

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.
An Arbitration Refused by the United States.

We learn from our Washington correspondent, that on Saturday afternoon a message was read in the House from the President in relation to the Oregon question. "It is very voluminous, but of the highest importance. In the first place, is a copy of a letter to Mr. McLane, requesting him to inquire from Lord Aberdeen, the meaning of the warlike preparations now making in England and various parts of the empire. In reply, Lord Aberdeen does not say that the said preparations are making with an especial reference to Oregon, but he gives a general answer to the effect that the policy of Great Britain is, 'in time of peace to prepare for war.' A second letter sent to Mr. McLane, requesting him to give his own opinion relative to these warlike preparations, elicits from him that he thinks there was more merit in the language of Lord Aberdeen than would appear at first view upon the face of it.

Next comes an offer from Mr. Pakenham to Mr. Buchanan, proposing to refer the Oregon dispute to arbitration, either to some national power or to distinguished individuals. This offer Mr. Buchanan promptly declines, on the ground that the offer proposes a division of the territory, without any reference to the title; and that should the United States agree to such a reference, it would be a tacit admission that Great Britain has a title to a portion of the territory; and he denies the power of our Executive to refer to arbitration a territory the whole of which belongs to the United States.—Thus the matter stands. The opinions respecting it are various. Some that war is inevitable if we persist in our claim to the whole of the Territory, while others are of opinion that the door of peace is still open."

The correspondent of the Baltimore Patriot gives the following abstract:

1st. A letter from Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Polk.
2d. A letter from Mr. Buchanan to Mr. McLane, dated Dec. 13, and asking the meaning of English war preparations.
3d. A letter from Mr. McLane to Mr. Buchanan dated January 3, stating that he had an interview with Lord Aberdeen, who assured him that the war preparations of England had no reference to American affairs—believes Lord Aberdeen sincere—still thinks it possible that hostilities may come—in which England would be prepared to deal powerful blows against the United States.

4th. A letter from Mr. Pakenham to Mr. Buchanan, dated Dec. 27, proposing arbitration.

5th. A letter from Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Pakenham, dated Jan. 3, declining arbitration—yet cherishing the hope that the difficulties may amicably be settled by negotiation.

6th. Mr. Pakenham to Mr. Buchanan dated Jan. 3d, stating that he would send the answer of Mr. Polk, transmitted above by Mr. Buchanan, to the British Minister in London.
7th. Another letter from Mr. Pakenham, dated January 16th, in which he argues the question of arbitration, and controverting Mr. Polk's objection to arbitration—declaring that England has rights in Oregon. He asks, whether the United States Government is willing to submit to arbitration their claim to the whole territory of Oregon.

8th. A letter from Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Pakenham, dated February 6, declining the last proposition for arbitration, and stating the reasons why.
The receipt of the measure caused a deep sensation in the House, and the reading of the correspondence was listened to with deep interest.

Dreadful Loss of Life.

The foreign papers are filled with accounts of heart-rending casualties at sea, occasioned by the most terrific gales on the English and French coasts. It is stated that nearly one hundred vessels were lost during the month of December; and, at a moderate calculation, no less than one hundred human beings have perished. Amongst the most distressing shipwrecks, is that of the St. David steamer, with passengers and goods, stranding between Havre, Plymouth and Liverpool. A large part of her cargo, and several bodies, were found on the French coast; and it is supposed every soul on board perished during a violent gale. The Tom Bowling steamer is supposed to have foundered off the Dutch coast on the 17th ult.; when forty persons, it is said, perished. Several vessels, with valuable cargoes, have been lost on the English coast, and many lives have also been lost.

Destructive Freshet.

We regret to learn that during the late rise of the waters in the Youghiogheny, the Mill of Mr. Kuhn on that river, was carried from its foundation and precipitated into the river. There was but little grain lost, from the fact that nearly all had been removed several days previous, fearing a catastrophe of this nature.—Mr. Graham's Mill a short distance below we also learn was moved from its foundation several feet. The ice had gorged above the mills for some time previous to an unprecedented extent, and when the water rose it carried off with irresistible force every thing opposed to it. Considerable damage, we have been informed, has been done to other property along the river.—West. Rep.

