been deflated to the point where Washington complained: "It takes a wagon-load of money to purchase a wagon-load of provisions."

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ONE of the many curious letters of inquiry received by the Bicentennial Commission was from a skeptical Florida businessman. He wanted to know how any direct connection could be shown between his State and Washington—since Florida in his time was a remote and foreign territory.

The query was referred to the Commission's historians, who delved into forgotten records and brought up a most convincing and surprising reply. Washington, they said, was the original Florida booster.

As early as 1773, it seems, he entered into correspondence with an agent, James Wood, for the purchase of land in West Florida. Predicting great possibilities for the place, he arranged to take over large tracts for future development. Yet that country was almost unknown to most Americans and civil government was not established there by the United States until 1822—or twenty-three years after Washington's death.

Thus we have fresh evidence of the astonishing scope of his commercial activities and great practical vision. Fortunately this whole phase of Washington's life has been [illegible] ... tercentenary of the birth of George Washington, the author of the following article has culled the more interesting and generally unknown facts. It is particularly timely, in view of the tremendous plans of merchants and manufacturers for participation in the nation-wide observance of Washington's two hundredth anniversary.

TRENTON AND EWING PADLOCKS ARE ASKED

Trenton Times 2/10/32

United States Attorney Phillip Forman today instituted padlocking proceedings against an establishment in Trenton and one in Ewing Township.

In both cases, it is cited, beer was sold to Federal dry agents during December, last.

One case is directed against a place at 1500-02 South Clinton Avenue, with Carl R. Adams, alias Carl Adaminsky, as the proprietor, and Thomas Russo as the owner of the real estate.

The padlock is directed against a saloon and barroom and rooms connected in a one-story addition to a two-story brick building. The cellar is also included. It is charged that alleged beer was sold on December 28, last.

The other padlocking proceeding is directed against a two-story frame house near the intersection of Ewing and Eggerts Roads. Benjamin F. Bates is named as an employe and Pelligrina Proitti is named as the owner.

RITES SATURDAY FOR POST OFFICE

Trenton Times 2/10/32

Cornerstone Laying to Be Held With Congressman Eaton As Speaker

Brief but impressive ceremonies will mark the cornerstone laying at the new Trenton Post Office, East State and Carroll Streets, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Men and women, prominent in all walks of life, will be in attendance by special invitation from Postmaster Charles H. Updike.

The principal address will be made by Congressman Charles A. Eaton, of North Plainfield. It was Dr. Eaton who introduced the bill calling for an appropriation for the new structure.

Mr. Updike will preside over the ceremonies and will introduce the principal speakers. The exercises will be opened with prayer and will be closed with a benediction.

Romeo Joke Gives Comedy Relief In Tenseness of Court Business

Trenton Times 2/9/32

Judge William Clark, wearied by the interminable list of liquor cases in the United States District Court here today, sought relief comedy in the form of classical interpolations.

When the case of Joseph Romeo, of Passaic, came up for a hearing of liquor law violations, there was some doubt as to whether it was the right Romeo.

A deputy marshal believed it might have been Domenic Romeo, of Perth Amboy, who was sentenced yesterday for liquor violations.

Court officers scurried to all parts of the building in a search for the Passaic Romeo. Up and down the corridors they could be heard crying the name "Romeo, Romeo."

Meanwhile the court waited. So did United States Attorney Forman. So did everyone else in the crowded room.

Then Judge Clark leaned over his desk and said to the district attorney "I'm surprised that no one here quotes Shakespeare." (He had in mind that famous passage: "Romeo, Romeo, where are thou Romeo?")

Mr. Forman looked up with a puzzled frown.

"I can't quote Shakespeare," he replied. "I'm a bachelor."

Bench and bar laughed heartily, although none was quite sure of the point of the joke.

The brief interlude of humor was ended when a bench warrant was issued for Joseph Romeo.