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### From the Aurora.

**CALCUTTA, April 4.**  
*Horrid Superstition*—On Wednesday last, a Sutee, or female sacrifice by burning, took place at Knaah Ghaut.  
A devotee, who performed the diabolical ceremony of swinging, during the last *Charruck Poojah*, fell from the hook by which he was suspended, pitched upon his head, and expired on the spot.

### EXPLANATIONS.

The *Charruck Poojah* is an annual festival, its particular nature has escaped theme, but the pictures of the worship, as it is, can never escape the recollection of those who have once witnessed them.—Various exercises of pain and torture, and even immolation are practised on this festival of poojah.  
We have seen gangs of Hindoos variously and fantastically painted on this feast day; though no colors are used in any manner without some religious symbol intended thereby: thus men will be seen with their bodies painted all blue on the right side of the line passing vertically in the direction of the nose and nasal; and on the left side white, or yellow, or red; blue and red, and blue and white, are the most common.  
A gang of these passing along a bazaar singing, clamorously, accompanied by timbrels, cymbals, and the small tambour called *tom toms*, suddenly stopped, a parcel of cord as thick as the stem of a tobacco pipe was produced, and a sharp instrument with triangular points—one of the principals among them—who led a young goat, soothed while this sacrifice was performing, six or eight persons appeared dancing backward and forward on the line, their sides streaming with blood: the cord which had been produced had been thrust through a hole made in the flesh over the ribs, about four inches above the hip bone, and on each side of the body; the same cords passed in like manner through the sides of all those who were dancing; and they danced along, backward and forward, those cords passing through them, until it was no longer tolerable to see them.  
Passing to a great cross road where a Fakir had erected a miniature temple to solicit alms, there a stout post about twenty feet high was fixed firm in the ground; on the top of this post a transverse piece was fixed of about sixteen feet in length; and through a hole therein in which was fixed an iron eye, a large iron pin, upon which the transverse piece revolved, retained it in that place, so that it could play round by means of a long rope affixed to one end of it, at the other end was fitted a rope in a swivel, which when the transverse piece was horizontal, touched the ground, and to the end of this rope were fixed a pair of hooks at the two ends of several strands of fine twine; these hooks were neatly polished, and of about the thickness of the prongs of a flesh hook, with an eye to each hook through which the strands of twine passed.  
In the muscles which pass down the sides of the spine, on each side those hooks were fixed in the muscle, so that the hook embraced in its curve, about two inches diameter of the flesh, at the points of the hooks appearing through the flesh, outward. The cords at the ends of which the hooks were fixed, was now made fast to its double, to the rope which hung from the transverse piece being levered so that when pulled by the rope at the other end what was attached to it should be raised from the ground; as soon as the person was thus attached by means of the hooks in the back muscles, and the rope to the transverse piece, the Bramins give notice to clear the circle round the post, and an immense number seizing on the rope at the end opposite to that at which the man was hooked, and bearing upon it, the wretch at the other end was raised by his back muscles in the air, and the people at the opposite end running round, and the transverse piece admitting it horizontal and circular motion—the wretch was sent with arms and legs distending, swinging at the utmost rapidity round in the air, ten or twelve feet above the heads of the people.  
In the course of a walk of two hours, above forty spectacles of this kind were seen; and it was no unusual occurrence that the miserable wretch was dashed to death. The writer of this article conversed with a person who had repeatedly submitted to the form this species of worship, as the substitute of another, and was about to perform it again that year; the wounds on the muscles were visible of at least three operations within an inch of each other.  
On the same *poojah* a vast *pagoda* was moved on wheels, drawn by a long cable and human force; in the fervor of religious phrenzy several persons threw themselves under the wheels of that *pagoda* as it was dragged along and were crushed to death.

### CONGRESS.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel Ackman, and a bill for the relief of Joseph Earwood, which were severally twice read and committed.

Mr. Williams of N. C. from the committee of claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John G. Mackell; which was read and concurred in.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasury Department, which was ordered to be printed, with the accompanying documents:

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

December 17th, 1817.

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the House of Representatives, an estimate of the appropriations for the service of the year 1818, amounting to \$10,925,191 62, viz:

For the Civil List	1,070,708 02
Miscellaneous Expenses	400,308 51
Intercourse with foreign nations	487,666 61
The Military Establishment, including arrears, and Indian Department	6,265,182 25
The Naval Establishment, including the Marine Corps	2,611,376 20
	\$10,925,191 62

The funds out of which the appropriations for the year 1818 may be discharged, are the following:

1. The sum of \$6,000,000, annually reserved by the act of the 4th August, 1790, out of the Duties and Customs, towards the expenses of government.
2. The proceeds of the Stamp Duties, and the duty on Sugar refined within the United States.
3. The surplus which may remain of the Customs and Internal Duties, after satisfying the pledge for which they are pledged and appropriated.
4. Any other unappropriated money which may come into the Treasury during the year 1818.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
Wm. H. CRAWFORD.

#### The Hon. of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Holmes of Mass. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the pay of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the deputies from the territories of the United States—and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Livermore, of New Hampshire, moved that this committee consist of twenty members, that one might be selected from each state, and thus bringing forward the views and impressions of the various parts of the country, might agree upon a report which would save the House the alternative of exhibiting itself before the world in the unpleasant attitude of debating its own compensation. This number being objected to by Mr. Holmes, who wished the usual number (of seven) to be appointed, Mr. Livermore withdrew his motion and a committee of seven was ordered to be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Harrison. Resolved, That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby instructed to report to this House the amount of the pensions which have been granted to the widows and orphans of deceased officers and soldiers of the late war, specifying the number of each grade of officers to whose widows or children the pensions have been granted.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Bassett in the chair, on the bill to provide for commutation of the bounty lands of the soldiers of the late army, and the motion to strike out the first section being still under consideration.

The debate was resumed, and continued to a late hour, in which Messrs. Ball, Colston, Livermore, Storrs, Holmes, of M. and Beecher spoke against the bill, and Messrs. Anderson, of Ky. Baldwin, Harrison, Clay, and Johnson, of Ky. advocated it.

The committee rose and obtained leave to sit again.

#### INTERNAL DUTIES.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill to abolish the Internal Taxes, were taken up and severally agreed to; so that the bill now wants only the approbation of the President to become a law.

A resolution for distributing the public documents, was received from the Senate, read three times, and passed; and The house adjourned.

