

millions of dollars, and applied to defray the expense of the additional works required to complete the canal.

Your committee have reason to believe that two million of United States stock, bearing an interest of four per cent. payable semi-annually, and irredemtable for twenty-eight years, could be sold in Europe, or America, at par.

Such is the scheme which the committee presume to recommend for extricating the Potomac Company from their present embarrassments, and accomplishing a work which, inasmuch as it cannot effect, although of insuperable importance to the public.

Complicated as this scheme may, at first appear, it involves, in its prosecution, the exercise of no other powers on the part of Congress than, 1st, the power of selling the public lots in the city of Washington, which were acquired expressly for sale.

The committee will not swell this report, already too far extended, by arguments to demonstrate that all these powers are vested by the Constitution in the Congress of the United States, either expressly, or by necessary implication.

Your committee forbear to answer all the objections which this, or any other plan of internal improvement, may be expected to encounter. They are contented to set against such objections some of its peculiar advantages; that, connected with the Cumberland road, it will complete a great national object, calculated to perpetuate the Union, and to promote the prosperity and glory of the United States; that, while it accomplishes this object in the short compass of three years, its cost will be distributed over a period of eight and twenty years; that this cost will be greatly reduced by the credit which enables the American Government to negotiate its loans at so low a rate of interest as four per cent; that, by the completion of the entire work in so short a period, that loss of interest on unproductive stock, which most canal companies have encountered, and which, in some similar enterprises, has exceeded the principal of their stock, will be prevented; that, if the dividends of the Potomac Company shall, after the completion of the canal, yield six per cent per annum to the stockholders, they will, from that moment, have nothing further to pay for their stock; and, after the lapse of twenty-eight years, or, possibly, a shorter period, they will be found to have paid but nine per cent, of its par value, for a property which, in all human probability, will have more than doubled that value.

Resolved, That the Committee of the District of Columbia be instructed to report a bill in conformity with the principles contained in the preceding report.

THE MATCH RACE  
Between Eclipse and the Virginia horse Henry, was run on the 27th ult at Long Island. 1st heat, Henry came half length ahead—time in which it was ran 7 minutes & 37 seconds. 2d heat, Eclipse came in two lengths ahead—time in which it was ran 7 minutes 49 seconds. 3d heat, Eclipse came in three lengths ahead—time of this heat, minutes 24 seconds—Henry, 4 years old this month, carried 105lb. Eclipse 120lb.

EATING AND DRINKING.  
A few days ago, a servant girl, about 18 years of age, residing in Lupom, near Kirby Lonsdale, undertook, for a trifling wager, to drink 18 cups of tea & eat 10 ounces of bread, in ten minutes, which she dexterously performed in the given time.

THE STONE.  
Mr. Reginald, an able physician at Greenoble, well known for his success in many difficult cases, has just invented an instrument by which the operation for the stone may be completed in two minutes. Several experiments have confirmed this astonishing fact.

EMIGRATION.  
Some hundreds of people have emigrated to the present season from the western counties of New York, to Michigan. This territory, says the Buffalo Patriot, is destined in a short time to become a state, and united to her, it will be the outlet of commerce and a similarity of habits and manners, we view her rising importance with pleasure.

BIBLE SOCIETY.  
From the monthly report of the American Bible Society, it appears that \$3,519; 37 have been received during the month, and the issues from the Depository during the month of April were, for Bibles 4137; new Testaments 3404—value \$1961 52.

APPOINTMENTS.  
We learn that the British Government has appointed Mr. George Jackson (brother of Mr. Jackson, formerly the British Minister to the United States) Commissioner, and Mr. M. Tavish, Arbitrator, under the first article of the Convention of July, 1824, with Great Britain, for the settlement of claims for slaves and other property carried away by British vessels at the close of the late war.

