





GENERAL HARRISON.

To the editors of the Commercial Adv. I took up the New York Times the other day—we read any thing, you know, at a country town on a rainy day—and there was a long letter from one Governor Duncan, all about General Harrison and Major Croghan.

Extracts of a letter from Major Croghan, dated Lower Sandusky, Aug. 27, 1836. "I have, with much regret, seen in some of the public prints such misrepresentations respecting my refusal to evacuate this fort as are calculated not only to injure me in the estimation of military men, but also to excite unfavorable impressions as to the propriety of Gen. Harrison's conduct relative to this affair.

His character as a military man is too well established to need my approbation or support. The measures recently adopted by him, so far from deserving censure, are the clearest proof of his keen penetration and able generalship.

Lower Seneca Town, Aug. 26, 1836. "The undersigned, being the general field and staff officers with that portion of the northwestern army under the immediate command of General Harrison, have observed with regret and surprise, that charges as improper in the form as in the substance, have been made against the conduct of Gen. Harrison during the recent investment of Lower Sandusky.

On a review of the course then adopted, we are decidedly of the opinion that it was such as was dictated by military wisdom, and by a due regard to our own circumstances, and to the situation of the enemy.

CAPTAIN BACK'S EXPEDITION.

It is stated in the English papers by the late arrival, that Captain Back, who commanded the Expedition to the Arctic Ocean, in search of Captain Ross, and whose account of that Expedition is before the public, is about to undertake another to the frozen regions with a view to complete the observations made before.

The ship selected for the purpose, the Terror Bomb vessel, is supposed to be well suited to the occasion, being built of the best materials, and in the strongest manner. His returned last fall from a tedious journey from Lima to Para, down the Amazon, and who accompanied Capt. Beechey, in the Blossom, several years since, in Behring's Straits.

Dr. Beecher and Temperance.—The following notice was circulated among the seamen on Sunday:

A GRAND TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Brother Sailors! A real wind and anchor Temperance Meeting will be held at the Mariner's Church, on Fort Hill, Purchase st., this evening, at a quarter before eight o'clock.

The information having been freely given at the Seamen's Chapel, and at their boarding houses, the genuine sons of Neptune mustered at an early hour, and anchored in the church to the number of four or five hundred, when the old Commodore, with his weather-beaten countenance, made his appearance, and fired some of his long shots against the enemy, to the no small delight and edification of the audience.

The disinterested conduct of Judge William Leigh, of Virginia, in voluntarily relinquishing his large interest in the will of Mr. Randolph, in order to qualify himself as a witness in the case, has again been brought before the public, and is deservedly praised as an exhibition of virtue not often found in these degenerate days.

THE BLACKS.—Go where we will among our house-keeping friends, we hear complaints of the want of good servants, and not unfrequently of the impossibility of getting help at all.

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Something Novel.—The people of Baltimore intend to celebrate the funeral obsequies of Mr. Madison by a nocturnal procession—youths, dressed in white, to bear torches in front, rear and at the sides of the coffin, the drums to be muffled, and every other arrangement to be in unison with the occasion.

Dr. Shackelford has returned to Courtland. Of the forty-five men he took with him to Texas, two only came back.

MICHIGAN has been the first State to legislate in reference to the act of Congress concerning the Deposites of Public Money. Her Legislature, now in session, has passed an act, which the Governor has approved, authorizing the acceptance and reception of her share of the Deposites to be made under that act.

A gentleman arrived at New Orleans direct from Galveston Island, informs the editor of the Louisiana Advertiser that the Texan army, under Gen. Rusk, were encamped at Cox's Point, 2500 strong, and the Mexicans, to the number of 10,000, were making rapid strides towards them, being within a day's march when he left.

Extract from the proceedings of the County Court of Augusta, on the subject of the Public Roads.

