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GENERAL POST OFFICE AFFAIRS. House of Representatives of the U. States. March 27th, 1816.

The committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the General Post Office department, made Report: That they have used their utmost endeavors to ascertain every fact that appeared to be material to a full understanding of the conduct of the officers of that department.

Company Orders. THE company commanded by the subscriber is ordered to parade before the door of McKnight's tavern in Smithfield, on the 3rd Saturday in this month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

YOUNG EMPEROR. WILL stand for mares this season at the stable of John Wilson, in Charles-town, on Mondays and Tuesdays at Krey's tavern, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, at Leonard Y. Davis's, on Fridays & Saturdays, at SIX DOLLARS the season, to be paid when the season expires, but may be discharged by the payment of FIVE DOLLARS within the season.

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HARDWARE. At reduced prices for WESTERN BANK PAPER.

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SPRING GOODS.

THE subscribers have just received a very handsome assortment of SPRING GOODS, which they now offer for sale at their store in Charles-Town, at very reduced prices for cash, or to punctual customers.

FOR SALE, A very valuable Negro Woman, aged about sixteen years, with her female child about 10 months old. This woman is well acquainted with all kinds of house work, and is sold for no fault.

DANIEL HAINES. RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has commenced the FLOUR BUSINESS, in Alexandria, at the upper end of King Street, where he will be thankful to them for any custom they may favor him with.

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Election Notice.

An election will be held at the court house in Charles-town, on the Fourth Monday in April next, for the purpose of electing two fit persons to represent the county of Jefferson in the next General Assembly of Virginia.

FOR SALE, THAT VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN BY THE NAME OF THE SPRUCE SPRING MILLS, lying in Berkeley County, 25 miles from Martinsburg, and 16 from the Potomac.

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LIST OF LETTERS

IN the Post Office, Charles Town, Va. on the 31st March, 1816. Christian Allemon, Warren Austin, James W. Athey, John Alstead, James Adger.

Jacob Bodenhamer, George Bruce, Mary Blue, Thomas Brackenridge, 2; Thomas N. Beall, Richard Barrell, Martin Billinger, Adam Brown, Isabella Brown, James Benner, 2; Arthur Berry, Munford Beverly, John & David Brown, William Brown, Henry H. Brown.

Wm. P. Craighill, 2; David Conklyn, Samuel Crook, Harris Cromwell, Frances Collins, 2; John Chambers, Jonah Cooper, Benjamin Chambers, John Carlisle & Co. John Carlisle, William Check.

James Duke, 2; Jacob Delaplaine, John Duke, John Dicks, Dan. Deakins, Joseph Delaplaine.

Benjamin Edmonds, Isaac or Jacob Everole.

Catharine Farra, 2; Robert Fulton, 2; Samuel Farnsworth, John Fisher, Samuel Farva, Geo. Wm. Fairfax.

Nancy Grub, Emanuel C. F. Gibson, Wm. Grove, Ann Good, Ben. Games, Edward Goldsberry.

Matilda Henkle, Samuel Howell, Arthur Hanes, George Hagsly, Henry Hanes, Elizabeth Howard, Samuel Honold, Daniel Hanes, Jacob Hanes.

James Jones, Daniel Jones, John Jamison, Zacariah Jeness.

Jas. Kearney, Chauncy King, Isaac Keyes.

Vincent Lewis, John Lock, 2; Robert C. Lee, 2; Thomas Lowry, William Little, 3; Richard Luedelin.

John M'Pherson, Augustus Moore, Samuel Mendenhall, Amos M. Laughlin, Daniel Miller, James Marmont, Wm. M'Caughy, Alex. M' Donald, Daniel G. M' Kee, William Merchant, Jesse Moore.

North & Smallwood.

Robert Pratt, Jacob Parsons, 3; Ann Perry, John Painter, Samuel Polen, Elijah Palms, David Palmer, Highronenus Propeck.

VILLAGE GREATNESS.

In every country village where Ten chimney smokes perfume the air, Contiguous to a steepie; Great gentilities are found a score, Who can't associate any more, With common "country people."

