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CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.

SENATE—Mr. Soule, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill for the establishment of Collective Districts in California.

After the consideration of the morning business, the Fugitive Slave Bill was taken up.

Mr. Mason moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting a substitute for the entire bill.

Mr. Dayton offered an amendment to Mr. Webster's bill.

Mr. Cass gave notice that he should oppose the amendment agreed on by the Committee of Thirteen.

Mr. Dayton briefly explained, and advocated this amendment.

Several amendments were offered to the Fugitive Slave bill, and rejected.

The further consideration of the bill was postponed till to morrow.

The Supplemental Census Bill was taken up, and the House amendments disagreed to.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE—Mr. Thompson, of Pennsylvania, from the Judicial Committee, reported back to the Senate the bill supplemental to the act for taking the seventh Census, increasing the compensation of the Marshals, &c., and proposing the following amendment: To strike out the words "with the intention of becoming permanent citizens," in the clause that the enumeration in California, Utah, New Mexico, and Oregon, should include those who left the United States prior to the first of last June, and settled there subsequently.

After some conversation, the amendment was agreed to. Yeas, 101—Nays, 50.

Another amendment authorizing the new Secretary of the Interior to extend the time for making the returns in certain cases, was adopted, and the bill passed.

Mr. Schenck modified his amendment offered on Saturday, and it was adopted. It appropriated $20,000 for books for members.

Mr. Morse offered a resolution providing for the payment of $16,319 to the widow of Zachary Taylor, for his unexpired term. The resolution was ruled out of order.

The House shortly after adjourned.

The proceedings were characterized by much confusion.

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Hon. John M. Davis, U. S. Commissioner to China, arrived in this city last night.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug 19.

During a fire in the Southwestern part of the city yesterday morning, a Swiss watch case maker, named Emmirant, who had been in the country only three months, was shot dead by an Irishman named Patrick M'Lain, who was arrested this morning and committed to answer the charge of murder.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.

In the 1st District there is but a small vote, up to the present time. R. A. Elliott, Whig, will I doubtless be elected.

In the 2d District, C. P. Upham will probably be elected.

In the 4th District, it is supposed there will be no choice.

The polls closed at sunset.

CINCINNATI MARKET.

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Flour—The market is steady at $3 60 @ 3 65 per bbl.

Whiskey—Sales regularly at 22½ per gallon.

Provisions—Nothing doing worthy of notice.

Linseed Oil has declined to 66c per gallon.

Groceries—The market is quiet, but firm.

Tobacco—Manufactured is active, and prices have advanced full 2c per lb.

Cheese is in good demand at 6½ per lb.

The river is slowly receding, with 6 feet in channel, to Louisville. The weather is cloudy and hot.

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Flour—The receipts of flour are increasing, and quite a large number of boats have arrived by the tide water Canal.

There is rather more inquiry for flour, both for shipment and for city consumption, and prices are steadily maintained, sales of 1200 bbls. at $5 25 per bbl., for old stock, and $5 37½ for fresh ground, part for future delivery; including sound corn at $5 75 per bbl.

Rye Flour—No further sales have been reported.

Corn Meal—Small sales at $3 per bbl. which is the uniform asking price.

Grain—The receipts of grain are increasing, and wheat is arriving freely by tide water canal, and the market is generally well supplied, with an increased demand, and sales amounting to some 600 bushels, good new red, mostly southern at $1 13 @ $1 14, including a select lot at higher rates, a cargo of superior old Penna white sold at $1 22c, and some new southern, super or quality, at $1 13 per bu. Corn is in limited demand, and prices have declined. The last sale of yellow was at 65c, elsewhere small cargoes have been stored. Oats are dull, with sales of new southern at 30@ 32c per bushel. Some old Penna. sold at 45 @ 46c per bushel.

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COMMITTEE FOR AUGUST.

JESSE CAROTHERS—C. W. RICKETSON—C. O. LOOMIS.

OFFICE, PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, Tuesday morning, August 20, 1850.

