

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The actual condition of the public finances more than realizes the favourable anticipations that were entertained of it at the opening of the last session of Congress.

On the first of January there was a balance in the Treasury of four million two hundred and thirty-seven thousand four hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

On the first of January, 1825, a large amount of the war debt, and a part of the revolutionary debt, became redeemable.

The state of the army in its organization and discipline, has been gradually improving for several years, and has now attained a high degree of perfection.

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In Civil Engineering and Land Surveying, it might also be applied with considerable advantage, in the following manner:—Two persons being stationed on elevated ground within sight of each other, one being provided with a strong towing piece, or rather a blunderbuss for greater effect, and the other with an ordinary second's watch.

It is proposed to recommend to the States an amendment to the constitution, for the purpose of vesting in the United States a power to adopt and execute a system of internal improvement, it is also submitted to your consideration, whether it may not be expedient to authorize the Executive to enter into an arrangement with the several States through which the road passes, to establish tolls, each within its limits, for the purpose of defraying the expense of future repairs, and of providing also, by suitable penalties, for its protection against future injuries.

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LIBERALITY. N. Biddle Esq. of Philadelphia, President of the U. S. Bank, has transmitted to the Chairman of the Greek Committee at New York, \$500 as his subscription to this glorious cause.

It is with no small pleasure we learn that the gentlemen composing the board of brokers of this city, have given \$100 to the glorious cause of the Greeks.—N. Y. Adv.

BARBADOES. Captain Hunter, from Grenada, confirms the account received by the way of Antigua, that the inhabitants of Barbadoes had destroyed a Methodist Chapel, and that much ferment existed there.

THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP HOBERT. The numerous friends of this excellent and learned prelate, will be gratified to hear, that he arrived at Liverpool, in the packet ship Meteor, on the 30th of October last.

From an Ancona paper Sept. 21. EARTHQUAKE. We have received news from Ragusa of various unfortunate occurrences. In August the heat was 31 deg. Reaumur, which produced contagious diseases.

The Georgia Journal states the amount of actual cash now in the Treasury of that State to be \$425,775—besides \$1,005,000 the state owns in bank and other stocks, making a sum total of 1,430,775 dollars.

UNITED STATES STATISTICS. Extracted from Mr. Ingersoll's Philosophical Discourse. There are half a million of scholars at the public schools throughout the United States; and more than three thousand students at the colleges which confer degrees.

There are twelve hundred students at the medical schools, five hundred at the theological seminaries, and more than a thousand students of law.

There are about ten thousand physicians, and upwards of ten thousand lawyers. There are about nine thousand places of worship, and about five thousand clergy men.

There are more than one hundred steam boats, comprising more than fourteen thousand tons navigating the Mississippi. The vessels of the United States, by sea perform their voyages on an average in one third less time than the English.

LORD BYRON. A letter from Europe, in speaking of the departure of Lord Byron to join the Greeks, mentions that he took with him, by way of defensive armour, three large helmets made new for the purpose, with his arms blazoned upon them; and that he left behind him six new cantos of Don Juan, as a precious legacy to the world in the event of a casualty.

Some of the papers say that England makes a stand against any farther extension of the powers of Russia in the East of Europe, and any attack on the new American States, except by Spain or Portugal, dependent solely on their own resources.

It is not until the principles of freedom in Europe alone, that the Holy Alliance intend to limit their operations; but every effort, according to the advices received this day from Paris, is also to be made to put down, what these Legitimists call, Revolution in America, and in conformity with this vast and gigantic resolution, the Emperor Alexander has recalled all his accredited agents from the Brazils; and an expedition is forthwith to be forwarded from Spain under the flag of that nation, against the Republic of Colombia.

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Maryland Gazette.

Annapolis, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1823.

The Hon. SAMUEL STEVENS, was on Monday last re-elected Governor of this State for the ensuing year.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. On Tuesday the following five first named gentlemen were elected a Council to His Excellency the Governor.

Col. Thomas Emory, of Queen-Anne's county, received 84 votes, Joshua Prichard, esquire, of Worcester county, 82 votes, Philemon Chew, esquire, of Prince-George's county, 79 votes, Robert Archer, esquire, of Harford county, 58 votes, Nicholas Brewer, sen. esquire, of the city of Annapolis, 56 votes.

INTERESTING RESOLUTIONS. Every day gives new interest to the approaching Presidential Election. On Tuesday, Mr. R. Bowie, from Prince-George's, submitted the following resolutions relative to a Congressional Caucus at Washington.

The Legislature of Maryland view with concern the attempt now making at Washington, to controul the election of President and Vice President of the United States, by means of a congressional caucus.

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