

We consider it scarcely necessary to attract the attention of the nation to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury...

It is with pleasure we announce the re-election of General Stevens Thompson Mason, Senator of the United States from the State of Virginia.

Table listing names and numbers: For S. T. Mason, 158; L. Lee, 2; M. Anderson, 1; W. Duane, 1; T. Beckenridge, 6; Thomas Paine, 1.

The ballots given for Thomas Paine, and William Duane, are additional testimonials of federal love of order and respect for decorum...

COMMUNICATION.

DRY DOCKS.

Mr. John Gardiner of this City, has obtained a Patent for erecting Dry Docks (where there is little or no ebb and flow of tide) to repair ships in.

On his construction a steam Engine that costs 4000 dollars will dry eight docks in twenty four hours, and may be applied to any number of docks.

Congress of the United States. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, Dec. 27, 1862.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, ordered that 500 copies of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 16th inst. be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Davis observed that he was of opinion that a member of the House retained his seat contrary to the spirit and sense of the constitution.

Resolved that the committee of elections be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire whether John P. Van Ness, one of the members of this House from the State of New-York, returned by said State to serve as one of its members in the seventh Congress of the United States, has not, since his election as a member of this House, and since he occupied a seat as a member, accepted of, and exercised the office of a major of militia under the authority of the United States within the Territory of Columbia, and thereby forfeited his right to a seat as a member of this House.

Mr. Mitchell considered the point as interesting in two relations; that which involved the decision of a principle, and that which went to deprive the State, (New-York) one of whose representatives he was, of a member.

Mr. Davis replied that he felt no disposition to preface a decision. He had communicated, the first day he took his seat, his ideas on the subject to certain members, the friends of the gentleman implicated by the resolution, in hopes that he would resign.

But on Mr. Mitchell repeating his desire for some delay, Mr. Davis agreed to let the resolution lie till tomorrow.

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1862.

A message was received from the President of the United States, including plans and estimates for a Dry Dock on the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, capable of containing twelve frigates of 44 guns.

The proposed plan, in an accompanying report to the Secretary of the Navy, is exhibited, at considerable length, by Mr. Latrobe; with estimates for two plans; one for supplying the Dock with water from the Tyber, the expense of which is estimated at 27,000 Dollars; the other for supplying it from the Potomac at the Little Falls, the expense of which is estimated at 223,000 Dollars.

Referred to the Committee to whom was referred to much of the President's Message as relates to Dry Docks.

A letter was received through the Speaker, and read, from James M. Henry, containing certain animadversions on the Report of the Committee of Investigation, made during the last session.

Considerable progress having been made by the Clerk in the reading of the above letter, Mr. Alston said that the paper which the clerk was reading appeared to him to be a very voluminous one, and that he did not think the House were bound to listen to the reading of it.

Mr. Stanley observed that he did not perceive the difference stated by his colleague; nor did he know how the gentleman could anticipate the contents of a communication before read.

Mr. Morris could not omit making a remark or two. From the communication, so far as read, it appeared that it was charged, that the character of a former public officer had been aspersed.

The House ought, therefore, not only to read the communication, but also to enquire into the complaint. There was not an indecent expression in it.

Mr. Randolph said he wished only to observe, that there was but one principle (and that had been stated by the Speaker) on which these papers ought to be read.

Mr. Morris said however widely he might differ on this as well as other subjects from the gentleman from Virginia, he believed his own ideas of what was decent or indecent as correct as those of that gentleman.

Mr. Morris said that when he had observed that there was not an indecent expression in the letter, he meant that there was no such expression applied to the House collectively.

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Stanley) who supposed he saw the inside of the communication before it was presented. This he denied. He had grounded his motion exclusively on what he had heard read.

Mr. Bacon was at a loss to decide on the propriety of reading or not reading these papers. He perceived that they contained not only a complaint, but a high charge against a committee of the House, stating that the major part assumed to act exclusively upon the business assigned to the whole committee, without consulting the other members.

The Speaker declared the rule for reading imperative, and Mr. Alston withdrew his motion; on which the Clerk proceeded in the reading, which was continued for more than an hour; when

Mr. Davis renewed the motion for suspending the further reading. He asked what reason there was in consuming the time of the house in having long papers read, on which, when read, the House could not act?

Mr. Mitchell was proceeding to make some remarks; when Mr. Griswold called him to order, as the decision of the Speaker had settled the point, unless an appeal was made therefrom.

Mr. Dana called for the yeas and nays. The question was taken, according to a rule, without debate, on the question "Is the decision of the chair in order?"

On which the reading was continued till a quarter past two o'clock.

TIMBER Wanted for cash on delivery.

The Directors for building a Bridge over the Eastern Branch, at the City of Washington, will contract for timber of the following kinds and scantlings, viz:

Table listing timber quantities: 80 pieces white oak 34ft long to be 14 in. by 14; 200 do 42 8 by 10; 400 do 22 8 by 10; 80 piles do 18 14 14; 20 do do 20 14 14; 20 do do 30 15 15; 22 do do 28 14 14; 40 do do 18 14 14; 60 do do 40 15 15; 36 do do 26 14 14; 80 do do 24 12 13; 80 do do 12 12 13; 480 pcs. w. oak 10 5 7; 480 do do 12 5 7.