At a County Court of Augusta, held at the Court-house, on Monday the 23d day of May, 1836, the committee appointed by the Court at the March term last, to take into consideration an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and repair of the public roads of this Commonwealth," and to report as in said order directed, this day made their report, as follows:

To the Worshipful the County Court of Augusta:

The undersigned, a committee appointed by an order of your Worshipful Court, made at the March Term, 1836, to take into consideration an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and repair of the public roads of this Commonwealth," and to report as in said order directed, this day made their report, as follows:

The 1st and 2d sections, which your committee think should be adopted by the Court, authorize the appointment, and prescribe the duties of, not less than two, nor more than five discreet and intelligent persons, residents and freeholders within their respective counties, to be called commissioners of roads.

In relation to the other sections, above referred to, your committee, whilst they are ready to admit that the present system of providing for the repair of the public roads is extremely defective and inefficient, are not prepared to say that the plan proposed by the new law is at all better.

All which is respectfully submitted.

And the Justices of this Court being summoned to appear here on this day, for the purpose of acting on said report: On consideration whereof, it is ordered to be entered of record—that the 1st and 2d sections of said act of Assembly are adopted by the Court—and that the following named persons are appointed commissioners, in pursuance of the 2d section, viz: Samuel Clarke, Washington Swoope, James M. Lilly, Franklin McCone, and William A. Bell.

TESTE, JEFFERSON KINNEY, Clk.

The President, ad interim, of Mexico, has issued a decree, under the authority of Congress, exacting a forced loan of two millions of dollars, the maximum amount exacted from each individual not to exceed one thousand dollars!

James McDowell, Jr. Esq. has been selected to deliver a Funeral Eulogy in honor of Mr. Madison, by the citizens of Rockbridge. The ceremonies will take place in Lexington on the 20th inst.

Virginia is about to lose one of her most eminent citizens, and the bar one of its brightest ornaments, in John R. Cook, Esq. of Winchester, who has announced his intention of removing to Baltimore.

The Texian government has declared that the bounties of lands granted to volunteers shall be as follows: "To all who are now in service and shall continue in service faithfully during the war 1280 acres.

the first day of July, a quantity proportioned to their service and to be hereafter determined.

LOUISIANA.—The New Orleans Bee of the 20th instant, gives us the result of the recent general elections in Louisiana.

A decided majority of Van Buren men have been elected to the state legislature. On joint ballot, out of 64 members of both branches, the Van Buren party will have a majority of 26.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.

The day our Hero leaves his seat, Be honor paid to his retreat; For all the world with truth can say, That he has been our country's stay!

The following impromptu was inscribed on the Traveller's Register, at Niagara Falls, a few days ago, by the editor of the Philadelphia Gazette:

NIAGARA. Here speaks the voice of God! Let man be dumb, Nor with his vain aspirations hither come, That voice impels these hollow sounding floods.

A meeting of the Democratic Corresponding Committee for the county of Augusta, in favor of the election of MARTIN VAN BUREN to the Presidency, is requested on the first day of the August Court, to meet at the Tavern of M. Garber, Esq. precisely at 12 o'clock, at the toll of his bell.

The following are the names of the gentlemen composing the committee: P. A. Heiskell, W. G. Dudley, Michael Garber, John Taylor, Wm. A. Abney, Col. Wm. C. Davis, Col. A. R. Givens, Maj. John Flinn, Lewis Harmon, Dr. A. Wayland, Dr. J. K. Moore, Robert Dunlap, Dr. Alexis Martin, L. H. Stevenson, Dr. E. Talliferro, David Ledrick, Dr. T. Reynolds, Dr. Wm. M. Tate, Joseph Points, Jacob Newman, William Newman.

MARRIED, on the 4th inst. by the Rev. I. Jones, Mr. Charles C. McClung, of Rockbridge, to Miss Nancy Paris, of this county.

On Thursday evening, the 4th inst. at Mount Pleasant, Rockbridge county, by the Rev. Jacob Lanus, the Rev. John W. Osborne, of the Baltimore Conference, to Miss Rachel G. daughter of John Hamilton, Esq.

DIED, in Baltimore, on the 27th ult. Mr. Alexander McDonald, of the late firm of McDonald & Ridgeley. In Hanover county, Virginia, Mrs. Thomas Meade, wife of Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade.

Camp Meeting.

THERE will be a Camp Meeting of the Methodist E. Church, for Augusta Circuit, held on the lands of Messrs. George and John Patterson, on Middle River, at the old Camp ground, commencing on the 26th instant, to which all regular, sober, orderly, well-disposed persons are invited.

