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Virginia Free Press.



WEDNESDAY MORNING.
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GEN. ZACH. TAYLOR.

MR. CLAY—THE PRESIDENCY.

Reflections such as those of the editor of the *Sentinel* must have their due weight when we consider the name of Mr. Clay is mentioned in connection with the Presidency. They express our sentiments so fully, that we do not think it necessary to repeat them in our own words.

The Lexington resolutions, as we have seen, are well-timed as they are—form but a single chapter in Mr. Clay's public history. Through they may deepen the belief of the country in his honor and integrity, they are but a small item of that debt of honor which he owes to his country.

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THIRTIETH CONGRESS.

On Monday next, the Thirtieth Congress will convene. The nearly balanced state of parties in the House, with the certainty that there will be a doubtful struggle for Chief, if not for Speaker, will cause the attendance of nearly every Representative. The Tribune thinks there will not be four absentees at roll call. In the Senate there will not be quite as full an attendance. There is little doubt however, that a quorum will be present—both Houses organized on Monday, and the Message delivered on Tuesday.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

Among others who have been named as Mr. French, at Washington, Clerk by the House of Representatives—we observe in the Richmond Whig the name Col. EDWARD P. HUNTER of Berkeley. Col. H. would make a most active and efficient officer, and we should hail his election by the Whig party with pleasure.

THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

The official organ announces, with oracular clearness, that "there may be no immediate peace; but it must come in the course of six—at all events, of twelve months."

GENERAL PILLOW.

Although Gen. Pillow may be a very brave man, he certainly lacks discretion and military knowledge. Besides, he is one of the voracious egotists we have ever met with. In a single despatch from the Army, that of Sept. 18th, Gen. P. makes mention of the wound he received at Chautauque, no less than six times! He would have his countrymen believe that he was "here, there, and everywhere," on the battle ground, and that by his strong arm and stout heart the tide of the battle was turned in favor of the American soldiers. Whilst we always admire intrepidity and courage, and are willing to give it the merit due, we despise most heartily, an everlasting desire, as evinced by some, to be their own trumpeter of martial deeds.

GEN. TAYLOR IN ALABAMA.

A very large meeting of the supporters of Gen. Taylor for the Presidency was held at Montgomery, (Alabama) on Tuesday week. Among the speakers on the occasion were H. W. Hilliard, the present Whig representative in Congress from that District, and his Loco-foco predecessor, James E. Belser, Esq., both of whom fully and warmly concurred in the object of the meeting.

FRANKLIN'S PRINTING PRESS.

We see it stated in one of our exchanges, that the identical Printing Press at which Dr. Benjamin Franklin worked while in London, in the year 1726-5, is offered for sale. It is now in the National Institute at Washington, where it was deposited on its arrival from London in 1842.

THE PEONS IN MEXICO.

The Peons are said to be ninety-five out of every hundred of the whole population of Mexico. They are Indians, descendants, it is said, of the Aztec race, with a little mixture of the Spanish blood. Generally, they constitute a class of slaves or servants, and are treated with far greater rigor than any of the Slaves in this country. They are made slaves by running in debt, and not being able to pay, they are at the mercy of their creditor, who is entitled to their services until the debt is cancelled, and as it is to the advantage of the creditor to keep them in bondage as long as possible, they are careful to never suffer them to get out of debt, and consequently the Peon becomes his servant for life, and his children after him. This class of people compose a great part of the Mexican Army—and being forced into service, it is not to be wondered that they should desert whenever opportunity was afforded them. A distinguished officer of the Army writing from Buena Vista, gives the following description of this class of people—

"I have never known a more absolute system of slavery than exists in this country, under the provisions of law and long custom, by which the creditor is enabled to compel the debtor to serve him at law wages—from three to five dollars per month—until he has paid the debt. The instance is rare in which payment is made or expected. It is a perpetual servitude from generation to generation, constituting a class of serfs or slaves, as absolute as the serfs of Russia, or the slaves of the United States, and less favorable than the condition of either. And yet these people profess, and in some instances entertain, a dread of slavery. There are better classes—the rich and poor—and the last are wretchedly and every day. They are fed upon corn, and occasionally a little meat. Hence it is not to be wondered that they are so ready to support themselves when in the service of their masters or creditors. In no civilized country in the world is the population marked by greater extremes of poverty and wealth, and less of control on the one hand, and servitude on the other."

