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We publish, below, a full abstract of the bill re-organizing the Judiciary of the State. All its important provisions are given. We have conversed with many persons upon the subject and feel authorized in saying, that a large majority prefer the double-judge system, as originally passed by the House of Delegates. This preference is not established by the gentlemen of the bar only, but by most persons familiar with judicial proceedings. As but a single term of the courts can intervene between the session and the next, the efficiency of the new system will sanction an amendment having for its object the establishment of the two-judge plan. They scout that species of economy which, to save a few thousand dollars per annum, introduces a new scheme, but we are certain the people of Jefferson will sanction an amendment having for its object the establishment of the two-judge plan. They scout that species of economy which, to save a few thousand dollars per annum, introduces a new scheme, but we are certain the people of Jefferson will sanction an amendment having for its object the establishment of the two-judge plan. They scout that species of economy which, to save a few thousand dollars per annum, introduces a new scheme, but we are certain the people of Jefferson will sanction an amendment having for its object the establishment of the two-judge plan.

...and no privilege heretofore; and provides for the appointment of commissioners to take depositions. One judge of the general court to be assigned by joint resolution of the two houses of assembly to each of the circuits to hold a special term of the circuit court and corporation of the circuit court between the 1st of May and the 15th of June next, for the purpose of appointing a clerk thereof, to go into office on the 15th of June; the clerks to be appointed by joint resolution of the two houses of assembly, and to proceed upon their duties; prescribes the mode of filling vacancies in the office of clerk; gives the clerk the power to appoint deputies; the clerks to reside in their counties, and to keep their offices at the respective court-houses. New couples to be attached to circuits to which the counties from which they were taken belong. Abolishes the former superior courts of law and the district courts of chancery, after the 15th of June next; vacates the commissions of the judges thereof at the end of the present session of assembly, and requires the judges to be assigned by joint resolution of the two houses of assembly to hold the terms in the interval between the 15th day after the termination of the session and the said 15th of June. Prescribes the place to which the papers, records, &c. of the chancery courts shall be transferred, and transfers all causes, matters and things, determined on the 15th of June, in the present superior courts, to the circuit courts hereby established, and of the present chancery courts, to the circuit courts of the counties in which the said chancery courts were held, and the papers and records to be delivered by the clerks thereof to the clerks of the said circuit courts respectively. The first terms of the said circuit courts to be held in the months of August, September, October and November, next ensuing. The following important Law is published for public information: AN ACT, Requiring accounts of sales, made under execution, to be returned to the Clerk of the Court. PASSED MARCH 30, 1831. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That it shall be the duty of every sheriff, sergeant, or other officer, who shall make sale of goods and chattels under any execution, to return to the clerk of the court, on or before the return day thereof, or in case the return day thereof shall have passed, within thirty days after such sale or sales made by him, in virtue of such execution, specifying therein the several articles sold, the persons to whom sold, and the prices thereof. And if any sheriff, sergeant, or other officer, so making sales, shall fail to return as aforesaid, he shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars, and to imprisonment at the discretion of the court, until such sheriff, sergeant, or other officer, and his securities, and the executors or administrators of all and every of them, shall in every such case be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, recoverable by either plaintiff or defendant, or by the purchasers of the said property under the execution, or either of them, by motion, on ten days notice, before the court from which the execution issued. And such recovery may be repeated from time to time at the instance of either party, and in the discretion of the Court, until such account shall be returned. Provided, That it shall not be the duty of the clerk of such court to make record of such account of sales, but to file and preserve the same with the execution.

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Though Baltimore lies on the eastern shore of the Patuxent, the greater part of the scenery of that river was till lately less known than that of most of its tributaries, than Harper's Ferry. The fox hunter, sometimes found in the carriage by the chace to its wild ravine, or the horseman followed a rocky and dangerous road along the face of the cliffs, or under the shade of solitary boughs that overtopped its margin. The rail-road has opened theseylvan recesses to crowds of visitors, whose undiminished numbers must be imputed, since the road has been travelled the best part of a year, to the attraction of the scene as much as to the novelty of the conveyance. Two hundred persons came yesterday from Ellicott's Mills to the city, in the afternoon train of carriages alone; and numbers as considerable have been on the road several days this season. The receipts from passengers, on one day, must have amounted to three hundred dollars. The afternoon's ride on that part of the road embraced in the ravine of the river, is peculiarly beautiful, especially in the enchanting season. The scenery is picturesque throughout, often verging to the romantic and wild. It is - The lovely vale, fast by a river's side, With woody hills o'er hill encompassed round; Which is, I ween, a lovely spot of ground, Half pruned with Spring. This, however, is not the "listless" spot where "no living wight will work," as it comprehends, on the contrary, the industrious manufacturing village of Ellicott's Mills. The rail-road is likely to fill this glen with other numerous milling and manufacturing establishments, as the rapid descent of the river, which is so lively a feature in the scene, furnishes also the more homely attraction of a great water-power. We observe that an ancient edifice, bearing the once highly appropriate appellation of "Dismal Mill," but near which the gay and beautiful granite bridge, called the Patterson Viaduct now crosses the river, has been partly removed to make room for some establishment of this kind. Ere many years, another poetic passage may be applicable to this valley and its rocky and woody margin: Oh vale of bliss! Oh gently swelling hills! On which the Power of Cultivation lies, And joys to see the wonders of his toil. The rail road pursues the margin of the Patuxent for many miles above the Mills. The same character also distinguishes the scenery; in some parts it is still more striking than in the part already travelled. The whole will shortly be accessible by the same rapid conveyance, and will form, we venture to say, the most picturesque excursion to be found in the neighbourhood of any of our great cities. The introduction of the Road within the city is a fair train for speedy accomplishment. The contracts for the requisite materials for the line along Pratt street have, we learn, been closed within a few days past, and the first parcels of granite blocks of which the track is to be composed, were received at the depot on Monday. [Baltimore American, May 4.]

