

Attesting
Saml Cole James Mason

Frankfort

H. 47

December 31st 1848

For his Excellency Governor by the hand of my friend Mr.
Treadway for which I thank you, and was much grati-
fied with the facts it communicated. I am fully con-
vinced, that the course the Senate has taken on
the subject of passing a Law authorizing a new Election
perfectly correct, and cannot ultimately fail of universal
approbation with the thoughtful - lovers of freedom, and

those who love a Government of Laws, and not of men - Those who act on all
cases with the prejudices and passions of the moment
without having regard to the rights of their fellow
citizens, guaranteed to them by the constitution and
Laws - from such monsters, and from such oppressive
Government may the BLESSED God deliver forever
the citizens of this Commonwealth -

May the present Senate of our State be forever ap-
prenticed for their wisdom and firmness on this occasion
of thus supporting the Constitution of their Country Men
against the madness of the Tyrant, and against the wicked-
ness of the designing and unprincipled who have atten-
ted to undermine our free Government - I desire to
thank that God who rules the World in Righteousness,
has been pleased to make the Senate of our State, the
instrument, to baffle and frustrate the wicked desi-
res of the Wicked: -

It has been rumored that you was absent when the question
was taken in the Senate, on the passage of the Bill sent
from the House of Representatives authorizing a new
Election for Governor - if you were absent I have in-
dulged this belief, that you must have been providenti-
ally prevented, but if you were absent when the question
was taken no matter what was the occasion (would
you permit a friend to suggest to you, to free you from
all blame) for you to ask the Senate to permit your vote

to be entered on the Journals, which course in my Opinion
will stop the mouths of your enemies, and gratify your
Friends - that you did not ^{not} ~~leave~~ or Absent yourself
for any Clock - at this hint I hope you will not
be hurt - for I can assure you it flows from a
principle of Friendship - hoping it may be of use
to you in the Tempest -

I am, Sir, with sentiments
of High respect Yours in the
best of Bonds -

Payne

N.B. Please to tender my
Respect and friendship
to your Brother Genl.

R. Ewing tell him I
remember his Steadiness
and friendship with Sa-
tisfaction, while living with
him in each house of the
Genl. Assembly -

Mount Sterling 18th Jan^y - 1819

Dear Sir

A petition will in a few days be presented to the Legislature for constituting the bounds of Mount Sterling under pretence of relieving the town from the burthen of keeping certain streets in repair and laying it on the county when in fact the thing originated with a few individuals who have ~~private~~ private and self interested views in the matter.

They would enjoy all the benefit of their property being ^{made} valuable by lying almost in the public part of town without contributing any thing by the way of town tax. It also puts it out of the power of the trustees to keep ^{up} certain streets in the east end of the town open which you know has excited considerable interest in this place as well as around our suits at law. ^{farther} There is certain individuals settled in that part of town where the faith of the town regulations being guaranteed to them by the original Charter with whom it would be a breach of good faith.

As to the town being relieved from expence by such a measure I will just give you a statement which came under my own knowledge in that case. In that part of the streets which they contemplated throwing out in the two last years past there was expended about \$30

The tax arising from the same was one year about
\$70 the other \$60 Which will stand thus

Expenses of the streets \$30

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Town Tax

Ballance to the town 100

This leaves again upon the whole to the town
in two years of \$100 which would be lost
under the regulation contemplated besides
these parts of the town is still increasing in
population and the loss would every year ^{be} greater

This business has been carried on with con-
siderable intrigue and secrecy from those whom
they expected would be opposed to it and the
signature of great numbers obtained without
reflection who is now opposed to it when they
come to consider the matter over more maturely

A number of us are at this late stage of the
business preparing a petition to submit the
matter which we think you will attend to we
have no confidence in James S. M. Jones's assistance
as he is one of the interested parties and no doubt
has an understanding with those of the opposition