The market yesterday was without any material change from our last report. Everything was quiet to a degree bordering on dullness, and we can report no large transactions in any article. The weather was close and sultry, with some light showers of rain during the day.

FLOUR—The receipts yesterday were fair, but being mostly designed for shipment east, we heard of no sales to any large extent. A sale of 50 bbls superior Ohio brand was reported to us on the wharf at $4 25 per bbl. We heard of sales from store in limited lots at $4 31@$4 37½ 44 per bbl, as in quality and trand.

RYE FLOUR—We hear of but little doing in Rye Flour. The sales from first hands may be reported at $3 37½@3 50 per bbl.

CORN MEAL—We continue our quotations in a small way, from store and from the mills at $2 25@$2 37 per bbl. and 50@62c per bushel, with fair supplies.

GRAIN—We have nothing new to notice in the grain market. Wheat continues to come forward pretty freely, but as the most of it is brought out of the market, we can report no sales to any large extent. The regular tariff prices from first hands, are 100@105c per bushel. Sales of Rye at 62c, of Corn at 54@55c, and of Oats at 24@25c per bushel, from first hands.

GROCERIES—We notice a continued firmness in the grocery market, but sales have been confined to small operation at the following rates New Orleans, Sugar at 7@7½; N. O. Molasses 37@37½ per gallon; Rio Coffee 10@11½c per lb.

BACON—The market is quiet, but prices are without change, say for common bagged hams 8@8½c, for Sugar cured do, 9@10c per lb, as in quality. Sales of sides at 8½, and of Shoulders at 4½@4½, from store and from smokehouse.

CHEESE—The receipts have been more full, and the quality better. We note sales of 200 boxes cream at 6@6½c and regular sales of common W. R. at 5½@5½c per lb.

ASHES—We have sales of ashes in a small way at, for pearlash 6½ of Pots at 4½@4½c, of Saleratus at 4¾, and of soda ash at 3¼@3½ ⅌ lb.

FISH—We notice a fair demand at the following prices—Salmon $13 ⅌ bbl, and $6 ⅌ tierce. No 2 Mackerel, $5 50, No. 2 $11; No. 1 $15 ⅌ bbl. No change in other descriptions.

NAVY CONTRACTS—An altered note on the Farmer's Bank of Reading has just appeared. The principal vignette is three human figures, and a node equine symmical. On right end, two human figures, and on the left the figure 5 in a large die. The name of the Bank and the words "State of Pennsylvania and Reading," printed—Phil Ing.

COMMERCE OF BALTIMORE—The amount of foreign exports from Baltimore during the week ending on Thursday, was $161,991.83. The leading articles reported were 5,214 bbls of Flour, 2,217 bushels of Corn, 350 bbls of Corn Meal, and 1,017 hds of Tobacco. A complete enumeration of the articles exported, together with the imports of the week, will be found under the proper head, elsewhere.

LETTERS BY STEAMBOATS—Several years since the Post Master General appointed an agent in this city, to visit the steamboats coming to our landing and collecting the letters forwarded by them to avoid the payment of postage. When this was entered upon it was supposed a lucrative business, and that the postage collected through this agency would not prove sufficient to pay the salary of the agent, which was fixed at $1200 a year. For the last four years Mr. Samuel Jo. Harrison, has been the agent—and a most efficient one he is. During the year he has taken from the boats to the Post Office 12,799 letters, the postage of which amounted to $2,238,70. A smaller sum is thus saved by the expenditure of the small salary allowed to a vigilant public officer—[Cin. Gaz.

WHEAT CROP OF 1850—The Wheat crop for the year 1850, will be the largest, by all odds ever raised in the United States, and the effect of the abundance is already felt in the low price of Flour. In New York the harvest is a bountiful one, and new wheat of a very superior quality, is flowing in from all parts of our great granaries. Ohio has outdone herself, was as are her superiors as an agricultural State. We hear of several fields which have yielded from forty to fifty five bushels to the acre. The late golden fields of Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois have also turned out an abundant harvest. Whatever gloom may have attended our internal political prospects as a nation, "the Lord of our harvest" has been a bountiful giver to our people.—[Cin. Atlas.

