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Jan. 20, 1830.

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allow the highest market price,
goods, at cash price.

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND.

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ARD of Ten Dollars will be given
the subscriber for restoring to
which strayed from his farm
first of June last. This filly is a
without any white or mark re-
She was two years old in Octo-
and is rather delicately formed.

D. H. ALLEN

from Battletown,

18, 1830.

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Subscribers just received their
supply of Ground Alum and Liver-
Salt, to which they invite the at-
tention and farmers.

J. L. RUSSELL & CO.

of the Valley in Virginia,

Jan. 1st, 1830.

D.—The President and Direc-
tor of the Bank of the Valley in Vir-
ginia declared a dividend of 10
per cent. of which will be paid
by their representatives on or
that.

HENRY M. BRENT, Cashier.

Jan. 13.

ING STOVES,

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FOR CASH.

Stoves on hand for sale,
of the latest and
best make, all in the looking
order. He has also a great
many sizes, which will be
in any place ever been
seen. He has also several LARGE
stoves manufactured at his
factory, and very large.

THOMAS RAWLINS,

Oct. 7, 1829.

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USHELS OF RYE.

Subscribers wish to purchase the
quantity of Corn and Rye,
will give the market price,
at cash price.

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NS; also, Dupont's celebrated
water POWDER; and SHOT

per pound.

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Sept. 23, 1829.

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POETICAL.

Ben Cunningham's Description of Burns, the
Poet, as he believed him after his decease.

He lay in a chamber still and lone,

And meet for a poet's rest;

And the flowers of spring were lightly thrown

Upon the floor where he lay.

The lines of his face might still be seen'd,

If the gazer would yield the care;

They were dark and deep, for death's cold
hand.

Had not swept destroying there.

Silent and sad, not a sigh was heard;

O'er the form that in slumber lay,

Like a gloom in a whisper'd word.

All gazed and all past away.

The earth was heap'd, the turf was strew'd,

And far fled the mournful train;

His prooving craft again.

[Musical Hours.]

THE FREE PRESS.

The following communication has been on
hand for some time, but was omitted for want
of room. Its views, in the conclusion, will
entitle it to a perusal, even at this late day.

FOR THE VIRGINIA FREE PRESS.

Messrs. Editors:—As the Convention is
now about to adjourn, after a protracted
session of three months, and judging from
the present prospects, will submit to the
citizens of this State a constitution to un-
dergo the ordeal of their sovereign opinion,
to be rejected or accepted, according
to the imperative expression of the will of
the majority; it becomes incumbent upon
every man seriously to investigate and de-
cide upon what will hereafter affect the
tranquility, peace and happiness of each
of the respective portions of State. All
must be familiar with one of the most in-
controvertible axioms in the science of gov-
ernment, one so perspicuously set forth
in the Bill of Rights, that no majority of
the community hath, an indubitable, un-
assailable, and indefeasible right, to reform
or abolish it, in such manner as shall
be judged most conducive to the public
weal?—With a knowledge of this truth,
the people, as far back as the year 1816,
began to cry out for a redress of griev-
ances, the principal of which were the base
and despotic inequality in the representa-
tion of the large and small counties, and
the palpable and multifarious defects in both
the Judiciary and Executive departments
not ideal or imaginary, but felt like the
od of tyranny, an intolerable scourge at
the very vestibules of their habitations;
and what was the natural malady of the
state, concatenation of abuses, was the
Colonial law departing from the right
suffrage—a right so dear to freedom—

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the follow-

ing resolutions were agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of this Con-
vention tender to the Pastor and trustees of
the first Baptist Church, the thanks of this
Convention for the use of their Church.

Resolved, That the President of this Con-
vention tender to the Clergy of this city, the
thanks of the Convention for the promptness
and punctuality with which they have com-
plied with the request of the Convention in
opening its daily sessions by prayer.

Mr. Randolph, in a few eloquent
words, introduced the following Resolu-
tion, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the impartiality and dignity
with which Philip P. Barbour, Esq. has pre-
sided over the deliberations of this House,
and the distinguished ability whereby he hath
facilitated the despatch of business, receive
the best thanks of the Convention.

Mr. Barbour resumed the Chair, and
addressed the Convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention: Never in my
life did I feel such strong emotions as those
with which I now address you.

The resolution which you have just passed

is a proof of your approbation of my con-
duct as presiding officer of this assembly, an
evidence of your good opinion, which I
shall long cherish, as one of the most prais-
ing recollections of my life; and for which, I
have no return to make, except the expres-
sion of my sincere thanks and profound ac-
knowledgegment.

To be the mentor even of such an assem-
bly as this, import a large and gratifying
share of public confidence, to be called to
the top of the Blue Ridge, or the sandy
beach of the Atlantic shore. The advan-
tage of popular feeling towards the constit-
ution, but day after day aggravated it and
presented many forebodings of a revolu-
tion—not a bloody one like that which
startled asunder the fetters by which our
forefathers were bound, but a peaceful
reform of the present state of affairs.

Thus the glaring and manifested in-
justice towards one division of the States
produced more or less discontent through-
out the entire country; and the result was
a vast odd number of states, and a
large and respectable portion of the com-
munity, for the sole sin of not owning live
and twenty acres of land; with an old cabin
on it, even though that land was on the
top of the Blue Ridge, or the sandy
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We have been for a long time laborious
engaged in this great work; our labors are
now at an end; the Constitution which we
have formed, is now to be submitted to the
people, for their ratification or refection.

