





DOINGS AT RICHMOND.

Correspondence of the "Spirit of Jefferson."

Richmond, Jan. 11th, 1848.

Elements of greatness in Virginia—Public Education—Extracts from Wm. M. Burwell's Address—Emory and Henry College—Re-apportionment—White Bats.

THE INVITATION HERETOFORE TO Gen. Shields and Col. Garland, to visit Richmond and participate in the difficulties of the State, to me is hereby extended by Gen. Quitman of the State of Mississippi.

On Tuesday, in the House, a resolution was offered by Mr. Brown of Berkeley, that the committee of Roads and Internal Navigation, be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act passed 17th March, 1840, as relates to the subscription heretofore made by the State, to the Martinsburg and Winchester Turnpike company.

A petition was presented by Mr. Stewart, of George Shaffer and sundry others, citizens of the town of Darkwood, in the county of Berkeley, praying a repeal of the act of the last session of the Legislature incorporating said town, passed March 16th, 1847.

By Mr. Allen—Of citizens of Hampshire, praying for the incorporation of a company to construct a turnpike road from Moorefield in the county of Hardy, to intersect the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Green's free depot, in Hampshire county, upon the two and three-fifths principle.

By Mr. Jacobs—Of citizens of the Valley asking an improvement of the Shenandoah river. The Senate on Wednesday, nothing doing in interest. In the House, a petition was presented by Mr. Jacobs, of citizens of Clarke, for the establishment of an election precinct at the house of Levi Hiett in said county.

A fire at Winchester—On Thursday evening last, a fire broke out at Winchester, in the back building of Mr. James S. Jackson, on Loudoun street. For some time great fears were apprehended for Taylor's Hotel, T. B. Campbell's Jewellery Store and S. R. Atwell's Tobacco Establishment; but fortunately the flames were subdued before any serious damage was done.

The Markets. BALTIMORE MARKET—Reported weekly for the "Spirit of Jefferson," by WALKER & CO., Flour and Commission Merchants and General Produce Dealers, Baltimore, Jan. 11, 1848.

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