#### Thursday, December 18.

Mr. Williams of N. C. from the committee of claims, to whom were referred sundry reports of facts, in particular cases submitted

### for his decision, by the Commissioner of Claims for lost property, &c. made reports unfavorable to the cases of John Manning, for Caroline Penwick; of the Levy Court of Calvert County; of John I. Pattison; and of John Ireland; which reports were severally referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Lynde of Md. from the committee of accounts, presented a report as required by the order of the House, on the manner in which the printing of the House is executed, excupulating equally the clerk and contractor from blame. After some conversation, this report was laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor of N. Y. submitted for consideration the following resolution: Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War, be instructed to report to this House a list of the persons who have been added to the pension list since the Report made to the House of Representatives from that Department bearing date May 28, 1813, designating the number of each pensioner as he stands on the roll of the respective districts or agencies, his rank or quality, and the amount of annual stipend at present to each person.

Mr. T. intimated his reasons for requiring this information. A proposition was now before the House for giving a bounty in land to the disbanded officers; it was fit that the House should know how many of those officers already stand on the pension list of the United States. A proposition was before the House, also, to extend for five years, the pension now allowed to sufferers by the late war: Mr. T. wished to know how many were those pensioners, and to what amount.

The motion was agreed to. On motion of Mr. T. M. Nelson, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for extinguishing the Indian title to certain lands South of Green River, in the State of Kentucky, which were set apart by the State of Virginia, for satisfying the claims of certain Revolutionary Officers to Military Bounty Lands, or of making such other provision, in relation thereto, as justice may recommend.

Resolved, That the same committee also enquire into the expediency of providing by law for satisfying the claims of those Revolutionary Officers who were entitled in virtue of sundry resolutions and acts of the General Assembly of Virginia to Military bounty Lands to be laid off on the North-West side of the River Ohio, between the River Miami and Scioto (now part of the state of Ohio) which claims remain unprovided for, in consequence of the quantity of arable land having proved insufficient therefor.

[This motion produced some debate. In the shape in which it was first offered by the mover, it proposed to declare the measure therein proposed, to be "expedient." To this it was objected, that it was expedient to investigate before deciding; and the mover consented to put his motion in the shape of an enquiry into the expediency of the proposed measure, and in that form the motion was finally adopted. Objection was made to it in its new shape by Mr. Pitkin, of Connecticut, and Mr. Poindexter, of Mississippi, (and doubts were expressed by Mr. Desha, of Kentucky) on the ground of a defect of power in the House to pass an act for extinguishing Indian titles, which was of itself an Executive and not Legislative act. To which objections Mr. T. M. Nelson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Garnett and Mr. Mercer, of Virginia, replied, that enquiry only was proposed, and not the expression of any opinion; that the enquiry would embrace as well the powers of Congress as the expediency of the measure, both of which, they contended, were unquestionable.]

#### COMMUTATION OF SOLDIERS' LANDS.

The House having again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the commutation of soldiers' pay—

The question was taken on agreeing to the amendment of detail (being a substitute for the bill before the committee) proposed by Mr. Clay; and decided affirmatively, 96 rising in its favor.

The amendment of Mr. Clay being then open for amendment, was read over for that purpose.

Mr. T. M. Nelson having moved to fill the blank for the amount of commutation with 160 dollars (or one dollar per acre)—

The question was decided in the negative, by a majority of about twenty votes.

Mr. Claiborne, of Tenn. on the principle, that if the bill passed to which, however, he was altogether opposed) the government ought not to appaluate on the soldier, by giving him less than its own price for the same acre, moved to fill the blank with 320 dollars, or two dollars per acre. Negatived, ayes 25.

Mr. Cobb, of Geo. having moved to fill the blank with 120 dollars, (or 75 cents per acre) it was decided in the negative, ayes 18.

Mr. Harrison, of Ohio, moved 150, and Mr. Little, of Md. 150; both of which were negatived.

Mr. Clay then moved to fill the blank with the sum, originally proposed by him, of

### Negroes to Hire.

I will offer for hire, for the ensuing year, at Mr. Fulton's tavern in Charlestown, on the 1st day of January next, several female negroes, two or three of them likely girls. Wm. P. FLOOD.

### PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be sold, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Friday the 26th instant, at Mr. Rezin Cross's, adjoining Mr. Thomas R. Hammond's, on the Steiandohs:

Three cows, a parcel of young steers and heifers, some sheep, a good plantation wagon, some work horses and a riding poney, a good wheat fan, an iron mould board plough, harrows, a good loom, a set of new wagon ladders for a light wagon, an excellent scythe and cradle, bees, a large cutting knife and steel, a walnut corner cupboard, wagon gears, and sundry other articles of plantation utensils. A credit will be given, on giving bond with approved security. Thirty odd barrels of corn will also be sold on a short credit, for a note with good security, payable to major Lawrence Lewis.

The sale to commence at half past ten o'clock. Should the day prove unfit for the business, the sale will take place the next day.

WILLIAM HICKMAN.

### Negroes for Hire.

WILL be hired, on Monday the 29th instant, at the late residence of Jacob H. Manning, deceased, about five miles from Charles town, a number of negroes, consisting of men, women, boys and girls.

JAMES HITE, Agent for the heirs of J. H. Manning.

December 17.

### TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WILL be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, before the door of Robert Fulton's Tavern, in Charlestown, on Saturday the 3d of January next,

A Negro Woman & two Children, they having been conveyed to the undersigned in trust, to secure the payment of a debt due from Cyrus W. Murray to Robert R. Conrad.

TH. GRIGGS, jun.

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### NEW STORE.

THIRTEEN subscribers have commenced the mercantile business at Lcetown, where they are now opening, and for sale, a handsome assortment of

### CHEAP GOODS,

consisting of every article suitable for the present season—all of which will be sold at the most reduced prices, for cash, or on a short credit to punctual customers.

All kinds of country produce will be received in exchange for goods, at the market price.

CHAS. & JOHN STRIDER.

December 17.

Jefferson County, to wit.

November Court, 1817.

Thomas S. Bennett, Complainant,

vs.

James Anderson and William P. Craghill, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

THE Defendant James Anderson not having entered his appearance and given security agreeably to the act of assembly and the rules of this court; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that he is not an inhabitant of this commonwealth.—On motion of the complainant by his counsel, it is ordered that the said defendant Anderson do appear here on the fourth Monday in January next, and answer the bill of the complainant: And it is further ordered, that the defendant Wm. P. Craghill do not pay, convey away, or secrete any monies by him owing to, or goods or effects in his hands belonging to the absent defendant Anderson, until the further order of this court, and that a copy of this order be forthwith published in the Farmer's Repository, printed in Charlestown, twice successively, and posted at the door of the court house of said county of Jefferson.