RECEPTION OF GEN. TAYLOR.

The Municipal authorities of New Orleans are making preparations to give a brilliant reception to Gen. Taylor, whose arrival there is expected early in December. The Council of the Second Municipality has appointed a committee to act with such others as might be appointed by the other Municipalities, to tender to that illustrious citizen and soldier the hospitality of the city, and to make such arrangements for his reception as the *Guest of the City*, as a proper appreciation of his exalted character and distinguished services requires at the hands of his fellow-citizens of New Orleans.

STATE PROXY—JOHN S. GALLAGHER.

Esq. of Frederick county, has been appointed Alternate Proxy, in the absence of Albert G. Pendleton, Esq. of Giles, to represent with William M. Peyton and Oscar M. Crutchfield, Esqrs. the stockholders of the James River and Kanawha Company.—Rich. Whig.

MT. MOREHEAD, NO. 5.

This Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, being a higher branch founded on the same principles which characterize the subordinate, was opened in our town on Saturday evening last, under the direction of Dr. G. B. STEPHENSON, Deputy Grand Impaler, Mr. C. JOHNSON, Worthy Chief Templar of Jefferson Temple, No. 2, and other Brethren of the order from Harpers-Ferry. We learn that the ceremonies were of a most interesting and gratifying character.

THE SENATORIAL CANVASS.

On this subject, we find the following in the "Spirit of Jefferson," which paper proposes to its party that the 24th of February, instead of the 5th of May, be fixed upon as the day for their nominating Convention. It says—

"The present Whig incumbent, Mr. JOHN S. GALLAGHER, throws out a *feeler* in the last Winchester Republican. It is an old remark in politics, that voters are not to be won by the young bloods panting for his place, we are inclined to doubt if they be not all overreached."

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PRESENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

We learn also that improvements are being made in the B. & O. Rail Road, between the Relay and the Monocacy, by cutting off the many curves between these points, which have been the cause of the cars so often running off. The speed of the cars will be increased when completed.

DIVIDEND.

At a meeting of the President and Directors of the New Shenandoah Company on the 18th of November, 1847, a dividend of one dollar upon each share in the capital stock of said company, was declared, which will be paid on application to the Treasurer, Gen. S. H. LEWIS.

SALE POSTPONED.

The sale of the Real Estate and Personal Property of Mr. CHARLES MOLES, has been postponed until further notice.

FREAK OF TRADE.

The Baltimore A. & P. Co. says that a cargo boat had that city on Saturday last with a cargo of 1400 bushels of Wheat, destined for the consumption of one of the towns on the North Branch of the Susquehanna river. Heretofore, at this season of the year, Baltimore has received large quantities of wheat from that region. This year the wheat crop there has almost entirely failed.

FIRE IN NORFOLK.

We deeply regret to see in the Norfolk Herald a long account of the destruction by fire of the "Beacon" Printing Office and Reading Room, with nearly all their printing materials, on Saturday evening last. The proprietors fortunately saved their books and newspaper press.

THOMAS M. GALEY, ESQ., DELIVERED AN ADDRESS IN WINCHESTER ON THURSDAY NIGHT WEEK, WHICH THE REPUBLICAN SAYS IS A SPEECH OF ONE OF THE HAPPIEST EFFORTS OF HIS TALENTED AND ARDENT ADVOCATE OF THE CAUSE OF TEMPERANCE. IF IT IS A FAIR QUESTION, WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY BRO. G. IS SO EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE IN WINCHESTER.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

The Union states that the National Debt now amounts to the sum of \$17,122,433 93 On 4th March, 1846, it was 17,789,759 63 Increase in about 18 months \$7,533,634 31 The Union thinks this is a mere bagatelle, and that the war is fully worth the money it has already cost, as well as that which shall be hereafter expended in its prosecution. We should be glad to see the other side of the account—that is, what we have got, or are likely to get, for this twenty-seven millions, even supposing that the amount of the debt is fully staid, which, when we remember the manner in which the Public Debt was mystified by reports from the Treasury Department at the close of Van Buren's administration, we are strongly disposed to doubt.—Rich. Whig.