In the language substantially of the Con-
vention which framed our Federal Constitu-
tion, I will say—that it will meet the full
and entire approbation of every portion of the
Commonwealth, it is not to be expected; but
each will doubtless consider, that had its inter-
ests alone been consulted, the consequence
would have been particularly disagreeable,
or injurious to others. Whilst, therefore, we
cannot expect that it will be considered by
the people, the best form of government that
could have been devised, we may indulge the
hope, that as it is the best which the dis-
tant opinions and conflicting interests of the
Commonwealth enabled us to make, it will be
received by them in the spirit of concilia-
tion and compromise; and he accepted as this re-
sult of mutual deference and concession,
which the peculiarity of our political situation
rendered indispensable; more especially, as
it will carry with it a weighty recommenda-
tion, that we have been guided in its formation
by the experience and enlightened coun-
sel of the patriots of the land of men, whom
Virginia knows to be her master workmen, in
the great art of constitutional architecture.

The general course of our proceedings
has been characterized by the moderation
and forbearance which became the
dignity of the occasion, and the great ques-
tions which we have been called to decide.

16, in the collisions of discussion, an occa-
sional spark of excitement shall have been

struck out, I trust, that like that which is
struck from the flint, it will have been extin-
guished in the moment which gave it birth;

and that we shall separate from each other,
with that reciprocal feeling of good will, which
will constitute the strongest cement of our

union, as well as of our mutual respects.

17, in the trials of discussion, an occasional
spark of irritation and passion. There was

irritation and passion in the speeches of his
adversaries; and in his own, when he spoke

on the subject of the Constitution, he was
more distinctly seen, beating in the regular
movements of honor.

18, in the trials of discussion, an occasional
spark of admiration. His eloquence was
fascinating as well as commanding; his person
was not large, but dignified and graceful.

19, in the trials of discussion, an occasional
spark of respect and admiration. His
eloquence was extensive; its tones were
soft, but powerful; its delivery clear and
distinct; and his manner of speaking was
graceful and elegant.

20, in the trials of discussion, an occasional
spark of respect and admiration. His
eloquence was brilliant; his manner of speak-
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THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

To the People of Frederick and Jefferson counties in Virginia.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: You conferred on me, a few months since, the honorable distinction of representing you, in part, in a convention for the amendment of our state constitution. Having performed, in the best of my ability, the duty which you imposed on me, and having had the singular fortune (perhaps I should say misfortune) to differ, not from my respectable colleagues only, but with the whole western delegation, on the most interesting and important question which we were called on to decide—I deem it proper to render you an explicit account of my conduct, and of the motives, reasons and circumstances, by which my course was regulated and controlled. I am the more induced to pursue this course, because, having zealously supported, in the convention, the amended constitution now submitted to you, from a deep conviction that it was eminently calculated to promote and ensure the happiness and prosperity of the whole people of Virginia, I feel it to be a sort of postscript to my former address.

to do every thing in my power to recommend it to your favorable consideration. Other motives for this address are not wanting; and I may even say, with truth, that it is scarcely a voluntary act. For since my return to the house, we have been urgently and repeatedly called on, by some of those who have done me the honor to approve of my course there, to explain to my constituents why it was that I, alone, of all the thirty-six members from the west, voted in favor of the amended constitution which has been submitted to the people of Virginia.

It will be perceived, at a glance, that the task assigned me is one of great delicacy. For if I succeed in shewing the correctness of my own view of the one great question which divided me from the western delegation, I must, however reluctantly, convict some of my nearest and dearest friends of an error of judgment in regard to that one great question. To the purity of their motives it were superfluous in me to bear testimony. The gentlemen alluded to are too strong in the good opinion of their fellow-citizens to need the tribute of my praise. May I be permitted to add, that I estimate their magnanimity and their good feeling too highly to apprehend that they will take snubs any thing that I shall say, in vindicating my own course and conduct? I trust that they know me too well to entertain, for a single moment, the idea that a rigidly regarded with a view to abstract principles of right, it will scarcely be accepted by the people. On the other hand, however, it is quite apparent that happiness is not to be found, by me at least, in the thorny path of ambition. I seek not to acquire that sort of popularity which might secure to me suffrages which I do not want. I seek merely to shew that, in the course which I pursued in the convention, I was guided by sound and correct views of the real interests of my constituents, and of the whole people of Virginia; and that the ratification, by the people, of the amended constitution which has been submitted to them, will eminently promote, and advance the prosperity of the state.

