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DISTRIBUTION CANDIDATES.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
B. H. SHACKELFORD,
OF FAUCONIER.

FOR CONGRESS,
HON. WILLIAM LUCAS,
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY.

FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
LOGAN OSBURN,
JAMES W. SHIRLEY.

ANTI-DISTRIBUTION ADVICEES.

FOR THE SENATE,
HON. CHAS. JAS. FAULKNER,
OF BERKELEY COUNTY.

FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
WILLIAM H. HALLER,
THOMAS M. ISABELLE.

DISTRIBUTION PLATFORM.

Resolved. That we, the members of this Convention, do not believe that it is a matter of right, and at this time, of urgent necessity, that there should be a fair and equitable distribution among the States of the surplus revenue arising from the sale thereof, among the several States of this Union.

Resolved. That the men writing from this source of information, and by authority of this Convention, be requested by the Legislature to appropriate for the general benefit of our citizens, during each of the following years, a sum equal to their cost of representation in Congress, to be used for the payment of our national debt, and to appropriate to the use of the public lands, and to grant Preemption Rights, to the amount of \$1,000,000.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NATIONAL TREASURE.

It will be remembered by our readers that, at the last session of Congress, Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, presented a bill for distributing—*in other words*—the surplus revenue among the States, so as to be equally distributed among them.

On Friday, meetings were held by the rioters, and preparations made for a determined enforcement of the resolutions.

On Saturday morning, the company came in the determination to send out a train at all hazards.

For this purpose, communication was had with the Governor of Maryland, who was at Ellison's Mills, who issued his proclamation, authorizing to be organized a sufficient military force to protect the officers of the trains in the discharge of their duty.

The Parkersburg road is getting in fine condition—the cars are under the charge of the accommodating Conductors E. H. O'Donnell, and R. W. Scott. We passed through upwards of 20 tunnels, and over more than 40 bridges.

The Company at Parkersburg have a station house over 700 feet in length. A brisk business is anticipated at this point.

At Charleston, the "Kanawha House," kept by our old friend Watson, is the most attractive for the hungry sojourner—he has no superior as a *Caterer*.

THE OLD DISTRIBUTION BILL.

As there are, no doubt, many who are not particularly informed upon the subject which is now engrossing so much of the public attention, says the Petersburg Intelligencer, we think it is owing to the fact that they have not yet gathered a full knowledge of the two Distribution Acts which were passed by Congress in 1836 and 1841. From all we can learn, there are even some who doubt whether Virginia ever has so far degraded herself as to accept *ab se* from the general government in the shape of *land* or *surplus money*, and as far as we have been able to discern, we have seen no very strenuous effort made by the Junta organs to enlighten them on this head. We therefore submit the following document to the inspection of the people, and hope that they will carefully examine it. It has been handed us by the gentleman who prepared it for the purpose of publication.

TRADE DEPARTMENT.

RICHMOND, April 20, 1857.

To Hon. B. H. Collier, Secretary of Treasury:

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