

THOUGHTS
ON THE
Increasing Wealth & National Economy
Of the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION.
FROM the time of the establishment of our European Ancestors on the western side of the Atlantic Ocean, to the recent contest of the United States for Independence, all faithful representations of the rapid growth of the country, were in Europe deemed fabulous,—and still there must remain a vast variety of opinions both in Europe and America on the rate of our annual increase. To point out an eligible mode by which to answer the various subordinate questions comprised under the several heads of the Statistical Table annexed, and to consider the natural result of the whole, is the sole object both of the table and of the explanatory remarks.

The first Essays will be offered to the public in their true state in the order in which they may arise, but if they should ever be considered of sufficient importance to call for a revision, method may be more attended to in classing the several remarks each under its proper head.

No. I. ON POPULATION.
The very ingenious and indefatigable Dr. Morfe, in his elaborate geographical work, makes the following remarks, which are warranted in fact both by the opinions and the experience of cotemporary writers of celebrity.
Admitting the population of the United States at present (1796) to be five millions, and that this number will be doubled in twenty years, and continue to increase in that ratio for a century to come, at that period, viz. 1796, there will be in United America one hundred and sixty millions, nearly twenty millions more than there are at present in all Europe.

Sir William Petty, in his Essays on Political Arithmetic, has given an average valuation for each inhabitant of Britain in his time; they are rated by him at 90 pounds sterling per head, or 400 dollars; if this rule be applied to the present inhabitants of these States, they are now worth more than two thousand millions of dollars; in addition to this statement, the following will be more generally understood, and as far as it agrees with, must, strengthen the position formed from Mr. Petty's rule for a personal valuation.
The taxable property of the United States, per valuation under the recent law of Congress amounts to more than 750 millions, which will authorize a valuation of personal property in stock, money, shipping, &c. at as much more
And about 500 millions of lands to average one dollar per acre
Total 2000 mil. dol.

An annual compound increase of 3 per cent will double the given number in about 24 years, by this rule the population has been averaged in the annexed table from the time of census in 1790, although the exports of merchandise and the tonnage have more than doubled in half that time; yet for a succession of years it may be safer to confide in the rule adopted for the rate of increase in population, more especially when it is found that under such prudential calculations the net amount of the increase of wealth for the last year only is at least three per cent. on two thousand millions or the sum of SIXTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. When it is considered that the whole of this actual increase amounts in fact to a positive tho' in part a passive fund, and is therefore called a natural sinking fund to distinguish it from the visible operations of the ordinary revenues of the state. Hence it may not be difficult to conceive that the United States are within a short space to rank with the most powerful States on Earth both in Po-

pulation and in general wealth. And further to consider the effects of population only it may be said with truth that by constant increase it has since the year 1796 reduced a public debt of 20 dollars for each individual to fifteen dollars, and if the conjectural increase for 1896 should be verified the whole amount of eighty millions may then be redeemed by a capitation of fifty cents only, the ultimate population destined for the United States may be better imagined by a comparative view of the old world, where it will be found that France, England, Italy and the Netherlands will average about 160 inhabitants to each square mile, and China with no favorable difference either in soil or climate, has above three hundred, which rate of population would give to the United States above three hundred millions; but experience has shown that a population less than half that of China would be more conducive to health and to every rational enjoyment.

OBSERVATOR.

A STATISTICAL TABLE

For the United States of America, for a succession of years, compiled chiefly from Official Documents.
Length of the United States, 1,250 miles—Breadth, 1,040 miles—containing more than one million square miles, or 640 millions of acres.

