



AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

CARLISLE:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1839.

OUR FLAG.

"Now our flag is hung to the wild wind free,
Let it float o'er our father's land,
And the guard of its spangled fringe shall be
Columbia's chosen band!"

**FOR PRESIDENT IN 1840,
MARTIN VAN BUREN,
AND AN
INDEPENDENT TREASURY.**

An accident happened our press last week, when we had about one-half our edition worked off, which will account for the non-reception of the Volunteer by so many of our subscribers.

Another suspension of specie payments.—Our readers are this will doubtless have learned with astonishment that the Banks of this Commonwealth have, after a specie-paying interval of fourteen months, again refused to redeem their "promises to pay" in the legal currency of the country.—What is the cause of this second suspension, or what "dire necessity" forced these institutions into this ruinous measure, no one is able to say.—Even the warmest friends of the system are divided in opinion on this subject, and are casting about for excuses to divert public odium from falling severely on the heads of those who are thus disposed to sport with the feelings and wishes of the people. One thing appears to be conceded on all hands, that there is something radically defective in the whole banking system as at present conducted—and the necessity for reform is not denied by a single individual, be he friend or foe, with whom we have conversed on the subject.

The country banks, we believe, are, with but few exceptions, on a safe footing; but their interests appear to be so interwoven with those of the city banks, that they, like mere automatons, are controlled at will by the workers of the machinery in the marble palace at Philadelphia. If the Bank of the United States, through necessity, is obliged to suspend—the country banks, forsooth, must suspend too! If that overgrown institution, chooses to contract or expand its issues or discounts, the little whippers-in from one end of the Commonwealth to the other must jump into the traces, and pull lustily for their master, if they do not care to be scourged to death for a mere show of disobedience! Is this right? Is it proper that the interests of the community—the working classes we mean—should be made to suffer, merely because an unprincipled cabal of brokers, slavers and bank directors in Philadelphia, choose to tighten the screws in the complicated machinery? Must the great body of the people of this mighty Commonwealth have their property—their calling—their ALL, placed at the mercy of a soulless unprincipled power?

How long the present suspension is to last, time will determine. Of one thing we feel certain—and that is, that with a democratic Governor, and a democratic majority in both branches of the Legislature, the rights and interests of the people will be well protected, and the proper corrective to this evil of the times applied. The Governor has already taken his stand on the subject of the shill-plaster currency, and when the proper time arrives, we have not a doubt that he will recommend to the Legislature for its adoption such measures as will hereafter protect the people from bank misrule and tyranny.

Change.—The Carlisle Bank continues to pay out specie for its \$5 bills, for the purpose of change. This is right and proper, and so long as this institution evinces such a disposition to accommodate the public, we have no doubt that the community will feel bound to sustain it. In the meantime we would say, that under existing circumstances, it would be calculated to do no good, and might be attended with injury, to make a run upon the bank, even with her \$5 bills. The evil of a suspension is now upon us, and all we should desire, while this state of things continues, is to keep a sufficient quantity of specie in circulation for the purpose of change. This can easily be done by a mutual spirit of concession and forbearance on the part of the bank and the people. If the bank will continue to lend her aid in keeping the community supplied with change, we trust that those having specie in their pockets will show a disposition to let it circulate freely. Thus all will be benefited, without oppressing either the bank or the people.

The Election.—By reference to the official returns of the election in to-day's paper, it will be perceived that "Old Mother Cumberland" has not been behind her sister counties in the good work of democratic regeneration. The vote was very small—about 1300 less than last year—yet the majority, it will be perceived, on the Assembly ticket, (the test vote,) is nearly 800. Last year, the majority for Governor was only 427. Had there been a full turnout of the voters this fall, our majority would have been, at the lowest calculation, 1000.

Thus, it will be perceived, that the good people of this county have no sympathy in common with the "backshot and ball" gentry, who sought to defraud the free citizens of this Commonwealth out of their rights, and drag them into submission to their infamous conspiracy at the point of the bayonet. Old Cumberland has spoken in a tone of thunder to the bloody-minded Tyrants, and her voice must fall gratefully upon the ear of her own craven-hearted recreant.

Will Charles B. Penrose still continue to hold his seat contrary to the wishes of the people of his district? Will he in defiance of popular opinion, still continue to misrepresent the people of Cumberland, Franklin and Adams in the Senate of Pennsylvania? We called upon him to resign, immediately after the result of the special election last winter was known, when there was a majority of 228 in the district against him; and we now repeat the demand, backed as we are by a democratic majority of nearly 800. We repeat the call—let him at once resign, and let him, if he chooses, run over the course again, and our word for it, the traitor and impostor will be beaten by at least 1000 majority.