Threshing Machine.

The subscriber has made the last and most important improvement on the Spike Thresh Box, and that is a safeguard against all hard substances, such as stones, &c. which may come in contact with the spikes of the cylinder or those of the concave.

It is well known to the public that the Spike Machine is the best in use at the present time; and by running them with great velocity they will get out Cloverseed very safe and speedily.

PHILIP O. POLMER, Augusta co. Aug. 11, 1836.—3t

NOTICE To Farmers & others.

We wish to purchase, during this season, 30,000 Bush. of Wheat, for cash. We are also prepared and ready at all times, to pay the highest market price in CASH for FLOUR or other produce generally.

STAPLES, TYLER & CO. Wheat we should be glad to receive early in the season. Scottsville, Aug. 11, 1836.—6t

Virginia House.

The new and spacious HOTEL erected by the subscriber at the Corner of Loudoun and Water streets, in the centre of WINCHESTER, has been recently opened for the reception of VISITERS & TRAVELLERS.

FREDERICK AULICK, Winchester, Aug. 1836.

Stage Accommodation.

The subscriber is authorized by Messrs. Stockton and Stokes to inform the travelling public that their Stages will stop regularly at his house to leave and receive passengers.

VALUABLE Town Property FOR SALE.

Three HOUSES & LOTS, situated in that part of the town laid off by Alex. St. Clair, Esq. These lots are in the most pleasant and desirable part of the town.

SOFAS! SOFAS! SOFAS! WILL be sold in Greenville on the 19th of August, 1836.

SALE OF Valuable Furniture, GIG and HARNESS, &c. On the first and succeeding days of August, by virtue of a deed of trust executed by David Gilkison to me, of record in the Office of the Corporation of Staunton...

NEW FURNITURE from the shop of said Gilkison, executed in the newest style, and of the best materials—such as Mahogany, Cherry and Walnut Bureaus, Sideboards, Dining Tables, Secretaries and Book Cases, French Post and High Post Bedsteads, Mahogany Pier Tables, Safes, Wash Stands, &c. Also, a Gig and Harness.

FOR SALE, A NEAT New Barouche, which may be used with either one or two horses. Enquire at this Office. August 11, 1836.

Wanted Immediately, A YOUNG MAN by the year, who is well qualified to take charge of hands, to be engaged in repairing the Turnpike Road from the Warm Springs to Calhoun's. He will be required to labor with the hands.—None need apply who does not bring with him unexceptionable testimonials as to his fitness, sobriety, and industrious habits. Apply to NICH'S C. KINNEY, Staunton, Aug. 11, 1836.—2t

\$25 REWARD. RUNAWAY. Answered from the subscriber, living in Staunton, Virginia, on Monday morning last, a negro man named PERZA, about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, very black, well made, and with a bushy head, heavy eye-brows, thick lips, quick when spoken to, but easily confused. He has an old scar on one of his cheeks, not recollected which. He was raised in Louisa county, and was purchased by me in Richmond.—Peter is a Tailor by trade, and consequently his hands are soft, and the marks of the needle may be noticed on the left fore finger.

He took with him a black stock coat and a blue close bodied one, striped casinet and satten dove coloured pantaloons, a green cloth and Nankin vests, a black hat about half worn, and other clothing not recollected. It is very probable he may change his clothing.

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MICHAEL QUINLAND, August 11, 1836.

Valley Rail Road. Notice is hereby given, that on the 22d of August next, (being Court day,) books will be opened at the Court-house in Staunton for receiving subscriptions to the Capital Stock of "The Staunton and Potomac Rail-Road Company" as authorized by acts of the General Assembly of Virginia.

VALUABLE Town Property FOR SALE. The subscriber would sell on very reasonable terms, his Three HOUSES & LOTS, situated in that part of the town laid off by Alex. St. Clair, Esq. These lots are in the most pleasant and desirable part of the town.

CASH For likely young NEGROES. Apply at Mr. Harmon's, in Staunton. HENRY D. BEDFORD, April 28, 1836.