NEW YORK BISHOP.

Bishop POTTER, of Pennsylvania, has accepted the invitation of the standing committee to perform Episcopal offices in the New York diocese.

THE ATTEMPT OF THE WASHINGTON UNION TO UNDERWRITE THE EXPENSES OF THE WAR, IS SHOWN UP IN THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE, BY AN EXHIBITION OF FACTS AND FIGURES, CLEARLY PROVING THAT THE COST OF THE WAR FROM THE 13th OF MAY, 1846, TO THE 30th OF SEPTEMBER, 1847, A PERIOD OF SIXTEEN AND A HALF MONTHS, WAS \$45,186,090 23—BEING AT THE RATE OF THIRTY-THREE MILLIONS PER ANNUM!

THE NEW YORK SENATE HAS INVITED GEN. TAYLOR TO VISIT THAT STATE.

There are no less than forty-five newspapers published in the city of Boston.

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MEXICAN NEWS!

Proposition for Annexation! 31,000 MEXICANS IN THE FIELD! ASSEMBLY OF THE MEXICAN CONGRESS ON DECEMBER 15th.

DEATH OF JOHN M. GALLAGHER.—We regret to learn from the Columbus Journal of the death of John M. Gallagher, Esq., Editor of the Springfield Republican, and late Speaker of the House of Representatives of Ohio.

DEATH OF MISS JOSEPHINE CLIFTON.—We learn from the New Orleans Times of the 24th ult. that Mrs. Place, formerly Miss Josephine Clifton, wife of the late of the American Theatre, died suddenly from a hemorrhage of the lungs, at her residence in this city, on the 23d ult.

MADAM RESTELL paid each of her counsel, James T. Brady and David Graham, Esqs., one hundred dollars per day since they took her case in hand. She paid the person who went for her, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Violent Hurricane.—The hurricane, which committed such ravages in Tobago and Trinidad, also proved very destructive at Laguna. A number of Hives were lost. The island of Margarita, suffered very severely. The aggregate loss is estimated as high as \$1,000,000. Caracacas also suffered terribly by the rain.

Bevare of Counterfeits and Imitations. The unparalleled and astonishing efficacy of Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, in all the diseases for which it is recommended, curing in many cases the most obstinate and violent coughs, has attracted a large and increasing demand for it.

TO CONTRACTORS. THE letting of the twenty miles of the James River and Chesapeake Canal, between the mouth of North River and the Town of Buchanan, heretofore advertised to take place on the 9th of December next, is postponed until the 15th of December next.

GEN. TAYLOR'S RETURN. The New Orleans Bulletin of the 22d ult., says that Gen. Taylor, accompanied by Gen. Wool, left Monterey on the 8th of November, inspecting the posts en route, and had reached Mer on the 13th, and was highly expected at the Brazos when the Edith left, on the 16th ultimo.

THE MARKETS. Office of the Baltimore American. CATTLE.—Prime ranged from \$2.32 per 100 lbs. on the hoof, equal to \$2.52 net, and making an average of \$2.62 gross.

Virginia, to wit! IN the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for Jefferson County, October 19th, 1847.

IN CHANCERY. Extract from Decree. AND it is further decreed and ordered that the administrators of Conrad Billmeyer do settle their accounts before the Master Commissioner Edward E. Cooke, who is directed to examine, state and settle the said account, as well as the accounts before Conrad Billmeyer, deceased, and to report thereon to the court, with any matter special, which may be required by the parties to be settled, and the parties in solemn form under interrogatories, touching the subject matter of said accounts, and the parties are required to appear before the said Commissioner, on the 15th day of November next, to answer to the said report, and to produce the books, papers and accounts in their possession, necessary to enable him to state said accounts, and to effect a full and complete settlement of the same, and to publish for one month in some convenient newspaper, to wit: the Northern Virginia Advertiser, a copy of the report of the said Commissioner.

