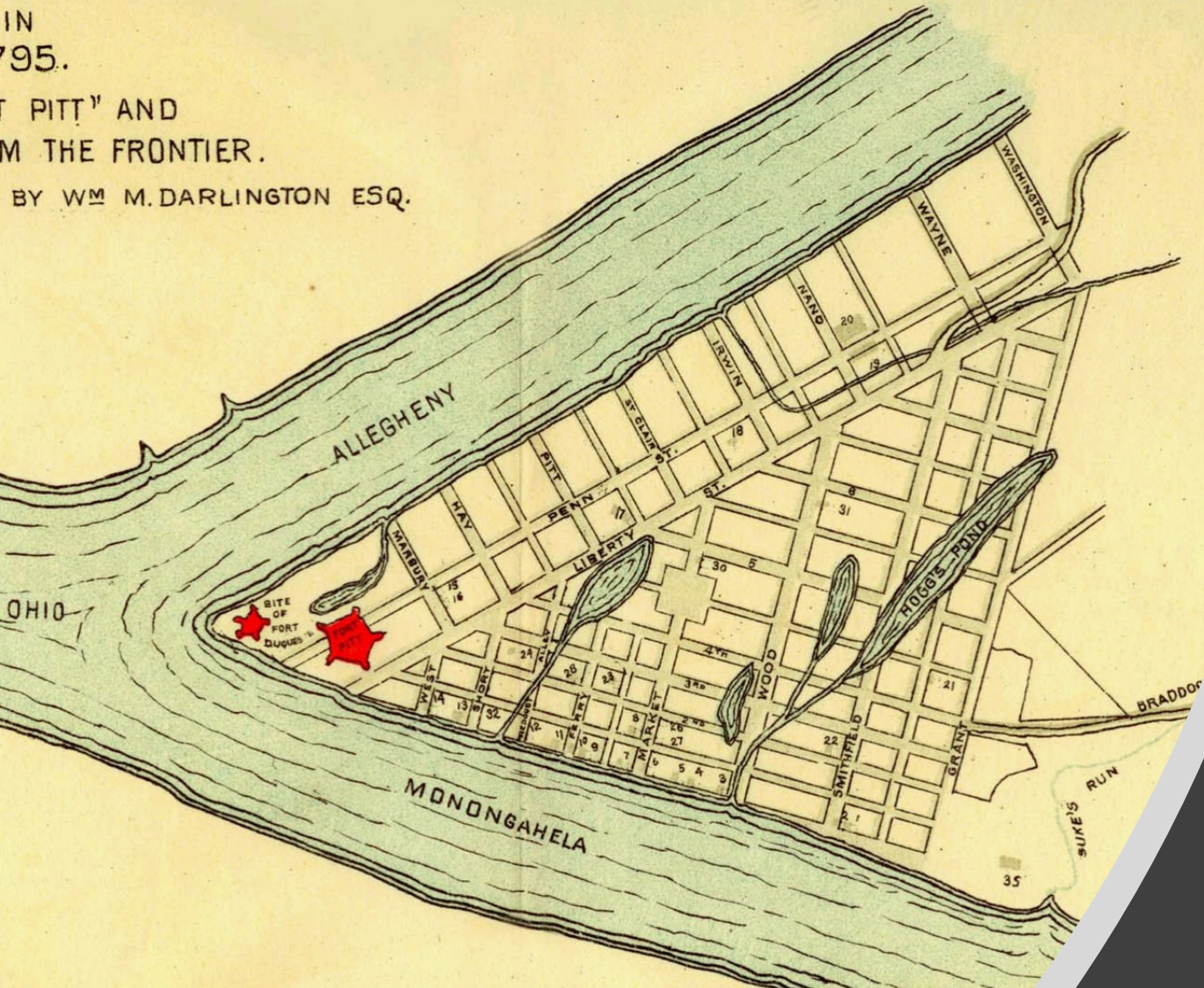


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 BY WM M.DARLINGTON ESQ.



