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ORDER OF PROCESSION TO BE OBSERVED

AT THE

FUNERAL OF JOHN PRICE WETHERILL.

The different bodies attending the Funeral will be assigned their respective positions in line, by Capt. JACOB LAUDENSLAGER.

By Order of the Com. of Arrangements.

July 27th, 1853.

- Marshal's Police.
- City Police.
- Masonic Order.
- Good Will Fire Engine Company.
- Diligent Fire Engine Company.
- Philadelphia Hose Company.
- Board of Police.
- American Philosophical Society.
- Directors of the Girard College.
- Trustees of the Gas Works.
- Guardians of the Poor.
- Union Society.
- Academy of Natural Sciences.
- Welsh Society.
- District Corporations.
- City Corporation.
- Clergy.
- Pall Bearers.
- Carriers.
- Hearse.
- Relatives.
- Factory Men.
- Citizens.

At the sale of paintings belonging to the estate of Mr. Chas. Graff, deceased, there was a large company collected, and the bidding was very spirited. The sale in the aggregate amounted to some \$10,000. Some of the paintings brought very high prices, comparatively, ranging from \$40 to \$950 each, and on the whole this was one of the largest sales of paintings, and probably one of the most satisfactory, ever held in Philadelphia. The sale was held by Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons, auctioneers.

J. W. Wall, Adv. son and servant; MISS FRANK, of W. J. QUER—AND 477 in forward cabin.—Total, 781.

From Liverpool in the steamship Arabia—Mr and Mrs Huntington, Mr and Mrs Hingan, Miss Sharples, Mr Caldwell, Dr Sharples, Mrs Caldwell and 4 children; Mr and Mrs Henry Stewart, Jr., Mrs Dora S. Nankin, Mrs Fleming, Miss Colgate, Mrs Colgate, Miss H. ngmont, Miss Brown, Mr and Mrs John Lambert, Mr and Mrs Jorin, two children, three maid servants; Miss Jorin, Mr Hottinguer and friend; Messrs Wilcox, Byle, J. Abbott, Saml Hill, Washington, H. W. Labouchere, J. G. Ellam, R. Corrauth, Geo Richmond, James Lee, Miss Bliss, Miss Lee, Messrs Compere, Colgate, Robt Byson, H. A. Smyth, T. C. Brown, Fredk Gray, Wilton, B. H. Paddock, Russell, T. Hillier, Berudea, Dr Fordge Barker, Mr. Collarans, Mrs Dyer's maid servant, Mrs Pol in a maid servant; J. Pallas, R. Simpson and son, John Palfiser, Dr Hector Geo Mooney, C Townsend, H. B. Wilson, Mr Rusgats, J. G. Gregory and son, Messrs Lasar, Street, S. P. Holmes, E. S. Cook, Greene, Perkins, Henry Husted, Hugh Maxwell, Morin and two sons, Candor Glycer, Wray, W. H. Warden, Brock Schmidt, Sondheim, David Graham, G. B. Reese, Jas Sullivan, Bourgea; Miss Follen, Mrs. Dyer, Mr Pollen, Mrs Mary Ann Gains, Mr Hottinguer's servant, Messrs E. Heiberlington, C. J. Finney, John Miller, Marx, M. Shong, Miss Mary Ann Quinn, Messrs L. G. Thayer, Phillip O'Reilly, Stanton, E. Stanton, Mrs Stanton, Mr McLellan. Total, 103.

From New Orleans and Havana, in the steamship Proba

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Old Independence Bell—The old bell which first proclaimed liberty to the United Colonies from the State House steeple, and which for years past has been an object of attraction in Independence Hall, now occupies a position in the hall immediately in front of the portrait of Lafayette, close by the statue of Washington, on a pedestal designed for the purpose by Frederick Graff, Esq. The pedestal is octagonal in shape with a double base. Upon the base are placed, at the corners, eight fasces surmounted by the liberty cap and other emblems, and upon the fillets which bind the reeds of these fasces, are tastefully arranged the names of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, indicative of the effect of that act in binding the Union together. Upon the fasces are shields—one containing the coat of arms of the United States; a second, the arms of the State of Pennsylvania; a third, the arms of the city of Philadelphia; and the fourth, the following:—

"The ringing of this bell first announced to the citizens who were anxiously waiting the result of the deliberations of Congress (which were at that time held with closed doors) that the Declaration of Independence had been decided upon; and then it was that the bell proclaimed liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof." The American flag is gracefully festooned between the fasces, and binds them by its ample folds. The carving was executed by a young man in this city named T. Daily. The bell is surmounted by a large gilt eagle. The pedestal is painted with white China gloss, with the coats of arms, names of signers, and inscription on the shields in gilt.

