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## CHARLESTOWN.

Charlestown, December 21.

From the Worcester Reporter, December 22.

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**The One True FAUCILLE**—The Presidency appears, by general consent of the people, to be now settled. This is one of General Harrison's avowed principles, and he has been anointed by a large majority of the people. The four years for which he has been teleoted will be devoted to best interests of the country, and not in manoeuvring for a re-election for a second term. He comes into office with the moral power of a free and mighty people to sustain him. He has nothing to fear from an open, fearless, uncompromising course of policy. His character evidently fits him for the task to which he has been called. He will bring back to the conduct of public affairs, the purity, the statesmanship and the elevated patriotism which distinguished the Administrations of Washington, of Jefferson and Madison. A move has recently been made in Congress, so to amend the Constitution, that a President shall not be eligible for re-election. As the Constitution now stands, a President in eligible three terms. It is probable, should the amendment be adopted, the time will be extended. [Philadelphia Banner.]

**DEATH OF THE HON. FELIX GRUNDY.**—The National Intelligencer of Tuesday announces the death of the Hon. Felix Grundy, one of the Senators of the United States from the State of Tennessee. His public life has been much mixed up with the records of his State and the United States for more than the last thirty years; so that there are few names more familiarly known to the people of every part of the country than his.

**A NEW SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS.**—Garrison, McMurtry (Van Buren) was, on the 10th instant, elected by the Legislature of Illinois, to be a Senator of the United States from that State, for six years from the 2d of March next, when the term of Mr. Senator Harrison will expire. The vote was—For Mr. McMurtry 77, for Cyrus Edwards (Whig) 50 votes.

**KENTUCKY SENATOR.**—The Hon. John J. Crittenden was re-elected to the Senate of the United States from Kentucky last week, for six years from the 2d of March next. The vote stood for Mr. Crittenden 150, for Mr. Guthrie 22.

**At a Convention of the "Harrison and State Rights" party of the State of Georgia.**—Hon. William C. Dawson (the present most respected Representative in Congress from that State) was nominated as the candidate of that party for the office of Governor at the next election.

**The setting of this day's sun, kind friends, does not fill the shadow over our mountain home; but we wonder if, and (to do so), (and consider the Winchendon Virginian), whether to wait, or for whom, will stand upon the record of a committee to be admitted or approved, and with what manner, it is in the heart of us, of a single year. The mountains gathered themselves, thousands, from 10,000 to 15,000 men, but the greater part having no time to move, or feel what they had known to himself. The year closing, however, admonishes him to leave, withdraw from the past, and apply it to the future, and resolve to do the utmost, though disappointed in the effort.**

The regular annual session of the General Assembly of Maryland commenced on Monday. The election of an U. S. Senator, in the place of the late Dr. Spence, will be one of the subjects of early action.

**BALANCE THE BOOKS.**—In the notice of the recent debate in the Senate, on the Presentment of the audit of the accounts, the vote was, 20 against 12, for "No." The bill will be fully carried out by the new Administration, of concluding a new set of books—leaving the old ones of the Treasury to be balanced as they may, by profit and loss, from Loss & Gain experiments.

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**The New Administration.**—In settling upon the duties which are about to devolve upon him by the voice of the People, Genl. Harrison will have many difficulties to encounter and many responsibilities to overcome. He will commence his Administration with an empty treasury, and a sum of money, which will not be sufficient to pay off the debts of the country, to whom Robinson was indebted, and who was requested to call at Robinson's house on the same day—but was prevented from calling at the appointed time. The opinion is strengthened by the fact of another hole having been found in the cellar, similar to the grave, which contained the remains of Mr. Suydam.

**The Brunswick Frauds.**—Peter Robinson, the cold-blooded murderer of Mr. Suydam, is awakening says the New Brunswick Freeman. He will have many difficulties to encounter and many responsibilities to overcome. He will commence his Administration with an empty treasury, and a sum of money, which will not be sufficient to pay off the debts of the country, to whom Robinson was indebted, and who was requested to call at Robinson's house on the same day—but was prevented from calling at the appointed time.

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**MURDER OF MR. SUYDAM.**—The coroner's jury have returned a verdict of wilful murder against Robinson. It is believed at New Brunswick that the murderer had made arrangements to snare another individual, and to murder him as he had done the unfortunate Mr. Suydam. The case alluded to is that of Mr. Cheeseman, a man of means, and his wife, who was requested to call at Robinson's house on the same day—but was prevented from calling at the appointed time. The opinion is strengthened by the fact of another hole having been found in the cellar, similar to the grave, which contained the remains of Mr. Suydam.