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IMPROVEMENTS.

From the Georgetown Gazette. We were highly gratified, on a recent excursion to the Great Falls, with the appearance of our Canal, which exceeded our conception of it, never having before been but a short distance beyond the old locks. The work is done in a most substantial manner, particularly the new locks, part of which are built of a greyish granite, very hard and durable, and part of a reddish sandstone, which they would last for ages. The river is in boating order. We met between the old locks and Great Falls about fifty boats, passing down, mostly loaded with flour, and averaging 120 barrels each, so that we must have seen at least 6,000 barrels of flour afloat, in one day, within a space of 12 miles. We were informed by some of the persons who had this produce in charge, that their part of it came from Rockingham county, Virginia, at the head of the Shenandoah, and that the boats were collecting Seneca as fast as they could be passed through the locks. Those who are fond of an excursion into the country, cannot have a finer treat in this neighbourhood than a jaunt to the Great Falls or Seneca. At the former place, Captain Fenlon has built a very comfortable house, which he has called "Crommelin Hotel"; he is remarkably attentive to his guests, and his boat is commodious and very neatly fitted up. Those who visit him will be sure to find good cheer. We learn from the Alexandria Gazette, that at the late general meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Canal Company, it was unanimously resolved to commence forthwith the construction of that work, or in other words, to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Alexandria.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Lucien Hanks, a lad in Hartford, Conn. aged 17, has constructed a high pressure steam engine, which, with the furnace, occupies but 2 feet in length. Capt. Harvey, arrived at Kry West from Lisbon, reports that the American vessels captured by Don Miguel are still at Lisbon, and the masters and crews complain that the American government has done nothing for their relief. Mexico.—Files of the Registro Oficial of the City of Mexico, down to the 30th of March, have been received by the way of New Orleans. The most interesting intelligence which they contain is that of the surrender to the government of the town and port of Acapulco, the last fortified point on the south coast which remained in the hands of the partisans of the late Guerrero. It appears that numbers of the disaffected were daily presenting themselves, to claim the pardon of the government.

Agency in Philadelphia.

LOUIS A. GODEY & CO. offer their services to collect for the city and county of Philadelphia, all the taxes, duties, and other moneys, payable to the city and county of Philadelphia. They have determined to devote a considerable portion of their time to this new branch, and are well convinced that their exertions will give satisfaction to their employers. There are no doubt many persons at a distance having claims that might be collected, were they aware of responsible persons to address. The great expense in many instances paid by Lawyer's fees, and where there has been no necessity for such a proceeding, presents many lawful accounts from being adjusted. They will receive bills and accounts from any part of the country, which will be immediately attended to, and the proceeds applied in this city, or forwarded by mail as may be directed. No charge in any case will be made unless the money be actually collected. The commission in every instance, to be charged on collections, will be 10 per cent. Postage must be paid, or all letters will be re-enclosed and returned to the persons sending. Those editors exchanging with the Lady's Book will oblige us, by copying the above. The proprietors believe there is the first responsible agency ever established in the city of Philadelphia. May 12, 1831.

LOOK AT THIS!

CHEAP BOOT, SHOE & HAT STORE. PERSONS wishing to purchase good and cheap shoes, are respectfully invited to call at the new establishment, No. 12 Chestnut Street, opposite the Post Office. Store, where they can be accommodated with every description of Gentlemen's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Boots and Shoes. Also, fine beaver, black, brown, and white Hats. D. KEPLINGER & CO. Shepherdstown, May 5, 1831.—64

CASH FOR NEGROES.

THE undersigned will give the highest price in cash for Men, Women, and Children, of any age. Application may be made to him at Mr. Hains' Tavern, in Charlestown. G. W. MALONE. April 28, 1831.—1f

CASH FOR NEGROES.

WE wish to purchase ONE HUNDRED NEGROES of both sexes, from 12 to 25 years of age. Also, mechanics of every description. Apply at John Burkmaster's Tavern. Any letters addressed to us at this place will meet prompt attention. S. G. FRANKLIN, E. P. EGG. Charlestown, March 24, 1831.

FOR SALE.

A YOUNG MARE, accustomed to work kind. She will be sold at a moderate price. Apply to the subscriber in Charlestown. HENRY SLOAN.

SERVANT WANTED.

LARGE WAGES will be given for the services of a capable and steady girl, as NURSE. Apply at Mrs. Frighill's, Charlestown. April 25, 1831.—5f



