

sity requires, may assume the habits of business, without relinquishing those gentle virtues peculiar to her sex."

Mrs. Moore held office under six successive Presidents of the United States: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

Meeting of Distillers

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A MEETING of distillers of Lancaster county was held at John Whiteside's tavern, in the borough of Lancaster, on Saturday, November 11th, 1815. Jacob Miller was appointed chairman, and John Rohrer secretary.¹ The distillers met for the purpose of preparing a petition to be circulated throughout the county; which petition, after a sufficient number of signatures was obtained, was to be sent to Congress, praying for the repeal of the law imposing an *additional* duty on distilled spirits. The meeting defined the situation clearly. If Congress should consider it proper to continue the duty on stills, the tax was to be figured upon the *capacity* of the still *only*; and if the then existing duty on the capacity was not sufficient, it might be increased; but it was felt that no tax should be levied on the *product* of the stills. It was also felt that distillers, after having entered into bonds and obtained licenses, should have the liberty of discontinuing by giving notice to the collector.

Henry Strickler, Jacob Miller and John Rohrer were appointed a committee to have a petition prepared expressing the sense of the meeting.

The following were appointed to obtain signatures:

Jacob Sherer, Melchoir B. Barr, George Withers, John Good, Samuel Miller, Jacob Johnston, Patterson Bell, George Jenkins, Jacob Gish, Henry Share, Nathaniel Ellmaker, George Lintzer, Martin Sheaffer, Henry Eberly, Henry Bear, Jacob Gamber, Isaac Lowe, John Forry, Isaac Heiney, Jacob Miller, Christian Rohrer, John Rohrer, John Stauffer, Michael Musselman, Christian Kauffman, Benjamin Herr, Abraham Peters, Jacob Mishey, James Crawford, Jacob Steman, Abraham Shenk, Martin Greider, John Houtz, Henry Strickler, William M. Slaymaker, John Neff, Daniel Buckley, Enoch Passmore, Martin Stauffer, Jacob Erb and John Leib.

It was hoped that distillers in the adjoining counties would send similar petitions to Congress.

Whether or not the law was repealed is not now known.

¹ Lancaster Journal, Monday, November 20th, 1815.