ARSAIN LEBLEU'S RESIDENCE.
Aug. 24, 1840 — Meeting today for the first time since the parish was created by legislative act, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury voted to locate the parish seat at Comasque Bluff.

Alexander Robert of Ward 2, who was elected president of the parish's first governing body, cast the deciding ballot to locate the parish center east of the Calcasieu River.

A tie had developed between the towns of Lisbon and Comasque Bluff, and the president cast the tie-breaking vote in accordance with jury rules drawn up at the beginning of the meeting.

The Comasque Bluff site had been placed into nomination by Michil Pithon of Ward 3 while Thomas Williams of Ward 6 placed the west Calcasieu town's name before the jury.

A third site, Joseph Faulk's Bluff, was designated by Henry Mop of Ward 4.

David Simmons of Ward 1 joined with Pithon in voting for the winning site while Ross Perkins cast his ballot in favor of William's choice.

The president of the jury is allowed to vote only in case a tie develops, according to rules.

Funds for operating the parish government were a main topic and the jurors voted to name Joseph S. Simmons and Jacob C. Simmons as tax assessors for a two-month period.

The jury asked the assessors to prepare a list of taxable property in the parish. It was voted to compensate the assessors $50 each for the work.

By unanimous vote, the jury voted to name Hardy Coward as parish treasurer and Needham Coward as parish constable. J. B. Woods was named acting clerk for the parish.

Joseph H. Buchanan appeared before the jury and asked permission to operate a public ferry at his place on the river.

The jurors voted to allow Buchanan to operate the ferry under the same terms as those granted Ross Perkins by the legislative act of 1830.

Buchanan will have exclusive ferry rights for four miles on each side of his ferry for a period of five years, according to the jury.

Pithon, who was named president pro tem, appointed Leasas Breau as overseer of the road from Three Momes to Kioches Point and Joseph Rihie to act as overseer from Kioches Point to Buchanan's Ferry.

The jury also voted that all St. Landry Parish laws affecting the authority and powers of the police jury would remain in effect until amended or modified by the Calcasieu jury.

Among the rules of orders passed by the jury were that no juror could speak unless given recognition by the president. The rules set out that no juror will be interrupted unless he departs from the subject or casts reflections on another member.

Further, no juror will be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject unless authorized by the president.

Each of the jurors signed a pledge to obey the adopted rules and agreed that any violations would be ungentlemanly and make the offender subject to a fine.

The jury will hold its next meeting here on September 14.