

FRIDAY, JUNE 17.

Mr. MILES, the gentleman engaged to build the bridge over the Potomac, has arrived here. From what we have heard, he is extremely qualified in this important department. Two ballads of bridges have had their vicissitudes. It is desirable from every instruction or subsequent experience. He was a pupil of the late Mr. Cox and had the honor of erecting several of the most extensive bridges in New-England. He is of opinion that the several obstacles, either to the erection of his bridge or to its standing, are perfectly visionary.

We have been favored with the perusal of the examination before the British House of Commons of witnesses on the petition for a revocation of the Orders of the month of March. This document contains matter in every respect of the most interesting nature. Notwithstanding therefore, as is highly interesting, it is impossible to give it in detail. Its general character, however, is too important to pass it by in silence. It is a revelation of such a nature, and of such respectability, men of practical knowledge, and rich in the treasures of experience. It is to be found in every leading American paper in this country on the side of the emancipation and consequently through the press of the wisdom of the course pursued by our government. We think the law of nations in this respect, we shall give a selection of some of its most interesting portions, believing that it will be fully confirmed by all the witnesses examined.

1. That the Berlin decree was not the cause of the British orders, that in fact was not the first cause, and that the Berlin decree was a consequence, proving that there was no previous condemnation upon the goods of the British, but that the explanation of the minister Desreux was a temporary rise of insurrection that it is entirely beneath the level of the ordinary rate.

2. That the determination of the British government to issue the orders was not known for some weeks previously in England, where it had a more successful effect on the commercial concerns, and that such a purpose was communicated through numerous channels to this country, and that the cause, led to the embargo.

3. That the immediate effect of the orders in England was to suspend all commercial transactions with this country long before the Embargo was known; and that it was said, at all events, to destroy the American trade, and that this effect was so extremely general, that shipments from England to the continent could be made but at a sacrifice.

4. That the non-importation act if viewed in England in the just sense of an exclusive and protective measure, and did not excite any complaints in consequence to the merchants of England.

5. That the immediate effect of the orders, before the Embargo was known, was to diminish to great extent the number of manufacturers employed in England, and that the orders were almost a getter out of employ, and others continued to work at rates proportioned to the demand they created, which, in some instances, is but two or three days in the week.

6. That it is a general principle of the policy of Great Britain engaged in that country in trade, to leave a free and a citizen of the U. S. the object being, it is presumed, to evade our revenue laws with regard to goods and vessels, as well as to secure their exports from any dangers apprehended from neglect of our customs, &c.

7. It appears that the *non credit* generally gives to our merchants an undue advantage. This confirms the usual opinion of our commercial debtors due to English merchants as being about twelve millions sterling in debt to our country. As to this their property in our stocks, banks, &c. and is in our power to investigate to compute the value at hundred millions, which would be repaid by war. Will not this be such a general restraint with the British industry?

8. It appears to be the general intention of the British to reduce to a minimum the orders, and to continue while the orders continue the American embargo, and will ought to consider, if the embargo were removed, the British orders continuing.

It would make little difference in their shipments; that it is absurd to expect that we should submit to these orders; that they would not injure us, but rather to our trade, either by cutting it off altogether, or by producing stagnation in the British market which would deprive us of the means of recovering to its usual extent.

9. It appears that England is doubtless expected soon to let Great Britain suspend the importations of our manufactures, and that our manufactures are equally on the increase.

Mr. George W. Wood—18th day of March.

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the stoppage and condemnation of American ships in the ports of France and Holland? I cannot recollect whether I had or not, but that had no effect whatever in the reduction which took place in my manufacture.

Did you not apprehension of any kind in the American trade, which I had no apprehension of the interruption in the trade between this country and America? To what amounts your annual trade to America? To the amount of about \$1,000,000.

As soon as you and your house heard of the orders in council having effect, did you have any communication respecting your American trade? To discontinue exporting any hats to this country, and to suspend the continuance of those orders.

Embargo Philip. In what business is your house engaged? Chiefly in the export of the various manufactures to the U. S. of America.

Have you lately, in the house to which you belong, drawn in the branch of the clothing trade? Very considerably indeed; almost totally.

At what time did you begin to cease to export hats to this country? Very considerably indeed; almost totally.

After the issue of the orders of the month of February, and the month of July? After the issue of the orders of the month of February, and the month of July?

To what purpose was this determination? To obtain almost entirely your trade except hats.

In what year was this determination made? In the year 1806.

By what authority was this determination made? By the British government.

Our accounts from North Carolina are highly favorable. Several elections have lately taken place, in which the friends of federal principles have completely overthrown its opponents. As these elections are stated to have taken place in direct violation of a democratic law for a number of years had prevailed, we may safely calculate on the success of your good sense participation of that respectable sort.

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