The piles will be required square only 15 feet from the butts, and may taper to 10 inches square at the small end.

The timber must be cut before the first of March, and delivered in April. Proposals for contracts will be received until the 25th day of January next.

by WM. BRENT, Secy. Dec. 29. 1862.

MARIE ANNE PIC, RESPECTFULLY informs her customers that she has received a fresh assortment of elegant muslin and tippees, which she can sell very low.

The whole will be disposed of at very reasonable prices for ready cash.

GENUINE WINES.

Madeira, Sherry, Port, Lisbon, Claret, &c. Philadelphia and London Porter, Cognac and Peach Brandy, Jamaica and Antigua spirit, Cordials and Syrups, Sweet Meats, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Teas, Coffee and Sugars, Spanish Segars in boxes and Indian baskets, Garden seeds, and flower roots, Shoes, and powder ink stands.

TO RENT, A handsome two story FRAME HOUSE, on G street near the War office.

It consists of two Parlors and a kitchen on the ground floor—two bed rooms and a garret, a garden and stable—the rent low—possession will be given immediately, apply to ROBE. ELLIS, Department of War, N. B. Front Perouse handsomely papered. Dec. 23. 62.

Brattleboro, December 13.

ELECTION.

Next week we may probably have a statement of votes for Representative from most towns in this district.

In this town they are, for J. Elliot 16, L. R. Morris, 73, A. Paine 25, P. Brigham, 1.—In Vernon, Morris 28, Paine 15.—In Westminister, Elliot 43, Morris 42.—In Putney, majority for Morris.—In Gullford, large majority for Brigham.

Raleigh, December 13, 1862.

We have it from undoubted authority, that it is not true that the grand jury or any of them at the last superior court in Wilmington district, expressed to Mr. Hill or to Major Moore, sentiments unfavourable to the political conduct of Mr. Hill, or inimical to the recommendation he made of a successor.

N. C. Miner.

NOTICE.

NEGRO NANCY, a black woman, was committed to the Jail of Washington County, on the 9th day of December, as a runaway. She is a smart, active, well set woman, five feet one or two inches high, pitted with the small pox, has scars on each side of her neck, and says she formerly belonged to JOHN CHILDS of Fairfax county Virginia.

NEGRO RACHEL and her child John, were committed on the same day—Rachel is about five feet three or four inches high, is pitted with the small pox, and has lost one of her fore teeth—the child is about 18 months old.

ROBERT M'CLAN, Jailor. For Daniel C. Brent, Marshal District Columbia. Dec. 29. 1862.

TO BE RENTED.

And possession given the first day of January next—

THE Houses and Farm that WILLIAM WALTER WILLIAMS now occupies on the road leading from Alexandria to Leesburg—the buildings are calculated for a store and tavern. It is about 20 miles from Alexandria, and about two miles above col. Coleman's. For terms apply to the subscriber, living in Montgomery county Maryland, near the mouth of Seneca.

HAR. LANE. ep4w. Dember 29.

E. OLIVER,

Has just received by the latest arrivals a fresh assortment of MILLENER'S, consisting of the following articles, viz.

Velvet bonnets of the newest fashion, dress caps, Spanish mantles, and great coats, embroidered spencers and draper sleeves, figured sariseth for ladies dresses, embroidered gauze, trimmings for ditto, gold and silver trimmings and silver fringe, gold and silver cords and tassels, silk cords and tassels, silk and cotton trimmings, gold and silver ribbon, lawn handkerchiefs embroidered with silver, artificial flowers and wreaths, ostrich, frosted and brush leathers, sponges, bolton and steel bugles, ornaments and bugles of different colors, crop and curled wigs, crop and curled frizzettes, paints, perfumery and powder knives, pocket books, silver and steel pencil-cases and pencils, gold and silver galeon and cord, military plemes, silk epaulettes and cotton ditto, raw silk hosi and gloves, ladies and gentlemen's gloves of every description, christmas gloves in nut shells, furniture fringe, tassels and lines, cotton fringe for cloaks and dresses, crapes, mantras, pelony, farinet and perians, silk shawls and head handkerchiefs, silk stockings, gauze ditto, cotton ditto, shoes and shoe bows, silk jacket patterns and slings, muff and tippees, martin ermine and white ditto, ladies and gentlemen's dressing cases, a large assortment of white chip and straw bonnets, wadding &c. &c. George Town, December 27th. 62.

IN CHANCERY, Dec. 17, 1862.

