

rejoice whilst travelling from place to place, beholding even the little log meeting houses on the road side, believing such with all churches of religious worship, the very bulwark and safeguard of these happy, free, and United States.

**PHILODEMOUS**

*From the Madisonian.*

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY Del, Aug 3 1840.**

Dear Sir—That the South may be informed correctly, in regard to Van Buren, I send you for publication certain facts in relation to his approval of negro testimony, in the trial of an officer in the Revenue service, before the Collector of this District in June, 1839

At that time charges, and specifications were preferred by a certain D. Nones, a Captain in the Revenue Cutter service, against Josiah Murch then first Lieutenant in the same service. The Collector of the District, Henry Whiteley, Esq., was ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct the examination. Mr. Murch was defended by counsel, and the prosecution in behalf of the Captain carried on by counsel employed by himself. The character of the testimony on the part of the complainant, generally, was such, that the counsel for Mr. Murch deemed it unnecessary to enter upon any defence—it was composed entirely of the crew and officers under the immediate command of the complainant, Nones—and of negroes, his own servants, employed in the ward room—five negroes, if I am correctly informed, were brought forward to testify; the moment the first was called to the stand, Mr. Murch and his counsel (protesting against such evidence, it not being competent in the courts of this state for negroes to testify against white persons,) left the room—the Collector proceeded, however, to take the testimony, and after closing the same, forwarded it to Washington—the whole of which I presume you can find in the Treasury. A copy of one of the negro depositions I now have before me. Mr. Murch had his commission taken from him—the testimony having been laid before the President and approved by him. So unexpected was this decision to Mr. Murch, and indeed to every one who knew the character of the testimony adduced against him, that Mr. Murch thought it proper to appeal directly to the President for reinstatement, he did so both personally and by letter. To impress more fully upon the minds of the powers that be at Washington to injustice done to him, Mr. Murch forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury a deposition of one of the negroes, taken at the negro's own request after his discharge from the Cutter, by a Magistrate of the town of New Castle—in which he states that what he testified to before Col. Whiteley, the Collector, was false—that he was compelled by threats made by Capt. Nones to give such testimony."

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Notice.**

ON the third Monday in October next, I will sell at the Court House in Holly Springs, all the right title and interest which Credit P. McDonald has in and to two Lots, in Lamar, No. 70, containing 1 acre, 2 rods and 20 poles; No. 87, containing 15 acres, 1 rod and 28 poles, to satisfy an Execution in favor of James O. Kerr

ALF. SIMPSON, Deputy,  
For E. McCROSKY, Sheriff.  
Sept. 14th, 1840.

**GENERAL ORDERS,  
NO. 1.**

**HEAD QUARTERS,**

**Oak Hill, Desoto Co., Sept. 12, 1840.**

The Commandants of the several Regiments which compose the 2d, Brigade, 5th Division, Mississippi Militia, will notify their Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers to assemble at their respective parade grounds, for review and exercise on the following days:

- The 54th Regt on Monday the 12th Oct.
- The 55th " on Wednesday, 14th inst.
- The 50th " on Friday 16th inst.
- The 57th " on Saturday the 17th do
- The 51st " on Wednesday 21st do.
- The 52d " on Friday, 22d do
- The 53d " on Friday, 30th do
- The 56th " on Saturday, 31st do

They will drill their commissioned and non-commissioned officers two entire days before review. Adjutants will prepare returns, for inspection, by proper officer.

MILES CARY,  
Acting Brigadier General,  
2d Brigade, 5th Division Mi. Mi.

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,**

Marshall County

Probate Court, August Term, 1840.

Stephen Lacy Administrator of Mary Downing, Jun'r. Dec'd.

vs

Charles Downing, William Anderson and his wife Betsy.

Nancy Downing, Martin Strong, and his wife Sally.

And the unknown Heirs of Edward Downing Dec'd.

This day said Stephen Lacy, filed his petition, suggesting that distribution of the Estate of said Mary, among those interested, could not be made in kind; and praying an order to sell a negro girl named Jane, in order to make such distribution, and it also appearing to the Court, that the above defendants are not inhabitants of this State so as to be personally summoned. It is, therefore ordered by the Court that said defendants personally appear before the Honorable Judge of our said Court, at a Probate Court to be held for Marshall County, at the Court House in the town of Holly Springs, on the fourth Monday of October next.

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,**

Coahoma County

Dan J. McMillon

vs

R. J. Walker

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Honorable Circuit

of Adams county. I will proceed for sale to the highest bidder on the day in October next, at the Court House in Coahoma County, the following Lands, the property of R. J. Coahoma County Township 25, west; lots 1 and 2, sec. 10, containing 55 hundredths acres; lots 5 and 4 sec. containing 58 acres; lots 2 and 15; 9 and 16, containing each 82 hundredths acres; north half of containing 325 and 97 hundredths and all 1010 acres. Township 27, west. The north and the west half south west quarter of sec. 26, containing 160 and 34 hundredths acres; lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, containing 608 and 40 hundredths acres. West half of the north west and west the south west quarter of sec. 24, containing 159 and 55 hundredths acres; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, of section 14, containing 475 and 43 hundredths of an acre; Lot 5 of sec. 22, containing 95 and 10 hundredths acres.—In all 1889 and 6 tenths of an acre. Township 28, range 5, west. Lots 7 and sec. 21, containing 101 and 90 hundredths acres; Lots 9 and 10 of same section containing 95 and 90 hundredths acres west half of the north west quarter of 27, containing 80 and 5 tenths acre west quarter of sec. 32, containing 10 and 20 hundredths. In all 438 and 20 hundredths. Township 28, range 5, west east half of the north east and of the east quarter of section 3, containing 80 and 80 hundredths acres; Lot 2, of section containing 40 and 43 hundredths acres 1, of same section, containing 53 acres half of the north east quarter of section containing 80 and 28 hundredths acres or all 333 and 74 hundredths acres. Township 28, range 5, west; Lots 3 and 4, section 9, containing 78 acres. Lots 11 and containing 70 and 72 hundredths acres. Lots 5 and 6 of same section, containing 60 hundredths acres, the west section 4, containing 320 and 12 hundred acres. In all 543 acres and 43 hundredths. Township 28, range 5, west; the west and the west half of the north east and south east quarter of section 23, containing 481 acres and 15 hundredths.

Sale within lawful hours, with distribution by me.

I. M. SHEBBY, Sheriff

[No. 24.] Of Coahoma County