To me this proposition seems to be so clearly infensible from the nature and character of its provisions, that I should consider it a waste of time and labor to attempt to prove it. I was not convinced by many circumstances that the provisions themselves are misunderstood and misrepresented. One of the circumstances to which I allude is of so striking a character as to deserve a brief and passing notice. The editor of the Leesburg Washingtonian, in his paper of the 2d of January, commenting on the proceedings of the convention in regard to Gen. Gordon's resolution, which contained the plan for apportioning representation since made a part of the amended constitution, makes the following statement:

"We have already apprised our readers of the final settlement of the 'all-absorbing question' basis of representation in convention, on Saturday the 19th ult., on the basis of white population and federal numbers; in plain words negro representation." In publishing this decision in our last sheet we merely stated the fact, the proceedings in full; not having them arrived; but, having since seen and examined them, we find that three or four of the western delegation deserted their ranks, and aided in forcing upon the western portion of the state, who are contesting for just and equal rights, this obnoxious, unequal, and aristocratic state of things—and reader will you believe it, among this number was one from Loudoun, &c. "Negro representation has prevailed," and Mr. Richard H. Henderson voted in support of it, &c. "The interest originating from this question is such as to induce us to publish the remarks of several members on its passage, and the ayes and noes, in the preceding page, which will enlighten the reader on this singular state of things—the desertion from the west of several of the delegates who were viewed as uncompromising."

The ayes and noes are then given, showing that Mr. Henderson voted for "the resolution of Mr. Gordon," which is not set forth at length, but which the editor, after an "examination" of a whole week, understands and states to be "the basis of white population and federal numbers"—I need scarcely add that the whole statement is founded on a total misconception of the facts which the editor undertakes to state—that Gen. Gordon's plan, adopted on the 19th of December, and voted for by Mr. Henderson and myself on that day, was the successful rival of the plan of white population and federal numbers, instead of being the plan itself—that "negro representation" did not prevail—and that Mr. Henderson and myself did not vote for it, but against it, on that occasion.

I have perhaps attributed more importance to this particular blunder than it deserves; but I am convinced by information received from various quarters, that the public mind has been much abused. I will not say intentionally,—is regard to the distribution of power made by the provisions contained in the amended constitution. It is my purpose to address

you on these topics: but, as my time is not my own, my communications will perhaps be irregular and desultory.

One remark, and one only, on the merits of the subject, I will make before I close this brief introductory letter. It is, that whatever may be the merit of the amended constitution, when compared with that which the western delegation, as a party, sought to obtain in lieu of it, (I mean an apportionment of representation according to white population in the house of delegates, and according to federal numbers in the senate,) there cannot be a doubt about its superiority to the old constitution. I presume I do not hazard much in saying that not a single delegate to the convention from "the valley" will vote for its rejection.

JOHN R. COOKE.
January 27, 1830.

From the Genius of Liberty.

The labours of the Convention have at length terminated, and an amended constitution for the government of this state, adopted by that body, will be found in our present number. In lay-

we would willingly waive all expression of sentiment with regard to its merit; but, whatever diffidence may be entertained on the occasion, we are aware of the situation of affairs,

which not unfrequently subjects him to the illiberal imputation, or unjust suspicion, of a temporizing course.

We have, it is true, during the protracted discussion in the convention, and even anterior to its session, calculated but little on any signal reform as likely to result from its labours; and when we witnessed, as we conceived, its want of magnanimity, with the instability that pre-eminently distinguished its decisions, owing to the difficulty of reconciling conflicting interests, we are free to declare, that we were rather inspired with disgust at the detail of its proceedings, than with respect for the body. Those collisions of interest have now ceased in their more odious and striking exhibition, and a constitution is, (or will be,) submitted to the people, which in its compromise features, is probably, the only one that could possibly have obtained the sanction of a majority of the convention. Under such circumstances it is easy to conceive that, if the newly-formed constitution be rigidly regarded with a view to abstract principles of right, it will scarcely be accepted by the people.

The House of Representatives was occupied in petitions and resolutions, during the first two hours of its session. Among the petitions presented, were several against the transportation of the mail on Sunday, and several against any interference with the subject by Congress. Some petitions were also presented by Mr. Buchanan, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. Mr. Mercer also presented various petitions from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, on the subject of an extension of the Canal to Alexandria and to the Navy Yard; also, one praying for an alteration in the charter. Several resolutions were offered and adopted; and among the resolutions, was one by Mr. Dorsey referring to the Committee on Naval Affairs to consider the expediency of making some provision for the families of the officers and men who were lost in the Hornet. The House subsequently took up, in Committee of the whole, the subject of the contested election in Maher, when Mr. Tucker of South Carolina, and Mr. Anderson of Maine, addressed the Committee against the petitioner, in favor of the sitting member, and Mr. Pearce obtained the floor, and on his motion the Committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The House then adjourned.

From the Sentinel of the Valley—Looking to the general welfare, and influenced by a spirit of conciliation and compromise, the body to whose wisdom on the task of remodelling our present form of government had been submitted, has offered to their constituents a system worthy, in our opinion, of all favor and acceptance, when compared with that under which we now live, and under which it must be confessed we have enjoyed happiness, prosperity, and protection for upwards of fifty years. It is not to be denied that there are some features in the new, which formed the principal causes of objection to the old Constitution; but we think we have abundant reason to be thankful that our political condition is greatly improved, our weight in the legislative department of the government increased, and the expense of the Commonwealth considerably diminished. While, therefore, the old ares of the present Constitution have been partially healed in the redress of some of our grievances, and a general amelioration of its defects also accomplished, for the demands of the various parts of the state, we have the satisfaction of knowing that if all our claims have not been listened to with the respect which we conceived they merited, and awarded with the readiness we had anticipated, the Constitution still retains vestiges of the disorders, which must break out afresh at some future day, and ultimately result in the complete eradication of every symptom inconsistent with the pure principles of republicanism.