5 Reasons You
 Would Not Have
 Wanted to be a
 Constable in
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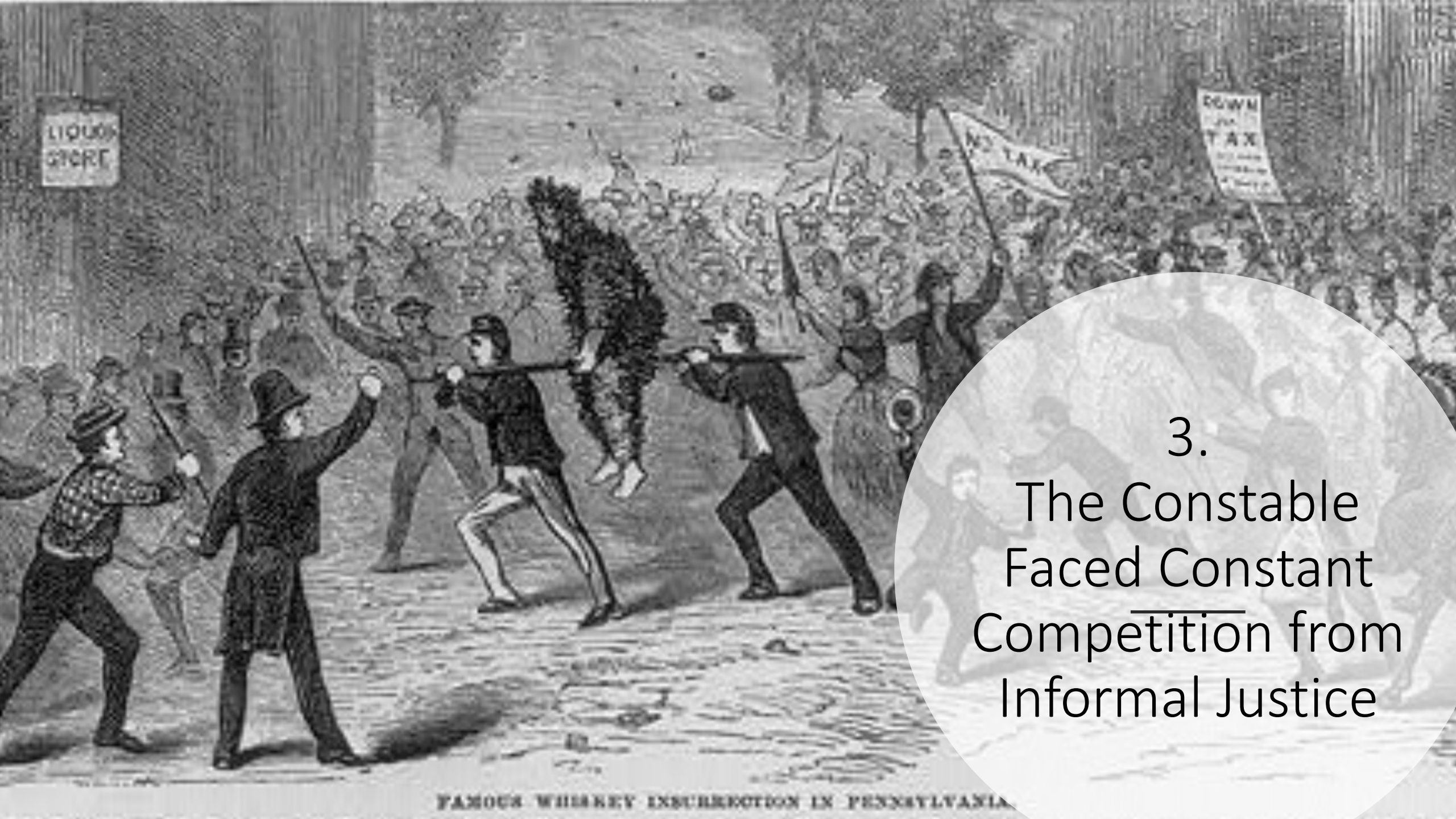
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| 11. JNO. NEVILLE. | 23. JNO. GIBSON THE BEARER OF | 32. |
| 12. ISAAC CRAIG | LOGAN'S SPEECH TO LORD DUNMORE | 31. |
| 13. ABRAHAM KIRKPATRICK. | 24. MAJOR JOHN IRWIN | |
| 14. JAMES O'HARA. | 25. THE REDOUBT BUILT BY COL. | |
| 15. COL. BUTLER'S WIDOW. | W. GRANT IN 1765. | |
| 16. GEN. R. BUTLER'S WIDOW. | 26. JUDGE BRACKENRIDGE | |
| 17. WM CECIL FATHER OF THE | 27. WATSON'S TAVERN | |
| LATE MRS BREWER | 28. CHAS. RICHARDS | |
| 18. DR NATHANIEL BEDFORD. | 29. BEN RICHARDS, COLORED ME | |
| 19. OFFICERS QUARTER | FATHER & SON FORMER KEPT | |
| 20. SOLDIERS BARRACKS IN FORT FAYETTE | GOOD TAVERN. | |
| 31. T. MARIE | 30. BLACK BEAR TAVERN | |



