quarters of their re-
spective wards & take into their possession the fire

arms that the negroes may have & send them to Court so as to be disposed of according to law.

Resolved that the Parish treasurer be invited to commence collecting the Parish taxes of the year 1835 in the month of January next (1836) or as soon as possible.

Resolved that the committee appointed for the building of the jail be authorized to add to the sum already voted for the said building a further sum of four hundred & thirty dollars making in all the sum of seven thousand seven hundred & thirty dollars & that the said committee be authorized to contract forthwith with Mr. Allison in the manner expressed in the proposals made by him to the Committee.

Is read and approved the account of Francois Bouclair Delery syndic of Barataria during the year 1833--amg. to \$200.

Are also presented and approved provided they are sworn to the following accts.

1° That of J. B. Volant Labarre syndic of the 5th Ward during three years amounting to -----\$590.

2° That of LS LeBreton D'orgency late secretary of the police jury amounting to \$475.

3° That of Dr. R. L. Milling for having visited a dead body at the request of jury of inquest held on July 9th 1835 \$10.

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4° That of Coclayser blacksmith for having fettered the negro Eugene belonging to Mr. Drouet - \$22. -

5° That of the sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson amounting to sixteen hundred & ninety nine dollars 62 1/2 cts. for jail fees -

It presented and read a petition of Mr. Joseph Dusuau of this Parish praying to be authorized to emancipate his two following slaves, vix: Baptiste a negro man aged about seventy years & Jeannette a negro woman about

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On motion Resolved that the jury see no objections to such prayer but that it shall be ultimately decided only at the next meeting.

Second reading is made of the petition of Mr. Jean Biller of this Parish praying to be authorized to emancipate his mulatto girl named "Elodie" aged about twelve years - On motion Resolved that his demand be granted & that he be authorized to emancipate his said slave on his complying with formalities required by law.

Reading is made of the petition of F. Dugue' junr. praying to be authorized to emancipate his slave Joseph a negro man aged about sixty years.

Resolved that the jury see no objections to such prayer but that it shall be ultimately decided only at the next meeting.

Mr. J^h Dusuau having at the president's request exposed the reasons why he did not attend the preceding sittings of the jury.

Resolved that he be dispensed with paying more than one fine of \$5 whereas he was sick the greater part of the time.

On motion the jury adjourned until monday the 28th September ins^t 1835 at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson September 14th 1835.

On motion of Mr. Dusuau

Resolved that the parish judge be invited to visit the several planters in order to ascertain whether the law which makes it their duty to have on their property a white man for every thirty slaves is put into execution. this reference approved.

F. Dugue' Judge president

Monday October 12th 1835.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' president P. A. Delachaise--
Joseph Dusuau--Th. Fortier--C. Livaudais--R Beauvais--
E. Crocker.

Absentees Ms^rs Saulet--Labarre--Kenner D'Auterive
--Buisson.

The jury not being in sufficient number to deliber-
ate on affairs was, on motion adjourned, until monday
next the 19th(October 1835.

Parish of Jefferson October 12th 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday October 19 1835.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present M^rs F. Dugue prest. P. A. Delachaise--
Joseph Dusuau--Theo. Fortier--Chas Livaudais--Raphael
Beauvais--Elisha Crocker Thle D'Auterive--B Buisson
B^d Saulet.

Absentees Ms^rs Minor Kenner Plis Labarre.

Reading of the journal is made and approved.

On motion of M^r. Dusuau the following * were adopt-
ed * resolutions,

Resolved that whenever any member of the police
jury shall not be able to attend the sitting of said
body he shall be bound to give notice of it to the pres-
ident thereof on the same day and at the same hour deter-
mined for said sitting. Under penalty of a fine of five
dollars to the profit of the Orphan Asylum established
in this Parish.

Resolved that the jury shall meet hereafter only
at the request of one of the members thereof with the
approbation of the president, or whenever the presi-
dent shall think it necessary.

Resolved that besides the Parish tax now existing
being twenty five cents per head on slaves & one dollar
& sixty cents per thousand dollars on real estate an
additional tax of thirty seven & half cents per head on
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and that the Parish treasurer be required to collect or cause to be collected the above said additional tax together with those precedently imposed by the jury.

Second reading is made.

1^o of the petition of Mr. Joseph Dusuau testamentary executor of Balthazar Dusuau deceased, praying to be authorized to emancipate the negro man Baptiste aged about seventy years & the Negro woman named Jeannette aged about sixty-eight years. 2^o That of Francois Dugue' junior praying to be authorized to emancipate his negro named "Joseph" aged about sixty years.

On motion Resolved that their demand be granted and that by these presents they be authorized to pass the act of emancipation required by law.

Is read a letter of Mr. Allon D'ehmécourt protesting against the orders given him by the syndic of the 7th ward concerning a road to be made at Barataria.

On motion Resolved that said letter be laid on the table.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson October 19th 1835.

F. Dugue Judge.

Monday November 23^d 1835.

The Jury duly convened by the judge president, met accordingly

Present Msrs F. Dugue' pres^t--P. A. Delachaise--
R^l Beauvais--E. Crocker B. Saulet--Theophile Fortier--
Joseph Dusuau B. Buisson--C. Livaudais.

Absentees Ms^{rs} - Labarre--Dauterive Kenner.

The process verbal of the proceeding sitting is read & approved.

Is read and accepted the resignation of Mr. Beausejour Boisblanc Parish treasurer provided he renders a definite & satisfactory account to the Committee on finances appointed by the jury at their sitting of the 8th June 1835.

On motion the jury proceeded to the election of the Parish treasurer to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. B. Boisblanc When in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Francois Joseph Enoul Dugue' Livaudais was unanimously elected.

On motion Resolved that for this year the treasurer previous to entering on the duties of his office & shall give security for twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. Charles Livaudais is presented & unanimously accepted as security of the treasurer.

At the request of F^s Dugue' junr. secretary of the police jury the bond to be given by the treasurer shall be delivered to one of the members of the Committee on finances.

Is presented and accepted the account of M^r Depouilly Engineer for having made a plan of the projected Parish jail, twenty dollars \$20.

On motion, Resolved that the Resolution adopted by the jury, on the 19th January 1835, amending the 35th article of the police regulations of this Parish which fixed the Compensation allowed the syndics for feeding & keeping the stray animals to 12 1/2 cents per day and per head, Be so amended as that the syndic of the 6th Ward shall hereafter be authorized to demand and receive 37 1/2 cents per day & per head for stray animals thus kept & fed by him, provided that never the costs claimed by said syndic shall exceed the price got for such animals when sold at auction as directed by the regulations.

Provided also that in case Mr. Elisha Crocker should find within the limits of said 6th Ward a sure and responsible depot for such such stray animals at the rate of 12 1/2 cents per day & per head the syndic shall be obliged to send said animals to such depot.

The jury proceed to the election of the administrators of the public schools when in verifying the polls it appeared that Ms^{rs} Charles Derbigny--P. A. Guillote --Grancis B. Bennett--Harry Buckman and Elisha Crocker had been unanimously elected.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson November 23^d 1835.

F. Dugue' Judge president of the police jury.

Monday April 4th 1836.

The jury having been duly convened by the judge president.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue pres^t B. Saulet--Th. Fortier
--C. Livaudais Elisha Crocker--Joseph Dusauau.

Absentees Msrs R B eauvais P. A Delachaise-- Pas-
calis Labarre--T. B. D. Dauterive--Minor Kenner-- B
Buisson.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not deliberate on affairs but the appointment of two syndics having become necessary by the resignation of Raphael Beauvais & Pierre Loustiere Labarre, the parish judge and the members present proceeded to said appointment agreeably to the first section of an act entitled "an act additional to the several acts in the police juries approved March 11th 1820. When M^r Morton Philips Levy was appointed syndic of the sixth ward and Francois Volant Labarre syndic of the fifth ward.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson April 4th 1836.

F. Dugue' Judge president the police jury.

Wednesday April 13th 1836.

The jury having been duly convened by the president.
Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue pres^t B. Saulet--Th^r Fortier-- R.
Beauvais--C. Livaudais Pascalis Labarre--P. A. Delachaise.

Absentees

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The jury not being in sufficient number could not deliberate on affairs but the appointment of one syndic having become necessary by the resignation of Francois Volant Labarre the Parish judge and the members present proceeded to said appointment agreeably to the first section of an act entitled "an act additional to the several acts on the police juries approved March 11th 1820 when Mr. Charles Bienvenu was appointed syndic of the fifth ward.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson April 13th 1836.

F. Dugue' Judge president of the police jury.

Thursday April 28th 1836.

The jury duly convened by the president, met accordingly.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' pres^t P. A. Delachaise--
Minor Kenner--Pascalis Labarre Theophile Fortier--B,
Saulet--R^l Beauvais & Charles Livaudais.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Joseph Dusuau--T. B. D. Dauterive.

On motion of Mr. R^l Beauvais the the following
ordinances are unanimously adopted.

In consequence of the effects of a act of the
Legislature of the state of Louisiana, "An act relative
to the city of Lafayette & to the police jury of the
Parish of Jefferson" approved March 12th 1836, and of
those of another act entitled "An act to organize and
and define the authority, duties and functions of the
police jury of the Parish of Jefferson and for other
purposes," approved January 30th 1834, and also for
the better administration of

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of the affairs of the Parish.

It is ordained by the police jury of the Parish
of Jefforson

That the Parish of Jefferson shall hereafter be
and is by these presents divided into ten wards or dis-
tricts each of which shall be responsible by one member
on the jury and that an election for said members of
the police jury shall take place annually in conformity
with the regulations existing and that said wards or
districts shall be designated as follows:

The 1st ward or district shall commence from the Canal
Bernoudy and extend to the upper boundary of M^{rs} Joseph
Verloni Degruy's plantation.

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The 2^d Ward or district shall commence from the upper boundary of M^rs J. V. Degruy's plantation and extend to the upper boundary of Judge Dugue' Livaudais' plantation.

The 3^d Ward shall comprehend Barataria up to the Gulf of Mexico.

The 4th Ward or district shall commence from the upper boundary of judge Dugue' Livaudais' plantation and extend to the upper boundary of the plantation of M^{rs} B S^t Mesme LeBreton & C^o

The 5th Ward or district shall commence from the upper boundary of the plantation of M^{rs} B S^t M LeBreton & C^o and extend to the upper boundary of the plantation of widow Mendez f[ree] C[olored] W.[oman]

The 6th Ward or district shall commence from the upper boundary of the plantation of widow Mendez a free colored woman and extend to the upper boundary of the plantation of Baptiste Paquet a free man of colour.

The 7th Ward or district shall commence from the upper boundary of Kenner's plantation & extend to the lower boundary of the plantation of Norbert Fortier s^{enr}

The 8th Ward or district shall commence from the lower limit of the plantation of Norbert Fortier s^{enr} and extend to the lower limit of Ludger Fortier's plantation including the metairie.

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The 9th Ward or district shall commence from the lower boundary of Ludger Fortier's plantation and extend to the upper boundary of Francois Robert Avart's plantation.

The 10th Ward or district shall commence from the upper boundary of Mr. W^m F. Robert Avart's plantation and extend to the upper limit of the city of Lafayette.

2^d The said Parish shall moreover be and is hereby divided into three wards as follows, viz:

The 1st Ward shall commence from the upper boundary of the plantation of Baptiste Paquet a free man of colour and extend to Canal Bernoudy.

The 2^d Ward shall comprehend Barataria up to the

Gulf of Mexico.

And the 3^d Ward shall commence from the upper boundary of Mr. Kenner's plantation and extend to the upper limit of the City of Lafayette including the Metairie.

for each of those three wards there shall, be appointed, annually, a syndic the powers & duties of whom shall be the same invested into the actual syndics and moreover it shall not be permitted to the syndic of the 3^d ward to occupy himself of any business that will not regard his official duties.

On motion Resolved that all the police regulations contrary to the disposition of the present ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved also that the article adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 10th March 1834 fixing the annual election of the several officers of the Parish to the 2^d Monday of March of each year be and the same are hereby repealed and that hereafter said officers shall be appointed in the month of June of each year, by the jury newly organized but that in case said election had not taken place in the month of June as aforesaid. Those then in function shall continue to discharge the duties of their office until an election shall take place, and that all the acts and doings of said officers so holding over shall

be legal and valid and as binding as if the same had taken place at the time above specified.

Resolved also that the several officers of the Parish who are now in function shall continue to discharge their duties until an election shall take place.

Is read the petition of Mr. C. Hurst praying to be authorized to construct a rail road through faubourg Bouligny, On motion of Mr. Labarre Resolved that said petition be laid on the table until said hurst furnishes a figurative plan showing us well the work he intends to do as the dimensions of the several streets through which said road would have to pass.

On motion of Mr. Kenner the sum of three hundred dollars is appropriated and put to the disposition of the judge president in order to have a copy of the plans

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of the several faubourgs within this Parish said plans to be for the use of the police jury.

On motion of Mr. Delachaise

Resolved that the president be and he is hereby requested to publish during one month, in several of the public paper of New Orleans & in that of Lafayette, notice inviting the undertakers to make proposals for the erection of the parish jail agreeably to the plan already adopted by the jury to that effect.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson April 28th 1836.

F. Dugue' Judge president of the police jury.

Thursday May 18th 1836.

The jury duly convened by the president, met accordingly.

Present M^rs F. Dugue Judge president. P. A. Delachaise--M^r Kenner--Joseph Dusuau C Livaudais--J. B. D. Dauterive--Rl Beauvais.

Absentees M^rs P. Labarre Th Fortier B. Saulet.

Mr. Charles Bienvenu syndic

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of the 5th Ward having resigned his office.

On motion Resolved that the judge president be said he is hereby authorized to appoint a syndic in his place until the annual election of the officers of the Parish shall have taken place.

Second reading is made of the petition of Mr. C. Hurst praying to be authorized to construct a single rail road commencing at the intersection of Nayades street & of Napoleon Avenue in faubourg Bouigny, in this Parish, running through Napoleon Avenue to Tchoupitoulas street from thence running through Tchoupitoulas Street until it reaches the lower limit of the plantation of Mr. Francois Robert Avart.

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On motion Resolved that his demand be granted on the following conditions, viz:

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1^o Said track shall be constructed as to leave free from obstruction the passage of said streets for the several Carriages and Carts &c and also to leave unimpeded the running of the waters into the gutters which it crosses.

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2^o The portion of the rail road passing through Tchoupitoulas street shall be constructed at a distance of at least nine feet from the levee, there shall be a banquette or side walk of nine feet between the rail road and the public road. The public road shall have thirty feet wide, and moreover there shall be left another banquette or side walk of nine feet between the public road and the limits of the lots fronting on said road.

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3^d It shall not be permitted to said Hurst to cause steam Cars to travel on that portion of the rail track passing through Tchoupitoulas street.

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The jury having proceeded by ballot, to the election of the managers of the election of one representative to the 25th Congress to be chosen in the first congressional District of the state of Louisiana, of our senator and of one representative for this Parish of Jefferson, which Conformably to the proclamation of the governor is to take place on the first monday of July next & the two following days it appeared that Ms^{rs} Michel Commagere Francois St Pe' & Zenon Boutte' had be[en] appointed managers of the one which shall take place at the District of

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of Barataria & Ms^{rs} H. P. Fauchier--Joseph Rigaud & J B D. Dauterive managers of the one that shall take place at the Cheniere Caminada at the house of Joseph Cossa.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson May 18th 1836.

F. Dugue' Judge President of the Police Jury.

Wednesday June 22 1836.

The following persons having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective Districts presented themselves after having been duly notified and after having taken their oath into the hands of the president took their seats, viz:

Mr. Jean Emile Faures member of the first District, M^r. Felix Delery member of the second District, M^r. J. B. Decomine Dauterive member of the third District, M^r. Francois Joseph LeBreton member of the fourth District, M^r. George A. Waggaman member of the fifth District, Mr. Faustin Fortier member of the sixth District M^r. Charles Fortier member of the seventh District, M^r. Pierre Laustiere Labarre member of the eighth District Mr. Samuel Short member of the ninth District & M^r. P. A. Delachaise member of the tenth District.

After reading and approval of the Journal

On motion the salary of the syndic of the first Ward was fixed at the sum of six hundred dollars per annum, that of the syndic of the second ward to the sum of two hundred dollars, that of the syndic of the third to the sum of twelve hundred dollars and that of the Parish attorney to the sum of eight hundred dollars.

On motion of M^r. P. A. Delachaise it was proceeded to the election of the several officers of the Parish when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr Manuel Garcia had been elected syndic of the first ward, M^rs P^{cs} St Pe' syndic of the second Ward, M^r. Raphael Beauvais syndic of the third Ward, Mr. Honore' F. Deblieux attorney for the Parish, Mr. Francis Jⁿ E. Dugue' Livaudais Parish treasurer & Francis Dugue' junior secretary of the police jury.

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On motion Resolved that a committee on finance Composed of three members be appointed for the following year. The president appointed M^rs P. A. Delachaise * members of said committee * P. Laustiere Labarre and Felix Delery.

The same Committee having been invited to examine the accounts of the Parish treasurer retired from the Hall of the sittings for about one hour and after having examined said accounts reported through their presi-

dent that they had found the same Correct & approved of them - & also reported that they had found a balance of four thousand four hundred & eighteen dollars & twenty two cents in favor of the Parish.

Upon which the jury unanimously adopted said report.

On motion of Mr. Labarre it was proceeded to the election of the assessors of state taxes on [of] the Parish of Jefferson. When in verifying the votes it appeared that Mssieurs Harry Buckman, Charles Livaudais & F. Dugue' J^r had been duly elected.

Is read a letter of Mr. C. Hurst praying that the resolution adopted by the jury at their meeting of the 18th May 1836 relative to the rail road that is to pass through faubourg Bouligny be so amended as that said Hurst shall have the right of using the same and also to construct a double rail road provided he does not encroach upon the space already reserved by the jury for the public road and banquets that that privilege be granted to him for as long as shall last the present charter of the New Orleans & Carrollton Rail Road Company.

On motion Resolved that his demand be granted. On motion of Mr. Labarre.

Resolved that the Parish attorney be and he is hereby invited to accelerate the more possible the provocutions commenced by the jury against persons making encumbrances & buildings on the levees and battures.

On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson June 22^d 1836.

F. Dugue' Judge president of the Jury,

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Monday August 8th 1836.

The jury met after having been duly convened by the president.

Members present Ms^rs F. Dugue judge prest^t--P. A. Delachaise--Faustin Fortier F^s J^h LeBreton--Charles Fortier--Felix Delery--J.B. D. Dauterive & Sam'l Short.

Absentees Ms^rs G. A Waggaman--G. E. Faures P. L.

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Reading of the journal is made and approved.

The appointment of a syndic for the second ward having become necessary by the resignation of Mr. Fcs St Pe' the jury by means of polls proceeded to his replacement when it appeared that Mr. T. B. D. Dauterive had been duly appointed.

Are presented and approved provided they are sworn to the following accounts viz:

- 1^o That of judge Leech for having on the 1st of August instant made an inquest on the body of one McPherson found dead at Carrollton \$10.
- 2^o That of Dr. Milling for having visited the Corpse of one Patrick a white Man found dead at Carrollton 10.00
- 3^o That of Judge Elliott for having made an inquest on the body of that same man (Patrick-----10.00
- 4^o That of John Smith for having buried the same body - 15.00
- 5 That of John Cramer for having furnished to the jail one matrass & some blankets-----\$11.75

It also presented and laid on the table for further examination the account of Dr. Milling amounting to sixty dollars for services rendered to some sick persons in jail.

On motion Resolved that besides the notices relative to stray animals to be printed in the Lafayette Gazette they be printed in the State in New Orleans, when regarding stray animals within the 3^d ward.

Resolved that the 87th Article of the police regulations which reads thus "the riparian proprietors of plantations or other lands not divided in suburbs on the River Mississippi within the limits of this Parish &c" be & the same is hereby amended so as it be said: The riparian proprietors of plantations or other lands divided or not divided in suburbs &c.

Resolved that whenever the roads, streets, bridges, ditches & fences shall have to be made or repaired within the limits of the Parish the syndic of his ward shall give eight days notice to the proprietors bound to make

such works or to his representative and if in the eight days following said notice the works be not done (the whole agreeably to the police regulations) the syndic either shall immediately cause said works to be made by journey men at the costs of the proprietor or shall act in relation thereto as is prescribed by the 29th Article of the police regulations of the Parish for what regards division fences.

Reading is made of a letter of Mr. Benjamin Buisson proposing to build the Parish jail for twelve thousand dollars. When the jury adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that a committee of two of their members be appointed in order to enter into agreement with Mr. Buisson in relation to the building of the contemplated parish jail Which committee shall have full authority & power to take arrangements & Contract with Mr. Buisson for the building of said jail and to obligate themselves for the payment thereof for the best of the interests of the Parish.

Said committee appointed by ballot is composed of Mrs P. A Delachaise & Faustin Fortier.

Resolved that the Resolution adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 19th October 1835 fixing the Parish tax at \$4 dollars per thousand on landed property & 62 1/2 cents per head on slaves be and the same is hereby so amended as that hereafter the yearly parish tax be of one dollar & seventy five cents per thousand on the worth of landed property & of twenty five cents per head on slaves.

Resolved also in consequence of the reduction of the taxes the Parish treasurer for the ensuing year shall furnish a bond of ten thousand dollars only.

Resolved that the Parish attorney be required to submit to the jury as soon as possible a draught of the proper regulations to facilitate the several works to be made in the Parish.

The sum of five hundred dollars shall hereafter be kept by the Parish treasurer at the disposal of the syndic of the 3^d Ward (assisted as is prescribed by the police regulations) to Cause to be made or repaired the most necessary roads and bridges in said Ward & the funds paid for the confection & repairs above mentioned shall, be on the shortest delay, reimbursable by the proprietor for whose account they shall have been made.

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On motion the jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson August 8th 1836.

F. Dugue' president.

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Thursday 2^d February 1837.

The jury met after having been duly convened by the president. Members present Ms^{rs} F Dugue judge president P. A. Delachaise. P. Laustiere Labarre--F^s J^h Le-Breton--Faustin Fortier Charles Fortier, Felix Delery & Samuel Short.

Absentees Ms^{rs} J. B. D. Dauterive-G. E. Faures-G. A. Waggaman.

Reading of the journal is made and approved.

Is approved the payment of Dr. Kerr's bill amounting to \$50. for having visited the dead body of one Crenshaw & for other services. Said Crenshaw was found drowned in the Parish of Plaquemines.

Three accounts of Dr. Milling amounting together to fifty five dollars for having visited some sick prisoners in the Parish Jail were presented & laid upon the table until detailed bills be presented.

Those of the coroner of the Parish amounting together to one hundred dollars for three inquests by him made are presented & ordered to be paid.

Those of the Clerk of the City Court of Lafayette amounting together to thirty two dollars 87cts for costs in two suits entitled R. Beauvais syndic Garaty & Pilster ordered to be paid.

Those of the Clerk of the Parish Court of this Parish amounting together to \$61.50^{cts} for costs in four suits ordered to be paid, yet it was resolved that once paid, that, of the bills of said Clerk amounting to \$23.37 1/2 for costs of the suit of the state Pain & Nurts should be handed over to the parish attorney for collection.

The jury having examined the copies of plans of the several faubourgs in this Parish made by virtue of a resolution passed on the twenty eight April 1836.

Adopted the following resolution

Resolved that the sum of three hundred dollars be allowed to M^r. Brownwell & Adams engineers, besides that of \$300 already allowed by the jury for the execution of said copies.

Two petitions are presented & read the one of M^r. Bertrand Barre, the other of Mr. Fow, in order to obtain from the jury the exclusive privilege of keeping of a regular Ferry in front of Carrollton and, on motion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the privilege prayed for be granted to Mr. Bertrand Barre for the space of one year without any tax provided he complies with the following conditions:

The said Bertrand Barre shall have always ready to cross the river some suitable squiff & one flat boat from day time til eight o'clock in the night from the 15th September to the 15th March & till 9 o'clock the rest of the year. & it shall be lawful to him to demand & receive for the said Ferry the following tolls viz: For one foot passenger without a load or with such a one as said Passenger will be able to carry eighteen cents & 3/4. For a horse & his rider one dollar. For a gig and one horse one dollar and fifty cents for a four wheeled carriage with two horses, two dollars. for a pedling cart and one horse three dollars.

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For a planters' cart one dollar & fifty cents. for every head of cattle up to ten, one dollar, & upwards fifty cents per head for sheep 12 1/2 cents per head.

The jury having proceeded by ballot to the appointment of the assessors of the state taxes for this Parish & to that, of the administrators of the public schools for the present year & the president having appointed M^s^{rs} LeBreton & Faustin Fortier to verify the votes it appeared that M^s^{rs} Charles Livaudais, Harry Buckman & F^r. Dugue' junr. had been duly appointed assessors & M^s^{rs} P. A. Guillote, Charles Derbigny Hy Buckman, G. B. Bennett & Cornelius Hurst administrators of the public schools.

On motion the jury adopted the following ordinance.

An ordinance relative to the Levees & roads in this Parish of Jefferson.

Resolved that a new levee is required for the public safety in front of property of seven arpents situated in this Parish & lately divided in lots & squares under the name of "Greenville" and that the said levee shall be made under the inspection of the syndic and in the manner and proportions required by the regulations and shall further be made in continuation of the Levee of Carrollton following the same direction until it strikes the old Levee on the lower part of said "Greenville".

Resolved that as soon as the syndic shall have prepared a plan with description of the Levee to be made the Parish judge will proceed, after ten days if public advertisement in a Lafayette public News paper & in a News paper of New Orleans, to the adjudication to the lowest bidder of the works required for the making of the said Levee of Greenville and that for the account of the proprietors of all the lots & Squares & other lands formed by the division of said property of seven arpents which proprietors shall have to contribute to the payment of the price of adjudication in proportion to the estimated value of each of said lots & squares with the exception of the lots, squares & Lands which may be found to be entirely outside of the New Levee to be made.

Resolved that in order to fix the amount thus to be contributed by such, an appraisement shall immediately be made by two appraisers appointed & sworn by the Parish Judge of all the lands lots & squares belonging to different proprietors on said land and that in the appraisement thus made the Clerk of the police jury will draw out a tableau of repartition of the amount of the adjudication, which tableau he will deliver to the person to whom the works shall have been adjudicated & that this person shall collect the sums due according to this tableau at his own risk & expense with reservation however of all his rights according to law & the Regulations of proceeding against the proprietors or against the lots squares & other lands themselves by seizure & sale or otherwise.

Resolved that the works to be made to the several levees on the left Bank of the River in this Parish to wit: those in front of the property of Ms^{rs} Millaudon & Kohn adjoining faubourg Bouligny and of Mr. Preston near Carrollton are absolutely required & urged

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by reason of the bad state of said Levees & of the advanced period of the high water season; and that therefore in the Cases where for the making of said works, sufficient orders and notifications have already been made & given by the syndic to the proprietors, the Parish Judge is required to Proceed immediately to the adjudication of such works to the lowest bidder, for the account of the proprietors & that in the other cases the syndic or the judge shall immediately give and make the necessary orders & notifications and the judge shall thereafter proceed to the adjudication giving in all cases ten days notice thereof in English & French in a newspaper of this Parish and in one of New Orleans.

Resolved that for all the other works of repairs to the levees and roads in this Parish of which the syndic assisted by two neighboring proprietors shall declare the necessity he shall give written orders to the proprietors if they are known either by delivering such orders to themselves or at their domicil they residing in this Parish or in a neighboring one, or, in case they reside out of this Parish by publication of such orders in a News paper published in this Parish and in cases where the proprietors are not known by publishing in the same way such orders containing the accurate description of the property; and that in case the works thus ordered to be made are not executed according to the orders & the regulations the syndic shall be authorized by the Parish Judge to proceed to the adjudication to the lowest bidder after the advertisements required above.

Resolved that in all cases the expenses of publication shall be reimbursed to the treasury by the proprietors contravening on the demand made by the tax collector of the Parish & that the same reimbursement shall be required of such proprietors of all other expenses caused by their Contraventions to the regulations & Laws.

Resolved that in all cases in which the Parish Judge may ascertain an urgent and pressing necessity of any works required by any Levee in this Parish & in which the delays attending the mode of proceeding laid down in the foregoing resolutions might in his opinion be dangerous to the safety of lands & other property situated either in this or in a neighbouring Parish, It shall be sufficient that the said judge do obtain the Convenience in his opinion, of three members of the police jury from the same Bank of the River where the levee to be repaired is situated or a new levee is to be made; and this without any sitting or meeting of the police jury. And that the said judge may then in such cases proceed without any notification, notices or publications, Cause the said works to be immediately done either by requisition of slaves from the neighbours, or by adjudication or any

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other mode, selecting the most prompt and expeditious, and always at the expense & for the account of the proprietors of the lands on which such Levees are to be made or repaired.

Resolved that the mode of proceeding above provided for the

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Levee of Greenville shall be followed in all other cases of repairs to be made in this Parish in front of any tract of land or property divided into lots squares & other parcels and not incorporated.

Resolved that hereafter the jury shall regularly meet on the first Tuesday of every month.

And on motion the jury adjourned until the first Tuesday of March next.

Parish of Jefferson 2^d February 1837.

F. Dugue' Judge president of the police Jury.

Tuesday March 7th 1837.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' judge president--F^s J^h LeBreton Faustin Fortier.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Delachaise--Waggaman--Faures--Short.

The Jury not being in sufficient number to deliberate on affairs On motion adjourned until Thursday the 10th inst. at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson March 7th 1837.

Thursday March 16th 1837.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' Judge president, P. A. Delachaise P. L. Labarre--F^s J^h LeBreton--Faustin Fortier--Felix Delery--T. B. D. Dauterive & Samuel Short.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Charles Fortier--Waggaman & Faures.

Reading of the Journal having been made & approved.

Is presented and accepted the resignation of Mr. Manuel Garcia Syndic of the first ward And on motion it was proceeded by ballot to the election of a syndic to supply the vacancy occasioned by said resignation when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Louis Montault had been duly elected.

The jury having retaken into consideration the three accounts of D^r Milling amounting together at fifty five dollars for medical attendance on certain persons in the Parish Jail. Resolved that unless said Doctor presents some detailed accounts of a sum of thirty dollars be & is hereby offered to him & that hereafter none of his accounts nor those of other Doctors will be paid by the jury unless they are detailed & the number of visits reported.

Resolved that hereafter the syndic the syndic of the third Ward shall not be bound to keep the stray Cattle at his domicil during twenty four hours as prescribed by the police regulations And that he be hereby au-

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thorized to receive and keep them at his depot provided that for twenty four hours the said strays be there received and kept free of charge.

Resolved also that the individuals who, in conformity with the regulations, will send or take stray cattle to the syndics, shall have a right to a compensation of twenty five cents per head.

Resolved that the syndics shall have the right to order in the same manner as for public roads, the Confection of the articles on each side of the streets, in lands divided into towns, bourgs & faubourgs, in this Parish as soon as said ditches shall be in their opinion necessary for the draining of the streets. And in default of compliance on the part of the proprietors to the orders by the syndics it shall be proceeded to their confection as is prescribed for the public roads.

Resolved that the police regulations adopted by the jury at their sitting of the second of February last part; & those of the present sitting be published in English & French in the Lafayette Gazette & that here-

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after the police regulations shall be published in the French and English languages, in one news paper published in this Parish & that the same shall be in force three days after the publication thus made.

Are submitted to the jury by the syndic of the third ward some projected regulations which; on motion, are referred to the Parish attorney who is as soon as possible required to make a report upon the subject.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Tuesday of April next.

Parish of Jefferson March 16th 1837.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Tuesday 4th April 1837.

Present Me^{ss}r. F. Dugue Judge president--

Absentees Messrs.

The jury not being in sufficient number could not deliberate on affairs & adjourned until the first Tuesday of May next.

Tuesday May 2^d 1837.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs P. Laustiere Labarre--P. A. Delachaise--

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F^s Jh. LeBreton--Felix Delery--Faustin Fortier--Charles Fortier T. B. D. Dauterive--Samuel Short.

Absentees Messrs. Faures & Waggaman.

In the absence of the Judge president M^r Pierre Laustiere Labarre is called to the Chair as president pro tempore.

On motion Resolved that it is proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a president when in verifying the votes it appeared that Mr. Pierre Laustiere Labarre had been unanimously appointed.

Mr. Labarre having taken his seat as president pro tempore. On motion Reading of the journal is made and approved.

Is read a letter from Mr. Charles F. Zimpel praying to be authorized to construct a rail road on the plantation heretofore belonging [to] Norbert Fortier senior & now divided into lots & squares under the name of "German Town," & also to construct two branches of said road along side of the levee, on the Mississippi.

On motion Resolved that the syndic of the third ward assisted by two neighboring proprietors be required to see Mr. Zimpel about the works to be made, & that the prayer of said Zimpel be granted, if in the opinion of said syndic & neighbouring proprietors, said works do not incumber the public road nor weaken the Levee.