A blazing Meteor, as large as a barrel, traversed through some 300 miles of the atmosphere in Georgia, and on the borders of Florida, on Sunday, December 21st, and exploded with a tremendous noise, shaking the earth for a great distance.

More Commotion in Mexico.

YUCATAN DECLARED INDEPENDENT.—A few days ago it was rumored that the province of Yucatan was in a state of revolution in consequence of a repudiation, by the Mexican Government, of the treaties entered into with Yucatan by Santo Anna. Later intelligence shows that province has absolutely declared itself independent of the Mexican authority, in consequence of the bad faith of that government, and is now a separate republic. The intelligence is received from Merida, the capital, January 1st.

Yucatan is no longer a part of the Mexican federation. Yesterday the "Assembled Departmental" pronounced against their existing form of government and have recalled the deputies in the Mexican Congress.

The Mexican eagle has been torn from their banner, and replaced by the stars of 1843. They have gone back to the old state of things, as they existed before the treaty; a resolution having been introduced and carried, in the Mexican chambers, for a revision of said established treaty.

The feeling against Mexico, and the state of things in Mexico has been for a long time, silently running in the under current, waiting but for sufficient cause to put itself forth in bodily shape. Mexico, as usual, has shown bad faith towards this section of the confederacy. Mexico by her treaty with Yucatan, was bound to admit at her ports of entry all productions of said department duty free. Gradual infringement took place against the basis and letter of the treaty—the Customs refusing to comply therewith.—Reclamation was made by the government of the Departments to the general government, which met with no reply.—In this state of things came casual intelligence by the steamship Guadalupe, which put in at Laguna, of a rumor at the capital, that negotiations were on foot to hypothecate the customs of Yucatan, to the English which, probably, was a resort to terrify the Yucatecos into compliance with their desires. This heightened the feeling; then came the resolution for the revision of a solemnly-made treaty, and the fire burst forth. What will be the end of the business God only knows.

Yucatan is one of the finest provinces in Mexico. Its population is nearly 600,000, which is exceeded by only three other departments out of the twenty-two composing the whole country.

A Hit at the Times.

At this particular time, (says the Washington correspondent of the New York Mirror,) when a change in the Cabinet is daily expected; each member thereof is narrowly watched by the news-mongers, and all his movements faithfully chronicled. The following is the last important bulletin:

"HIGHLY IMPORTANT.—This morning Mr. BUCHANAN was closeted with the President for more than five minutes. It is certain that matters of the gravest character were under consideration, for Mr. B. was heard distinctly to sneeze three times in succession, and it is supposed on the highest authority that Mr. Polk took a pinch and a half of snuff. The greatest consternation prevailed at the White House, and the black cook rolled up the whites of his eyes in such a manner that the old Dutch clock went into fits, and struck an hour before the time. The SECRETARY OF WAR was seen by credible witnesses to go into a store and buy a box of percussion caps. These and other symptoms of war have caused stocks and stockings to rise above zero. THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY too, was seen to devour prodigious pieces of cold turkey, and an express extraordinary was dispatched to a drug store for a box of Brandreth's Pills. NOUS YERONS.—There is something in the wind. More anon."

A Mystery.

The New York Tribune of Saturday says—

"We have traced the rumor to which we alluded yesterday, in relation to a vessel having been chartered for a voyage with despatches for Liverpool. We learn that the vessel alluded to is the Pilot Boat Wm. J. Romer, and that she will sail on Monday next. She is considered one of the fastest vessels out of this port, is strongly and ably manned. The voyage will be a trial of speed throughout, and it is reported she will make the shortest trip ever made between the two continents. There is a good deal of excitement among the commercial classes to know the object of this voyage. We shall look with much curiosity for her return. She will probably bring some twenty-four days later intelligence than the steamer of the 4th February. Bets are already pending as to the time in which she will make the trip. We were informed that forty men were engaged upon her yesterday in rigging a new suit of sails, and she was raised on Docks for the purpose of cleansing her bottom."

The Express says—"The belief with us is almost irresistible, that our Government, or the British Minister, more probably the latter, will despatch this vessel. This impression is greatly strengthened by the fact that negotiations on the Oregon question are resumed at Washington, and no steamer will leave this country for twenty-two days."

MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH—Mr. Kendall writes to the Union that the Magnetic Telegraph is compelled to stop (for the present) at Newark; the directors not having succeeded yet in making it cross the Hudson river. He says:

"Such is the affinity of the subtle power we employ to earth and water, that it is difficult to make it pass any distance through either by any guards which science knows how to place around it.—Keep it in the air, and it will follow your wire around the globe; but bring it in contact with earth or water, and it escapes as if seeking its home in the caverns of the earth and the coral depths of the ocean. We must ask science to teach us how to stretch wires in safety aloft in the air and a mile in length, or we must beg commerce to permit us to raise pillars beside her path, on which to erect a tiny bridge for our invisible messengers. We cannot try experiments for projectors; but he who can and will take us across the North river without erecting supports in the river itself, and in such a manner as shall promise durability, will entitle himself to a liberal compensation."

The New York Express says: "We presume the Telegraph will be completed as far as Jersey City. It has been found impossible to make the telegraph pass under the East River."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

IN the Treasury of the County of Somerset, Pa., from the 10th day of January, A. D. 1845 to the 9th day of January A. D. 1846, both days inclusive.

Andrew Stewart, Esq., Treasurer of said County, in account with the Commissioners of said County.

DEBTOR.

To amount received of Collectors, as follows, viz:

For the year 1841,	
From Daniel Eash, collector of Conemaugh township	929 77
For the year 1842,	
From Peter Bradford collector of Milford tp	170 11
From John A Snyder collector of Somerset borough	21 50
From Jonathan Boyer collector of Southampton tp	88 55
From Jacob Craver collector of Addison township	53 27
From John Black collector of Allegheny township	5 14
From Jacob Flickinger collector of Berlin borough	29 50
From Abner Griffith collector of Jenner tp	100 55
For the year 1843,	
From John G Friend collector of Addison tp	163 19
From George Kring collector of Jenner tp	78 25
From Thomas Mason collector of Milford township	127 31
From John Wagner collector of Shade tp	27 82
From Joseph Gindlesperger collector of Stonycreek township	183 87
From William P. Schell collector of Somerset bor	12 94
From Henry J Heiple collector of Somerset tp	91 17
For the year 1844,	
From David Landis collector of Berlin bor	32 23
From Samuel H Brook collector of Addison tp	126 38
From George Mowry collector of Allegheny tp	54 00
From Peter Zimmerman collector of Brothersvalley township	178 38
From Michael Stuft collector of Conemaugh township	111 42
From Joel Miller collector of Elklick township	157 25
From Solomon Hutzell collector of Greenville township	63 58
From John Walter collector of Jenner township	184 26
From John Chorpenning collector of Milford tp	263 29
From Jonas Weaver collector of Paint township	27 78
From Samuel Swank collector of Quemahoning tp	87 13
From Adam Yoder collector of Summit township	69 39
From George Foy collector of Steytown borough	33 00
From Daniel Gaumer collector of Southampton township	127 06
From Christopher Stouffer collector of Stonycreek tp	196 35
From Jacob Berkepile collector of Shade township	41 00
From Thomas Hanna collector of Turkeyfoot township	162 87
From John H Benford collector of Somerset bor	46 64
From Joseph Chorpenning collector of Somerset tp	441 03
For the year 1845,	
From David Weisel collector of Allegheny tp	85 29
From John G Walker collector of Brothersvalley township	487 50
From John I Hook collector of Berlin borough	58 98
From Joseph Yoder collector of Conemaugh township	213 75
From Samuel Lichty collector of Elklick tp	383 00
From Benjamin Lowry collector of Greenville township	106 61
From Abraham Simpson collector of Jenner tp	327 00
From John G Hay collector of Milford township	320 37
From Moses Miller collector	

of Paint township'	33 31
From Simon Shaffer collector of Quemahoning township	143 03
From Daniel Sorber jr. collector of Shade township	69 67
From Joseph Long collector of Stonycreek township	240 80
From Valentine Lepy collector of Southampton tp	38 35
From Samuel Barkley collector of Summit township	372 47
From Rogers Marshall collector of Steytown bor	57 75
From John Neff collector of Somerset borough	105 87
From Samuel Coleman collector of Somerset township	540 87
From Aaron Schrack collector of Turkeyfoot township	62 80
For Depreciated money sold for fines and jury fees from Sheriff Philippi	13 85
	350 00
	\$727 63

CREDITS.