We are not of those who, believe it a sacrifice of principle to adopt the amended Constitution. Demagogues and others who would fain be the People's servants—and these guardians of the People are plenty as blackberries, now a days—may preach up the doctrine that it is a voluntary surrender of principle for the west to acquire in the decision of the majority; but we are inclined to the opinion that the People are old enough and intelligent enough to act for themselves in this matter, and that their own discretion will point out the proper course for them to pursue without the advice or instruction of these would-be very humble servants.

It was one of the earliest impressions we received, and experience has strengthened and confirmed it, that the People are governed by their servants; and that in every community power is lodged in the hands of a few individuals, whose will and opinions, however

irreconcileable with policy and justice, are the rule of action for all within the sphere of their influence. We hope, therefore, in passing upon the Constitution which we this day lay before them, they will bear in mind that it is the work of the combined wisdom of the state; and if it does not contain every thing they desired, it at least extenuates some of the most objectionable features of the present one. Let them be carefully compared; and if it shall appear the amended Constitution is preferable to the one under which they at present live, we earnestly entreat them to throw all sectional feelings aside, to forget the bickerings and prejudices the agitation of the subject has given birth to, and for the sake of that peace and harmony which it should be the duty of all to cherish and promote throughout the good old Commonwealth, to go forth to the polls when it shall be submitted for their rejection or adoption, and declare their preference, unbiassed by the opinions of those who, in their estimation, are in some measure to keep alive the spirit of disunion; and uninfluenced by any other advice than that of their own calm and sober judgment.

CONGRESS.

MONDAY, JAN. 25.

In the Senate, among the various petitions and memorials presented, were two from the State of Maine, by Messrs. Holmes and Sprague, and one from New York, by Mr. Dudley, re-

maining against the transmission and opening of the mail on the Sabbath, and one by Mr. Bibb, from the Trustees of the Transylvania University, praying for a grant of lands in aid of that institution. The resolution of M. Foot, proposing to institute an inquiry into the expediency of abolishing the office of Surveyor-General, and of suspending the surveys of the Public Lands was again resumed, as the unfinished business; when Mr. Hayne, in an argument of great length, concluded his reply to the Speech of Mr. Webster on Wednesday last. The question, which is now on the motion of Mr. Webster for an indefinite postponement of the resolution, was not taken, when the Senate adjourned.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 26.

In the Senate, the bill making appropriations for the payment of Revolutionary and Invalid Pensioners, was ordered to a third reading. Mr. Rowan offered a bill to authorize subscription for one thousand shares of Stock, on the part of the United States in the Louisville and Portland Canal Company, which was passed to second reading. Mr. Barton reported without amendment, the bill to continue in force an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof. The Senate then resumed the consideration of Mr. Foot's resolution, when Mr. Webster took the floor. Before he concluded, the Senate adjourned, so that he will continue his reply tomorrow.

In the House of Representatives, a bill was reported by Mr. R. M. Johnson, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, authorizing the Post Master General to employ additional Clerks. The clerks thus authorized, exclusive of a third Assistant Postmaster General, are ten, two to receive salaries of 1600, two of 1400, and six of 1200 dollars per annum. The bill from the Senate to alter the Bridge and Draw over the Potowmack, was reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia, with amendments, the principal one of which is to authorize the Corporation of Washington to alter the Draw over the Eastern Channel, in like manner with that over the Western. A number of resolutions were introduced, and the House then resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on Elections, on the pe-

tition of Revell Washburn, contesting the right of James W. Ripley, of Maine, the sitting member, to his seat in the House. Without coming to any result, the Committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27.

In the Senate, the whole of the day was occupied in the debate on the Public Lands—Mr. Webster having concluded his speech, and Mr. Hayne having spoken in reply. The Senate did not adjourn till half past four o'clock...

The House was chiefly occupied in the adoption of Resolutions, and on the Maine Election, on which the House came to no decision. A Message was received from the President, on the subject of the condition of the Patent Office, and another recommending a revision of the laws on the subject of the expenditures in the department of our foreign intercourse. Mr. Mallory, from the Committee on Manufactures,

introduced a bill to regulate the Tariff. Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on the Census, reported a bill to determine and fix the ratio of Representation after the twenty-second Congress. Mr. Thompson, of Georgia, also reported, from the Committee on the Militia, a bill to establish an uniform Militia System. Mr. Drayton offered sundry declaratory resolutions on the subject of the Tariff on Wool, which were referred to the Committee on Commerce. The House adjourned, without debate, by a vote of 72 to 58.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, of Cumber-

land, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, by the General Assembly, that the Board of Public Works be instructed to inquire into the expediency of directing the Principal Engineer, when he shall have completed the survey of a route for a road from Petersburg, at the mouth of the Little Kanawha river, by way of Clarksburg, Romney, and Martinsburg, to Shepherdstown, on the Potowmack river, or some other point of intersection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canals, to survey a route for a road from Romney, one of the points in said route, in the most convenient and practicable direction to Harper's Ferry, in the county of Jefferson, and to report reasonable expenses of a road from Petersburg to that place.