Resolved that, as will the bridges which might be made by Mr. Zimpel, & those that will hereafter be made across the public roads within the limits of this Parish, shall be constructed, with cypress planks, & in a way so that the ascent to them shall be easy and commodious.

Is read the petition of Mr. Louis M Malleiu praying to be authorized to emancipate his slaves, Marguerite, alias Peggy of about thirty years with her child Amelia of two years, Charity a negress of about thirty one years with her two twin children Adeline & Clementine of about one year.

When on motion Resolved that said petition be referred to the parish attorney, who shall report thereon at the next sitting.

On motion Resolved that the syndic of the first ward of this Parish be required assisted as is prescribed by the police regulations to examine the public road fronting the plantation of Mrs. Marie Heloise Saulet wife of Joseph Verloni Degruy, and to report on the situation thereof & the works necessary to be made on the same.

Is presented a certificate of Judge Elliott stating that the Parish treasury is indebted unto Benjⁿ. Mouchon, in the sum of [Blank in Record] dollars for a coffin & for having burried the dead body of a man named [Blank in Record] upon which an inquest was held.

On motion Resolved that said certificate be laid upon the table indefinitely.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first of Tuesday of June next.

Parish of Jefferson May 2^d 1837.

Prre Laustiere Labarre President Protem.

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Tuesday the 23^d May 1837.

the Jury met after having been duly convened by the president, Members present, M^{essrs}. F. Dugue' prest P. A. Delachaise L^{re} Labarre-- Saml Short--Faustin Fortier --Chas. Fortier--and theodule Dauterive.

Absentees. M^{essrs}. Felix Delery FS J. LeBreton Geo. A Waggaman & E. Faures.

Reading of the journal, being made & approved,
On motion,

Resolved that the Parish treasurer be authorized to receive in payment of the accounts due the Parish all bank bills of the Banks established in the City of New Orleans, with the only exception of those of the Atchafalaya Bank, and that the said treasurer shall not be bound for the amount of the Bills thus received, in case of failure on the part of the Banks to pay the same; . provided however that so soon as the said treasurer shall have received a sum of One hundred dollars or more he makes a deposit of the same at the Citizen's Bank of Louisiana.

Resolved further that in case of refusal on the pass of the Citizens Bank, to receive in deposit the Bills of certain Banks then the treasurer should also be bound to cease receiving such bills thus refused in deposit in payment for the Parish.

On motion resolved that the Clerk of the police Jury be authorized to leave his Office filled during his absence by some person by him chosen.

Two accounts of Dr. Milling for attendance on two sick prisoners in the jail of the parish, each account being of five dollars being read. On motion resolved that the same be laid upon the table.

The Committee of finances having approved of the account of Jacques Charbonnet junior ex sheriff of this Parish, resolved that the report of said committee be adopted, and that said accounts be paid by preference to others posterior to this date.

On motion the Jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson 23^d day of May 1837.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Tuesday 6th February 1838.

The following gentlemen having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective districts on notifications presented themselves and after having made the required oath before the president, took their seats to wit:

M^r. Gustave Leroy member of the first District--;
M^r. Charles Emil Dugue' Livaudais, member of the second District; M^r. T. B. Décomine D'Auterive member of the third District; Mr. Emmanuel Lamiche LeBreton, member of the fourth District; Mr. Pierre Laustiere La Barre member of the eighth District; M^r. Pierre Soniat, member of the ninth District & M^r. P. A. Delachaise, member of the tenth District.

Mess^{rs}. Jean Baptiste Drouet member of the fifth District; M. A. Halphen member of the sixth District & Butler Kenner, member of the seventh District being absent.

After reading & approval of the journal

On motion it is proceeded by ballot to the appointment of the several officers of the Parish, of the administrators for the public schools & of the committee on finances when Mess^{rs}. Delachaise & Labarre having been appointed by the president to verify the polls it appeared that Mr. Louis Montault had been appointed syndic of the first ward Mr. T. B. D. Dauterive syndic of the second Ward, Mr. Raphael Beauvais syndic of the third ward; Mr. Honore F. Deblieux attorney for the Parish, Mr. F^s Joseph Emml Dugue' Livaudais parish treasurer. Mr. F^s Marin Emml Dugue' Livaudais secretary of the police Jury; Me^{ssrs}. C. Derbigny, Pierre Soniat, P. A. Guillotte, C. Hurst & Hy Buckman administrators of the

public schools & Ms^{rs} Pierre Laustiere Labarre, Gustave Leroy & Pierre Soniat members of the committee on finances.

On motion of M^r. Labarre the Committee on finances is instructed to examine the several accounts the Parish rights have to settle with the City of Lafayette and to report thereon at the next meeting.

On motion of same member the secretary is required ^{1^o} to write to the representative of the Parish to the general assembly, inviting him to obtain the enactment of a law that would oblige the city of Lafayette to pay the coroner's fees & others, occasioned for jurors of inquest within its limits ^{2^d} to instruct the Parish attorney to accelerate the several suits of the jury against divers.

Are read some reports of M^r. Beauvais syndic of the 3^d Ward in relation to the levees & roads, which reports are referred to the attorney.

On motion of Mr. Soniat the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson That it shall not be lawful to let hogs run at large in any part of the Parish, or to have them on the levees, even under keepers, and that in any case where any hog or hogs shall be found in contravention to this resolution they shall be taken up and brought to

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to the syndic who shall sell them after two days notice posted at the door of the Parish Court, for the benefit of the Parish - every proprietor of the Parish of Jefferson is authorized to take up hogs found in contravention to this resolution.

Resolved that the article 32^d of the regulations of this Parish be & it is hereby amended so as that any person or persons that will be in the habit of keeping horned cattle within the limits of this Parish, shall be bound to have them branded within the three days he or they shall have owned the same.

Is read the petition of Antoine Cazimire f.m.c. praying to be authorized to emancipate his slave named Ursule of about forty years to which prayer the jury sees no objection but an ultimate decision shall be

given only at the next sitting.

Is also presented & read the petition of Mr. L. M. Mallein praying to be authorized to emancipate the slaves therein named, which petition was laid on the table.

On motion resolved that the resolution adopted by the jury on the thirty first March eighteen hundred & thirty four which compels the treasurer to give notice of collection of taxes in one of the journals printed in this Parish & to the domicile of the proprietors be and it is hereby repealed & that in all cases it shall suffice that said notices be given twice a week during thirty days in the state paper, & not posted up in the usual places in this Parish.

Is presented a petition of Samuel Parish praying to be authorized to keep a ferry, which petition is laid upon the table until a recommendation of some respectable person of this Parish be furnished.

Is read the letter of Mr. Garcia, sheriff, mentioning the bad state of the prison, said letter is laid upon the table until next sitting.

Are presented the accts of M^{essrs} Garcia sheriff & that of Dr. Dowler. the account of the sheriff referred to the committee on finances, that of Dr. Dowler laid upon the table until a detailed acct be furnished to the committee on finances.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of March next, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 6th Feby 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Sitting of Monday the 5th March 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present M^{essrs}. F. Dugue' judge, president;
Delachaise

Labarre, Livaudais Leroy LeBreton, Soniat, Jean Baptiste Drouet, Joseph Dusuau.

Absentees Messrs. Kenner & Dauterive.

Mr. Jean Baptiste Drouet member of the fifth District and Mr. Joseph Dusuau, elected in the place of Halphen, member of the sixth District, having made the usual oaths took their seats.

Reading of the journal is made and approved.

Is presented and ordered to be paid an account of Dr. Dowler of seventy seven dollars for medical & surgical services rendered to Prisoner Fox.

Second reading being made of the petition of Antoine Cazimire f.m.c. praying to be authorized to emancipate his slave "Ursule" of of about forty years, Resolved that his demand be granted and that he be authorized to execute the act of emancipation as soon as the required formalities shall have been fulfilled.

On motion Resolved that the attorney for the Parish be requested to bring to a conclusion, the suit now pending before the first Judicial District Court of the state of Louisiana, between the police jury & M^r Short and that he reports upon of said suit at the next sitting of the jury.

Is read a letter of M^r Garcia sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson mentioning the bad state of the Parish jail, when on motion Resolved that a committee of three members of this jury be appointed to examine said jail and to report as soon as possible upon the means necessary to be gone through for the purpose of repairing the same, said committee appointed by ballot at the request of the president is comprised of Messrs. Labarre Delachaise & Leroy.

On motion of M^r Soniat the following Resolution is adopted: Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that whoever shall keep a slaughter house, within the limits of said Parish, excepting the city of Lafayette, shall be under the immediate inspection of the syndic of his ward, who shall have power to visit the slaughter house at his leizure, or when required so to do by any person of this Parish.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of April next.

Parish of Jefferson 5th March 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 2^d April 1838.

The members of the police jury having been called to order. Were present: Messrs. Livaudais, Labarre Leroy & Soniat.

When there being no quorum, the president adjourned the meeting until Wednesday the 11th April 1838 at 10 o'clock A.M.

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Wednesday 11th April 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present. Messrs. F. Dugue' judge pres^t, Livaudais, Labarre, Leroy, D'Auterive, Soniat & Drouet.

Absentees, Messrs. Delachaise, Kenner, Dusuau & LeBreton.

Reading of the process verbal of deliberations of preceeding sitting is made and approved.

On motion of M^r. Labarre the following ordinances are adopted. Resolved that the judge president, be authorized to subscribe one or two notes, to an amount sufficient to pay, the bonds and notes due by the Parish, already arrived at maturity or those becoming due within the sixty days following the date of this writing.

Resolved that hereafter the parish taxes shall be collected by the sheriff in the same manner and at the same time he shall collect the state taxes & that his commission shall be deducted from that now allowed to the Parish treasurer.

Resolved also, that it shall be the duty of said sheriff to pay monthly to the treasurer the amount of taxes by him collected, after he shall have deducted his commission and that all ordinary fixing the manner & making it the duty of the Parish treasurer to Collect Parish taxes on slaves or immoveables be and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion Resolved that the Article 16th public ordinances of this Parish be and the same is hereby amended, in such a way as that whenever the syndic shall make requisitions of slaves for works to levees and Roads of properties not inhabited, the price of the

slaves' day's work shall be of four dollars and that the price of two dollars be maintained for the Works and repairs made to levees & roads of inhabited properties.

On motion of Mr. Dauterive seconded by Mr. Drouet, Resolved that a new road is necessary for public use in front of plantations forming L'Ile Boutte', in this Parish following Ouacha or Barataria River from Mr. Carlin's plantation (opposite l'Ile Bonne) to the lower point of said l'Ile Boutte'; opposite l'Ile Dupont.

Resolved that the syndic be required to order and cause to be extended the works necessary for the confec-tion of said Road, and that the same be ordered and ex-ecuted on the basis which regulates the Barrataria Roads.

The jury having proceeded by ballot to the appoint-ment of an administrator of the public schools located in this Parish, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. C. Derbigny, on verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Louis Bouligny had been duly ap-pointed.

Is read the petition of Mr Gustave Leroy Universal Legator of widow Debellierre

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deceased, praying to be authorized to emancipate, agree-ably to a clause in last will of deceased, the negro man slave named Francois of about forty two years, to which prayer the Jury see no objection but an ultimate decision shall be given only at the next sitting.

On motion the jury adjourned until the second Mon-day of May at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 11th April 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 14th May 1838.

The jury was to meet on this day, but all the mem-bers having failed to appear, except M^r. Charles Livau-dais, the judge president & the member present adjourned the meeting until Monday the fourth of June at 10 o'clock A.M.

Monday the Fourth June 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment and to notices served by the sheriff on all the members.

Present M. M. F. Dugue' judge president, P. L. Labarre C. Livaudais, E. L. LeBreton, G. B. Drouet, Gustave Leroy & Pierre Soniat,

Absentees M. M. Delachaise, Kenner, Dusuau, Dauterive.

reading of the journal is made and approved.

Second reading being made of the petition of Mr. Gustave Leroy universal legator of M^{rs} widow Debellierre, deceased praying to be authorized to emancipate, agreeably to a clause of the last will of the deceased, the negro man named Francois aged about 42 years,

On motion Resolved that his demand be granted & that he be authorized to execute the act of emancipation as soon as the other required formalities shall have been gone through

The jury having taken into consideration the prayer of Mr. F. Gardere in relation to the public road he wishes to open under the slide (rampe) of his saw mill,

On motion Resolved that his demand be granted.

On motion Resolved that the syndic be authorized and requested immediately to Convene a jury of four neighbouring inhabitants in order to examine the state of the Levee in front of the plantation heretofore belonging to Lugere Fortier, and to decide upon the repairs to be made thereto. That immediately after the decision of the jury, the syndic, without waiting for the publications of this resolution, shall cause to be executed the works ordered by said jury.

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at the expenses of the Parish which shall have to be refunded by the owners.

On motion, Resolved that the Parish treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to make or effectuate a loan for the purposes of paying the debts already due by the Parish as also the promisory notes that will fall due shortly.

Mr. Pierre Laustiere Labarre reporter of the committee on finances, charged with examining the situation of the affairs of the Parish having reported 1^o That said committee had examined the accounts and the books kept by the Parish treasurer & that they had found them Correct & had approved of the same. 2^o That from the Calculation made by said Committee and by taking as a basis therefor, the state tax list, it appeared that the City of Lafayette would have to pay about eighteen hundred and thirty three dollars, its proportion for the construction and expenses of the jail and for rent of the Court house until this day. That it was yet due to the treasury for arrear-taxes, to wit: for the years 1834 about two thousand dollars, for the year 1835 about seventeen hundred and thirty two dollars and for the year 1836 about seventeen hundred and seventy four dollars. That the accounts for said arrear taxes having been transmitted to the Parish attorney to sue for the recovery thereof, and the attorney having kept the same a certain lapse of time, returned them to the treasurer alleging that he did not think proper to institute so many small suits the result of which would only be onerous to the Parish. On motion Resolved, unanimously that the report of the Committee be adopted (except the article relative to the proposition due by the City of Lafayette on which it shall be determined only when the jury shall be in full quorum, and that the Parish treasurer be authorized to transmit said arrear accounts to the sheriff who shall try the recovery thereof, and that the said treasurer be and he is hereby released and discharged from all liability Concerning the recovery of said accounts.

On motion the jury adjourned sine die.

Parish of Jefferson 4th June 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Thursday 21st June 1838.

The following persons having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective districts, on notifications presented themselves and after having made the required oaths before the president took their seats, to wit:

Mr. Felix Delery member of the second District, M^r. Faustin Fortier, member of the sixth District, M^r. Pierre

Sauve' member of the seventh District, Mr. Gariel Le-Breton Deschappelles member of the eighth District, Mr. John Greene member of the ninth District & Mr. Jean Laizer member of the tenth District.

Messrs. Jacques Charbonnet, jr member of the first District, T. B. D D'auverive member of the third District, Mr. Edmond Drouet member of the fifth District, being absent, the member of the fourth District not yet elected.

After reading and approval of the journal

On motion it is presented by ballot to the nomination of the several officers of the Parish & of the Jury, as also of the committee on finances, when in counting the votes at the opening of the divers polls, made by M. M. Fortier & Sauve' appointed to that effect by the president it appeared that Mr. Louis Montault had been appointed syndic of the first Ward, Mr. T. B. D. D'Auterive syndic of the second ward, Mr. R. Beauvais, syndic of the third ward, Mr. H. F. Deblieux attorney for the Parish, W. F. JS E. Dugue' Livaudais Parish treasurer, Mr. F. M. E. Dugue' Livaudais secretary of the police jury & M. M. Jacques Charbonnet jr P. Sauve' & F. Fortier member of the committee on finances.

On motion Resolved that for the present year the treasurer shall have to furnish a bond of ten thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties & that Mr. Charles Emml Dugue' Livaudais be accepted as his security.

The jury having proceeded by ballot to the nomination of the commissioners of the election of the governor, of the representative to Congress & of the representative to state Legislature which is to be holden at Barataria, Cheniere Caminada & Grand Isle on the 2^d 3^d & 4th of July next, on verifying the polls it appeared that M. M. P. A. St. Pe. Zenon Boutte' & Michel Commagere had been appointed commissioners of the Election to be held at Barratarria & M. M Louis Boudreau Joseph Rigaud & Alexis Lefort jr. Commissioners of that to be held at Cheniere Caminada & Grand Isle.

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On motion of [Blank in Record] The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that hereafter the proprietors of lands or plan-

tations in this Parish, that shall divide the same into lots, squares, &c, under the name bourgs, faubourgs or towns &c shall be bound to cause their plan of division to be approved of by the police jury & to deposit a duly certified copy of the plan at the place of meeting of said police jury. and moreover shall be bound to make new the necessary bridges and ditches as also the fences between them and their neighbours, at their superior and inferior limits & at the crossing streets ending at such limits. Which ditches, bridges and fences shall have to be approved by the syndic and two disinterested inhabitants appointed for that purpose by the jury or by their president.

Resolved that hereafter the jury shall meet on the first Monday of every month, yet for the month of July next, on account of the elections, they will meet on the second Monday.

Is presented and approved an account of the syndic Mr. Beauvais, amounting to sixteen dollars & 96cts for the confection of a bridge in front of the property of M^r. E. Salzmänn at Carrollton. When said account shall have been paid by the treasurer the same shall be handed over to the attorney in order that he enforce the recovery thereof.

On motion Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed in the place of that of the fifth [of] March 1838 charged to report as soon as possible upon the means necessary to be gone through for the purpose of repairing the Parish Jail. said committee appointed by the president is composed of Messrs. Laizer, Sauve and Greene.

The Secretary required to write to the administrators of the public schools asking from them details upon the administration & [con]struction of the said schools.

On motion Resolved that the 10th Section of the law of the 30th January 1834, organizing the Police jury be put into execution. And that the price of five dollars mentioned therein be demandable by the treasurer with the advice of the police jury. Also that the price fixed by the Resolution of the 19th October 1835 be demandable in the same way.

On motion the jury adjourned until the 2^d Monday of July next.

Parish of Jefferson 21st June 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 10th July 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue' president, Jacques Charbonnet, P. Sauve', Felix Delery, Joseph Sylvere Roman, Jean Laizer & Faustin Fortier.

Absentees Messieurs John Greene, Edmond Drouet, T. B. D. Dauterive & Gabriel LeBreton Deschappelles.

M. M. Jacques Charbonnet, member of the first District & J. S. Roman member of the fourth District, have taken their seats after having made the required oath.

Reading of the Process Verbal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

On motion resolved that the Resolution adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 21st June last part, relative to the owners of lands or plantations who shall divide the same into squares & lots under the name of bourgs or faubourgs &c be and the same is hereby amended so as that it be understood that those neglecting either to deposit a copy of their plan of Division or to make their division fences, bridges ditches &c shall be liable in both circumstances to pay a fine of \$100 for each contravention, & if they should refuse to pay such fine when demanded by the Parish treasurer at the requisition of the Police jury, they shall besides pay \$25 per each day elapsing from that of the demand until payment.

On motion of Mr. Sauve'

Resolved that a census shall be individually made of all the individuals white aged of 21 years or more, in the Parish of Jefferson.

the persons charged of the execution of such census are authorized to swear the suspicious persons & shall designate each individual by his name & surname, the particular plan of residence of each of the individuals not proprietors shall be carefully designated and mention shall be made of the name of the owner of the house or property occupied by such individuals.

Resolved that M^r. R. Beauvais & Louis Montault be charged with the making of the census to be made on both sides of the River, in the Metairie & in the District of Barratarria. Resolved that M. M. L. Bondeau & A. Lefort be charged with the execution of the census to be made, at Cheniere Caminada, Grand Isle & Grand Terre, agreeably to the foregoing resolution.

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On motion the jury adjourned until Monday next the 16th July 1838.

Parish of Jefferson 10th July 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Monday 16th July 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. F. Dugue' Judge president, Jacques Charbonnet, Delery, Fortier, Deschappelles, Greene & Laizer.

Absentees Messrs. Dauterive, Sauve', Roman & Drouet.

On motion deduction of sufficient reasons, On motion Resolved that the absence of Messrs. Greene, Deschappelles & Drouet be excused.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

On motion it is proceeded by ballot to the appointment of the assessors for the state taxes, & of the administrators for the public schools for the present year, when on verifying the two polls, through Messrs. Delery & Fortier - appointed by the president for the purpose, it appeared that, Messrs. Charles Emml Dugue' Livaudais, Raphael Beauvais & Francois Marin Emml Dugue' Livaudais had been appointed assessors & that Messrs. F. M. E. Dugue Livaudais Harry Buckman, Pierre Soniat, D. B. Villars & Joseph Volant Labarre had been appointed administrators of the public schools.

Is read &, on motion, laid upon the table the letter of Mr. C. Hurst praying for the reimbursement of certain sums by him paid in relation to strays.

Is read the report of Mr. Beauvais syndic of the third ward representing that on the 14th of April last he offered for sale to the lowest bidders the Confection of the ditches of Faubourg Delassize which were adjudicated to one Crowan who has not yet executed the works.

When on motion Resolved that the syndic is required to have the ditches made on both sides of Pleasant street in faubourg Delassize, from the Levee to Nayards streets,

so as to carry the water to the swamp and the cross bridges made as far back as Laurel street provided the ditching does not cost over three cents per running foot & the bridges twenty five dollars each. said ditches must be two feet wide at the top and the dirt taken therefrom thrown on the center of the street.

Is read and accepted the resignation of M^r. P. A. Guillotte as administrator of the public schools.

On motion the jury adjourned until Monday next the [Blank in Record] instant at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 16th July 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Monday 23rd July 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. F. Dugue' judge president--Charbonnet--Delery Roman, Drouet, Fortier, Sauve, Deschappelles, Greene, Laizer.

Absentees: M^r. T. B. D. D'Auterive.

Reading of the Process verbal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

The jury, having taken into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Parish Jail and to report upon the repairs and improvements to be made thereto adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that it shall be constructed in the yard of the Parish jail a brick well, fifteen feet deep by four feet in diameter and a necessary house of six feet square, wide by eight feet in depth, doubled with Cypress planks of 2 1/2 inches thick supported by frames.

That at the front and other doors of the first story of the Jail there shall be adapted a sill either in granite or in other good stone.

That the first hall of the jail shall be paved in stone and the floors doubled with two inch cypress planks longer and well grooved.

That all the doors of the interior shall be doubled inside with cypress planks one inch and a quarter thick, and outside with sheet iron and a strong hinge shall be added in the middle of each of the doors, also the necessary bolts.

That all the doors and windows shall be put in frame. (cypress two and a half inch thick)

That the inside shutters shall be repaired and shut with locks. For two of the rooms designated by the sheriff the shutters and the windows shall be doubled with sheet iron.

That the iron grates of the windows shall be strengthened by three iron cross pieces sufficiently strong and strapped to the frame.

Resolved that public notices shall be given by the president, three times a week during fifteen days in the state Paper and in the Lafayette gazette proposing to the undertaker the Construction of the above works.

Resolved that undertakers shall submit their proposals to the public jury.

Is read and laid upon the table, until the next meeting the petition of Mr. O'Bearer praying privilege of keeping a ferry at Carrollton.

On motion Resolved that the secretary shall write to the syndic of the 2^d ward requiring from him that he should cause to be made the necessary works to the roads of

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Messrs. Osborn, Millaudon and Verloin, at Barratarria.

Is presented and laid upon the table until next meeting an account for \$368 of M^r Holliday for repairs to the levees of M^s^rs Greene & Schmidt.

The additional regulation in relation to slaughter houses postponed.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of August next at nine o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 23^d July 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 6th August 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. F. Dugue' Judge president, Delery, Dauterive, Roman Fortier, Deschappelles, Greene & Laizer.

Absentees Ms^{rs} Charbonnet, Drouet & Sauve'

Reading of the journal is made and approved.

Mr. D'Auterive having shown cause for his non appearance at the preceding sittings.

On motion Resolved that the article adopted by the jury at the preceding sitting in relation to the confection of necessaries be & it is hereby amended in such a way that said necessaries be doubled with cypress planks of 2 1/2 inches thick supported with cypress frames eight inches square.

Is presented and laid upon the table until further informations the petition of Mr. B. O'Bearer asking for leave of keeping a ferry at Carrollton.

On motion Resolved that a Regular Ferry shall be established in front of Carrollton in this Parish, and that the same shall be regulated by the articles adopted on the 2^d February 1837 relative to the privilege granted to B. Barre in relation to a ferry kept in said place.

That after ten days public notice in the state paper and in the Lafayette gazette the president shall sell to the lowest bidder the exclusive privilege of Keeping said Ferry during one year from the day of adjudication, that the price of adjudication shall be paid quarterly & in advance and the purchaser to give sufficient security, to the satisfaction of the president, that he shall conform to the ordinances in force or those that shall hereafter be in force or made in relation to said ferry, & that he shall pay quarterly & in advance, as as above stated the price at which the same shall have been adjudicated.

Resolved that the treasurer be & he is hereby authorized to demand from Widow Delachaise his two bonds as treasurer which were in the possession of P. A. Delachaise as president of the Committee on finances. an amendment of Mr. Greene to prolong the privilege of the ferry keeping was rejected. this refusal approved.

Resolved that the president be requested to see a book-keeper and make arrangements with him for the purpose of examining the accounts to settle between the Parish & the City of Lafayette, and to report thereon as soon as possible.

On motion the following ordinances were adopted.

An additional ordinance concerning slaughter houses in the Parish of Jefferson.

The police jury of the Parish of Jefferson ordain as follows:

Art. 1^o No butcher shall hereafter be permitted to establish or to keep a slaughter house within the Parish of Jefferson unless he has previously obtained to that effect the sanction of the police jury and in case of Consent of said jury then & only in such Case a license Countersigned by the secretary of the police jury shall be delivered to him by the Parish judge. And the applicant shall pay \$3 for the Costs of the license and the bond he shall have to furnish. Art. 2^d said license shall be delivered only when the applicant shall be free and when he shall have furnished a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars to the satisfaction of the Parish judge that he shall submit to the police jury ordinances now in force or those that might hereafter be made and that he shall pay all fines lawfully deserved for the time which the license shall have been given. which license shall not be granted for more than a year with the right of renewing the same if there is no law full opposition or complaints against the slaughter house. Art. 3^d Whoever, in virtue of the above shall establish a slaughter house shall be obliged to Keep a bound book which he shall cause to be paraphed by the Parish judge and wherein he shall Keep day for day & without blanks an accurate description of the cattle slaughtered in the premises, of their brand, colour and other distinctive marks and whenever he shall Kill some cattle for third persons he shall add to said description the names of the vendors of whom the receipts shall be transmitted to him & the butcher shall be bound to exhibit to the syndic or to any interested inhabitant, when required, the said book & the receipts aforesaid. The syndic shall visit once a week the slaughter houses and report thereon to the Parish Judge who will fine the contravenors.

Art. 4th No license shall be granted to any butcher or to any other person allowing the Keeping of any establishments for killing and skinning Cattle in this Parish from the inferior limit of faubourg Delassize to the superior limit of Carrollton, between Levee & Barracks

streets, of which the distance shall be equally measured, unless said establishments be placed at a distance of at least one hundred toises of the limits of all inhabi-

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ted properties or of all thoroughfares. It being understood that all persons who shall build in the vicinity of such establishments shall not be admitted to solicit the removal thereof.

Whoever shall establish one or more slaughter houses as is stated above, without license shall pay a fine to the profit of the Parish, of ten dollars per day from that of the denunciation to that of the Compliance to the ordinances.

Whoever shall neglect to Keep the bound book as above or shall refuse to exhibit the same when lawfully required shall pay a fine of \$49 to the profit of the Parish.

Whoever shall Kill, skin or permit to be Killed or skinned in his slaughter house or other establishments any Cattle by slaves not provided with written permission of their masters or who will Kill Cattle not belonging to him shall pay a fine of fifty dollars to the profit of the Parish.

Resolved that all articles contrary to the foregoing ordinances be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Charbonnet having here presented himself, took his seat, after having paid a fine of five dollars.

The account of Mrs Holliday for repairs &c to the levees of Ms^s Greene & Schmidt is referred to the attorney.

Is read a letter of Mr. Wills atty. for Jas. Coursey claiming from the jury \$410 amount of several accounts due to said Coursey for work and repairs to divers properties, & which he could not recover before the courts, from the proprietors on account of some informality in the proceedings previous to the adjudication of said works and repairs -

When on motion Resolved that the president be authorized to compromise with petitioner & that he pays to said petitioner the amount which in his opinion shall be legitimately due.

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On the adoption of said resolution the ayes and nays having been asked, it appeared that Messrs. Charbonnet, Delery Deschapelles & Laizer had voted in the affirmative and Messrs. Fortier, Roman & Greene in the negative.

Mr. Dauterive absented himself in the middle of the proceedings.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of September next.

Parish of Jefferson 6th August 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Monday 3^d September 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. F. Dugue' judge president--Roman--Drouet--Fortier--Sauve'--Deschapelles & Greene

Absentees Messrs. Charbonnet--Delery--Dauterive & Laizer.

Is read a letter of a committee of the City council of Lafayette asking for the use of certain rooms of the Parish Jail, for their watch.

When, on motion Resolved that one of the rooms of the Jail, which shall be designated by the sheriff, be allowed to the City council of the city of Lafayette for the use of their watch, on the conditions that said Council makes to said room the repairs & fixings designated by the sheriff at their costs, that they remit the said room to the jury thirty days after a demand of the same & that they be responsible for the acts of their officers in regard to the jail.

Is submitted to the jury the census of the individuals in Certain parts of the Parish, made by Messrs. Bl. Beauvais & Louis Montault, in pursuance of a Resolution of the 10th July last part, when, on motion, Resolved that said document be deposited among the records of the Parish & that eighty four dollars be paid by the treasurer to each of said gentlemen in compensation of said work.

On motion, Resolved that if in fifteen days no proposals are made for the repairs and improvements to be made to the jail as contemplated in the Resolution of the 23^d July last then & in such case the president shall adjudicate said repairs & improvements to the lowest bidder after ten days notice as specified in said Resolution. the adjudication to be regulated by an appraisalment previously made by two experts appointed and known by the judge president.

Mr. Sauve' paid a fine of \$5 for having failed to appear at last sitting.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of October next.

Parish of Jefferson 3^d September 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday October 1st 1838 The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. F. Dugue' judge president, Charbonnet, Delery, Dauterive, Roman Fortier, Drouet, Sauve' Deschappelles Greene & Laizer.

Reading of the journal is made and approved. Is presented & read article by article the account made by the bookkeeper appointed by the president in conformity with a Resolution of the police jury adopted on the 6th of August last in order to establish the Claim to be made by the Parish from the City of Lafayette. When on motion Resolved that said accounts & the several Items Composing the same showing a balance of \$1,490.06

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in favor of & to be received by the Parish adopted, recorded in the journal & that a duly Certified copy of said account be transmitted to the City Council of the City of Lafayette to the end that said Council pay the balance aforesaid into the hands into the hands of the Parish treasurer. The ayes and nays having been called seperately separately on each item composing said account as also on the adoption of the aforesaid Resolution it appeared that all the members present had voted in the affirmative.

