

To those whom it may concern.

ALL persons indebted to the Editor of this paper for subscriptions, advertisements, &c. &c. are respectfully requested to make immediate payment.

NATIONAL MILITIA.

Gen. Harrison, from the Congressional committee on the national militia, has made a long report, in which a truly novel system is recommended.

MAIL ROBBERIES.

The Western mail has been opened several times between this city and Washington Pa. within the last six weeks, and several large packages containing a considerable sum of money, taken out each time.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 25.

In the SENATE, yesterday much business was done. Among other things, the supplement to the Claims' Law, amended so as to retain the present Commissioner, was passed.

The House of Representatives have at length decided against repealing at this time the internal taxes.

In the House of Representatives, the bill to erect the western part of the Mississippi Territory into a state government, and for the admission thereof into the union, was debated; and, after vain attempts to amend it so as to include the whole territory in the new state, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

INTERNAL TAXES.

It may not occur to some of our readers, that the Direct Tax, expiring by its own limitation with the present session of Congress, was not one of those taxes which Congress has refused to repeal.

London dates have been received to the 8th Dec. They furnish nothing of importance, unless we except the details of a serious riot in London, in which, however, though many persons were wounded, it does not appear that any lives were lost.

W. C. NICHOLAS is chosen President of the Branch Bank at Richmond.

It is stated in the last Montreal Herald, that so intense was the cold at that place on Friday morning the 14th inst. at 7 o'clock, that the quicksilver in the thermometers sunk 30 degrees below zero.

SPANISH OUTRAGE!!

The attack on the Firebrand has not been yet atoned for. But Spain is determined we shall have more than one or two causes of complaint against her.

The following account of a most unwarrantable outrage, is attested by the passengers, of the sloop General Andrew Jackson:—Feb. 1, 1817, lat. 25. 39, N. Cape Florida bearing N. W. 5 leagues distant, in sight, passed to windward of a Spanish brig and ship, within musket shot—the brig pierced for 18 or 20 guns, and from her manoeuvring appeared to have the ship under her convoy Feb. 2, at 6, P. M. the wind inclining to the N. E. and blowing fresh, tacked and stood to the E. S. E. in order to get an offing from the Florida shore, the before mentioned sail in sight, under our lee bow—At 7, P. M. when within gun-shot of them, was fired at by the brig, the ball passed within a few yards of us—bore up to speak her, but as soon as we got abreast of the ship, she opened her fire upon us, a number of shot passing through our sails—we hailed her and told her that we were an American vessel from New-Orleans bound to Charleston; but she still kept up her fire upon us.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.

Yesterday our Banks commenced paying specie—they were prepared, and before ten o'clock their extensive counters exhibited a glitter of Gold & Silver Coins that delighted every beholder.

The banks of York, Carlisle, Chambersburg, and Green Castle, Pennsylvania, have resolved to follow the example of the city banks in paying specie.

A Convention of Delegates from the chartered banks of Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana met at Cincinnati on Monday last, to fix the day on which they shall simultaneously resume specie payments.

CHARLESTON, (S. C.) Feb. 10.

INTERESTING DECISION.

A gentleman has politely communicated the following important result of a case in the Court of Common Pleas, for publication.

John Singleton, vs. The South Carolina Bank.

This was an action brought for the recovery of a sum of money due upon bills issued by said bank. The case developed by the testimony was this: some time in the year 1815, John Singleton Esq. of the High Hills of San-

tee, presented to the Cashier of the Bank, eight bills of one hundred dollars each, and demanded payment in specie. The Cashier declining to act at that time on the demand, and begged indulgence until next day, when on the Plaintiff's second demand, a peremptory refusal was returned; the Cashier offering at the same time, to pay in bills of the same or any other Bank, adding that this proposition and conduct was in pursuance of instructions from the directors.

Judge GRIMKE, presiding; For the plaintiff, K. L. Simons; for the Defendant, J. Gadsden.

PHILADELPHIA Feb. 15.

WEST INDIA INTELLIGENCE.

We have been favored with a file of the Curacoa Courant of the 4th of January; from which we have selected the following:

CURACOA, DEC. 21.

By an arrival from St. Thomas, we have collected the following items of intelligence:

A French frigate had arrived at Port au Prince from France, with proposals from the King, and a request that France might enjoy free commerce with the Presidency of Hayti. The nature of the proposals we have not learnt, but understand they were not acceded to.