The Annual Communication from the Board of Public Works, was received from Governor Giles, as President of the Board. It comprises a very interesting Report of the Board themselves; accompanied by the Report of Capt. Crozat, the Principal Engineer, and the Reports from the 27 Chartered Companies, to whose Capital Stock the Commonwealth had subscribed.—The Board estimate the probable Receipts for the present year, at

\$124,050 00
And the probable disbursements, at 98,073 83

Probable balance, on 1st Dec. 1830, \$24,976 82

The Board sketches a very cheerful picture of the condition of the Fund for Internal Improvement, and the encouraging prospects it holds upon this most interesting object of Internal Improvement. They state, that "The preceding Expose of the state of the Fund, is calculated to awaken new hopes in the friends of Internal Improvement, and to infuse additional confidence in the sufficiency of the Fund, for the accomplishment of the liberal and benign purposes of its Institution."

I am of opinion, sir, that we ought either to leave our seats here altogether, or to protect ourselves while in them from such wilful and atrocious calumnies by those who are admitted on our floor, and who receive through our hands large disbursements of the public money. It becomes us, sir, either to go home, and yield up our places to men of a better spirit than ourselves, or else to show that we will not be either bullied or slandered, by persons circumstanced like this publisher, out of the free exercise of the right of discussion. I rise, therefore, sir, to give notice, that, on the next similar occurrence, which, judging from the past, may be daily expected, I shall make it the subject of a specific motion to the Senate: "I beseech you now, sir, if I follow the inclination of my own judgment; but it is thought by others, to whom I defer, that the cause which I have thus adopted, may, in the event of a contest, be made to affect the balance of power in the Senate, and yet unaccounted for, the certain available balance, is \$1,180 70. But, while the existing state of the Fund, notwithstanding the heavy embarrassments under which it is made to labour, is a source of so much gratification, the prospective estimates are still more so."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That 20,000 copies of the amendment to the Constitution be printed for distribution among the people of this Commonwealth, by the members of the General Assembly.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28.

Mr. Rutherford, from the Committee to whom were referred the memorials of the Stockholders of the Bank of Virginia, of the Bank of the Valley, and of the President, Directors and Stockholders of the North Western Bank of Virginia, praying a renewal of their respective charters; reported resolutions declaring all these memorials reasonable.

Mr. Mason of F. presented a supplementary bill from the Committee of Courts of Justice, "Further to amend an act, entitled an act to organize a Convention"—which was read the first and second times, ordered to be printed, committed to the Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

This bill provides the means for sifting the votes which are given for or against the Constitution, and makes precautions against any irregularities in the exercise of the new suffrage which is established. It commits the power of counting the votes and declaring the result to the Executive. Should any doubt exist on comparing the votes, whether the majority is for or against the Constitution, the Governor is to announce the fact by proclamation, and the Legislature is to be forthwith summoned. This law supercedes the summer session of the Legislature, for putting the new government into operation, as was provided by the original Convention law. If a majority of the people should satisfy the Constitution, the election for Senators and Delegates is to take place on the 1st of October, and the new Legislature is to meet on the first Monday in December next, &c. &c.

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Receipt of a gentleman, who cured himself of the Dyspepsia.—Last summer I was severely attacked by the scourge of every one who trifles with his stomach for the pleasure of gratifying his palate: when I found it absolutely necessary to change my manner of living entirely. Instead of remaining idle at my store or house, I obliged myself to get up every morning with the sun, and exercise myself in some way for at least one hour before breakfast, after having washed abundantly in cold water. I then ate one slice of a small loaf, with one cup of warm boiled milk, water and salt, after which I abstained from eating anything more until dinner, which was ready about half past one o'clock—taking as much exercise as I could conveniently in the meantime. For dinner, I ate something of an opening nature, such as sage, rye and Indian or milk porridge, for a number of days in every week for a month or two, when I gradually left off my puddings and gruel, and was able to bear two or three vegetables, with a small piece of beefsteak or chicken. Fifteen minutes after dinner I commenced my afternoon exercises, which was a brisk walk for an hour or two, (which I consider the best exercise in use,) or rode for a few miles on horseback (which is the next best, provided you can get a good trotting horse,) I never allowed myself to desire any thing more to eat after dinner except half a slice of dry toast, with a cup of milk, water and sugar, until the next morning at breakfast; and following this plan up very strictly, I now enjoy an uninterrupted state of good health.

I forgot to mention I indulged myself in all kinds of fruit of an opening nature, such as pears, oranges, &c. about an hour before dinner, and drank tea, cider only with my dinner, and ever wine.—[Boston Palladium.]

shape possible. We should not, therefore, on this account, forgo a present certain good, (which the new will present,) under the delusive hope of future contingent advantages from another Convention. A majority of the people will not, for many years to come, sanction the assemblage of another college of political physicians.

We learn, by the Baltimore American, that a murder was perpetrated at Harper's Ferry on Friday last, which has thrown a gloom over the place, and created a greater sensation in our community, than any event which has occurred within our recollection. We venture to affirm that a more daring, deliberate and unprovoked homicide was never committed in this or any other country.—*Thomas H. Dows, Esq.* Superintendent of the United States Army, was shot through the heart, while sitting in his office in open day! It appeared, from the great size of the wound, that the murderer had placed the muzzle of the gun within a few inches of his victim. Instant death was the consequence. That an outrage so flagrant should have been committed at midday hour, in the broad day-light, when the street was filled with persons pursuing their ordinary avocations, is a circumstance which impresses upon the assassin's conduct escape detection, exhibits a depravity of heart and a recklessness of purpose without parallel in civilized society.