A Copy—Teste,

ROBERT G. HITE, Clk.

December 3.

### NOTICE.

THE subscriber informs his old customers and the public generally, that he is about to commence the manufacturing of

### LEATHER.

again, in Smithfield, directly opposite the tan yard which he occupied for twelve years past. He hopes by his assiduity and attention, and from his knowledge and experience in said business, to be able to give general satisfaction to those who may please to favor him with their custom. Having formed a Co-Partnership, the business will be carried on under the firm of

James Clark, and Co.

They will, in a few days have an assortment of well selected leather.

JAMES CLARK.

N. B. A generous price will be given for hides, Skins, and Bark.

Smithfield, Nov. 19.

### THE REPOSITORY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

A failure in receiving a timely supply of paper, has subjected us to the necessity of issuing but half a sheet this week; the deficiency shall be made up in the course of the winter.

The Eastern Mail, due on Monday, had not arrived when our paper went to press.

William Cobbett has intimated his intention of returning to England, and becoming a candidate for a seat in Parliament.

Letters received in Philadelphia, announce the loss of the Steam Boat Telegraph, on the Mississippi. She struck upon a snag in the night, and went down so suddenly that her whole cargo was lost; and melancholy to relate, four persons were drowned.

The great northern mail which arrived at New Orleans on the 3d of November, had been pillaged on its route—many letters had been opened, their contents taken out and rescated.

It will be seen by the letter of General Gaines to the Executive of Georgia, that the hostile Indians have been promised a British force to assist them, from New-Province. These promises have been made by *Nichols and Woodbine!* and we have no doubt of the correctness of them—for we were aware some days since of the fact, that Woodbine had purchased two brigades, and was fitting them out at New Providence, destined for an expedition up the Appalachian river. This is the aid alluded to by the Indians; and their recent conduct has not escaped the notice and consideration of the constituted authorities. From the late military movements on our frontier; and the sailing of the U. S. ship John Adams, and schooners Enterprise and Lynx for the Gulf of Mexico, there is no question but our government have a knowledge of Woodbine's intended expedition; and have dispatched the latter force to intercept him. We trust he may be secured; for a more infernal villain could not be the face of the earth.—*Savannah Republican.*

*Gale on Lake Erie.*—The northern papers contain some particulars of a severe gale in the vicinity of Lake Erie, on the 12th ultimo. The bridge across Little Buffalo was entirely covered with water. Most of the fences, lumber and wood, were carried off. The dashing of the waves on the shores of Lake Erie, were tremendous. In many places it washed over the banks 40 feet high. The long wharf of Dunkirk sustained material damage.

IN Y. Daily Ado.

From the Norfolk Herald.

**SHOCKING VORACITY!**—On Friday night last a negro man in this town, about 40 years of age, met his death by overeating himself, having masticated a raw goose and a hen.—Previous to making his dainty meal, he drank off a jug of water of the capacity of a gallon, at one draught, and washed down the goose and chicken with a pint of spirits, and another jug of water!—He was immediately after seized with a spasmodic fit, in which he expired. It is believed that he was a little deranged in his mind when he committed this beastly debauch.

**MARRIED,** on Sunday the 21st inst. Mr. William Crox, jun. to Miss Mary M. Cartney, both of this place.

Advertisements omitted for want of room, shall appear in our next.

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### NOTICE.

THE Directors of the Farmers, Mechanics and Merchants Bank of Jefferson County, Virginia, have ordered that the Agents, (on the 27th instant,) refund to the Stockholders the money paid on the third instalment.

Published by order of the board of Directors.

JOHN YATES, Pres't.

Those persons concerned are requested to call at Mr. Worthington's Counting Room on that day.

December 24.

### Negroes for Sale.

I will offer for sale, at Adam Moudy's tavern, in Smithfield, on the 30th instant,

Two valuable Negro Women, one of which has a well grown male child.

JOSEPH MINGHINI.

December 24.

in the employ of Spain against the colonies is not considered as a pirate, but engaged in the service of the colonies against Spain, he is. He did not know that this fact would have induced him to have brought the question before the house, but for the deep impression he felt of the justice and propriety of adopting the principle, abstracted from the existing state of things. But it was the more necessary to reduce the principle to legislation, because of the situation in which the want of it has placed us in regard to foreign nations.

The motion of Mr. Robertson was adopted without opposition, and without a division.

### SLAVES.

On motion of Mr. Pindall, of Virginia, it was Resolved, that a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing more effectually, by law, for reclaiming servants or slaves escaping from one state into another; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Harrison, of Ohio, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of continuing the Pensions which now are or have been heretofore allowed to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers who were killed or wounded in the service of the late war, for a term of five years beyond the periods when they shall respectively cease under existing laws.

The motion of Mr. Harrison was not opposed, and was adopted without itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Bassett in the chair, on the bill for the commutation of soldiers' pay.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. as chairman of the military committee, stated a number of facts bearing on the subject of the bill. The number of men in the service at the close of the war was ascertained to have been 34,000; the number who died in service or were killed in battle was estimated at about 17,000; making in the whole about 50,000 soldiers (and heirs of soldiers) entitled to the bounty in land.

For this number eight millions of acres would be required. But it was a number overrated; and he did not believe that 40,000 would come forward to claim the land bounty. Of the whole number of 50,000, he calculated that not more than half would commute for money, say 25,000; to pay this number the proposed commutation would require five millions of dollars, or 1,250,000, annually, for four years, which mode of payment had been selected, as well with a view to the benefit of these soldiers, as to the relief of the treasury. The committee, he said, had no doubt but the annual proceeds from the very land commuted would be sufficient to defray the whole amount; which would remove all objections of a financial nature—and he was not aware of any other. The measure, he hoped, would have the effect of cutting off all speculation, of which there was so much complaint, and by which the soldier was deprived of his rights under the influence of his necessities.

A debate of some length arose on this bill, and particularly on its details, which did not, however, result in any final decision.

A motion was made to strike out the first section of the bill. Mr. Holmes, of Mass. Mr. Storrs, of New York, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Claggett, of New Hampshire, successively expressed their fears that it would be impossible to arrange the details of the bill as to prevent its being converted to the benefit of the speculator. That the object of the bill is laudable, was allowed; but, in addition to the objections of mere detail, it was also suggested, by some one or other of the gentlemen, that Congress had done their duty liberally and had no need to do more; that the public funds could be better employed, if to spare; and, finally, that, if Congress once legislated on the subject, they would never see the end of supplemental laws, and individual claims for relief.