DEED. On Thursday, the 18th November, in his place, CHARLES CHRISTIAN, son of Rev. Dr. Jones, aged 17 years, and 18 months.

ENGLAND ASSURED.—The New York Herald states that the British government is so disposed to act successively in Mexico, that at this moment, it has not only instructions to its consuls in this country to procure the laws and regulations which govern the railways and mail of the United States.

Salad Oil, MILLER & BROS. Java Coffee, MILLER & BROS. Butter, MILLER & BROS. 200 POUNDS good Lump Butter, for sale by MILLER & BROS.

MAGNIFICENT LOTTERIES, To be Drawn in December, 1847. J.W. MAURY & CO., Managers. (Successors to J. G. Gregory, & Co.)

30,146 DOLLARS. Alexandria Lottery, CLASS No. 80, FOR 1847. To be drawn in Alexandria, on Saturday, 11th of December, 1847.

\$50,000! \$30,000 \$10,000. 10 Prizes of \$1,000 amounting to \$10,000. 13 Draw Numbers, in each Package of 22 Tickets.

Alexandria Lottery, To be drawn in Alexandria, on Saturday, 25th of December, 1847. CLASS No. 84, FOR 1847.

TO CONTRACTORS. THE Rev. Dr. Jones, President permitting, will receive the most prompt attention, and an official account of each drawing sent immediately after each, to all who order from us.

Brilliant Schemes for December. Managers Office, Alexandria, Va. D. FAYNE & CO., Managers.

SUSQUEHANNA CANAL LOTTERY, CLASS No. 51. To be drawn in Alexandria, on Saturday, 11th of December, 1847.

GRAND CONSOLIDATED LOTTERY, CLASS No. 51. To be drawn in Alexandria, on Saturday, 11th of December, 1847.

30,000 DOLLARS. SUSQUEHANNA CANAL LOTTERY, CLASS No. 5. To be drawn in Alexandria, on Saturday, 11th of December, 1847.

Marble Establishment. THE subscribers beg leave, most respectfully, to announce to the citizens of Jefferson and the surrounding counties, that they have opened a

Marble Yard. In Charleston, a few feet West of the Post Office, on the opposite side, where they will be prepared at all times, to furnish Monuments, Tombs, Head and Foot Stones, and all other articles in their line.

Berryville Turnpike. THE Stockholders of the Berryville and Charleston Turnpike Company are notified that an installment of Five Dollars on each share is now called for, and that payment of the same may be made on or before the 20th day of December next.

Wanted. FOR the ensuing year, a woman without encumbrance, who is a good seamstress, cook, washer and ironer, for a liberal compensation with her board, application to this office—Also, a Boy about 16. Nov. 24, 1847-3t.

Stoves for Sale. VERY complete Coal Stove 1 large six-foot stove, burning wood, 3 iron fire-boards, elbows, &c. No. 10. THOS. M. FLINT.

Land for Sale. I HAVE several fine TRACTS of LAND in this county and in Berkeley, for sale at low prices and on most accommodating terms.

REINHOLD'S TRASSES. BEAR in mind, that you can get all sizes of Trusses, of the above at the Drug Store of THOS. M. FLINT.

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BELL HANGING. NOW'S YOUR TIME. I HAVE unengaged respectfully inform the citizens of Charlottesville and vicinity, that he will be at Mr. Spangher's Hotel for 3 or 4 days, ready to receive and execute orders for Bell Hanging. As his stay in Charlottesville will be short, it is important that all who were desirous of this service should be present in the afternoon.

Valuable Town Property. (In the town of Shepherdstown.) FOR SALE. A TRUG HOUSE & LOTS on the Main Street in the town of Shepherdstown, more in the occupancy of James Shepley.

A Comfortable Dwelling. With all Out-buildings, and a number of the choicest Fruit Trees, and on the other side a large CABINET SHOP, which can be used for that purpose or converted into a gas store or school room. The terms of sale, will be made known by application to either of the undersigned. Possession taken on the 1st day of April, 1848.