Years	Population	Improved Lands, part of 640 millions acres.	Militia.	Navy U. State.	Seamen	EXPORTS.		Tonnage merchant vessels.	Receipts, Revenue, &c.	Expendit.	Metallic Medium.	Public Debt Nominal.	SINKING FUNDS.	
						Domestic Produce.	Total.						ACTIVE Sinking Fund.	DORMANT AND ACTIVE.
						Dollars.	Dollars.			Dollars.				
1774	2,486,000	20,860,000	421,300	-	15,000	6,100,000	6,100,000	198,000	-	-	4,000,000	200,000,000	The sinking fund	Specie, by law U. S. of August 1790, Dolls. 2,000,000
1784	3,250,000	21,500,000	541,666	-	18,000	9,000,000	10,150,000	250,000	-	-	10,000,000	Paper Money.	if deducted from	Ditto, Surplus of Duties, per ditto,
1790	3,930,000	30,000,000	654,000	-	25,000	14,200,900	16,000,000	486,890	-	-	8,000,000	Part of the war	debt was funded	nominal debt for
1791	4,047,900	31,000,000	677,650	-	28,000	14,600,000	18,399,202	502,698	4,771,344	3,797,436	12,000,000	before 1790,	& the year will leave	Ditto ditto, May 1792,
1792	4,169,337	32,000,000	694,889	-	30,000	15,000,500	21,005,568	567,698	8,772,458	8,962,920	17,000,000	the residue be-	the net amount of	Ditto by Sale of Lake Erie lands, Dolls. 406,941
1793	4,294,417	33,500,000	715,736	-	33,000	15,420,000	26,011,788	627,570	6,450,195	6,479,977	20,000,000	fore 1795.	the public debt	235,000,000 Acres Western Territory, limited by law at not less than two dollars per acre, Dolls 470,000,000
1794	4,423,249	34,000,000	737,208	-	39,000	16,200,100	33,043,725	628,617	9,439,855	9,041,593	21,500,000			
1795	4,555,946	34,550,000	759,324	-	45,000	18,064,050	47,855,556	747,964	9,515,758	1,015,124	19,000,000	84,989,438	3,258,669	
1796	4,692,624	35,100,000	782,104	V. G.	51,500	20,024,021	67,064,007	831,900	8,740,320	8,367,776	19,500,000	83,404,139	3,901,403	
1797	4,833,402	35,600,000	805,567	3	124	60,200	24,052,671	51,294,710	876,912	8,758,780	8,625,877	14,000,000	81,324,139	4,549,592
1798	4,978,404	36,100,000	829,734	13	360	62,300	27,991,413	61,327,412	898,329	10,161,097	9,021,313	13,000,000	79,105,100	6,600,000
1799	5,127,756	36,300,000	854,626	42	950	63,500	33,142,187	78,665,522	920,000	12,777,487	10,354,703	16,000,000	84,185,400	8,002,104

Note.—The several sums under the head of metallic medium, are necessarily conjectural, but are nevertheless of immediate importance to the completion of the table, and therefore intended to be re-considered in the next annual statement, at which period the whole table will again be compared with the public documents, and errors corrected.