By payments and disbursements by order of the County Commissioners, as follows, viz:	
Pay and mileage of Grand Jurors	\$461 94
Pay and mileage of Traverso Jurors	1452 31
	1914 25
Amount paid for State Prosecutions	362 50
Road Views	\$143 00
Bridge Views	24 00
	167 00
Bridge building	490 50
Fox scalps	\$182 78
Wild cat scalps	12 12
Wolf do	56 25
	231 16
Commissioners services	567 88
Wood and coal for Court House, Jail and Offices	63 44
Coroners Inquests	61 71
	662 99
Amount paid Assessors of the several Districts, viz:	
Addison township	\$53 25
Allegheny do	2 00
Brothersvalley tp	16 12
Berlin borough	11 50
Conemaugh township	17 12
Elklick do	13 62
Greenville do	21 50
Jenner do	26 62
Milford do	20 00
Paint do	16 62
Quemahoning do	19 63
Shade do	20 62
Stonycreek do	24 37
Summit do	12 12
Southampton do	26 12
Somerset do	50 12
do borough	12 00
Stoytown bor	8 12
Turkeyfoot tp	23 12
	374 62
Election Expenses in the several Districts, viz:	
Addison township	\$50 35
Allegheny do	47 77
Brothersvalley tp	71 05
Berlin borough	18 05
Conemaugh tp	33 38
Elklick township	48 65
Greenville tp	36 20
Jenner township	31 04
Milford do	40 17
Paint do	43 17
Quemahoning tp	51 00
Shade do	34 20
Stonycreek do	31 70
Summit do	20 85
Southampton do	62 48
Somerset do	28 92
do borough	25 20
Stoytown do	76 26
Turkeyfoot township	31 80
General Election expenses	15 20
	777 34
To amount paid Constables and Tiptaves attending Court	\$79 00
Constables making quarterly returns to Court	111 52
Court Cryer	70 25
	260 77
Sheriff for summoning jurors	\$182 00
Attorney General	16 00
	198 00
For Public repairs	136 61
Clerks pay to commissioners	248 21
Stationary	\$13 26
For Schooling poor Children	13 71
Recording	25 00
Diagrams	90 00
	141 97
Public Printing	\$243 50
Ironing Prisoners	13 99
Money refunded	114 35
Boarding Clothing and washing for prisoners confined in co. Jail	569 62
	741 46
Merchandise	42 21
For Auditors and Clerks pay	37 00
Prothonotary's fees	4 01
	83 22
For Laying out State Road	160 69
Penitentiary fees	73 88
	234 54
For Clerks of quarter Sessions	210 06
On supervisors orders	93 91
Due on last settlement	59 79
Treasurer's commission on \$727 (at 2 1/2 per cent)	212 50
Balance remaining in the Treasury	291 17
	\$7727 63
We the undersigned Auditors of Somerset county, do certify, that we have examined the foregoing accounts between the Treasurer and Commissioners of said county and find the above statement of them to be correct and true, and that	

there appears to be a balance of \$291 17 remaining in the Treasury. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Somerset the 10th day January A. D. 1846.

JOHN MONG.
C. M. HICKS.
I. KAUFMAN.

Attest, Auditors.
R. R. Marshall.

Amount of outstanding debts due the county by collectors and others subject to exonerations and commissions.

