

lots east of the Alleghany mountain, delinquent for the year 1831, and prior thereto, whether heretofore vested in the literary fund, or sold according to law and redemned by the state, or otherwise returned delinquent, and discharges the same from the lien of the state, also releases the taxes, &c. upon lands and lots lying west of the Alleghany returned delinquent in like manner, and not heretofore redeemed, or exercised in accordance with the laws, if the taxes in arrears, exclusive of damages, shall not exceed ten dollars, and if above that sum, continues in force former laws, and vests the title of the lands and lots lying west of the Alleghany according to the act of the 1st of April, 1831; the rights of persons who have obtained grants for the same land and have regularly paid their taxes not to be impaired, but the parties left to the strength of their original titles; authorizes persons west of the Alleghany, who have obtained grants, to return delinquent prior to the 1st of April, 1834, to pay the taxes due on or before that time, with six per cent. interest instead of ten as heretofore; exonerates persons having delinquent lands, purchased under a decree, prior to the 1st of April, 1831, from the arrears of taxes, &c. previous to their having received a deed, if the whole of the purchase money had been paid without notice of such taxes in arrears, authorizes any person having lands west of the Alleghany heretofore forfeited, to redeem the same before the 1st of April, 1834, by paying the taxes and damages and six per cent. interest from the time of forfeiture, the right of junior grantees, bona fide occupants, not to be affected thereby; provides for the publication of lists of all delinquent lands lying east of the Alleghany; also of those lying west thereof where the taxes, exclusive of damages, amount to less than ten dollars; authorizes the courts to suspend the execution of judgments or decrees in suits brought for the recovery of lands until the value of the improvements made thereon previous to notice of adverse title (to be ascertained by a jury) shall be paid by the plaintiff; provides that taxes imposed hereafter shall remain a lien upon land, &c. until fully discharged. Collectors of the revenues at the August or September terms of the county &c. courts, to return to the court a list of lands on the commissioners' books not ascertainable or improperly placed thereon, with the amount of tax charged, the court to correct the same, and return it to the auditor to be credited to the collector. The commissioner to correct his books the next year by a copy of this return; the collector moreover to make out lists of lands where no return is found in his hall-books; the copies thereof to be posted in two conspicuous places beside the court-house, notifying that the land will be sold unless the taxes be paid; and at September or October court the same to be sold publicly, and where there are no bidders the land to be purchased for the state. 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An act to provide for repairing public arms, and the armory, and for other purposes; authorizes the employment of five additional artificers, to repair such part of the arms at the armory as stand in need of repairs, and directs the cupola to be repaired and painted and some other alterations and improvements in the armory to be made, and appropriates the sum of four thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars to defray the expense thereof. An act to amend so much of the marriage act as prescribes the mode of obtaining licenses; authorizes licenses to be issued to persons under age, having the father or guardian, upon consent of the mother, given, certified and proved as heretofore in other cases. An act to authorize a subscription on behalf of this commonwealth, to the stock of the Winchester and Potomac rail road company; not exceeding one-fourth or seventy thousand dollars, as shall not be subscribed by individuals before the 1st of April next; any other rail road company heretofore incorporated in the Valley, to have permission to connect their road with the road of this company, and each company to use the road of the other. An act to amend an act, entitled, an act reducing into one the several acts concerning slaves, free negroes and mulattoes, and for other purposes, prohibiting slaves, free negroes and mulattoes,