**Mr. Webster.**—When you have a

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.**—On Monday morning, 21st inst., Mrs. Murphy, an elderly lady of this town, while in the act of drawing water from an open well, lost her balance and was precipitated to the bottom of it, crushing her head in a most shocking manner. With much difficulty her lifeless body was drawn out, and it appears that he could not muster courage enough to bury her over the casket, and finally induced one of his brothers to do it on the Monday following.

**Boarding Houses—look out for burglars.**

A considerable number of men in a neighboring city agreed with a landlord to board and lodge him for one year at the rate of three dollars per week—and as he was in the habit of dining with his friends, he return proposed to give the like encouragement for good dinners. The covenants in the agreement were that in all invitations fifty cents a head were to be paid to the landlord for such guests, and when the boarder was absent from dinner the same amount should be allowed him.

Various covenants occur in their respective documents, in the recess of the Senate, by the suspension of any officers, or otherwise, may suspend and by—*with the advice and consent of the Senate*, shall continue until the end of the session of Congress, unless the Senate shall otherwise determine.

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Her Majesty safely delivered of a Princess this afternoon.

Claire Office, 3 o'clock.  
The interesting crisis which was about to be over, but not yet, has now arrived. Her Majesty was early this forenoon seized with the usual symptoms, which continued to increase until all the appearance of favorable termination. Information was communicated to the Dutchess of Kent, and the other members of the Royal Family in town, who were immediately in attendance. The Cabinet Ministers were also summoned, and repaired to the Palace with all possible despatch. We believe, from information we have been able to obtain from sources likely to know the progress of events, that every thing is proceeding in the ordinary course, and that the nation's hopes and prayers will be speedily realized.

We are happy to have it in our power to announce that, at ten minutes before two this afternoon, her Majesty was safely delivered of a daughter. The Queen, we rejoice to say, is, to all appearance, as well as her subjects can desire, and that the illustrious infant bids fair for life.

At five-and-twenty minutes to three a royal salute from the Tower and other guns announced the joyous intelligence to her Majesty's subjects in the metropolis.

Her Majesty's marriage, it will be remembered, took place on Monday, the 10th of February, nine months and eleven days since.

The Lord Chancellor was presiding in his Court, with the intention of procuring some judgments; but he instantly locked up his papers and repaired to Buckingham Palace, as his presence is officially required on those occasions.

Prince Albert and the Duchess of Kent were in the room with Sir James Clark, Dr. Lcock, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Blayden, the medical attendants. It is supposed that the name of the infant Princess will be ALEXANDRA VICTORIA, the same as her mother, and that the christening, which will take place shortly after the meeting of Parliament, will be on a magnificent scale.

The Queen has so far recovered as to allow her signature to the official documents sent from the different public offices.

The Queen and the Princess Royal at the latest accounts, continued perfectly well—both enjoying as the Globe says, excellent health and spirits.

Bombardment and Capture of St. Jean D'Arc.

The following details were published in the Malta Times of the 15th Oct.

The siege appears to have been one of the most brilliant on record, and proves that British genius and British valor have lost none of the power which rendered them, in days gone by, the dread of their enemies and the admiration of the world.

The result of this glorious affair is the reduction of a fortress, declared by the French incendiaries to be impregnable, to a heap of ruins, with a loss to the enemy of upwards of 3,000 killed, 3,000 prisoners, and a large number of wounded, the precise amount of which has not been yet ascertained; besides a large quantity of artillery and munitions of war, among them 300 pieces of field artillery and £300,000 in specie. Acre having been the grand depot and arsenal of Mehemet Ali.

The garrison was supposed to have consisted originally of 10,000 men.

The attack commenced a few minutes before two o'clock on the 3d inst.

The carnage appears to have been dreadful, but the loss of the British seamen and marines was, as we have already said, very trifling.

Ibrahim Pasha was at Zebie, with from 10,000 to 20,000, but it is expected he will retire immediately, without so much as attempting to stand against the allied forces.

Remains of Napoleon.—The remains of Napoleon had arrived in France, but had not been landed at the latest advices.

#### VARIETY.

BORROWERS.—There is no class of men who so grossly impose upon printers, and rob them of their dues, as newspaper borrowers—those especially who are able to subscribe for paper. If they do not want the paper, no one blames them for not taking it; but to see a man who can afford one of his own, constantly borrowing and begging a sight at the last paper, is the very height of meanness. We ask our respected subscribers to recollect, that by loaning such men their papers they virtually take from us the amount of a subscription.

Cost of a Bible.—In the year 1727 a laboring man in England was paid only three and a half pence, a little more than three cents a day, for his work and in 1727 a Bible, with marginal notes, sold for twenty pounds, or about one hundred and thirty-three dollars. It then required the entire wages of thirteen years labour to purchase a Bible. Yet at a charge which has been brought by means of the art of printing and Bible Societies—Philad. Standard.