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Said accts. being based on the state tax lists for the the years 1836 & 1837 for what regards the debts paid during said years, is as follows:

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Dr.	The	City of Lafayette in account current with the Parish of Jefferson.			
1836					
March	16	To his proportion in the acct paid			
		A. H. Willis of	\$ 9.62	\$ 2	38
	21	Ditto Paid to L. C. Delery junr.			
		of Barratarria	350.00	98	87
	23	do R Beauvais syndic	150	37	08
	"	do for rent of Court House	124	30	65
	29	do to K. Dorgeny as Clk of			
		Parish Court	475.	117	42
April	13	do M. Greene for Balance due			
		judge Leech	80.	19	88
	26	do F. Dugue' junr. for a copy of			
		tax list of 1835	30	7	41
	"	do to Charles Derbigny as lawyer	750.	185	39
	29	do to G. B. Delery as Syndic	200	49	44
	"	do to treasurer for Comm ⁿ on			
		taxes collected 1835	504.26	124	65
May	7	do to F. Dugue junr. as Clk Police			
		Jury 10 March 1834-1835	450.	111	23
	16	do To Louis Rondeau as school-			
		master at Cheniere	350	86	52
	17	do To Laustere Labarre as syndic			
		to 12 March last	197.26	48	76
	25	do To Boisblanc as syndic	200.	49	43
June	2	do To the treasurer for Comm ⁿ on			
		3693.47 taxes collected	369.34	91	30
	"	do to treasurer for do	29.95	5	17
	"	do to Clk Police Jury 10 March			
		1835 to 1836	450.	111	23
	"	do to Dauterive as syndic to 12			
		March 1836	151.78	37	52
	22	do Commission on taxes collected	135.87	33	58
July	7	do to Louis Montault as syndic to			
		12 March 1836	150.14	37	11
	14	do to J B V Labarre as syndic to			
		12 March 1836	151.24	37	38
August	11	do to John Smith	15.	3	70
	"	do Joseph Frenette	15.	3	70
	23	do to Dr. Milling	10.	2	47
	24	do to the sexton of Lafayette	3.		74

	Sept.	1	do	comm ⁿ on taxes collected . . .	109.59	27	09
		2	do	to the Bee	9.	2	22
		"	do	to C. Livaudais as syndic to 12 March 1836	308.40	76	23
		6	do	to Doctor Milling	10.	2	47
		27	do	to commission for taxes collected	44.06	10	89
	Oct.	4	do	to Deblieux lawyer to 12 March 1836	238.36	58	92
		26	do	to Rondeau school master . . .	50.	12	36
	Nov.	10	do	to M J Garcia Syndic to 12 March 1836	195.62	48	34
		12	do	to commission on taxes collected	125.96	31	13
		20	do	to B. Buisson for the jail . .	1,000.	247	19
8		28	do	for the Court House	160.	39	55
	Dec ^r	3	do	Theo Gureaud	52.	12	85
7		21	do	to Omer Fortier	125.	30	89
8		27	do	to Benjn Buisson	2,500.	617	99
5	1837--Jany.	16	do	to Dr. Kerr	50.	12	14
	Feby	2	do	to B. Buisson	1,500	364	25
2		4	do	to the Clerk	61.50	14	93
8		25	do	taxes paid to the City	5.50	1	33
	April	11	do	to Buisson	1,000.00	242	83
	May	29	do	Rent for Court House	80.	19	42
1	June	1	do	to Omer Fortier	50.	12	14
9		5	do	to Benj. Buisson	10.67	2	59
4		13	do	to do do & interest	208.	50	50
		24	do	to F. Dugue' for copy tax list 1836	30.	7	29
5	July	5	do	to Dr. Milling	30.	7	29
3		"	do	to Mr. Gans	12.	2	91
	Aug.	5	do	to Boisblanc to 12 March . . .	144.12	34	99
12		15	do	Benj. & int.	516.66	125	46
		"	do	instalment & int on note of Buisson of \$800	87.62	21	27
16		18	do	M. J. Garcia c/c G. Charbonnet for Jail	104.75	25	43
13				to B. Buisson	275.	66	75
30	Oct.	12	do	note o/c ditto	720.	174	84
7		"	do	M. J. Garcia c/c G. Charbonnet for jail	1,343.60	326	27
13	Nov.	7	do	to Rondeau school master . . .	50.	12	14
	Dec.	8	do	to gallum Preval	12.	2	71
52		"	do	Rent for Court house	180.	43	73
58	1838. March	21	do	G. Charbonnet	200.	49	44
	"	21	do	to "	56.60	13	75
11	April	16	do	note a/c Jail & int.	1,774.99	431	03
38		27	do	for Court House rent	40.	9	71
70	May	1	do	to G. Charbonnet	405.50	98	36
70		22	do	to Omer Fortier	50.	12	14
47		9	"	to Sprague	3.		74
74		28	do	to G. Buisson	20.	4	86

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Aug.	3	do	to Omer Fortier	50.	12	14	
	17	do	note dist ^s Carrollton's Branch Bk	600.	148	32	
1938-Sept.	3	do	paid Court House rent	80.	19	42	
					\$4,922.45 ^{cts}		
Sept.	24		To Balance		\$1,490.	06	
			Cr.				
1836 March	12		By his proportion in the sum of \$765.73 ba. in cash this day . . .	189	29		
1838 Sept.	24		Ditto in \$13,119.51 of taxes collected for 1835 by the judge, sheriff & lawyer as per tax lists of thirty years	3,243	10		
			By balance	1,490	06		
				\$	4,922.45		
			Parish of Jefferson 24 th Sept. 1838.				

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Are read 1^o The petition of M. M. C. Zeringue & N. B. LeBreton 2^d that of Mr. Allon D'Homécourt claiming against the necessity of the confection of certain roads fronting their properties at - Barratarria agreeably to resolutions of the 8th June 1835 & of the 11th April 1838.

When on motion Resolved that said petitions be referred to a committee of three who shall [Blank in Record] to themselves the Parish attorney & report thereon at the next meeting of the jury or as soon as thereafter as possible, said Committee appointed by

the president is composed of Messrs. Delery, Sauve' & Drouet.

The letter of Mr. Holliday in relation to certain works ordered by the syndic in front of the properties designated by the lots Nos. 1, 2 & 3. of Bellegrave (Heretofore M^{rs} Holliday's plantation) being read, ecuted in front of said lots agreeably to the police regulations for the account & at the risk of the owner.

On motion of Mr. Sauve'.

Resolved that the Resolution Amendatory to that of the 19th October 1835 adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 8th August 1836 fixing the Parish tax at \$1.75 cts per thousand dollars on the appraisement of immovable property & at 25 cents per head on slaves be and the same is hereby so amended as that hereafter the yearly Parish tax shall of two dollars per thousand on the appraisement of real property, of fifty cents per head on slaves, of four dollars on four wheeled carriages & of two dollars on the two wheeled carriages.

And the jury adjourned until the first Monday of November next.

Parish of Jefferson 1st October 1838.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 5th November 1838.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present. Messrs. Jacques Charbonnet-Delery Dauterive Drouet, Fortier, Dechappelles Greene & Laizer

Absentees, Messrs. Roman & Sauve'

In the absence of the Judge Mr. Charbonnet is called to the chair as president pro tempore'.

It is afterwards proceeded by ballot to the election of a president to preside over this meeting when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Jacques Charbonnet had been duly elected as such.

Reading of the journal is made & approved.

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On motion the jury having retaken into consideration the petition of M^r. Allon D'Hemecourt & that of Messrs. Zeringue & LeBreton, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that the roads of Barratarria & those of the 'boutte' & Bonne Island shall be made as prescribed by

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the ordinances, but whereas the same are little and they shall be made as follows: Forty feet in width well cleared whereof 25 feet shall be more particularly cleared & prepared for the public road from the property of Messrs. L. C. Delery & C^o to their end.

The judge president having informed the jury that he had twice adjudicated the works necessary to the election of a levee & to the confection of the public road following said levee in front of the upper part of the town of Carrollton & that the purchasers had not complied with the conditions of the adjudications. On motion Resolved that after five days of publication in the Bee of New Orleans & on insertion of said notice in the Lafayette gazette the judge president be requested to sell the said works to the lowest bidder on the conditions stipulated for the levee of Greenville for all what does not regard the way of payment & that in payment of said works the treasurer shall subscribe three bonds bearing interest at the rate of ten p/c per annum payable three, six & nine months after date, two of which bonds shall be delivered to the undertaker during the progress of the work & the third when the said work shall have been completed & duly accepted.

Resolved that in case no person should undertake said work or the undertaker should not comply with the conditions of the adjudication then & in such case the judge president shall be authorized to make a loan of one thousand dollars for the purpose of causing said work to be made by journeymen for the account of the Parish which shall have its recourse against the proprietors of Carrollton.

Resolved that the foregoing Resolutions shall be in force from today & that the usual publications be waived.

Is read the petition of Joseph Cavalier f m c praying to be authorized to emancipate his mulatto girl slave named "Josephine" aged about nineteen years when

on motion Resolved that his demand be granted but submitted to the next jury.

On motion the following resolution is adopted -

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that the syndic of the 3^d Ward do notify Messrs. Gordon & Co or their representative to open Plaisance street in Faubourg Delassize from Levee street to the River & to give a free passage through said street in order that the inhabitants of said faubourg be able to procure water when in want of the same also that the said Gordon & Co. do cut in an ascending manner the Levee passing through said street between the two batures & Tchoupitoulas street & clear the said Pleasance street of all lumber and other incumbrances within two days that shall follow the notice to them given in default of

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which the said works shall be made or adjudicated to the lowest bidder by the said syndic agreeably to the ordinances.

Resolved that the same notice be given to Mr. G. M. Bach in relation to the repairing of Plaisance street faubourg Delassize in front of his property.

the denunciation of Mr. Beauvais syndic being presented Resolved that said denunciations together with all those which are now in the hands of the president be handed to the Parish attorney to the end that he sues the delinquents agreeably to the ordinances.

On motion the jury adjourned until the 1st Monday of December next.

Parish of Jefferson 5 November 1838.

Jacques Charbonnet.

President Protem.

Monday 3^d December 1838.

Present Messrs. [Blank in Record]

Absentees Messrs. [Blank in Record]

The jury not being in sufficient number to deliberate on affairs, adjourned until the first Monday of January next at 10 o'clock A.M.

Monday 7th January 1839.

Present Messrs. [Blank in Record]

Absentees Messrs [Blank in Record]

The jury not being in quorum adjourned until the first Monday of February next at 10 o'clock A.M.

Monday 4th February 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Ms^{rs} F. Dugue Judge prest--Charbonnet Delery--D'Auterive--Roman--Drouet--Fortier Deschappelles & Laizer.

Absentees Messrs. Sauve' & Greene.

Reading of the journal is made and approved

After an exposition of the facts relative to the claims of the Police jury against the city of Lafayette

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for the building of & repairs to the Jail, Court house. rent &c.

The president read a letter of the secretary of the Board of Council of the City of Lafayette which accompanied some resolutions of said council declaring that they cannot accept said account under its form.

When on motion Resolved that the jury do furnish in the opinion they have of their rights to claim for amounts of said accounts that they regret to see that the difference of opinion which exists between them & the Council presented them to come to amicable settle-

ment but that the accounts should be transmitted to the attorney in order that he enforces the payment thereof.

On motion of Mr. Fortier Resolved that the regulation fixing the hour of ten o'clock A.M. for the monthly meeting of the jury be so amended as that the hour of said meeting be hereafter eleven o'clock A.M.

Resolved that the Judge president be & he is hereby authorized to cause to be planked amicably levees in front of Shrewsbury & of Carrollton, which he might think necessary to straighten -

The petition of Joseph Cavalier f.m.c. praying to be authorized to emancipate his slave Josephine of about 19 years is taken into consideration for the second time & his demand granted.

Is read the petition of Mr. Jacob Weigel praying for the authorization to emancipate the slave Aylaise of about 2 years, which petition is on motion, laid upon the table until until the next meeting.

On motion Resolved that the Resolution of the [Blank in Record] [Blank in Record] in relation to the repairs & improvements to be made to the jail be and the same is hereby amended in such a way as that the frames of the doors of said Jail be of three inches & a half thick and that the works to be made to said jail be advertised to be sold to the lowest bidder as soon as possible.

Ms^{rs} Fortier, Roman & D'auterive having each paid a fine of five dollars agreeably to the Resolution which imposes such obligation to those of the members who, not being in measure to assist at the sittings of the jury shall not have given notice thereof to the president.

On motion Resolved that said fines be transmitted by the president to the treasurer of the orphan Asylum established in this Parish agreeably to law.

On motion the jury adjourned until monday next the 11th inst. at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 11th February 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 11th February 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present: Ms^rs F. Dugue' Judge prest--Charbonnet--
Delery D'Auterive--Roman--Drouet--Fortior--Sauve'--
Deschappelles--Greene & Laizer.

Reading of this journal of the last sitting is made and approved.

Is read and laid upon the table the petition of Jacob Weigel praying to be authorized to emancipate his slave "Aylaise" of about two years.

Mr. Jacques Charbonnet reporter of the Committee on finances having made on [Blank in Record] of the debts & revenues of the Parish and having suggested that it would be urgent for the jury to effectuate a loan for the purpose of paying the debts of the Parish.

On motion, Resolved unanimously, that the judge prest. be and he is hereby authorized & required to effectuate a loan of fifteen thousand dollars for a/c of the Parish, at a rate of interest not exceeding [Blank in Record] per centum per annum and that in order to facilitate the negotiation of said loan, which shall be reimbursable by tenth at one, two three, four, five, six seven, eight, nine and ten years the said judge prest. be authorized to subscribe one hundred bonds of one hundred and fifty dollars each, countersigned by the secretary to the order of the treasurer who shall endorse the same, all dated on the day of the negotiation of the loan and payable respectively ten at one year, ten at two years, ten at three years, ten at four years, ten at five years, ten at six years ten at seven years, ten at eight years, ten at nine years & ten at ten years.

Resolved also that the said judge prest. be invited to apply at first to the Consolidated Association of the planters of Louisiana for the purpose of obtaining said loan from said institution and that in case he should not succeed to obtain the same from said institution then & in such case that he applies to any other monetary institution or private individual.

On motion Resolved that the Parish attorney be required to sue for the recovery of all taxes fines & due to the Parish, and that he examine the reports of the syndics in order to sue for the fines due by the contravenors to the public regulations.

Mr. Sauve' has paid a fine of \$5 for not having

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appeared at one of the preceding sittings. Mr. Greene was condemned to pay the same fine.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of March next at 11 o'clock A.M.

One word erased null, three words underlined approved.

Parish of Jefferson 11th February 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Monday 4th March 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Mess^{rs}. F. Dugue' Judge president, Charbonnet--Delery, Roman, Drouet, Fortier, Sauve' Deschappelles, Greene & Laizer.

Absentee Mr. Dauterive.

Reading of the journal of the preceding sitting is made and approved - The members who had failed to appear at the preceding sitting having given cause were dispensed from the fine.

On motion Resolved that the Resolution of the 19th October 1835 making it the duty of the members who could not attend the meeting to write to the president be repealed.

On motion Resolved that a committee of two be appointed for the purpose of proposing to the Corporation of the City of Lafayette to purchase the Parish prison for the total sum of fifteen thousand dollars payable on a credit of one, two & three years, in bonds of said city bearing mortgage until final payment, said committee appointed by the president in case the negotiation with said city should be effected the committee be authorized to discount the bonds proceeding from said sale, for the use of the Parish, at an interest of ten p/c per annum & that in case the negotiation should not take place the president be authorized to effectuate the loan of fifteen thousand dollars ordered by the jury at their sitting of the [Blank in Record] at a rate of interest not exceeding ten p/c per annum.

Mr. Fortier having demanded to be dispensed from serving as a member of the committee on finances, for cause of absence, his demand was granted & Mr. M. Roman was appointed in his place.

The acct. of Laizer Schmidt, of \$50 for professional services in the case of the state VS. the slaves Blake was approved to be paid according to its order of duty.

Assessors
their duties

C. Livaudais
& Frances

On motion Resolved that it shall be the duty of the assessors of the state taxes who shall be appointed shortly to add to the tax lists such number of columns they shall deem proper in order that, for what regards the Parish, the taxable property divided into lots & squares be designated by the said assessors on said lists by their numbers besides the other designation already given to the same on said list.

Delhonde
praying for
leave

to emanci-
pate slaves

[Blank in Record] first reading being made of the two following petitions: 1^o that of Charles Livaudais praying to be authorized to emancipate his negro woman named Pelazie 32 years & 2^d that of Francoise Delhonde f m c for making the same prayer for the emancipation of her slave & daughter named Emma of 27 years, on motion Resolved that the prayers of the petitioners be granted.

Jail

L^s. Langbor's

Are read & laid upon the table the proposals of Mr. Langbor's in relation to the repairs of the jail.

Syndic 2^d
Ward

petition of
the planters
of Barra-
tarria

Is also read & laid upon the table, until a new jury be elected the petition of the inhabitants of Barratarria praying for an increase of salary for the syndic of second ward.

On motion Resolved that the treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum sufficient to pay

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the amount of a bond of the Parish which fell due lately.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of May next.

Parish of Jefferson 4th March 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 6 May 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. P. Sauve', Charbonnet--Laizer, Roman, Deschappelles Dauterive - Delery.

Absentees: Mrs. Drouet, Fortier & Greene.

In the absence of the judge president Mr. Sauve' is called to the chair as president pro. tem.

It is afterwards proceeded by ballot to the election of the president when on verifying the votes it appeared that Mr. Sauve' had been duly elected.

And the president having kept his seat Reading of the journal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

It is proceeded by ballot to the appointment of the assessors of state taxes for the year 1839 when on verifying the polls it appeared that Messrs. Charles E. D. Livaudais Raphael Beauvais & Bertrand Barre were duly appointed.

Second reading being made of the two following petitions: 1^o of that of Mr. Charles Livaudais praying to be authorized to emancipate his negro woman Pelazie of 32 years without the obligation on his part of leaving the state & 2^d of that of Francoise Delhonde making the same demand for what regards her negro woman slave & daughter Emma of 27 years, on motion resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion the jury adjourned sine die.

Parish of Jefferson 6th May 1839.

P. Sauve'

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Tuesday 2^d July 1839.

The following gentlemen having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective districts, as results from the election returns on file presented themselves in obedience to previous notifications & after having made their oaths of office in the hands of the judge presi-

dent, took their seats, to wit:

Mr. Jacques Charbonnet, member of the First District. Mr. Paul Jules Fazende member of the second district, Mr. T. B. D. D'Auterive member of the third District, M. Henri Pierre Fauchier member of the fourth District, M. Michel Peny member of the fifth District, Mr. Joseph Dusuau member of the sixth District & Mr. F^s Murville Volant Labarre member of the Eighth District, & Mr. Francois Joseph Laizer member of the tenth District.

Messrs. Jacques Buthier Fortier member of the seventh District & Leonce Burthe member of the ninth District being absent.

On motion Resolved that a committee of three be appointed in order to inquire into the validity of the election of the several members of the police jury which committee shall have to report on said election at the next sitting of said jury - said committee appointed by the president is comprised of Messrs. Labarre Dusuau and Charbonnet.

On motion of Mr. Fauchier the election of the several officers of the Parish is postponed until next meeting & the jury adjourned until Monday next the 8th instant at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 2^d July 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 8th July 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present. Messrs. F. Dugue' Judge president --Charbonnet--Labarre, Laizer, D'Auterive, Burthe & Fortier.

Absentees: Messrs. Fauchier, Dusuau, Fazende, Peny.

Messrs. Fortier and Burthe having taken their oaths of office took their seats.

Mr. Labarre reporter of the committee on elections having reported as duly elected and having right to their seats in the police jury the members of the 2^d 3^d 4th 5th 7th 9th & 10th districts.

On motion Resolved that said report be adopted & that another committee of three be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the validity of the elections of the members of the first, sixth

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and Eighth Districts which committee shall have to report after a recess of ten minutes if possible.

said committee appointed by the president is composed of Messrs. Burthe, Fortier, and D'auterive.

And after a recess of ten minutes Mr. Burthe reporter of said committee having reported as duly elected and having right to their seats in the police jury the members of the first, sixth & eighth Districts, ----- Resolved that said report be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Labarre it is proceeded by ballot to the election of the secretary of the police jury when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. F. M. E. Dugue' Livaudais had been duly elected.

On motion reading of the process verbal of the preceeding sittings is made and approved.

Are presented and read the letters of resignation of Mr. H. F. Deblieux Parish attorney & of Mr. Louis Montault syndic of the third Ward, when on motion Resolved that said resignation be accepted & that it be proceeded by ballot to the election of a syndic pro tem for said ward when on verification of the polls made by Messrs. Charbonnet & Fortier tellers appointed by the president it appeared that Mr. Fauchier had obtained one vote & M. Villars five. Mr. Villars was consequently declared duly elected.

On motion Resolved that the judge president be authorized provisionally to appoint a special attorney in case the affairs of the Parish should require it, & that the election of the officers of the Parish be postponed until next meeting.

On motion Resolved that it shall be appointed a Committee on finances composed of three members, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the affairs debts & credits of the Parish as soon as possible and to report thereon at the next meeting said committee appointed by ballot at the request of the president is composed of Messrs Dusuau, Labarre & Fazende.

Is read and laid upon the table the petition of T Ollie in relation to his property in Greenville.

Is also read referred to the committee on finances that of Mr. Wills atty. for Wth Morain claiming \$102 for works done at divers times.

On motion of Mr. Labarre

Resolved that all that part of the ordinance adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 16th March 1837 relating to the modes of promulgating the ordinances & regulations of the Police Jury be and the same is hereby repealed and that hereafter the promulgation of said ordinances and regulations shall be made and considered complete by posting during three days at the door of the Court house of this Parish in the English & French languages a copy of said ordinances and regulations duly certified by the president and countersigned by the secretary of the police jury.

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Resolved that the ordinances & regulations adopted by the jury at their sitting of today be promulgated as is above provided.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of August next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 8th July 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 5th August 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present: Me^{ssrs}. F. Dugue judge president--Charbonnet--Laizer--Fortier--Dauterive--Fauchier--Fazende. Absentees, Me^{ssrs}. Dausuau--Burthe--Labarre & Drouet (Jean Baptiste) who had been appointed member of the 5th District via Michel Peny resigned.

On motion of Mr. Fauchier & on account of three of the members of the committee on finances being absent, the jury adjourned until Monday next the 12th instant at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 5th August 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 12th August 1839.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment. Present. Messrs F. Dugue, judge president--Charbonnet Fazende--D'Auterive--Fauchier--Dusuau--Labarre, Burthe & Laizer. Absentees: Messrs. Drouet & Fortier.

Reading of the journal of the three preceeding sittings is made and approved.

On motion Resolved that the article 28 of the police regulations be and it is hereby amended in such a way as that hereafter the dividing fences & all other fences with cross pieces within the limits of this Parish, shall be constructed with not less than four cross pieces & with posts of not less than two inches thick.

first reading being made of the petition of Valcour Bieux f m c praying for leave to emancipate his griff girl slave named Virginia of about 11 years, without the obligation on her part to quit the state. On motion Resolved that said

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prayer be accorded, yet the petition was referred to a 2^d reading.

On motion Resolved that the assessors be authorized to cause to be prepared 500 leaves of the paper necessary for the construction of the tax list, and the treasurer authorized to pay a reasonable compensation for such work.

Is presented by M^r. Burthe & read a letter of Mr. Henry Dugue' tendering his services as attorney for the Parish without without any compensation.

When on motion resolved unanimously that the offer of service made by M^r. Henry Dugue' be accepted and that hereafter a commission of twenty per. cent shall be allowed to the attorney on all sums by him collected for the Parish which shall not exceed two hundred dollars,

a commission of ten p/c on all sums from two hundred to one thousand dollars and a commission of five per cent on all sums exceeding one thousand dollars.

Resolved that hereafter the denunciations of contraventions to the police regulations, which shall be subject to immediate prosecution shall be made & remitted by the syndic to the Parish attorney who shall sue the delinquents under the shortest possible delay.

Is read and laid upon the table the petition of M^r. Joseph Barba, contravenor to the regulations who begs the indulgence of the jury for a first offence.

The president having submitted to the jury two denunciations of Mr. Beauvais, syndic against M. M. Carstens & Grand Jean for selling spirituous liquors without license.

Resolved that said denunciations be handed to the attorney to the end that the delinquents be sued according to the ordinances.

Is read and laid upon the table subject to consideration the resignation of M^r Michel Peny as member of the police jury, wherein the said Peny offers his services as syndic.

On motion it is proceeded by ballot to the election of the administrators of the public schools for the ensuing term when on verification of the polls made by Messrs. Dusuau & Fauchier, tellers appointed by the president it appeared that M^s Pierre Soniat--J B. D. Villars, Joseph N. V. Labarre, William C. Goodrich & F. M. E. Dugue' Livaudais have been duly elected.

On motion Resolved that a Committee of two to which shall be added the president, be appointed in order to consult with the Board of Council of the City of Lafayette on the best mode to employ for the purpose that said Board in conjunction with the jury and in accordance with the act of the legislature of the state of Louisiana approved 19th March 1839 should raise the additional sum of \$800 provided by said act. for public education in the Parish of Jefferson.

That said committee do report if possible at the next meeting of the jury.

The president appointed M^{ssrs}. Labarre and Charbonnet as members of said committee.

Resolved that from and after the twentieth August 1839 persons selling bread within the limits of the Parish of Jefferson, excepting the City of Lafayette, shall be subjected to the same tax, weight, price & regulations adopted by the municipal authorities of the City of New Orleans on that subject.

That the syndics shall at least, once a week and on days different verify the weight of the bread & the members of the jury are invited and even required to make said verification when they shall deem it proper, and to that effect the bakers are bound to have in their carts scales & weights subject to verification.

Is read and laid upon the table a letter of four proprietors of Carrollton asking from the syndic the opening of a certain street.

On motion the jury adjourned until Monday the 2^d September next at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 12th August 1839.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 2^d September 1839.

The jury did not meet on account of the bad weather.

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Monday 7th October 1839.

There was no quorum in the Jury.

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Monday 4th November 1839.

No Quorum.

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Monday 2^d December 1839.

No Quorum.

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Thursday 16th of January 1840.

At the request of the judge president & of some of the members as also agreeably to previous notice, the jury met:

Present Messrs. F. Dugue^t judge president--Charbonnet--Fazonde Fauchier--Drouet--Dusuau--Fortier--Labarre & Laizer.

Absent Mr. Burthe.

Reading of the process verbal of the deliberations of the preceding sitting is made and approved.

Second reading being made of the petition of Valcour Bicux f m c praying to be authorized to emancipate his griff girl named Virginia of about eleven years without the obligation on her part of leaving the state, on motion Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Resolved that the Parish attorney be invited to examine the police regulations now in force & the laws of the state concerning the police jury of this Parish & to report at the next meeting of the jury upon the amendments he shall deem necessary to the said regulations in order to come to a better administration of the affairs of the Parish as also upon the additional powers he shall deem necessary to obtain from the legislature to attain the result of aforesaid.

Is presented and referred to the Committee on finances an acct. of judge Elliott amounting to \$105 for costs of inquests.

Is read a letter of Mr. Willis attorney for Messrs. Morain & James Coursey praying that the Claims of his clients be considered by the jury.

When on motion Resolved that the Claim of Mr. Coursey be acknowledged and paid & that the claim of Mr. Morain be submitted to the Committee on finances.

On motion the jury adjourned until Thursday next the 23^d of January at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 16 January 1840

F. Dugue Judge President.

Thursday 23^d of January 1840.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs F. Dugue' judge president, Charbonnet--Fazende, Fauchier--Drouet, Dusuau--Labarre--Burthe, Laizer, & D'auterive.

Absent Mr. J. B. N. Fortier.

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Reading of the process verbal of the proceeding sitting is made and approved.

A communication having been made to the judge of a bill or law relative to the City Court of Lafayette proposed on the house of representatives.

On motion Resolved that whereas the police jury is of opinion that the said bill concern the inhabitants of the Parish Generally & that it is the duty of the jury as representing the said inhabitants to examine if the same be [the] case it should become a law [and] should not be contrary to interests of the said inhabitants.

Resolved that a committee of three to which shall be added the Parish attorney be appointed to examine the said bill & to see whether it should not be proper to propose more amendments to the same.

Resolved that said committee shall have to consult with our senator and representative in regard to the said amendments.

That said committee be required to wait upon our representative for the purpose of informing him that they shall as soon as possible let him know the proposed amendments to said bill & to request him not to demand the adoption thereof until the amendments be communicated to him.

Said committee appointed by the president is composed of Messrs. Th^o Dusuau, L. Burthe and Labarre.

Resolved that when the report shall have been prepared it shall be submitted to the inhabitants for the purpose of obtaining their signatures thereto.

On motion of Mr. Labarre Resolved that the secretary of the police jury be required to write to the president of the administrators of the public schools for the purpose of asking from him the reasons why the \$800 allowed to the Parish for the said schools have been paid last year to the school master of the City of Lafayette when the law requiring that said sum be equally divided between all the schools.

On motion of Mr. Fauchier Resolved that the privilege of keeping a ferry at Carrollton be sold by the president to the highest bidder for one year from the expiration of the last adjudication in the same manner & on the same terms and conditions as stipulated by the jury at their sitting of the 6th August 1838.

The committee appointed by the jury at their sitting of the 12th August 1835 for the purpose of consulting the authorities of the City of Lafayette in relation to the means to be employed to raise in common with the police jury & agreeably to the law of the Legislature approved 19th March 1839 the additional sum of \$800 allowed by the state for public education in this Parish having reported that they had applied to the authorities of said City who had agreed on behalf of the said City to contribute to the formation of the said Loan of \$800 in common with the Parish & in proportion to the number of children

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domiciliated in the said city who would be educated in the public schools.

On motion Resolved that the jury accept the mode of raising the said sum and also the Contribution proposition proposed by the City of Lafayette.

Resolved that the treasurer be authorized to pay annually to the administrators of the public school until the repeal of this resolution the sum necessary to form that of \$800 aforesaid after a calculation shall have been made & that he shall know the proportion to pay as well by the said city as by the Parish.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of March next at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 23^d January 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Monday 2^d March 1840.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Ms^{rs}. Charbonnet, Fazende - Drouet, Dusuau Fortier--Laizer & Dauterive.

Absentees Ms^{rs}. Burthe, Labarre & Fauchier.

On account of the absence of the judge president Mr. Dusuau was called to the chair.

It is afterwards proceeded by ballot to the election of a president pro tem when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Joseph Dusuau had been duly elected.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

On motion of Mr. Laizer Resolved that the syndic of the 3^d ward be required to make or cause to be made under the shortest possible delay the necessary repairs to Pleasant & Harmony streets in faubourg Delassize & also the bridges that may be found to be necessary in said streets, the whole at the expense of the Parish which shall have its recourse of the owners of the lots fronting the repairs, the whole agreeably to the police regulations.

Is read and laid upon the table until the report of the committee on finances be made, a letter of Mr. Bertrand Barre making certain claims for work made by him in front of the property of Mr. Connolly in faubourg Delassize.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of April next at 11 o'clock A.M. Parish of Jefferson 2^d March 1840.

J. H Dusuau.

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Monday 9th March 1840.

The jury were to meet on the first Monday of April, but on account of some Communications from the mayor of New Orleans in relation to the levees of Carrollton & those above that place, the judge president with the advice of some of the members, convened them for today.

Members present Ms^rs Charbonnet, Laizer & Fortier-

For want of Quorum the members present and the judge president adjourned the jury until Monday next 10th March 1840, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 9th March 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Monday 16th March 1840.

No Quorum.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Monday 6th April 1840.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present. Ms^rs Charbonnet--Fazende, Fauchier --D'Auterive--Dusuau--Burthe & Laizer.

Absentees Ms^rs Labarre Drouet & Fortier.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

Is read and laid upon the table a letter of Mr. Elwyn claiming an idemnification for some lots of ground he owned in Greenville which were used by the jury for the confection of a levee.

Is read a communication addressed by M^r. Generes Carssin of the branch of the Carrollton Bank to the parish treasurer informing the latter that two bonds of the Parish amounting to \$2,000 with interest would fall due on the 12th instant & that two bonds of \$681.62 1/2 each bearing interest at 10 p/c per annum had already become due & had not been paid.

When on motion Resolved that the president be required & authorized to negotiate a loan to pay & take up said bonds & pay any other debts of the Parish provided said loan does not exceed \$6,000 & the interest to be allowed 10 p/c per annum.

Communication having been given to the jury of the fines & proposals of the mayor of New Orleans in relation to the levees of Carrollton and of those above that place.

On motion of Mr. Dusau Resolved that the judge president

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be invited to examine said levees and to put in execution the Resolutions relative thereto if need there be.

Doubts having arisen in the minds of the Parish attorney on the powers of the police jury to pass resolutions prescribing to bakers certain duties & said officer having postponed prosecutions against the delinquents until he should have consulted the jury.

On motion of M^r. Fauchier

Resolved 1^o That the resolution passed by the jury on the 12th August 1839 relative to persons selling bread within this Parish be maintained and put into execution. 2^d that bread being an article of first necessity no person selling bread within the limits of this Parish shall be allowed to refuse selling it to any purchaser whatsoever under forfeiture of said bread which shall be seized by the syndic, & under a fine of twenty dollars. 3^d That in virtue of the aforementioned resolutions the jury having adopted the price & Weight of the bread as taxed by the mayor of New Orleans any person or persons selling bread in the Parish at a price higher than in New Orleans shall be subject to a fine & to forfeiture of his or their bread.

4^o That the syndics shall pay a fine of \$20 to the Parish when they shall have acquired proof that a person selling bread within this Parish without having complied with the dispositions of this resolution and neglect or refuse to seize the bread which shall be in possession of said person and to sue for the fine before any competent judge or justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Fazende.

Resolved that the resolution adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 28th April 1836 dividing the Parish into ten districts be and the same is hereby amended in such a way as that the first district shall commence at Bernoudy's Canal and stop at the inferior limit of

the plantation of Mr. Balthazar Saulet & that the second district shall be increased and augmented of that territory taken from the first District.

Mr. Dusuau reporter of the Committee on finances having made the following report which was read:

To the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The committee charged with the examination of the finances of the Parish beg leave to report that they have complied with their duty & say:

From the answers made by the Parish treasurer to the interrogatories which were propounded to him by your committee it appears that on the 21st January 1840 the debts of the Parish amounted to
\$10,676.24.

On the same date was owed to the Parish

1^o Balance on the taxes 1838 \$4,939.00.

Amounts brought over.

