

FROM THE AMERICAN SPY,
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ONCE, says the fable, thief combin'd with thief,
Contin'd a plot to steal a piece of beef;
This, watchful, first the tempting furloin took,
Which t'other, fly, conceal'd beneath his cloak;
This had not took (to crown the guileful cheat)
That swears by Jove he had not got the meat:
Thus cloak'd their crime by shew of truth and wit;
So master butcher he was fairly bit.

O! would to God such petty frauds and crimes
Would gratify the knives of modern times!
But mightier thieves infest mankind of late,
Who scarcely blush to cabbage half a State;
With great commission mighty misers rob,
Alas, a plumb is but a modern job!

A State Divan, in power and office high,
With dread preface survey their period nigh;
(For, by progression, all must rise who shine,
And ev'ry star that rises must decline)
Who, like th' unrighteous steward, as we read,
Are hoarding something 'gainst a time of need;
To make their mistrefs', debtors kind and thrifty,
For ev'ry hundred bid them write down fifty;

Win o'er th' unrighteous mammon to their cause,
Securely cheat, and triumph o'er the laws:
That stiff state-robe that's wrapt around the great,
Cloaks blacker crimes than hangs a needy cheat.
Man rais'd to power, and holding it too long,
To yield that pow'r to them may seem a wrong,
And cause to curse that spirit of the nation
That blasts the hopes of heredit'ry succession,
And purchase large dominions of their own,
Which, like Pizarro, they can rule alone.

Hence large possessions in the West are sold,
And in one vortex whirls a people's gold.
But think ye, reader, barely for himself
Plump M. has purchas'd all that world of pelf?
If not, then search the hidden myl'try, where
An honor'd something fills an honor'd chair,
Turn back the copious cloak, perhaps a patent
Is in the pocket fuug;—but, hush! tis latent.

SIMONIDES.

PHILADELPHIA.

A CORRESPONDENT OBSERVES,

IT is certainly among the first duties of a legislative body to provide as far as possible the means for diffusing among all the citizens of a free country, information respecting their rights and privileges—a knowledge of the laws by which they are governed, and the reasons on which those laws are founded—also such political, moral and social intelligence as has special reference to their freedom, peace, security and happiness. Impressed with this idea, the legislature of the United States has provided, by law, for the publication of their acts and resolutions, on a liberal and extensive scale, not only in volumes, for the use of the several state legislatures, but also in several of the newspapers of the respective states. This provision, so far as it goes, is salutary; but it is obvious that it is also necessary to the existence and administration of the government. It therefore now remains, to complete a patriotic system of general information, that adequate provision be made to diffuse, with punctuality and certainty, that mass of intelligence which our numerous periodical publications afford.

In the most enlightened countries of Europe, this information is circulated through the medium of the post-office—for experience fully shews, that no private arrangements which can be made will be found adequate to the purpose. Since the glorious revolution in France has taken place, that wise and sagacious people, by their national assembly, have opened the channels of intelligence upon a plan so liberal and universal as to have produced the most astonishing effects. In England, it has been asserted that the newspapers are circulated through the medium of the post-office to all parts of the kingdom.

As this country has exhibited examples to mankind of a just and liberal policy on many important points, and which have been applauded and adopted by some of the oldest countries in Europe, the examples above recited justly demand our imitation—but, independent of this consideration, the merits of the business claim the fullest attention of our civil fathers—and when to this is added the weight of the public opinion so decidedly in its favor, a doubt cannot exist of every thing being done to meet the wishes of the people.

Two very liberal events have transpired in the preceding year—Mr. Wilberforce, for his endeavors to effect an abolition of the slave trade, has been hung in effigy—and Dr. Priestley, for rejoicing that twenty-five millions of people have been restored to liberty, has had his house burnt, and himself threatened with broiling. Liberal times these!

EXTRACTS.

“With the liberty of the press, a bad Constitution may be improved, and vicious instruments reformed; without this liberty, the best Constitution may be corrupted, the wisest laws may degenerate.”

“What is a momentary calumny against a whole life devoted to virtue, against disinterested actions, against important services?”

Bank of the United States.

PHILADELPHIA, November 22, 1791.

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the BANK of the UNITED STATES are hereby informed, that according to the statute of incorporation, a general election for twenty-five DIRECTORS will be held at the Bank of the United States, in the city of Philadelphia, on Monday the second day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

And, pursuant to the eleventh section of the Bye-Laws, the Stockholders of the said Bank are hereby notified to assemble in general meeting, at the same place, on Tuesday the third day of January next, at five o'clock in the evening.

By order of the President and Directors,
JOHN KEAN, Cashier.

Second fundamental Article of Statute of Incorporation.

“Not more than three-fourths of the Directors in office, exclusive of the President, shall be eligible for the next succeeding year. But the Director who shall be President at the time of an election, may always be re-elected.” [epf]

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Philadelphia, November 16, 1791. (cp 6w.)

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October 15, 1791.

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October 31. (cp t.)

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November 5, 1791.

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ISAAC SNOWDEN, Junior.

Princeton, October 10, 1791. [cp 2m]

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Secretary to the Board of Faculty.

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Philadelphia, September 14, 1791. (t. f.)

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Bordentown, New-Jersey, Sept. 1. 1791. [cp t.]

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ISAIAH THOMAS.

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