

**Bill to Establish a Colony at the Mouth of the Columbia River.**  
Washington, Jan. 19. A bill was reported in the House of Representatives yesterday, the title of which is "A bill to authorize the occupation of the Columbia river." Yes, reader, you may believe it, for it is true, that a bill is before Congress, and for aught we know ought to pass, for establishing a Colony now, to be hereafter a Territory, at the mouth of the Columbia river, about forty degrees of longitude west of Washington, and by water distant, not far westward, but at the least ten hundred miles. The territory, however, belongs to the U. States, and we understand that already our Eastern brethren resort there for timber which they transport to the Southern Provinces of America, where that article is scarce. It will soon become necessary, if it be not now, to establish a post there; and it may be well to anticipate those who may else undertake to establish one for us, seeing that their attention is already turned in that direction.

**Monday Jan. 21.**  
The following bills were passed and sent to the Senate: For the relief of Mary Debruler. To make void the proceedings of John Rigby. Relating to the University of Maryland. To enable commissioners of Harford to Grace to hold a lot of ground. Authorizing certain roads to be laid out in Harford. For the benefit of Harford. To prevent any going at large in Friendship, A. Arundel. Annuling the marriage of Aida Louise and Bradley Lowe. For the benefit of Captain James Mitchell. Annuling the marriage of Mary Parker and Isaac Parker. Annuling the marriage of Ference Dooris and Catharine Dooris. Annuling the marriage of Theophilus and Ann Russell. Authorizing W. K. Armstrong to remove a negro into the State. Declaring assent of Legislature to co-operation of funds for benefit of Methodist preachers who have families in Harford. A petition from Charles county, that the law of inflicting the punishment of cropping be repealed. From Geo. Hoffman, and others, that a court of equity may decree a specific performance of certain contracts. From Port Tobacco, counter to that relating to the Hydrant Company. From Mary Johnson, of Annapolis, for a support. From Wm Holmes of Montgomery, to be reimbursed for deficiency in land purchased from the state. From Harford, for a bridge across Deer Creek. Mr. Maffitt reports unfavourably on the petition of Peter Gebhart. Mr. Hughes submitted a resolution authorizing the governor and council to draw on the treasury for—dollars, to kirb and pave the footway round the public circle.

**THE MURDERER OF MISS HAMILTON.**  
From Monday's Amer. con.  
A coroner's inquest was held yesterday morning by James B. Stanbury, esq. in Baltimore county, over the body of JOSEPH THOMPSON, who was under sentence of death for the murder of Miss Hamilton. It appeared in evidence that he had for some time refused to receive sufficient sustenance to support nature, and consequently was very emaciated at the time of his death.  
Verdict of the jury, "that he came to his death from the visitation of God."

**THE SLAVE TRADE.**  
It appears from intelligence brought by the U. S. ship Shark from Africa, that "The French and Portuguese vessels carried on an extensive trade—about 50,000 negroes had been taken from the coast during the last year. There are but few slavers under the Dutch and Spanish flags, and none under the American—and it was believed not one of our citizens was engaged in the traffic."  
The Shark boarded, and detained to a short time, the French schr. Caroline, with 153 slaves on board, bound to Martinique. The slaves were only allowed a bottle of water and an ounce of rice per day.

**THE INVISIBLE HIGHWAYMAN.**  
The following circumstances, of the truth of which we have the most indubitable authority, occurred Thursday evening last. On that evening, M. Alexander, whose powers of vocal illusion we noticed before, was engaged to display his abilities before a distinguished company of gentlemen, among whom was Earl Grosvenor, at the residence of George Wilbraham, Esq. of Deterence Lodge. For this purpose, about dark, he took a chaise from the Royal Hotel, and proceeded on his way. Finding that the post boy did not make all the speed his appointment required, Mr. Alexander had recourse to his usual art to quicken him on his way; and, throwing his voice high on one side of the road and then on the other, called out, "Coachman, stop!" repeating the words several times. "I won't stop," replied the young man, casting his eyes on all sides, without seeing any body. The call being reiterated again and again, he unmercifully belaboured his horses in hopes of out going his supposed pursuers; the voice now proceeded from behind, and anon as from under the carriage. At last the poor post boy descended from his station, and taking one of the jumps from its socket, he ventured to examine behind, a round, and under the chaise, without discovering any visible appearance, when to increase his astonishment the voice still articulated the same summons, seemed to proceed from the roof. Petrified with fear and wonder, the afflicted post boy again mounted his vehicle, drove off with increased speed, and leaning towards the window of the chaise, cautioned Mr. Alexander not to make a noise, as they were certainly pursued by highwaymen. On reaching the toll gate immediately before entering the forest the young man communicated his apprehensions to the keeper, whom he charged to notice the men on horse back, whom he supposed to be behind as they passed. Mr. Alexander, still however continued, the joke, placed his voice sometimes at a further and sometimes at a nearer distance, while the afflicted driver was almost in a state of distraction; till turning from the Norwich turnpike to the road which leads to Delaine's house, he thought himself more secure, and began to encourage his fear that they were within of danger. But alas! the shout of "Coachman, stop! stop! we are still here," awakened and increased all his horror.