	Coffee	Bar Rates.	
		BALTIMORE, Aug. 16.	
	5 400		2 710

COFFEE.—The market has been tolerably brisk throughout the week, the sales being entirely to the trade except a parcel of 1000 bags Rio, which was taken to govt of the market. The transactions embrace 1500 bags Rio at 9@9¼ cts, principally at 9¼@10 cts, for inferior to fair qualities. To day there is a moderate demand, and sales could readily be affected at the prevailing rates of the week, but in consequence of an advance in other markets, holders now ask higher. The import this week is 2000 bags Rio.

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Atlantic, Parkinson, Brownsville.
Baltic, Jacobs, Brownsville.
Youghiogheny, Hartupee, Monongahela City.
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Lydia Collins, Hunter, Louisville.

BOATS LEAVING THIS DAY.

MONONGAHELA CITY—Youghiogheny, 2 P. M.
LOUISVILLE—Chattanooga, 2 P. M.
ST. LOUIS—Vermont, 10 A. M.
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FOR SAINT LOUIS—The fine steamer Vermont, Capt. Hazlett, has been unavoidably delayed but will positively leave this afternoon, for St. Louis and all intermediate ports.

The fine steamer Ringgold, Capt. Cops, will leave this afternoon for Louisville. The R. has just been thoroughly repaired, and is now in ample trim for the accommodation of travellers.

The splendid new light draught steamer, Chattanooga, Capt. Harris, will positively leave this afternoon for Louisville. This is the first outward trip of C. and her accommodations are superb.

FOR LOUISVILLE—The fine light draught steamer Summit, Mason master, will leave as above this afternoon at 4 o'clock, offering a fine opportunity for snippers and passengers.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

HOCKINGPORT—Per Pilot—22 bbls tob, D. Leech & Co; 8 bbls Corn, 4 do Wheat, 1 basket eggs, Shey Marbrow & Co; 200 bbls Flour, Gallagher & Co; 4 hds tob; Jno A Ric; 12 do do, Clark & Thaw; 100 bbls Flour, McGilla & Roe, 12 dcz brooms, J & R Floyd, 50 kegs tobacco, William H Johnston; 30 bbls apples A Cordell.

WHEELING—Per Shipper—80 bbls Flour, Bell & Liggett; 5 cks & sacks, 175 pcs tob, Clark & Thaw; 85 bbls Flour, Brown & Kirkpatrick, 142 sks wheat, Wilmarth & Noble; 72 bbls Flour, Bell & Liggett, 115 do do, H Graff & Co; 3 sets threshing castings, J McCully.

CINCINNATI—Per Lynda Collins—Spackagen, Baker and Forsyth; 12 pieces of blankets, Rosenberger & Co; 50 bbls whiskey, P C Martin; 1 keg corn, 500 dollars W A Hill and Co; 1 bx 15 pieces hams, 10 bxs ind, H Graff and Co; 1 bx 6 pieces, Clem an Indelicious use of the sugar, W Bagaly and Co; 40 tierces bacon, Sellers and Nichols; 7 bbls plumes, J Allen and Co; 1 broken spring Coleman, Hallman and Co; 45 kegs tob, pasteur.

PER CALEDONIA—8 hhds bacon, 15 bbls lard, 3 bags feathers, D Lecky and Co; 22 sacks oats, 18 sacks barley, 6 do corn, 6 kegs lard, J M'Faden and Co; 2 boxes mds, M Allen and Co; 20 sacks corn, J W Chadwick; 8 hhds bacon, R M'Clurkan and Co; 5 bales cotton, J W Butler and Brothers; 2 do Forsyth and Company; 133 bbls whiskey W Nesbit; 1 do do, Patton and Co; 1 broken deer skins, J S Dilworth and Company; 2 do, C H Grant.

SUN FUNR—Per Camden—175 bbls Flour 5 hhds tobacco, Bell and Liggett; 50 do, J S Dilworth; 49 hhds tobacco Clark and Thaw.