A CURE FOR THE ASTHMA.  
In the last number of Professor Silliman's valuable Journal of Science, Dr. Hubbard, President of the Medical Society of Connecticut, states that he has failed to relieve the Asthma in a single instance in which I have prescribed the Prussic Acid and some of the cases have been very severe, and many other means of relief had been tried in vain.

ANIMAL INSTINCT.  
In the "Introduction to Entomology," by Kirby and Spence, vol. 2, page 502, the following very remarkable instance of the power of discovering lumps, exhibited by an Ass, is communicated on the authority of Lieutenant Alderman, Royal Engineers, who was personally acquainted with the facts.

THE SPANIEL AND THE MILLER'S DAUGHTER.  
Translated for the Charleston Courier. From "Le Histoire des Chiens Celebres."  
The only daughter of a wealthy Miller, of Spoleto, while playing with a large Spaniel, fell into the Tiber without the accident being perceived. The dog jumped immediately into the water, and seized the little girl, and seizing her strongly by her garments, strove to bring her ashore; but her dress was too weak, and yielding to the water, the courageous dog was obliged to abandon his prize.

THE PURSE OF ROB ROY.  
We had the pleasure of examining, on Saturday, an article which had been deposited at the residence of the fact, was the pouch, or purse of Rob Roy, whose name has been rendered conspicuous and lasting, if not by his own deeds, by the enchanting pen of Sir Walter Scott, author of the Waverley Novels. This curious relic is now in the possession of Dr. Mitchell, who has the following history of it, given by the Scotch gentleman by whom he received it.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY.  
A writer in a late Virginia paper, recommends Jeremiah Morrow, the present Governor of Ohio, as a suitable person to fill the office of Vice President of the United States, after the present term.

UTILITY OF MISSIONS.  
From the United States Gazette.  
Want of information is doubtless one great cause of the opposition observable at the present time, to the Missionary efforts which are making in various parts of the world. Whether the persons engaged in these efforts are deceiving themselves and others, by a false estimate of their character, or by the more immediate agents of Heaven in spreading the light of inspiration; or whether their motives are benevolent—we pretend not to judge. But of this we feel confident, that no man who loves his species, and will carefully watch the operations of these individuals, and the effects resulting from their exertions, can fail to wish them success.

SLAVES IN NEW-JERSEY.  
The 16th section of a law of this state, passed in 1798, makes it the duty of the master of all slaves, born since November, 1788, under a penalty of thirty dollars, to teach them to read while under the age of 21 years. The law makes it the duty of the collectors to ascertain whether its provisions are observed, and if it is the duty of the overseers of the poor to prosecute such as refuse or neglect to cause such instruction to be given. The money, when recovered to be applied to the poor. If this law was properly administered, the proceeds would support all the paupers in the state, for ten years to come; but extremely doubtful whether it was ever enforced even in a single instance.

POTOMAC CANAL.  
We understand that Mr. Erice, of Washington county, has obtained the commission to survey the route of the projected canal from the Potomack to Baltimore. If it be true, the Executive has it now in their power to do justice to Frederick county, by supplying the vacancy with one of her citizens. The subject is attracting such attention as the great and pressing interests demand, and it is expected that on the 14th of the next, a numerous convention of the people of this county will take place.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.  
The Board of Nantucket Co. (Mass.) at their late meeting resolved that their representatives in the legislature be instructed to use their endeavors to procure an amelioration of the laws relating to imprisonment for debt. A bill is now before the legislature of Connecticut to abolish imprisonment for debts under \$20. The Massachusetts law regulating Prison Limits, enacts that all persons imprisoned on execution for debt, who shall not within 90 days from their commitment be discharged, agreeable to the provisions of the "Poor prisoners oath" act, shall be forthwith put in close confinement, and there continue until all returned executions are paid, or until the court see fit to grant a discharge.