It seems not to be less than the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. This loss, estimated to weigh, carriages and passengers, fifteen tons, was drawn by a single horse, at the rate of six miles an hour!

[Nat. Int. Jan. 23.]

Sailing on Land.—Another experiment was made on the Rail-road yesterday, says the American, with the success of propelling by a windmill.

The gentlemen who were seated in it, was Dr. Wm. Clinton, Civil Engineer, of New York. The management of the sail during the excursion, was confided to a ship master of great experience, and on the return of the carriage before the wind, it was propelled at the astonishing rate of full twenty miles an hour! Although the brake was freely used, and the sail afterwards struck, the impetus was so great that the carriage could with difficulty be brought up.—[Balt. Patriot of Jan. 28.]

Rail-Road from Jersey City to Washington.—We are credibly informed, says the Jersey City Gazette, that stock has been subscribed for a rail-road from Jersey City to Washington. Two public spirited gentlemen, who are likewise considerable capitalists, are said to be the prime movers and directors of this undertaking, which only wants the sanction of the legislature, to be prosecuted with vigor.

We observe, by the Baltimore papers, that several Members of Congress have visited that city on successive Saturdays, attracted by curiosity to see a sample of the Rail-Road, of which over a mile in length is completed, in that vicinity. Our friends at Baltimore may have the compliment returned, by paying us a visit in a month or so, from this time, when we will shew them a beautiful piece of our Canal, into which the water is shortly to be let, in order that the river navigation (which has been suspended for some time during the work) may be resumed. We do not know the exact length of it, but it is the piece from the dam above the Little Falls to the site of the locks of the old Potowac Company's Canal.

We are glad to hear by the way, from one of the Directors of the Canal Company, who has just returned from a ride on the line, that the work is going on briskly, efficiently, and upon the whole, very satisfactorily, especially in the sections of difficult work near the Great Falls of Potowac.

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The Salem Gazette cautions the public against the careless or imprudent use of charcoal in close rooms. A man in that town a few days since was nearly suffocated by the deleterious coal vapour; and a short time previously the pupils in the High School were so affected by it as to be quite stupefied. When the door of the school room was opened (which by a fortunate accident was done before much time elapsed,) some of them were unable to stand; and others reeled to and fro like drunken men. Fresh air and proper attention soon recovered them.—But a little longer, and it would have been too late.

Richard Rush, Esq. has arrived in the packet ship Canada, at New York. He is now in Washington.

A most atrocious and daring attempt was made, yesterday morning, to rob the early Union Line Stage from Baltimore for this city. A little before day-break, the Stage was beset, on the road, between Baltimore and the first turnpike gate, by six ruffians, who attempted to stop the horses, and in the attempt fired two pistols, by one of which the driver was shot in the thigh, whilst the bullet from the other passed near his head. With courage and firmness, however, he maintained his seat, kept the horses at speed, until he reached the turnpike gate, leaving the villains behind, the passengers not being aware of his situation till some time after he received the wound.

[Nat. Int. Jan. 23.]

Attempt at assassination.—A most daring attempt at assassination was made in Baltimore, on Friday evening the 22d ult., upon one of the deputy keepers of the Maryland Penitentiary. He was approached by two persons

in dark dress, who engaged in a conversation with him, and then advanced, one of whom advanced within eight or ten feet of the keeper and discharged a pistol, the ball of which passed through the top of his hat less than an inch above the top of his head. A reward of five hundred dollars is offered for their detection.—[Nat. Citizen.]

BALTIMORE, JAN. 26.

Murder.—A murder of a most atrocious character was perpetrated on Thursday night last, on the Frederick road, near Catonsville, on the body of negro Harry, formerly the slave of George Howard, Esq. of Eldridge. Harry was seen at about 7 o'clock, P. M. on Thursday, at Stone's Tavern, about three miles on the Frederick road, on his way to Capt. Deshon's, where he had lived for some time past. His body was found on Friday morning, about three hundred yards above Stone's Tavern, nearly stripped of its clothing; his shirt much torn and bloody, and pantaloons, old hat and shoes, were the only articles left. A short distance from the body, two shirts marked with blood were discovered, one under a stone and the other under a bush—both were drenched with vermin, and it is supposed they were the property of the murderer or murderers of Harry. Three men and a woman, in tatty clothing, and intoxicated, were seen passing Catonsville, on the Frederick road, above the place where the murder was committed, begging in a rude manner from all they met, and insulting those who refused to give them any thing. The woman carried a tin coffee pot with whiskey in it. As these people were passing in the direction of the place where the murder was committed, in connection with the other circumstances mentioned, a strong suspicion rests on them.

So open and daring an outrage certainly calls for serious investigation; it is the case of negro Harry now, but it may be the case of one of our most valuable citizens. Upon a proper exhibition of the facts, we think it presents a proper case for the interference of the Executive of the State.

We are authorized to offer a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the above inhuman murder.—[Nat. Citizen.]

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AMUSEMENT.

From the Liverpool Courier, December 16.

QUADRILLING.