On the suggestion of Mr. Livermore, of N. H. the subject having been opened, and opinions interchanged on it, to give time to reflect more upon them, the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. And the house adjourned.

on the 7th of November, and originated in some dunnages in the store house of Wm. B. Thomas.

One letter says—"Every house, store, &c. between Church Hill and the King's wharf, have been laid in ashes, as also great quantities of provisions, furniture and merchandises. Indeed upwards, I believe, of 200 houses, and other property of the value of 500,000 pounds—some say 1,000,000.—The prospect before us is dreadful!"

### CAPTURE OF GEN. MINA.

BALTIMORE, DEC. 13.

By the arrival at this port this forenoon of the sch. Cuba, Capt. Clackbar, in 12 days from Havana, we are enabled to present to our readers the following interesting intelligence, received at that place from Capt. Montgomery, just arrived from Vera-Cruz.

### From the Mexico Gazette Extraordinary.

#### TRANSLATION.

#### CAPTURE OF THE TRAITOR MINA, BY COL. ORRANTIA.

H. E. the Viceroy has just received by an extraordinary courier the following communication:

Most Excellent Sir.—Long live the king. The comt. of Silas, under date of the 27th, at 7 o'clock in the evening, writes me as follows:

*Esteemed Sir*—At last we have obtained the fruit of our labors—Mina has been taken alive, and is now entering this place. They also bring the head of Moreno; they have taken the two other Herreras, a Frenchman, and other officers of their infantry. We killed several when we attacked them, which was by surprise. All this has been achieved by Senor Orrantia, who left at 10 o'clock at night with cavalry, for el Baradito, near la Hachiqueza; which news, so interesting, I communicate for the satisfaction of your excellency, and of all the good and loving subjects of our sovereign, and I shall consider it very complete if it gets to hand as expeditiously as I wish.

God preserve your excellency many years.

JUAN DE PERGUERA.

To H. E. the Viceroy Don Juan Ruiz de Apodaca.

Trapato, Oct. 28, 1817, & A. M.

His excellency, not wishing to delay one



one hundred dollars, though he confessed he should have preferred one dollar per acre. He was under the impression, however, that the bill had a better chance to pass in this shape than with a higher sum, and it would yet produce much good.

On this question the House divided thus: For the motion, 75 Against it, 75 A second count being called, the vote stood thus: For the motion, 81 Against it, 67

The amount of committee was therefore decided to stand at one hundred dollars for one hundred and sixty acres. The committee proceeded in the consideration of the bill, and made thereto a variety of amendments, on which much desultory debate took place, little interesting, it is presumed, to the general reader, and which is therefore not noted.

The question being stated, "Shall the committee rise and report the bill?" Mr. Whitman, of Mass., assigned the reasons which would induce him to oppose the bill.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, of N. Y. the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. And the House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

Friday, December 19.

On motion of Mr. Harrison, of Ohio, the following rule was adopted: The Speaker shall have power to admit persons to seats in the Hall, during the sitting of the House, who belong to such Legislatures of foreign governments as are in amity with the United States.

[There was some little debate, not heard by the reporter, on a proposition of Mr. H. Nelson, of Virginia, to amend this motion, so as to authorize the Speaker to admit on the floor any Representatives of the South American Provinces—that they might stand on the same footing in this respect as foreign ministers. After the debate (or rather conversation) referred to, in the course of which Mr. Harrison protested against the introduction of extraneous matter into his proposition, the motion of Mr. Nelson was negatively.]

On motion of Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, it was Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of allowing further time for the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, their heirs or assigns, entitled to bounty lands within the tract reserved by the state of Virginia, between the Little Miami and Scioto rivers, to complete their locations; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The House having according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee on the bill for the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands, some further discussion on amendments to it took place, in which Messrs. Forsyth, Poindexter, Clay, and Robertson, of Ky. bore part: when the committee rose, and reported the amendments to the bill, which were ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed for the more easily understanding thereof by the members before called upon to give a final vote on them.

The House having resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning the surviving soldiers of the revolutionary war: Mr. Linn, of N. J. moved to strike out the word "war" in the bill, which makes the provisions of the bill applicable to all persons who served for any time in the revolutionary war; and to insert, in lieu thereof, "army of the United States;" so as to confine the bill to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army. As the bill at present stood, Mr. L. said nearly every person in the United States of sufficient age, and in a state of indigence, would be embraced in it; for few of them but had been in some grade and at some time or other, in the service.

At the suggestion of Mr. Bloomfield, of N. J. this motion was withdrawn for the present.

Mr. Bloomfield delivered his impressions in respect to the operation and scope of this bill. He made a statement to show what were his views of the probable number of applicants under this bill, if it should pass; and the annual amount of the expenditure it would occasion. The Jersey brigade he said consisted, during the war, of four regiments; there were forty officers to each regiment, making in the whole 160. On the 8th of July last, as he was enabled from personal knowledge to state, there were living but twenty of those officers, being precisely one-eighth of the whole number. Taking this fact for his guide, as the proportion of survivors, he said, there were in the continental army sixty-eight battalions, of whom about 17,000 men were killed or died in service; and at the close of the war, it was a well known fact, the battalions did not average more in each than 250; making in the whole 17,000 men—of whom, say about one-tenth (being generally not of as regular habits as the officers) were living; that is, 1700. Estimating the proportion of applicants for the pension at one-sixth, would make 340. The full pay of the revolution, six and two-thirds dollars per month, to each of these, would amount to 2,295 dollars per month. Of the officers, the whole original number he estimated at 2720; of whom, supposing one-eighth to have survived, as in the instance of the Jersey brigade there were now living about 1340. Of this number, he supposed one-tenth of the whole would become applicants for pensions—say thirty-four; at

the full subaltern revolutionary pay of 1 dollar per month, their pensions would amount to 578 dollars per month. The monthly pension for both officers and soldiers, on this estimate, would be 2,875 dollars, and the annual amount only 34,766—an amount which must daily decrease. But instead of full pay pension, the bill, as it now stood, provided only for half pay. Would this House be satisfied, Mr. B. asked, with giving to these men, broken down with age and service, a pension of three and a third dollars a month during the small remainder of their lives, whilst they had given the soldiers of the late war (no disparagement to them) eight dollars per month? He hoped not; and therefore moved to amend the bill so as that the amount of pension should be for every officer 17 dollars per month, and for every soldier eight.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, moved to amend the amendment, so as to make the pensions 20 and 8.

