

JOHN TODD'S RECORD-BOOK.*

From the original in possession of the Chicago Historical Society, No. 3437.

[On the inside of the front cover of the book is written:]

Kaskaskias in the Illinois 29th april 1782. Eighty and
touce. This day 10 oClock A:M Je vas Taken out of my
house by Isreal Dodge on an order Given by Jno. Dodge
in despite of the Civil authoroty Disregardled the Laws
and on ther Malitious acusatation of Jas. Williams and
nicheul pevante as may appear by their deposition Je vas
Confined By Tyranick military force without making any
Legal aplication to the Civil Magistrates 30th the attorney
for the State La Buiniere presented a petition to the
Court against Richard Winston State prisonner in their
Custody the Contents of which he (the attorney for the
State) ought to heave Communicated to me or my attor-
ney if any J had.†

[Letter of Instructions from Patrick Henry, Governor
of Virginia, pages 1-6:]

To JOHN TODD, Esqr WM^BBURG, Dec^r 12th, 1778.

By virtue of the act of Genl Assembly which estab-

* This book contains thirty-nine pages of 10 x 15, laid, ledger-ruled paper, with water-marked "crown" and letters "D V G" under, and "IV"; enclosed in combed-marbled thin paste-board covers.

† This memorandum has no connection with the other contents of the Record-Book, and was apparently inscribed by accident on its cover. Richard Winston, by whom it was written, was living in the Illinois Country as early as July, 1773. He was appointed by John Todd captain and commandant at Kaskaskia, May 14, 1779; was also sheriff-in-chief of that district, elected by the people, and was left in command at Kaskaskia by Todd, during his absence in June, 1779. In January, 1781, Winston was still commandant at Kaskaskia. This memorandum contains the only information we have concerning the revolution in his affairs which made him a State prisoner in 1782.—E. G. M.