STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.

GETTYSBURGH, PENN.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1838.

Money Wanted!

☞The Editor of the *Star* would feel under great obligations to his friends if they would call and pay a part of their subscriptions, as he is greatly in need of money at this time. He hopes the call will not be neglected.

The Bank Triumphant over the Government.

It is a melancholy, but true fact (says the York Republican) that the Bank of the United States has obtained a triumph over the administration at Washington. Reduced to the utmost extremity for want of funds, the President applied to Congress and obtained leave to sell the bonds held by the Government against the Bank, but not yet due, for the stock owned by the nation in the late National Bank. Biddle himself came forward and purchased one of his own bonds for two millions of dollars, at par, and has made arrangements for liquidating the other one for a similar sum in a manner equally acceptable to the high contracting parties. In consequence of this transaction, this "monkey institution," as the late Jackson has delighted to call it, is now acting as the fiscal agent of the national government. The Treasury Department is issuing drafts on the United States Bank of Pennsylvania, and Nicholas Biddle and Levi Woodbury are communing and inter-communing on pecuniary matters!

The Day of Resumption.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer of Aug. 14.

The Philadelphia Celebration on the Banks of the Washington.

The Philadelphia Festival of yesterday must have satisfied the expectations of the most sanguine. It was, indeed, a brilliant, spirit-stirring and joy-inspiring affair, and will long be remembered by the friends of Pennsylvania. The rain of Saturday refresh, cened the earth, as well as the verdure and surrounding scenery, while the limpid waters of the beautiful stream seemed to move more freely and joyously than ever. Indeed, the spot, its associations, the object of the assembly, the vast concourse, numbering at most every age, sex and condition of life, formed together a spectacle calculated to gladden the heart of every republican, and elicit the exclamation—"this is, indeed, a favoured and a happy land!" We never remember to have witnessed more perfect unity of feeling, a more general demonstration of kindly sentiment, or a happier blending of temperate conviviality, with a warm-hearted love of country. All seemed gay, decorous and satisfied. All rejoiced in the proud position of the Key Stone State—long deprecated any further emission of the odious and unpopular description of currency which has so long denominated her and derided throughout the country—all spoke in warm and decided terms of the manly and straight forward course of Governor Ritner—all rejoiced in the happy consummation then and there celebrated—A GENERAL AND SATISFACTORY RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS. It was truly and emphatically a POPULAR FESTIVAL—a mingling of hands and of hearts—a HARVEST HOME, such as had not been witnessed in this vicinity for years.

The toasts were in excellent taste, and were the universal sentiment of GOVERNOR RITNER was mentioned, it elicited the liveliest bursts of approbation.

A truly Pennsylvania spirit pervaded the whole proceedings; and it was gratifying in no ordinary degree, to witness the cordiality with which hundreds of the farmers of the neighbouring country seemed to participate in the scene. There is a manliness in popular sentiment in this quarter. The people are with us in thousands and tens of thousands, and will, on the second Tuesday of October, declare in terms too unequivocal to be misunderstood, that they are for RITNER, RESUMPTION AND PENNSYLVANIA.

From the U. S. Gazette, same date.

Yesterday was a memorable day in this city, and, perhaps we may say, throughout the Union. The resumption of specie payments by the banks was without commotion, without injury to themselves and without inconvenience to the mercantile part of the community. Much anxiety had been felt as to the effect which the resumption was to have upon the specie funds of the banks, and we accordingly took occasion to ascertain the state of business shortly before the time of closing the banks for the day; and we are happy to state that there was not, in any of the banks where we inquired, the least reason for believing that any unkindness of feeling was indulged by the community.—The demands for specie were few and light, confined, as it was evident, to the wants of the community felt for change. The Bank of the United States, it was thought, would feel the *pressure* upon the specie the most severely, but even there, nothing was seen to lead any one to believe that a run was attempted. The whole amount of specie paid out was *short of seventeen thousand dollars*, of which between eight and nine thousand were for corporation notes, principally of the denomination of *one dollar*. The largest sum demanded was three hundred dollars, and nearly the whole amount paid out was in small sums of from one to Ten dollars.

We heard in the course of the morning, that certain persons having a few dollars in U. S. Bank notes, demanded and received specie *therefor*, which they took to the brokers in the expectation of gaining *three* per cent, and were mortified and astonished to learn that the very circumstance which enabled them to receive silver for their paper, rendered that paper a valuable as silver.—This probably checked a small run.