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Amounts brought over	\$4,939	\$10,676.24
2 ^o All the taxes of the year amountg.		
to \$12,461 but on account of the difficulties to collect said taxes your committee thought themselves bound to make a deduction of \$5,461 & to take said sum only for	7,000	
3 ^d By the City of Lafayette their proportion on the debts of the Parish	2,000	
4 ^o By the levee of Carrollton	<u>2,043.36</u>	<u>\$15,982.36</u>
which would still leave a balance favor of the Parish of		\$ 5,306.12
The amount revenues of the Parish are as follows:		
Taxes amounting to \$12,461 but for the above reasons reduced to	\$7,000	
Licenses on grog shops &c &c	1,500	
	<u>\$8,500</u>	
The annual expenses amount to	3,720	
Leaving a balance of	<u>\$4,780</u>	

Having under consideration such an easy situation your committee searches into the causes of embarrassment wherein had stood the Parish since many years & attribute it to the following causes. 1^o the expenses incurred by the Parish for the erection of the Jail & of the levee of Carrollton. 2^d The delays which occurred in the recovery of the claims of the Parish against the City of Lafayette and of the advances made for the levee of Carrollton. 3^d the difficulties found by the sheriff in collecting the taxes 4^o And the high salaries of the officers of the Parish.

Your committee consequently deem it their duty to call your attention on the necessity of passing resolutions inviting the Parish attorney to commence as soon as possible the writs necessary for the collection of the amounts due the Parish & inviting the sheriff to accelerate the collection of the arrear taxes and of those of the year 1839 and to that effect to employ all the means given to him by law.

Your committee also deem it their duty to recommend the reduction of the salaries of the officers of the Parish & to increase the tax on grog shops &c.

In consequence your committee respectfully submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the Parish attorney be invited to commence on the shortest possible delay, the necessary writs against the city of Lafayette & the proprietors owing for the levee of Carrollton.

Resolved that the sheriff of this Parish be invited to use all means allowed him by law to collect in the shortest possible delay the taxes due the Parish.

Resolved that from and after the 1st of May 1840 the salaries of the officers hereafter named shall be fixed as follows.

follows, all resolutions to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 ^o	The secretary of the police jury shall receive	\$250 a year
2 ^d	The syndic of the left Bank	900 " "
3 ^d	do Right Bank	450 " "
4 ^o	do do Barratarria	150 " "

Resolved that hereafter the price for licenses of grog shops coffee houses & billiards shall be increased of fifty per cent.

(Signed) Th Dusuau -
" M. V. Labarre -
P. Jules Fazende -

On motion Resolved that said report & the resolutions accompanying the same be adopted with the only following modification: instead of the words "2^o The delays which occurred in the recovery of the claims" insert the words "2^o The difficulties which occurred in the recovery of the claims of the Parish against the City of Lafayette.

Mr. Fauchier having offered the following resolution:

Resolved that an attorney to be designated by the jury shall be [Blank in Record] to the Parish attorney for the purpose of enforcing the recovery of the claims of the Parish against the proprietors of Carrollton. Said Resolution was rejected and the ayes and nays demanded thereon by M^r. Fauchier stood as follows:

for the adoption M. M. Fauchier, Dusuau & Fazende.

for the rejection M. M. Burthe, Charbonnet, D'Auterive & Laizer.

On motion of Mr. Dusuau

Resolved that hereafter the police jury shall meet in the Carrollton Hotel in this Parish.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of May next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 6th April 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 4th May 1840.

The jury met at Carrollton agreeably to adjournment.

Present M^{rs} F. Dugue' judge pres^t. Charbonnet, Fazende Fauchier, D'auterive Fortier, Dusuau, Drouet, M. V. Labarre & Laizer.

Absent M^r. Burthe.

Reading is made of the process verbal of the deliberations of the preceeding sitting.

M^r. Fortier says he cannot join in the opinion with those of the members who, at the preceeding sitting thought of fixing the place of meetings of the police jury at Carrollton: It is more convenient, says the member, for that body to sit at the Parish

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Court House, the usual place, and where are found the archives, the books and all other documents & laws, the jury must often examine and where, besides the documents and archives ought to remain to be in safety. He therefore proposes the following resolution.

Resolved, that hereafter the jury shall meet in the Parish Court House, notwithstanding all ordinances to the contrary.

Mr. Fauchier approves the adoption of said resolution. He maintains that the jury cannot act upon it nor put the question on the same. It would be ridiculous & out of common sense says the member that the jury after having adopted measures should repeal them. It is a right belonging only to a new jury -

The only practicable means, adds the orator, would be for a member who voted in the majority on the question of transferring the seat at Carrollton to ask for a reconsideration.

Mr. Charbonnet cannot join in opinion with Mr. Fauchier. He believes on the contrary that it is of the essence of every legislative body to retain the right to modify or repeal their previous ordinances; yet he shall not insist for the present, and to stop all ordinances, having himself voted with the majority, he proposes the reconsideration of the resolution adopted at the preceeding sitting transferring the place of sittings to Carrollton and seconds the motion or resolution of M^r. Fortier.

Mr. Fauchier pretends that Mr. Charbonnet had voted in the minority - said question being submitted to the president, he decides that Mr. Charbonnet had voted with the majority.

Ms^{rs} Labarre & Dusuau believe it would be more convenient if the jury sit at Carrollton; it is a more central place.

The ayes and nays being called for by Mr. Fauchier on the question of reconsideration, stood: For the reconsideration Ms^{rs} Fortier, Charbonnet, Drouet, D'auferive & Laizer -

Against it Ms^{rs} Labarre, Fauchier, Fazende & Dusuau.

The question is put on the adoption of the resolution of M^r. Fortier. The ayes and nays being called for by M^r. Fauchier stood:

For the adoption, Ms^{rs} Fortier, Charbonnet, Drouet, D'auferive & Laizer.

For the rejection, Ms^{rs} Fauchier, Labarre, Dusuau & Fazende.

Consequently the resolution presented by M^r. Fortier is adopted.

Mr. Labarre presents a petition of some inhabitants, praying that no public road be ordered or executed on Boutte' Island along the Rive Ouacha, in conformity with the previous ordinances.

Mr. D'auferive says that he represents the district wherein said Island lies; that the petition is signed by a minority of the proprietors of the place and that among the signers of the petition he perceives the names of non residents; that the road is absolutely necessary for the use and prosperity of the inhabitants of his district and that if the communications by water are put forth he will answer that that the Barratarria Canal is not always in good

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order it is sometimes even shut up. That besides every inhabitant has not the means to keep in use a Boat & to employ four men to manage the same, that the inhabitants generally are obliged to travel either on foot or on horse back and that to condescend to the wishes of the petitioners would be contrary to the true interests of the inhabitants of the place. The member adds that some time ago his Constituents confided to him a petition altogether contrary to the one just presented but that on account of the distance separating the jury from the

place where their archives are kept, he cannot communicate the same on the spot; he will do it at the next sitting.

The petition of Mr. Labarre is laid on the table until the next sitting.

Is presented by Mr. Labarre and read a petition signed by twelve of the Inhabitants of the Cheniere Caminada praying that they should hereafter be represented in the jury by a member they could elect & take from any part of the Parish whatever. The same member presents the following resolution and demands the adoption thereof.

Resolved that from this day an Eleventh police jury District is created composed of Grand Terre, Grand Isle & Cheniere Caminada and that the inhabitants of said District shall have the right to elect for the purpose of representing them a person residing in any part of the Parish whatever.

Resolved that the election for said District shall take place at the general election for the members of the police jury.

The question is called for, before it is put, the judge prest. wishes to speak. He believes - - -

He is interrupted by Mr. Fauchier the latter is of opinion that the prest. has no right to make any observations; he ought not to say any thing, he can say nothing.

Mr. Labarre is of the opinion of Mr. Fauchier.

The president says it forms part of his duty to make certain observations - Mr. Fauchier proposes the adjournment - Mr. Labarre is of a contrary opinion for what regards the adjournment, and calls on the jury to decide on the question whether the president can speak or not? - Mr. Fauchier seconds the motion of Mr. Labarre and calls for the ayes and nays.

The question being put, it appeared that Ms^{rs} Fauchier Labarre, Dusuau and Fazende are of opinion the president has no right to speak & that Ms^{rs} Fortier, Charbonnet, Drouet D'auterive & Laizer are of opinion that the president has the right & ought to speak.

The president Continues - It is but just & equitable, says he, that the said inhabitants should be represented: but he believes it to be his duty to remark to the jury that the resolution as presented is not

advisable. That it is Contrary to law and to the principles which require that each District be represented by a member taken from that same District.

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The ayes and nays called for by Mr. Fauchier on the said amendment stood:

For the adoption Ms^s Fortier, Charbonnet, D'au-
terive & Laizer - Against it Mr^s Fauchier, Labarre, Fazende -
Drouet and Dusauau.

The amendment is consequently rejected.

Mr. Fauchier asked for the adoption of the Resolu-
tion as presented by Mr. Labarre and Calls for the ayes
and nays on the question.

For the adoption Ms^{rs} Fauchier, Labarre, Dusauau,
Fazende and Drouet.

Against it Ms^{rs} Fortier, Charbonnet Laizer & D'au-
terive. The said members referring their votes to the
resolution on account of the rejection of the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Labarre, Resolved that hereafter
the ordinances and proceedings of the police jury shall
be published by the secretary once in the french and
English languages in one of the public papers of the
Parish.

On motion the jury adjourned.

Ms^s Fortier & Charbonnet concur in opinion with the
prest. Mr. Fortier thinks that the idea of representa-
tion originated from the River side & not from the
Cheniere where the inhabitants have no reasons of com-
plaint. Mr. D'au-terive seconded by Mr. Fortier proposes
an amendment tending to grant the prayer of the said
inhabitants on the condition that the members to be
elected for the proposed district should be taken from
the said District. This reference approved.

Parish of Jefferson 4th May 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 3^d August 1840.

The inhabitants, whose names follow, having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective districts as appears from the several election returns on file this day met on convocation of the judge president & after having taken their oaths of office in the hands of the said judge president, took their seats, viz:

Mr. Jacques Charbonnet, member of the first District; Mr. Hy. Pierre Fauchier, member of the second district; Mr. Jean Baptist Descomines Dauterive member of the third District; Mr. Barthelemy St Mesme LeBreton Deschappelles member of the fourth District; Mr. Edouard Fortier, member of the sixth District; Mr. Jacques Barthier Arobut Fortier, member of the seventh District; Mr. Devince Bienvenu, member of the eighth District; Mr. William Jones member of the ninth District.

Ms^{rs} Jean Baptiste Drouet, member of the fifth District, Francis Joseph Laizer member of the tenth District & Victor Coulon

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member of the eleventh District are absents.

Mr. Dauterive seconded by Mr. Charbonnet offers the following resolution:

Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine & inquire into the validity of the election & qualifications of the several members elected to the police jury & to report on the result of their trust after a reasonable recess.

Mr. Fauchier opposes the Resolution, he believes that the jury ought to meddle with the election returns only & that if said returns are in form the persons designated therein as having obtained the majority of the votes have a right to their seats.

The opinion of the attorney for the Parish is demanded by Mr. Berthier Fortier & others, on the question, the attorney gives as his opinion that the jury has the right to inquire into the validity of the election of the members.

The resolution of Mr. D'auterive being seconded, the question asked therein & the ayes and nays called for, it appeared that Ms^{rs}. Charbonnet, D'auterive, LeBreton, G. E. Fortier, Berthier Fortier, Devince Bienvenue & W^m Jones had voted for the adoption & M^r. Fauchier against it.

In consequence Ms^{rs} Charbonnet Berthier Fortier & E^d Fortier are appointed of said committee by the prest. which committee after having retired in the room contiguous to the hall of the sitting & examined the tax list, titles of property & the election returns presented themselves and made the following report. to wit:

The committee appointed to the effect of examining & inquiring into the validity of the election & qualifications of the several members of the police jury beg leave to report that all the members provided with certificates of election are duly qualified with the exception of Mr. Henry Pierre Fauchier who has not the property qualifications required by the second section of the "act to organize and define the authority, duties and functions of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson and for other purposes," approved 30th January 1834. In faith whereof we the committee have hereunto signed at the Parish of Jefferson on this third day of August 1840.

(Signed) Berthier N. Fortier--
E^d Fortier Jacques Charbonnet.

M^r. Dauterive asks asks for the adoption of the report & that the interested member abstain from voting on the question, M^r. Fauchier protests against the proposed measure he says he has the right to vote, & that at the next sitting he will produce titles that will entitle him to his seat, he proposes that the report be laid upon the table until next sitting & asks for the ayes & nays on the question, he is seconded by Mr. E^d Fortier on the question to lay the report on the table & on demanding the ayes & nays on the question. the ayes & nays called for stood: to lay on the table

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Ms^{rs} Fauchier, E^d Fortier & Jones against it Ms^{rs} Charbonnet Bienvenue - D'auterive, Berthier Fortier & LeBreton -

Mr. D'auterive renews his motion to enjoin the member of the 2^d District M^r. Fauchier from voting on the

question wherein he is interested. Mr. Dauterive is seconded by Mr. Bienvinue. The ayes and nays being asked, stood; for the injunction Ms^rs Charbonnet, D'auterive, LeBreton, Ed Fortier, Berthier Fortier Bienvinue & W^m Jones.

The adoption of the report is asked for, also, the ayes and nays on the question when it appeared that Ms^s Charbonnet, Dauterive LeBreton, Ed Fortier, Berthier Fertier, Bienvinue & Jones had voted for the adoption:

Mr. Fauchier prays that the following protest which he takes time to write be inserted in the journal, his demand is granted.

Protest.

"I the undersigned do protest against the decision of the police "jury on deciding at the sitting of the 3^d August 1840 that "I had not the right to vote on the question to know whether the report "of the committee on elections should be adopted or whether it should be "laid on the table until the next sitting in order to afford me time "to show that I possessed the qualifications required by law "to entitle me to a seat in the police jury, which was refused "to me. - I protest against the decision of said police jury "on their adopting the report of the committee on elections which declares "that I do not possess the qualifications to be a member of the jury "without any of the previous formality required by law on contested elections "having been complied with toward me & for their having besides re"fused to postpone the decision in order that I might furnish "my proof of eligibility & my titles as also that I was duly elected.

"I protest against the jury having heard the opinion of "the Parish attorney who had displayed all his well known eloquence "against me without their allowing me the time nor the means "for an opposition.

Parish of Jefferson in sitting 3^d August 1840.

(Signed) Fauchier.

On motion of Mr. Charbonnet seconded by Mr. LeBreton Resolved that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the validity of the elections & into the qualifications of the members of the 1st 6th & 7th Districts; who were of the preceeding committee, which committee shall make his report after the necessary recess.

Ms^rs LeBreton, Bienvinue & Dauterive are appointed

of said committee by the prest. the committee having retired & made the same searches as those made by the preceding one came in and through Mr. LeBreton, this reporter made the following report.

Report - "To the police jury.

"The committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into "the validity of the election of Mr. Jacques Charbonnet, J. Berthier "Norbert Fortier & Edouard Fortier members of the 1st 6th & 7th Districts.

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beg leave to report that after due searches they found that said gentlemen were possessed of all the required qualifications & consequently had right to their seats. - all is respectfully submitted. Parish of Jefferson
3^d Augst 1840.

(Signed) LeBreton, D'auterive, Bienvinue -

On motion of Mr. Bienvinue resolved that said report be adopted.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceding sitting it appeared.

Is read the petition of F. J. Arnoult testamentary ex[ecu]tor of Pierre Jervais Arnoult praying for leave to emancipate agreeably to the will of the deceased, the slaves Coco negro of 55 years & Marie Jeanne of 60 years without their being obliged to leave the state.

When on motion Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Mr. Dauterive demands the reading of a petition heretofore presented by the inhabitants of Barratarria praying for a road, and he proposes the following resolution.

Resolved that the Barratarria road shall, as heretofore pass on the right bank of Bayou des familles until it strikes Bayou Ouacha or Barratarria and shall continue and extend on the right bank of said Bayou until it reaches the inferior point of Boutte' Island - adopted.

On motion of Mr. LeBreton the following resolution is unanimously adopted:- Resolved that hereafter the

works or repairs to be made to the bridges, ditches, roads, streets & levees on or in front of the properties divided into towns, villages, burghs or faubourgs in the limits of the jurisdiction of the police jury shall be made or repaired at the expense of the Parish, either by adjudication to the lowest bidder, by journeymen, or by any other means judged proper by the syndic and two free holders or by a majority of them provided that nothing contained in the resolution shall be so constructed as to dispense the syndic from giving to the proprietors held to said works and repairs the previous notices required by the ordinances previous to his proceeding as is above prescribed.

Resolved that when any works or repairs shall have thus been made to bridges, ditches, roads, streets and levees at the expense of the Parish, after refusal or negligence on the part of the proprietors to comply with the notices to them given by the syndic; then and in such case besides the costs of the said works & repairs which said proprietors shall be bound to reimburse to the Parish, they shall incur a fine of from ten to fifty dollars for the benefit of the Parish demandable with the costs of suit at the time of recovering the costs of the said work & repairs.

On motion of Mr. Bienvinue it is proceeded by ballot to the election of the administrators of the public schools, of the assessors of state taxes, of the syndics, of the Parish attorney & of the secretary of the police jury when on verifying the polls it appeared that Msrs J. B. D. Villars, D. Bienvinue. J. N. V. Labarre, W. C. Goodrich & F. M. F. Dugue Livaudais had been appointed administrators of the public schools.

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Ms^{rs} R. Beauvais, F. J. LeBreton & F. Alex Bienvinue assessors of taxes, M^r. J. B. D. Villars syndic of the first ward M. G. B D D'auterive, syndic of the second ward, Mr. Raphael Beauvais syndic of the first ward, M^r. Hy. Dugue attorney for the Parish & F. Dugue' junior secretary of the police jury

On motion of M^r. Bienvinue seconded by Mr. LeBreton

Resolved that the Resolution adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 2^d. August 1839 fixing the salary for the atty for the Parish be and the same is hereby amended in such a way as that the said attorney receives for his past services five hundred dollars & for his

future services to the police jury an annual salary of three hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. LeBreton seconded by Mr. Charbonnet

Resolved that the resolution of the 4th May 1840 fixing the mode of publishing the ordinances and proceedings of the police jury be and the same is hereby amended in such a way as that it shall suffice hereafter that the ordinances and regulations only be published for acquiring force of law, and not the proceedings, & that in no case it shall any more be necessary for the said ordinances and regulations, and even for the proceedings, to be affixed by the secretary at the door of the Court house.

Resolved that all resolutions contrary to the proceeding be & the same is hereby repealed.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of September next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 3^d August 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 7th September 1840.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present Messrs. F. Dugue' judge president --Charbonnet--D'auterive, LeBreton, Edouard Fortier, Berthier Fortier Devince Bienvinue & Laizer.

Absentees. Ms^{rs} W^m Jones, Victor Coulon, J. B. Drouet & the member of the 2^d District who has not yet been sworn in.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding sitting is made and approved.

Second reading is made of the petition of F. J. Arnoult testamentary executor of P. G. Arnoult praying for leave to emancipate the slave Coco of 55 years and Marie Jeanne of 60 years without their being obliged to quit the state

When on motion Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted & that he be authorized to go into

the formalities required by law to attain said emancipation.

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On motion of Mr. Charbonnet.

Resolved that the account adopted by the jury at their sitting of the 1st October 1838 against the city of Lafayette be & the same is hereby amended in such a way as that instead of the fifth article of the said account relating to the amount due the Clerk of the Parish court it be said that the amount was due the secretary of the police jury, Mr. D'orgenoy.

Resolved that the Parish attorney demands payment of said account from the Corporation of the city of Lafayette & that he makes the necessary process in case of the said corporation refusing to pay.

Resolved moreover that the president be authorized to employ a book keeper in order to determine the amount of the Parish claim against the city of Lafayette from the time of the last account reported and acted upon, for ordinances made by the jury for account of the said City.

On motion of Mr. Charbonnet

Resolved that whoever shall be in the habit of keeping within the limits of this Parish, but on the right bank of the river only, or of purchasing droves of horned or other Cattles or animals from Altakapas or from other places for the purpose of slaughtering or selling the same shall be bound to contain them within fences under the penalty of a fine of twenty five dollars for the use of the Parish and of the damages occasioned to third persons, if claimed, & all this besides the fine & other expenses already imposed by the regulations.

Resolved that whoever shall keep on his property or on a property under his care any horned cattles, horses, mules, asses, sheep or other stray animals & shall not send them within forty eight hours to the place or places designated by the syndics to put stray animals shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars for each Contravention or negligence recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction for the use of the Parish

Resolved that in case it should come to the knowl-

edge of the syndic or of any inhabitant that an individual should keep on his property or on a property under his care any horned Cattles, horses, mules, asses, sheep or other stray animals as abovesaid, the said syndic or inhabitant shall denounce the fact to the Parish attorney or to the president in order that said fine of \$50 as also all costs & interest be immediately decreed & collected if there is cause.

Resolved that the two articles that preceed immediately shall be applicable for the right Bank only.

Resolved that the syndic shall deliver none of the stray animals before he shall have recovered from the proprietors thereof as well the fine incurred as all other costs.

Resolved that the several articles of the regulations relative to dividing fences within this Parish be & the same

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are hereby amended in such a way as that in case said dividing fences should not be made & completed within the delay fixed by the syndic & two inhabitants the delinquent owners shall incur a fine of one hundred dollars & said fences shall be made at their risk & expense either through the means already provided for or through an adjudication to the lowest bidders.

On motion

Resolved that the 56th article of the police regulations of this Parish be and the same is hereby amended in such a way as that.

1^o the syndics shall be authorized at all times to increase or diminish the number of persons designated as members of the patroles.

2^d They shall at all times be authorized to designate & appoint the Commanders of the patroles he may order & the persons designated as commanders aforesaid, unless they can show good reasons to the Contrary, shall be obliged to accept the said trust & fulfill as well its duties as those that may from time to time be conferred on them by the syndic with a view of utility under the penalty of a fine of ten dollars recoverable for the use of the Parish, before any court of Competent Jurisdiction.

Resolved that as far as practicable the orders to be given by the syndics shall be in writing & that said officers shall not be bound to receive and act upon verbal complaints.

Resolved that horse races be prohibited on the public roads within the limits of this Parish under the penalty of a fine of ten dollars if the contravenor be a white person or a free person of color & of 25 lashes to be inflicted by the syndics if he be a slave.

On motion of M^r. D'auterive - Resolved that ditches be ordered to be made on each side of the Barratarria road from M^r. Millaudon's down to the inferior limit of the plantation of L. C. Delery & Co.

On motion of Mr. Laizer

Resolved that it shall no more be necessary for the syndics to advertise stray cattles or animals in the state paper.

Resolved that the Resolution of the 8th August 1836 fixing the mode of proceeding in the confection or repairs of the bridges, roads ditches &c, be and the same is hereby amended in such a manner as that when works or repairs shall be necessary in the opinion of the syndic & two inhabitants to be made to the bridges, holes & ditches of the public road said works or repairs could be ordered & required by the syndic within the delay he might have fixed, for the purpose assisted by two inhabitants as aforesaid.

Resolved that a committee of finances composed of three members be appointed whose duty it shall be immediately to examine into the debts, credits and affairs of the Parish, & to report on the result of their operations to the jury as soon as possible.

Said Committee appointed by ballot at the request of the judge president is composed of

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Messrs. Bienwinue, LeBreton and Charbonnet.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of October next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 7th September 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 5th October 1840.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present Messrs. F. Dugue judge prest Charbonnet
D'Auterive, LeBreton, Berthier Fortier, Bienvinue &
Laizer.

Absentees Messrs. Ed Fortier Coulon, Jones &
Drouet. Also the member of the 2^d district who has not
yet been elected.

The judge prest. having been obliged to absent him-
self Mr. Berthier Fortier is called to the Chair as
president pro tem, he is afterwards appointed by ballot
prest pro tem.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding
sitting is made and approved.

Mr. Bienvinue reporter of the Committee on finan-
ces observes that said committee had made some progress
but was not ready to report.

On motion of Mr. Laizer

Resolved that it shall hereafter be the duty of the
syndic to Kill or Cause to be Killed all the hogs that
will be found on the levees battures or public roads
within the limits of this Parish under the penalty of a
fine of twenty five dollars recoverable for the use of
the Parish before any Court of Competent jurisdiction.

Is read and laid upon the table a letter of Mr.
Nathan Nichols relative to a new levee he intends to
build in front of his property in faubourg Olaisance.

On motion the jury the jury adjourned until Monday
the 26th inst. at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 5th October 1840

Berthier V. Fortier F. Dugue' Judge.
president pro. tem.

Monday October 26th 1840.

Members present. Messrs. F. Dugue Judge prest.--
Charbonnet D'auterive--LeBreton--Bienvinue & Laizer.

Absentees: Messrs. Berthier Fortier, Edouard For-
tier, Coulon

Jones & Drouet.

For want of a quorum the jury could not act on business and adjourned until Monday the 2nd of November next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson October 26th 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Monday 2nd November 1840.

Some of the members of the Jury met.

Present: Messrs. F. Dugue Judge Prest. Charbonnet, Dauterive, Le Breton, Bienvenu & Laizer.

Absentees: Messrs. B. Fortier & E. Fortier, Coulon Jones & Drouet.

For want of a quorum the jury adjourned until Monday the 7th of December next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 2nd November 1840.

F. Dugue' Judge President.

Monday 7th December 1840.

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Members prest: F. Dugue Judge Prest. LeBreton, Charbonnet, Laizer, Bienvenu, Dauterive, Drouet, Berthier, Fortier, & Jones.

Absentees: Messrs. E. Fortier, Coulon.

Reading of the process verbal of deliberations of the preceeding sitting is made & approved after W. Drouet is nom[inated] & has taken his seat.

Reading being made of two petitions of the heirs of the late B. Dusuau praying for leave to emancipate the mulatto Francois of more than thirty years without his being obliged to quit the state. The other, of Francois Francois (F. C. W.) asking the same leave for the griff. girl Arthemise of Thirty five years whom she wishes to emancipate.

On motion Resolved that the jury see no objections to such emancipations

On motion the following resolutions is adopted

Whereas the Parish attorney is a member of the state legislature which will soon be convened which fact will probably prevent said attorney from giving all his care to the affairs of the Parish & oblige him to employ a substitute at his costs & whereas the jury intends to avoid such proceedings because said attorney receives a very small salary which he has affected to the education of an indigent child

Resolved that Theodore H. Mc Caleb esq. atty. at law be

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added to the Parish Attorney & that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for his services of one year from this day

Mr. LeBreton reporter of the committee on finance having made the following report which was read.

Report

Parish of Jefferson 1st Nov. 1840.

To the Hon. Prest. & members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

Gentlemen

The committee entrusted by you with the examination of the financial affairs of the Parish, beg leave to report That in order to fulfil the task imposed upon them they have examined with great care the accounts of the treasurer & the vouchers in support of them, they have ascertained by themselves of the amount of the taxes of the year 1838 (the Collection of the taxes of 1839 not being yet commenced) & have taken knowledge of the amount collected on said tax of 1838 & paid into the treasury as also of the balance due on said tax per accounts the recovery wherefore to be made by the State Treasurer as arrears. They have ascertained & looked into the balance of money remaining in the Treasury up to to this date. Have examined with care the several claims of individuals against the Parish, have adopted those they believe just & rejected those not well supported and afterwards have seen if the balance of cash in the Treasury should suf-

face to pay the debts & if not what would be the future resources of the Parish to satisfy the same.

Such were the matters to which your committee thought it their bounden duty to inquire into the records to enable them to make the following report which is respectfully submitted.

Report.

1° The amounts of the Parish Treasurer & the vouchers in support of them are correct.

2° The total amount of the taxes of 1838 are ten thousand three hundred and twenty dollars & 36 cents \$10,320.36

Of that tax of 1838 the Parish Treasurer has received from the sheriff up to date: seven thousands four hundred & eight dollars and thirty cents. . . \$ 7,408.30

The commission retained by the sheriff is \$8008.96 and collected by him at the rate of 7 1/2%
amts. to. \$ 600.66
\$8,008.96

[Total amount of taxes of 1838 are] \$10,320.36

Total collected by sheriff as above carried over

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Amts. brought over . . \$8,008.96 \$10,320.36

4° The balance due on the Taxes of 1838 in accts. delivered to the state treasurer by the sheriff as due by non-residents amounts to two thousand three hundred & eleven dollars & 40 cents \$2,311.40

Total, equal to the tax of 1838 \$10,320.36

5° The balance now in the Treasury in favor of the Parish is four thousand two hundred & eighty seven dollars & 57 cents.

69 The six claim against the Parish up to the 21st October 1840 are the following:

1 ^o	The claim of B. Buisson	\$2,000.00	
2 ^o	" " " T. Cronin	1,362.24	
2 ^o	" " " Beauvais Syndic	1,832.33	
4 ^o	" " " D. B. Villars "	430.00	
5 ^o	" " " Dauterive "	99.50	
6 ^o	" " " Peny "	150.00	
7 ^o	" " " Dugue jr. Secty.	992.25	
8 ^o	" " " Hy. Dugue Atty.	500.00	
9 ^o	" " " G. Villars Coroner	600.00	
10 ^o	" " " Judge Elliott	30.00	
11 ^o	" " " Dr. Milling	50.00	
12 ^o	" " " Coursey	445.50	
13 ^o	" " " Court House	118.00	
14 ^o	" " " D. Montault	4.00	
15 ^o	" " " Debluix Atty.	584.35	
16 ^o	" " " Book Keeper	100.00	
17 ^o	" " " Advertisements	200.00	
	Total amt. of claims	<u>\$9,498.17</u>	
	Bal. in the Treasury as above	<u>4,287.57</u>	
			\$5,210.60

The effective debts of the Parish are therefore of five thousand two hundred & ten dollars & 60 cents and to satisfy those debts the Parish has the following resources, viz:

1 ^o	The amt. of the taxes of 1839 not yet collected	\$12,459.83
2 ^o	The claim against Carrollton for the levee	2,043.36
3 ^o	The claim against the city of Lafayette	2,500.00
		<u>\$17,003.19</u>

This sum of \$17,003.19 when collected either in whole or in part will suffice to pay all the debts of the Parish & will satisfy the current expenses & your committee hopes that a fair balance will remain in the Treasury. The Parish will then prosper.

Your committee therefore takes the liberty of proposing to your Hon. Body, 1^o to write the sheriff to comply with the formalities regained by law in order to enable him to commence immediately the collection of the taxes of 1839 to be as active & zealous in said collection as he always was, & to pay monthly into the Treasury the Parish taxes by him collected - also to pass such resolutions as proposed to fix the share to be paid by each proprietor in Carrollton for the levee & to recommend to the Parish Atty. to make the recovery thereof

as soon as practicable.

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For what regards the claim against the city of Lafayette your committee suggests as a probable mean of success the nomination of a special committee to which would be added the Parish attorney and the book Keeper which committee should be instructed to demand from the city council of Lafayette, the nomination by them of a committee to confer with yours within a delay to be fixed by your Honorable body with power to fix this account and the mode of its payment. Said committee appointed by you having full power. (in case the City Council should neglect to appoint a committee, and having done so if these committees should neglect or refuse to compromise) to fix the account & to transmit the same to the Parish Atty. with direction to me for the recovery thereof immediately.

(Signed) Jacques Charbonnet)
B. L. Mesme LeBreton) Committee
A. Devince Bienvenu)

On motion Resolved that said report & the suggestions of the Committee accompanying the same be adopted with the exception of what regards the claim of the jury against the city council of Lafayette, which claims the special committee to be appointed shall endeavor to adjust amicably, and shall be acted upon agreeably to the law of the 12th March 1836 relative to the city of Lafayette & Parish of Jefferson.

Said special committee appointed by ballot at the request of the president is composed of Messrs. Fortier, Laizer & Jones.

On motion, Resolved that the secretary be instructed to transmit to the sheriff a copy of the resolution inviting him to settle his accounts with the treasurer of the Parish monthly.

Resolved that our senator & our representative be invited to use their exertion to obtain from the next legislature the enactment of such laws that would tend -

19 To indemnify the assessors of the state taxes in the Parish of Jefferson for the labour aiding expansion & always increasing of the duties of this office.

29 To authorize the sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson to seize all the immovable property owing state & parish taxes when the same shall not have been paid within the delay provided by law.

Resolved that the resolution of the 3rd August 1840 fixing the mode of proceeding for the work & repairs to be made to the bridges, ditches road, streets & levees on or in front of the property divided into towns, villages, bourgs, or faubourgs within the limits of the jurisdiction of the police jury be, & the same is hereby amended in such a way as that it be said "on or in front of property divided or not divided into towns villages, bourgs or faubourgs &c &c."

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the several captains of the patrol in the Parish of Jefferson to make a report of their actings & doings to the syndic on the day following that of their operations in order to enable the syndic to report thereon to the Jury at their next sitting. In default of which the said captains of pa-

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trols shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars recoverable for the use of the Parish before any court of competent jurisdiction. It being well understood that the syndic shall call on the said captains for their reports.

Is read a petition of the inhabitants of Barataria praying that the salary of their syndic be increased for the reasons therein alledged.

