

FOREIGN.

15 DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The steamer Liverpool arrived yesterday afternoon, having sailed on her regular day, and bringing London dates of the evening of the 15th November, and Liverpool of the 16th idem.

The news by her is far more favorable than was anticipated. British stocks were at about the rates which they bore when the Great Western sailed.

There was little doing in the English Funds. Attention began to be directed to the forthcoming official return of the assets and liabilities of the Bank of England, which was expected to be out in a few days. It was confidently anticipated that they would show a considerable increase in the stock of Bullion since the last returns were made public.

The Cotton market had improved a far thing within a fortnight, and the sales of American descriptions were large.

The Wool market had also improved and much business was doing at Leeds.

There was quite a stagnation in the Manchester market, and money was very tight there.

The damp and wet state of the weather had injured the new wheat, much of which was sold at a decline of 2s. but dry parcels commanded full prices, while all descriptions of foreign wheat with a steady demand to a moderate extent.

The U. S. Bank may be ultimately broken up is not improbable, for throughout the States there was a general derangement of commercial affairs.

On the 7th of October, the Bank's shares, at New York, were at 100 1/4. On the 12th they fell to 70; but by the 18th a reaction had taken place, and prices were quoted at 75 1/2 to 82.

In face of all these difficulties the Liverpool has brought home 80,000l in specie, chiefly sovereigns; and the Wellington packet-ship, which had previously sailed from New York for London, had on board specie to the same amount.

The suspension of specie payments by the banks in the United States was not anticipated in this country. The immediate effect of the intelligence brought by the Liverpool, at the Exchange, was a reduction in price of U. S. Bank of Philadelphia shares from 19 1/2 to 15 1/2.

There was nothing of importance from the Continent. There had been another conspiracy detected at Paris. Mr. Whenton, our Minister to Prussia, had it as said, obtained better terms of duty for American cotton than Dr. Bowring had been able to obtain for British produce or manufactures.

FIRST BRIDGE OVER THE NILE.

The works on this undertaking were commenced last year and 24,000 men are now employed upon the bed of the river, the construction of dams &c. besides 340 carts and 500 carpenters from Alexandria.

This gigantic bridge will be erected on the south corner of the Delta, twenty five miles from Cairo, just at the point where the Nile divides into two branches.

A female named Elizabeth Morewood, a native of Baltimore, committed suicide in New York, a day or two ago, by taking laudanum.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

The old fashioned courtesy and sterling beauty of the following correspondence, so characteristic of the men of the old school, will commend it to the admiration of our readers.

Dr. Franklin's Letter.

Philadelphia, 16th September, 1789. Dear Sir—My malady renders my sitting up to write rather painful to me; but I cannot let my son-in-law, Mr. Bache, part for New York, without congratulating you by him on the recovery of your health so precious to us all; and on the growing strength for our new government under your administration.

Yours, most sincerely, B. FRANKLIN.

To Benjamin Franklin.

New York, 23d September, 1789. Dear Sir—The affectionate congratulations on the recovery of my health, and the warm expressions of personal friendship, which were contained in your letter of the 16th inst., claim my gratitude.

Would to God, my dear Sir, that I could congratulate you upon the removal of that excruciating pain under which you labor; and that your existence might close with as much ease to yourself as its continuance has been beneficial to our country and useful to mankind; or, if the united wishes of a free people, joined with the earnest prayers of science and humanity, could relieve the body from pain or infirmities, then you could claim an exemption on this score.

If to be venerated for benevolence, if to be admired for talents, if to be esteemed for patriotism, if to be beloved for philanthropy can gratify the human mind, you must have the pleasing consolation to know that you have not lived in vain.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

TROUBLE IN ALBANY.

There is a promise of trouble here. The tenants of the Patroon, Stephen Van Rensselaer, have refused to pay rent any longer, alleging that they have paid it long enough, and it is time to quit paying rent. This property, you know, is very extensive, comprising almost the entire towns of Knox, Westerlo, and Rensselaerville, most of which is held on long leases, a nominal rent having been paid heretofore in produce.

