DAILY MORNING POST.
THURSDAY MORNING.....AUGUST 24.

Crystal Palace Excursion.—Yesterday was a gala day at the Crystal Palace. Excursion after excursion arrived, and the Palace was crowded at almost every hour. It was ascertained, about noon, that the number of visitors in the building—"Hail, Columbia!"—was 20,000. The refreshment saloons, during the day, were visited by 31,000 persons, and 211,128 bottles had been opened. The number of visitors to the Palace during the day was 50,000 individuals. The refreshment department was found very convenient by the visitors, and the number of 134,647 persons had been served with refreshments. The Palace, it will be remembered, was opened on the 14th inst., and 37 persons perpetrated the joke about it being drawn mild.

☞ On one occasion, when John Smith was playing on the violin, he was asked by a friend if he was a capital musician. "Why," replied the performer, "I can't exactly say that I am a capital musician myself, but I can safely say that I am the father of one. If you invisible lines, you can take my word for it, I do assure you." [Laughter, and the great amusement of the audience, he played "God save the King."

Steam Machinery for United States Steamer Mississippi.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Navy Department, Washington, until 12 o'clock, M., on the 15th day of September next, for the construction and delivery complete, of the machinery of a steamer of the United States, of the following dimensions, viz: Length of keel for tonnage, 230 feet; length between perpendiculars, 240 feet; length over all, 250 feet; breadth of beam, 45 feet; depth of hold, 30 feet; tonnage, 3,200 tons; to be propelled by two engines of 1,000 horse power each, with two boilers, and to be completed and delivered at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on or before the 1st day of March, 1856.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a guarantee, signed by two responsible persons, that the party making the proposal will enter into contract, with sufficient sureties, to complete the machinery in the time specified, and in accordance with the plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Navy, Washington, and at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder, but the Department reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed unreasonable.

Payments will be made in the manner provided by law, as the work progresses, to the amount of eighty per cent. on the estimated value of the work done, and the remaining twenty per cent. on the completion of the whole.

Proposals will be addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, and endorsed "Proposals for Steam Machinery for Steamer Mississippi."

Secretary of the Navy.

Steam Machinery for United States Steamer Powhatan.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Navy Department, Washington, until 12 o'clock, M., on the 15th day of September next, for the construction and delivery complete, of the machinery of a steamer of the United States, of the following dimensions, viz: Length of keel for tonnage, 230 feet; length between perpendiculars, 240 feet; length over all, 250 feet; breadth of beam, 45 feet; depth of hold, 30 feet; tonnage, 3,200 tons; to be propelled by two engines of 1,000 horse power each, with two boilers, and to be completed and delivered at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on or before the 1st day of March, 1856.

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Secretary of the Navy.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CUSTOM-HOUSE AT CHARLESTON, S. C.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, until the 1st day of October next, for furnishing all the materials and executing all the work required in the construction of the new Custom-House at Charleston, S. C., according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Architect of the Treasury Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Bidders are to be of firms, with knowledge of the business, and of sufficient capital to undertake the work, and must state the time in which they will complete the same, and the price for each description of work and materials, and for the whole work complete. The bidders are to be present, or represented by persons authorized to act for them, when their proposals are opened, and will be required to enter into bonds, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect of the Treasury Department, and at the office of the Collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C., on and after the 1st day of September next.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed unreasonable.

Proposals will be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsed "Proposals for the Construction of the Custom-House at Charleston, S. C."

Secretary of the Treasury.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CUSTOM-HOUSE AT MOBILE, ALA.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, until the 1st day of October next, for furnishing all the materials and executing all the work required in the construction of the new Custom-House at Mobile, Ala., according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Architect of the Treasury Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Bidders are to be of firms, with knowledge of the business, and of sufficient capital to undertake the work, and must state the time in which they will complete the same, and the price for each description of work and materials, and for the whole work complete. The bidders are to be present, or represented by persons authorized to act for them, when their proposals are opened, and will be required to enter into bonds, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect of the Treasury Department, and at the office of the Collector of Customs at Mobile, Ala., on and after the 1st day of September next.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed unreasonable.

Proposals will be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsed "Proposals for the Construction of the Custom-House at Mobile, Ala."

Secretary of the Treasury.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A LIGHT-HOUSE AT CAPE HENLOPEN, DELAWARE BAY.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, until the 1st day of October next, for furnishing all the materials and executing all the work required in the construction of a light-house at Cape Henlopen, Delaware Bay, according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Architect of the Treasury Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Bidders are to be of firms, with knowledge of the business, and of sufficient capital to undertake the work, and must state the time in which they will complete the same, and the price for each description of work and materials, and for the whole work complete. The bidders are to be present, or represented by persons authorized to act for them, when their proposals are opened, and will be required to enter into bonds, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect of the Treasury Department, and at the office of the Collector of Customs at Philadelphia, Pa., on and after the 1st day of September next.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed unreasonable.

Proposals will be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsed "Proposals for the Construction of a Light-House at Cape Henlopen, Delaware Bay."

Secretary of the Treasury.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A LIGHT-HOUSE AT CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, until the 1st day of October next, for furnishing all the materials and executing all the work required in the construction of a light-house at Cape May, New Jersey, according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Architect of the Treasury Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Bidders are to be of firms, with knowledge of the business, and of sufficient capital to undertake the work, and must state the time in which they will complete the same, and the price for each description of work and materials, and for the whole work complete. The bidders are to be present, or represented by persons authorized to act for them, when their proposals are opened, and will be required to enter into bonds, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect of the Treasury Department, and at the office of the Collector of Customs at Philadelphia, Pa., on and after the 1st day of September next.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed unreasonable.

Proposals will be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsed "Proposals for the Construction of a Light-House at Cape May, New Jersey."

Secretary of the Treasury.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A LIGHT-HOUSE AT CAPE FEAR, NORTH CAROLINA.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, until the 1st day of October next, for furnishing all the materials and executing all the work required in the construction of a light-house at Cape Fear, North Carolina, according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Architect of the Treasury Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Bidders are to be of firms, with knowledge of the business, and of sufficient capital to undertake the work, and must state the time in which they will complete the same, and the price for each description of work and materials, and for the whole work complete. The bidders are to be present, or represented by persons authorized to act for them, when their proposals are opened, and will be required to enter into bonds, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect of the Treasury Department, and at the office of the Collector of Customs at Wilmington, N. C., on and after the 1st day of September next.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed unreasonable.

Proposals will be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsed "Proposals for the Construction of a Light-House at Cape Fear, North Carolina."

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Cash Premiums received for Insurances.....$1,000,000 00
Cash Premiums received for Interest and Premiums.....1,000,000 00
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Losses paid since 1804.....1,000,000 00
Losses paid during the year.....1,000,000 00
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