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CHARLESTOWN.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1834.

MR. CLAY.

It being understood, last week, that this gentleman was on his way to the West, by the Canal, accompanied by several gentlemen of distinction, a meeting of citizens of Charlestown and its vicinity was hastily called together, for the purpose of inviting him and them to join in the festivities of the 4th at Shannondale, or to partake of a public dinner on some other convenient occasion.

JENKIN S. GALLAHER was called to the chair, [and Wm. C. WORTHINGTON, Esq., appointed Secretary.—On motion of John S. Blackburn, Esq., a committee was appointed to wait on Mr. CLAY, and his associates with a suitable invitation; whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed, viz: John Peter, John S. Gallaher, Samuel J. Cramer, Andrew Kennedy, John J. Brown, John Davenport, Samuel W. Lackland, William Yates, George B. Stephenson, and Wm. N. Craighill. Part of the committee repaired to the hospitable mansion of JOHN LEE, Esq., in Maryland, where they found Mr. CLAY and Mr. Archer, to whom invitations were promptly extended.

George C. Washington and John Lee, Esq., were also invited to participate. The answer of Messrs. Clay and Archer, with their patriotic toasts, will be seen in the proceedings of the Shannondale party.

After spending a few days at Mr. Lee's, in Maryland, Mr. CLAY proceeded on his journey. At Harper's Ferry, Saturday, he was met by the Amateur Band, playing appropriate airs, and by a number of citizens, who paid him every suitable honor and attention. Salutes were fired, and he was escorted to the hotel of Mr. Beckham, where a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen paid their respects to him. After spending an hour, he passed on to the residence of Maj. John Peter, where he spent the afternoon and night. Early the next morning (Sunday) he entered Charlestown in the public stage, and remained only long enough to breakfast. His arrival was not generally known, but such of the citizens as heard of it, promptly repaired to Mr. Hill's tavern, to interchange civilities with him, and to manifest their high estimation of his public services and private worth. Though much wearied and exhausted by his late arduous services, he was found to be all that his most partial friends had represented him to be: courteous, affable, and fascinating. We doubt not that even such of his political opponents as had an interview with him, now entertain kindlier feelings towards him than formerly.

### MOST DISTRESSING CASUALTY.

The stage in which Mr. CLAY proceeded westward, met with a most serious accident within a mile of Bruceton. In passing down a hill near that place, the tongue-straps, by which the wheel-horses hold back, gave way, and the stage rushing upon the horses rendered them entirely unmanageable. The horses, Jr. (son of the proprietor,) who was sitting with the driver, was thrown from his seat, and, after a violent and agonizing struggle, was killed.

The Senate Committee of Finance, who are also instructed to sit during the recess, will have a meeting forthwith at Philadelphia;

some weeks in Washington, before the meeting of Congress. This Committee consists of Mr. CLAY, Mr. WILSON, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. TYLER.—Mr. WILSON, the fifth member, receding because of accepting the office of Postmaster.

The President approved, we believe, all the bills passed by the two Houses at the second session of Congress, with the exception of the bill making an appropriation of \$90,000 to remove certain obstructions from the Wabash river. This bill, the President holds under advisement, stating in a message to the House, that he has strong doubts whether he can approve the bill consistently with his opinions of the powers of the Government.

If we had not lost the faculty of being surprised at any Executive action, we confess that we should feel a little at the scruples expressed in regard to this bill; for the President has not only signed bills appropriating money for the improvement of the Hudson river, and the Cumberland river, in Tennessee; but the United States have heretofore appropriated 700,000 acres of public lands, worth perhaps two million dollars, to connect the navigation of this very Wabash river with the Lake Michigan, which appropriation will be rendered in a great measure unnecessary by the works of the Wabash.

Mr. HUMPHRIES was only twenty years and three months old; and was a most amiable and worthy young gentleman, upon whom his parents had worthily bestowed their most devoted affection. His remains were conveyed to Shepherdston on Monday, and interred amidst the universal sympathy and sorrow of the citizens.

We have just heard of another distressing accident. ARCHIBALD HENDERSON, Jr. son of Richard H. Henderson, Esq., of Leesburg, was drowned on Saturday last, in attempting to cross Goose Creek. Mr. H. was lately married; and, we learn, was much beloved by the public. General sympathy for his bereaved partner and family, is every where manifested.