1.
It wasn't clear
there should be
constables at all



2.
The Government Was Messy
and Jurisdiction was Unclear



FAMOUS WHISKEY INSURRECTION IN PENNSYLVANIA

3.
The Constable
Faced Constant
Competition from
Informal Justice

A ROBBERY

Committed on the night of the 16th instant—
FIFTEEN WATCHES, two of which have
gold cases; one with an enamelled brass
outside case and brass back; one the case thick-
ened with gold—both French make.

Several of the Silver Watches are of Rawe's
make London; one of Dublin make, maker's
name Store; one Watch shews the day of the
month through a hole in the face.

Several are double Silver cased Watches of
English make—the single cased Watches are
French.

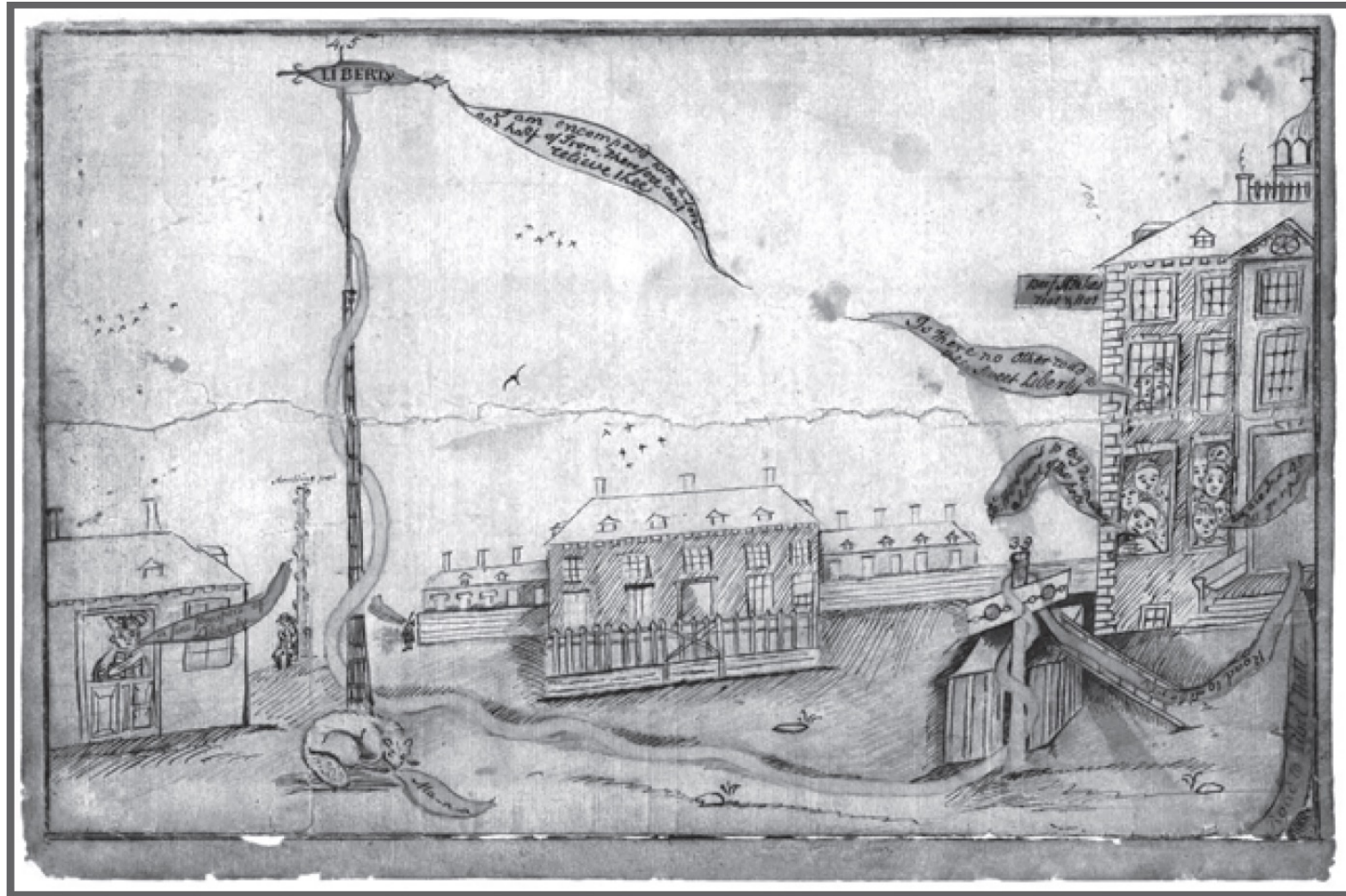
Any person discovering the Thief or Robber
and securing him in any Jail, or brings him to
Pittsburgh, shall receive the sum of

