

POETS CORNER

TO THE BIBLE.
Go Holy Book,
Tell those whom many woes assail,

The orphan's tear
Go wipe away, and bid his heart
To be of cheer;

The poor soul tell,
The poor, lone wretched friendless man,

Tell poor disease
Bravely to bear the piercing pain,

Tell those who sigh,
O'er some friend's untimely doom,

Go say to those
Doom'd still to groan and till the soil,

Tell those who pine
In the damp dungeon's weary gloom,

Tell the pilgrim,
When storms are blackening round his head;

The mariner,
Who bids the tempest's fiercest blare,

Tell those who fear
Their crimes can never be forgiven,

OFFICIAL SWINDLING.
A LETTER
To the Honorable the Members of the Senate,

Finding that there are many of my friends in both houses of Congress who are unacquainted with the manner,

It may be observed, in the following publication under date of 16th July,

That a representation had been made to Congress, of the misapplication of public monies,

That a committee had called on me, for certain documents;

I will here take occasion to remark, that if a call is made by congress upon the accountant of the war department for an abstract of all the warrants drawn upon the treasury by John Armstrong while he was acting as secretary of war,

It will also be seen on investigation of the manner of advancing monies, and the accountability in the war department and the secretary of war's interference with the accountant's department,

There must shortly be, if not already the case, a total ruin to the country.

WM. SIMMONS,
Washington City, Oct. 20, 1814.

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The persons alluded to above, are Col. James Thomas, Quarter Master General for the Northern Army and his agent Michael T. Simpson.

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John Thompson, TAILOR.

Nearly opposite the City Tavern. Returns his thanks for the patronage which has been afforded him, and respectfully solicits a continuance of the same.

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RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATURE. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; Saturday, Nov. 5. STATE RIGHTS.

The following report of the committee on the governor's message was read and received:— The legislature and the whole people of this state already but two well know how frequently and fruitfully they have petitioned the federal government for some portion of those means of defence for which we have paid so dearly, and to which by the constitution we are so fully entitled. Our most pressing petitions and representations to the head and various departments of the general government have sometimes been answered by unmeaning professions and promises never performed, but generally by telling us to protect ourselves. The result is that at this moment we have fewer means of defence—less show of protection afforded by that government than we had ever at any period during a state of peace.

Directly after the war was commenced, the greater portion of the U. S. then in the forts of this state were ordered to a service more interesting to the general government than our defence. All the troops, also, which have been enlisted by them during the war, within this state, and amounting to many hundred men, have been wanted for other purposes—although many of them were enlisted with an understanding that they were to serve near their families and for defence of their native state. The gun-boat flotilla pretendedly kept in our harbours has in reality been employed to entrap unguarded citizens into a distant and unpropitious service. In a word, the whole United States military force, stores and property within the state at this moment, instead of affording any means of defence, do but serve to increase our danger by offering a temptation to the enemy.

But while thus withdrawing from us all but the shadow of defence, and totally disregarding their duty and our just rights under the constitution; that government is constantly demanding and taking from us those resources and revenues which, by the constitution, we granted expressly to enable them to afford us that protection. More than fifty thousand dollars the secretary of the treasury states to have been already received into their treasury in taxes upon this state during the last year; besides some thousands retained as the pay of their assessors and collectors.— The amount also which they have drawn from this state in duties cannot be less, and we believe is much more than half a million of dollars upon an average, annually, during the war. In addition to this, they have had from our banks and citizens some hundred of thousands of dollars upon loans and treasury notes. A small part of all these funds drawn from us might, if prudently applied, have placed us in a state of security.— It cannot be necessary for the committee to go into further details, full view of our situation is presented to us in the two last letters of the secretary at war. In one of them, making some general professions upon the subject of our defence, he adds, that "No new works have been recently authorized, except when the town or state requiring such works have loaned the money for that object.— Should means be placed within the control of this department, an officer of engineers will be designated to superintend the fortifications and the works immediately commenced." In his other letter, the secretary, after acknowledging our claims to defence, the importance of our harbours, and the necessity of further fortifications, and promising a sup-

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