The subjoined history of the bell may not prove uninteresting. The copies of the annexed letters, addressed to Robert Charles, of London, in 1751 and 1753 by Isaac Norris and others, on the subject, explain themselves, and from which it will be seen that the inscription on the bell was ordered to be cast twenty five years before the Declaration was signed:—

58-1 November 1, 1751.
Respected Friend Robert Charles:—The Assembly having ordered us (the Superintendents of the State House) to procure a bell from England, to be purchased for their use, we take the liberty to apply ourselves to thee to get us a good bell of about two thousand pounds weight, the cost of which we presume may amount to about one hundred pounds sterling, or perhaps with the charges something more, and accordingly we have enclosed a first bill of exchange by John Porsian & Son on Messrs. Thomas Flowerden & Co for £100 sterling. We would have chosen to remit a larger bill at this time, but will take care to furnish more as soon as we can be informed how much may be wanted.

We hope and rely on thy care and assistance in this affair, and that thou wilt procure and forward it by the first good opportunity, as our workmen inform us it will be much less trouble to hang the bell before the scaffolds are struck from the building where we intend to place it, which will not be done till the end of next summer or beginning of the fall. Let the bell be cast by the best workmen, and examined carefully before it is shipped, with the following words, well shaped, in large letters around it, viz.: "By order of the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania for the State House in the City of Philadelphia, 1753," and underneath "Proclaim Liberty through all the land to all the inhabitants thereof." Levit. xxv. 10.

As we have experienced thy readiness to serve this Province on all occasions, we desire it may be our excuse for this additional trouble from, Thy assured friends, Isaac Norris, Thos. Letch, Edward Warner.

58-2 March 10, 1753.
In a previous letter I gave information that our bell was generally liked and approved of, but in a few days after my writing I had the mortification to hear that it was cracked by a stroke of the clapper without any other violence, as it was hung up to try the sound; though this was not very agreeable to us we concluded to send it back by Capt. Budden, but he could not take it on board; upon which, two ingenious workmen undertook to cast it here, and I am just informed that they have this day opened the mould, and have got a good bell, which, I confess, pleases me much that we should first venture upon and succeed in the greatest bell cast, for aught I know, in English America. The mould was finished in a very masterly manner, and the letters, I am told, are better than in the old one. When we broke up the metal, our judges here generally agreed it was too high and brittle, and cast several little bells of it to try the sound, and fixed upon a mixture of an ounce and a half of copper to one pound of the old bell, and in this proportion we now have it.

April 14, 1753.
A native of the Isle of Malta, and a son of Chas. Stow, were the persons who undertook to cast our bell. They made the mould in a masterly manner, and run the metal well, but upon trial, it seems they have added too much copper in the present bell, which is now hung up in its place. But they were so tenazed with the whimsies of the town, that they had a new mould in great forwardness before McLeod's arrival, and will very soon be ready to make a second essay. If this should fail, we will embrace Lister's offer and send the unfortunate bell again to him by the first opportunity.

In the Pennsylvania Packet of June 7, 1753, the following notice appeared: "Last week was raised and fixed in the State House steeple, the new great bell, cast here by Pass & Stow, weighing 2080 pounds, with this motto:—"Proclaim Liberty through all the land to all the inhabitants thereof."

From the above it will be perceived that the bell now in the Hall is the one which announced the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and the first bell of any magnitude cast on this continent. It was cast by Pass & Stow, whose names appear on it, and is composed, in part, of the original bell ordered by Mr. Norris. In 1777 this bell, with those of Christ Church and others, were removed from the city and buried in the Delaware river, opposite Trenton, in order to prevent their destruction by the British army, which at that period, occupied the city.

Gas and water pipes are now extensively cast in England, on the plan of an equal diameter from end to end, in laying which they merely abut against each other. About an inch from each end, a bevelled flange or feather is cast round the outer circumference, forming an angular ring, and when two pipes are brought end to end, a piece of web, or gasket, woven for the purpose, is saturated with red or white lead, or other applicable unctuous matter, and drawn twice round the space formed by the two projecting rings. Over this an iron collar, cast in two pieces, and having grooves to admit the projecting rings, is fitted and screwed up by bolts and nuts through lugs, forming a perfectly airtight joint.