At the London Court of Requests, last week, Mr. Nicholas Tubbs appeared before the commissioners upon a summons to show cause why he refused or neglected to pay the sum of £17. 17s. 6d., being the balance of an account alleged to be due from him to Miss Julia Slattery, of which account the following is a true copy, as it was handed into court on behalf of the plaintiff:

"Mr. Tubbs to Miss Slattery,
1829 January ten Joon six month
in Strachan to Miss. Tubbs 6 0 0
Debt cash and od thing 4 2 0
balance still due 17 17 6

The court taking the singular biography of Miss Slattery's account into its consideration, asked her what kind of "instruction" she had given Miss Tubbs?

"Oh dear," said Miss Slattery, "I find instruction of course. I am peculiar sorry to say that Miss Tubbs' education had been neglected shameful through the puerility of her father, Mr. Tubbs here, and by her mama, who gave her the *coup de grace*."

The Court.—That was *finishing* her with a vengeance! You don't mean to say you killed her?

"Heavens above! what an horrible idea!" shrieked Miss Slattery. "Be kill her! Oh dear! No indeed, I never gesticulated such a thing."

The Court.—Then what did you mean, Madam, by saying you had given her the *coup de grace*?

"Why, of course, I gave her the *grace*!" replied Miss Slattery. "All the grace she has, she got from me; but Miss Tubbs, poor thing! had been so shameful put about that she had nothing. But by my superior intuitions and herself extreme seditions in learning, she is now fit for any company; for I have gave her a grace in the bearing herself in the *re-dress* (query quadrille?) and in the *resolution* of her fingerings and in—"

The Court.—Well, Mr. Tubbs, you hear what the lady says—and perhaps you understand her better than we do. What have you to say why we should not order you to pay her claim?

Mr. Tubbs.—Why, I've got to say this. Who employed her to be needling and making with my daughter?

Miss Slattery.—Who employed me? I was not employed. I was engaged Tubbs; and as I was engaged by your wife, who has more sense in her thumb-nail than you have in your whole body, Tubbs!

Mr. Tubbs.—Very good, and now your worshipps I'll just take and tell you all about it. My wife says to me, Tubbs, says she, what in you think? I don't know, says I. Why, says she, there's a nice old lady up in Mrs. Davis's two pair front, won't take a notion to our Bridget—that's my daughter, you worshipps. Well, says I, and what of that? for I keep a coal shed, your worshipps, and does a trifle in salt fish and green grocery besides. Why, says my wife, says she, you know, Tubbs, Bridget gets a big wrench now; and if you'll let the old lady finish her up a bit in dancing and pannysorting, she'll take it out in coal and weighty things; says my wife to me—just so. And with that, I says to my wife, says I—Shut your potato trap, Mrs. Tubbs, says I; and you mind your business, and let Bridget mind the shop; for I'll have no such titthumming and gallivanting. I can and do assure you, Mrs. Tubbs, says I.

No, but Tubbs, says she. Don't Tubbs me, says I; I'll have no more words about it—and with that I thought it were all dropped; till one morning as I were getting out of bed, I see my wife's pocket hanging out under her end of the bolster, and out of the slit of the pocket this here wife were sticking at [Note handed into court and read by the clerk]. Miss J. Slattery's compliments to Mrs. and Miss Tubbs; and requests the honor of their company to a *quadrill party* on Friday evening.

Mr. Tubbs, in continuance—Blow me! your worshipps, if you might have knocked me down with a feather, you might indeed. So I crumpled up the note, and I drops it into my wife's mouth—for she had got an ugly knock of sleeping with her mouth wide open, you'll understand; and I whips on my things, and down stairs I creeps, leaving her fast asleep with the note in her mouth; and off I goes to market to buy my green stuff and six sacks of white eye-potatoe.

Here the Court cut short Mr. Tubbs's narrative by peremptorily ordering him to state why he objected to pay.

"Why, because I laid a *nembargo* upon it!" replied Mr. Tubbs. "I sent her word time after time, if she quadrilled my Bridget, I wouldnt be answerable; I quarrelled with Mrs. Tubbs; and I were everlasting blow-ing up Bridget. But what can one do, even three women? It were all of no use; say what I would, do what I could, my coals, cash, and turnips were *clandestined* out of my house to pay for the *quadrill*, and I verily believe they'd have drilled me into a *quid*, if I had not put a stop to it by packing Bridget off to her uncle's at Northampton."

Evidence was then called to prove that he had repeatedly given Miss Slattery notice that he would not be answerable; and of course she was consulted.

An Answer.—A pedagogue, in Berk-shire, not long since, inquired of a boy, what part of speech is Oh, and Alter, what is an interjection? The lad, not knowing, the knight of the rod attempted to illustrate by again asking, what should you say if a man seized you violently by the arm? Why I should tell him to let me alone, farina-quinck!

TO THE PUBLIC.

I HAVE reasons to believe that efforts have been made for some time past, to destroy my character and particularly my reputation as miller. Among many base and foul slanders that have been put into circulation, well calculated (it is believed) to effect that object, is one but recently made known to me, but which it appears has been secretly circulated throughout the country since last November, and before that time; and most injurious, circumscribing the *Post* of the season of the year when my friends, subscribers, & others, were expected to renew their engagements with me for the current year. The author and originator of that calumny, will be known by a picture of the substituted weight, and also by her remarks in those who do not know Mr. Thomas Cockrell, that no one surpasses him for sterling integrity; and that the same remark will apply with equal truth to Mr. Austin.

