

and his estimate of the probable receipts at the treasury, and demands on the same for ordinary purposes, during the ensuing year, copies of which are herewith transmitted, it appears that the receipts after paying the ordinary expenses of government and the interest of loans during the present financial year, leaves a surplus of upwards of fifty thousand dollars; and agreeably to his estimate for the ensuing year, ending on the 30th of November, 1824, the receipts will be sufficient to discharge the demands for like objects and leave a surplus of more than seven hundred thousand dollars.

It is universally admitted that public prosperity is essentially promoted by the improvement of roads and rivers. Whilst the application of national or state resources to these objects facilitates intercourse, and relieves the farmer and manufacturer from the burthen of expensive transportation, it strengthens the ties of union, and binds communities together, by lasting cement of mutual interest. Pennsylvania has not been remiss in her attention to this subject. With a liberality highly honorable, her legislature has, at different times, appropriated large sums of money in aid of turnpikes, bridges and other improvements. The whole sum thus appropriated from the year 1806, to the period when I entered upon the duties of the executive office amounted to \$2,423,287, of which there was paid during the same period, \$1,950,298, leaving a balance due on the 30th of November, 1820, of \$463,979.

To meet the appropriations made by the legislature during the time mentioned, recourse was had to loans, of which there remained also unpaid on the thirtieth of November, 1820, the sum of 430,000 dollars, making the aggregate amount of debt at that period, 943,979 dollars.

In prosecuting this system of improvement, patronized by the Legislature, the stock of several of the companies proved inadequate to the expense of completing the roads which they had commenced, and some of them had contracted large debts which they were unable to pay. As therefore, in their unfinished state, roads and improvements were comparatively useless, and justice required that the labourer who had faithfully fulfilled his part of the contract, should be compensated for his services, it was deemed expedient to make additional appropriations; for these and other improvements, considered by the legislature of sufficient importance to be provided for, 805,680 dollars were granted by an act passed on the 26th of March 1821, entitled "An act for the improvement of the state."

The ordinary revenue being insufficient to meet the demands arising from the system of improvements which the representatives of the people thus thought proper to authorize, it became necessary to devise additional means; and as the policy of disposing of part of the bank stock or other stocks of the Commonwealth was doubted, the executive was directed to borrow one million of dollars, at an interest not exceeding five per cent. These facts shew that Pennsylvania has not been unmindful of improvements. Whilst, however, as one of her citizens, I feel a becoming pride in the consciousness that she has not been tardy in the career of enterprise, it would be unjust to arrogate any merit to myself, or claim a share of the praise which is due to others. The system of improvement, now nearly completed, commenced with my predecessors. The first act by which roads and bridges received the sanction of the state, and the aid of its funds; was passed on the 17th of March 1806. That act was followed up by others prior to my time; and although appropriations were made by the act of 1821, for improving the navigation of various creeks and rivers, as well as opening and improving roads other than turnpikes, yet nearly half the million loan was necessary to discharge debts contracted prior to the year 1820, leaving out of view the amount of loans obtained during the same period, which still remains unpaid.

Since the date of the law for the improvement of the state, passed in March 1821, \$256,289 have been granted by different acts of the legislature, for the use of various literary and benevolent institutions, and for the encouragement and promotion of sundry improvements, exclusive of 5,000 dollars granted by an act of the last session, for improving the navigation of the Susquehanna from the town of Columbia to the Maryland line, payable by instalments not exceeding \$10,000 in one year. And within the same period \$223,700 have been paid in discharge of these several grants, exclusive of \$7000 which the commissioners for clearing the Susquehanna have received at different times, on account of their first instalment, agreeably to the terms of the

pointments, and by which the appropriations were made.

These objects of improvement being nearly all completed, and the appropriations paid as far as they have become due, the ordinary revenue, with a proper regard to economy, the credit of the state and its abundant resources and means judiciously applied, and prudently managed, with the aid of wise regulations and salutary laws, will, it is confidently expected, unless some unforeseen exigency occurs, be fully adequate to meet the public expenditures of the commonwealth, extinguish its existing debts within a reasonable period of time, and supercede the necessity of resorting to taxation, or imposing any new or additional burdens on the people.

And now, gentlemen, you will permit me in the conclusion to bid you a last and affectionate farewell. In retiring from the station I at present occupy, I carry with me the consciousness of having discharged the various duties committed to my trust, with true devotion to the interest of my country, and according to the best of the abilities with which I have been endowed by providence. Anxious for the maintenance of harmony and friendly intercourse with the other branches of government, it was matter of serious regret to me, that my judgment led to conclusions differing from those entertained by the legislature, relative to certain measures in which I was called to exercise the constitutional power, vested in the executive, of approving or returning with objections. Impressed, as I am with a sense of human fallibility, I will not pretend to say that my opinions, on these occasions, may not have been in error; but I can truly say, that they were the result of deliberate reflection formed agreeable to what I conceived to be the true construction of the constitution, and the best interests of our constituents.