WHEELING—Per Union—31 hhds tob, D Leech and Co; 18 bbls flour, Vankirk and Son; 13 do John Black and Co; 6 do, Lambert and Shipton; 7 casks bacon, R. Duinell and Co; 1 bdl rags, L S Waterman & Son, 1 sack wool, W Brownlee.

NAVY BEEF AND PORK FOR 1851.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, August 1, 1850.

Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, August 1, 1850

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Beef," and "Proposals for Pork," as the case may be, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, meridian, on Thursday, the 19th day of August next, for furnishing and delivering, free of all cost and risk to the United States—

Five thousand four hundred barrels of navy beef, and two thousand seven hundred barrels of navy pork:

Each barrel to contain not less than two hundred pounds, neat weight, of beef or pork; no excess of weight in either article will be paid for. To be delivered at the respective navy yards, as follows:

	Barrels Beef.	Barrels Pork.
At Charlestown, Mass	1,500	900
At Brooklyn, N. Y.	1,500	900
At Gosport, Va	1,500	900
	4,500	2,700

Said beef and pork must be delivered between the first day of October, 1851, and the first day of March, unless earlier deliveries should be required by the chief of this Bureau. Payment to be made within thirty days after delivery.

Bidders must specify their prices separately and distinctly in separate offers for the beef and for the pork, and for each place of delivery, stating the number of barrels they can deliver at each place, and the aggregate amount they can deliver in one month.

The beef must be fat fattened cattle, slaughtered between the 1st day of November, 1850, and the 1st day of January, 1851, and weighing not less than six hundred pounds, net weight, after the hide, head, leg rands, of the hind quarters, and the shoulder clods, and at least eight pounds from the neck and brisket of the fore quarters, of the parts marked Nos. 1, 2, and 3, on the drawing or delineation of the mode of cutting up an ox, which will be shown to the successful bidder, and be attached to and form a part of the contract, must be wholly excluded from each barrel, and the remainder of the carcass must be cut in pieces of not less than eight pounds each.

The pork must be packed from corn fed, well fattened hogs, slaughtered between the first day of November, 1850, and the first day of January, 1851, and weighing not less than two hundred pounds each, excluding the heads, jowls, necks, shoulders, hams, legs, feet, butts, rumps, lard, and all refuse pieces; and must be cut in pieces weighing not less than six pounds each.

Both the beef and pork must be salted with at least one bushel of fine salt, to the barrel, of Turks Island or St. Ubes Salt; and the beef must have five ounces of fine pulverized saltpetre to each barrel, exclusive of a pickle, to be made from fresh water, strong as salt will make it.

The beef must be entirely new, and be made of the best seasoned heart of white oak staves and heading, to be not less than three fourths of an inch thick, and to be secured by at least three hoops made the best white oak or hickory hoops.

Each barrel must be branded by burning on its head "Navy Beef," or "Navy Pork," as the case may be, with the contractor's name and the year when packed.

The beef and pork will, unless otherwise directed by the chief of this Bureau, be inspected by the inspecting officers at the navy yards where delivered, and by some "sworn inspector of salted provisions," who will be appointed by the inspecting officers; but their charges for such inspection must be paid by the respective contractors, who must likewise have the barrels delivered and shipping orders to the satisfaction of the commandants of the respective navy yards aforesaid, after inspection, and at their own expense.

Two or more approved sureties in a sum equal to one half the estimated amount of the contract, will be required, and ten per centum in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the faithful fulfilment of the performance of the respective contracts, which will on no account be paid until the co. tracts are complied with in all respects, and to be delivered to the United States in the event of failure to complete the delivery of the articles, in the prescribed time, or else of default on the part of the contractor to deliver all or any of the beef or pork above mentioned, of the quality, and at the time and places above prescribed, the contract will forfeit and pay to the United States, as liquidated damages, a sum of money equal to twice the amount of the contract price, in case of the partial delivery thereof, which liquidated damages may be recovered from time to time, as they accrue. Payments will be made by the United States at the periods above specified, (excepting the ten per centum to be withheld until the completion of the contract, as before mentioned,) after the said beef and pork shall have been inspected and received, and bills for the same shall have been presented to the respective navy yards, and duly approved by the commandants of the respective navy yards, according to the terms of the contract.