ORDERED, That the Sales made by WILLIAM STEWART, as stated in his report, shall be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown before the 20th day of March next, provided a copy of this order be published in the National Intelligencer, at least once in each of three successive weeks, before the 20th of March next. The sale were as follows:—A tract of Land in Allegany county, called "Suck", 212 acres sold for \$497 0 0. "Addition to the Spring Bottom", 96 acres sold for \$256. Workmans desire, 75 acres sold for \$225. "Johnsons Fancy", 50 acres sold for \$112 20 0. 200 ac. 8 in square 664, and no 8 in square a cut of square 664 in the City of Washington, sold for \$241 17 6.

SAUEL H. HOWARD. Reg. Cur. Can. Dec. 27. 1862.

By Authority.

SCHEME OF A LOTTERY

For raising 100,000 DOLLARS for the City of Philadelphia. THE LAST CLASS. Prize of six thousand dollars, 6,000; two thousand, 2,000; one thousand, 1,000; five hundred, 500; two hundred, 200; one hundred, 100; fifty, 50; twenty, 20; ten, 10; five, 5; two, 2; one, 1. 3,077 Prizes, 4,913 Blanks, 8,000 Tickets at Five Dollars, is 40,000. Subject to a deduction of seven per centum.

The public are respectfully informed, that the tickets of this Lottery will be offered for sale at the original price of Five Dollars until the first day of February next, when such of them as may remain, are to be delivered to a company of gentlemen of this city, by whom they have been purchased.

The drawing will commence at the State House in this City, on the first Monday in May next, or sooner, if the sales of the tickets should warrant it, and continue till finally completed; thirty days after which, the prizes will be paid to the fortunate adventurers—such as shall not be demanded within twelve months will be considered as relinquished for the benefit of the Church.

From the punctuality and good faith observed in the management of the former classes, and the great advantages of the present Scheme, in which there are not one blank and two thirds to a prize, the managers entertain the full confidence that the tickets will meet with a rapid sale.

M. CARR, Secretary.

N. B. The tickets are now for sale by Patrick Byrne, No. 72, Chesnut Street; Geo. Taylor, No. 67, Market Street.

Letters addressed to either of the above for tickets, post paid, and inclosing the cash, will be duly attended to. Philad. Nov. 25. Dec. 18. 1862.

New and Valuable Books.

Just Received from LONDON, DUBLIN, and EDINBURGH, and for Sale by RAPINE, CONRAD & Co. New-Jersey Avenue, a little south of the Capitol.

AMONGST WHICH ARE—

- Billet's Spectator, 8 vols. Belfham's Memoirs, 10 vols. Burke's Works, 8 vols. Boswell's Tour through the H. brides, with Dr. Johnson. Charbau's Life, 3 vols. 4000's Ancient Greece, 4 vols. Gibbon's decline and fall of the Roman empire, 12 vols. Reynard's state of Egypt, after the battle of Helopolis. Metrical Miscellany, by Erskine, Fox, and others. Mercier's Paris delineated, 2 vols. New Picture of Paris, 2 vols. Lieht's travels through France, Spain, and Portugal. Sullivan's Memoirs of Louis XVth: 6 vols. Spallanzani's Travels, 4 vols. Stavrozin's Voyages to the Indies, 3 vols. Travels in the Crimea in 1793. Watson's Philip II. and III. 5 vols. Anseharit's Travels, 7 vols. La Perouse's Voyage, 3 vols. European Monthly Gentleman's Magazine. Lady's & Sporting. Life of Kutzba, 4 vols. British Pictorial, 8 vols. Dowal; or the Speculator. Jack Smith. Geraldine Beaufort, 3 vols. Hair Apparent, 3 vols. Hugh Trevor, 4 vols. Truth and Fiction, 4 vols.

With a considerable addition to their former assortment of LAW and MEDICAL books, all which they will sell on the most reasonable terms.

Also, just published.

The History of the last session of Congress exhibiting a handsome view of the various subjects which came before the National Legislature during that period. The Powers of Genius, a Poem, by John Blair Linn, A. M. with plates, and elegantly hot pressed. R. C. & Co. have on hand a few reams of excellent Printing Paper, which they will sell for cash only. Dec. 23d.

JONH BYRNE.

At his wholesale and retail Liquor and Grocery store, opposite Mitt's (former McKnight's) tavern, Kings Street, Alexandria, offers for sale at very moderate prices, WINES of first quality, by the pipe, q. cask, demijohn, &c.

London particular Madeira, do. do. Tenneriff, choice old Sherry and Lisbon, Port and Malaga.

Cogniac Brandy, Holland gin, old Jamaica and Antigua Rum, do. French Brandy and Whisky, Cherry Brandy, Lemon Juice, and fresh Teas, Coffee, Chocolate, Sugars, Raisins, Almonds, Peaches, Cinnamon, Nutmegs, Mustard, Pepper, Allspice, Ginger, Pearls, Bayley Rice, Sago, Spanish Segars, Candles, &c.

The quality and prices of the above are particularly calculated to recommend them to the keepers of boarding houses and taverns, and to give satisfaction to such vendees as may wish to provide their own Liquors, &c.—Orders for any quantity shall be executed with punctuality and fidelity, by the George Town or Washington packets, which ply only between those places and Alexandria, Dec. 14. 1862.