Having been for nearly fifty years occasionally engaged in various highly responsible stations in the service of my country, having witnessed its progress from colonial vassalage to independence and sovereignty, it is with the most sincere pleasure, that on quitting the theatre of public action, I can congratulate you and our fellow citizens at large, on the propitious situation in which it is now placed. And I avail myself of the occasion it affords of repeating my fervent prayers to the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, under whose superintending influence it has attained its present eminence, that he may continue to cherish it with his fostering care, preserving its citizens in the free enjoyment of their just rights and republican institutions, until all earthly government shall be terminated by the consummation of time.

JOSEPH HIESTER.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER TO THE EDITORS OF THE PENN. INTEL. DATED, Washington, December 1, 1823.

Congress met this day, and on the first vote Mr. CLAY had 139 and Mr. BARBOUR, the late speaker, 42 votes.

PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCER, Legislative Reports.

This paper will report the proceedings of the legislature, as usual.

The terms of subscription will be the same as heretofore.

For the session only, \$1 50  
For 6 months, session included, 2 00  
For the year, 3 00

No doubt the proceedings this session will be unusually interesting. The matters that are expected to come before the legislature are very important. The most prominent of these will be the renewal of the bank charters; the free road question; appropriations to various objects of improvement; among which will probably be the Potomac and Ohio canal. There will be, we are happy to say, much talent and experience, in the legislature; and we have no doubt that every public question will receive a due share of attention, deliberation and discussion.

We shall endeavor to keep our readers apprized of the progress of business—giving a general epitome of the arguments, on public questions, & some of the speeches, at length.

Such as wish to avail themselves of the whole history of the proceedings, had better send their names early.

Good opportunities will be afforded by the members to make applications

NEW STORE. CAMBRIDGE & PETRIKIN,

Inform the public, that they have just received, and now offer for sale, on the most reasonable terms, for cash or country produce, an elegant assortment of

NEW GOODS,

consisting of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE, &c.

Their store is on the north-west corner of the Diamond, and the same lately occupied by Messrs. Hammond & Page.

Bellefonte, Dec'r 9th, 1823.

FOR SALE

Or Rent.

The subscriber being desirous of retiring to private life, offers for sale or rent, that well known

TAVERN STAND

in which he now keeps tavern, in the Borough of Bellefonte. Their are on the premises, an elegant

STONE HOUSE,

together with a large and commodious Stable. He will also sell or rent

NINE OUT-LOTS,

adjoining the Borough of Bellefonte.

Any person desirous of commencing tavern keeping, will find it greatly to his advantage to purchase or rent the above premises. Possession will be given on the 1st of April next. For terms apply to the subscriber, living in the Borough of Bellefonte, at the Sign "Captain Lawrence."

JOSEPH UPDEGRAFF.

Bellefonte, Dec'r 4th, 1823.

Militia Notice.

The Field Officers of the 41th Regiment, P. M. will hold a Court of Appeal for the 1st Battalion of said Regiment, on the 24th day of this present month, at the house of James Brown, Innkeeper, Lamar township, Centre county; and for the 2nd Battalion of said Regiment, on the 26th day of this instant, at the house of John Rankin, Innkeeper, in the Borough of Bellefonte, for the purpose of exonerating the collectors of Militia Fines for said Battalions, from any fines, which, in their opinion, it is impracticable for them to collect, or which ought not to have been imposed.

THO. HORREL, Brig. Ins. 1st Brig, 10 Div, P. M.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

By order of the Orphans Court of Centre County,

WILL BE EXPOSED TO PUBLIC VENDUE ON THE PREMISES,

on Tuesday the 30th day of December next, a certain tract of land, containing

60 ACRES,

or thereabouts, with a log dwelling house, barn, and smith shop, and about 30 acres cleared, situate in Haines township, in the County of Centre, aforesaid. It being the real estate that was of George Zuber, late of said township, deceased. TERMS of sale, one half in hand, and the remainder in two annual payments. Due attendance will be given by Michael Mosser and George Peters, administrators.

BY THE COURT,

Certified by

F. B. SMITH, C. O. C.

A STRAY.

CAME to the premises of the subscriber, living in Spring township, Centre County, some time in June last,

A Red Heifer,

with a white spot on her shoulder, between one and two years old. The owner is desired to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away, otherwise she will be disposed of as the law directs.

HENRY SWARTZ.

December 4, 1823.