The parts of the beef to be excluded will be particularly designated in the engraving to be attached to the contract. Persons interested can obtain them on application at this office.

Bidders whose proposals are accepted (and none others) will be forthwith notified, and as soon as practicable a contract will be transmitted to them for execution; which contract must be returned to this Bureau within ten days, exclusive of the time required for the regular transmission of the mail.

A record or duplicate of the letter informing a bidder of the acceptance of his proposal, will be deemed a notification thereof, within the meaning of the act of 1846, and his bid will be made and accepted in conformity with this understanding.

Every offer must be accompanied (as directed in the 5th section of the act of Congress making appropria ions for the naval service for 1846-7, approved 19th August, 1846,) by a proposal in which is subjoined, by a written guaranty, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder is able to perform well, if his or their bid be accepted; and enter into an obligation within ten days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the article proposed. This guaranty must be accompanied by the certificate of the United States district attorney, navy agent, or some officer of the General Government, or individual known to the Secretary of the Navy, under his seal, to be a man of good character and responsibility, and able to make good their guaranty.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guaranty.

The bidder's name and residence, and the name of each member of the firm, where a company offers, with the christian names written in full should be distinctly stated.

Extract from the Act of Congress approved August 19, 1846.

"Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passage of this act, every proposal for naval supplies (or service) by the Secretary of the Navy, under the proviso to the general appropriation bill for the navy, approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty three, shall be accompanied by a written guaranty, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder is able to perform well, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation in such time as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the supplies proposed. No proposal shall be considered unless accompanied by such guaranty. If, after the acceptance of a proposal and a notification thereof to the bidders, he or they shall fail to enter into an obligation within the time prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, with good and sufficient sureties for furnishing the supplies, then the Secretary of the Navy shall proceed to contract with some other person or persons for furnishing the said supplies; and shall forthwith cause the difference between the amount contained in the proposal so guaranteed and the amount for which he may have contracted for furnishing the said supplies for the whole period of the proposal to be charged up against said bidder or bidders, and his or their guarantor or guarantors; and the same may be immediately recovered by the United States, for the use of the Navy Department, in an act on of debt against either or all of said persons." aug10:d8ta3Tees

WHITE LEAD—78 Kegs pure White Lead, received and for sale by
S. & W. HARBAUGH.
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CIGARS—100,000 Common Cigars received and for sale by [aug-3] S. & W. HARBAUGH.

SILKS—22 pcs black and fancy Silks, this day received at [jy18] A. A. MASON & CO S.

GLASS STAR LAMP BLACK, for sale by
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LOCAL MATTERS.

REPORTED FOR THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE

THE DEVOTED WIFE is the title of a new novel by Mrs Emma D. E. N. Southworth. The admirers of this popular authoress, will be glad to see this novel in book form, as it is her last work. It can be had at Holmes' Literary Depot, Third street, opposite the Post Office. Also, Littell's Living Age, No., 327, and the Nags Head, or a Scene among the Bankers, a tale of the sea-shore of life.

GODEY'S MAGAZINE—We are indebted to the enterprising publisher, for the September number of this interesting periodical. It contains many fine tales, and poetical pieces, in addition to a number beautiful engravings.

STABBING CASE—A young man named Melville was severely wounded, by some ruffians on Chestnut street, Allegheny, last Saturday night, having received a cut across his abdomen, some inches in length, and of considerable depth. He is now lying in a very critical condition. The perpetrators of this outrage have, so far, eluded the vigilance of the Allegheny police.

UNCLE SAM.—Uncle Sam, in the shape of some of his soldiers, was somewhat indignant at a notice which appeared in yesterday's Gazette, and called to explain the matter away. It seems that the gentleman who received the blow so stoically, was a new recruit. We can vouch for his possessing one of the requisites for a great General, viz: discretion, which, as every one knows, "is the better part of valor."