The democratic majority in the county of Philadelphia is nearly 4000!

OFFICIAL RETURNS OF THE ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY THE 8TH OF OCTOBER, 1839, IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Table with columns for various districts: Carlisle, Newville, Shippenburg, Leesburg, Dickinson, Hopewell, Hagerstown, E. Pennsboro, Mechanicsburg, Churchtown, Sheplestown, N. Cumberland, Lisburn, Toga. Rows include Assembly members, Prothonotary, Register, Recorder & Clerk of the Courts, Commissioners, and Director of the Poor.

Table titled 'NEWVILLE DISTRICT', 'SHIPPENBURG', and 'LEESBURG'. It lists candidates for Assembly, Prothonotary, Register, Recorder, Commissioners, and Auditor, with their respective vote counts.

SUSPENSION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS.

In accordance with previous notice an unusually large meeting of the citizens of Carlisle and its vicinity, convened at the public house of Wm. S. Allen, on Saturday evening the 12th inst. for the purpose of expressing their opinion on the conduct of the Banks, and on the subject of the emission of small bills, when the following officers were appointed, viz:—WILLIAM LUSK, Esq., President, JOHN CORNMAN, Esq., S. WUNDERLICH, Esq., ISAAC TODD, Esq., ROBERT MOORE, sen., JOHN MYERS, Esq., & ANDREW KERN, sen. Vice Presidents, and H. GAULLAGHER, Esq. and Robert Moore, jr. Secretaries.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to oppose the emission of small notes in any shape or form, and call upon all good citizens to unite with us in our effort to keep in circulation the GOLD AND SILVER that is now undoubtedly in the country, to an amount sufficient for all the purposes of exchange, and which must circulate if notes below the amount of Five Dollars are not emitted.

Resolved, That we believe our present Banking System thoroughly defective, and that reform is loudly called for.

Resolved, That we call upon our members of the State Legislature for the county of Cumberland to vote against any and every Bill that has for its object the chartering of new Banks, and to give their aid in curtailing as far as possible the enormous and destructive privileges of those already in existence.

Resolved, That the above proceedings be signed by the officers and published. WILLIAM LUSK, President.

SUSPENSION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS.

[CIRCULAR.] ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, HARRISBURG, Oct. 10, 1839.

To the several Deputy Attorneys General of the respective counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I received the subpoenaed letter from his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, this morning, and hasten to comply with the directions therein contained. For the purpose of facilitating reference to the acts of Assembly, furnishing our guide on the subject under consideration, I have appended copies of these acts to this circular, and invite your attention to their several provisions, for detailed instructions on the mode of proceeding to be adopted, in carrying out the views of the Governor.

It will be readily perceived, that these acts of Assembly, although they seem at a cursory glance, to contemplate in the first instance, a private and civil proceeding, in case their provisions are violated, are yet highly penal in their character, and are expressly designed to operate penal upon offenders. The evil which they were intended to correct, had been experienced with great severity, by the people of Pennsylvania. No citizen, whatever his circumstances might be, could claim exemption from its inconveniences and losses. Frauds in a thousand forms had been its offspring—public credit had been blighted, and both public and private morals deeply debased by its influence.

That these things were the direct result of the indiscriminate issue, by private individuals and corporations, of notes, bills, checks, tickets, &c. &c. of small denominations, in the form, and for the purpose of a circulating medium, is clearly shown in the history of the times at the passage of the first law on the subject, and by our own fresh recollection of the events of the last three years. No species of speculation holds out such strong temptations to violate the law, as that of manufacturing at will, and paying out, bills, notes, tickets, or something that resembles and passes for money.

Considering the subject in these aspects, I think there will be no difference of opinion as to the measures to be adopted. It would be idle henceforth, as it has been hitherto, to leave the enforcement of these laws to irregular, accidental, individual interposition.

From the New York Evening Post. ARRIVAL OF THE LIVERPOOL. This morning about 9 o'clock the steamer Liverpool arrived, bringing us London dates of the 21st, the day of sailing, both inclusive.

The greatest excitement was caused in London during the week preceding the sailing of the Liverpool, by an announcement, made in the London prints, of the refusal to accept bills to a large amount drawn by the Bank of the United States by Messrs. Hottinger & Co. of Paris and Havre.