**THE SPANISH MAIN.**  
Extract of a letter from A. B. Nones, esq. Consul of the U. S. A. at Aux Cayes, per sch'r Fair Play, dated Dec. 22, 1821.  
"You no doubt know of the fall of Carthagena. All the Main is now Independent. The Independence was celebrated here on the 14th inst. with great pomp by the Patriots. "Fou de Joice" were fired during the evening, and a splendid repast prepared in the day."  
**SICKNESS AT JAMAICA.**  
Accounts from Jamaica, via New Brunswick, state, that a malignant fever, which proved very fatal to residents, as well as strangers, prevails at that place.

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Thomas W. Thornton, of Ncht. Dec. 20.

**CONGRESS.**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**  
Thursday, Jan. 17.  
**APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATION.**  
Mr. Campbell moved that the orders of the day prior to the apportionment bill be postponed, with a view that that bill be now acted upon.  
Mr. Blair opposed the motion. The complete returns from South Carolina had not been made. He had reason to believe they would be so in a few days. With regard to the reason that had been drawn from the convenience to the legislatures of the states now in session, to locate their congressional districts, he thought the inconvenience of postponing it for another year was less than that a state should be deprived of its ratio of population.  
The question was then put and the motion carried.  
The house thereupon resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for apportioning the representatives of the several states to congress, according to the census of 820. Mr. Smith of Md, in the chair.  
Mr. Lowndes thought it improper to consider the bill at this time, not only for the reasons that had been assigned, but because the state of Delaware was without a representative on the floor; one (Mr. Rodney) having been elected a senator, and the other (Mr. M. Lane) having gone home on account of sickness.  
Mr. Ball therefore moved that the committee rise and report, which motion was negatived.  
After some discussion of the subject the house agreed nem con to consider the word "forty" before the word "thousand" in the bill as reported by the committee a blank, so as to leave the apportionment unfettered by any rules or questions of order. The following numbers for the ratio of apportionment, were thereupon proposed—  
By Mr. Keys, of Vt. 75,000  
By Mr. Van Wyck, of N. Y. 55,000  
By Mr. Morgan of N. Y. 52,000  
By Mr. Tracy of N. Y. 50,000  
By Mr. Williams of N. Carolina, 49,000  
By Mr. Upham of N. Hampshire, 48,000  
By Mr. Mallory of Vt. 47,000  
By Mr. Abbot of Georgia, 46,000  
By Mr. Wood of New York 45,000  
By Mr. Barber of New York 44,000  
By Mr. Edwards of N. C. 43,000  
By Mr. Ross of Ohio 42,000  
By Mr. Rochester of New York 41,000  
By Mr. Gist of S. C. 40,000  
By Mr. Tucker of Virginia 39,000  
By Mr. Bayle of Massachusetts 37,000  
By Mr. Fairley of Pennsylvania 36,000  
By Mr. Bidwin of Pennsylvania 35,000  
The question was then taken on the largest number (75,000) and decided in the negative.  
The next number in order was 55,000.  
Mr. Van Wyck stated briefly, his reasons in favour of that number. His object was to expedite public business and to economize the public expenditure. Mr. V. W. advised to the reasons that had influenced the framers of our constitution to adopt a small ratio, but contended that they were wholly inapplicable at present. The facilities of intercourse had so much increased of late that there was no difficulty on the part of the representative in the way of obtaining every necessary knowledge of the situation of all his constituents; and in point of economy his proposition would save \$92,500 per annum to the public treasury.  
The question was then taken on the ratio as proposed by Mr. Van Wyck and negatived.  
The numbers of 52,000, 50,000 and 49,000 were successively put without debate and lost.  
48,000 was also put and lost—ayes 35.  
47,000 was next put and lost—ayes 33.  
46,000 was next put and lost—ayes 50.  
45,000 was then put and lost—ayes 67—noes 0.  
44,000 and 43,000 were also rejected without division.  
The question was then taken on 42,000 and carried—ayes 73.  
Mr. Campbell moved that the residue of the bill be so amended as to correspond with the ratio that had been adopted, which was agreed to.  
The committee then rose and reported the bill as amended.  
In the house Mr. Campbell moved that the question of concurrence be taken by yeas and nays—which was agreed to.  
Mr. Durfee spoke at considerable length in opposition to the concurrence with the committee of the whole in the ratio of 42,000. He thought that an increase of numbers of the national legislature would not retard the passage of wholesome and necessary laws—and if unnecessary laws were precluded, it might be considered as a benefit to the country—for few things were more pernicious than experiments in legislation.  
Mr. Randolph made a few preliminary remarks on the impossibility of keeping a part power and wealth, which, whenever separated by any revolution, seek a re-union by a tendency as true as gravitation, and as naturally as the sexes.  
Mr. K. moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Monday week, which was put and carried ayes 91.

**Friday, Jan. 18.**  
Mr. Cannon, from the Committee on the subject of the Militia, reported a bill to provide for the clothing of the militia, when called into the service of the United States; which was read twice and committed.  
Mr. Bateman laid the following resolution on the table—  
Resolved, That the Secretary of the treasury be directed to report to this house what progress has been made in the settlement of the arrears in the accounts of the Post office Establishment; and also what difficulties, if any have intervened in the final liquidation thereof.  
Adjourned till Monday.

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