I am respected Sir
yours

Chas Jas Mason

S. C. Emerson

This Indenture made this 25th day of May in the year of our Lord
One thousand Eight hundred and nineteen Between John Mason
of Fayette County and State of Kentucky of the one part and James
Mason of Montgomery County and State aforesaid of the other part
Witnesseth, that the said John Mason for and in consideration of the
Sum of five hundred Dollars to him in hand paid before the Seal-
ing and delivering of these presents, the Receipt whereof he doth hereby
acknowledge hath granted bargain and sold alien and confirm, and
by these presents doth grant bargain alien and confirm unto the
Said James Mason his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land
Containing four hundred acres lying and being in the County of Montgomery
and on the waters of Summerett Creek it being the whole of a four hundred
- acre survey entered made and patented in his the said John Mason
name and surname as follows: — Beginning at a Buckeye Sugar and
Cherry Tree corner to McCogah M^{rs}, thence South Crossing a branch
two hundred and fourteen poles to a Sugar tree walnut and corner
thence west three hundred poles to a Sugar tree Hickory and white Moss
thence north two hundred and fourteen poles to a Mulberry and red
Oak corner to Mason, thence East three hundred poles to the Beginning,
to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurte-
- nances to the said James Mason his heirs and assigns forever, and
the said John Mason for him self his heirs and assigns the said tract
or parcel of land to the said James Mason free from the claim of any
person under him to whom shall and will warrant and forever defend
by these presents, but from no other person except a certain claim which
covers the said tract and is now depending in the Federal Court of this
State and should the said ^{claim} succeed and thereby the aforesaid tract of
land be lost then the said John doth Oblige himself his heirs & assigns
to pay the said James the aforesaid sum of five hundred Dollars —
in witness whereof the said John Mason hath hereunto set his
hand and Seal this day and date above written

John Mason — Seal

Montgomery County Clerk's Office May 25th 1819

I John A Carr Deputy Clerk for the said
Vernon Clerk of the Court of the County of
hereby certify that this Indenture of bargain and
sale from John Mason to James Mason was
this day acknowledged before me by the said
John Mason to his act and Deed hand
and seal and the same is thereupon duly
entered of Record

Teste

John A Carr Clk

(It is paid L. H. Carr)

John Mason

to 3 Deed

James Mason

1819 May 25th Ackng^d

of to be admitted to record

Test John A Carr Clk

Recorded in Liber I Folio

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Examined

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to our duty, as well as our inclination
told us such. There is a report
in line that specie payments are stopped.
I shall be happy at any time to
receive a line from you.
I am very respectfully your
friend W. Harrison

Colo. Mason

Washington 8th Jan 1820

Dear Sir I had the pleasure of receiving
Yours of the 4th Inst. by yesterday evening
mail. I had written to you by
Mr Thomas, which I suppose you recd
a day or two after the date of your letter
to me. I am pleased with the
appointment of the Commissioners, on
the part of Kentucky to adjust the
Boundary line with the Tennessee Com-
= missioners. I think we have equaled
them in talent at least, if not much
overdone them.

As respects that part of your letter con-
= cerning the suspension of specie pay-
= ments, I differ, much, with you.

There is no other possible way to
relieve the present distress of the Country
in my humble opinion, but to adopt
this measure. The issue of such po-
= paper as will be sufficient to
the present purpose, can not
depreciate. The amount will be
paid again in Bank, and

Colo. James O'Carroll

Member of the

Legislature

Frankfort Ky

Wm. L. Gentry

it be necessary, that the Bank should
have specie to redeem it the same
money ^{or paper} will pay in the same debt
again, so that it cannot fall on the
hands of the people & depreciate.

You may rely upon it, that if
the Legislature rise without stopping
specie payments & issuing a reasonable
portion of paper, that it will draw
down upon them, the imprecations
of 4/50ths of the people of Kentucky.

You know that the paper of the Ky &
Indpt Banks, together with specie, are
almost out of circulation, and the
want of some circulating medium,
will create distress beyond calcula-
tion, and will at once convince
the people how such a state of
things might have been prevented by
the Legislature. It is not ideal, you
may depend upon it. Should this
measure produce a large discount to stock
holders, they have had a very scanty one
for some time past. This plan
would supersede the necessity of any

property law, only that a Paper might
to be allowed for three months from
the rising of the present Legislature for the
purpose of getting the money properly
into circulation & well dispersed through
the Country. For this purpose should
include proper restrictions, make all the
Independent Banks, which have kept
their Charters, which in good faith
Branches of the State Bank, for the
purpose of placing in each of them
such proportion, as might be thought
reasonable for their County & use
adjoining, and restrict them in such
manner, as would produce the end
he desired.