preachers, whether ordained or licensed, or otherwise, from preaching, exhorting, conducting or holding any assembly or meeting for religious or other purposes, either in the day or night, to be punished with stripes, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at the discretion of a justice of the peace; any person being authorized to apprehend the offender, without a warrant previously obtained; prohibits slaves, free negroes or mulattoes from attending any such preaching or meeting conducted by negro preachers, or even by white persons, in the night time, without a written permit from their agents, to be punished for every offense in like manner; any person, however, permitted to take his slave with him, to hear religious instruction, conducted by white ministers in the night; slaves of any one owner not presented from assembling, at any time, for religious devotion; declares that no free negro or mulatto shall be entitled to purchasing or acquiring permanent ownership, except by descent, in any slave other than his or her husband, wife or children; no free negro to be suffered to keep or carry any gun or military weapon, or any powder or lead; the arms and ammunition to be forfeited to the informer, and the offender to be punished with stripes as aforesaid; and takes away from the county courts the power to grant permission to keep or carry such weapons as heretofore; slaves, free negroes, &c. not permitted to sell, give or dispose of any spirituous liquors within a mile of any muster, preaching, or other assembly; declares it felony, punishable with death, for any slave, free negro, &c. to assault and beat, willfully and maliciously, any white person, with intent to kill; punishes with stripes for the first offense, and with death the second, any slave, free negro &c. who shall heretofore write, print, or cause to be printed, any book, pamphlet or other writing, (or knowingly circulating the same,) advising persons of color in this State to make insurrection or to rebel; and if the offender be a white person, imposes a fine of not less than one hundred, nor more than one thousand dollars; punishes with stripes free negroes, &c. guilty of riots, routs, unlawful assemblies, trespasses, and seditious speeches; prescribes the same punishment upon free negroes for committing simple larceny of money, bank notes, goods chattels or other things, of the value of twenty dollars, as is inflicted on slaves by the fifth section of the act of the 12th February, 1828; declares the receiver of stolen goods from slaves, free negroes, &c. knowing the same to be stolen, whether white or colored, as guilty of larceny; and to be punished as the same is prescribed by the law; and to be liable to the same penalties as if he had committed the larceny himself. (To be continued.)

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Religion during the Great Plague of London.—As it brought the people into public company, so it was surprising how it brought them to crowd in the churches; they inquired no more into who they sat near to or far from, what offensive smells they met with, or what condition the people seemed to be in. But looked upon themselves as all so many dead corpses; they came in the churches without the least caution, and crowded together as if their lives were of no consequence compared to the work they came about there; indeed the zeal which they showed in coming and the earnestness and affection they showed in their attention to what they heard, made it manifest what a value people would all put upon the worship of God, as if they thought every day they attended at church that it would be their last.

Burial place of Romeo and Juliet.—The cemetery in which the ashes of these renowned lovers jointly reposed (at Verona) was long since destroyed by the falling of a thunderbolt into an adjoining magazine of combustibles; and the stone coffin in which Juliet was placed by the friar after she had swallowed the sleeping draught, is the only relic now to be seen. It is marked by a sinking for the head, two holes for the admission of air, and a place for the reception of a lighted taper, which it is still the custom to fix beside a corpse. Till within the last few years, it was placed within the site of the cemetery which had contained the actual tomb; but in consequence of the many depredations committed by those who in the night-time scaled the walls for the purpose of carrying away a chip of the love-stone, it was removed to a yard close by, safe, but not worthy place.

Extract of a letter from Rome.—His Holiness Gregory XVI. by a special rescript dated January 18, 1832, granted the Rev. Mr. Pile, of Baltimore, permission to be examined for the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Accordingly, he stood his examination before the professors of the Sapientia and Misericordia, and was reputed worthy to be promoted to the dignity. He was solemnly invested with the ring and other insignia, on the 27th January. A few days after, as a reward for his writings, the Pope honored him with the golden Cross and Spur. This is the first instance of an American having received either of these honors immediately from the Pope at Rome.