A FLOATING-ISLAND.  
Mr. Morse gives the following description of it:  
In the township of Atkinson, (N. H.) in a large meadow, there is a small island of six or seven acres, which was formerly loaded with valuable pine timber and other forest wood. When the meadow is overflowed, by means of an artificial dam, the island rises with the water, which is some times six feet. Near the middle of the island is a small pond, which has been gradually lessening ever since it was known, and is now almost covered with verdure. In this place a pole fifty feet long has disappeared, without finding bottom. In the water of that pond, there have been fish plenty, which, when the meadow has been overflowed, have appeared there, and when the water has been drawn off, have been left on the meadow, at which time the island settles to its usual place.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT.  
The Connecticut Courant says, much attention begins to be shown in that State, to the question who shall be our next President. The paper adds:—"As far as we have been able to collect public opinion from different parts of the State, it is decidedly in favour of Mr. Adams. We understand a delegation from New York favouring the claims of Mr. Adams, has been here within a few days to sound the opinion of the public." As it regards New York, present appearances favour the belief, that public opinion will be divided between Mr. Adams and Mr. Clay. There is no knowing who will be President until after the election. But at present, among the people of this State, Mr. Crawford has but a paltry number of friends.

CULTIVATION OF THE GRAPE.  
Mr. Adlum, a gentleman, whose enterprise and successful cultivation of the grape has rendered him an object of some interest among us, has written a letter to Mr. Skinner, editor of the American Farmer, in which he observes that he has no doubt that the cultivation of the vine will, before the end of the present century add one hundred millions of dollars annually to the Agricultural production of the United States." In cultivating this invaluable vine the Virginians have taken a decided lead—New-York and indeed several other states begin to see the value of attention to this branch of culture.

ALARMING RIOT.  
We understand that the leading Chronicle of the Times, that the insurrectionary training, on Wednesday last, at Hamburg, Penn. a serious fracas occurred between the citizens and the workmen employed on the Canal. It seems the managers endeavored to keep those in their employ at work until the training should be over, fearing from certain indications, their riotous disposition; but the citizens having assembled in the taverns of the village, the Canal men marched in a body of 30 or 40 and such missiles as they could lay their hands upon; they were met by the citizens in a similar manner, when a furious contest ensued, eventuating in the defeat of the assailants. A number were severely wounded on both sides, some of whom lie at the point of death.

LORD COCHRANE.  
In addition to the intelligence from Rio Janeiro, by the ship Corinthian at this port, we learn that Lord Cochrane had arrived there and entered into the Imperial Brazilian service. He had taken the command of a fleet consisting of a seventy four, some frigates, smaller vessels and fire ships, and had sailed for St. Salvador for the purpose of destroying the King's fleet lying there. The sailing of Cochrane's fleet was the effect of the impression of sailors of the object of the expedition reaching St. Salvador.

GRETTNA GREEN.  
A London paper states that one of the officiating priests at this famed temple of Hyem, had married a couple since New-Year's Day.

RACE OF TEN MILES.  
The match between Lieut. Smith and Mr. Hariton, to run 10 miles against each other, took place over a two mile piece of ground on the Waterford road, for fifty sovereigns. It was done as follows:  
Smith did [min. sec.] Hariton did [min. sec.]  
1st 2 miles in 12 4 1st 2 miles in 12 3  
2d 2 12 4 2d 2 12 3  
3d 2 12 4 3d 2 12 3  
4th 2 12 4 4th 2 12 3  
5th 2 12 4 5th 2 12 3  
6th 2 12 4 6th 2 12 3  
7th 2 12 4 7th 2 12 3  
8th 2 12 4 8th 2 12 3  
9th 2 12 4 9th 2 12 3  
10th 2 12 4 10th 2 12 3

Dr. The Corporation of the City of Annapolis.  
Receipts and Disbursements of the EXPENSES.  
To Cash Paid Richard B. Watts, on quarterly account of Engineer House, Interest on loan, For Oil, Wood, &c. Prison Expenses, Lamp Lighting, Clayton and Allison, on account of foot-way round Church and West Street, James Allison on account of On account of Commissioners On Duke of Gloucester Street, John W. Duval, John W. Hillias on account of Do, Joseph Sande, John Brewer, To amount of sundry accounts charged, To amount of cash paid away by Joseph Hillias, November 1822, Treasurers commission, Cash in hand,