This amendment to the amendment was agreed to without objection, after a few observations from Mr. Comstock. Mr. Holmes, of Mass., suggested an amendment to the bill, going to make its phraseology more precise in regard to those to whom it should apply; because, as at present worded, it would entitle to a pension not only all who were in need of it, but those also who, though in affluence, were disabled by age or infirmity from procuring subsistence by manual labor.

Between Mr. Colston of Va. and Mr. Orr of Mass. an amendment was moved to the bill, that every officer or soldier who served in any manner during the revolutionary war, and now surviving, should be entitled to the pension above mentioned—the one to 20, the other to 17 dollars per month.

On this motion a desultory debate arose, in which the following sentiments were expressed by the gentlemen to whose names they are subjoined.

Mr. Colston objected to the qualification of indigence, required by the bill, to entitle the surviving revolutionary officer and soldier to the benefit of its provisions. Let not the soldier, said he, by whose bravery and sufferings we are entitled to hold seats on this floor, be required to expose his poverty to the world, and exhibit the proof of it, to entitle him to relief. The incorporation of such a provision in the bill he considered as degrading to the House. In what light was this bill to be regarded? Was it to be considered as an act of justice? It was less than justice, having suffered these meritorious men to have remained for years unwarded, to offer to the poor remains of them the right to a pension during life, clogged with such conditions. As an act of beneficence, he should be ashamed to hear it supported on this floor. On this subject, Mr. C. said he hoped a liberal spirit would prevail; and that, for the short remnant of their lives, a pension would be given to all who survived of the soldiers of the revolution.

Mr. Orr accorded fully in the sentiment of Mr. Colston. On the first perusal of the bill, he was struck with the thought, what must be the feelings of the high-minded officer of the Revolution, compelled to produce in open court the proofs of his own indigence, and he hoped the house would amend that part of the bill.

Mr. Harrison, of Ohio, avowed his high respect for the survivors of the revolution, and his sincere desire to contribute to their comfort in old age. But, he said, the amendment now proposed went too far, because it would embrace every one who had shouldered a musket, even for an hour, during the Revolutionary war. As to those who had seen serious service, so far from having a claim to the need of liberality, the amendment would be but a measure of justice, as no bounty had been accorded to them.

Persons, however, covered with scars and borne down by length of service in those days, ought not to be confounded with those who had been called out for an hour or a day. Some of the Militia, he thought, were as well entitled to this pension as any Regulars, of whom the Jersey militia might be particularly mentioned. But he wished to have the operation of the bill limited to such as should have served six months or more.

Mr. Bloomfield opposed the amendment, as it might prejudice the fate of the bill, the provisions of which he thought were already sufficiently comprehensive. If the Message of the President had contained not a word on the subject, he should have considered it equally his duty to agitate this question. He concluded a number of other observations, opposing a proposed postponement, by saying, he hoped to have the satisfaction of seeing this bill pass the House before the holidays.

No question was taken on the amendment, when the committee agreed to rise and report progress, and obtained leave to sit again; and the House adjourned on Monday.

Monday, December 22.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the select committee to whom the subject had been referred, reported a bill providing the manner in which the right of citizenship may be relinquished.

[The bill proposes to provide that when any citizen, by application in writing to the District Court of any district of the United States, in open court, and there to be recorded, shall declare that he relinquishes the character of a citizen, and means to depart out of the United States, he shall be thereforth considered as having exercised the right of expatriation, and as being no longer a citizen of the United States; that such person shall be held as an alien forever after, and shall

not resume the rights of citizenship without going through the same process of naturalization as other citizens.]

The bill was twice read and committed. Mr. Johnston, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the clothing the army and navy of the United States exclusively in American Manufactures.

In offering this motion, Mr. J. said it would not be proper for him to detail the facts, or advance the reasoning which led him to the conclusion that the measure he proposed to inquire into was expedient. But he should say that he should not have thought of introducing this resolution, if he did not believe the cloth of American Manufacture could be obtained at a reasonable rate. One of the objections to making a provision by law such as he contemplated, and the only objection which appeared to him to have any force, was that, by destroying the competition between domestic and foreign articles, the consumer would be obliged to pay higher for the same articles than they now do; but it would be seen by gentlemen that such augmentation could only be momentary; and, Mr. J. said, the competition of the manufacturer among themselves would be so great, he had no doubt, as to give the article to the government at the lowest possible price.

The practice of the War Department, already was to give a preference to the domestic fabric, but that preference was given with reference to the cost of the article—a system which produced not only uncertainty, because of the fluctuating state of the foreign market, but uncertainty, consequently to the calculations of the manufacturer. In relation to the Navy, Mr. J. said, he did not know that his subject was practicable; if it were, it would be necessary perhaps to give a discretionary power on this head to the commanders, when on foreign stations. But he hoped no objection would be made to an enquiry on the subject, and that the committee would favor the house with an early report.

The motion was agreed to. On motion of Mr. M. Coy of Virginia, it was Resolved, That the committee on public lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the price at which the said lands shall be sold hereafter.

On this question there was a division: the resolution was agreed to by a majority of two out of thirty votes.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, of Virginia, it was Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be required to communicate to this house the measures taken, if any, to give effect to the act passed on the 26th February, 1811, for the establishment of Navy Hospitals; as nothing has been done, to shew the cause why the statute has been neglected, and whether it is necessary to repeal the same.

ARMY AND FORTIFICATIONS. The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary: To the House of Representatives of the United States.

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 11th of this month, requesting to be informed of the present strength of the army of the U. States, its distribution among the several military posts, which it is designed to protect, and its competency to preserve and defend the fortifications among which it is distributed, and to aid in constructing such other military works, if any, as it may be in the contemplation of the government to erect, for the more effectual security of the United States, and of the territories thereof; I now transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which contains the information required.

JAMES MONROE. December 22, 1817.

"In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives requesting the President of the United States 'to cause to be laid before the House of Representatives a return of the present strength of the army of the United States, with the distribution thereof among the several military posts which it is designed to protect, together with any information which he may be able to afford respecting the competency of such force to preserve and defend the fortifications, among which it is distributed, and to aid in constructing such other military works, if any, as it may be in the contemplation of the government to erect, for the more effectual security of the United States, and of the several territories thereof;' the Secretary of War has the honor to make a return of the present strength of the Army of the United States, with the distribution thereof among the several military posts.

The military establishment as it now stands, is sufficiently extensive to keep the fortifications in a state of preservation, but is wholly inadequate to defend them against a regular attack by a force of sufficient strength or skill. To garrison the forts on the maritime frontiers alone would require, according to the best information and estimates of this department, more than three times as many men as are now employed in such a force. The portion of the army stationed in the neighborhood of fortifications now erecting, are employed to aid in constructing them; but only an inconsiderable number has yet been so engaged, owing to its dispersed situation. Though not immediately comprehended in the resolution of the House, it is but justice to the army to observe, that it has been employed to a considerable extent, the last year, in the construction of roads, arsenals and other public works connected with the defence of the country.