At first it was imagined that the proceeding would destroy the credit of the Bank of the United States, and lead to other unpleasant consequences; but upon inquiry it was ascertained that many of the bills had been accepted by third parties for honor of the endorsers, and that the remainder would probably be taken up by Messrs. Rothschild & Co., for honor of the United States Bank.

The London Times says, "We have brought together all the information which has transpired concerning the refusal of a banking house at Paris and Havre, to answer the drafts of the United States Bank." According to current reports, the credit and

stability of that Bank had already become doubtful, and measures of an extraordinary nature have already been had recourse to, both in London and Amsterdam, to support it.

I am respectfully yours, &c. OVID F. JOHNSON, Attorney General.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Harrisburg, October, 10, 1839.

To Ovid F. Johnson, Esq., Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The suspension of specie payments by most if not all of the banks of this Commonwealth, seems likely to produce the same debasement and derangement of the currency of the country, that have attended the same occurrences on former occasions.

To this omission it is probably owing, that these salutary laws have been practically disregarded, and treated as a mere dead letter. As the Executive of the Commonwealth, bound to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," I feel it to be my duty in this emergency, to prevent as far as possible the violation of these laws.

MARRIED:

On Thursday last, by the Rev. Mr. Spore, Mr. Adam Cruise, to Miss Amelia Thompson, both of this place.

DIED:

On Friday night last, in Dickinson township, after a short illness, Mr. T. Smith Woodbury, in the 33rd year of his age.

Election for Bank Directors.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders in this institution, that an election will be held on the third Monday of November next, (being the 18th day,) at the Banking House, for thirteen directors, to serve during the year then to ensue.

W. S. COBEAN, Cashier.

John Harper, Assignee, No. 265 January Term, of Jones & Woodward, 1833.

William Barber, jr., January Term, 1834. 22d August, 1839. On motion of Mr. Branderbury, Rulo to show cause, why Jones & Woodward for use of John Harper and other judgment creditors in interest in the fund taken by the judgment of George Metzger, shall not be substituted on the mortgage of George Metzger to the amount of the fund taken by Metzger out of the sale of the house and lot of ground of defendant's situate in Paper town. Notice to be published in two papers in Carlisle for four successive weeks.

By res. court.

I, George Sanderson, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland county, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a rule entered in the above case. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at Carlisle, the 14th day of October, A. D. 1839.

Notice.

All persons indebted to the subscriber by note or otherwise, will please call and discharge their accounts on or before the first of November, as on that day all accounts will be put into the hands of a proper officer for collection, without respect to persons. JACOB WOLF, Carlisle, Oct. 17, 1839.

Brigade Inspectors Orders.

An election will take place at the public house of W. S. Allen, on Saturday the 26th October inst, between the hours of ten in the morning and six in the evening, for one Captain, one First and one Second Lieutenant in the Carlisle Light Artillery company, to fill vacancies occasioned by the resignation of such officers in said company. Capt. Thomas D. Stiles will serve as judge and Capt. James M. Allen will act as clerk of said election.

PROPOSALS.

WILL be received by the subscriber residing near Shiremanstown, Allen township, Cumberland county, until the 7th day of November next, for the erection of a Stone Wall around the burying ground of the German Lutheran and Reformed congregations, near said Shiremanstown—the wall to be in dimensions as follows: Five feet high to the slope of the roof and to be one foot in the ground and four feet above, twenty-two feet thick in the ground and eighteen inches at the roof to be built with good sand and lime mortar. Persons handing their proposals will make them at 25 cubic feet per perch stone wall, to dig the foundation, furnishing all the materials to the stone work. JOHN EICHELBERGER, One of the Building Committee, Oct. 17, 1839.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that we have applied to the Judges of the court of common pleas of Cumberland county, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and they have appointed Monday the 11th day of November next, for the hearing of said creditors at the court house in the borough of Carlisle, when and where you may attend if you think proper. JOSEPH MOSSER, WILLIAM G. WARDEN, WM. L. CURRIE, JOHN MILLER, AUGUSTUS STEINMAN, JOSEPH G. BOTT, JOHN L. METZ, JOHN GROVE, JACOB CART, Oct. 17, 1839.

Attention Cumberland Greens.

The annual Court of Appeal will be held at the public house of Col. John Gorham, in Carlisle on the first Monday (4th day) of November, at one o'clock in the afternoon, when all interested parties should attend. A. LAMBERTON, Clerk. The members of said company will meet at the same time and place on business of importance. October 17, 1839. BANKS FOR SALE.