RECEIPTS.  
By Cash Received of Richard Wells, collector on account of sundry persons charged, viz: C. & J. Brewet, Richard L. J. Miller, Joseph Sande, Hutton, For Licenses, Of Richard Parkinson, for Of John Quynn and Rich Of Isaac Holland, jr. collector Of Evans & Ighehart, for Of John Brewer, for License To amount of cash received by Joseph Sande, November 1822,

Debts Due the Corporation.  
Rezin D. Baldwin, (with interest) \$ 50 00  
James Williams, say 5000 00  
Francis Welch, do 336 99 1-2  
John Randall, (unadjusted) 425 46  
Jeremiah Hughes, 59 77  
G. & J. Barber, (taxes for 1821 & 2) 110 43  
Richard B. Watts, do 80 00  
D. Claude, do 120 00  
George Schwere, do 24 00  
Charles Stuarts heirs, do 56 59  
Charles Wallaces heirs, do 42 75  
Estate of Absalom Ridgely, do 21 66  
Rich. L. Jones, (on account) 373 80  
Benjamin Sewell, do 14 12 1-2  
S. Kibby & Wm. M. M. do 25 25  
Arey Sands, do 33 95 1-2  
John Gadsby, (in suit,) do 43 54  
Isaac Holland, collector for 20 & 21, do 513 76 1-4  
Clayton & Allison, do 28 64 1-2  
Jonathan Hutton, do 31 10  
Joseph Sande, do 65 92 1-2  
U. States printer, W. Lendum, do 15 00  
J. L. Boyd, do 40 21  
Richard Wells, collector for 1822, do 1108 33 1-2  
Jno. Whittington, admt. of Wm. Whittington, do 90 85  
Brice B. Brewer, (with interest) bond, do 170 00  
John Randall & Son, do bond, 570 00  
Richard L. Jones, do bond, 200 00  
\$9,635 60 1-4

City Affairs.  
THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.  
In compliance with his duty, the Mayor now presents to the Corporation with the Treasurer's Account, particularly specifying the items of receipts and expenditures from December 1822, to this period; and the items from April last to this time, which have accompanied this report, if the account rendered by the late Treasurer had not been impeded. That account, however, having been referred to a committee, and finally adjusted, agreeably to the report made, it will be with the board, it deemed requisite, to take the necessary steps to furnish the citizens with all the particulars, the amount only being included in the present Treasurer's account for the above period from April to November, 1822, the Treasurer's statement will make known the amount due to and from the Corporation; and as the subject will be referred to a committee, the Mayor deems it unnecessary to give his impressions at this time to the finances of the city.

Statement of Demands and Debts due to this year.  
W. G. Tuck \$230  
Sellers & Penneck 290  
Geo. Warner 140  
A. B. Miller 200  
Jno. Berry 130  
Rebecca Clackner 120  
Hobbs, Holland & Co. 200  
Pumps 300  
Lighting and cleaning City 140  
Interest on Farmers Bank loan 300  
Contingencies 200  
On payment of principal of loan 1000  
\$3270

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When Cato died, no weeping crowd was near. Yet, there was one his bosom held more dear; A smiling God was present to his mind, His spirit as his frame declined; Scholastic learning Cato never knew, Heard not the Scriptures, he believ'd them true; And practis'd right—What more could mortal do? Thus by his faith he prov'd himself more wise; Than all the learned who such faith despise. 'Twas in this faith, when Christ arriv'd, Cato, come, Approach my throne, and hear thy final doom.' That Cato cried, as swift his Spirit flew, 'Master of all, I come, and thank thee too!'

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