BURGLARY.—The store of Mr. J. W. Butler & Brother, on First street, was entered by some burglars on last Friday night. They attempted to blow open the iron safe, but failed, and made their escape without getting any booty.

NEW MODE OF BEGGING.—Two or three little fellows, the oldest of whom could not be over ten years of age, went into the store of a friend of ours on Market street, yesterday, and handed him the following lines, written in lead pencil on a small scrap of paper.

CERTIFICATE.

Will you please to give us 2 or 3 cents to raise an Engine. We will be very much obliged to you. 1850.

The gentleman had sufficient good sense to give them nothing, and they left his establishment in high dudgeon.

LIFE INSURANCE.—Mrs. Solomon Schoyer yesterday received from the Keystone Mutual Life Insurance Company the sum of five thousand dollars, being the amount of the policy issued to her husband, two days before his death. Mr. Henry Sproul is the Pittsburgh agent of this useful company, and Doctor Speer is inspecting physician.

SINGULAR CASE.—A hard working woman, who has the misfortune to be married to a drunken husband, wished to make an information before the Mayor yesterday, against her worthless companion. It seems that he had stolen all the money she had in the world, eighteen dollars, and she washed him arrested on a charge of Larceny. As this was impossible, the Mayor issued a warrant against him, on a charge of assault and battery, which he had committed on his wife.

GRAVE STONES.—Our attention was forcibly arrested, while passing up Penn street yesterday afternoon, by a number of ancient monuments and grave stones, which stood in the yard of a marble cutter, half defaced by the action of the elements, and probably intended to be used for building purposes.

It is but a short time, comparatively speaking, since the first white settler built his log cabin where Pittsburgh now stands, yet since that day, generations have come and gone! Thousands have been committed to the grave; their memories have passed away, and the last tokens of kind regard erected over the spot where dust mingled with its kindred dust, are now removed and about to be desecrated.

BOAT RACES.—The boat races are not so well attended, of late, few of our citizens taking the trouble to go to see them. One of the reasons is said to be that a recent race is alledged, in the last gauge of the blackleg, to have been "rigged," and those who were the foolish as to bet money and lose it, have no inclination to try their luck again.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—There were four very common cases before the Mayor of Pittsburgh yesterday. They were all committed to jail for various periods.

SINGULAR.—We visited the Police offices of Messrs Parkinson, McMaster, Lewis, Mayor, and Rheinhart, yesterday, but could not glean a single item of interest.

CHOLERA.—This disease may now be said to have entirely left our city. We heard of no cases whatever, yesterday.

FIRE.—The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon was caused by the soot in the chimney of a house on Webster street taking fire.

THIRD WARD PUBLIC SCHOOL HOUSE.

MR. EDITOR—From statements which appeared, some days since, both in the Gazette and Tribune, calculated to make the impression that it would be dangerous for scholars to occupy the Third Ward Public School House, the School Directors of said Ward deemed it advisable to hold a special meeting, on Wednesday last, the 15th inst., when two of their number, Mr. Adams and Mr. McQuewan were appointed a Committee to have the premises examined. The important duty in question was faithfully discharged by three practical and experienced workmen, whose report we take the liberty of appending, for the information of all whom it may concern.

JOHN MECASKEY,
Pres't of the Board.

Jos. W. Lewis, Sec'y.

Monday, Aug. 19, 1850.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 16, 1850.

The Board of School Directors of the Third Ward having requested the opinion of the undersigned of the building of the foundation of the Public School House, in said Ward, would state—

That, in their opinion, there is no immediate cause for alarm. The earth is very solid under the walls, being composed of rock and slate, and not likely to be affected, unless by frost.

We beg leave at the same time to call the attention of the Board to the very unfavorable location of the building for the purpose for which it is intended. In the winter season, especially, the children attending the school are exposed to many dangers which might be prevented by the selection of a more favorable site for the building.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. EDGAR,
THOMAS SIMMONS,
WILLIAM WITTY.

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