

From the *Alexandria Gazette*.  
WASHINGTON WOOLLEN MANUFACTURE.

To you, my brethren of the South, I beg leave to address a few remarks. You who boast that a more genial sun has better ripened your understandings than your northern neighbors, and who feel the fervor of patriotism warmer in your bosoms; from you might have been expected a generous exertion in your country's cause; but while you have been dilating on the means most proper to produce the desired end, your Northern neighbors, with zeal and energy, are making rapid advances to comfort and independence. That illustrious State, which formed the nursery of freedom, and whose vast commerce extends to all quarters of the globe, disdains not to patronize the plough, and give life to the cause of domestic economy. Soon shall we hail those citizens as the restorers of the principles which their example first taught us to venerate; for, while we are discussing the affairs of government, with critical nicety, they are practising the virtues of a republic, by erecting domestic institutions, cherishing moral habits, and promoting useful industry. This is the true philosophy of republicanism. Those people are an honor to their country who fulfil its precepts.

To the South we possess every material conducive to manufactures, and feel every want which requires their remedy, with a population of several millions attached to our soil, and who subsist only by our care. To a feeling mind, this fact should plead with every argument, which humanity could wish. For, in a period of general privation and distress, what numbers must here experience every calamity, without resource or hope.

Are not those who labor to furnish our luxuries and support our pleasures, entitled to the comforts which justice and humanity require? Let not the slave who toils for our ease, need the small recompense which nature demands. We every day hear repeated the happiness and prosperity of our country, and yet we see our poverty and wretchedness on every side; a soil badly cultivated, education neglected, idleness and dissipation prevailing, while want and misfortune crowd the road to the western country. This is too much the state of happiness and prosperity in Virginia. It is a poor consolation to be told that we have more talent than any other part of the union—the best proof of great talents is to devote them to useful purposes, and if we are wiser than other people, we might have made a better use of our wisdom. It will require a great revolution in our domestic policy, to produce those improvements, which shall entitle this part of the country to the proud distinction of happiness and prosperity.

That community is happy and prosperous, which is independent, industrious and frugal; which derives its supplies from its own resources, cultivates the social virtues, and promotes the means of knowledge. This community if not the wisest, will possess the desideratum of all wisdom, happiness, and prosperity.—The vain and delusive idea of great genius, has destroyed much of the energy of our natures, and the principal proof which we can produce of our possessing this quality, is the poverty which generally attends it. It is a melancholy truth that a foreigner in passing through our country, will not perceive those symptoms of happiness and prosperity, which are deemed satisfactory elsewhere, in improved agriculture, flourishing manufactures, enlarged means of knowledge, and an industrious, independent people. These were considered as national means of happiness and prosperity, according to the doctrines of the old school. But the new philosophy appears to have as completely changed the order of things, as it has vitiated and destroyed the human mind, and the dreams of fancy are now considered the precepts of truth. No, my fellow citizens, your country supports not that character in the eyes of the world, which your flatterers make you believe. Much is yet wanting

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To the General Assembly of Maryland.

The Act passed the last session of the Legislature of this State, proposing two amendments to the Constitution—the first, "That on the death, resignation, or removal out of this state of the Governor, it shall not be necessary to call a meeting of the Legislature to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby, but that the first named of the Council for the time being, shall qualify and act as Governor, till the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which time a Governor shall be chosen in the manner heretofore appointed and directed."—The second—"That hereafter, no Governor shall be capable of holding any other office of profit, during the time for which he shall be elected."—Having been published for the consideration of the people, agreeably to the directions of the Constitution; no doubt with a view to draw forth the expression of the public opinion, as to the propriety of the proposed amendments. I have ventured to remark, that, as to the first amendment proposed—"That on the death, resignation, or removal out of the state, of the Governor, that the legislature shall not be called to fill the vacancy, but that the first named of the Council shall qualify and act as Governor till the next meeting of the legislature," there can be but one opinion—the propriety of this amendment, so forcibly impresses itself on the mind, that it really excites astonishment, that it has not sooner been adopted; but, at the same time that I approve of this amendment, I submit to your consideration, as a co-requisite, the necessity of altering the thirteenth section of the form of government, which requires that a Governor shall be worth five thousand pounds, and be a resident of the state five years; or otherwise, a Councilor, who need be worth only one thousand pounds, and be a resident only three years, altho' "the first named of the Council," and duly qualified as a Councilor, on the death of the Governor, would not be entitled to fill the office of Governor, if not worth five thousand pounds, or not a resident of the State five years.

In considering this part of the case, I am naturally led to an examination of the provisions of the Constitution of the U. States, where I find that the President and his Council, (the Heads of Departments) are not required to have any property; and to ask, why it should be required that the Governor and Council of this State should have certain pecuniary qualifications? But to come nearer home, I am at a loss to

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May our country, in the day of trial, when weighed in the political balance, be not "found wanting" in that virtue and energy which shall shew to the world that we have not forgotten our fame, nor will we disgrace the ashes of our Father's

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Congress shortly assemble, and a very important object will be to ascertain the voice of the people. In various parts of the Union, elections recently took place which all tend to confirm the stability of democratic principles. However energetic the measures called for by the crisis, may be, the government will in their constituents, find a firm and dignified support. We speak with confidence because we know the people anticipate energy in the administration; they may have long suffered with patience the injuries and insults of the belligerent powers, but their virtue remains uncontaminated and it would be as difficult to divert it from the proper channel, as an invading foe finally to overcome the bravery of the nation. At the present moment a short review of the Union, may not be useless. Pleasing it must be unfeeling to every Democratic Republican, a theme of much congratulation.

New Hampshire may be considered as decidedly Republican; most of the branches of the state administration are such, and hardly a dispute exists as to the fact that, at this period, a majority of the people are Republican. The ensuing spring will no doubt re-instate the patriot of '76—Langdon.

Vermont has done gloriously; the character of the state is retrieved, while her example will be highly serviceable to the other New England States. Like Pennsylvania, she has elevated to her head, an honest upright and intelligent farmer, neither polluted by chicanery of the law, nor the filthy lucre of illicit traffic.

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