The slander, although it was disseminated by a person of repute, is however, not unanswerable; and I do hereby certify, that I never had any conversation with Thomas Cockrell of this country respecting the honesty or dishonesty of said Snyder; but in a conversation with said Cockrell he informed me that he had understood that said Snyder had some such secret weight attached to his wheel scales.

JOSEPH S. CLAYTON.

The above statement was made in presence of John Myers, Wm. Cleveland, and David H. Snyder.

ANOTHER SUPPLY.

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND again

announce to their friends and the public generally, that one of their firm has just returned from Market; and they are now

opening a further supply of

SEASONABLE GOODS.

Their customers and purchasers generally

are respectfully solicited to call and ex-

amine for them, on the 26th of this month.

A COOPER WANTED.

I WISH to employ a Cooper to make flour casks. I will give good wages and constant work to a single man of good habits.

FOR SALE,

2 good broad-wheel ROAD WAGON.

JOHN YATES.

Jan. 29, 1830.

FOR RENT.

Two excellent and commodious Houses,

in the town of Virginia, the island near

Harpers Ferry. One of them, now

occupied by Mr. Lewis Wertwag,

contains 6 or 8 excellent rooms, cellar, kitchen, and garret. There is also a good gar-

den attached. The other, occupied by

Mr. J. P. Shannon, contains 4 good rooms,

kitchen and cellar, and has a large gar-

den. Possession will be given on the 1st

of April next. Apply to

PONTAINE BECKHAM.

Jan. 20, 1830.

VALLEY BANK STOCK.

TEN SHARES of the above Stock for sale

on accommodating terms. Apply to

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND.

Jan. 27, 1830.

FOR SALE.

WILL be sold, within the county, a stout,

healthy, *NATRO-GUM*, about the age

of seventeen, on moderate terms. Enquire

of the Printer.

Jan. 27, 1830.

FRESH FRUIT, PRESCRIBERS, ETC.

WE have just received a press of Green

Bananas, Raisins, Almonds, English

Walnuts, Pileurs, French & C. Lemons, An-

chovies, Capers, Florida and Cologne Wa-

ter, and treacle-distilled Lavender. All of

which shall be sold on the most moderate

terms, by

JEFFERSON & CLEVELAND.

Jan. 27, 1830.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

Either to Hire or Purchase,

THOMAS COCKRELL.

Tel.—DAVID H. SNYDER.

MARTINSBURG, DECEMBER 21st, 1829.

LEVI AUSTIN, Jr. of Berkeley county,

Virginia, do hereby certify, that I have lived

with Daniel Snyder of Jefferson county, and

State, agreeably, in the capacity of a miller,

at three different times since the year 1827;

the whole of which time amounts to upwards

of two years, part of which time I was em-

ployed in his Charlestown mill, and the bal-

ance of the time in his river mill, and dur-

ing my stay with the said Snyder, I further

certify that never in my life, neither he

nor I ever heard of him, have seen any man

who conducts his mill with more honest

integrity, and justice to his customers, than

the said Snyder does. Moreover, his or-

ders to his millers have always been to do

justice to his customers in every instance

and I firmly believe his principle is honest

and just one beyond all doubt. In the sum-

mer of 1828, I was employed by the said

Snyder to render services in his river mill

for one year, but after the lapse of two months

thereafter, I was taken sick and had to quit

work, for which I was truly sorry, as I done

nothing more for several months. During

my stay at this time with the said Snyder,

I was a guest in a certain residence, the owner

of which was a man of great wealth and

property, and during my stay with him, he

had a secret weight attached to his

wheel scale, by which he was able to

cheat and rob his customers of that

much weight of wheat in each bushel re-

ceived in the said mill, which was

made by the said Joseph S. Clayton, or any

other person or persons whatsoever. I hereby

pronounce a base and malicious lie, without

the slightest foundation for the propagation

of the same. Given under my hand the day

and year first aforesaid.

LEVI AUSTIN.

Berkley County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me,

Johnston Magowan, one of the Justices of

the peace in and for the county aforesaid, in

the commonwealth of Virginia, the above

named Levi Austin, and made oath that the

foregoing writing, purporting to be a certi-

ficate, and signed by him, is true in each

and every part thereof, to the best of his

knowledge and belief. Given under my hand the 21st day of December, 1829.

JOHNSTON MAGOWAN.

BELMONT, DEC. 11, 1829.

I, Joseph S. Clayton, do certify, in the

presence of Almighty God and these witness, that I have over and over again stated or written, either directly or indirectly, to any friend or acquaintance, the secret weight of wheat, or any other weight by which he was robbing his customers, so that much weight of wheat in each bushel received in said mill, and

therefore further certify, that I had such a secret weight attached to his wheel scale, during my stay with said Snyder, for about two months in the year 1828, during the part of the season for receiving wheat. During my stay with said Snyder, I frequently received and weighed wheat for his customers, and do most solemnly state that all the weighing operations both as to wheat or any thing else, was at all times perfectly fair and honorable; and I do hereby pronounce any statement to the contrary, a base and malicious lie, without the slightest foundation for the propagation of any such statement, and I do hereby further certify, that I never had any conversation with Thomas Cockrell of this country respecting the honesty or dishonesty of said Snyder; but in a conversation with said Cockrell he informed me that he had understood that said Snyder had some such secret weight attached to his wheel scales.

CHARLESTOWN, Dec. 11, 1829.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 20th day of January next, and a