HARRISBURG CHRONICLE, LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the Legislature of Pennsylvania will be reported for the Chronicle at the ensuing session, as they have been for several years past, briefly, faithfully, and impartially. The Chronicle will be issued twice a week, at \$1 50 the session, to be paid in advance.

It has not been the practice of the editor of this paper to make extensive promises with regard to any of his undertakings, and he does not intend to enter upon it now. The size of this sheet, and the necessity that exists of devoting a part of it to advertisements, are of themselves bars to the publication of every thing that is said and done in the legislative body.—All, therefore, that we wish to be expected of us, is what we know we have the ability to perform, and that is to furnish a brief sketch of the origin, progress and termination of all matters agitated, with a condensed view of the arguments advanced upon subjects of a general nature, and occasionally, what we conceive to be the best of the arguments at length. The re-chartering of the Banks, the Ways and Means, the Free Road, &c are topics that will claim much of the attention of the Legislature, and of the people, and of the proceedings upon them our patrons shall have early and accurate advice.

November 13, 1823.

Daring Robbery.

\$500 REWARD.

On the morning of the 5th of November instant, Robert Miller on his return from Kentucky, was ROBBED on the Turnpike Road, two miles above the turnpike gate at Blair's Gap, of the sum of

5,300 Dollars.

The robbery was committed by two men dressed in Blue Clothes; one of them about five feet nine inches high, sandy complexion, very light beard, and without whiskers.

The other somewhat larger, with a black beard, & large black whiskers, shaved to a point on the chin. The money was in notes on various banks, viz: United States Bank, 100ds 50's 20's, 10's and 5's—Virginia notes, as near as he can recollect, four of \$100 each, two of which had been cut, and one of them pasted with wafers; also some 30's and tens on the same bank; some Pennsylvania notes, amongst which were one \$50 on the Bank of Pennsylvania, and one \$50 on the Schuylkill Bank, at Philadelphia, and about \$300 in 5 & 10 dollar notes on the Auburn Bank of New York.

The above reward will be given for the apprehension of the villains, either of them, and the recovery of

the money, or half that sum for either.

VALENTINES & THOMAS, Bellefonte Iron Works, Centre County, Pa. Nov. 7th, 1823.

N. B. The Editors of the Harrisburg Chronicle, Lancaster Gazette, & the United States Gazette will please give the above three insertions, and forward their bills to the subscribers.

V. & T.

A Stray.

Came to the plantation of the subscriber, living in Boggs township, Centre county, on the 10th of October last,

A Red Steer,

with some white on his back, supposed to be between two and three years old. The owner is desired to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away; or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

JOHN KIRK.

Nov. 20th 1823.

BOOKS

AT REDUCED PRICES.

IN consequence of the death of David Hogan late Bookseller of Philadelphia, a stock of valuable

BOOKS AND STATIONARY.

has been placed at the disposal of the administrators of his estate, to be sold at reduced prices for cash. Orders for all Books and Stationary articles generally used through the country will be satisfactorily supplied. The stock also comprises one of the best collections of Miscellaneous Literature in the country, including a great number of English books, which will be sold cost value, and in many cases below it. To Clergymen it affords a good opportunity of furnishing themselves with scarce and standard works on theology, both in English and Latin. Orders forwarded, or application made at the store No. 255 MARKET STREET to

JAMES HOGAN JUN'R. will be faithfully attended to. Nov. 17th, 1823.

FOR SALE,

ONE half, or a smaller quantity, of a 400 acre tract in Potter township, Centre County, belonging to the estate of Mrs. Eleanor M. Wallace, late of Maclaysburg, Dauphin county, dec'd. The land is of superior quality; it is well watered; about one third of it is cleared, the rest well timbered. It has generally been divided into two farms, there being a house and stable at each end of the tract. The purchaser may have either end, and as much of the cleared land as he wishes. The title is indisputable. Possession can be given on the 1st of April next.

Mr. William Allison, residing at Potter's Mills, near the premises, will show them to persons desirous of purchasing. For terms apply to him or either of the subscribers.

WM. P. MACLAY, WM. GRAYDON, WM. M. HALL, } Ex'rs.

Lewistown, Nov. 5, 1823.—wlf

CONDITIONS.

OF THE BELLEFONTE PATRIOT.

The price of this paper is TWO DOLLARS per annum—but if paid in advance, ONE DOLLAR AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTS only will be charged.

Advertisements, making no more in length than breadth, will be inserted three times for one dollar; and for every subsequent continuance twenty-five cents.—Those of greater length in proportion.—Rule or figure work double those rates. Which must be paid in cash at the time of insertion.

No subscription will be received for less than one year; nor any paper discontinued until all arrearages are paid.

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