Twenty Dollars,

besides reasonable expences, by me

JOHN PARKER,
Watchmaker, Pittsburgh.

October 16, 1801.



5. Pierre Eugene Du Simitière, *Raising of the Liberty Pole in New York City*, 1770, etching, The Library Company of Philadelphia.



Just where he hangs the people meet.
To see him swing was music sweet.
A barrel of whiskey at his feet
Without the head.
They brought him for a winding sheet
When he was dead.

They clapt a match unto the same.
It flew about him in a flame.
Like shrouding for to hide his shame.
Both face and head.
The whiskey now will bear the blame.
It burn'd him dead

This Hazy was made August 13.th 1792

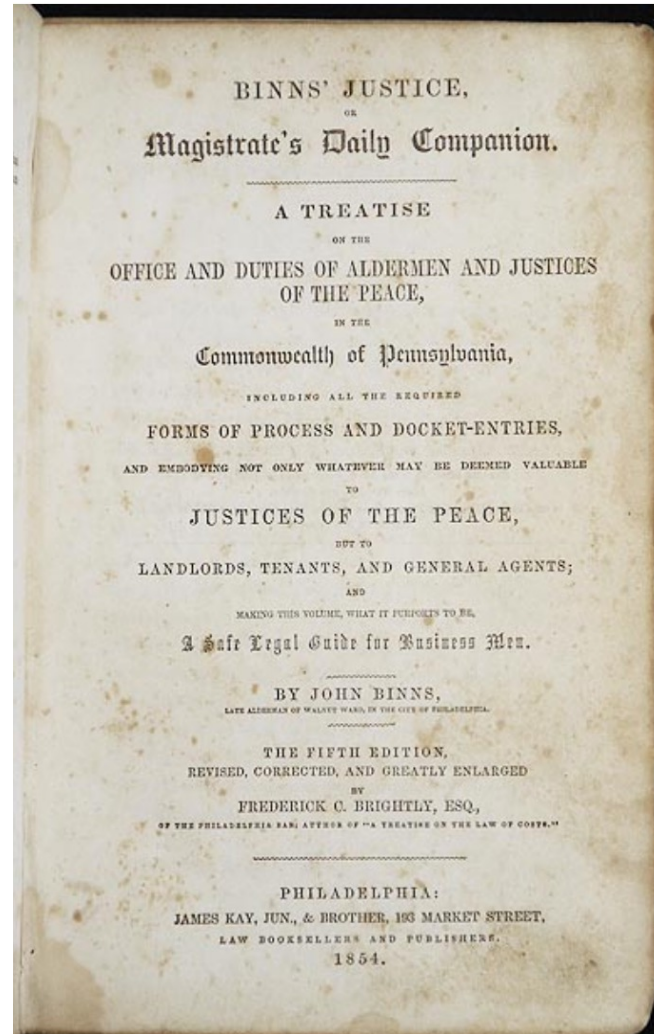
AN EXCISEMAN. Carrying off two Kegs of Whiskey, is pursued by two farmers, intending to tar and feather him, he runs for 'Squire Vultures to divide with him; but is met on the way by his evil genius, who claps an hook in his nose, leads him off to a Gallows, where he is immediately hanged. the people seeing him hang, puts a barrel of whiskey under him, sets fire to it, burns and blows him up, &c. The Distillers and Farmers, pay all due deference and respect to Congress, will not refuse to contribute amply for support of Government. But resolve not to be harrassed by that opprobrious character (in all free governments viz. an Excileman, who are mostly forged out of old pensioners, who are already become burdensome Drones to the community.

Epitaph.

Beneath this tar and feathers, lies a great a knave.
As ev' the infernal legions did receive,
A Bum Excise man, Despicable name
Fiercer as ten thousand fires to these two, he came

For his bad genius coar'd him to a tree
Where he was hang'd and burn'd just as you see
Launched off quick a gauge the River Styx.
Where he'll get sulphur all his drink to mix

4.
Constables Had
to Enforce the
Use of
Communal
Resources



FLATTERED by the appearance of satisfaction which I gave to the respectable bench and the learned gentlemen of the law while in the office of High Constable, I once more presume to offer my services to the public.

It is not a lucrative employment I desire; it is not the filling my coffers at the public expence that I am act: the office of Coroner for the new county of Alleghany stands open: as a candidate for that office I present myself, hoping that a well judging public will take my former services into consideration, & reward them by planting on a brow silvered over with age, this trifling scion from the tree of honor. As I look upon pecuniary advantages but as a secondary object, the hand of oppression would by me never be uplifted the afflicted widow or helpless orphan, deprived by the premature arrest of death, of the support derived from a tender husband or affectionate parent. shall never have cause to curse me, nor shall the public at large, whose assistance I now solicit, on whose patronage I rely, ever have it in their power deservedly to blame me, who has the honor to be their very humble servant,

JAMES CHAMBERS.

Pittsburgh, August 28, 1789.