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The Enquirer, in alluding to the rejection of the State Bank Deposit bill, by the Senate, makes the following remark:

"This rests upon that body the responsibility of suffering the public monies to remain in the custody of the Executive Department, unregulated as it was before the establishment of the National Bank."

Was ever audacity so glaring—political knavery so thinly veiled as this, thrown before an intelligent and discriminating people? The Treasury was grasped by Executive rapacity—scattered among irresponsible favorites—and because the Senate, after doing all in its power to rescue the purse, will not sanctify the enormity, "the responsibility" is thrown upon them for leaving the treasure in peril.

An intelligent people will never forget, notwithstanding such tricks of scurvy politicking, that with the President and his trained majority in the lower house "the responsibility" justly belongs. In due time, they will be made to feel a substantial responsibility.

The man who would deliberately deceive a confiding community, with such trash, would deserve Heaven's altars, and lie in presence of the judgment seat, if his raven soul could be allowed to approach the vestibule.

The Enquirer is slavering Mr. Tamm with praise for the "manly manner" in which he has voted on the State Bank Deposit bill, too, in recalling some of the "sharp shooting" between Mr. T. and Mr. Clay. Wonder how it obtains a knowledge of matters transpiring in secret session! Who is his pimp? What honorable Senator betrays his trust, and disregards his oath?

The design of all this fulsome praise of Mr. Tyler, (whom it lately abused through a host of drivelling correspondents,) is evidently to alienate Mr. Tyler and Mr. Leigh, and separate their friends—*so you do goony—it won't do them to understand your game;* and if Tyler has the same noble soul which erst animated his bosom, he will reject your despicable battery, and pay off your new-born veneration.

It has been asserted by some of the public prints, that Mr. Stevenson's recent conduct is of profound indifference to the President himself. Indeed, some have ventured to say that he wished it. This assertion must be untrue. If such had been the President's feeling towards him, he would have visited Stevenson to the Senate, and secured out Mr. Livingston's letter?

It will be seen that our dull town is to be next week enlivened by a theatrical entertainment, sustained by the talents of a portion of the Jefferson family, and by the fine vocal powers of Mrs. Jefferson, (formerly Mrs. Burke.) The other members of the corps are said to be highly deserving. Those who remember the many joyous moments spent in witnessing the infinite comic powers of the elder Jefferson, in his "polite days," will not fail to patronize the scions of his gentry.

A CURIOUS DEVELOPMENT.

There have been a number of publications,

backwards and forwards, in the Baltimore papers, concerning transactions between the Union-Bank of Maryland, and the Bank of

Maryland (the broken Bank)—particularly

with reference to certain Tennessee bonds.

Our engagements have not allowed us to

make ourselves acquainted with the precise

details of this controversy; but we consider

it almost axiomatic in dexterity—the same

exploit by which the Post Office Depart-

ment borrowed, at 6 or 7 per cent, interest

from the Manhattan Bank of New York, a

part of the half million of dollars which Mr.

Secretary Tamm kindly lent to that Bank

for nothing, and wherein Mr. KENDALL ex-

pected to break the Branch Bank of the Uni-

ited States at New York.—[*Nat. Int.*]

From the *Frederick Political Examiner*.

There is a new bank in the city of Frederick, which is the post Bank of the Govern-

ment, and the first established in the state.

It is to be used in the contingency of hos-

tile measures on the part of the latter power.

In the purchase of the Wabash navigation bonds, for eliciting the sale of which he re-

ceived \$25,000. These bonds were afterwards

pledged to the Government as security for

public deposits. So that at Tamm's

committal the world-at-large of making

the Government responsible for its own securities.

What a wicked policy to reject so accom-

plished a financier!

The Courier and Enquirer of the 2nd has

published the following curious anecdote:

"A singular occurrence—Most of those

who have seen the beautiful serpent at

Paris's Museum, which is exhibited at the

great 'Anaconda,' will recollect, that there are two

bladders, on one of which he lies, and the

other is covered over him in cold weather.

Strange to say, the night before last after

the performance of the serpent at the

