

Leaving in the Treasurer's hands for future
expediture the small balance of

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 \$17,753 27

As it may be satisfactory to the Legislature to know the present situation and cost of the noble monument whose erection has been committed to the superintendance of the managers. I avail myself of the present occasion to state that it is now so far advanced towards completion that it is confidently hoped that it may be entirely finished in the course of two or three years more, if the expectations formed of the probable receipts from the surplus of the state lotteries are realized. Its height at present, from its base to the summit of the pedestal on which the statue is intended to be placed, is 165 feet four inches; but when the statue is added, it will be above 180 feet. The whole of the column and its entablature is finished; but the grand pedestal or basement on which it stands, of fifty feet square still wants its cornice and parapet, as well as its covering of marble slabs, the steps to its several entrances and its interior finishing. Besides these, there will be required the necessary pavements, and a brass or iron railing for its protection, with the suitable improvement of the ground to the north and south, for its advantageous effect; it is hoped that all these objects may be accomplished by means of the funds to be derived from the State Lotteries during the next year, though it is impossible at this time to say what the expense may amount to, as the plans for the work are in the possession of the architect, who is absent in Carolina. If however it does not exceed the receipts of the year, the managers have every reason to believe that they will be enabled by the surplus of the lotteries for 1827, and 1828 to place a colossal bronze or marble statue of Washington on the summit of the column, and add to the basement the trophies, inscriptions and necessary decorations contemplated by the plan, which, when done, will render this monument an ornament to this city and an honour to the state, as well as one of the loftiest and grandest works of the kind to be seen any where.

The sum it has already cost amounts to

 \$131,429 63

Of which there has been raised by six lotte-
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