Whereupon on motion, Resolved that the Resolution of the (sixth April 1840) reducing the salary of the several officers of the Parish be, and the same is hereby repealed and that from said day (sixth April 1840) the salaries of said officers be fixed as they were before the adoption of said resolution, except those of the syndic of the second ward which are fixed at three hundred dollars a year.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of February next at eleven o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson December 1840.

Mr. Dauterive having tendered his resignation as member of the polic jury; On motion Resolved that the resignation of Mr. Dauterive be accepted & that the judge prest.

be invited to issue a commission as prescribed by the ordinance. This reference approved.

Hy. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 1st February 1841.

The following members of the jury were present.
Messrs. Bienvenu, LeBreton, Laizer, & Jacques Charbonnet.

Were absent: Messrs. Berthier Fortier, Jones Ed Fortier, Drouet & Coulon.

For want of a quorum the members present adjourned the meeting until the first Monday of March next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Monday 1st March 1841.

The following members of the jury were present:
Messrs. Bienvenu, Laizer, LeBreton, Charbonnet, Drouet & Berthier Fortier

Absentees: Messrs. Jones, Edward Fortier,

Mr. Berthier Fortier having been compelled to absent himself for want of a quorum the members present adjourned the meeting until Monday next, the 8th of March at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 1st March 1841.

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Monday 8th March 1841.

The jury met agreeable to adjournment.

Present: Messrs. F. Dugue' judge president Charbonnet, Laizer, Bienvenu, LeBreton, Jones, Berthier Fortier and Edward Fortier.

Absentees: Messrs. Drouet, Coulon.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding sitting is made, and approved by at the request of Messrs. B. Fortier & Charbonnet it is added to said process verbal an invitation to the sheriff to have a white jailer to keep the jail, which invitation had been adopted at the said sitting but omitted in said process verbal.

On motion it is proceeded by ballot to the election of the assessors of the state taxes for the year 1841 when in verifying the polls it appeared that Messrs. Francis J^rs LeBreton, Deschappelle Theodule Bienvenu & Jules Arnoult had been only elected.

Reading is made 1^o of the Resignation of M^r R. Beauvais syndic of the third ward.

2^o of a petition of some inhabitants of faubourgs Delassize & Plaisance praying for the division of the office of syndic of said ward & recommending, M^r. Bertrand B arre as a suitable person to fill one of the offices.

3^o And of the letters of Messrs. Jules Arnault C. Hunt I Bienvenu offering their services as syndic.

When on motion Resolved that the resignation of M^r Beauvais be accepted, the petition & letters be laid on the table & that it be proceeded by ballot to the nomination of the syndic of the 3rd ward. In verifying the polls it appeared that W. Charles Bienvenu had received five votes & M^r. Jules Arnoult two votes, Mr. Bienvenu is proclaimed duly appointed syndic of the third ward.

On motion of Mr. Laizer the following preamble & resolution are adopted.

Whereas since some years & now particularly now the last six months the population and trade have increased in the faubourgs Delassize & Plaisance in such a manner as to require constant gutter repairs from the persons owning lots facing levee street on the public road & this without obtaining a good road.

And whereas it is necessary for the good of all not only to remedy those inconveniences but also to procure good roads for carts vehicles & persons on foot as also a free passage along the River.

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson that immediately after the passation of this Resolution it shall be the duty of the syndic assisted by the Parish surveyor to mark the lines of the public road or levee street in the faubourgs Delassize & Plaisance as also the lines of the ditches, sidewalks & footways in

order that said works correspond with those of levee street in fauburg Livaudais & to order the Confection thereof provided the operations

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do not interfere with the position of the property as figured in the plans of their division

That the land heretofore belonging to widow Layet and lying between the said faubourgs Delassize & Plaisance shall be subject to the lines fixed for levee street, the ditches, sidewalks, & footways of said faubourg.

That it shall be the duty of the syndic to cause to be made the necessary bridges at the inter sections of Pleasant, Harmony & Wiltz streets with levee street in said faubourgs in order to facilitate the running off of the waters coming from the levee & the ditches in Pleasant, Harmony, & Wiltz streets from levee street to the New Orleans, & Carrollton railroad. The divisions of the ditches to be determined by the syndic.

That said work shall have to be made by the proprietors of lots facing the same within fifteen days from the date of these notifications, in default whereof the syndic shall cause them to be made as is provided in the resolution of the 3rd August 1840 It being understood that the said works shall have to be appointed by the syndic & two proprietors previous to their being adjudicated to the lowest bidder, or given to undertakers, & journeymen, &c &c.

Resolved that the syndic shall cause to be removed the incumbrance in the passage along the river & on the levee & shall order the making & repairing of the levee according to the ordinances

Resolved that it shall not be permitted to the proprietors to build on, nor fence in their property in any of the bourgs, towns, faubourgs, & villages of this parish without having previously informed the syndic of their intentions & having had the lines thereof marked by the surveyor under the penalty of a fine of from 25 to 50 dollars recoverable for the use of the Parish before any court of Competent jurisdiction on the denunciation of the syndic or of any interested person

Resolved that the syndic be bound to act in conformity with the third article of the ordinance relative

to slaughter houses adopted on the 6th August 1838 under the penalty of a fine of fifty dollars recoverable for the use of the Parish on the information of any interested person & that the attorney be held to use for said fine under a fine to be paid by himself of one hundred dollars

On motion of Mr. Charbonnet resolved that the resolutions of the 28th April 1836 & 6th April 1840 fixing the limits of the first & second districts shall commence at Parish boundary and extend as far as the lower limit of the plantation of Mr. Jacque Charbonnet & that the 2nd district shall be increased of the territory taken from said first district.

Mr. Charbonnet having presented the following resolutions Resolved that a sum of \$500 be allowed to Mr. Beauvais for the search and tax list he made within the last two years for the benefit of the Parish & that a similar sum be refuned to him as having been paid by him on account of errors made in the constitution of the ordinance in relation to an affair with Messrs. Coursey & Morain.

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On motion of Mr. LeBreton

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to enquire into that affair with directions to report on the same at the next sitting. The prest. appointed Messrs. Laizer, Bienvenu, & LeBreton of said committee

Resolved that hereafter the syndic shall be bound for their actings & doings in their capacity & shall be further bound to give security for their good administration

Second reading be made of two petitions: the first of the heirs of B. Dausuan praying for leave to emancipate the slave Francois of more than 30 years without his being obliged to quit the state.

The second of Francoise Francois F.C.W. making the same demand for her slave Arthemise of 25 yrs.

On motion resolved that the jury has no objections to the emancipation of said slaves.

On motion, Resolved unanimously that hereafter an annual sum of three hundred dollars be paid by the treasurer to

the assessor of the state, taxes for their services to the Parish which shall be divided as follows: to the assessor who will make the tax list \$150 & to each of the two others \$75.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of April next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 8th March 1841.

Hy. Dugue' Judge Prest.

Monday 5th April 1841

No quorum

Monday 3rd May 1841

No quorum

Monday 7th June 1841

No quorum

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The inhabitants whose names follow, having been elected members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson, to represent their respective districts, as appears from the several election returns on file, this day met on convocation of the judge president and after having taken their oaths of office in the hand of the said judge president, took their seats, viz:

Mr. Gustave Leroy member of the first District, Mr. P. E. D. Livaudais member of the second district, Mr. J. B. F. Dauterive member of the third district, Mr. Faustin Fortier member of the sixth district, Mr. J. B. Volant Labarre, member of the eight district, Mr. F. Dugue' junior, member of the tenth district.

Messrs. L. C. LeBreton Dorgenois member of the fourth district, B. Labranche member of the fifth district, John B. Holliday member of the seventh district, Henry W. Palfrey member of the ninth district and H. P. Faucheux member of the eleventh district are absent.

Mr. F. J. Laizer is called as secretary pro tem of the of the police jury, via F Dugue jr. resigned.

On motion of Mr. Fortier, seconded by Mr. Dauterive

Resolved that two committees of three members each be appointed to enquire into the validity of the election and qualifications of the members present, elected to the police jury, which committees shall report after a reasonable recess.

The president appointed Messrs. Fortier, Leroy, Livaudais of one committee and Messrs. F. Dugue jr., Dauterive & Labarre, of the other, which committee after having retired by turns to the room adjoining that of the sittings and having examined the election returns and the tax list, came in & made the following reports which are adopted.

Report No. 1

To the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson

The committee appointed to the effect of enquiring with the validity of the election of Messrs, Gaustave Leroy, Faustin Fortier, and P. E. D. Livaudais, members of first, second, and sixth Districts, by leave to report, that after due searches they found that said gentlemen were possessed of all the qualifications required by the constitution & laws & consequently had a right to their seats.

12th July 1841.

(Signed) F. Dugue junior,
J. B. D. Dauterive,
J. B. Volant Labarre.

Report #2.

To the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The committee appointed to the effect of enquiring into the validity of the elections of Messrs.

J. B. D. Dauterive, J. B. Volant and F. Dugue jr. members of the tenth, eight & third districts, by leave to report that after the searches they found that said gentlemen are possessed of all the qualifications re

quired by the constitution and laws and consequently had right to their seats.

12th July 1841.

(Signed) P. E. D. Livaudais,
Faustin Fortier,
Gustave Leroy.

Reading is made and approved of the process verbal of the sittings of the 7th Dec. 1840 & 8th March 1841.

A motion being made to proceed to the election of the secretary of the police jury, a letter from Mr. Francois Bouligny was read offering his services in that capacity for two hundred dollars a year.

On motion resolved that hereafter the salary of the secretary shall be of \$200 per annum and that it be immediately proceeded to the election of the secretary.

On verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. F. J. Laizer had been unanimously elected.

A petition of the inhabitants of the tenth district is read praying for the division of the third ward and for the appointment of a syndic.

On motion of F. Dugue junior, the following resolution is adopted.

Resolved by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson, that the Resolutions of the 28th April 1836, dividing the Parish into three wards, be said the same are hereby amended, that hereafter there shall be four wards instead of three, and the third ward shall commence at the upper limit of Kenner's plantation and extend as far as the lower limit of the town of Carrollton, including the metairie, that the fourth ward shall extend from the lower limits of Carrollton to the upper limits of the City of Lafayette, that a syndic shall be appointed for each of said two last wards with an annual salary of \$600.

Resolved that all resolutions or ordinances contrary to the foregoing be and the same are here repealed.

On motion it is proceeded by ballot to the election of the syndic, when on verifying the polls it appeared that the following persons had been duly elected.

Mr. D. Villars for the first ward, Mr. J. B. D. Dauterive for the second ward, Mr. Charles Bienvenu for the third ward, & Raphael Beauvais for the fourth ward.

The resignation of Hy. Dugue Esq. attorney for the Parish, who had to absent himself, is presented and read.

On motion of Mr. Dauterive, Resolved that resignation be accepted with regret by the jury.

On motion of Mr. Labarre, Resolved that there shall no more be an attorney for the Parish appointed.

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by the year, that an attorney to be designated by the jury or by the president shall be employed and reasonably remunerated.

Resolved that a committee on financing, composed of three members shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to enquire into the financial affairs of the Parish and to report thereon as soon as possible.

Said committee appointed by ballot at the request of the president is composed of Messrs. Livaudais, Leroy and Labarre.

First reading being made of two petitions, the first of Mrs. Maria Holliday praying for leave to emancipate her slave Bazile of 53 years without his being obliged to quit the state and the second from Joseph N. Frenette making the same prayer for his slave Helen of 25 years.

Resolved that the jury see no objections to said emancipations.

Is read a letter of W. Louis Delery and the documents accompanying the same, showing that he has made certain roads along the Bayou des familles, on the lands of Messrs. Allan D'Hemecourt & John Mc Donogh agreeably to the adjudication thereof which was made to him by the syndic of the 2nd ward and demanding his payment for said works.

Whereas, on motion, Resolved that as soon as Mr. Delery shall have produced to the Parish treasurer the documents or copies of documents in support of his claim, the treasurer shall be and he is hereby authorized to pay him the amount thereof in manner following, viz:

\$200. in cash from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated and the balance in three bonds of the Parish signed by the president & countersigned by the secretary, two of which, being each of the sum of \$500 payable six months from this day, and one of the sum of \$2,226 payable in one year with interest thereon at the rate of 9 per centum per annum from the date of the acceptance of the work by the syndic, until final payment.

Resolved, that as soon as said settlement shall have been made with Mr. Delery, the president is requested to deliver the necessary documents to an able attorney to the end of recovering, amicably or by writ, from Messrs. Allan D'Hemecourt and John Mc Donogh the price of the said work, the interest and all other costs which the Parish shall have advanced in the premises.

The account of Burt & Montgomery writers of the Lafayette Chronicles is presented with a letter of the same gentleman praying that said account be paid without the jury retaining the discount of 25 per cent heretofore agreed upon.

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On motion of Mr. Leroy Resolved that the president is authorized to settle said account to the best of interests of the Parish by retaining the 25 per cent discount.

A letter of Mr. Burt editor of the Lafayette Chronicle is read offering to publish the proceedings & ordinances of the police jury on conditions to be fixed by that body.

On motion of Mr. Fortier, Resolved that the president is authorized to receive proposals from the several printers, in order to have the necessary publications made for the best of the interests of the Parish.

The resignation of Mr. Jules Arnault, as assessor of state taxes is read and accepted, said Mr. Raphael Beauvais is appointed in his place.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of August next at eleven o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 12th July 1841.

Hy. Dugue' Judge

Monday 2nd August 1841

The jury met agreeably to adjournment.

Present - Messrs. F. Dugue judge Prest:
Leroy, Livaudais, Dauterive,
Dorgenois, Fortier, Labarre &
F. Dugue jr.

Absentees - Messrs. Holliday, Palfrey,
Labranche & Fauchier.

Mr. Dorgenois takes his oath of office in the hands
of the judge president.

Reading is made and approved of the process verbal of
the preceeding sittings.

On motion, Resolved that a committee of three be
appointed to enquire into the validity of the election
and qualification of Mr Dorgenois member of the 4th
District, which committee shall report after a reason-
able recess.

The president appoints, Messrs. Labarre, Dauterive
& Dugue' jr. of said committee, which committee after
having retired & having examined the election returns
& the tax list came in and made the following report,
which was adopted, viz:

To the Police Jury of Parish of Jefferson.

The undersigned members of the committee appointed
to the effect of enquiring into the validity of the
election & qualifications of Mr. L. C. LeBreton, Dor-
genois members of the 4th District.

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elected to the police jury, by leave to report that after
due examination they have found that Mr. Dorgenois was
possessed of all the qualifications required by the con-
stitution and laws to be a member of the police jury,
and consequently had a right to his seat. The whole is
respectfully submitted. - 2nd August 1841.

(Signed) F. Dugue Prest,
J. B. Dauterive,
J. B. Volant Labarre.

Second reading being made of two petitions, the first of Mrs. Maria Holliday praying for leave to emancipate her negro Bazile of 53 yrs. without his being obliged to quit the state and the second of Joseph N. Frenette making the same demand for his negro woman Helene of 25 years.

On motion, Resolved that the jury see no objections to said emancipations.

Is presented by Mr. Leroy & read a petition of a number of inhabitants of the right bank of the river praying for some improvements in the police system & for the appointment deputy syndic in the first District.

Mr. Fortier seconded by Mr. Dauterive, moved that said petition be laid upon the table and ask for the yeas & nays on the question: Messrs. Fortier & Dauterive are in favor of the motion and Mr. Dugue jr. Labarre, Leroy, Dorgenois & Livaudais are against it. It is consequently lost.

Mr. F. Dugue jr. proposes to refer said petition to a Committee of three members with direction that said committee report thereon at the next sitting or as soon thereafter as possible. The yeas and nays being asked on the question, it appeared that Messrs. Fortier & Dauterive are against the proposition & Dugue jr., Leroy, Labarre, Dorgenois & Livaudais are in favor of it. The proposition prevails.

Said committee appointed by ballot at the request of the president is composed of Messrs. Leroy, Fortier & Dugue jr.

On motion the jury having proceeded to the appointment of two constables for the Parish of Jefferson, it appeared that Charles Young & Martin Sarthon had been duly appointed.

Is read and laid upon the table a petition of Mr. D. Dreyfous demanding certain sums of money for services he pretends having rendered the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Livaudais

Resolved that it be forbidden to the keepers of ferries within the limits of the Parish of Jefferson to cross any slave or slaves, over the river without the said slave or slaves being provided with a written permission of his or their masters or of the representatives, under penalty of a fine of from ten to twenty five dollars recoverable for the use of the Parish before any court of competent jurisdiction, on due infor-

mation being given to the authorities.

On motion of Mr. Labarre

Resolved that the syndic notify the New Orleans & Carroll-

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ton Rail Road company to make the necessary works & repairs to their railroad crossing the public road at Carrollton so as said Rail Road correspond in the making thereof with that of Mr. Burthe and furnishes to the carts, carriages etc., and easy passage.

Resolved that the president is authorized to let Mr. Grenier Petit have the privilege of keeping the ferry of Carrollton the time necessary to complete the year & on the same condition in which the said Petit had purchased the same before, provided he gives sufficient security to insure his compliance with the contract if he absents himself.

On motion the jury adjourned until the first Monday of September at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 2nd August 1841.

Hy. Dugue Judge.

Monday 6th September 1841

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - F. Dugue President, Guatev Leroy,
P. E. D. Livaudais, J. B. Dauterive,
L. C. LeBreton, Dorgenois, Faustin
Fortier, J. B. Volant Labarre and
F. Dugue junior.

Absent - Messrs. Holliday, Palfrey, Labranche
& Fauchier.

The proceedings of the former session being read and approved.

On motion, Resolved that the Rail Road which may hereafter be laid or cross the streets or public roads

in this Parish shall be constructed in such a manner as to afford a suitable slope or bank for carts & carriages which may have to cross over theirs.

On motion of Mr. Labarre,

Resolved, that the secretary write to the syndic to have the railway which cross the public road at Carrollton, constructed agreeably to the requisitions already given, and that in case the necessary work shall not be done in the least possible delay, by adjudication at their expense.

Messrs. Leroy, Fortier and Dugue jr. composing the committee to which was referred the petition of a number of inhabitants of the lower section on the right Bank of the Mississippi praying an amelioration of the police, and the nomination of assistant syndics for their district, observed to the jury that not having been able to agree as to the manner and mode of rightly considering said petition, they would report separately.

Mr. Leroy, chairman of said committee observed that he had not had time to make his report, and asked until next session to make it; - Granted.

Mr. Fortier presented his report which was read, as follows:

"Parish of Jefferson 6th September 1841"

To the president & members of the police jury of the Parish

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of Jefferson.

Gentlemen: - The committee to which was referred the petition of several inhabitants of the Parish, praying for the appointment for the first district only, of two assistant syndics, to act under the orders of the actual syndics, not having been able to agree unanimously on the necessity of such a measure, unionity of said committee, which regretting to have differed in opinion with its honorable colleagues, in this circumstance respectfully submit to your consideration the reasons which determined its opposition.

And first, because the duties of the syndic of the 1st district, as they are defined by our police regula-

tions are not so many nor of so difficult a nature as that a single officer could not satisfactorily perform them.

Secondly, because the nomination of these two assistant syndics is only desired in order to exercise a more active police over the colored population in the vicinity of the 1st District, by allowing fifty-cents to each assistant syndic, for every slave he may have arrested.

Thirdly: - Were the demand of the 1st district granted, it would be but justice to appoint assistant syndic for the other districts in which the Black population is not only more numerous, but the whites are fewer than in the 1st district.

And lastly, because by granting the demand of the petitioners you will have committed, in respect to the inhabitants of the other Districts, an act both unjust and oppressive: Unjust, as much a favor would be to the detriment of these other Districts in as much as these new officers would be paid in a great measure by their contributions, oppressive, because the inhabitants of this 1st district would no longer be bound to the same degree of vigilance in maintaining good order while those of the other districts would continue alone to perform this service of police, a laborious service it is true, but of which however they do not complain, and this with a view of avoiding the necessity of further taxation to the Parish.

The minority of your committee, from the nature of the mission confided to it, believes itself to have but done its duty, in submitting the foregoing to your consideration, its conviction is further that it was to the inhabitants of this Parish in general, as will respectfully, to suggest to you the importance of refusing your sanction to a measure which would not fail to excite the first discontent of all the inhabitants and particularly of the Indigent Class, on whom already weighs a burden sufficiently heavy as to bring under your observation,

That even in case of your granting to the other districts what is demanded in favour of the first the result would not only be an increase of taxation on all, but the object of maintaining good order advanced in nothing. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Faustin Fortier
Member of committee.

Mr Dugue' Junior also presented his report which was read as follows:

To the Honorable the president and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

Gentlemen -

The inhabitants on the right bank of the Mississippi demand an amelioration of the police of their district, and for that purpose, propose the nomination of assistant syndic.

Their demand is just in more than one view; an active, faithful and vigilant police becomes more and more necessary throughout the whole extent of the Parish, and above all, in its villages & faubourgs where are congregated a large number of persons, a part of whom are engaged in lawful pursuits of business or innocent recreation, while another part have but theft & violence in view.

The presence of this latter class is easily accounted for, population is increasing in every part of the state and particularly here and in our neighborhood where commerce no less draws the floating population.

The police system improving in New Orleans and the malefactors who are there watched and restrained from their depredations, retiring to adjourning haunts in our Parish, where the police is imperfect, for instance, can continue their nefarious operations, without being distant from the Capital which is the focus of their company.

We all know that notwithstanding the zeal manifested by our syndic, a great many thefts and other crimes have been committed in our Parish. Several citizens have been stopped on the highways by foot pads with the demand of money or life - these have sanguinary broils which an insufficient police could not quell, and numerous minor abuses and breaches of the Peace.

The undersigned, who can vouch for these facts, asks the permission to observe and report that it is not with the intention of refusing to do justice to the petition of the inhabitants of the right bank of the Mississippi, that he differed from his colleagues, of the committee, but rather to extend the improvement required which of itself he considered but a half measure, that as the same request would soon be made by the inhabitants of the other sections of the Parish, and which could not conscientiously be refused to them if that of the inhabitants of the right bank of the river was granted a consequent increase of expenses to the Parish would ensue, but which it cannot immediately afford, that besides, after a close examination into the finances of the Parish, he is satisfied that they will soon be in a

prosperous condition and that then a more efficacious system of police might be established.

The undersigned therefore not approving the precise mode and system of police demanded by the aforesaid petitioners, proposed to his colleagues of the committee as he presently does to your honorable body, to lay the petition in question on the table, subject to the call of the jury, and to suspend all further action on the subject until the collection of the Parish taxes is completed, when the jury, having previously consulted the inhabitants, might establish

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a horse police on permanent guard composed of six, eight or ten faithful and capable men, who shall be stationed in a central spot of the Parish and be subject to the requisitions of the syndic or other citizens also may need their aid.

(Signed) F. Dugue' Junior
member of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Leroy

Resolved, that said reports be laid on the table until the next meeting.

Read and accepted the resignation of Mr. Charles Young as constable. Also read the recommendation of Mr. H. M. Driscol as a capable and responsible person to fill said office.

Upon which;

Resolved, that Mr. Driscol be appointed constable in the place of Mr. Young and that his warrant be given him on his proving to the satisfaction of the presiding judge that he is a citizen of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, that a committee of three members be named for the purpose of ascertaining the intensions of the City Council of Lafayette with regard to the payment of its quota of expense for public schools.

This committee appointed by ballot, at the request of the prest. is composed of Messrs. Leroy, Labarre, & Dugue jr.

Mr. Livaudais, chairman of the finance committee presented the following report which was adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee.

The finance committee having examined the accounts of the treasurer, from the 1st November 1840 to the 7th August last past, submit the following statement of the affairs of the Parish.

Due by the Parish

For bonds furnished to B. Buisson	\$2000.00
" " " to Cronin	1362.24
To Beauvais syndic by balance to <u>1st</u> Augt.	1507.41
To D. B. Villars " " " "	780.00
To J. B. D. Dauterive balance to <u>1st</u> Augt.	\$ 109.50
To C. Bienvenu	450.00
To F. Dugue' Jr., Sect. for balance <u>10th</u> July last	600.00
To Gaston Villars Coroner	1000.00
To B. C. Elliott	30.00
To Dr. Milling	10.00
To H. F. Deblieux by balance of his claim Assessors	584.85 300.00
To L. Delery in bonds bearing interest at 9 p. 100 until paid	<u>3226.00</u>
Total	\$11,960.00

To meet its engagements the Parish has the following resources.

Balance in treasury of Aug. last	\$541.47
Amt. due by the city of Lafayette by acct. balanced to <u>24th</u> Sept. 1838	<u>1490.06</u>
carried over	\$

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Brought forward \$

Claims against Messrs. McDonogh & D Hemecourt.	3,426.00
Claim for the levee of Carrollton	2,043.36
Amount of taxes as per tax list of 1839.	12,459.83
" " " " " tax list of 1840.	12,010.71

Claims against different propri-
etors for sums paid by the Parish for
repairing their levees from the 1st of
November last 1,661.91

Total \$33,633.34^{cts}

Your committee would observe that in the account rendered of the engagements of the Parish, all its expenses up to the first August last are included while the item of taxes for 1841 is omitted - the tax list for this year not being furnished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed P. E. D. Livaudais
J. B. Volant Lebarre
Gustave Leroy

The account of W. B. Buisson, surveyor, amounting to \$134.55 for running boundary in the faubourgs De-lassize & Plaisance and at Barataria, was presented.

Upon which

Resolved that the said account be paid by the Treasurer, if Conformable to the tariff, and he deliver the sum to an attorney to compel the reimbursement of the amount by property holders.

On motion of Mr. Dauterive the jury proceeded by ballot to the election of Parish treasurer: on the vote being counted by Messrs Fortier & Livaudais, tellers named by the president it was declared that Mr. F. Dugue had been duly elected.

On motion, Resolved that the president be required to instruct the sheriff to take active measures for the collection of Parish taxes.

The proposals of the proprietors of the journals, Constitution and Chronicle wherein they offer to publish the proceedings of the jury of police, at the rate of twenty five cents per square, being read.

Resolved that a journal to publish the proceedings of this jury or designated by ballot.

Mr. Dugue' jr. having requested to be dispensed with voting on the question - granted.

The journal styled "The Constitution" was unani-
mously designated for that purpose.

On motion.

Adjourned until the first Monday of November next at
11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 6th September 1841.

F. Dugue' Judge.

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Monday 1st November 1841.

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. G. Leroy, P. E. D. Livaudais,
J. B. D. Dauterive, L. C. LeBreton,
Dougenois, Faustin Fortier, J. B.
Volant Labarre & F. Dugue' junior.

Absent - Messrs, Holliday, Palfrey, Labranche
& Fauchez.

In the absence of the President Mr. Fortier is in the
chair as president pro tem.

On motion the jury proceeded to an election by
ballot of a president pro tem, the votes being counted
by Messrs. Livaudais & Dauterive, tellers duly appointed,
it appeared that Mr. Faustin Fortier was duly elected
president pro tem.

The proceedings of the former session being read
& approved.

Mr. Dugue jr. of the committee appointed at a former
meeting for the purpose of ascertaining the intentions
of the city Council of Lafayette with regard to
the payment of its quota of expense for public schools
having reported that said committee had performed its
duty, but had not, as yet received a definite answer
from the Council.

On motion Resolved that said Committee continue
its endeavors to obtain an answer as speedily as possible.

Mr. Leroy from the Committee to which was referred
the petition of a number of inhabitants on the right
side of the River praying for an improvement in the system
of police, the nomination of assistant syndic is,

and to which time for reporting had been granted by the jury, having made the following report was read.

To the Honorable the President & members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

Gentlemen

Appointed by you one of the committee to which was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of this Parish on the right side of the Mississippi, I shall now, as have done, my honorable Colleagues with whom I regret to differ, humbly submit to your honorable body my opinion upon this petition. The petitioners demand two assistant syndics to perform the police of the 1st District. A demand of this nature, it appears to me should be considered relatively to its utility and equity, it is in this double point of view that I have given it all my attention.

The 1st District has a population which has almost doubled itself within two years, it contains three flourishing villages, Gretna at the beginning of last year was but a garden, at present eighty houses can be counted there. But a population so recent and heterogeneous, establishing itself in our Parish, when formerly, because of the limited number of inhabitants, their civilization, and union most generally cemented by family alliances, the police was performed without difficulty being in fact merely nominal, requires a more active power

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to make the laws respected and to maintain order and peace amid the diversity of interests inherent to a new and increasing community.

Moreover the 1st District being by its position the easiest out - let for all the other districts on the right Bank of the River, the negro-runaways pass through it on their way to New Orleans, their first rendezvous after flight, or they go there to affect the sale of such articles as they may have stolen from their masters or their neighbors. This illicit traffic is a grave evil and I believe that I am right in supposing that it was mainly with the view of putting a stop to it that the inhabitants of that district all of whom are slave holders regard the petition in question.

The fee of fifty cents to be allowed to the syndic

for the arrest of each negro contravening the regulation of the jury of police, would be a salutary stimulant. None of us can doubt the necessity of a vigilant watch over our blacks. This insubordination is everywhere apparent, all of us are informed of the atrocious crimes there are daily perpetrating in the different Parishes of the state.

To fulfill the various duties of police the 1st District has in common with the first section, but one syndic, whose duty it is to oversee, cause to be repaired and made, when required four leagues of roads, ditches and levees besides policing this territory of four leagues front, certainly too heavy a task for a single individual.

As to the equity of the measure petitioned for, it appears to me that the most simple and, at the same time, the most convincing argument would be to calculate the account of the Parish with the first District in order to contrast the contribution of the District, with the advantages it enjoys in the actual condition of things. To do this I am guided by the tax list of 1840. I will remark that property having risen in value, the taxes of 1841 will probably be augmented.

Parish of Jefferson in acct. with the First District

	Dr.	Cr.
For taxes in Mechainesville	\$249.60	
" " " Gretna	170.40	
" " " M ^c Donoghville	216.00	
" " " Undivided property	250.00	
Licenses of 11 cabarets at \$150 each	1,650.00	
Its quota with ten other Districts of the expenses for the Parish Court, of the police jury & incidental expenses		\$120.00
Its quota with the 4 other Districts of the <u>1st</u> section of the salary of a syndic at \$600		120.00
Public schools of Gretna, quota paid by the Parish		80.00
Balance in favor of the Parish		2,216.00
	<u>\$2,536.00</u>	<u>\$2,536.00</u>

From this statement the Parish receives \$2,536.00 and expenses on account of the first District but about

\$320, thus retain-

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ing an annual balance of \$2,216 at the disposition of the Police, of this sum the 1st District asks but \$600 for the purpose of accomplishing an improvement which will besides benefit five other districts. Can it be adopted that this would be to grant a favor to the detriment of the other Districts of the Parish?

Will there not still remain a heavy balance in favor of the treasury?

It is an uniform principle in all associations, from those of states to those of individuals, that the parties contracting should receive from the mass in proportion to these contributions. If the other districts were to present their claims based upon such valid grounds, they would have an equal right to have them granted.

The foregoing, gentlemen, is the result of the conscientious examination I have made of the petition of the inhabitants of the right bank of the Mississippi. I have the honor to submit the same to you without further commentary, certain that your determination in the premises will be dictated by that spirit of independence, wisdom, and impartiality, the Parish recognizes in your Honorable body.

(Signed) Gustave Leroy,
member of the committee.

On motion, Resolved that said report together with those made on the same question at the former meeting, by the other members of the committee, be laid on the table subject to call of the jury.

The ayes and nays being required on the adoption of the above resolution were taken as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Fortier, Dorgenois, Dugue, jr.,
Labarre & Dauterive

Nays: Mr. Leroy. The chair being temporary occupied by Mr. Livaudais in place of Mr. Fortier who wished to make a few remarks.

The following petition having been presented and read:

To the President & members of the Jury of Police of the Parish of Jefferson.

The petition of the undersigned proprietors of that part of the plantation of widow Parris, which was by her created a faubourg in the year 1813, under the name of faubourg Annunciation, of which the plan and prospectus were deposited in the office of Michel de Armas, formerly a notary public in the City of New Orleans, respectfully represents.

That the Council of the city of Lafayette has examined and continues to exercise an authority over the said faubourg Annunciation which the petitioners consider illegal, for this, to wit: That the portion of the plantation Parris which now forms the said faubourg Annunciation is not comprised in the incorporated limits as defined in the charter of the city of Lafayette. Now this charter incorporates the three following names of faubourgs, viz; Nuns Faubourg, Faubourg Lafayette, Faubourg Livaudais.