For the year 1842,	
From John A. Snyder collector of Somerset borough	\$30 50
From John Hite collector of Steytown bor.	65 79
From Jacob Flickinger collector of Berlin borough	38 08
For the year 1843.	
From Daniel Mariz collector of Allegheny tp.	92 48
From George Kring collector of Jenner tp.	19 00
From Joseph Johnson collector of Steytown bor.	11 28
From William P. Schell collector of Somerset bor.	20 64
From Henry J Heiple collector of Somerset township	140 15
For the year 1844,	
From Samuel D Brook collector of Addison township	238 20
From George Mowry collector of Allegheny township	18 28
From Michael Stuft collector of Conemaugh tp.	39 22
From John Chorpenning collector of Milford township	354 56
From Samuel Swank collector of Quemahoning tp.	47 76
From George Foy collector of Steytown bor.	54 57
From Daniel Gaumer collector of Southampton tp.	20 21
From Jacob Berkepile collector of Shade tp.	79 25
From Thomas Hanna collector of Turkeyfoot township.	212 72
From John H Benford collector of Somerset bor.	35 34
From Joseph Chorpenning collector of Somerset tp.	346 95
For the year 1845,	
From William Harkin collector of Addison township	00 00
From Daniel Weisel collector of Allegheny township	108 12
From John G Walker collector of Brothersvalley township	123 19
From John L Hook collector of Berlin bor	49 98
From Joseph Yoder collector of Conemaugh tp	153 87
From Benjamin Lowry collector of Greenville township	69 98
From Abraham Simpton collector of Jenner township	242 60
From John Hay collector of Milford tp	460 85
From Simon Shaffer collector of Quemahoning township	163 16
From Daniel Sorber jr collector of Shade tp	153 03
From Joseph Long collector of Stonycreek tp	274 71
From Valentine Lepy collector of Southampton tp.	235 28
From Rogers Marshall collector of Steytown bor.	87 50
From John Neff collector of Somerset bor.	55 44
From Samuel Coleman collector of Somerset township	474 26
From Aaron Schrack collector of Turkeyfoot township	291 96
From Joshua F Cox for fine Commonwealth vs Hoehsler.	25 00
John L Snyder late Treasurer.	20 00
William Morrison fine, for refusing to serve as collector	20 00
Jonathon Rhoads fine, for refusing to serve a collector.	20 00

We the undersigned auditors of Somerset county, do certify, that we have examined the foregoing balances and find them as above stated. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 17th day of January A. D. 1846.

JOHN MONG.
C. M. HICKS.
I. KAUFMAN.

Attest, Auditors.
R. R. Marshall.

Somerset County S. S.

IN compliance with

act of Assembly in such case made and provided. WE the undersigned Commissioners of Somerset county, do publish the foregoing statement of the receipts and expenditures of said county, for the year 1845, which we hereby certify to be correct. Witness our hands and seals this 10th day of January A. D. 1846.

JOHN MONG.
C. M. HICKS.
I. KAUFMAN.

Attest, Auditors.
R. R. Marshall.

F. WEIMER (L. S.)
J. R. KING, (L. S.)
P. BERKEY, (L. S.)

Attest, Comrs.
R. L. Stewart, Clerk to Commissioners.

Administrators' Notice.

THE undersigned, residing in Milford township, having obtained letters of administration on the estate of Andrew Enos, late of said township, deceased, requests all persons indebted to said estate, to attend at the late residence of the deceased, on Saturday the 14th day of March next, prepared to settle their accounts, and those having claims against said estate, to present them at the same time and place properly authenticated for settlement.

HENRY SECHLER,
Feb. 3, 1846—Gt.

Cumberland Market.

Flour, per barrel	\$4 25 a 4 50
Wheat, per bushel	1 00 a 1 10
Rye, "	65 a 70
Corn, "	55 a 60
Oats, "	35 a 40
Potatoes, "	40 a 50
Apples, "	31 a 37
" dried "	27 a 30
Peaches dried "	1 00 a 1 25
Butter, per pound,	15 a 18
Beef, "	3 a 4
Veal, "	3 a 5
Chickens, per dozen,	1 25 a 1 50
Eggs, "	10 a 12
Stone Coal, per bushel,	7 0 8

Pittsburgh Market.

Flour,	\$4 20 a 4 25
Wheat	0 75 a 0 80
Rye	50 a 55
Corn	40 a 45
Oats	33 a 37
Barley,	00 a 00
Bacon, hams, per lb	3 a 00
Pork	00 a 00
Lard,	7 a 00
Tallow, rendered	6 a 00
" rough	4 a 05
Butter, in kegs,	00 a 08
" roll,	8 a 09
Cheese Western Reserve	5 a 7
" Goshen,	00 a 00
Apples Green, per barrel,	1 00 a 1 50
" dried per bushel,	1 10 a 1 20
Peaches,	90 a 2 25
Potatoes, Mercer	00 a 00
" Neshannocks	