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SUNBURY AMERICAN AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL.

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

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just been discovered by Sir Richard Grenville. It appears likewise that the English soon after fabricated the first clay tobacco pipes in Europe.

In 1590, Schah Abbas of Persia, prohibited the use of tobacco in his empire; but the practice had become so deprofaned among his subjects, that many of them fled to the mountains...

In 1604, James I. of England endeavored by means of heavy imposts, to abolish the use of tobacco, which he held to be a noxious weed.

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In 1697, great quantities of tobacco already were produced in the palatinate of Hesse.

In 1709, the yearly exports of tobacco from America for the last ten years, were 28,858,666 pounds; of which 11,260,658 pounds were annually consumed in Great Britain...

In 1719, the Senate of Strasburg prohibited the culture of tobacco from an apprehension that it would diminish the growing of corn.

In 1724, Pope Benedict XIV. revoked the Bull of excommunication published by Innocent, because he had acquired the habit of taking snuff.

In 1732, tobacco was made a legal tender in Maryland, at one penny a pound.

In 1747, and the two years previous, there were annually exported to England from the American colonies, 40,000,000 pounds of tobacco...

In 1753, the King of Portugal farmed out the tobacco trade for about \$2,500,000. The revenue of the King of Spain from tobacco, was \$6,330,000.

In 1759, the duties on tobacco in Denmark, brought in \$40,000.

In 1770, the Empress of Austria received a revenue from tobacco of \$800,000.

In 1773, the duties on tobacco in the two Sicilies, amounted to \$446,000.

In 1775, the annual export of tobacco from the United States, for the last four years, was one million pounds; for the last thirty years it averaged 40,000,000 pounds...

In 1780, the King of France received from tobacco a revenue of \$7,250,000.

In 1782, the annual export of tobacco during the preceding seven years' war of the Revolution, had been 12,378,564 pounds. Of the total seven years' exportation, 33,974,949 pounds were captured by the British.

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The Old Soldier's Story.

A few days since I stopped at a public house in Colerain, and while my horse was eating, I sat down in the bar room, and heard a sensible old man relate the enclosed account:

"During the Revolutionary war, there was a point of land on the Jersey side of the Hudson, and not far distant from New York, which was the scene of a bloody conflict. There was about three hundred acres next to the river, from which the wood and timber had been cleared off; back of this was a heavy forest...

One morning intelligence was brought into the camp that several vessels had approached the point, and that a large body of British soldiers were landing. My regiment was ordered to march immediately to the point.

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In 1828, the revenue on tobacco in the State of Maryland was \$57,275.

In 1830, the revenue on tobacco and snuff in Great Britain was nearly thirteen million dollars.

In 1834 the value of tobacco used in the United States was estimated at \$16,000,000; of which \$9,000,000 were supposed to have been for smoking Spanish cigars...

In 1838, the annual consumption of tobacco in the United States was estimated at one hundred million pounds, valued at twenty million dollars...

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painfully interesting, and horrid scene I had ever witnessed. I never enjoyed killing men. I fought because I thought it my duty."—[Greenfield Mercury.]

A Dreadful Tragedy in Florence.

The London Court Journal relates the following particulars of a horrible tragedy that is said to have recently taken place at Florence:

Two sons of Lord— (who has a villa near Florence) went into the town a few days since to look at some horses at a livery stable...

But only succeeding in slightly wounding him in the side, he drew a pistol and took a surer aim by shooting him in the back of the neck, and raising up part of the skin of the head...

There are very few evils to which a man is subjected that he might not avoid if he would confer more with his wife and follow her advice. Few gratifications are meted out to him, which he does not owe in part to woman; no pleasure perhaps which she does not heighten by her participation.—Philad. U. S. Gazette.

A GEMINIUM AT A WINDOW.—It was the remark of Leigh Hunt, that it sweetens the air, rejoices the eye, links you with nature and innocence, and is something to love. The very feel of the leaf has a household warmth in it, —something analogous to clothing and comfort.

Some gentlemen on board the steamer Diamond the other day, were conversing about the wonderful powers of steam, the great facilities it had given to travelling. One gentleman remarked that a man might leave New York in the morning, and arrive the same night in Baltimore...

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