A Merchant Mill. Saw Mill, Stone House, Dwelling-house, and other buildings. This is a valuable property, affording peculiar advantages from its location on a peninsula of energy and industry, and a Mercantile establishment judiciously managed, will very advantageously be connected therewith.

Ready-made Clothing. Such as superior Black Cloth Dress and Frock Coats, Cassimere and Cassinet do. Overcoats, Fine Cloth Hats, in good style, with fine Vests, from 75 cents up to \$5. Pantaloons of every price and quality, Shirts of all kinds, Undershirts and drawers, in good style, with fine Silk Hosiery, Suspenders, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Umbrellas, Cases, Bread Bins, &c., which we are determined to sell at the very lowest prices.

Berkeley Land for Sale. OFFER at private sale, my Tract of Land in Berkeley County, lying on Back Creek, two miles above the Fugate road. It contains Four Hundred Acres.

Fancy and Variety Store. STRAIN'S Improved Sand Balls and Tables, for cleaning, whitening and beautifying the hands—Ladies' Rinsing, Gazing, and Polishing, and Toilet Soap, Perfumery, and all the latest and most fashionable articles, are on hand, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

Public Sale. THE undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of the late Charles H. Jones, will sell at public sale, at the late residence of the deceased, on Thursday the 10th day of December next, the following property, to wit: A Horse and Cattle, A Two-horse Carriage and Harness, One horse Sleigh, nearly new, One Cart, Wheel and Corn by the bushel, Consisting of Books, Bibles and Testaments, together with much other property, not necessary to enumerate.

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ADVERTISING.
The terms of advertising are, for a square
or less, for three insertions—larger ones in the
same proportion. Each continuation \$5 cents
per square. All advertisements not ordered
for a specific time, will be continued until
discontinued or otherwise ordered.

Mr. V. B. PALMER, American Newspaper and
Advertising Agent in the cities of Baltimore, Phila-
delphia, New York and Boston, has been ap-
pointed agent for receiving and forwarding sub-
scriptions and advertisements for this paper, at
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Baltimore, Southeast corner of Baltimore and
Calvert Streets.
PHILADELPHIA, No. 5 Pine Street.
NEW YORK, No. 20 Ann Street.
BOSTON, No. 14 State Street.

PHILOSOPHY.
Philosophical happiness is to want little
and to enjoy much; vulgar happiness is to
want much and enjoy little.

Why is a sharp-nosed woman like the
great walls of China? Because if crossed,
you are apt to find a Tartar.

"Wife, wife," said a countryman, "I don't
see how they send letters on them ere
wires without tearing 'em all to bits!"
"La me, they don't send the paper, they
just send the writer in a dull state."

"Don't rob yourself!" as the farmer said
to the lawyer when he called him had
names.

It is said there is a place out West,
where the children are so fat and greedy
that they have to be rolled in sand to keep
them from slipping out of bed.

PROBATION.—A woman in Mercer county,
Ky., recently gave birth to four boys and
two girls at one time.

The bills on the Pennsylvania Canal
this year will exceed one and a half millions.

Important to Families.
We have made arrangements to be constantly
supplied with the following articles, all of
which we have on hand:
Superior Welch, Putnam and other Extra Brands
Flour;
Superior Ohio Meal and Lard;
A large supply very superior Blackfoot Flour;
400 Roll and Printers' Butter;
1000 lbs. prime Bacon;
Ground Alum and Fine Salt;
Dried Fruit;
Marshall's Herring and Sled, with every exten-
sive assortment of very superior Family Groce-
ries, all of which will be sold at very reduced prices.
S. H. ALLEMAN, Agent.
Nov. 17, 1847.

Ladies' Gaiters.
We have on hand several dozen pair La-
dies' Gaiters, suitable for winter, (a good
article, which we will sell cheap.
Call and look at them. J. M. DEWELL, Agt.
Nov. 10, 1847.

Preserves and Pickles.
FOR sale, a general assortment of Preserves
and Pickles, handsomely put up in glass
jars for sale by
Nov. 10.

Virginia, to wit:
IN the Circuit Superior Court of Law and
Equity, for the County of Jefferson, October
22nd, 1847.

