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VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

From our Correspondent.

RICHMOND, JAN. 1, 1836.

Gentlemen: The business of the week consisted principally of local and uninteresting topics...

The contested election between Samuel Price and Hudson M. Dicken-son, as to the right to represent Fayette and Nicholas, has resulted in favor of the former...

The petitions from the Eastern section of Frederick, for a New County, have not yet been acted upon...

On Thursday, Mr. Dorman, of Rockbridge, introduced a preamble and resolutions, instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress...

Resolved, That the resolutions of the Senate of the United States, passed March 28th 1833, which declares that the President in the late Executive proceedings in relation to the public revenue...

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March, 1833, for the distribution of the amount received from the public lands...

A late arrival at New-Orleans brings accounts from San Antonio (the seat of war) to the 27th November...

The London Herald of Nov. 19, says "The confidence prevailing with regard to the political tranquility of Europe, and the opinion that the payment of the French indemnity to the Government of the United States will be eventually made without any warlike demonstrations...

General Austin had been elected Commissioner, together with Messrs. Archer and Wharton, to the United States, with plenary power to negotiate loans...

CONGRESS. IN SENATE. TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 1835.

PUBLIC LANDS SALES DISTRIBUTION. Mr. CLAY rose, and addressed the Chair. Although (said he) I find myself borne down by the severest affliction with which Providence has ever been pleased to visit me...

It would be premature now to enter into a consideration of probable revenue of future years; but at the proper time, I think it will not be difficult to show that, exclusive of what may be received from the public lands...

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Importantly from France. The packet ship POLAND, from Havre, is just in. We are indebted (says the New York American) to the editors of the Gazette for papers from Paris of the 23d ult...

The Paris papers are full of speculation upon an alleged secret treaty between Russia and the United States, by which, in contingencies that might happen, the numerous ships of war of Russia would be raised by American...

The Emperor Nicholas had made a speech at Warsaw to the prostrate Poles—which is spoken of with general execration by all the Paris and London Journals. It is characterized as the effusion of a brutal and bloody barbarian. In the course of it he spoke of the French, as a nation of "rebels and traitors" and that, too, in the presence of the French Consul...

The departure of the American Charge d'Affaires is productive of considerable annoyance to the French Cabinet, not so much on account of their fearing the consequences of either non-intercourse or war, but that it is impossible, in such a state of things, to dispense with preparations in the ports, necessitating considerable expenditure. The meeting an economical Chamber of Deputies with such an item, growing out of a blunder, is by no means liked.

France is prepared to hurt defiance in the teeth of Russia; and there is not a reflecting mind in Europe which is not convinced that a war with Russia is the only thing that will firmly fix the Orleans dynasty on the throne of France. That country can have no national interest in this matter, which is not common to England.

The statement of the Charge d'Affaires of America having received his passport is confirmed; in consequence the French Charge d'Affaires will be recalled from Washington.

The impartialist states, that when Mr. Barton, the Charge d'Affaires of the United States, demanded his passport, they were given to him unaccompanied by an expression of regret at his departure, or any wishes for a more peaceful tone being adopted as the part of his Government.

It appears of this, since any indication of fear of the consequences of his departure would be a compromise of the national dignity. At the same time, the choice of a successor to the warlike Jackson will remove most of the difficulties in the way of the negotiation. However it may turn out, vague apprehensions are still caused by this affair, and it is possible that business may be seriously affected by it.

The Courier Francis intimates that there will be a war with America, and that the large fleet fitting out at Toulon is intended to operate against us.

The Constitutionnel of the 19th November, in an able article on the political relations of France, introduces the following observations: "The American affair which has remained for so long a time in a kind of diplomatic confusion, now assumes a more serious aspect. The respective representatives of the two States have withdrawn. The official relations have ceased. Attempts made by England to bring the two Governments to an understanding are spoken of. Our Navy however is placed on a war footing and holds itself ready to interfere."

The Constitutionnel sees with much pleasure the equipment of a fleet of 10 ships of the line and 18 frigates, ordered by the Government, because, although a war is not to be considered as probable with America it is right that France should show that she is not unprepared for whatever may happen.

The people of the two countries will not plunge rashly into war, and the slow forms of constitutional governments are a sure prevention of the vanity of their leaders involving the countries to the ruinous expense of a contest.

LATER FROM TEXAS. TEXAS VOLUNTEERS.—According to a letter published in the Journal of Commerce, some of the volunteers who left New York about a month ago for the land of promise in Texas, in a vessel called the Madawaska, have commenced their career rather unluckily as appears by the following extract: "NASSAU, (N. P.) Dec. 10, 1835. DEAR SIR— I write from an English prison yard. You will laugh at this, and indeed I do myself. But so it is. Here I am, in company with my associates in tribulation, for the crime of Piracy? Don't stare now, and I will tell you how it happened. After leaving New York we had a fair wind for eight or ten days; at the end of which time we found ourselves among the Bahama banks and islands. Our captain never having sailed the route before lost his reckoning, and we were carried into a dangerous and almost unknown harbor. He then sent a boat on shore to an island called Eleutheria, with 17 men on board, who, contrary to his wishes, took with them a quantity of arms and ammunition. On the island they found the inhabitants to consist principally of blacks. Having indulged themselves pretty freely in spirits, and finding the inhabitants rather weak and ignorant, they commenced hostilities upon their effects, such as fowls, pigs, Indian meal, &c. and so terrified the people that they would do whatever they required. They commanded them with drawn pistols at their heads, and threatened them with instant death if they disobeyed. This indiscreet conduct of course occasioned an excited feeling on being made known at the English naval station at Nassau, and two gunships were immediately sent in pursuit of us, with strict orders to board us, and put us all to death if we made the least resistance. After searching...

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