The existing fortifications are thought to be wholly insufficient in the event of a future war. As the declaration of war is the act of the whole community, justice, honor and humanity require that every portion of the country should, as far as possible, be protected against its ravages. This is among the most sacred duties of the government; and, impressed with its importance, a board of the most skillful officers in our service has been constituted, to examine the whole line of our frontiers, and to determine on the position and extent of works that may be necessary to the defence of the country. This great work is not yet completed; and in its present state, it is impossible to speak with precision as to the extent to which our fortifications ought to be carried. The soldiers will be able to render important aid in constructing the works that may be determined on; but from the composition of the army they can only contribute in aid of regular and professional workmen.

J. C. CALHOUN. [The detailed and particular statement accompanying the report from the adjutant general's office, states the actual number of the present peace establishment at 8,221, including officers.]

The report was ordered to lie on the table. SURVIVING REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS. The remainder of this day's sitting was spent in committee of the whole on the bill concerning the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution. There was much debate, occasionally eloquent, but generally desultory, on amendments proposed to the bill, but involving also its principles. Messrs. Bloomfield, Walker, Garnett, Harrison, Strother, Comstock, Palmer, Livermore, Trimble, and Rhea, successively joined in the debate. We cannot find room for a detail of all that took place at this sitting; but shall take an opportunity of presenting, at a future day, some of the most prominent speeches on this subject.

The principal question before the committee of the whole, was an amendment proposed by General Harrison; which was to strike out the two first sections of the present bill, and insert in lieu thereof other sections, providing that every Revolutionary Officer and soldier, who formed a part of the military establishment of the United States at the close of the war, or was previously thereto served not less than three years, and received an honorable discharge, shall receive a pension, if an officer, of half pay, if a private, of five dollars per month, but no officer's pension to exceed the half pay of a lieutenant, &c.

The question on this motion was not taken before the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The bill for the relief of Noah Miller was read a third time, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence; and the House adjourned.

Legislature of Virginia.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Delegates. FRIDAY, Dec 12.—A petition was presented and read of the citizens of Fredericksburg, (and merchants, owners and captains of vessels,) and its vicinity, requesting the passage of a law incorporating a company with the privilege of raising \$30,000, in shares of \$50 each, for the purposes of cleaning out, deepening and widening the channel of the river Rappahannock, from the wharves of Fredericksburg as far down as the company may deem necessary; and that persons residing on the banks of the Rappahannock may be prohibited from cutting narrow canals, from water courses on their lands into the river; and a petition of the inhabitants of the county bordering on the James river and its branches, the Greenbrier, the New river, the Kanawha and the Ohio, that a law may pass incorporating a company for improving the navigation of James river above the limits of the James River Company; for opening and constructing a turnpike road from the highest point of navigation on the water of James river, to the nearest point of the waters of the Great Kanawha, susceptible of navigation; and for improving the navigation of the latter river and its waters to the Ohio; that the commonwealth may liberally vest her lands in the stock of such company; and that the government of the United States may be invited to patronize the work, by becoming stockholders to such amount as will secure confidence and effect to the enterprise.—Referred to the committee of roads and internal navigation.

SATURDAY, Decem 13.—Two resolutions were read from the committee of schools and colleges; one in favor of granting the petition of sundry inhabitants of Fairfax to raise money by lottery towards erecting a building for education; and the other, for incorporating the Lancaster School in Norfolk.—Both which were agreed to by the house.

Resolutions were read from the committee of propositions and grievances, for concurring on present number, to repeal the assaults of the said county, providing that a part of the said county within specified limits, may form one distinct and new county; agreed to.

Petitions were read and referred from sundry inhabitants of a part of Hampshire county, praying to be united to Berkeley county from sundry citizens in the upper corner of Southampton county, praying it to be added to the county of Greensville; and from sundry inhabitants of Berkeley and Hampshire, for the establishment of a new county.

Monday, Dec. 15.

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For the Year of our Lord 1818.

Being the 2d after Leap Year, and the 52d of American Independence.

Table with columns for months (JANUARY to DECEMBER) and days of the week (Sunday to Saturday). It contains moon phases and astronomical data.

ECLIPSES IN THE YEAR 1818.

First—Of the moon, on the 20th of April, in the evening, part visible.—Beginning 4h. 40m.—Middle 7 20.—End 8 30.
Second—Of the Sun, on the 5th of May, at 2h. 25m. in the morning, invisible.
Third—Of the moon, on the 13th and 14th of October, visible as follows.—Beginning 11h. 52m.—Middle 0 38.—End 1 23.
Fourth—Of the Sun, on the 29th of October, at 27 minutes past noon, invisible.

Cheaper than any Yet!

Just arrived at our Store, near the Market House, in Charlestown, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

AUCTION GOODS,

purchased in a very favorable time to get bargains.

Our assortment is inferior to none in this part of the country—therefore we think it unnecessary to take up time and paper to particularize the articles, but suffice to say, those who please to give us a call, shall find it their interest to deal with us.

No place in the United States can sell cheaper goods than are sold in Charlestown at present. Those who live at a distance as well as those immediately at hand, will find it to their advantage to give us a call.

CARLILE & DAVIS.

NOTICE.

THOSE persons who made purchases at the sale of Philip Ensminger, are informed that their notes have been due some time, and unless immediate payment be made, they will be put into the hands of an officer for collection. Their notes are now in the possession of the subscriber.

DANIEL KABLE, jun.

December 17. Prime Susquehanna HERRINGS, No. 1, Just received and for sale, by JOHN R. FLAGG, & Co. Dec. 10.

JUST RECEIVED,

By the subscribers, at their new firm, near the Market House, Charlestown,

Best JAMAICA SPIRITS,

French Brandy, Old Apple Brandy, Wine, Cordial, and Whiskey, Coffee, Sugar, and Tea, Candies, Pepper, Alspice, Ginger, Cinnamon, Nutmegs, Filberts, Almonds, Sultana, Indigo, Madder, Coppers, Powder, Shot, Flints, Window Glass, Segars, Cheewing & Smoking Tobacco, &c. &c.

With a large assortment of China and Queen's Ware.

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NOTICE.

THE subscribers have obtained letters of administration from the circuit court of Fairfax county, on the estate of Richard H. L. Washington, of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers; and those indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment to

John A. Washington, Bushrod C. Washington, Of Jefferson county, Va. admrs. of R. H. L. Washington.