WEATHER IN CHARLESTON.—The weather of Saturday says:

THE SEASON.—In proof of the extraordinary mildness of the season, we state that the Fig-tree, the Cherry-tree and the Grape-vine, yet display their foliage on our premises, and in gardens still the blooming.

A sun-flower turns on her God, when she rises. The sun looks which she turned, when he rose."

The propensity of the slaves to run away and despoil, that it does not require the stimulus of self-interest, fear or shame but on the contrary, indulges itself in the most unbounded license, from the mere force of habit, and in the absence of all temptation.—Amoy Kendall!

A reflection, the justness of which no person will pretend to question, since it comes from one whose experience presents so remarkable an illustration.—Aer. Gazette.

The following toast was given at a Tippecanoe celebration at Westfield, New Jersey, last week.

Martin Van Buren.—Conquered by a "second," outran by a "man in an iron cage," vanquished by a "political General," and soundly beaten by an "old Gray."

Never speak to deceive, nor listen to betray.

The truly wise bear with them the consciousness of their own failings.

A mind fraught with integrity is the most august possession.

## COUNTING-HOUSE ALMANAC,

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Being the first after Bissextile or Leap Year, and the 65th of American Independence.

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**DISOLUTION.**  
THE subscribers, now known and trading under the firm and name of *Wells & Hawks*, were dissolved by mutual consent on the 20th of June last.  
**WELLS J. HAWKS,**  
**N. W. RICHARDSON.**  
July 3, 1840.

All persons indebted to the above firm, will see the propriety of closing their accounts immediately. And all persons having claims against said firm, will please present them to the subscriber for settlement, who may be found at his Coast Factory at all times.

W. J. HAWKS.

A small advertisement.

### NEW AND CHEAP

WE subscribers are now opening a Fresh Stock of Cloth and Cloth Goods.

We do not intend to give a full list of our Stock, but it is generally understood that our supply of Goods is complete, but we will name a few of the articles that may be found, viz:

A splendid assortment of Cloths, Underwear and Carpet.

Velvet, Silk and Cut Velvet,

French, English and American Calicos,

Mirinots, Circassian Ploids,

Flannel of every kind,

Silks, plain and figured, best kind,

Ribbons and Laces,

Sashes of various qualities and sizes,

Gloves and Mitts—Sheeting, Muslin,

Drilling, Canton Flannel and Linsey-

**HARDWARE.**

Bow Iron, Steel, Hollow-ware, Cutlery,

Cut and wrought Nails of every size,

Queensware, China, and Cat Glass,

Also, Sols, Upper and Top Leather,

Leather, and Sols, Etc. Etc.

We feel grateful to our patrons thus far extended to us from a liberal public, and hope it will suit those in want of Bargains and good and substantial Goods, to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**  
Takes at market prices in exchange for Goods.

**NOT WANTED.** 5000 well-seasoned White Oak STOLES.

Sept. 2, 1840.

THE undersigned tenders his acknowledged thanks for the liberal pains he received, and hopes for a continuance of the polite services. His box now in his employ experienced and first-rate workmen from the Northern states, and desires him that he will be able to please all those who may honor him with a call.

At his Factory may be found a large assortment of CARRIAGES, constructed according to the latest and most approved patterns, and warranted in every respect, which are offered at prices corresponding with the value.

VEHICLES, of every description, to be sold at the lowest possible price, and in every order, and in the same manner as usual.

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### NEW FIRM.

WE subscribers have entered into a partnership, and are now trading under the firm and name of *STRATH & CO.*

WE have now a large and varied stock.

Black Crayons, Permanent Black Writing Fluid, Plain and felt-ruled Pencil-Cap & Letter Paper, Fancy colored " " " "

Red Pen, Penulis, for Carpenter's use " " " "

Indian Rubber, Drawing do, Silver Ever-point do, " " " "

Bristol Boards, Water Colours, in five boxes " " " "

Camel's Hair and Mosaicine Brushes, Quills, " " " "

Tambours, 2-ply, various sizes " " " "

Clothes and Hand Pocket Books—all sizes, Plain and gilt-edged Visiting Cards, Mourning " " " "

Yellow and Blue Paper, Handkerchiefs, Seal Stamps, " " " "

Plain and fancy Sealing Wax, " " " "

Games, " " " "

Writing-Sand, " " " "

Dominoes, Checkers and without the preparation, Back-gammon Boards and Dice, " " " "

Plain and fancy Ink-Stands, " " " "

Pocket Maps of all the States, (single) " " " "

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