NEW THEATRE.
(NEVER ACTED IN AMERICA.)
For the Benefit of Mr. Bernard.
On Wednesday Evening, April 16,
Will be presented, a celebrated new Comedy, called
SIGHS;
OR, THE DAUGHTER.
(Written by Augustus Von Kotzebue)
Tillman Totum, (with a song) Mr. Bernard.
Von Snarl, Mr. Warren.
Hans William, Mr. Cooper.
Adelbert, Mr. Wood.
Leopold, Mr. Wignell.
Nicholas, Mr. Bliffett.
Josephine, Mrs. Merry.
Louisa, Mrs. Snowden.
Mrs. Rufe, Mrs. Francis.
Ellen, (with a song) Miss Broadhurst.
End of the Play an Interlude, called
THE SAILORS GARLAND;
Or, Family Picture.
George Standard, Mr. Bernard,
O'Daub, Mr. Warren,
Old Pincher, Mr. Warrell,
Miss Pincher, Mrs. Oldmixon,
Maria, Miss Arnold.
To which will be added, a new Farce,
(for the second time here) called
FORTUNE'S FROLICK;
Or, The true use of Riches.
Robin Ronghead, Mr. Bernard,
Snacks, Mr. Francis,
Dolly, Mrs. Oldmixon,
Margery, Mrs. Francis.
Box, one Dollar, Pit, three quarters of a dollar, and Gallery half a dollar.
Tickets to be had at the Office of the Theatre, and at Mr Rice's book store, Chalk's library, Hardy's Tavern, and of Mr Bernard, in Carpenter's street.
Mrs. Oldmixon's Night will be on Friday.
Mr. Warren's Night will be on Saturday next.
VIVAT RESPUBLICA.
NOTICE.
As my wife Polly Williams, a Servant of a Doctor John Hall, has left my bed and board, This is to warn all persons that I will pay no debts contracted by her in my name from this date.
HENRY WILLIAMS.
April 13. 1831.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,
a number of
Journeymen Tailors.
SUCH as are industrious and well disposed, will meet with liberal encouragement, by applying to either of the subscribers, at their respective places of abode.
James M'Alpin,
Charles C. & J. Watson,
John Stiley,
James Cummings,
Selby Hickman,
Thomas Harrison,
Caleb Hughes,
William M'Ilhenney,
Kenneth Jewell,
Benjamin Sharp,
Jacob Thomas,
William Ashby,
Enoch Wright,
Joseph Wildes,
Benjamin Shaw,
John Webb.
April 14. dtf
LANCASTER STAGES.
THE Proprietors of the Philadelphia and Lancaster line of Stages DISPATCH, return their grateful thanks to their friends and the public in general, for the past favors they have received, and inform them that in addition to the regular Line, they are provided with Carriages, sober and careful drivers, to go through between the City and Berough in two days. Those who prefer this mode of travelling can be accommodated at the Stage Office, sign of United States Eagle, Market Street, Philadelphia.
Slough, Downing, Dunwoody & Co.
Nov. 30. 21-5
THE HEALTH OFFICE
Is removed to No. 141 South Front Street,
Near the Drawbridge. dtw
April 1.
The copper bottomed brig
JAMES,
Burthen about 148 tons,
WILL BE SOLD,
For account of the Underwriters, at the Merchants Coffee House, on Wednesday the 16th instant, precisely at one o'clock,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
With all her materials, as she now lays at Willings wharf, agreeable to inventory, to be seen at the auction store, and at the office of Shoemaker and Berrett, Insurance Brokers, No. 9, South Front street.
SHANNON & POALK, Auctioneers.
April 10. dtS

CHINA GOODS.
Imported in the ship New Jersey, from Canton, and for sale by Archibald McCall,
No. 187 South Second Street,
White and Yellow Nankeens,
Imperial, Hyfon, Young Hyfon, Hyfon Skin, Bohea and Souchong Teas,
Black Sattins and Lutefrings, Fair Ribbon, Cassia, and Rheubarb in chests,
Sugar in boxes and bags.
ALSO ON HAND,
A small assortment of China ware, and a few Hds Prime Jamaica Sugars.
April 4. dtf
THIS DAY
WILL be landed at Morton's wharf, from on board the brig Hope, Anderson, from Jamaica
SUGARS & PIMENTO,
Apply to
MOORE WHARTON,
No. 111, South Water Street.
April 15. dtf
FOR LIVERPOOL.
THE SHIP
AMIALE,
D. C. TILLINGHAST, Master.
PHILADELPHIA built, of live oak and cedar, will be ready to receive her cargo at West's wharf in a few days, and to sail about the fifteenth of April. For freight or passage apply to the captain on board, or to
JEREMIAH WARDER.
WHO HAS FOR SALE,
The following articles entitled to Drawback.
Cotton Hosiery, fine Holland Shirting Linen, Table Linen, Tickings, Rags for Paper-makers, Russia Sil Cloth, Ravens Duck, Irish Linens in trunks, London White Lead, Dry and ground in oil, Red and Barr Lead, London Tin in boxes, London refined Salt Petre, Newcastle Grindstones, Roman Tea Cannisters, elegant Girandoles, tea four pound Woolwich proof cannon, double fortified with apparatus complete, and a quantity of three and nine pound shot.
march 31. 31aw2w.
CLERK WANTED.
A STEADY, trust-worthy person, competent to keeping a set of Books, will hear of a situation by applying to Mr. Fenno, April 15. 6t.
WANTED,
To go a few miles into the country, a WOMAN, who will undertake to cook, in a plain way, and one who can produce a character.
Enquire of the Printer.
April 15. 113t