A French merchant vessel had arrived at St. Thomas from Bordeaux, said to have 30 000 stand of arms on board. Several officers who served under Bonaparte, among whom is the first aid-camp of Murat, had also arrived at that island. It was supposed they would join the insurgents on the Main.

Three sloops and a felucca, one from Margarita and the others from Aux Cayes, were cruising off St. Thomas, which were constantly annoying the Spanish trade with that island and St. Croix.

By an extract from a journal kept by a gentleman on board the American schooner Friendship, Spain, master, it will be seen that she was four times detained, and twice plundered, during her passage to this port.

DECEMBER, 22.

From Leguria we learn that accounts had been received in Caracas on Friday last, from General Morillo, announcing his arrival at Truxillo, from St. Fe, escorted by two hundred and fifty cavalry, the remainder of his army, under Calzada, having taken the route to Barinas, where the advanced guard had arrived.

It was reported at St. Domingo, that 11 armed vessels had been fitted out at Port au Prince, but any particulars relative to their having sailed or their destination, had not transpired.

FROM HAVANA.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 11.

We learn by the arrival yesterday, of the schr. Polly & Sophia, Capt. Lesesne, from Havana, that a short time before she sailed, a Spanish squadron, consisting of two frigates, and five or six smaller vessels had arrived there from Mexico; but that nothing had transpired as to their operation in that quarter.

Since the 16th January the weather has been excessively cold, with the exception of a few days: The Ohio river has been completely bridged with ice since about the 20th ult. and loaded waggons, sleds, &c. have daily crossed with perfect safety, the ice being about nineteen inches thick.

STATE OF ENGLAND.

Alarming Riots.—Between eleven & twelve, crowds of persons proceeded to Spa-fields, where there might be at first about 8,000 persons. In the field was a coal-waggon, upon which were mounted about twenty persons, chiefly in the dress of sailors. Several flags were displayed; two tri-coloured ones, on one of which was the following inscription:—

Nature, Truth, and justice! Feed the Hungry! Protect the Oppressed! Punish Crimes! On the second tri-coloured flag no inscription. On a third white flag in red letters, the following:— The brave soldiers are our brothers: treat them kindly.

Many had bludgeons, and others pockets full of stones. The mob, about 6,000 in number, passed about half an hour ago down Holborn-hill, Skinner-street, and Newgate-street, breaking windows. One shop, a cheesemonger's, had its windows broken.

Among the clamors of the mob, one was "Down with the press; let us destroy the Printing-Offices and property of several Papers, which they named; (ours was among the number.) The horse guards, about fifty, have just passed our office, in full gallop to the city.

Proceeding into the city, the mob went to the Royal Exchange, where several were shut in and made prisoners. From the Royal Exchange they were to go to the Corn Exchange and to Whitechapel. Mr. Peckwith has been taken to Newgate to protect him from the mob. A letter has just been sent to the Home Department for troops, as a threat of attacking Newgate has been made.

By this account it will be seen, that the mob divided themselves into different parties, each threatening mischief. They threaten among other things to release Lord Cochrane from the King's Bench Prison.

We know that government have taken such measures, at the points threatened, King's Bench Prison, Tower, Newgate, Bank, &c. that none of these measures can be carried into execution. And riot and disturbance will end in bringing down, as they ought to do, upon the heads of those instigating or acting in them, ruin and punishment.

CALCUTTA, AUG. 27.

Letters from Anjeer of July 7th, state that a severe action, which lasted from six in the morning till four in the afternoon, had been fought between the British troops commanded by Major Dutton, and the joint forces of the Rajah Beni and other chiefs, in which the latter were defeated with the loss of 500 men.

Accounts from Macassar, to June 26, state, that after the above attack on the enemy's strongly fortified works, (June 8.) he abandoned all his positions, and retreated; but our force was too weak to follow him.

QUEBEC, February 6.

"Upwards of eighty families have gone from the townships situated on the St. Francois in the district of Three Rivers, within the last month, and others are following. Their course is for the State of Pennsylvania, and Upper Canada. This will prove a serious loss to this Province. That fine settlement will be destitute of inhabitants by another year."

EXTRAORDINARY.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman of great respectability in New Jersey, who had lately visited Cape May, to his friend (a member of Congress) in this city.