If a property law paper is
an issue of paper, from the State
You might as well say to the
that he shall not have his money
Property law paper, nor no issue of

You might as well cut off the
of all debtors to starve them to death.

I hope you will not understand
me, as being, in any means dictatorial.
We are both plain men, and ought
to

Memorandum of an agreement made and entered into this
24th day of February in the Year of our Lord 1826 between
John Higgins of the one part and Nicholas Crenshaw of
the other part both of Montgomery County Witnesses
that the said John Higgins has this day sold to the said
Crenshaw fifty eight Acres one quarter one and $\frac{3}{4}$ poles
of Land at twelve Dollars in Silver per Acre to include
where said Higgins at present resides joining S. L. Williams
on the North and bounded by Sumnersett and the lines lately
run off in a Compromise by a plat marked A for which
said Higgins is to make a Special Warranty deed conveying
indisputably the title Originally derived from James Hig-
gins and conditioned to refund twelve Dollars in Silver
per Acre without Interest, for as much of said Land as may
be lost, said Crenshaw agrees to pay five hundred Dollars
when he receives possession and the balance in One Year
from the time the first payment is made the title to be made
at the time the first payment is made, the parties bind
themselves in the sum of \$1000 to be recovered from the party
failing In Witness whereof the parties hath hereunto set
their hands and seals this date above John Higgins Seal

In presence of
Benjamin J. Paul
Nathan Abbotson
William Allen

Nicholas Crenshaw Seal

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 7, 30
 7, 75
 8, 10
 6, 10

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Higgins and
 Grinslow
 agreement

I must come to a close - please excuse all deficiencies in my letter & write to me again very soon - I forgot to mention that Mrs Simpson that was Mrs Hannah that is - has arrived safely in Fulton & ^{are} now living with Mrs Albert G. Harrison. Ma has been to see Mrs Harrison since her husband's death she seems to feel deeply her situation, but Mr Harrison's brothers in the south have given her assurances that she

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NOV 25
MO

James to land
the day before
next 11th Oct
Capt James Harrison
Private Skelling
Harrison & Co
Harrison & Co

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she was married to Fulton. Present our respects to old Capt & Mrs Harrison. Tell cousin Lewis that I think if I were a young man so handsome & gallant (as he is represented to be) & lived in Ky - I would visit my kin folks in Mo & show off to the best advantage on the road - not stay in one place where all the folks know me - I might write to us sometimes at all events - be certain to write soon & believe me your affectionate niece
Betie at Green M

Jim

Grant - Mo Nov 17th 1839

My dear Uncle

Yours of the 23rd Sept I did not receive until a week or two ago, in consequence of my having been absent from home on a visit to sister Anne. I have been a great traveler since I wrote to you before, I have had a jaunt of two or three hundred miles through the counties of Cole, Morgan, Benton, St Clair, Polk, Rives & Green they are all south of the Mo river and the finest part of Mo I have seen, the roads are as good as your macadamized roads in Ky, you may travel the distance of 20 or 30 miles without encountering a hill & the soil is of such a nature that the roads do not wash in gulleys & the mud is never deeper than an inch or two, the greater part of the country is prairie - some of the most extensive & beautiful prairies, you can imagine, filled with a number of Indian mounds & interspersed with groves of heavy timber, the timbered land generally is devoid of undergrowth, it is supposed to be kept under by the fires. Sister Anne lives in Polk co in a pretty wild looking place, she has very little or no society, altho the country round is pretty thickly settled but with people a good deal like the Somerset gang, that you had around you when you first settled, at least, I suppose so, from what I have heard Ma say of them. I went to Springfield in Green Co - 55 miles beyond Nor Bayreham, to visit some relations of Pa's the Souders I was at Dr John Souders's - perhaps you recollect seeing him here with his son-in-law, the summer you were in this country, he recollects you very well

All aunt Betie I shall always expect a reply from her in all your letters - I wish she would write to me in return letters