Jack Fallov, born among the woods, From rolling logs, now rolls in goods, Enough a while to dash on; Tells negro stories, smokes segars, Talks politics, decides on wars, Drinks rum and lives in fashion.

Tim Osgad, lately from the plough, A polis'd gentleman is now— And talks of country fellows; But ask the fox what books he's read, You'll find the brain pan of his head, As empty as a bellows.

Miss Faddle, lately from the wheel, Begins quite lady like to feel, And talks affectedly genteel, And sings some tasty songs too; But my veracity impeach, It she can tell what part of speech Gentility belongs to.

Without one spark of wit refin'd, Without one beauty of the mind, Genius or education; Or family or fame to boast, To see such gen'ry rule the toast, Turns patience to vexation.

Amidst the rubbish of the earth; Should read genuis, mental worth, The aid of science lend you; You might as well the styte refine, Or cast your pearls before the swine; They'd only turn and rend you.

TO AN OAK, BLOWN DOWN BY THE WIND. BY MR. HUDDERSFORD. Thou who unmov'd hast heard the whirlwind chide, Full many a winter, round thy craggy bed, And, like an earth-born giant, has outspread Thy hundred arms, and heaven's own bolts defied,

Now liest along thy native mountains' side Uptorn—yet deem not that I came to shed The idle drops of pity o'er thy head, Or basely to insult thy blasted pride; No: still tis thine, though fall'n, imperial OAK!

To teach this lesson to the wise and brave; That 'tis much better, overthrown and broke, In freedom's cause to sink into the grave, Than, in submission to a tyrant's yoke, Like the vile reed, to bow and be a slave.

Gas Lights.—The following paragraphs on this subject are copied from the Post Folio. They will be read with interest: At fort Ellis, in Nova Scotia, as appears by a letter of 22d Aug. 1815, a successful attempt was made to procure the carbureted hydrogen gas-light, from birch bark mixed with pitch pine knots. Six ounces of the former, and two of pine knot were put in a metal tea-kettle; the cover was closely luted with clay, and the kettle placed on the fire; in from five to seven minutes the gas escaped out of the nozzle of the kettle, and being set fire to, give a clear light equal to three candles, for one hour and thirty minutes.

Ten ounces of birch-bark alone, is going through a reed produced a flame for three hours without burning the reed. This experiment was made by Messrs. Harris and Hager. The carbureted hydrogen from pine saw-dust as well as from coal, has been exhibited every year for these four years, in a course of lectures in this country. Liver-pool coal yields about twenty five gallons of gas to the pound of coal, and pine saw-dust about eighteen in a small experiment: in a large way, it would probably yield more.

Covent Garden theatre, during the past month, has exhibited the triumph of the gas lights. Never was illumination more brilliant, more precise, more innocuous, and at the same time, more economical. There is a blaze of white light round the theatre, and in all its avenues, differing little from the light of day, at half the expense of oil lamps, which served only to render the darkness visible. There are altogether about sixty burners, besides globes, from which issue streams of illumined gas, almost too intense for the eye to look at. The whole is transmitted above a mile and a half from the gas light manufactory, in Peter street, Westminster, which also lights most of the intermediate streets and houses; Fleetstreet, Ludgate-hill and other adjacent streets are lighted from the manufactory in Waterlane, and exhibit a blaze of light which excites astonishment and pleasure in all who behold it.

Reported destruction of Sierra Leone. Capt. Young, of the ship Charlotte who arrived at Providence (R. I.) on Sunday last, in 44 days from the Los, informs, that while getting under way at the de Los, he was boarded by a boat from the Bulon shore (opposite Sierra Leone) and was informed that two days previous a large party of blacks from the country had attacked Sierra Leone, and having been joined by the Black troops stationed there had succeeded in destroying the place, and had murdered nearly all the white inhabitants, together with several British officers. These are all the particulars Capt. Young could learn.

Light Infantry—Attention! THE Company commanded by the subscriber, is ordered to parade on the third Saturday in April, (instant) before the door of Anderson's tavern, precisely at 3 o'clock, P. M. Punctuality in attendance will be expected.