FOR SALE,

A light new Wagon and gears. For terms apply to the subscriber, near the White House. Wm. WEST. December 10.

FALL & WINTER GOODS.

The subscribers have just received a very large assortment of

VERY CHEAP GOODS,

purchase at the several auctions in the city of Philadelphia, and elsewhere, for cash. The manner in which our goods have been bought, enables us to sell them very cheap. Purchasers of goods are invited to call on us and make their purchases, as our goods have been bought at immense sacrifices, and we are determined to sell them at a very small profit. We shall receive by the next wagons, a very extensive assortment of

Ladies Shoes and Boots;

Children's Boots and Shoes, Winter Bonnets, Imperial and other Shawls, Fresh Tees, Brass Andirons, &c.

As usual our assortment of Groceries, Liquors, & Medicines, are very complete.

Also, a quantity of CASTINGS, well assorted—Bar and Strap Iron, Steel, &c.

W. & J. LANE.

Prime Susquehanna HERRINGS.

Just received a few barrels, and for sale very cheap. R. WORTHINGTON. November 12.

FALL GOODS.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE RECEIVED A PART OF THEIR SUPPLY OF

Fall and Winter Goods,

and expect the remainder the present week, nearly all of which were purchased for cash, at auction in Philadelphia. It is not thought necessary to use type or tongue, in order to endeavour to convince people that they now sell GOODS CHEAPER than any heretofore sold in the county.—The only request they will at present make, is the favor of a call from purchasers—if their goods are unusually cheap the fact can be ascertained.

HUMPHREYS & KEYES.

Charlestown, Nov. 5.

MICHAEL SHEETZ,

Respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has commenced the

GUNSMITH BUSINESS,

in the house formerly occupied by Thomas H. Grady, at the East end of the main street in Charlestown, where he will manufacture rifles and fowling pieces in the best manner, together with every other article in the gunsmith business. He will also execute all work in the Whitesmith business, in the neatest order. From his knowledge and experience in the above business, he flatters himself to be able to give general satisfaction to all who may please to favor him with their custom. Charlestown, Oct. 12.

Public Invitation.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, AT THEIR CHEAP STORE,

on the hill, in Shepherd's-Town, have just received, and are now opening, a large and excellent assortment of

GOODS,

where high and low, rich and poor, are invited to come and supply themselves with such articles as may be wanted, and it is believed, they will find the terms here as good and as much to their satisfaction and interest as any where else in the state.

BAKER TAPSCOTT, & CO.

Nov. 13.

FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

I have just finished opening my assortment of Goods for the present season, which is extensive, and are offered for sale at small profits. I feel no hesitation in saying that my Goods are Good; and that no Goods equal in quality shall be sold lower.

R. WORTHINGTON.

N. B. Produce of every description will be received in exchange for Goods, or in payment of accounts. Charlestown, Nov. 12.

WHEAT FANS.

The subscriber informs the public that he has removed to the farm formerly owned by Mr. John Bryan, about two miles from Charlestown, on the road leading from said place to Harper's Ferry, where he continues to make wheat fans in the best manner, on the most reasonable terms, and shortest notice. Persons at a distance, by forwarding their orders for fans, to the Post Office, in Charlestown, will be informed when the fans will be ready for delivery. He has several fans on hand for sale. BENJAMIN HELLER. August 6.

CHEAP FALL GOODS.

The subscribers are now opening a very COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF

Fall and Winter Goods,

which they offer for sale at the most reduced prices, for cash or country produce. They will also receive

Wheat, Rye, Oats, Corn, and Flax Seed,

in payment of debts, at the market price JOHN R. FLAGG, & Co. Charlestown, Nov. 5.

THE SUBSCRIBER

HAS RECEIVED A LARGE STOCK OF

HARD WARE,

From which the following are selected, all of which will be sold CHEAP.

Dressing Cases, with and without Glasses, Dressing Gowns, Mahogany Framed Ditto, Tea Boards and Waiters, Plated Castors, Britannia Coffee and Tea Pots, Ditto Sugar Bowls and Cream Jugs, Bell Mettle and Brass Kettles, Copper and Iron Ditto, Ivory, Buck and Bone Handled Knives and Forks, Ditto, ditto Carving Ditto, Tutania and Iron Table said Tea Spoons, Plated Candle Sticks, Brass and Iron Ditto, Agitable and Iron Lamps, Polished Steel Snuffers, Common Ditto, Snuffer Trays, Brass and Iron Locks of every description, Brass and White Mettle Fossets, with loose Keys, Ditto, ditto, confined Ditto, Plated and Polished Steel Bridle Bits, Iron Ditto, Do. and Do. Stirrup Irons, Iron Ditto, Elegant Brass Fenders, with and without Brass Feet, Brass Andirons, Brass Knob'd Shovels and Tongs, and Iron Shovels and Tongs, Belows, Dirt Shovels, with short handles, Ditto and Spades, with long handles, Mill and Cut Saws, Hand and Pannel Ditto, Wood Ditto, with Frames, Key Hole Saws, and Saw Sets, Plane Irons, Turners' Chisels, Cast Steel, Crowley & Blistered Steel, Swedish Iron, of every description, Sheet and Strap Iron, &c. &c.

R. WORTHINGTON.

Charlestown, Nov. 12.

Runaways in Custody.

WAS committed to the jail of Jefferson county Va. the following runaway slaves, viz.

DICK,

a bright mulatto, 6 feet one inch high, and about 26 years of age. Had on when committed, a brown great coat, a blue close fitted coat, white waist coat, blue pantaloons an old wool hat and fine shoes. Committed on the 16th of October last—says he is the property of Aaron Hodges, living in Sumner county, West Tennessee.

BILL.

A bright mulatto, 5 feet 9 inches high and about 17 years of age. Had on a snuff colored cotton coat, dark corded pantaloons, yellow home made waist coat, fine shoes, and an old wool hat. Committed on the 22d of October.—says he belongs to William Bryan, of Nelson county, Va.

JOHN SPANGLER, Jailor.

Nov. 12.

The Editor of the Richmond Enquirer is requested to insert the above once a week for three months, and forward his account to this office for payment.

FOR SALE,

Eighteen numbers of the American Edition of the Edinburgh Encyclopædia. Enquire of the Printer. Nov. 19.

SALT.

Humphreys & Keyes, Have for sale several hundred bushels of coarse and fine salt. December 10.

STRAY STEER.

