

ral months, *might* occur; and this apprehension caused me reluctantly to decline giving you further credits in November last.

The bank of England has, for several months, been drawn upon for gold, for shipment to the continent, to such an unusual degree, that for some time she has been under the necessity of contracting her issues by sales of stocks and exchanges; but, finding that course insufficient to stop the export of bullion, the directors have to-day issued a notice, advancing the rate of interest on bills of exchange (they take none longer than 3 months) to five per cent, which has had an important effect on the money market, and the best London acceptances, at four months, have been discounted at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, and many bankers refuse them altogether. It is the opinion of the best informed on the subject, that the price of money will rate high all the summer, but be subject to changes depending on continental exchanges, and the prospect of the growing harvest.

A few sales of American stocks have been made within a few days, at the following prices:

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| Ohio 6 per cents Ex., July dividend, | at 93. |
| Illinois 6 per cent. do. do | 87. |
| Indiana 5 per cents | 80. |
| Bank of U. S. Shares | £24. |
| Alabama 5 per cent sterling bonds | 84. |

The latter 6 months, since sold at 92.

There have been no large sales of American securities; the great scarcity of money rather operating to prevent forced sales than otherwise. Could purchasers be found, there is a very large amount of stocks that would be sold far below the present nominal quotations.

The late comparatively favourable accounts carried out by the "Great Western," induced several persons to come out in that vessel for the purpose of making money negotiations: one from Ohio, one from Illinois, and one from New York are now here; but they cannot effect sales, unless at very low prices indeed. In fact, capitalists show no disposition to purchase American securities to any extent, at the present time, on any terms. This feeling has rendered hypothecations almost impracticable; and for the loans I have contracted for you falling due, I am called upon in every case, as the wants of parties here, induce them to offer at the rate of 9 and 10 per cent for moneys for short periods, pledging stocks, say equally as Maryland, and with a margin of 20 to 30 per cent. This, you can readily suppose, tends to embarrass my operations for you, but my whole attention and resources are devoted to the subject; and I trust to be able to surmount all the difficulties that surround me; and I do not fear any necessity for a sacrifice of the stock.

I have been obliged to use my credit for an additional sum of £15,000 at four months on a banking house, paying an increased rate of interest, and shall be under the necessity of