CHINA GOODS.
Imported in the ship Jean, Daniel M'Pherson commander, from Canton,
AND FOR SALE,
By **JAMES LATIMER, jr.**
NANKEENS, white and yellow
Black, blue and colored Lutefrings
Black and colored Sattins
Mazarine blue do.
Sattin Stripes
Dove colored Shawls
Black and colored Taffeties
Canton Long Cloth
Imperial, Hyfon, Young } TEAS of the first
Hyfon and Souchong } quality. dtot.
April 8
IMPORTED,
In the ship Jean, Daniel M'Pherson master, from Canton, an Assortment of
CHINA SILKS,
Consisting of
Black and coloured Lutefrings
Black Sattins
Black Senchaws
Black and coloured Sewing Silks
Nankeens, Fans, &c.
Also on hand,
INDIA MUSLINS,
viz.
Guzzenas
Gurrals
Collas
Bastals, &c.—and
India Bandannas.
FOR SALE BY
ROBERT SMITH & Co.
No. 58, South Front Street
April 7. dtw
FOR SALE,
70 bbls. Halifax Herring,
Halifax Shad, in barrels,
150 bbls. Mackerel—Salmon } Fat and
in cierces, bbls. and half bbls. } in good
70 bbls. Bay of Fundy Shad } order.
A few quantel of Cod Fish,
Spermaceti and common Oil,
20 bbls. (Burlington) Pork,
Spanish Indigo,
Also,
Very good Vinegar by the pipe, barrel or gallon—A cask of Vemfon Hams—1 male of Cotton Candle Wick, and 18 kegs of Hogs Lard.
Apply to
PHILIP S. BUNTING,
No. 96, Race, the corner of Third Street.
4th mo. 8th April dtc

NOTICE.
ALL Persons having claims against Richard S. Footman, surviving partner of the house of Footman & Co. also those having claims against the estate of Richard S. Footman, deceased, are desired to exhibit their accounts, well authenticated; and all those indebted to the said firm are requested to make immediate payment to
JOHN MCLELLAN,
Administrator to the estate of R. S. Footman.
Frankford, April 9. 430t
NOTICE.
THE Creditors of the late house of Irwin & Bryson, of Lexington, Kentucky, are hereby informed, that a dividend of such monies of that firm, as have been received by the subscriber, will be made on the twentieth day of April next, among those creditors who shall have before that time furnished their accounts properly attested to
WILSON HUNT,
Acting assignee.
March 15. dtao
Just Arrived,
AND FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS,
THE CARGO
Of the Ship CANTON,
Richard Dale, Commander, from Canton,
CONSISTING OF
Bohea }
Souchong }
Hyfon Skin }
Young Hyfon }
and Hyfon }
White }
Yellow }
Sugar of 1st quality. }
China Ware. }
Cassia. }
Fans. }
An assortment of Silks.
WILLINGS & FRANCIS,
No. 21, Penn Street. d.
April 14.
Just Arrived,
AND FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS,
THE CARGO
OF THE SHIP PHILADELPHIA,
Theodore Bliss, Commander, from Bengal.
CONSISTING OF
An assortment of Piece Goods,
Sugars of the first quality,
And 200 qr. chests of superior quality Hyfon Teas.
Willings & Francis, and
Thomas & John Clifford. d.
March 17.