Ludicrous effects of the appearance of a Comet in 1712.—This year Mr. Whiston having calculated the return of a comet, which was to make its appearance to-day, Wednesday, at five minutes after five in the morning, gave notice to the public accordingly, with this terrifying addition, that a total dissolution of the world by fire was to take place on the Friday following.—The reputation Mr. W. had long maintained, both as a divine and a philosopher, led him to no doubt, with the populace of the truth of this prediction. Several ludicrous events now took place. A number of persons in and about London, seized on the barges and boats they could find, and fled into the Thames, very naturally concluding that when the conflagration took place, there would be the most safety on water. A gentleman who had neglected family prayer for nearly five years, informed his wife, that it was his determination to resume that laudable practice, and accordingly, at his wife having engaged a ball at her house, he persuaded her husband to put it off till they saw whether the comet appeared or not. The South-Sea stock immediately fell to five per cent. and the India to eleven, and the captain of a Dutch ship threw all his powder into the river, that the ship might not be endangered. The next morning, however, the comet appeared according to the prediction, and before noon the belief was universal that the day of judgment was at hand. About this time about 125 clergymen were ferried over to Lambeth; it was said to petition for a short prayer might be penned and ordered, there being none in the church service for that occasion. Three maids of honor burnt their collections of novels and plays, and sent to a bookseller to buy each a Bible, and Bishop Taylor's Holy Living and Dying. The ran upon the bank was so prodigious, that all hands were employed from morning till night in discounting notes and handling out the specie. On Thursday, considerable more than 700 who kept mistresses were legally married in the face of several congregations. And to crown the whole, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, at that time head director of the bank, issued orders to all the officers in London, requiring to keep a good look-out, and have a particular eye on the bank of England.

Extraordinary Escape.—On the 12th inst. Horace, son of widow R. Doten, of Barnard, aged 5 years, while in the act of carrying a soap tub to place by a well, was unfortunately precipitated headlong into the well, together with the tub. The well was 25 feet deep, with 18 feet of water, and was not to be entered without assistance, and unknown to any one in the house. In his descent, he lost one of his boots, which he brought out with him. He came into the house drenched with water—said he had been in the well, but could not get out the tub. He attempted to bring it up in the first instance, but was a second time precipitated down, when he left the tub, and came out with his boot, without receiving any other injury than two trifling bruises on his head.

THE SUPREME COURT. The New York Commercial Advertiser says:—“Towards the close of Mr. Jefferson's administration, Pennsylvania, it may be recollected, sought to disregard a mandate of the supreme court, and ordered a brigade of militia to resist the marshal. But President Jefferson was unyielding, and the state submitted—having long since become ashamed of the transaction. In the heat of her passion, however, the legislature of Pennsylvania passed the following resolution:—“Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their influence to procure an amendment to the constitution of the United States, that an impartial tribunal may be established to determine disputes between the general and state government.” This resolution was promptly rejected by every state in the union; and by none more readily and decisively than by Georgia, as the following extract from the legislative journals of that state will prove:—

SENATE OF GEORGIA, In Senate, 25th December, 1809.

Resolved, That the amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States, by a resolution of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, and approved by the governor of that state the 30 day of April, 1809, in the words following, &c. be and the same is hereby disapproved by the legislature of this state, and that the senators and representatives in congress, be requested to oppose the said alteration.”

OUTRAGE AND ASSAULT. A very interesting Debate took place in the lower House of Congress, on Saturday, in consequence of a violent assault upon the Hon. Mr. Strawberry, a member from Ohio, by Saml. Houston, late Governor of Tennessee.—The Washington Telegraph says:—“The attention of the reader will be attracted by the proceedings in the House of Representatives, on Saturday, on the motion to arrest General Houston, for an assault upon the Hon. Mr. Strawberry, a member of that body from Ohio. The pretext for this outrage was the remarks which Mr. Strawberry deemed it proper to make in the House, relative to the contract for furnishing rations to emigrant Indians, contemplated by Gen. Houston with Maj. Eaton. That the reader may know what was said, we here give his remarks. Mr. S. said:—“The superintendent of the Cumberland Road, the only officer who has been suffered to continue in office after his removal, has transgressed in so far as the President was the late Secretary of War removed in consequence of his attempt, fraudulently, to give to Governor Houston the contract for