Your petitioners are property holders or residents in the Faubourg Annunciation of the Parish of Jefferson, established eleven years before the creation of Faubourg Lafayette, and are therefore evidently & necessarily excluded from the incorporated limits. Moreover they hold this property by titles entirely different from those of the proprietors of the Faubourg Lafayette, and

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have been wrongfully compounded with the latter, an error which is daily becoming more and more prejudicial to them by reason of the proceedings of the Municipal Administration of Lafayette, which has already contracted a considerable debt and augments the same yearly, without having effected one solitary permanent improvement, so that the taxes already heavier than those of the 2nd Municipality of N. Orleans will be progressively increasing without any equivalent or adequate compensation to your petitioners. Furthermore, the past which as a consequence of our not being incorporated, should be free in front of our faubourg that is to say, in all that space comprised between the Nuns Faubourg & faubourg Livaudais, is on the contrary subjected by the corporation of the city of Lafayette to an exorbitant wharf tax, a circumstance greatly prejudicial to both the property and commerce of the faubourg Annunciation of the Parish of Jefferson. In fine, the administration of the City of Lafayette inspires us with neither confidence nor

security for the future by reason of the arbitrary measures enforced by it in relation to a number of property holders. For all which facts and considerations we earnestly pray that the exercise of said unwarrantable authority by the corporation of the City of Lafayette over the Faubourg Annunciation of the Parish of Jefferson be prohibited and enjoined and we further pray the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson to take such measures as may be deemed proper and necessary to this administration & support if its own legitimate powers & rights, over said faubourg Annunciation of the Parish of Jefferson, and your petitioners is in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) J. Laizer, James McGary, Mrs. Thalia Ramos by B. Buisson, Jose' Cuiro, E. Pelletier, F. J. Laizer, Thomas Lagaux, John Kamp by Mark Walton, J. Martin, Robert Kay, James Jefferson, Dastugus, Michel Mayer, Peter Dalman, J. P. Kay, W^m Kay, Spencer Floyd, Ch. K. Kennedy, John Hurley, Alphonse Gunney.

On Motion: Resolved that a committee of these members in conjunction with an attorney be appointed for the purpose of examining into said petition and reporting thereon to the jury as early as possible. The prest. appointed Messrs. Dugue' jr., Dorgenois & Labarre of said Committee.

Judge Elliott claim of 15 for an inquest on the dead body of Mr. Truesdale in Carrolton was presented. On Motion: Resolved that the treasurer pay the said account if conformable to law, from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

On Motion: Resolved that the syndic require from the Barataria & Lafourche Canal Co. the construction of a bridge over its canal in conformity with the regulations. The ayes & nays being demanded on this resolution were as follows - Ayes, Messrs. Livaudais, Dauterive, Dorgenois & Dugue' jr. - Nays, Messrs. Leroy & Labarre.

Was read a petition from the several proprietors of the faubourgs, Delassize, praying for the bridge and public road of said faubourg & of the faubourgs, Plaisance & Boulogny to be kept free from encumbrances.

On which Resolved, that the syndic be required to enforce the regulations. Was read a petition from Mr. Louis Bondeau, school master at the Cheniere Caminada asking a compensation for past services.

On Motion: Resolved, that said petition be laid on the table, the jury having already made an appropriation for the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Leroy, Resolved, that hereafter, the treasurer be required to exhibit to the jury, at each meeting, a statement of the sums by him collected or paid on account of the Parish.

On motion adjourned until the first Monday of December next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 1st Nov. 1841.

Faustin Fortier
Pres't Pro. Tem.

Monday 6th December 1841.

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. F. Dugue judge president, G. Leroy, J. B. Volant Labarre, P. E. D. Livaudais, L. C. LeBreton, Dorgenois, H. W. Palfrey & F. Dugue' junior.

Absent, Messrs. Fortier, J. B. Dauterive, Labranche, Holliday and Fauchier.

W. Palfrey was duly nom. and took his seat.

The proceedings of the former meeting having been read and approved.

On motion, Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed for the purpose of enquiring with the validity of the election and qualifications of W. H. W. Palfrey elected to the police jury as representative from the 9th District, said committee to report without delay.

Messrs. Dugue' jr, Labarre, and Leroy were appointed by ballot, the members of said committee, and having temporarily withdrawn to examine the election returns and the tax lists, returned and presented the following report which was read and adopted.

To the Honorable the pres't & members of the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

Gentlemen:

The committee appointed to enquire into the validity of the election and qualifications of Mr. W. H. Palfrey elected to represent the 9th District to the police jury, has the honor of reporting that after an examination of the election returns & the tax list, Mr. Palfrey is found to be duly elected, that he has the required qualifications and that he has accordingly a right to his seat. All of which is respectfully submitted.

6th December 1841

(Signed) F. Dugue' jr.
J. B. V. Labarre
Gaston Leroy

On motion of Mr. Labarre.

Resolved that the sheriff be required by the president to submit to the police jury at its meeting on the 1st Monday of January 1842 a statement of the amount of Parish taxes he may have collected & account for the same, and in the contrary case to inform the jury of

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the difficulties which have prevented the collection thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dugue' junior.

Resolved unanimously that the resolution of the 23rd January 1840 allowing a certain sum of money for the purpose of forming, in conjunction with the City of Lafayette, the amount required to be furnished in order to be entitled to the additional sum of \$800 granted by the state for support of the public schools, by an act of the general assembly approved the 19th March 1839, - Be and by the present resolution is so amended as that in future, the treasurer shall pay annually to the administrators of the public schools a sum of \$800 to entitle them to receive from the state the aforementioned sum of \$800.

Provided that the said administrators shall employ the said sums in aid of the public schools established within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Police Jury.

The petition of Widow R. Avart, accompanying a plan

of division of her plantation being presented & read, which petition is as follows:

To the Prest. & members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The petition of Widow R. Avart living in the Parish of Jefferson respectfully represents that she has subdivided into squares her plantation situated in said Parish of Jefferson for the purpose of forming a faubourg to be styled and known as the faubourg Avart.

That in conformity with the resolutions passed by the police jury of the Parish of Jefferson at its meeting on the 21st of June 1838 & on the 10th July of the same year, she has caused to be made a plan of division of which the assured duly certified copy shall in case of its approval, remain deposited with the archives of the police jury.

But while requesting your adoption of this plan, the undersigned desires to give up for the present only, those streets of that portion of her plantation, comprised between Pitt & St. David streets, that is to say that the parallel or cross streets between those two streets will for the present be opened only through the portion of the plantation described.

Respecting the space of ground comprised between Pitt street and the river as also the space between St. David street & the line boundary the double concession, the undersigned demands that she may not be required to give up said streets to conform to the obligations imposed upon proprietors dividing their property in squares until the expiration of five years beginning from this day, unless an earlier period should suit her convenience.

With all confidence in your wisdom and justice, gentlemen of the Police Jury, I have the honor to be,

Widow R. Avart.

Dec 6th 1841

On motion Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted it being well understood however that the jury does not in any manner renounce its right of determining the dimensions of the public road and of fixing the line of the levee.

Resolved that as soon as the petitioners will have soled them

portions of her plantation which, for the present, she wishes to retain, then and in that case she will be obliged to submit to the regulations.

On motion of Mr. Palfrey:

Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed for the purpose of preparing a return or statement of the revenues and expenses of each of the eleven districts of the Parish during the years 1838, 1839 & 1840.

The president appointed Messrs. Palfrey, Labarre and Livaudais to form said committee.

On motion, the jury adjourned until Monday the 20th next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 6th December 1841.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 20th December 1841.

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - Messrs. F. Dugue' Judge Pres't. G. Leroy, J. B. Volant, Labarre, P. E. D. Livaudais, L. C. LeBreton, Dorgenois, F. Fortier and F. Dugue' junior.

Absent - Messrs. Labranche, Holliday, H. W. Palfrey, J. B. D. Dauterive & Fauchiex.

The proceedings of the former meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Fortier being required to assign the reasons for his non-attendance at the last meeting and no valid excuse having been given was fined \$5 for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, and which amounts he places in the hands of the president.

Mr. Dugue jr. Chairman of the Committee charged to confer with the City Council of Lafayette on the subject of public schools having asked that said committee be discharged from all further consideration thereupon, in as much as said committee could not succeed in obtaining a regular conference with the committee named by the same council. Granted.

On motion, an election by ballot was gone into, for administrators of public schools, and the votes being counted by Messrs. Dorgenois & Leroy, tellers appointed by the president it resulted that Messrs. F. Dugue' jr., J. B. V. Labarre, J. B. D. Villars, D. Bienvenu and R. Beauvais were duly elected.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of three be named to enquire into the condition of the Carrollton Ferry, and report upon the necessary improvements, therefore

On motion, Resolved, that a sum of \$500 paid by the syndic of the 3rd District to the Parish in consideration of certain errors, the construction of the regulations concerning an adjudication of works made to Messrs. Coursey & Morain be remitted by the treasurer to

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said syndic on his receipt; but this only when the longest standing accounts against the police jury shall have been paid.

Resolved, that hereafter when the syndic, assisted as provided in the Regulations, shall order works to be done they shall draw up a statement of the same which they will sign conjointly with the two inhabitants who may have had accompanied them.

On motion, the jury adjourned until the first Monday of January next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 20th Dec. 1841.

F. Dugue' Judge

Monday 3rd January 1842.

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. F. Dugue' President, G. Leroy, J. B. Voland Labarre, P. E. D. Livaudais, C. L. LeBreton, D'Orgenoy, F. Fortier, Dugue' jr. and W. H. Palfrey.

Absent, Messrs. Labranche, Holliday J. B. D'Auterive, and Fauchier.

Reading of the journal of the former meeting is made and approved.

On motion,

Mr. Palfrey was requested to state his reasons for failing to attend at the last meeting, when the Jury not being satisfied after hearing the same, he was fined in \$5 for the benefit of the Orphan boys Assylum.

The committee to which was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of Quartier Panis or Faubourg Annunciation, praying for aid, and having presented the following written report, which was read.

To the Honorable the President &
Members of the Police Jury of the
Parish of Jefferson.

Gentlemen:

The committee to which was referred the memorial of the owners of that part of the Parish of Jefferson created a Faubourg in the year 1813 under the name of Faubourg Annunciation, now submit the following report.

The memorialists allege that they possess landed property in the Faubourg Annunciation, Parish of Jefferson, out of the incorporated limits of the City of Lafayette, but that said corporation exercises over them and their property an authority which they consider alike illegal, oppressive & injurious to their interest in as much as the powers thus assumed by the board of Council of Lafayette belong to the Police

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Jury of the Parish of Jefferson, in which alone the same are vested. The memorialists proud to point out several of the causes which prompt them to petition for redress a conclude by praying that the Police Jury take such measures as may be deemed proper and necessary to the administration & support of its own ligitimate powers & rights over said Faubourg Annunciation.

Persuant to the instructions received from you, the committee has consulted an able lawyer on the legal question arising in the premises to wit:

"Whether that part of Mde Panis plantation created by her a faubourg in 1813 under the name of Faubourg

Annunciation, is within the incorporated limits of the City of Lafayette."

The distinguished Jurist consulted by the committee, M. C. Roselius holds the affirmative but he advises the intervention of the Legislature & an amendment to the charter of incorporation of the City of Lafayette in order to adjust the difficulty & to avoid a difference of opinion on the subject. (See the written opinion of Mr. Roselius hereunto annexed)

The committee certainly felt some hesitation to express their views after one of so great ability as Mr. Roselius, but deeming it an imperative duty to do so, no alternative was left them, and they now proceed accordingly.

The committee is not entirely of the same opinion as Mr. Roselius, its belief being that the charter of incorporation of the City of Lafayette cannot be understood as comprising the Faubourg Annunciation within its limits.

By the act of the Legislature approved on the first of April 1833 entitled "an act to incorporate the City of Lafayette" it is enacted sect. first "That the Faubourgs Nuns, Lafayette & Livaudais, in the Parish of Jefferson, shall be, and they are hereby made a corporation and body politic by the name and style of the "City of Lafayette."

It is evident from this statute that the Faubourgs Nuns, Lafayette and Livaudais, are alone comprised here & alone constitute the City of Lafayette; that no other property is embraced in this enumeration, and that consequently no portion of territory lying out of the limits of these three Faubourgs makes part of the City of Lafayette.

Let us now examine the facts, and we adopt them as set forth by Mr. Roselius himself."

It appears that in 1813 Madame Panis divided the front part of her plantation into town lots, streets, etc., and gave it the name of Faubourg Annunciation. A plan of this faubourg is deposited in the office of Lucien Herman

notary public; in the City of New Orleans. Several lots of ground were sold with reference to this plan. In 1818, Mad. Rousseau, as the sole heiress of her deceased mother

Mme Panis sold the whole plantation, including the unsold lots in the Faubourg Annunciation, to John Poultney. In 1819, Poultney became insolvent & died. After various proceedings which it is unnecessary to notice, the property passed into the hands of Charles Harrod & Francis B. Ogden who employed Louis Pilie' to make a plan of the whole plantation to a certain extent in depth, under the name of Faubourg Lafayette. This plan bears date in 1824, and is a continuation of the plan of the Faubourg Annunciation, but the latter name disappears. Since that period the property sold in the former Faubourg, Annunciation (with a few exceptions) is described as situated in the Faubourg Lafayette, & by that name the whole has been generally known.

Such was the state of things in 1813, when the Legislature passed the act to incorporate the City of Lafayette, in the words quoted above.

The committee entertains no doubt that the intention of the person who drew up and digested the Bill of incorporation of the City of Lafayette was to comprise within the limits of said city, the whole of the original plantation of the widow Panis, that is to say, the Faubourg Annunciation, the Faubourg Lafayette, properly so called, and even all that portion of ground back of Faubourg Lafayette, which at the time of the incorporation of the City of Lafayette had no name, had never been divided at all & was only divided after such incorporation. But the committee is nevertheless decidedly of the opinion that the intention of the drawer of the said bill was frustrated and not carried into effect, that in point of fact according to the express letter of the Statute, the Faubourg Lafayette properly so called, (that is to say that portion of the Panis plantation divided into lots, streets & for the first time in 1824, by Harrod & Ogden,) the Nuns Faubourg & the Faubourg Livaudais, alone constitute the City of Lafayette. That the plan made by Pilie' in 1824, by order of Harrod & Ogden cannot have had the effect of changing the name of the Faubourg Annunciation, founded & sold in part to third persons in 1813 by M^{de} Panis, that is was neither in the power of Pilie', of Harrod & Ogden nor of any other individual to change that name & that such change in a few acts of sale founded in error & based upon the plan of Pilie' made without authority cannot produce any

serious effect. In fine that the Faubourg Annunciation cannot have lost its name, has never lost the same legal-

ly and therefore cannot have been comprised in an enumeration which only speaks of the Faubourgs Nuns, Livaudais & Lafayette, and consequently does not make part of the City of Lafayette.

The committee must add that whilst examining in the premises, it has found out that there is back of Faubourg Lafayette, properly so called, a portion of territory making part of the original Panis plantation upon which the board of Council exercises its authority making & which certainly is not included within the limits of said city, in as much as said portion of territory is not comprised on the plan of Pilie', had no name assigned to it and was not even divided into lots in 1833, when the City of Lafayette was incorporated, having only been divided afterwards under the denomination of "a tract of land back of the Faubourg Lafayette."

The committee concurs with Mr. Roselius in recommending the intervention of the Legislature, whose action in this matter would effectually prevent a conflict of authority between the Police Jury and the Board of Council. Besides the Committee believes that the contested territory being in some measure enclosed within the City of Lafayette, it is more proper that such contested territory be annexed to said city of Lafayette & remain under the municipal authority of said city, than if it were to be placed under the control of the Police Jury, pursuant to the prayer of the memorialists. Yet the committee does not conceive that the Police Jury should entirely repel the prayer of the petitioners, its opinion on the contrary being that the Jury should join the petitioners in praying the Legislature to take their memorial into consideration, and to remedy as much as possible the abuses they complain of.

Respectfully

F. Dugue' jr.)	
J. B. Volant Labarre)	committee.
E. C. LeBreton)	
D'Orgenoy)	

On motion of Mr. Fortier,

Resolved, that said report be adopted, and that our Senator & Representative be invited to take the same into consideration; and to obtain from the Legislature the enactment of such laws, as would tend to put a stop to the complaints of the petitioners.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution of the said report be transmitted, by the Secretary to our

Senator & Representative.

The president having submitted to the Jury the Sheriff's accounts.

On motion of Mr. Fortier

Resolved, that said accounts be referred to the committee on finance, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Palfrey

Resolved, that the Senator & Representative of this Parish be requested to use their best exertions to cause the passage of a law authorizing the collectors of the parish taxes to enforce their collections by seizure & sale.

On motion,

The Jury adjourned until the first Monday of February next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson, 3rd January 1842.

Monday 7th February 1842.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - Messrs. G. Leroy, P. E. D. Livaudais, L. C. LeBreton, J. B. Volant Labarre, F. Dugue' junior, F. Fortier, J. B. D. Dauterive and H. W. Palfrey.

Absent - Messrs. D'Orgenoy, Labranche, Holliday & Fauchier.

In the absence of the judge President, Mr. Livaudais is called to the chair.

On motion, It is proceeded by ballot to the election of a president pro tem, when on verifying the polls, it appeared that Mr. Livaudais had been duly elected.

Reading of the process verbal of the former meeting is made and approved.

Mr. Dauterive having been called upon to deduct the reasons for non attending the two previous meetings, did so and his reasons having been accepted he was released

from the fine.

Is presented and laid upon the table a letter of Mr. Rene' praying to be released from the fine incurred by

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him for having suffered his coffee house to remain open after the usual hour.

On motion of Mr. Fortier

Resolved unanimously that the two bills passed by the House of Representatives at the request of the Hon., the representative of this Parish and entitled,

1st An act to amend an act to constitute the authority, duties, and functions of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson and for other purposes, approved January 30th 1834.

2nd And an act more effectually to provide for the collection of Parish taxes in the Parish of Jefferson, receive the general sanction of the inhabitants of this Parish and of all the members of this jury and are the expression of a real and strongly felt need.

Resolved moreover that a committee of three members be appointed with direction to endeavor to obtain for said bills the immediate sanction of the Senate.

The president appointed Messrs. Fortier, Labarre & Dugue' jr. of said committee.

On motion, of Mr. Fortier, Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the state of the Parish Prison with direction to report on their operations as soon as practicable.

The president appointed Messrs. Fortier, Palfrey & Leroy of said committee

An account is presented by Mr. Driscoll constable for services rendered in criminal matters.

When, on motion, Resolved that said account be paid by the Treasurer if he finds the same conformable with the tariff and after the old accounts against the Parish shall have been paid.

One presented four accounts of fifteen dollars each due Mr. Bienvenu for works and repairs made on the roads fronting the lands now or heretofore belonging to Messrs. Michael Maher, C. Hunt, Osborne & Edgerton & Wibray.

Where on motion, Resolved that said accounts be paid by the treasurer & handed over by him to an attorney to enforce the payment thereof with costs, from the proprietors.

An account of six dollars is presented by Mr. Le-Breton for works by him made to the levee of Shrewsbury, ordered to be paid.

A claim of C. Clos being presented for having buried the corpse of a woman found drowned at Carrollton, at the request of Judge Elliott.

On motion Resolved, that the treasurer pay said claim agreeably to the tariff

Resolved, that the Secretary subscribe for the use of the Police Jury for two numbers of the journal wherein are published the proceedings of the Police Jury, and that

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one of said numbers be caused by him to be bound yearly.

On motion, the jury adjourned until the first Monday of March at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 7th February 1842

P. E. D. Livaudais
President, Pro Tem.

Monday 7th March 1842

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - Messrs. F. Dugue Judge Prest., P. E. D. Livaudais, G. Leroy, J. B. Volant Labarre, F. Dugue jr., F. Fortier, Dorgenoy & J. B. D. D'auterive.

Absent - Messrs. H. W. Palfrey, Labranche, Holliday & Fauchier.

Reading of the process verbal of the former meeting is made and approved.

The report of the Parish Treasurer is presented & approved.

Is presented a petition of the inhabitants of Carrollton and of the neighborhood remonstrating against certain abuses & praying that a stop be put to them.

When on motion, Resolved, that hereafter whoever shall kill any horned cattle or any other animals not belonging to him, or shall skin them if found dead, shall be liable to a fine of thirty dollars, one half for the use of the Parish & the other half for the informer, recoverable before any Court of Competent jurisdiction.

On motion Resolved that the sum of twenty four dollars which was this day paid into the treasury by the syndic of Baratavia, proceeding from fines on stray cattle, be remitted by the treasurer to the proprietors of the said cattle

On motion, Resolved that our Senator and Representative be respectfully invited to demand from the Legislature the enactment of such a law which would tend to dispense the jury from producing into the Courts, by authorizing the president of said Police Jury to deliver certified copies of the ordinances from the said journal, which shall be deemed sufficient.

Is read a petition of Mr. Jean Laria praying for leave to emancipate his negro woman slave named Emilie without her being obliged to quit the State.

When on motion, Resolved, that the jury see no objections to such emancipation but that it shall be ultimately decided only at the next sitting.

Is read and laid upon the table a letter of Messrs. West, Bonnabel & Turner & Benschaw relative to the Metarie Road.

Is presented the report of the Committee appointed at the last sitting to examine & report on the condition of the Parish Jail.

When on motion,

Resolved that said report be adopted and

that another committee composed of four members be appointed to confer with the City Council of the City of Lafayette on the manner of repairing or of disproving of the said jail.

The president appointed Messrs. Fortier, Palfrey, Levy & Labarre of said committee.

On account of Mr. Keller for works made by him in Faubourg Delassize & Plaisance, is presented and referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. Leroy,

Reading is made of the petition of a certain number of the inhabitants of the right bank of the Mississippi praying for an amelioration of the Police system in their district. Another reading of said petition is ordered for the next meeting.

Mr. D'orgenoy reporter of the committee appointed at the last meeting to take cognizance of the situation of the Ferry of Carrollton and to report on the improvements to be made thereinto, having reported that, in the opinion of the said committee, the said ferry has never been regularly kept & having presented with the said report the following resolution, viz:

Section, 1st, Resolved that from and after the 2nd of April 1842 the privilege of keeping the ferry of Carrollton shall be offered for adjudication by the Parish Judge, after fifteen days public notice in two newspapers and the price of the adjudication shall be payable in advance to the Parish Treasurer every three months.

Section, 2nd, That the purchaser shall have to be always ready to cross the river (from day time till eight o'clock in the night from the 15th September to the 15th March & till 9 o'clock the rest of the year) a flat boat suitable to carry at least 10 horses & two skiffs having 22 feet in length with a width in proportion to their length and strongly built, which skiffs shall be managed by at least two men during high water or bad weather.

Sec. 3rd, That the purchaser shall, at his expense & without delay, cause to be put up two posts with a sign opposite Cambonne street, and the same sign on the opposite side of the river, and shall have good landings.

Sect. 4th, That it shall not be lawful to said purchaser to demand and receive for the said ferry more than the following tolls, viz: For on foot passenger 15 cents - for a horse & his rider 75 cents - for a gig,

horse \$1.00, driver \$1.50 - for a four wheeled carriage, horses is \$2.00, for a pedling cart & horses \$3.00, for a planter's cart horses, & driver \$1,50, for each horse or mule 50 cents, for the horned cattle, when exceeding ten in number 35 cents per head, for each sheep, hog or dog 10 cents.

Sec. 5th, Whoever shall obtain the said privilege shall be obliged to keep said ferry in conformity with the foregoing Resolution and in default whereof and on the denunciation of two inhabitants he shall be liable to a fine of \$25 recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction for the benefit of

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of the Parish and in case of renewal of the offense the jury shall be authorized to annul said adjudication and to proceed to a new one.

Sec. 6th. That all resolutions contrary to the foregoing be and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion, Resolved that said report & resolutions be adopted.

On motion the jury adjourned until the Monday of April next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 7th March 1842.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday the 4th April 1842.

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. F. Fortier, G. Leroy, P. E. D. Livaudais, F. Dugue' jr., Dorgenoy, J. B. Volant Labarre, J. P. D. Dauterive & H. W. Palfrey.

Absent, Messrs. Holliday, Labranche & Fauchier.

In the absence of the Judge President, Mr. Fortier is called to the chair as President Pro Tem, it is afterwards proceeded to the election of a President Pro Tem by ballot, when in verifying the polls it appeared that Mr. Fortier had been duly elected as such.

Reading of the process verbal of the former meeting is made and approved.

Is read a petition of Messrs. Petit & Ferrand for services of the privilege to keep the ferry at Carrollton, praying for certain relief.

When on motion, Resolved that a delay of two months be granted to the petitioners to provide themselves with the necessary boats & that they be held to accommodate & cross during the night the individual who shall wish to cross said ferry, or said individual paying double the rate allowed for day crossing.

The report of the treasurer is presented & approved.

Second reading being made of the petition of Jean Laria praying for leave to emancipate his negress named Emelie.

On motion, Resolved, that the demand of the petitioners be granted and that he be authorized to comply with these necessary formalities to complete said emancipation.

Is read a petition of Zenon Saulet F.M.C. praying for leave to emancipate his negress Benedicte of 70 years without his being obliged to quit the State.

On motion, Resolved, that the

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Jury see no objections to said emancipation but that the question shall be ultimately decided only at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Leroy, Reading is made of the petition of the inhabitants of the right bank of the Mississippi praying for an amelioration of the of the police in this district.

When on motion, Resolved, that an additional sum of fifty dollars per month be and the same is hereby allowed for the amelioration and administration of the police in the first ward to be paid by the Treasurer on the receipt of the syndic of the said ward, which sum shall be disbursed in the manner which shall be determined by said syndic and two inhabitants, one of whom shall be the member representing the First District in the Police Jury.

A petition of the inhabitants of Carrollton is read praying that the houses built by Mr. Raslar on the levee of said town should not be pulled down.

On motion, Resolved that said petition be refused to a committee of three with instruction to report thereon as soon as possible and that in the mean while all proceedings against said premises be suspended until further notice.

The President appointed Messrs. Dugue' jr., Palfrey and Labarre of said committee.

A communication of the syndic of the fourth ward is read alleging the necessity of the construction of a wharf in Faubourg Delassize in order that the filth proceeding from the slaughter houses be thrown into the river.

On motion, Resolved that said communication be referred to a committee of two with instruction to report this at the next sitting.

The President appointed Messrs. Dugue' jr. & Livaudais of said committee.

Is read and laid upon the table a letter of Mr. Devilling demanding payment for services he alleges he has rendered as teacher in one of the public schools of Lafayette.

An account of \$100 due Mr. Roselius attorney for professional services is presented & ordered to be paid.

On motion the Jury adjourned until the first Monday of May next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson 4th April 1842.

Faustin Fortier
Prest. Pro Tem.

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Monday 2nd May 1842.

The jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. F. Dugue' Judge President, F. Fortier, J. B. Volant Labarre, D. Orgenoy, G. Leroy, F. Dugue' jr., J. B. D'auterive, and H. W. Palfrey.

Absent, Messrs. P. E. D. Livaudais, Labranche,
Holliday and Fauchier.

Reading of the process verbal of the former meeting is made and approved. Second reading is made of the petition of Zenon Saulet f. M. C. praying for leave to emancipate his slave Benediete of 70 years demand granted. The two following reports being presented and read, to wit:

To the Hon. the President and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The undersigned composing a majority of the committee to which was referred the petition of a certain number of the inhabitants of Carrollton praying that the buildings erected by Mr. Raslar on the levee should not be demolished.

Beg leave to report

That they repaired to the premises of Mr. Ralsar, in the town of Carrollton, to see into the true situation at the levee and of the buildings obstructing the said levee and the chemin de halage. That after a strict examination they have found that Mr. Raslar had erected several buildings on his property situated between the levee and the river, contrary to law and the police regulations. See - An act - relative to the borders of the navigable rivers, and approved 15th Feb. 1808 - Article 448 - 501 - 661 - and 703 of the Civil Court - An act of the 25th March 1813 - Articles 81 - 82 & 83 of the police regulations viz:

Next still, as no danger can accrue for the present a reasonable delay could be given to Mr. Rasler to comply with the law and police regulations.

Wherefore the undersigned propose the following resolutions.

Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson, that the building made by Mr. Raslar between the levee & the river, on his property at Carrollton, are in contravention with the law & police regulations.

Resolved that a delay of five months be granted to Mr. Raslar for his complain with the law and regulation in regard to such matters & that in case he should neglect to remove the obstructions within said delay, then & in such case it shall be proceeded against him.

Respectfully

(Signed) F. Dugue' jr.
2nd May 1842. J. B. Volant Labarre.

To the Honorable Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The minority of the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Carrollton respecting Mr. Raslar's buildings.

Respectfully reports;

That he has examined the situation of the levee & buildings

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referred to in said petition and is of opinion that proceedings against said premises ought to be suspended until further orders provided said Raslar keeps a passage of 60 ft. free and unincumbered between his buildings and the river and recommends the adoption of the amended resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved that all proceedings against F. Raslar for the removal of his buildings be suspended until further orders.

Resolved that the syndic of this Parish be directed (after giving six months notice to each proprietor) to institute personal proceedings for the demolition of all buildings which are now erected within the space of 60 feet from the river during its highest stage and also adopt the same measures without notice to prevent the erection of any more buildings under any pretense whatsoever between the river and the levees established by the jury.

On motion

Resolved that the report and resolutions presented by the majority of the committee be adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called for on said question it appeared that Messrs. Labarre, Fortier, D'orgency, Dauterive & Dugue' jr had voted in the affirmative and Messrs. Palfrey & Leroy in the negative.

The following report & resolutions are presented and adopted.

To the Hon. Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.
The committee appointed to confer with the City Council
of Lafayette respecting the Parish Jail of Lafayette -
Respectfully Report -

Your committee have conferred with a committee appointed
by the City Council of Lafayette and have ascertained
that they are perfectly willing to dispose of their share
of the said jail either by appraisement or by public auc-
tion and to deduct the values of the same from the assess-
ment which is now owing by the City of Lafayette to the
Parish of Jefferson which is more than sufficient to pay
for said share & the committee recommend the adoption
of the following resolution.

Resolved that the committee appointed on the 7th
March to confer with the City Council of Lafayette re-
specting the Parish Jail is hereby authorized to pur-
chase of the City of Lafayette their share of said Jail
by appraisement or by public auction and afterwards to
have made the necessary repairs to said Jail.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) H. W. Palfrey,
Faustin Fortier,
J. B. Volant Labarre,
Gustave Leroy.

Is read a letter of Mr. Solomon High, Prest. of the
St. Mary's Market Steam Ferry Co., praying for the approv-
al of the jury to the plan of division of Gretna a copy
whereof has been deposited in the office of the Parish
Judge.

When on motion, Resolved that the plan of Gretna be
approved, provided a space of ground at least of 100
feet inside, commencing from the bank of the river at
high water be always reserved for the public road levee
and landing place & that the plan is approved & certi-
fied by the surveyor of the Parish.

Is read & laid upon the table subject to call a
letter of Mr. Devilliers,

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in relation to the public schools.

Mr. Fortier having communicated to the jury a letter
of Mr. Peny to his adress demanding the payment of his
salary as syndic. On motion, Resolved that the sum of

\$150 be paid by the Treasurer to the said Peny or to his agent.

Two petitions of Messrs. Francois Keller & J. B. Caillouet are read praying that they be appointed Constables for the Parish of Jefferson.

When on motion, Resolved that the payment of the same petitioners be granted and they are hereby appointed Constables for the Parish of Jefferson & that they be commissioned on their complying with the requirements of the law.

On motion the jury adjourned until Monday the 16th May 1842 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson 2nd May 1842.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Monday 16th May 1842.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. F. Fortier, G. Leroy, J. B. Volant Labarre, F. Dugue' jr., P. E. D. Livaudais, D'orgenois, J. B. D. D'auterive and H. W. Palfrey.

Absent, Messrs. Labranche, Holliday & Fauchier.

In the absence of the Judge Prest. Mr. Labarre is called to the Chair and afterwards appointed by ballot, President Pro Tem.

Reading of the process verbal of the former meeting is made and approved.

On motion of Mr. Leroy, Resolved that the resolution of the 8th March 1841 allowing a compensation to the assessors of taxes be and the same is hereby amended that hereafter an annual sum of \$400 be paid to said assessors for their services which sum shall be divided as follows, \$200 to the assessor who shall make the tax list & \$100 to each of the others.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the assessors to repair all three to the premises to be appraised.

On motion, It is proceeded by ballot to the election of the said assessors in verifying the votes it

appeared that Mr. F. J. LeBreton has obtained 8 votes, Mr. J. B. Volant Labarre 6 votes, Mr. R. Beauvais 4 votes, Mr. C. Bienvenu 2 votes & Mr. Livaudais 4 votes. Messrs. LeBreton & Labarre are consequently declared duly elected assessors.

On motion, it is proceeded to the election of the third assessor, Mr. Beauvais obtained six votes & Mr. V. Livaudais 2, Mr. Beauvais is consequently declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Fortier seconded by Mr. Dugue' jr.

Resolved, that considering the renewal of the jury next month and that this is the last meeting of this jury, the committee appointed to confer with the City Council of Lafayette in relation to the prison be discharged from all further considerations.