It was reported yesterday morning, that large demands from New York were to be made upon the Philadelphia banks for specie. The demands came, and the United States Bank, in settlement of balances, gave the *New Yorkers* a check upon New York for the whole amount, say about half a million—but specie came in and was paid out. We congratulate the community upon this state of things.

Great Meetings of the People in favor of Ritner.

☞We have before us the proceedings of a great many large and respectable meetings, recently held by the People in different Counties, in favor of the Farmer Governor. It is impossible to crowd them into our little sheet. We will, however, endeavor to notice some of them.

BERKS COUNTY.

This day two weeks ago was a proud day for old Berks! The Reading Journal states that the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in that county, was held, on the day specified, in Reading by the friends of the Farmer Governor. The People of old Berks KNOW that Ritner will be re-elected, and they are determined to have some share in the glorious victory! The Journal says every township had its representatives, all armed with the best confidence of success—and that the many changes that have taken place in favor of Ritner warranted the assertion that at no distant day, Berks county will be redeemed and disenthralled from the shallow artifices of designing demagogues! If Porter gets any majority in Berks, it will be a mighty small one!

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Our friends in this County have settled their business—like ticket worthy of the support of the honest yeomanry of that county.

The resolutions adopted by the meeting evince the right spirit, and an evidence that VICTORY *will crown their efforts!* So confident are our friends in Dauphin of success, that they are betting largely on giving the ticket upwards of 700 of a majority. Dauphin is not a doubtful county, by the Porter State Committee have designed it so! She will do her duty, and give Ritner from 700 to 1200 of a majority!

LEBANON COUNTY.

Our friends in Lebanon are up in the field, with an excellent ticket, settled by a full Convention, which adopted resolutions plainly indicative of what she will do on the Second Tuesday of October next. They say they have found in JOSEPH RITNER, the Farmer Governor, a champion of legal rights, a friend to the Poor Man, an advocate of the rights of conscience, and the supremacy of the laws," and a firm, unflinching Patriot, whose only aim has been the promotion of the interests of this great Commonwealth;" and that they cannot sell in the election of David R. Porter, the Sub-Treasury candidate—but deem it an imperative duty to our State, ourselves, and our posterity, to use all honorable means in opposing him, because we sincerely believe him to be utterly void of those traits of character which mark the "Statesman; and dishonest in his private relations."

The Courier speaks confidently of giving the old Farmer A LARGE MAJORITY in Lebanon.

YORK COUNTY.

On the 7th inst. the «LARGEST ASSEMBLAGE EVER COLLECTED IN YORK» was held by the friends of the Farmer Governor! THE PEOPLE (says the Republican) were there —they flocked in from every quarter of the County in numbers unequalled! York County will cast a far different tale, in October next, from what the Locos *pretend* to expect. The Porters *are already chop-fallen, and only endeavor to cheer their drooping spirits by bragging and boasting!*— The GERMAN FARMERS of York are not going to vote against their GERMAN BROTHER of Washington county. They know that

Der Joseph Ritner ist der Mann,
Der unsern Staat regieren kann,

and they will testify their respect for their *honest German friend* by casting their votes for him—*York will do her duty*—and do it in such a manner as will confound and astonish the Loco Foco Porterites!

LANCASTER COUNTY.

This County—the «Old Anti-Masonic Guard" —is also alive and actively engaged in the good work! After several spirited meetings in different parts of the County, a general County meeting was called, on the 11th inst. to the Loco Foco Porterites of the Lodge were surprized and astonished at the multitudes of the friends of Ritner, from all quarters of the County, with their coats off and sleeves rolled up, flocking into their good City! Little *Boaz* of the Intelligencer—that *«eloquent"* young man!—evaporated in a blaze of Poetry! and his elder brother, *Bo-Ab-dem*, of the Journal, threw up his hands in despair at the appearance of *such a concourse* of Anti-Masons, and was really afraid of being Morganized! Orator Hiestand left behind a post to avoid the «Quakers!" He couldn't «keep his eye on them!"— Still the crowd thickened, and by the hour of meeting, the Court-house was not large enough to contain the friends of the Farmer Governor. They adjourned to an orchard close by, and adopted spirited and enthusiastic resolutions, expressive of their love for Ritner, *honesty* and the supremacy of the Laws; and their opposition to Porter, dishonesty and Aristocracy. Between TWO and THREE THOUSAND persons were in attendance! The Old Guard" will give the Farmer Governor upwards of 3,000 of a majority! She never does things by halves!

