

MESSAGE

From the President of the United States, to the Senate and House of Representatives...

I regret that I cannot, on this occasion, congratulate you that the past year has been one of unalloyed prosperity...

Recent information also leads me to hope that the emigrants from her Majesty's Provinces, who have sought refuge within our boundaries, are disposed to become peaceable residents...

I regret to state the appearance of a different spirit among her Majesty's subjects in the Canadas...

For the settlement of our Northeastern boundary, the proposition promised by Great Britain, for a commission of exploration and survey has been received...

To the intrinsic difficulties of questions of boundary lines, especially those described in regions unoccupied, and but partially known, is to be added in our country the embarrassment necessarily arising out of our Constitution...

There is every reason to believe that disturbances like those which lately agitated the neighboring British Provinces will not again prove the source of border contentions, or interpose obstacles to the maintenance of the mutual interests of Great Britain and the United States...

Within the Provinces themselves tranquillity is restored, and our frontier that was agitated by military force, is now again in the enjoyment of a quietude...

all who are sincerely endeavoring to improve the political condition of mankind. This generous feeling they cherish towards the most distant nations...

With Central America a convention has been concluded for the renewal of its constitution...

With the great American empire of Brazil our relations continue unchanged, and our friendly intercourse with the other governments of South America...

Nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony of our intercourse with Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Naples, Portugal, Prussia, Russia, and Sweden...

The death of the late Sultan has produced no alteration in our relations with Turkey, and our newly appointed Minister Resident has reached Constantinople...

I regret to be obliged to inform you that no convention for the settlement of the claims of our citizens upon Mexico has yet been ratified by the Government...

With ease and vigor, in the most judicious manner, should their exercise be required by any sudden conjuncture of public affairs...

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speedy ratification; a result which I cannot allow myself to doubt. Instructions have been given to the Commissioner of the United States, under a Convention with Texas...

These considerations cannot be lost upon a people who have never been inattentive to the effect of their policy upon the institutions they have created for themselves...

It will be seen by the report of the Secretary of the Navy respecting the disposition of our ships of war, that it has been deemed necessary to station a complete force on the coast of Mexico, to prevent a fraudulent use of our flag by foreigners...

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live, severe economy is necessary. This is the wisest provision for the national welfare; and it is, at the same time, the best preservative of the principles on which our Government is founded...

Having had an opportunity of personally inspecting a portion of the public works in Florida, I give you pleasure to bear testimony to the success of the effort to improve the harbor of Pensacola...

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On learning this during the late season, Commodore Read proceeded immediately to the spot, and receiving no satisfaction, either in the surrender of the market, or the restoration of the plundered property, inflicted severe and merited chastisement on the barbarians...

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character of the very respectable character of the Legislature of Florida, which has been the subject of public notice, or of a public notice from their depositories of public moneys, which draws the attention of the public to their conduct...

The continued agitation of the question relative to the mode of depositing the public moneys, still infinitely affects the business of the community, and the suspension of specie payments, as prescribed by the act of 1836, a source of embarrassment than aid, and of a source of embarrassment than aid, and of a source of embarrassment than aid...

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## MOONING HOUSE ALMANAC FOR 1840.

SUN.		MOON'S PHASES.	
Day	Hour	Phase	Hour
January	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	New M. 4 19 evening	4 19 evening
February	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	First Q. 11 31 morning	11 31 morning
March	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Full M. 23 23 evening	23 23 evening
April	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Last Q. 26 8 morning	26 8 morning
May	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	New M. 3 11 evening	3 11 evening
June	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	First Q. 10 16 morning	10 16 morning
July	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Full M. 17 23 evening	17 23 evening
August	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Last Q. 24 14 morning	24 14 morning
September	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	New M. 2 13 evening	2 13 evening
October	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	First Q. 9 20 morning	9 20 morning
November	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Full M. 16 27 evening	16 27 evening
December	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Last Q. 23 10 morning	23 10 morning

**Eclipse this Year.**—First: A partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 17th February—invisible here. Second: Annular Eclipse of the Sun, on the 2d of March—invisible here. Third: Partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 13th August—visible at 2 a. m. Fourth: A total Eclipse of the Sun, on the 28th of August—invisible here.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** (begin of Lent) March 4. **EASTER SUNDAY** April 9. **GOOD FRIDAY** April 17. **WHIT SUNDAY** June 7.

**VERNAL EQUINOX** March 20. **SUMMER SOLSTICE** June 21. **Autumnal Equinox** Sept. 22. **Winter Solstice** Dec. 21.

### COURT DAYS.

Court	Day	Month
Superior Courts	1st Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Jefferson	4th Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Frederick	14th Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Berkeley	1st Monday	March, June, August, and November.

### MONTHLY COURTS.

Court	Day	Month
Jefferson	3d Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Frederick	1st Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Berkeley	2d Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Clarke	4th Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Morgan	4th Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Hampshire	1st Monday	March, June, August, and November.
Loudoun	2d Monday	March, June, August, and November.

### ARRANGEMENT OF MAGISTRATES.

For the Trial of Warrants at the Court-Houses.

Magistrate	Day	Month
William F. Lock and Robert Worthinton	1st Saturday	January and July.
Robert C. Washington and John C. R. Taylor	1st Saturday	February and August.
John T. A. Washington and George W. Hammond	1st Saturday	March and September.
Samuel W. Landrum and George W. Hammond	1st Saturday	April and October.
Thomas H. and William E. Turner	1st Saturday	May and November.
Richard Williams and Thomas Driscoll	1st Saturday	June and December.

### THE VIRGINIA FREE PRESS.

Devoted to News, Miscellaneous, &c. is published every Thursday morning.

Subscription: \$2.50 per annum, or \$1 in advance.

The paper has a large circulation, and is published in the counties of Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Botetourt, Buchanan, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fairfax, Giles, Goochland, Greene, Halifax, Henrico, Loudoun, Loudwell, Madison, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middleburg, Montgomery, Nelson, Northampton, Northumberland, Orange, Orangeburg, Patrick, Pauline, Petersburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Surry, Sussex, Tazewell, Warren, Westmoreland, and York.

### A CARD.

The subscribers of this paper are informed that the proprietors have removed to the new building in the city of Richmond, and that the paper will be published as usual.

**TRAVELLING ON THE RAIL-ROAD.**

After the 1st of October (1839), the Passengers of the Virginia Rail Road will be carried by the Company at a rate of 5 cents per mile, and on the usual terms.

### New Fall Goods.

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### Toilet Soaps, Perfumery, &c.

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