The yeas and nays having been called for on the question of adoption, it appeared that Messrs. Fortier, D'Orgenoy, Dugue' jr. and D'auterive had voted in the affirmative, and Messrs. Leroy and Palfrey in the negative, so the resolution was adopted.

Is read and laid upon the table subject to call

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a letter of Mr. Generes editor and proprietor of the Constitution praying for remuneration for his services.

Are read and laid upon the table subject to call 1st a letter of the President of the St. Mary's Market Steam Ferry Company and 2nd a petition of the inhabitants of Gretna making certain demands in relation to the roads and levees in Gretna.

The following petition of Mrs. Widow R. Avart presented and read, viz:

To the Police Jury of Jefferson. The petition of Widow Robert Avart residing in said Parish respectfully shows.

That having sold no ground in Faubourg Avart she finds it necessary to continue on her plantation the gardening and brick making.

That to prevent difficulties she prays not to be bound to deliver to the public the streets of said

Faubourg comprised within Pitt street and the river as also the space comprised within David street and the line of the double concession, until after the expiration of ten years instead of five as it was heretofore granted to her. And your petitioner.

(Signed) Widow R. Avart.

Parish of Jefferson 16th May 1842.

On motion, Resolved that the demand of the petition be granted provided she has made no sales of property within her faubourg.

An account of Dr. Dowler amounting to ten dollars for having examined the corpse of Barbon with the jury of inquest, is presented and the payment thereof ordered provided it be approved by the Coroner.

An account of Judge Elliot amounting to \$23.50 for having taken depositions in the suits of the Police Jury versus D'Hemicourt is presented and referred to the attorney.

On motion, Resolved, that the collector of the Parish taxes be invited to make the preliminary publications required by the act of the Legislature entitled an act more effectually to provide for the collection of Parish taxes in the Parish of Jefferson - appd. 15th March 1842.

Resolved that the said collector be further invited to publish a list of the names of persons owing arrearred taxes from 1834 inclusively, and that as soon as the exact amount of taxes to be collected shall have been ascertained, and and before commencing the collection, he shall give bond with two or more solvent securities, and to the satisfaction of the Parish Judge in a sum not exceeding one fourth the amount of taxes to be collected, conditioned for the true and faithful execution of his duty.

Resolved that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to Mr. D'auterive syndic, on his receipt the sum of \$99 due him and which was omitted in the last report of the committee on finance.

On motion the jury adjourned.

Parish of Jefferson, 16th May 1842.

J. B. Volant Labarre.

Monday August first 1842.

The inhabitants whose names follow having been elected members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson to represent their respective Districts as appears from the several election returns on file, this day met on convocation of the Judge President and after having taken their oaths of office in the hands of the said Judge President took their seats viz:

Messrs. Gustave Leroy member of the First District, Gaston Villars of the Second District, J. B. D'auto-
rive of the Third District, J. B. Drouet of the Fifth District, Faustin Fortier of the Sixth District, Alex-
andre Divinci Bienvenu of the Eight District, John Hampson of the Ninth District, F. Dugue' jr. of the Tenth District.

Messrs. L. C. LeBreton, Dorgenoy, members of the Fourth District, Pierre Sauve' of the Seventh District, and Mr. Joseph Cossa of the eleventh District are absent.

Mr. F. J. Laizer is called to act as Secretary Pro Tem.

On motion: Resolved: That two Committees of three members each be appointed to inquire into the validity of the election and qualifications of the members present, elected to the Police Jury, which committees, shall report after a reasonable recess.

The President appointed Messrs. Bienvenu, Hampson & Leroy of one committee & Messers Fortier, Dugue' & D'auto-
rive of the other, which committee after having retired, by turns to the room adjoining that of the sitting and having examined the election returns and the tax list came in and made the following reports which were adopted viz:

Report No. 1. To the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson:

Gentlemen:

The committee appointed by you to examine the reports of the Commissioners of election for member of Police Jury, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns for five Districts viz: for the Second District by which it appears that Mr. Gaston Villars, has been duly elected and is fully qualified to serve as member of the Police Jury, and for Third District Mr. J. B. D'auto-
rive, for the 5th District, J. B. Drouet, for the 6th District, Faustin Fortier, for the 10th District Mr. Francois Dugue' Prest., all of which are duly elected

and qualified to take their seats as members of Police Jury for this Parish.

(Sign) Gustave Leroy,
John Hampson,
Divinci Bienvenu.

Report No. 2.

To the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The committee appointed to the effect of enquiring into the validity of the election of Messrs. Gustave Leroy, John Hampson & Divinci Bienvenu, members of the First, 8th and Ninth Districts, beg leave to report that after due examination they have found that said gentlemen were possessed of all due qualifications, had been duly elected and had a right to their Seats;

(Signed) F. Dugue' Prest.,
Faustin Fortier,
J. B. D. D'auterive.

Reading of the process verbal of the former meeting is made and approved, two letters are read, being one of Mr. Bouligny offering his services as Secretary.

On motion: It is proceeded by ballot to the election of the officers of Parish, when on counting the votes, it appeared that F. J. Laizer had been duly elected

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Secretary of the Police Jury.

Mr. J. B. D. Villars Syndic of the First Ward, J. B. D. D'auterive Syndic of the Second Ward, Mr. C. Bienvenu of the Third Ward, & Mr. R. Beauvais Syndic of the Fourth Ward.

Before the election Mr. Leroy asked the opinion of the Jury on the question whether one of the members of the Jury could be appointed syndic or not.

The yeas and nays being called for: It appeared that Messrs. Bienvenu, Dugue' Prest., Drouet & Villars had voted in the affirmative, and Messrs. Fortier, Leroy and Hampson in the negative.

Mr. D'auterive asked to be dispensed from voting on the question.

Mr. Fortier proposed to reduce the salaries of the officers to 1/4 per cent, but his motion not having been seconded was withdrawn.

On motion; Resolved, That the resolution of the 4th April 1842 granting an additional sum of \$50 per month for the amelioration of the police of the First Ward be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Dugue' Prest. having presented the following resolution viz:

Ordinance to reduce Parish tax.

Art. 1. Resolved, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson, that not withstanding all ordinances to the contrary, the Parish taxes to be collected annually, shall from this day be reduced and remain fixed as follows viz:

One dollar per thousand on the valuation of landed property taking as a basis the valuation made thereof on the State tax list, 25 cents per head of slaves.

One hundred dollars on coffee houses or grog shops.

Two dollars on four wheel carriage. And one dollar on two wheel carriage.

Artile 2. Resolved that the individuals, if any there be, whose license for keeping coffee houses or grog shops have expired, and who have not yet been notified by the Syndic, shall be entitled by the benefit of these resolutions from the day their respective licenses expired provided they renew without delay their old licenses.

When on motion, Resolved that the said resolutions be adopted in as much as they relate to coffee houses or grog shops, but that the other provisions therein remain deposited on the table subject to a call.

Is read a petition of the inhabitants of Faubourg Delassize and Plaisance praying for the construction of a wharf in front of said faubourg for throwing into the river the filth coming from the slaughter houses and praying further that the levee and roads be kept clear of all encumbrances, whereupon,

Resolved; that as soon as practicable it shall be constructed under the direction of the Syndic and two inhabitants in front of Faubourg Delassize, a wharf or

other convenience shall be constructed at the costs of the Parish.

Mr. Dugue' jr. Presented the following resolutions which were read & adjourned until next meeting for action thereon to wit.

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1st Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson, that immediately, after the adoption of these resolutions, and in the month of June of each & every year, thereafter, It shall be the duty of the Syndic assisted by two inhabitants, to make a general turn in their respective Wards in order to ascertain and designate the works and repairs which in their judgement ought to be made during the year following, to the roads, streets, bridges, ditches, sidewalks, and levees of property divided in burgs or faubourgs, and lying within their said Wards, which works or repairs shall be detailed, and the costs thereof estimated in a process verbal they shall make to that effect.

2nd That as soon as said process verbal shall have been made, it shall be transmitted to the Judge, President of the Police Jury, whose duty it shall be adjudicated to the lowest bidder the said works or repairs after fifteen days notice in the French and English languages published to that effect, in the State papers, and in one of the public papers of the Parish, and in no case shall said work or repairs, be adjudicated at a price higher than that of the estimation, that may have been made by the Syndic and two inhabitants.

3rd That in payment of such works or repairs, the President shall prepare Parish Bonds, to be signed by him, and countersigned by the Secretary, payable, at three, six, nine, twelve, fifteen, & eighteen months from the day of the adjudication and of their date, which he shall deliver to the purchaser of said works or repairs in proportion as the works or repairs are made, and on a certificate of the Syndic and of the said two inhabitants, certifying due compliance on the part of the said purchaser of the stipulation agreed upon.

4th That in order to insure the faithful execution of his duties, the bidder of said works and repairs, shall give good and sufficient security, to the satisfaction of the Jury or of their President.

5th That in order to reimburse the advances thus made, the Syndic shall prepare a detailed list of the property held to make works or repairs, which shall further show the total price of their adjudication and said list shall be transmitted to the assessors, whose duty it shall be to make without delay a tableau of the special taxes to be paid by each proprietor, which special taxes shall be collected by the Sheriff or the Parish Collector besides the ordinary taxes, in the same manner as those ordinary taxes, and at the same time.

Is read and laid upon the table, until the necessary documents are presented, a letter of Mrs. M^c Afee, teacher at Gretna.

On motion it is proceeded to the nomination of the committee of finances: Messrs. Fortier, Dugue' & Hampson, are duly appointed members of said committees.

On motion of Mr. Fortier: Resolved that the committee on finances be authorized to employ a suitable person, in order to make a detailed statement of the divers sums due to the Parish since 1834, either for arrear taxes or otherwise.

Are read and referred to a second reading two petitions one of Mr. Joseph M. Collum, praying for leave to emancipate his mulatto slave Harriett of thirty one years & her children. And one of Davis praying for same leave in regard

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to his negro woman Harriett aged twenty two years.

Is presented a letter of Mr. Buisson surveyor accompanying the copy of a plan of division of certain lands adjoining Faubourg Delassize, belonging to the Citizens Bank, praying the Jury to approve of said plan.

When on motion: Resolved, that the said plan of division be accepted by the jury on condition that before selling the property the bank shall comply with the existing regulations.

The claims of Judge Leech, of B. Caillouet, constable & of the succession of Dr. Milling, for services, are referred to the committee on finances.

A letter of Mr. Fauchier protesting against the selection of Mr. H. Cossa member elected from the

Eleventh District, is read & laid upon the table, until Mr. Cossa appears to take his seat.

On motion, the jury adjourned until the first Tuesday of September next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson August first 1842.

F. Dugue' Judge.

Tuesday September 6th 1842.

The Jury met Pursuant to adjournment.

Present Messrs; Henry Dugue' Judge-President, Gustave Leroy, Gustave Villars, John Hampson, L. C. LeBreton, Dorgenoy, F. Dugue' jr., A. D. Bienvenu, J. B. D. Dauterive, P. Sauve' and F. Fortier.

Absent Messrs. J. B. Drouet and S. Cossa.

Reading of the process verbal of the last meeting is made and approved.

Messrs. P. Sauve' and L. C. LeBreton Dorgenoy, took their oath, & on motion a Committee of two members, was appointed to examine into their qualifications, and to report thereon.

The President appointed Messrs. Hampson and Villars of said Committee. After a short absence the Committee made the following report which was on motion adopted viz:

Report

State of Louisiana, Parish of Jefferson, 6th September 1842.

To the President of the Police Jury.

The undersigned duly appointed a Committee to examine into the qualifications of Pierre Sauve' and L. C. LeBreton Dorgenoy to serve as members of the Police Jury of this Parish, for the Seventh & Fourth Districts; respectfully beg leave to report, that upon examination they find that the said Pierre Sauve' is duly qualified to serve as member for the 7th District, and that L. C. LeBreton Dorgenoy is duly qualified to serve as member

for the Fourth District & that both are duly elected.

(Signed) John Hampson
Gaston Villars.

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Mr. Leroy, Moved that the Letter of Mr. Fauchier, relative to the election of Mr. Joseph Cossa, be again taken into consideration and read. Said motion prevailed; When Mr. Fortier moved that the former decision of the Jury in relation to this letter be maintained; The yeas & nays, were called for on this motion, and the vote stood as follows: for the adoption- Messrs. Villars, Dorgenoy, Bienvenu, Dugue', D'auterive and Fortier, six yeas; against it, Messrs. Hampson Leroy, and Sauve' three nays. The motion of Mr. Fortier was therefore adopted.

Motion is made and seconded that the Secretary be directed to write to Mr. Cossa, who appears to have been elected a member of the Police Jury, in order to ascertain from him whether he accepts or refuses of the trust, and to solicit his answer for the next meeting of the Jury: Adopted.

Is submitted to the Jury a petition of the inhabitants of the First Ward, praying for the revival of the resolution of the 4th April 1842, allowing an additional sum of \$50 per month for the Police in said Ward.

Whereupon Mr. Dugue' offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved. That the resolution of the 4th April 1842, relative to an additional sum of \$50, allowed to the First Ward for its Police, which was repealed on the 1st August last, be and the same is hereby revived and reinstated.

The yeas and nays being called on this motion, the vote stood as follows:

For the adoption Messrs. Leroy, Villars, Dorgenoy, Dugue' and D'auterive, five yeas; - For the rejection: Messrs. Hampson, Bienvenu, Sauve' and Fortier, four nays. The resolution of Mr. Dugue' was consequently adopted.

Second reading of two petitions is made one of Joseph M^c Collum, praying to be authorized to emancipate his slave named Harriett and her children & one of John

Davis praying for the same authorization in regard to his slave Harriett and her children.

A motion is made and seconded, that the prayer of Mr. Mc Collum be granted; The yeas and nays were called upon this motion and the vote stood as follows, for the adoption Mr. Hampson, Villars, Dorgenoy, D'auterive, Bienvenu and Dugue' jr., five yeas: for the rejection Messrs. Leroy, Sauve and Fortier, three nays, the motion was consequently adopted.

A motion is then made and carried that the prayer of Mr. Davis be granted.

Is read a letter of Mr. Generes Editor & proprietor of the Constitution praying for an increase of compensation; when Mr. Sauve' moved that fifty cents per square be allowed him for the Parish Printing.

Mr. Dugue' did not vote on this question, and assigned his reasons that he had formerly held our interest in the press. Mr. Sauve's motion was adopted.

On motion - Resolved, that a committee on claims be appointed: The President appointed Messrs. Villars, Sauve' & Leroy, on said Committee.

Is read a letter of O'Driscoll, Constable, and on motion the same was referred to the Committee on claims. The claims of Judge Leech of Caillouet of Dr. Milling's Estate of Dr. Ridgely, and of Mrs. Mc Afee are also, referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hampson:

Resolved that the Parish Judge do request from the former President of the Public Schools a statement of the actual condition of said schools and report thereon as soon as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Dugue':

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The resolutions offered by him during the last sitting, and adjourn to this sitting for action thereon were taken up - the said resolutions were discussed amended and finally adopted as amended in the following words, viz:

Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson:-

1st That as regards this year, immediately after adoption of this resolution and in the month of June of each and every subsequent year thereafter, it shall be the duty of the Syndics assisted by five inhabitants to make a general turn in their respective wards, in order to ascertain and designate the works or repairs which in their judgement ought to be made during year following, to the roads, streets, bridges, ditches, sidewalks and levees of tracts of land divided into bourgs or faubourgs and lying within their said ward: which works or repairs shall be detailed and the costs thereof estimate in a process verbal they shall make to that effect.

2nd That as soon as said process verbal shall have been made, it shall be transmitted by the Syndic to the Judge President of the Police Jury, whose duty it shall be to proceed, to adjudicate to the lowest bidder, the said works or repairs after 15 days notice in English or French languages published to that effect in the State paper, and in one of the public papers of this Parish and in no case shall said works or repairs be adjudicated at a price higher than that of the appraisement thereof; but whenever the sale does not take place for want of a bid within the price of appraisement, a new appraisement shall be made, and the works sold pursuant thereto.

3rd, That in payment of such works or repairs, the President shall prepare Parish bonds to be signed by him and countersigned by the Secretary payable at three, six, nine, twelve, fifteen and eighteen months from the day of adjudication and of their date, which he shall deliver to the purchaser of said works or repairs in proportion as the works or repairs have progressed and on a certificate of the Syndic and of a majority of said five inhabitants certifying due compliance on the part of said purchaser to the stipulations agreed upon.

4th, That in order to insure the faithful execution of his duties, the bidder of said works, and repairs, shall give good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Jury or of their President and in case of non compliance on the part of the purchaser of such works, he shall forfeit in favor of the Parish twice the amount of the price at which the said works, shall have been adjudicated to him, and his sureties shall be liable jointly and in solids with him for the payment of such forfeited amount.

5th That in order to reimburse to the Parish the

advances thus made, the Syndic shall prepare a detailed list of the property held to such works or repair, which shall further show the total price of their adjudication, and said list shall be transmitted to the assessors whose duty it shall be to make without delay a tableau of the special tax to be paid by each proprietor, which special tax shall be collected by the Sheriff, or the Parish collector besides the ordinary Parish taxes, in the same manner as those ordinary taxes and same time. And the President of the Police Jury is hereby authorized to allow to the Assessors such compensation as to him shall seem fit.

On motion: the jury adjourned until the first Monday next at Eleven O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson September 6th 1842.

Hy. Dugue'
Judge.

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Sitting of Monday third October 1842.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Henry Dugue' Judge President, Gaston Leroy, Gaston Villars, John Hampson, L. C. LeBreton Dorgenoy, F. Dugue' jr., A. D. Bienvenu.

Absent, Messrs. J. B. Drouet, S. Cossa, F. Fortier, J. B. D. D'auverive and P. Sauve'.

Reading of the process verbal of the last meeting is made and approved. Is read a letter of Mr. John M. Bach, remonstrating against hogs, being permitted to run at large in the Faubourg Boulogny: Referred to the Committee on claims.

The account of Mr. Bienvenu Justice of the Peace for an inquest is also referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on finance submitted to the following report viz:

To the Honorable President and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The Committee on finance having examined the accounts

of the Parish Treasurer to 1st of September 1842 and also other financial affairs of the Parish, beg leave to report as follows:

Due by the Parish.

<u>1st</u>	To the Parish Treasurer for balance in his favor against the Parish, on the <u>17th</u> August 1842 date at which the Committee have examined and balanced the books of said officer	\$568.51
<u>2nd</u>	To Mr. Beauvais Syndic by balance to <u>1st</u> September 1842	109.21
<u>3rd</u>	To Mr. D. B. Villars Syndic by balance to <u>1st</u> September 1842	338.77
<u>4th</u>	To Mr. C. Bienvenu by balance to <u>1st</u> September 1842	709.50
<u>5th</u>	To Mr. J. B. D. D'auterive by balance to <u>1st</u> September 1842	109.00
<u>6th</u>	To F. J. Laizer, Secretary by balance to <u>1st</u> September 1842	227.39
<u>7th</u>	To Dr. Milling by balance to <u>1st</u> September 1842	10.00
<u>8th</u>	To the Assessors for services in year 1842	400.00
<u>9th</u>	To Cronin, for 2 bonds of \$681.12 each now in possession of the Branch of the Carrollton Bank, with interest at 10% from <u>18th</u> Oct. 1841	1,362.24
<u>10th</u>	To D. Delery for bonds with interest at 9% from date until p ^d .	2,226.00
<u>11th</u>	To Constitution for publications	167.00
		<hr/> \$6,227.62

N.B. There are some claims yet due by the Parish, the total amount whereof have not yet been ascertained by the Committee, but which it is believed do not altogether exceed the sum of \$2,000 they are the claims of Mr. Seghers Attorney, of Mrs. Holliday, the claims for public education & some others for inquests and services rendered by Magistrate & Constables in Criminal matters ---- To meet these Engagements the Parish has the following resources: to wit:

<u>1st</u> , Balance due by tax payers as per tax list of years 1839 & 1840	\$11,892.73
<u>2nd</u> , Claims for levee at Carrollton	2,043.36
<u>3rd</u> , Taxes for the year 1841 as per tax list	11,383.25
<u>4th</u> , Claims against Messrs. Mc. Donogh & D'Hemecourt	3,426.00
<u>5th</u> , Amount due by the City of Lafayette by account balanced to twenty fourth September 1838	<u>1,490.06</u>
Amount carried forward	\$30,235.40
<u>6th</u> , Claim against different proprietors for money paid by the Parish for repairing their levees & roads as per report of 1841	\$1,661.91
" " " <u>1st</u> Aug. 1841	
to <u>1st</u> Sept. 1842	<u>2,691.07</u> \$ 4,352.98
	\$34,588.38

N.B. The claims of the Parish against the City of Lafayette, for advances made from Sept. 1838 up to 1st September 1842, has not yet been adjusted, nor does this amount include the arrears of taxes for each year from 1834 to 1838 inclusive remaining unpaid. The Committee have, agreeably to a resolution to that effect, employed a suitable person to make out a statement thereof, which the Committee will submit as soon as possible. By the detailed document hereto annexed and marked A. it will be seen that the treasurer received from the 7th August 1841 to the 17th August 1842; \$15,989.51 cts. from the following sources viz:

For licenses on Coffee Shops or Grog Shops	\$2,800.00
For arrears of taxes	32.20
For taxes of 1839	7,328.31
For taxes of 1840	5,249.50
For Carrollton Ferry	3,000.00
For fines on cattle	24.00

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Amount refunded by Mr. Deblieux 255.50

\$15,989.51

There was a balance in the
Treasury on 7th Aug. 1841 of 541.47 \$16,530.98

The Treasury has paid as per said
document A. within said period of
time. \$17,099.49

Leaving a balance in his favor of
\$568.51 All of which is respectfully
submitted.

(Signed) Faustin Fortier
" F. Dugue' jr.
" John Hampson

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Document A. accompanying report of Finance
Committee.

Treasury of the Parish of Jefferson.

		Dr.
1841 Aug. <u>7th</u>	To Balance in Treasury	\$541.47
" Sept. <u>20th</u>	To cash from Barba, for license up to <u>20th</u> July 1842 viz: \$150.00	
" Oct. <u>24th</u>	" " " Fabre for license up to Oct. <u>1st</u> 1841 150.00	
" Sept. <u>20th</u>	" " " Pigran for license up to <u>16th</u> Feb. 1841 150.00	
" Oct. <u>20th</u>	" " " Benoit for license up to <u>1st</u> Sept. 1842 150.00	
" " <u>25th</u>	" " " Pigran for license up to <u>15th</u> Jan. 1842 150.00	
" Nov. <u>1st</u>	" " " Bruger for license up to <u>1st</u> Nov. 1842 150.00	

[1841 Nov.] [To cash from]

"	"	<u>8th</u>	"	"	"	Belemi for license up to <u>8th</u> Nov.	
						1842	150.00
"	Dec.	<u>8th</u>	"	"	"	I. Carry for license up to <u>8th</u> Dec.	
						1842	150.00
"	"	<u>18th</u>	"	"	"	Rabassa for license up to <u>1st</u> Dec.	
						1842	150.00
1842	Jan.	<u>17th</u>	"	"	"	Aimani for license up to <u>1st</u> Jan.	
						1843	150.00
"	"	"	"	"	"	Dannenfelser for license up to <u>22nd</u> Nov. 1843	150.00
"	"	<u>26th</u>	"	"	"	W. P. Saron for license up to <u>26th</u> Jan. 1843	150.00
"	"	<u>28th</u>	"	"	"	Pigran for license up to <u>28th</u> Jan.	
						1843	150.00
"	Feb.	<u>5th</u>	"	"	"	Eastman for license up to <u>1st</u> Jan.	
						1843	150.00
"	Feb.	<u>15th</u>	"	"	"	M. Paulet for license up to <u>15th</u> Feb. 1843	150.00
"	April	<u>11th</u>	"	"	"	Sebastien for license up to <u>4th</u> April 1843	150.00
"	April	<u>11th</u>	"	"	"	L. Koff for license up to 11 April 1843	150.00
"	Aug.	<u>17th</u>	"	"	"	C. Young for license up to 15 July 1843	150.00
"	"	"	"	"	"	C. Haaf for license up to 15	

[To cash from]

	July 1843	<u>100.00</u>	\$2,800.00
1841 Nov. 8 th	" " "	Sheriff for taxes	32.20
1842 Feb. 3 rd	" " "	Sheriff for taxes	
" " "	" " "	1839	7,328.31
" " "	" " "	Sheriff for taxes	
		1840	<u>5,249.50</u>
			12,610.01
1841 Dec. 29 th	" " "	Petit & Landry & Co., for right of keeping Ferry at Carrollton, on acct.	300.00 300.00
" March 7 th		Cash from D'auterive Syndic fines on cattle	24.00
" " 26 th		Cash refunded by Deblieux for over paid account	250.00
1841 Aug. 17 th		Cash for account over paid on remission of fines on cattle D'auterive Syndic	5.50 <u>5.50</u>
		Balance	\$16,530.98
			<u>568.51</u>
E & O E. Parish of Jefferson	17 Augt. 1842		\$17,099.49
Paid to Bienvenu, Beauvais, Villars, D. D'auterive Syndics from August 7 th 1841 to 7 August 1842, their arrears of & current salaries as per vouchers & Treasurer's Book			Cr. \$ 5,140.45
Paid within said period for works and repairs to roads, sts, & levees			2,691.07
Paid within said period Messrs. McCa Mc Caleb & Deblieux Attys. for arrears of salary			1,034.25
Paid to Buisson, Surveyor for surveys			134.37
" Rust & Montgomery for printing			164.00
" Mr. Keen, for blanks for tax lists			120.00
" Watch of Lafayette, for jail fees			18.25
" Last installment on Parish Jail & interest			2,063.33
" For jail repairs through Sheriff			221.75
" To Sheriff for jail fees in Criminal matters			1,300.28

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"	To Parish Judge, for fees in Criminal matters for end of year 1839, & years 40 & 41 and beginning of 1842	407.25
"	To Secretary of Police Jury for arrears salary	600.00
"	To Coroner, Magistrates & Doctors for inquests	1,055.00
"	To Clos, for interment	10.00
"	To Messrs. LeBreton & Bienvenu, Assessors	125.00
"	Court House rent	240.00
"	Fine remitted to Perrin	29.50
"	to Messrs. Winters, Guilleman for a/c of Public Schools	60.00
"	to Parish Treasurer commission on licenses and taxes	641.60
"	to Commission 7 1/2 on \$7,328.31 to the Sheriff	\$549.62
"	to Commission 7 1/2 on \$5,249.50 to the Sheriff	393.71
"	To drawing up account with the City of Lafayette	100.00
		<u>\$17,099.49</u>
	1842 Balance in favor of	
	Aug 17 Treasurer this day.	\$568.51

(Signed) F. Dugue' Treasurer.

Mr. Hampson, moved the adoption of the above report of the Committee on finance, and that the same together with the document. A. accompanying the same be published.

This motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Hampson seconded by Mr. Dugue', the resolutions introduced by the latter, concerning Levees, Roads, & of tracts of land divided into squares and lots, adopted during the last Sitting, were again taken up, and the same after being discussed were finally adopted in the following words to wit:

Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson:

1st That immediately after the adoption of these resolutions and in the month of July of each year thereafter, it shall be the duty of the President of this Jury to appoint five and not less than three, residents free holders in each Police Jury District as inspectors of Roads & Levees, a majority of whom together with the

Syndic of the Ward in which their District may be situated shall immediately proceed to make a general

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examination in their respective District, in order to ascertain and designate the works & repairs, which in their judgment ought to be done, during the year following, to the roads, streets, bridges, ditches, sidewalks, and levees of all tracts of land in their respective Districts, that are or may hereafter be, divided into towns or bourgs, which works and repairs, shall be detailed, and the costs thereof estimated by them, and which estimate shall be kept secret, by the parties under oath.

2nd The said detailed of works, estimates shall be subscribed to, by the parties and transmitted, by Syndic, sealed and endorsed "Detail & Estimate of Works necessary in the District, for the ensuing year," dating the same, to the Judge President of the Police Jury, as soon as possible for the present year, and on or before the first September in every year thereafter, whose duty it shall be to adjudicate to the lowest bidder the said works and repairs, for the year, after fifteen days, notice in the English and French languages, published to that effect in the State paper, and in one of the public papers of the Parish, and in no case, shall said works and repairs be adjudicated at a price higher than that of the appraisement thereof, but whenever the sale does not take place for want of a bid within the appraisement, a new estimate shall be made, by the inspectors and Syndic as soon as possible, and the works sold pursuant thereto, after one public notice to the effect.

3rd That in payment of such works and repairs, the President shall prepare Parish bonds, to be signed by him and countersigned by the Secretary payable at three, six, nine, twelve, fifteen and eighteen months, from the day of adjudication, which he shall deliver to the purchaser of said works & repairs, in proportion as the works and repairs have progressed, and the Certificate of the Syndic and a majority of the said Inspectors certifying due compliance on the part of the said purchaser with the stipulation agreed upon. Provided that, in no case shall there be delivered to said purchaser more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the value of the amount of work estimated to have been done, excepting on the final completion of the whole.

4th That in order to insure the faithful execution of his duties the bidder of said works and repairs shall give good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Jury or of their President and in case of non compliance on the part of the purchaser of such works, he shall forfeit in favor of the Parish twice the amount of the price at which the said works, shall have been adjudicated to him, and his sureties shall be liable jointly and in solido with him for the payment of such forfeited amount.

5th That in order to reimburse to the Parish the advances thus made, the Syndic shall prepare a detailed list of the property held to such work or repairs, which shall further show the total price of their adjudication and said list shall be transmitted to the assessors, whose duty it shall be to make without delay a tableau of the of the special tax, shall be collected by the Sheriff or the Parish Collector besides the ordinary parish taxes, in the same manner as those ordinary taxes, and at the same time, and the President of the Police Jury is hereby authorized to allow to Assessors such compensation as to him shall seem fit.

6th That each person appointed as inspector by the President of the Jury shall be notified by the Syndic of the Ward in which his District may be situated to appear before the Parish Judge within ten days to make oath

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well and faithfully to perform his duties. And in default of appearance on the part of such inspector to take his oath as aforesaid, the President shall name another person in his place, and in all cases of vacancy otherwise occasioned, the same shall be filled by new appointments.

On motion of Mr. Hampson, for the adoption of said resolutions, the yeas & nays were called, and the vote stood as follows, for the adoption Messrs. Villars, Hampson, Dugue', Dorgeno, and Bienvenu, five yeas, for the rejection Mr. Leroy: So, Mr. Hampson's motion was carried.

On motion the Jury adjourned until the first Monday of November next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson October 3rd 1842
 Hy. Dugue'
 Judge.

Sitting of Monday 7th November 1842.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Henry Dugue', Judge President, Gustave Leroy, Gaston Villars, John Hampson, L. C. LeBreton Dorgenoy, F. Dugue' jr., H. D. Bienvenu, F. Fortier, and J. B. D. D'auterive.

Absent, Messrs. Drouet, Cossa, and Sauvo'.

The journal of the last Sitting was read and approved.

Messrs. D'auterive and Fortier, stated their reasons for not having attended, the last Sitting, and on motion were excused.

A letter from Mr. Eager offering to build a wharf, was read and laid on the table.

A letter from Mr. Millaudon offering to change the Barataria Road, and make the same at his lower limit, is read, and referred

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to a Committee of three members, assisted by the Attorney of the Parish the President appointed Messrs. D'orgenoy, D'auterive, and Villars of said Committee.

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On motion of Mr. Hampson: Resolved, that a majority of the Inspectors of roads and levees of the Several Districts of this Parish, together with the Syndic of the ward in which their District may be situated, be and they are hereby authorized, to employ the Parish Surveyor, whenever by them it may be deemed necessary to make out such, ditches, streets, roads or levees, to be made or repaired, in pursuance to the resolutions passed to that effect on the 3rd October 1842.

Is read a letter of Joseph Cossa, in answer to one addressed to him by the Secretary of the Jury, which reads as follows viz:

To F. J. Laizer, Secretary of the Police Jury.

Sir - I, received your letter in which you ask me, in the name of the Police Jury, if I accept or not a seat in said Jury as member of the Eleventh District at Cheniere Caminada; I accept of it, but I beg to inform

the Jury, that I will not attend punctually its sessions. My District is a distance of seventy five miles, and fortunately has never had occasion to complain of the Police Jury, which has always granted its requests heretofore, without its having been directly represented. I will attend, however, when my District will require any thing from the Jury and my presence will be necessary. I rush it to be remarked, that my predecessor, Mr. Fauchier, was never present during the whole of last year, and no one ever complained. I trust that the Police Jury will treat me with the same indulgence that it extended to Mr. Fauchier.

Parish of Jefferson Oct. 17th 1842 I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Cossa.

When on motion: Resolved; That the prayer of Mr. Cossa be granted.