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Indian rations. I derive my knowledge of this transaction, not from the columns of the Telegraph. The whole affair was known to me at the time it took place. The editor of the Telegraph gives himself too much credit for defeating this attempted fraud. I understood that it was in some points of the circumstances of the delegates from Arkansas, that the contract was not completed. There is one fact, however, for which I am indebted to the Telegraph, and that is, that the President had full knowledge of the imposture, and that it did not meet with his disapprobation. Stanberry's speech in the Intelligencer, Mr. Houston addressed him a note; through a member of Congress from Tennessee, demanding an explanation. The member who bore the demand, that he interrogate him upon the subject.—Houston then threatened that he would make a personal assault, and accordingly he accompanied by an attendant, both armed with heavy bludgeons, went to the Capitol, and Houston himself was frequently on the privileged seats within the Hall of the House. The editor of the Telegraph thus closes his remarks upon the outrage:—“We are well aware of the danger which surrounds us. We have long seen, that the tactics of the Nashville school were to be transferred to Washington, and that the voice of truth was to be silenced by the dread of the assassin. But we have not yet taken Fear as our counsellor.”

DOMESTIC. FREDERICKSBURG, APRIL 10. Frederickburg and Potomac Creek Rail-Road.—Books were opened yesterday to receive subscriptions to the stock of the Rail-Road, contemplated from a point opposite Frederickburg to some other point on the Potomac Creek. The route has been surveyed, and the Road located within the last ten days, by Mr. Hughes, United States Civil Engineer, assisted by Lieutenant Izard, of the U. S. Army, and Mr. Hagner. The distance is eight miles and a few yards. The ground was ascertained to be much more favorable than was anticipated; and it is the opinion of the Engineers that a Rail-Road, of a single track, can be made at an expense of less than \$50,000—the excavation being very inconsiderable. The elevation to be overcome is considerable, amounting to 238 feet. This will, in all probability preclude the employment of locomotive engines; but will afford no obstacles to horse power, by which the distance can be accomplished in an hour. The Rail-Road from Baltimore to Washington City will be immediately completed, as will be the proposed plying between Washington and Potomac Creek, it is evident that the increased facilities will induce a much greater amount of travelling through Frederickburg. From travelling alone, we have no doubt that a handsome return will be made upon the sum required. This in addition to this, there will be the transportation of many light articles of merchandise which can be brought from Baltimore here in the course of 12 hours.—[Arena.]

Large quantities of dry goods, hardware, groceries and other articles are at present going by the Rail-road to Frederick and places west of it. The line to the Point of Rocks, on the Potomac, is on the eve of being opened for transportation, and in anticipation of the event, houses for the reception of flour and other articles have been erected there. Two new lines of stages will immediately go into operation, one of which will convey passengers between the Point of Rocks and Leesburg, and the other between the Point and Winchester. The intercourse between Baltimore and those sections of Virginia will thus be greatly facilitated, and the advantage of both consequently promoted.

NOTICE. THE undersigned, commissioners appointed by law for that purpose, will receive proposals until the 27th day of April next for the Drawing and Management of a Lottery, authorized by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, for the purpose of constructing a Bridge across the Shenandoah River, at that place, and making a certain Road, in that act named. The amount to be raised is \$20,000. JOHN CONARD, J. F. SHANNON, HENRY WARD, GEO. W. SHAWEN, Commissioners. Harpers-Ferry, March 29, 1832.

Connecticut Election.—The annual election for State officers took place on Monday last. John S. Peters is re-elected Governor, and Thaddeus Betts, Lieutenant Governor. The Anti-Slavery party supported the Hon. Calvin Wiley for Governor, and gave him a respectable vote. The National Republicans have elected a majority of both Houses. An United States Senator will be chosen by the Legislature in May, to supply the vacancy caused by the resignation of the official term of Samuel A. Foote, Esq.