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Our friends in this county also held a large and respectable meeting on Tuesday evening last, and adopted some most excellent resolutions—calling on all the friends of a sound currency and specie payments, to the activity of trade and commerce and business, and the restoration of credit and confidence, the prosperity of the country and the independence of the state government, to lay aside small matters of difference of opinion and unite heart and hand in promoting the election of JOSEPH RITNER, and the defeat of the Van Buren candidate, David R. Porter.

The Whig says, «In answer to the cry of the Porterites that there are «no changes" in favor of Ritner, we will just call their attention to the fact, in 1833, the combined vote of Wolf and Muhlenburg gave 552 majority against Ritner, in Franklin county. Will Porter get that majority this year?—No one of his friends pretends to say that he will;—so far, indeed, from this, the *boldest* of them will not bet that Ritner will not have 200 majority in this county, while the general opinion is that his majority will range from 3 to 500. Is there then no change here?"

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of Ritner and a hard currency was held in Carlisle on Monday last, THE GLORIOUS THIRTEENTH! About SIX HUNDRED persons were in attendance, many of whom had not attended a political meeting for years! After a spirited and eloquent address by Mr. Penrose, and the adoption of a mass of excellent resolutions, the meeting adjourned with *three times three cheers for* JOSEPH RITNER *and* a SPECIE CURRENCY! The Herald says, «Let our friends but do their duty, *and Cumberland is safe for Joseph Ritner by a* TRIUMPHANT MAJORITY!"

☞The prospects from Perry, Belford, Washington, Beaver, Union, Bradford, Northampton and other Counties are quite as cheering every where the right spirit is prevailing. Throughout the State our friends are active and confident of success on a large majority.

☞The Editor of the United States Gazette thus speaks of the prospects of Ritner in Counties visited recently by him:

Prospects—ahead.

We have sojourned for a few days in the principal towns of Berks and of Schuylkill counties, and in that time have associated much with gentlemen of both political parties, in these counties and from the counties in the vicinity—and we found that the cause of Van Buren-ism was daily loosing adherents, who made known their change of opinion, by avowing their determination to vote for Joseph Ritner for Governor, and for the Anti-Van Buren county and district tickets. The extent of these conversions far exceed our most sanguine expectations, and served to give us hopes of results in Berks and Schuylkill, that we had not before indulged. Let us not be mistaken—we do not mean that our readers shall infer that we have imbibed an opinion that a majority of votes of these two counties, or either of them is to be given to Mr. Ritner, much as we should desire; we are not prepared to expect such a consummation—at least in Berks. But the majorities calculated upon in these two counties by the Sub-Treasury men, must melt down before the warmth of truth to such an insignificant number, as to be a matter of lamentation rather than of rejoicing to our opponents. In Schuylkill county an important portion of the Anti Van Buren ticket will succeed without doubt; we have every reason stated that our opinions are founded on reports and personal knowledge of actual changes—and we ought to add, among observations of the zeal and perseverance of those who have undertaken to conduct the canvass, and take a lead in the important work—to which this zeal and this perseverance do we look for a realization of our anticipations—and never have we seen good principles and cheering hopes more effective, than in the case of the Democratic Friends of Berks and Schuylkill—one half the exertions in the other counties of the state, would give Mr. Ritner a majority of *Twenty Thousand* on the second Tuesday of October.—*United States Gazette.*

Unbeatable Proof—Stone-breaker's Affidavit.

☞When David R. Porter applied for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws, he took the following oath:

"I, DAVID R. PORTER, *do swear, that I will deliver up and transfer to my trustee or trustees, for the use of my creditors, all my property that I have or claim any title to or interest in at this time, and all debts, rights, and claims which I have at this time, or that I am in any respect entitled to, in possession, reversion, or remainder; and that I have not directly or indirectly at any time, given, sold, conveyed, or disposed of, or intrusted any part of my property, rights, or claims to any person whatever, to defraud my creditors or any of them, or to secure, receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby*" *SO HELP ME GOD!*"

Now read the following affidavit of Mr. Stonebraker:

Huntingdon County, ss.

Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, John H. Stonebreaker, and on his oath doth depose and say, that he will do his duty as the trustee of the insolvent laws, Thomas M. Owens, and his father John Stonebreaker, were bail for Porter sixteen hundred dollars. That shortly before he filed his petition for the benefit of the insolvent laws, Porter having secured Owens for his half of the bail money, out of the bonds given for a tract of land in the western part of the State, which he (Porter) sold for two or three thousand dollars; brought the balance of the bonds, and another bond of about five hundred dollars to John Stonebreaker, as well as the title of a tract of land in Beaver county, (I think,) and delivered the whole to my father, who was to secure himself, and keep the rest safe for Porter. Some time after Porter was discharged under the insolvent laws, he came to John Stonebreaker, and got from him the bond of the bonds, (after deducting the $800 bail money) and the title for the tract of land, which land I afterwards learned he (Porter) had sold. John Stonebreaker, that he sold for about $4,500. The bonds and lands thus secreted and returned after his discharge, amounted to more than five thousand dollars, none of which went into the hands of his trustees, but into his own. Some time after the above mentioned property had been left with my father, Porter brought the books of account of Fetton and Porter, to Mr. Caldwell's tailor shop near our house, and got said John Stonebreaker to take them in a bag and hide them in a barrel in the garret, where they were secreted for several years, Porter occasionally calling to examine them and draw off accounts. Porter finally took them away in a bag some years afterwards. I resided with my father during all the time of the above transactions, and knew them well, having often seen the bonds and deeds. My brother Samuel also, I think, must know the same facts, as he and I have often talked about Porter's secreting his property—when he took the benefit of the insolvent laws.

J. H. STONEBREAKER.

Sworn and subscribed this 18th day of July, 1838, before DAVID SNARE.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify, that we are well acquainted with John H. Stonebreaker, Esq, and know his character to be good, and that his word or any statement he may make, are entitled to full confidence and credit.

James Saxton, jr.	*James Clarke,*
S. Davies,	*James Thompson,*
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Thos. Read.	

☞ Tell the Whole Truth!

The Porter editors (says the Pittsburg Gazette) have been glorying not a little over a certificate of Thomas M. Owens, in which he informs the public that David R. Porter placed the title papers of the land sold to Kidds and Russell in the hands of Stonebreaker and Owens as security, on account of their having become his bail for 1600 dollars, and that they had authorized him to make sale of the land, and collect the money for their use. Mr. Owens resides in Birmingham, Huntingdon county, we thought it somewhat strange that he should not have noticed, just while his hand was in, the oft repeated assertion of the Huntingdon Journal, that Porter had placed in their hands deeds and other important papers to the amount of *several thousands of dollars*, many or all of which the editor of the Journal said he *knew* had been returned to Porter after he had taken the benefit of the insolvent laws. The Journal received this morning thus reminds Mr. Owens of his omission.

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MORE INSULTS!—The loco focos persist in their scoffs at Gov. Ritner's German parentage, person and accent. Not content with assaulting his house at midnight, and calling him a "Dutch Hog" and "Old Sour Crout," they have published a book in which they attempt to ridicule his a pronunciation of language. This they have sent emissaries through the state to sell and circulate. It is filled with plates caricturing the Governor's person—contains the substance of a libel on broken English represented to have been written by the Governor, and abounds in ridicule of his German origin. A more disgraceful piece of conduct and a more unjustifiable method of electioneering we have never witnessed; but it will do the loco focos no good. The German farmers will resent all such insults to them and their native State by depositing their votes for JOSEPH RITNER—the man through whom such outrages have been offered to them.[*Y. Republican.*

Porter Decency!

The Milton Advocate mentions the arrival in that place of Governor Ritner, and the general respect extended towards him by the citizens generally. But it gives a different account of affairs in Belfonte. It says:—

"Insult and abuse was heaped upon him when he arrived in Belfonte. Here he put up at the public house of a Mr. Williams, a supporter of David R. Porter, and retired to rest. About 12 o'clock at night a number of Portermen collected in front of the hotel, and commenced their shameful operations by GROANING and BELLOWING like a herd of mad horned cattle. They continued their noise until the hand-lord, unable to suffer it any longer, arose, went out and remonstrated with the mob, but all to no purpose. They persisted in their outrages, and after some time erected a long pole in front of the house, with a flag on which was inscribed "Porter and Democracy." Thus they continued their brutal outrages until their malignity was satiated, when they retired and permitted the Governor and others in the house to enjoy an hour's sleep! It is due to Mr. Williams to say that although unsuccessful, he did all in his power to quiet the mob, and in order that the governor should not be made fully acquainted with the outrages of his opponents by seeing the pole erect in the morning, he had it cut down before daylight.