As this posse committatus will only be laughed at, and probably treated by the tenants to good dinners, when they arrive in the disputed territory, the Sheriff will be obliged to report to the Governor, that he cannot execute the laws by the aid of the posse committatus.

I very much doubt whether the Militia will do any good. A good portion of Rensselaer county is settled in the same manner, and the same trouble is brewing there. The young Patroon's agents and the Sheriff, in Rensselaerville, have been treated very badly.

The Liverpool, London and Havre packets were detained at New York on Tuesday by contrary winds.

MURDER WILL OUT.

About forty years ago a family apparently well off, and who seemed to possess an abundance; and were proud, overbearing and suspicious in their character and way of living, resided in Peters township, Washington co. Pa. about twenty miles from Pitsburg.

Georgetown Advocate.

Waking up the Wrong Passenger.—The following "good 'un" related by our Philosopher is new to us:—Tom P***, an unsophisticated son of Erin, wishing to take the stage for a journey, put up at a tavern from whence it was to start; and he was put into a room with a colored man.

RELIGIOUS TOLERATION.

A Mistake.—The Baltimore American says "that in the colony of Maryland the first example was set of religious toleration in the world."

By a reference to historical records the Star will find that our statement is correct. The province of Maryland was granted by Charles I. to George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, in 1632, and he dying before the transfer was completed, the patent was vested in his son Cecilus, and bears date June 20, 1632.

FIRE!

Our citizens were on Tuesday last at about half past three o'clock aroused from their slumbers by the cry of fire, which appeared to be the barn of Jacob Medary's in Alance township, situated about three miles from town.

The small pox is said to prevail at Boston to a considerable extent.

AN EVENTFUL LIFE.

Captain Gilbert Y. Francis, formerly of Virginia, recently died at New Orleans of yellow fever. His life is described as having been particularly eventful. The Natchez Free Trader states that he passed through many surprising adventures, and has left a memoir of them for publication.

Interesting Fact.—The banks in Ohio have all resumed specie payments. This shows the effect of Democratic legislation. A law passed by the Legislature of that State, at its last session, in relation to the banks which has, in a measure, controlled their operations, and although most of them suspended for a short time.

A Breach of Promise Case.—A charming, business-like young milliner, who had always been in the habit of tripping into a bank for her small change, made her usual visit the other day, and says—"Good morning, Mr. Cashier, I have come for five dollars, worth of your small change, gain."

"I am sorry to say, Miss—, that we cannot accommodate you," was the reply. "But here is your promise to pay on demand."

"I cannot help that." "Then you break your promise, do you?" "Certainly."

"Because I have made a promise—not a promise to pay a five dollar note, which I should blush to break; but a promise of my very self to one I do not love."

A Man rescued from a Tiger by a Lion.—A Birr correspondent of the Dublin Morning Post, says—"Since I came here I have heard an anecdote of one of Batty's lions, which shows the sagacity of that noble animal in a remarkable point of view."

A Wedding in High Life.—It is reported in Washington City that the Russian Minister is about to lead to the altar the daughter of one of the principal clerks of the departments of that city.

March of Troops.—On Monday last, a detachment of U. S. Dragoons, numbering about 80 men, left here under the command of Capt. Burchell.

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Paying dear for the Whistle.—On the 4th of July last, a couple stood up to get married at Elizabethtown. It being a lively time, another couple looking on, all at once caught the matrimonial fever, and also concluded to have the knot tied.

Affairs of Lower Canada.—The New York Express says, "it is intended to raise a corps of Volunteer Infantry in Quebec, for service during the ensuing winter."

The following good joke, which we copy from the Public Ledger of Friday last, was played off by the 'news boys' of New York, upon the unsuspecting community.

"The 'Spirit of Speculation' is extending itself into all classes of the community. That interesting portion of the human family called 'news boys' have caught the infection, and recently got up a splendid bubble of their own."

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