The effect of which, if agreed to, will be, that the population of each State shall be divided by a common divisor, and that, in addition to the number of members resulting from such division, a member shall be allowed to each State, whose fraction exceeds a moiety of the divisor. If we do not deceive ourselves, this rule of apportionment will be the best of all possible rules, and that is THE RULE OF RIGHT.”

It is a fact, not generally known to our readers, that every incorporated library company is entitled, as a donation from Congress, to a copy of “The Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution,” edited by Jared Sparks, Esq., in 12 volumes octavo. The work is valued at fifty dollars. The Directors of the Charlestown Library will do well to attend to this. The appointment of Hugh S. Legare, of South Carolina, as Charge des Affaires to Belgium, was on Saturday last, confirmed by the Senate of the United States. We regret to learn that the Governor has been informed, by express, of the total destruction by fire, of the old Capitol at Williamsburg. [Va. Times.]

At the last term of our Court, indictments were found by the Grand Jury against three negro men, the property of Stephen Ripman, Esq. charged with a conspiracy to murder a Southampton tragedian. One was tried here and found guilty. The others removed their trials to Elkton, where they were tried last week and convicted. Negro Nece, against whom an indictment was found in this Court for procuring a negro girl to burn the house of Mr. John Evans, and who had also removed his trial to Elkton, was tried last week and found guilty. [Rich. Br. (M.) Citizen.] An atrocious murder was committed in the county of Somerset, Md. on the 27th ultimo, by a being named Isaiah Willin.—The hapless victim was a woman—a mother, shot in the midst of her six little children—and the wife of her murderer! Jealousy, that “green eyed monster,” appears to have been the cause of this daring and horrible deed, this foul and unnatural crime. The Princess Anne Herald of Tuesday says, Willin was then confined in prison at that place to await his trial, which will probably come on at the next May term of the County Court.

THE FREE PRESS.
Thursday, April 19.

JEFFERSON ELECTION.
The election for a Senator to represent the district of Frederick and Jefferson, and for two delegates for the latter, commenced on Monday last. Mr. Gray had no opposition for the Senate. In consequence of the rain on Monday, the polls were kept open at the Court-House until last evening. The following is the result.

John S. Galaher	379	80	41	93	439
Henry Berry	195	147	93	93	598
General R. Wager	180	35	40	70	381
David Morgan	45	92	19	35	189

THE MARKETS.
FLOUR.—The wheat market has generally quiet. Flour is in demand for the week. Flour is in demand for the week. Flour is in demand for the week.

Married.
On Thursday last, by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, Mr. James McMurray, of Jefferson county, to Miss Mary Vandell, daughter of Mr. Isaac Vandell, of Berkeley county.

Died.
On Tuesday last, in the 56th year of her age, Mrs. Nancy H. Hays, wife of Mr. John Hays, of Bolivar, and daughter of Mr. William Morrow of Charlestown.

Notice.
The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary Colonization Society of Jefferson county, will be held on Friday the 27th inst. at 12 o'clock, in the Episcopal Church.

Information Wanted.
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Land at the Point of Rocks for Sale.
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Two Valuable Farms for Sale.
I WILL sell my FARM, situated near Georgetown, Berkeley county, containing 100 ACRES of limestone land. Consider it among the first-rate land in the county, well timbered, and a never-failing well of limestone water, eight feet deep; two first-rate orchards, one young and now beginning to bear, and the other a full bearing. Also, a valuable Tract of Land, lying in Jefferson county, Virginia, adjoining the lands of John Welsh, formerly Jacob-Union's, near Smithfield, containing 62 acres of limestone land, well timbered, and a never-failing well of limestone water; a good young orchard; both places well improved, with two-story dwelling houses, and good barns.

Land at the Point of Rocks for Sale.
I WISH to sell a LOT OF LAND, situated at the Point of Rocks, on the Potomac river, fronting the Rail-Road, about one hundred feet long, and containing about one acre. On the lot is a good frame DWELLING HOUSE, two stories high, now occupied as a Store House. For terms, apply to the subscriber at Harpers-Ferry.

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