James Cook, George Perry, Administrator of Je-
seph Smith, deceased, and Mrs. Hannah, Es-
tate of Jacob Hoffman, deceased.

AGAINST PLAINTIFFS.
John T. Cook, Executor of Joseph Cook, de-
ceased, vs. James Cook, George Perry, Ad-
ministrator of Joseph Smith, deceased, and
Mrs. Hannah, Administratrix of the Estate of
Jacob Hoffman, deceased.

IN CHANCERY.
THE case coming on to be heard this 27th
day of October, 1847, was argued by coun-
sel—upon consideration whereof it is decreed
and ordered, that Robert Worthington, a Com-
missioner of this Court do ascertain and re-
port what real estate the Testator, Jacob Cook, died
seized of—Whether the Executor has sold any
and what part remains unsold, and the value
and amount of value thereof—Also, the outstanding
debts due by the Testator, Jacob Cook, de-
ceased, and his estate, and report the same to
the Court, with any matter specially re-
quested, deemed pertinent by himself or re-
quired by either of the parties. A Copy—Teste,
ROBERT T. BROWN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S Office,
Charleston, Nov. 20th, 1847.

The parties interested in the foregoing case
are hereby notified that I have appointed Friday
the 24th day of next month, December, to com-
mence taking the accounts herein directed, on
which day by 10 o'clock, A. M. they are re-
quested to attend at my office, with all the neces-
sary papers and evidence to enable me to execute
the foregoing order of the Court.
Nov. 21, 1847.

SICKLY SEASON.
There is not a man, woman or child, but should
take notice at this season of the year, but
more especially at this present time; for there
probably were never so many cases existing as
there are now, so likely to produce a case of sick-
ness. The remedy is in the hands of the
physician, by acting as they do upon the constitu-
tion, and the quality of the blood itself, give occasion
for the most fatal and malignant diseases. As this
disease becomes (and often without any warning,
in a most acute condition from these re-
peated changes, and if the stomach and bowels
have been neglected previously, the first symp-
toms require immediate attention. Even those
who have a healthy disposition of the bowels,
are subject to sickness under these circumstances—
Therefore to prevent any danger, we ought care-
fully to guard against a constipated state of our
bowels. Once or twice they should be evacuated in
twenty-four hours. There are many causes
which produce unhealthy blood, sometimes it
may arise from grief, at others when the system
is in a state of fullness it can take place from
sudden joy; close application to a literary un-
derstanding can produce it—in all cases where
many persons have been seen and spoken to, who
suffering from nervous excitement, is a fertile
source of unhealthy blood, causing that slow
nervous fever which has carried off some of our
best men, many to their graves, and others to
the hospitals, and the knowledge of Brandreth's Pills
will have prevented. Those who desire to secure their health,
under any adverse circumstances, can do so
by having Brandreth's Pills on hand, and at
once resorting to them when the first feel-
ings of disorder take place in their bodies. As this
advice is so well known, it will be needless to
say that it will be the health of the body.
Beware of COUNTERFEITS!!!
The above medicine is sold by the following
merchants in Jefferson County:

Gibson & Harris, Charleston.
A. M. Criddle, (Druggist), Harpers-Ferry.
H. S. Forney, (Druggist), Harpers-Ferry.
John W. Grandin, Middleburg.
Nov. 21, 1847—1m.

TO CONTRACTORS.
SEALED Proposals will be received at the
office of the Board of Public Works, on
December 1st, for the construction of the
Company's improvement on James River, from
the mouth of the river to the dam, a distance
of twenty miles. The surveys being
not completed, the work can be no farther
advanced than the location of the dam, and
the location of the dam and of the Canal between
the points of the dam, with the locks sufficient
to open a full of about 180 feet, a towing
path for the whole distance, and such Guard
Locks, Aqueducts, Culverts, Dam Bridges, &c.,
as shall be found necessary. The general terms
of the Contract will be that the work will be
completed in the shortest time possible, and
within the limit of the sum of \$1,000,000,
which will be let to the lowest responsible bidder,
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SEALED Proposals will be received, at the
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