TAKEN trespassing on the subscriber's farm about two miles from Smithfield, a black and white spotted Steer, with black head, and black legs up to his knees, and a crop in the left ear and a slit in the right. Supposed to be four years old. Appraised to 25 dollars. THOMAS BELL.

Dec. 3.

BLANK DEEDS

For sale at this Office.

FARMER'S REPOSITORY.

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TERMS OF THIS PAPER.

The price of the FARMER'S REPOSITORY is Two Dollars a year, one dollar to be paid at the commencement, and one at the expiration of the year. Distant subscribers will be required to pay the whole in advance—No paper will be discontinued, except at the option of the Editor, until arrearages are paid. Advertisements not exceeding a square, will be inserted three weeks for one dollar, and twenty five cents for every subsequent insertion. All advertisements sent to the office without having the number of times for which they are to be inserted, designated, will be continued until forbid, and charged accordingly. All communications to the Editor must be post paid.

AN ACT

To abolish the Internal Duties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That from and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the internal duties on licenses to distillers; on refined sugars; licenses to retailers; sales at auction; carriages for the conveyance of persons; and stamped vellum, parchment and paper, shall be discontinued; and all acts, and parts of acts, relative thereto, shall from and after the thirty-first day of December, be repealed: Provided, That for the collection, recovery, remission and receipt of such duties as shall have accrued, and on the day aforesaid remain outstanding, and for the payment of drawbacks or allowances on the exportation of any of the said spirits or sugars legally entitled thereto, provided the exportation be effected previous to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and for the recovery and distribution of fines, penalties and forfeitures, and the remission thereof, which shall have been incurred before and on the thirty-first day of December, the provisions of the aforesaid acts shall remain in full force and virtue.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the offices of the collectors of the internal duties and direct tax, shall continue in each collection district, respectively, until the collection of the duties above mentioned, and of the direct tax, shall have been completed in such district and no longer, unless sooner discontinued by the President of the United States, who shall be, and hereby is, empowered, whenever the collection of the said duties and tax shall have been so far completed in any district as to render, in his opinion, that measure expedient to discontinue any of the said collectors, and to unite, into one collection district, any two or more collection districts, lying and being in the same state; in which case, the collectors thereafter employed in the collection of the said duties and tax in such state or district, shall be appointed and removable by the President alone; and for the promoting of the collection of any of the above-mentioned duties or tax, which may be outstanding after the said thirty-first day of December, the President of the United States shall be, and hereby is, empowered, at any time thereafter, to make such allowance as he may think proper, in addition to the commissions now allowed by law, to the collectors of the said duties and tax, and the same from time to time to vary: Provided, That the whole of such additional allowances shall not, in the aggregate, exceed five per centum of the amount of the duties and tax paid into the Treasury after that day; and that the extraordinary allowances authorized by the second and fourth sections of the act passed March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to fix the compensation, and increase the responsibility, of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof," shall after the said thirty-first day of December, cease; and the office of Commissioner of the Revenue shall cease, and be discontinued, whenever the collection of the duties and tax above mentioned, shall be completed, unless sooner discontinued by the President of the U. States, who shall be, and hereby is, empowered, where the collection of the said duties and tax shall have been so far completed, as to render, in his opinion, that measure expedient, to discontinue the said office; in which case the immediate superintendance of the collection of such parts of the said duties and taxes as may then remain outstanding, shall be placed in such officer of the Treasury Department as the Secretary, for the time being, may designate: Provided, however, That all bonds, notes, or other instruments, which have been charged with the payment of the duty, and which shall, at any time prior to the said thirty-first day of December, have been written or printed upon vellum, parchment, or paper, not stamped or marked according to law, or upon vellum, parchment or paper, not stamped or marked

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The wounded men who made their escape, concur in the opinion that they had seen upwards of 500 warriors (as posed to be hostile) at different places on the river, below the point of attack: of the force engaged they differ in opinion; but all agree the number was very considerable, extending about one hundred and fifty yards along the shore, at the edge of a swamp, in a thick wood.

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CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for appointing Justices or Conservators of the Peace, or other Magistrates, authorised to enforce the execution of the Laws of the United States. On motion of Mr. Floyd, of Virginia, a committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of extending the privileges of franking to one person in each of the States and Territories of the United States, who shall be appointed by the Governor or Legislature thereof, for the purpose of distributing the Vaccine Matter, within each State or Territory, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

REVOLUTIONARY SURVIVORS.

The House having resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war— The debate continued on the main subject, and on the proposed amendment of Mr. Harrison. In this debate Messrs. Bloomfield, S. Smith, Harrison, Colston, Baldwin, Claggett, Hopkinson, Rhea, Ross, Ing-ham, and Forsyth bore part.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Harrison was ultimately rejected; as also was a previous question for the rising of the committee, in order to postpone the subject.

The committee then went on further to amend the bill, on suggestion of various members. On the proposition and discussion of these amendments, Messrs. Parris, Bloomfield, Livermore, Parris, Rhea, Bennett, Beecher, Harrison, Terry, Forsyth, Smith of N. C. Taylor of N. Y. Tallmadge, Whitman, Claggett, Palmer, and Storey took part.

A motion was made by Mr. Parris, to include the "officers and mariners who served in the navy of either of the states, or of the United States," thus placing the revolutionary officers of the navy on the same footing as those of the army.

The committee of the whole rose, about 4 o'clock, and reported the bill as amended.

The House took up the amendments reported by the committee; when various propositions were successively made and discussed to disagree to or to amend many of them.

The House having, at length, gone through the amendments, The bill was ordered to be engrossed, as amended, *intra. con.* and read a third time to morrow.

Mr. Spencer offered a joint resolution, that the two houses should adjourn on Wednesday, the 23d inst. to meet again on Monday, the 22th inst.

The resolution was twice read, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading—was subsequently read a third time and passed, by yeas and nays, 81 to 35, and sent to the Senate for concurrence; and then The House adjourned.

Wednesday, Dec. 24.

The bill for remitting the duties on the picture presented by Mr. West, the painter, to the Pennsylvania Hospital, was reported, engrossed, read a third time, and passed by the unanimous consent of the house.

The bill providing for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army, was read a third time.

A motion was made by Mr. Lowndes to recommit the bill to a committee of the whole House, with instructions "to limit the benefits of the act to soldiers who were enlisted for a term of three years, or for the war, and who did not desert; and to officers who continued in the service of the United States to the conclusion of the war in 1783, or were left out of the service in consequence of disability; or in consequence of some derangement of the Army."

The question being stated on this recommitting the bill, Mr. Edwards moved to a-