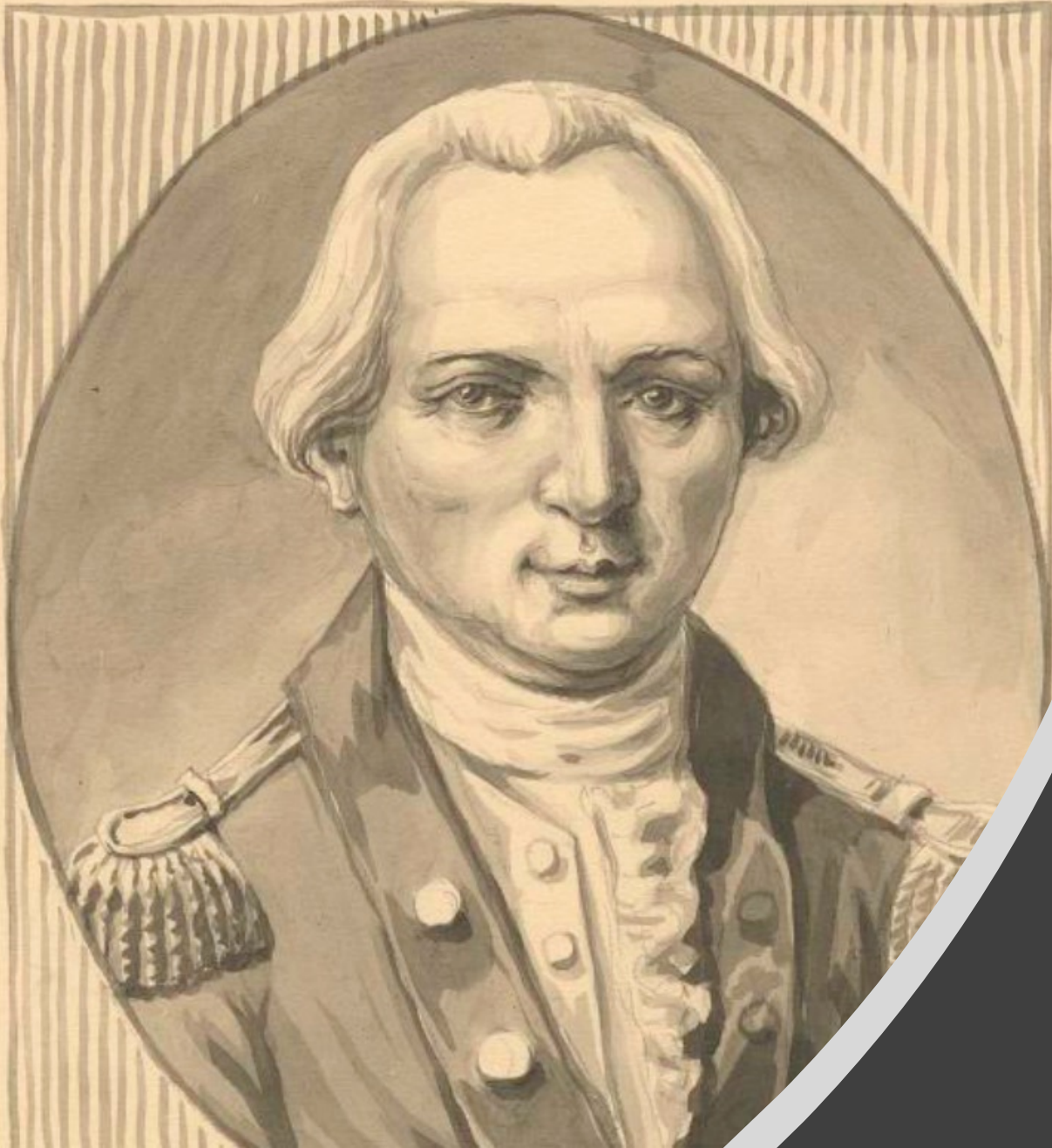
“The hand of oppression would by me never be uplifted [against] the afflicted widow or helpless orphan”

East-Caln, Chester County, May 6, 1776.

M A D E his escape, the 5th of this instant, in the afternoon, from the Constable, a certain *James Fitze, or Fitzpatrick*, who was under a commitment for assault and battery upon a Constable, when in the execution of his office; he is a Blacksmith by trade, about 5 feet 6 inches high, this country born, but of native Irish parents; brown curled hair, thick lips, grey eyes, a surly impudent wicked fellow; had on, when he went away, for his best suit, an old Wilton coat, brown cotton-velvet jacket and breeches, with red buttons on the jacket, half worn fur hat; his other clothes not known: Took with him a small Mare and Saddle, whose property I cannot tell. Whoever takes up said fellow, and delivers him in Chester Goal, in this county, or to the subscriber, in East-Caln, shall receive the reward of *Four Dollars*, from SAMUEL COATES, Constable.

* * * Whoever takes said *Fitze* is desired to look sharp after him, as he is well used to escaping from the Constables. ¶

5. Those who felt
disadvantaged by
the constable
could often
successfully resist



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