"We have had very cold weather.—As far as the eye can reach at sea from Cape Island, no water can be seen.—Immense quantities of Cod fish have been thrown upon the shores dead—many thousand waggon loads may be got on the seven mile beach; (a few miles from the point of Cape May, on the sea shore side) and the Ducks have suffered so much, and have become so impotent, that a dog will take three or four hundred of a day, but they are not eatable; they are so very poor."

MARIETTA, Feb. 14.

Since the 16th January the weather has been excessively cold, with the exception of a few days: The Ohio river has been completely bridged with ice since about the 20th ult. and loaded waggons, sleds, &c. have daily crossed with perfect safety, the ice being about nineteen inches thick.

Letters from gentlemen who have lately left this place for the Eastward state that the snow, on and near the Allegany mountain, is from two and a half to three feet in depth, on a level.

The Congress are rapidly proceeding with and perfecting such public business as they are inclined to act upon at the present Session. Many important measures have recently been acted on, a succinct enumeration of which the reader will find in our daily narrative of Congressional Proceedings.

Other measures of equal magnitude are on their passage: for instance, the bill to provide for the rapid redemption of the public debt, which has passed the House of Representatives, and is now before the Senate; the bill for the re-moulding the accounting offices of the Treasury, which having passed the Senate, is now before the House of Representatives, and will probably pass that body, &c.

To the Editor of the Baltimore Patriot.

"In conformity with my promise, let me inform you what is here talking of among the great people. It is now said to be certain that Mr Adams has been sent for, and will certainly return to America, and receive the appointment of secretary of state. It is also said that Mr. Speaker Clay will be minister to the court of St. James.

LONDON, DEC. 1.

The American ship Electra, captain Williams, just in the river Thames from Philadelphia, has brought back about 50,000 value in British manufactures, which could not be sold in the United States for one half of their original cost in this country.—Another American ship, the Carolina-Ann, arrived at Liverpool recently, from New York, with a considerable quantity of British manufactures.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday last, by Wm. W. Martin, JONATHAN TAYLOR, Esq. to Miss NANCY BAKER, both of this county.

NOTICE.

I WILL attend at Mountsterling on Monday the 7th, and at Col. Martin's, in Winchester, on Wednesday the 9th of April next, for doing business with Retailers, Distillers, &c. G. W. BOTTS, Collector U. S. Revenue, March 15, 1817. 137 2w

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE co-partnership of WILCOCKSON & JONES is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All those indebted to the above firm are earnestly requested to come forward and settle their respective accounts. JOHN WILCOCKSON, JAMES JONES, March 15, 1817. 137 1w

Notice.

WE wish to start to Philadelphia the last of this month for a fresh supply of goods, and must call on all our customers to settle their accounts as soon as possible. P. B. WINN & CO, March 15 137 d

Notice.

ALL those indebted to the subscriber are requested to call at March Court & make payment, as he expects to leave this place about that time for St. Louis, for the purpose of purchasing stock. A compliance with which will greatly oblige him. Those failing to do so must not be surprised if they find their accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. The fact is, he must have money! WM. R. MASSIE, March 15 137 if

A Likely House Boy FOR SALE.

Enquire of the Printer. Feb 1 137 f



The Beautiful Horse BELLAIR,

NOW in high spirits and good condition will stand the ensuing season at my stable in Clarke County, seven and a half miles north east from Winchester, on the Grassy Lick road, near Judy's Mill, on Stoner. JAMES GATEWOOD, March 15. 137—1f

TAKEN UP by William Caves, in Montgomery County, on Spencer Creek, near Ellis's salt works, a Brown MARE, with a star in her forehead, one hind foot white, about 16 years old, 14 hands high, no brand or perceivable. Also, a young COLT, nearly the same color and marks. Appraised to 22 dollars 50 cts. Posted before me this 9th day of November, 1816. 137 3w

Clarke County, to wit. TAKEN UP by Martin Haggard, living near Col. Wm Sudduth's, a BLACK MARE, 15 hands high, 12 years old, shod round, has a small star in her face. Appraised to 40 dollars. Also, a BAY MARE, 6 or 7 years old, 15 hands high, shod before, both hind feet white, has a star in her face, has a long switch-tail, appears rubbed on the sides. Appraised to 55 dollars. Posted before me the 15th of January, 1817. JOHN WARD, j p c o