Mr. Dugue' offers resolutions, relative to the weight of bread which are adopted as amended in the words and figures following viz:

Art. 1 Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson, that every person carrying on the trade of a baker in the said Parish shall cause the loaf of bread by him baked to be good & wholesome flour, and shall give it the weight fixed by the tariff, established by the present ordinance, and further that all bakers, or other persons, shall only be allowed to sell or expose for sale loaves of bread of the value of twenty cents, ten cents, or five cents, provided that every ten cent loaf shall have the weight fixed by the said Tariff for the ten cent loaf, and every twenty cent loaf double the said weight.

Art. 2, That all bakers and other persons, selling bread, or offering the same for sale, are required to have weights, and scales, duly stamped and regulated by the Inspector of weights and measures established by law, according to the legal standard, and the Syndics of the several wards of this Parish, or such other persons, that may be appointed by the Police Jury, or their President for that purpose

shall have the right, and are required to examine such weights from time to time; And if said weights be found deficient, or not duly stamped, the person using such deficient weight or selling thereby shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars for each offence, recoverable for the use of the Parish, before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the Syndics or any other person appointed by the Police Jury or by their President for that purpose, to inspect and examine all loaf bread baked by, or on account of the Bakers in this Parish, and all loaf bread introduced in this Parish for sale, and such Syndic or other person so authorized, shall have the right at any time between the rising & setting of the sun, to enter any baker-house, shop, building or enclosure where any loaf bread is baked, deposited or kept for sale, and the Syndic or other person authorized as aforesaid, are also empowered to stop or detain all bakers or other persons, whether free or slave carrying loaf bread for sale in carts baskets, or otherwise, within the limits of this Parish, and after having weighed and inspected said bread, if the said Syndics or other person so authorized find it wanting in weight, or not made of good and wholesome flour, they shall make seizure thereof, and shall conduct the offender or offenders before any competent Court, which upon sufficient evidence of the fact, will pronounce the seizure and confiscation of said bread for the use of the poor, and every person having loaf bread for sale, deficient in weight, shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars for each offence, besides the confiscation as aforesaid of said bread - Said fine to be recovered for the use of the Parish.

Art. 4 - In order to ascertain the weight of bread, as prescribed in this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the President to procure one or more complete sets of weights together with scales for said weights, stamped by the legal inspector of weights and measures, pursuant to the statute in such cases made and provided, which said weights, and scales shall be used for the purpose specified in this ordinance.

Art. 5 - That it shall be the duty of the proprietor of the Gazette publishing the proceedings of this Jury, to publish every week a statement of the weight of bread which during the ensuing week the bakers shall be bound to give, the twenty cent loaf, the ten cent loaf, and the five cent loaf respectively, and that the weight shall correspond with that published in New Orleans.

When the above five resolutions were put to the

vote the yeas and nays were called, and resulting in Messrs. Gaston Villars, John Hampson, L. C. LeBreton D'orgenoy, F. Dugue' jr., H. D. Bienvenu, F. Fortier voting in the affirmative, seven yeas, and Mr. Gaston Leroy, voting in the negative, and with the consent of the Jury assigning the following reasons for his vote, viz:

I oppose the following resolutions relative to bakers because, the Police Jury cannot in my opinion, establish a tariff granting reasonable

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profit to bakers, on account of the distance they are obliged to carry bread, and because I think this object would be much better obtained by competition.

On motion the Jury proceeded to the election of the Parish treasurer, and fixed the amount of the bread to be given by him to secure the faithful performance of his duties at \$15,000. The President appointed Messrs. Bienvenu and Fortier tellers. The votes being counted, it appeared that Mr. Dugue' jr. had been unanimously appointed Parish Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Leroy: Resolved, that the following claims be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

To Mrs. Mc Afee, salary for public school at Gretna up to 16 th July 1842	\$233.33
To Mr. V. Livaudais, coroner for inquests, up to 19 th October 1842	125.00
Mr. A. D. Bienvenu, Justice of the Peace for an inquest made on the 27 th June, 1842	25.00
To O'Driscoll, Constable for services in criminal matters	17.00
To Dr. Milling, as per report of Finance Committee	10.00
To R. Leech, Justice of the Peace, for fees in criminal matters as per account dated April 10 th 1842	48.00

To Caillouet, Constable, for fees in
criminal matters, as per account dated 18th
July 1842 20.09

To Dr. Ridgely, for examination of a
child found dead 10.00

Was presented the account of H. Gerard, which
was referred to the Committee on claims.

On motion the Jury adjourned until the first
Monday of December next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson November 7th 1842

Hy. Dugue'
Judge.

Sitting of Monday the 5th December 1842.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Henry Dugue' Judge President,
Gustave Leroy, Gaston Villars, L. C. LeBreton D'orgenoy,
J. B. D. D'auterive, H. D. Bienvenu, F. Dugue' Jr. and
F. Fortier.

Absent, Messrs. John Hampson, Drouet, Sauvo' and
Cossa.

The Journal of the last Sitting was read and approved.

The Treasurer appointed by the Jury offers Messrs.
F. Dugue' Jr. and P. E. D. Livaudais as his securities,
and they are accepted.

The Jury appoints Mr. Timoleon Lesassier Jr. Con-
stable for the Parish of Jefferson.

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Syndic for
Cheniere

Is read a memorial of the inhabitants of Cheniere
Caminada Grand Isle, and Grand Terre, and on motion of
Mr. Bienvenu, Resolved that a fifth District be created
to be comprised of Cheniere Caminada, Grand Isle and
Grand Terre, and that for the said fifth District a
Syndic shall be appointed, at the next, or some subse-
quent Sitting of the Jury with a yearly salary of
fifty dollars.

Is presented a bill of Lafayette sexton of \$6, for burying an indigent man, named Kelly, which is ordered to be paid.

The Committee to which was referred the memorial of Mr. Millaudon beg to be allowed further time to make their report.

syndic
authorized
to appoint
Deputies

On motion of Mr. Fortier, Resolved that the several Syndics of this Parish be authorized to appoint deputies, with the consent and subject to the approval of the Judge President, of this Jury provided that said Syndics shall remain answerable for the acts of such deputies.

On motion of Mr. Leroy: Resolved, that the proceedings of this Jury shall hereafter be published at farthest during the week next following that in which the same shall be had.

On motion Resolved, that this Jury adjourn to the first Monday of February next, with power of the President to convene the same earlier if he should deem it necessary.

Parish of Jefferson December 5th 1842.

Hy. Dugue'
Judge.

Monday 6th February 1843.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment,

Present, Messrs. Henry Dugue' Judge President, G. Villars, John Hampson, F. Dugue' Jr. & J. B. D'auterive.

Absent, Messrs. Bienvenu, LeBreton D'orgenoy, G. Leroy, P. Sauve', F. Fortier, Drouet and Cossa.

There being no quorum, the Jury adjourned to the first Monday of March next,

Parish of Jefferson February Sixth 1843.

Hy. Dugue'
Judge.

Sitting of Monday 6th March 1843.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Pierre Sauve', Faustin Fortier,
F. Dugue' Jr., L. C. LeBreton D'orgenoy,
J. B. Drouet, J. B. D. D'auterive, and
Gustave Leroy.

Absent, Messrs. G. Villars, Bienvenu, Hampson,
and Cossa.

In the absence of the Judge President, Mr. Fortier
is called to chair, and afterwards elected President
Pro. Tem. by ballot.

Reading of the process verbal of the preceeding
sitting's made and approved.

Are presented and referred to the Committee on
claims.

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The letter and account of Mr. Seghrs Attorney.

Two accounts of Judge F. Haydon for inquests,
and one of Mr. Buisson Surveyor.

On motion; Resolved by the Police Jury of the Par-
ish of Jefferson that hereafter the Parish taxes on
land and slaves, shall be collected by a special Col-
lector of Taxes who shall be elected annually as the
other officers of the Parish and shall give bond in the
sum of \$20,000, with one or more security to the satis-
faction of the Jury, to secure the faithful performance
of his duty.

That for the present it shall be immediately pro-
ceeded by ballot to the election of the said Collector
who shall act until the annual election takes place and
commences his collections as soon as possible.

The Jury having proceeded by ballot to the election
of said collector, Mr. Manuel J. Garcia was duly elected.

On motion the Jury adjourned until the first Monday
of April next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson, 6th March 1843.

Faustin Fortier
Judge Pro. Tem.

Sitting of Monday third April 1843.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Messrs. Faustin Fortier, Gaston Villars,
John Hampson, L. C. LeBreton D'orgenoy,
J. B. D'auterive and F. Dugue' Jr.

Absent: Messrs. P. Sauve', J. B. Drouet, H. D.
Bienvenu, Gustave Leroy and Cossa.

In the absence of the Judge President Mr. Fortier,
is called to the Chair and afterwards elected, President
Pro Tem by ballot.

Reading of the proceedings of the preceeding Sit-
ting is made and approved.

Messrs. Hampson and Villars having shown good rea-
sons for not assisting at the preceeding session, and
on motion were excused.

A letter of Mr. Generes cashier of the Carrollton
Branch Bank was read; On motion and laid upon the table
until the next meeting.

Then on motion of Mr. Gaston Villars:

Resolved: Unanimously that the Jury will not deliberate
on business at this Sitting on account of the deep re-
gret they feel in common with the inhabitants of the
Parish from being deprived of the Honorable Henry Dugue'
as their Parish Judge. Therefore that the Jury adjourn
until Monday next 10th inst. at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson third April 1843.

Faustin Fortier,
Judge Pro Tem.

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Monday April 10th 1843.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. P. F. Smith Judge President, F.
Dugue' jr., Faustin Fortier, Gaston
Villars, L. C. LeBreton D'orgenoy, P.
Sauve', J. B. D'auterive, John Hampson,
and Gustave Leroy.

Absent, Messrs. Drouet, Bienvenu, and Cossa.

On motion of Mr. Dugue' jr. the Secretary is dispensed from reading the Journal of the last Sitting.

The following report is presented by Mr. Villars, Chairman of a Committee appointed to consider and report upon a demand made by Mr. Millaudon, and on motion said report is adopted.

Report.

To the President and member of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson; Gentlemen:

We the Committee, appointed by the Police Jury to examine the road offered by Mr. Millaudon, in lieu of the old Baratavia public road established on his plantation in this Parish, declare that after having gone and examined the new road offered in place of the old one, we found the following obstacles and inconveniences:

1st As this road must be public, it would be necessary for the neighbors on the boundary line to become parties, because the said road is so situated that part of it from the line between the two proprietors. The obstacle seems to us insurmountable unless those interested in the neighboring property join in the exchange offered by Mr. Millaudon.

2nd The inconveniences are that the road is too narrow, it being only eighteen or twenty feet wide, whilst the old road has generally forty feet.

3rd It runs partly over very low lands, which will render it difficult to work, whereas the old road passes over elevated ground which is so well beaten that it has acquired all the firmness we might hope, and not withstanding this advantage it is with difficulty that the person who has to keep it up can be compelled to do so.

4th The road offered, outside of being a little narrower, has numerous curves, while the old one is perfectly straight.

5th In the low lands where the road passes, to raise it, a large canal has been dug which causes it to be narrow, which inconvenience is not experienced on the old road.

6th Besides all this, another obstacle very difficult to overcome is that the Supreme Court in an opinion rendered in the suit of the Police Jury vs. M. Millaudon

the servitude attached to the old road is again recognized; Whereas the receiving of this new road in exchange for the old one would give rise to endless difficulty, unless the act was drawn up with the strictest care.

The Police Jury will probably think that we have lengthened our report, we feel it our selves, for the first obstacle was sufficient in our opinion to authorize the rejection of the offer, but we deem it due to the public to make a minute report.

We therefore think that the offer cannot be acceded to, and that the Jury will reject the whole of it in 18th January 1843.

(Signed) L. C. LeBreton D'orgenoy,
J. B. D'auterive,
G. Villars, reporter.

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Is read a letter of Mr. Generes cashier of the Carrollton Branch Bank, relative to a claim due said bank by the Jury.

When on motion; Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said claim as soon as there will be funds in the Treasury, but that said officer endeavor to obtain from the said bank a delay of, six months to make said payment.

Is read a letter of Judge F. Dugue' informing the Jury of his determination to sell within a short delay the house wherein the Court is now held, and of the necessity of making new arrangements in relation to the same.

When on motion; Resolved that a Committee of three members, shall be appointed by ballot to take it into consideration of locating the Court House and to determine upon the renting or purchasing of a suitable property for that purpose, and that in case, said Committee should think that the proposal this day made by Judge Dugue', to the Jury of his house should agree with the interest of the Parish then and in such case they shall make a report upon said proposal at the next meeting of the Police Jury.

That the Parish Judge shall form part of said Committee who shall confer with the City Council of the

City of Lafayette on the subject if they think it proper.

Said Committee appropriated by ballot are, Messrs. Fortier, Villars and D'orgenoy.

On motion of Mr. Hampson, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the President to propose and report at the next meeting, a series of rules for the Government of the Jury in their deliberations.

The President appointed Messrs. Hampson, Leroy, and Villars of said committee.

The following claims being presented are referred to the Committee on claims, viz:

1st, A claim of Judge Hayden for inquests based upon affidavit of said Judge declaring, that the process verbal have been mislaid.

2nd A claim and letter of D. Dreyfous, 3rd, A claim of V. Livaudais Coroner.

4th A claim of M. M. Dowler, 5th A claim of B. Dowler, 6th claim of Mr. Sarthon for the Police, 7th claim of Mr. Louis Myers for services as public officer. 8th An account of Judge Villars for services in criminal matters. 9th Claim of Martin Sarthon Constable, for services in criminal matters, 10th Claim of R. H. Crawford.

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these books
to Jury

On motion of Mr. D'auterive Resolved: That it shall be the duty of the Syndics, to be present with their books, at the meetings of the Jury, in order that said books be examined by the Jury, under pain of incurring the same fine which the members of the Jury incur when they fail to be present at the meetings.

Isread a letter of Mr. Blouin praying that a suitable spot be designated by the Jury in Faubourg Delasize, for hauling the materials necessary for the works he has to make in said Faubourg.

On motion, Resolved: That said letter be referred to the Syndic with instruction to comply with the laws and regulations applicable to such cases.

On motion of Mr. Fortier; Resolved that hereafter the Jury shall proceed annually to the election of an attorney for the Parish with a salary of \$800 for his services.

And Mr. Dugue' having thereupon presented the following resolution viz:

Considering the resignation of Mr. Seghers, Resolved that the Jury proceed forth with to the election by ballot of the said attorney, the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Leroy on the resolution and stood as follows: yeas Messrs. Dugue', Fortier, Villars, D'or-genoy, & D'auterive, nays Messrs. Sauve', Leroy & Hampson, so the resolution was adopted, and the Jury having proceeded by ballot, to the election of the Parish

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attorney, and the votes having been counted by Messrs. Sauve' & Dauterive tellers, appointed by the President, it appeared that the Honorable Hy. Dugue' had received six votes, and that two votes had been given in blank, consequently the Honorable Hy. Dugue' was declared to be duly elected attorney for the Parish.

On motion, the Jury adjourned until the first Monday of May next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson, 11th April 1843.

§ 4^o Besides its narrowness it has Several bends & the other is perfectly straight. this reference approved -Parish of Jefferson April 10th 1843.

Persifor F. Smith
Judge.

Sitting of Monday first May 1843,

Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Persifor F. Smith, Judge President.
F. Dugue' jr., Faustin Fortier, Gaston Villars, A. D. Bienvenu, L. C. LeBreton D'or-genoy, P. Sauve', John Hampson, J. B. Drouet, and Gustave Leroy.

Absent, Messrs. D'auterive and Cossa.

On motion Mr. Drouet was excused, and has retired.

Mr. Fortier reporter of the committee appointed at the last meeting to procure a suitable Court House, submitted the following report.

Report No. 1

To the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The special Committee nominated to procure a suitable Court House, met in conformity to your wishes, and united with a committee nominated by the City Council of Lafayette, agreed after a minute examination, that the Parish Jail House is the most convenient for all purposes, its central position and short distance from Jackson Street.

Your Committee submit to you at the same time, a plan made by Mr. J. Gallier of the repairs which it will be necessary to make upon the said jail before its being rendered fit to become the Parish Court, and the different offices concerning the said court.

Your Committee think that the City of Lafayette, will avail itself of this opportunity in settling the account which the Parish has against it, and that it will thus contribute in paying the expenses which necessarily attend these repairs.

Your Committee considering the limited time of the present Jury, deem it necessary to recommend the publication of the repairs which are to be made to said jail in several papers, and that sealed proposals, will be received by the President of the Jury for making the repairs in the space of time which you will think proper to allow.

(Signed) Faustin Fortier
reporter.

When on motion, Resolved that, the said report be adopted, also that the said detail of the work to be done to the jail as proposed by the Committee annexed to said report, and that the President be requested to announce that said work in the Court House.

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The Committee of Finance made the following report, which upon motion was adopted.

Report No. 2.

To the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution

of investigating with the amount, due the Parish from every source, beg leave respectfully to report.

That according to instructions, to employ a person to compile a tableau of the delinquent tax payers for the years 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839 and 1840, also to prepare a statement of the amount due the Parish for Sunday work, done and for which the Parish has a just claim for reimbursements, the said works comprise new levees, roads and bridges made, and for repairing levees, roads and bridges, for which the Parish has either paid or given, its bond, the above named tableau and statement are herewith submitted from which it appears that for the above mentioned six years there is a gross amount of \$15,171.62 $\frac{3}{4}$, due the Parish for taxes, and for the various works, there is due the sum of \$10,562.80, making a total of \$25,734.42 $\frac{3}{4}$ (which sum or if only one half should be collected) the Parish could pay all demands against it, and still have a surplus in the Treasury. By the act of March 15th 1842, the collection of all taxes in the Parish is made, a summary matter, independent of all judicial proceedings agreeably to which, and to provide for the collection, of other claims, your Committee offers an ordinance.

Your Committee would, here beg leave, to state, that delay in making their report has been caused solely by the time it has necessarily taken to examine, the tax lists of such a number of years back, and to prepare such, an extended statement and in as much as the amount of compensation for the preparation of the said statement has not been fixed, your Committee would recommend that the sum of \$275 be allowed to Mr. Livaudais for the compilation of the aforesaid tableau, and statement, and for the expense that he may have incurred, all of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Faustin Fortier
 " John Hampson
 " F. Dugue' jr.

On motion of Mr. Hampson, Resolved; that it will be the duty of the collector of taxes of the Parish to announce as soon as possible, the names of the persons and the property owing Parish taxes for the years 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, and 1840 in commencing with the first, in conformity with an act to provide more effectually for the collection of Parish taxes for the Parish of Jefferson approved March 15th 1842.

The following report is presented by the Committee of Claims and is adopted.

Report No. 3

To the Honorable, the President and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson - Gentlemen;

Your Committee after having examined with attention the claims which were referred to us, we have the honor to submit humbly to you the following report.

1st They approve the claim of Dr. B. Dowler, for assistance at an inquest which amounts to \$10.00

2nd As to the claim of Mr. R. Crawford public teacher, your Committee think

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that it should be referred to the administration of public schools of this Parish.

3rd The account of Dr. B. Dowler for the examination of the body of G. W. Posey and that of a body found in front of Faubourg Bouligny on the 27th Feb. 1843 amounting to twenty dollars is correct. \$20.00

4th They approve of the account of Mr. Victor Livaudais, coroner, detailed as follows,

Inquest and interment of H. Dible	\$25	
" " " " G. W. Posey	\$25	
" " " " found drowned		
in Faubourg Bouligny the <u>27th</u> February		
1843	\$25	75.00

5th As to the claim of Hayden for holding an inquest, the members of the Committee, do not think themselves justifiable in approving it, opposition being made to them by Livaudais, and they think that it would be more proper to allow the tribunal to decide upon the claims of the parties.

6th As to the claim of Mr. Villars, for an inquest and interment of a negro, belonging to Mr. H. Dugue', the Committee think they should pay for the inquest only the sum of ten dollars, and the interment should be charged to the Coroner. \$10.00

7th The Committee think that the claims of Messrs. Sarthon and Myers, should not be referred to the Police Jury, but to the Syndic of First

District, taking into consideration the terms of the resolution passed on the 4th April 1842.

8th The account presented by Mr. Seghers for his services as attorney employed by the Police Jury and amounting to the sum of one thousand dollars is approved. \$1000.00

9th The account of Mr. Sarthon, Parish Constable for fees from 27th July 1841 to the 29th September 1842, amounting to the sum of \$114.15 cents is found correct and is approved. \$114.15

10th The account of J. B. Villars, Justice of the Peace in criminal cases from the 6th July 1841 to the 21st March 1843, amounting to \$186.62, are found correct and are approved. \$186.62

11th The Committee does not think that it should approve Mr. Buisson's account as it is not accompanied by proper justifications.

12th As to the claims of Mr. Dreyfous the Committee have given them all the attention which they deserved, and in consideration of his circumstances, and his desire to visit his family in New York, we respectfully suggest to you to allow him the sum of twenty five dollars. \$25.00

(Signed) P. Sauve') Members of
" G. Villars) the Committee
" Gustave Leroy) of claims

The several books of the Syndics are presented, and referred to the Committee of Finance, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Jury.

Three letters of Messrs. Raynal, Leech and Norton justices of the peace praying that John Denneger, W. B. Denby, and Ashman Edwards, be appointed constables for the Parish of Jefferson.

The claims of Judge Leech and Dr. Dowler, and of the Coroner were presented & referred to the Committee on claims.

Mr. Fortier having presented the following resolution: Resolved, that henceforth the members of the Police Jury, shall be entitled to a retribution of two

dollars each, for their services in the said quality, and the yeas & nays being called for on the adoption of said resolution, the votes stood as follows, for the adoption Messrs. Fortier Sauve', and Bienvenu, against the adoption, Messrs. Dugue', Villars, D'orgency, Leroy, & Hampson, consequently the said resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Jury adjourned until Monday next the 15th instant at 11 O'clock A.M.

Parish of Jefferson May first 1843.

Persifor F. Smith
Judge.

Monday 15th May 1843: The Jury met agreeably to adjournment - Present, Persifor F. Smith, Judge President, A. D. Bienvenu, Gaston Villars, F. Dugue' jr. and Gustave Leroy. Absent, Messrs. Faustin Fortier D'orgency LeBreton Deschappelles John Hampson, J. B. D. D'auterive, J. B. Drouet, P. Sauve' and J. Cossa.

And there being no quorum the Jury adjourned until Monday next the 22nd instant at 11 O'clock A. M.

Parish of Jefferson May 15th 1843.

Sitting of Monday 22nd May 1843.

The Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Messrs. Persifor F. Smith Judge President, Faustin Fortier, Gaston Villars, John Hampson, L. C. LeBreton D'orgency, A. D. Bienvenu, J. B. Drouet, Pierre Sauve', F. Dugue' Jr., and Gustave Leroy.

Absent: Messrs. D'auterive and Cossa.

Reading of the preceeding Sitting is made and approved.

Reading is made of the several proposals made by the undertakers offering to convert the prison into a court house agreeably to the plan and specifications adopted by the Jury for that purpose, when on motion,

Resolved, that the proposition of James Gallier

Engr. who offers to make the contemplated works for \$2,400 be accepted provided he consents to be paid as follows, when the work is about half finished a note of \$1000.00 at six months be delivered to him, and when the building is entirely finished and possession given, a note for the balance of the contract also at six months.

A communication of the Mayor and certain resolutions of the Council of the first municipality of New Orleans accompanying the same, relative to certain levees within the Parish being read.

On motion, Resolved, that this Jury seeing no danger for the public safety until now, will not act for the present upon said resolutions, but that the President be invited to write to the Mayor and Council returning the thanks of this Jury for their courtesy.

The following communication of Mr. Villars Syndic being made to wit:

Messrs., The President & members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

Gentlemen - I have the honor to make you the following exposition: On the 16 May 1842 the undersigned Syndic, Mr. G. Leroy, a member of the Jury and Messrs. Destrahan and Joseph Volant La Barre, all of the 1st Ward of the Parish of Jefferson, agreed to apply the \$50 granted monthly for the Police, by the resolution of the 4th April 1842 to the payment of two police officers chosen by them to wit: Louis Myers and Martin Sarthon. They have given general satisfaction in the fulfilment of their duties, up till the 4th August 1842 on

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which day the resolution was repealed. They ever maintained the Police with the same zeal after the resolution was recalled until the 6th September 1842 for which they claim no compensation: But on the 6th September the aforesaid resolution having been revived, these same officers, who had not ceased to act even when it was repealed continued their functions until this day by virtue of their nomination of the 16th May 1842 and without any opposition. They have never thought of reviewing their appointment which was besides confirmed by the silence and tacit approbation of the Syndic and the two above mentioned inhabitants under whose eyes they continued to act. The undersigned Syndic moreover, never

deemed it necessary to renew their nomination formally, and always considered these officers as employed and as such he has given them orders which they have enacted with judgment and energy.

The above named officers have therefore applied to the undersigned Syndic for their pay for their term of service, except from the 4th August to the 6th September 1842. But Mr. Leroy has refused to sign, as Mr. Destrahan and myself have made a declaration stating that we think it proper to apply the \$50 to the payment of these officers, his reason for refusing this. He admits that the affairs of Police have fulfilled their duties faithfully, but he maintains that they should have been formally reinstated when the resolution of the 4th April was revived on the 6th September 1842. He states besides that he has no objection to these officers being paid, but as I have said above, he refuses to sign the certificate without which they could not be paid: Mr. Destrahan and myself think on the contrary, that from the words of the resolution they are sufficiently authorized and ought to be paid if we find it proper to give a certificate similar to the one hereunto annexed. We have also come to the conclusion that though a light informality was committed it did become a dignified body such as is the Police Jury to take advantage of it and thus deprive needy officers of their just due especially when the want of from cannot be laid on their charge.

We have thought on the contrary that it would be equitable in the Jury to pay the services of officers, who have constantly performed their task, and we have given them a certificate according to the meaning of the resolution. As objections had been raised I considered it my duty to submit to you the state of facts, to enable you to judge.

I have the honor to be with regard your obedient servant

(Signed) D. Villars Syndic of the 1st Ward.

Mr. Leroy moved to lay the said communication on the table, but his motion was lost:

Mr. Dugue' Jr. then proposed the following resolution; Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized, to pray to the Syndic for the use of Messrs. Martin Sarthon & Louise Meyer, the amount which said Syndic has declared to be due the said Myers & Sarthon, for their services as Police officers, and the yeas & nays being called for, on the adoption of said resolution, it appeared that Messrs. Dugue' Jr., Villars, D'orgenoy, Drouet, Sauve'

and Bienvenu, had voted in the affirmative, and Messrs. Leroy and Hampson, in the negative, so the resolution was adopted. Mr. Fortier was dispensed from voting upon the question at his request.

On motion of Mr. Sauve'; Resolved that the Syndic be required to proceed to the nomination of the Police officers in the manner prescribed by the regulations.

The claims of Mr. Garcia and Pieron are presented & laid upon the table subject to call.

The following report of the Committee is presented and adopted viz:

Report

To the Honorable the President and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson.

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Gentlemen:

Your Committee on claims having made a careful examination of the account referred them by you at the Sitting of the first May 1843, have the honor report as follows:

1st Your Committee approve the claim of Mr. B. Buisson for work done for the Parish, as will more fully appear by the certificate hereto annexed. \$67.00

2nd The account of R. Leech Justice of the Peace for services in the criminal matters from 28th July 1842 up the 8th April 1843 amounting to the sum of \$21 is correct. \$21.00

3rd The account of Dr. Dowler, for the examination of the body of a man found dead on the batture of Faubourg Bouigny on the 20th March 1843, and certified by the Coroner V. Livaudais amounting to \$10 is correct. \$10.00

4th And the account of V. Livaudais, Coroner for an inquest made on the above body on the 20th March amounting to \$25 is correct. \$25.00

Parish of Jefferson 15th May 1843 Total \$123.00

(Signed) P. Sauve',
G. Villars,
Gustave Leroy,
Committee on claims.

Mr. Hampson having presented the following preamble and resolution viz:

Whereas it is found unexpedient to carry out the regulations and provisions of the resolutions passed, at the Sitting of the Jury on the 3rd of October 1842, concerning levees, roads and tracts of land divided in squares and lots, the Parish would have to become directly responsible for the costs of the works contemplated, and from the state of affairs and finances, it is necessary to avoid as much as possible indirect indebtedness.

Be it therefore resolved: That the resolutions passed at the Sitting of the Jury of the 3rd October 1842 (forty-two) concerning levees, roads, and tracts of land divided into squares and lots be and the same is hereby repealed, Mr. Dugue' Jr. then proposed the following substitute.

Resolved, that the resolutions of the 3rd October 1842, relative to the roads, levees, streets, bridges, ditches & of lands situated in this Parish and divided in town lots and squares be and the same are hereby repealed, so far as relates to all parts of the Parish with the exception of the 10th Police Jury District: and the yeas & nays being called for the adoption of said substitute; it appeared that Mr. Dugue' jr., Fortier, Drouet, Bienvenu, and D'orgenoy had voted in the affirmative and Messrs. Hampson, Leroy, Villars & Sauve' in the negative, so the substitute was adopted.

On motion, it is proceeded by ballot to the election of an assessor for the State & Parish taxes for the year 1843, and in verifying the votes it appeared that Mr. Raphael Beauvais had been unanimously elected. On motion the Jury adjourned indefinitely.

Parish of Jefferson May 22nd 1843.

Persifor Y. Smith
Judge President.

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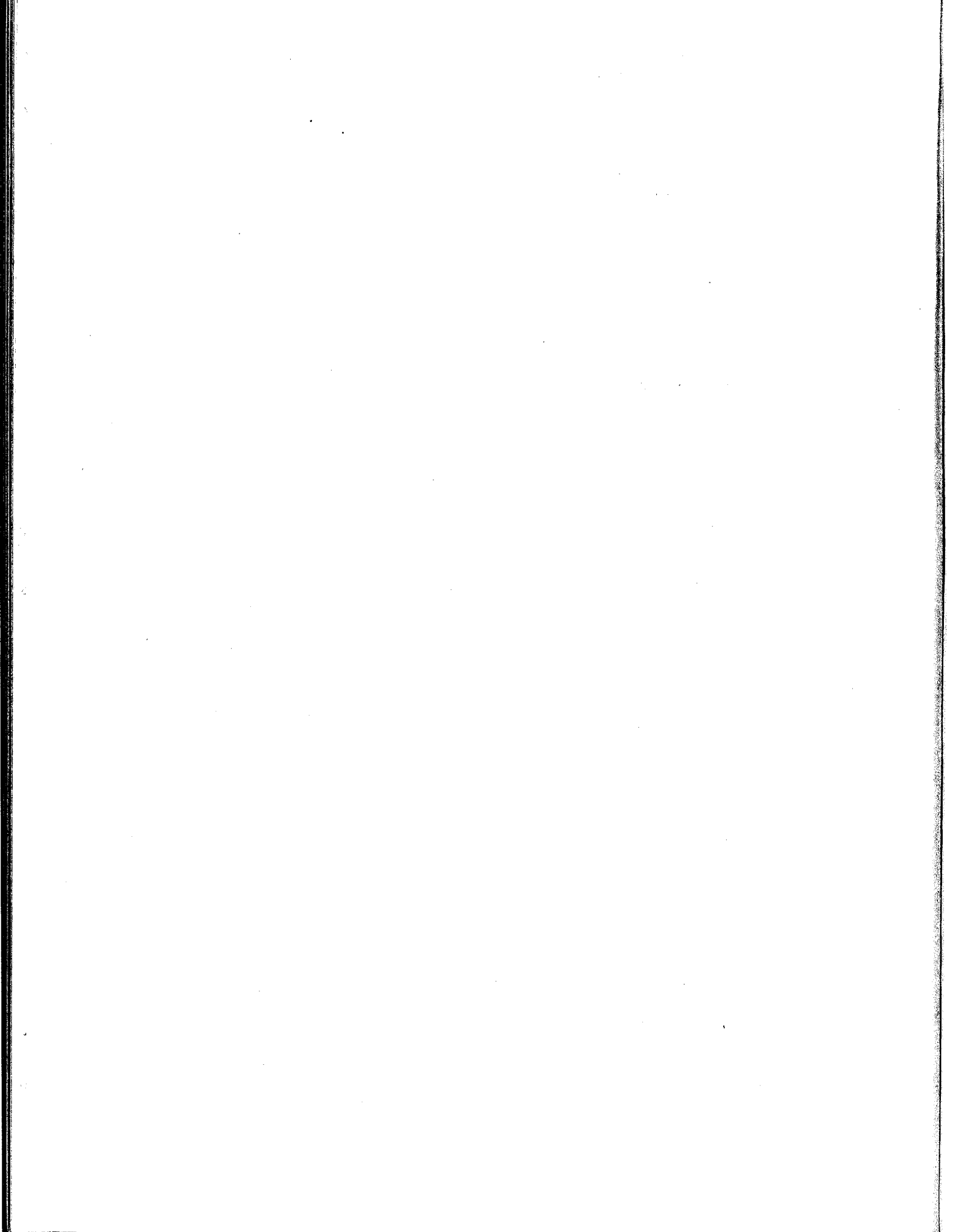
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