The 'Royal Family' of Treasury suckers.

David R. Porter is a member of the "*Royal Family*" of Porters who have received more money from the state at different times, than any other family.

His *father*, Andrew Porter, was surveyor General about five years, at $1600 per annum, and thus received of the public moneys $8,000.

His *brother*, George B. Porter, was three years clerk in the land office, at $1,000 per annum; he was also three years clerk of the House of Representatives, at $1,200 per annum; also fourteen years Brigade Inspector, at $500 per annum; also three years assistant General of Pennsylvania at $300 per annum; also one year member of the House of Representatives (while he held the two last offices) at $400, also five years Deputy Attorney for the United States at $2,000 per annum; also three years Prothonotary of Lancaster county at $5,000 per annum; also three years Secretary of the Territory of Michigan, at $5,000 per annum, and other perquisites appertaining to the office of Governor, amounting to about $2,000 per annum. Making his receipts of the public moneys at different times, $55,900.

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General Intelligence.

FROM MEXICO.—The U. S. sloop of war Ontario arrived off the S. W. Pass (below New Orleans) on the 3d instant, having sailed from Tampico on the 20th, Vera Cruz on the 23d, and Matamoras on the 28th ult. Letters received by her state that Mexico was tranquil. Orders had been received at Matamoras to prevent vessels from taking cargoes on the coast. The port of Soto Marina was opened, and three American vessels had arrived, two from New Orleans with valuable cargoes. There was said to be no probability of the Mexican Government acceding to the demands of the French, and the blockade is thereof on with great rigor, particularly towards American vessels.

STORM IN BALTIMORE.—There was a violent storm at Baltimore on the 11th inst. The day had been sultry, but about 7 o'clock the wind suddenly sprung up, and blow with the force of a hurricane. The rain poured down in torrents, and the lightning was constant and vivid. Trees were overthrown—a saw mill and bridge torn down—two schooners upset and one person drowned—a new warehouse, in which a hundred newly arrived German emigrants had taken shelter, was blown down, and three persons taken from the ruins horribly mutilated and seven badly wounded. Other accidents happened which are not mentioned.—*York Republican.*

The Pennsylvania Courant says:—We understand that Martin Van Buren has joined the Mormons, and intends to emigrate with them to Texas after the next election.

THE SENIOR OFFICER.—By the death of Commodore Rodgers, Commodore James Barron became the senior officer of the United States Navy.

A SIGN.—At the Locofoco celebration at Harrisburg, on Saturday, a large hickory pole was raised with a flag on it, inscribed "*Porter bottle*, and the American Eagle, disgraced with a position several feet *below* the bottle. But the elements resolved to remove the outrage. A storm came up—the single spread out his wings, and was so fastened as to admit only of an *upward* direction, which continued until the offensive bottle was dislodged, and the eagle took possession of the pole—Governor Porter, and up went the emblem of liberty and correct principles, a fair indication of the result of the approaching political contest in October.

IMPRESSING.—*Nineteen persons drowned.*—A short time since while a boat containing 25 persons was passing through Little Falls, on the St. John's River, N. Brunswick it struck against a rock and was upset, by which nineteen were drowned, all of whom were women and children.

Public Meeting.

☞It will be seen, from the notice in another column, that there is to be a meeting held at the Court-house, in this Borough ON MONDAY NEXT, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of the friends of Ritner and the Supremacy of the Laws, *but also the friends of Porter and Van Buren are invited to attend.*

We hope the latter will not neglect the invitation which has been so politely extended to them by the Committee. If their candidate will bear comparison with ours, let them come forward and discuss his pretensions—show that he is *honest* and *competent*, and worthy the support of Pennsylvania freemen. Their friends will receive an attentive hearing; but our word for it, *the friends of Porter's candidate will not bear the touch-stone of investigation!* His friends will go away discomfited, and those who now are supporting opposite principles will vote for the FARMER GOVERNOR, JOSEPH RITNER.

If the friends of David R. Porter and Martin Van Buren are not afraid to have the character and principles held by their candidates investigated, they will not neglect this invitation; they will be happy to accept and improve it. If they neglect it, the people will know that their conduct is cowardly and indefensible, and the honest and upright will desert their party. And let them not say, that they would meet at a disadvantage, or be overpowered by their opponents: THEY SHALL HAVE FAIR PLAY AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT; and, as we have heard that they are so *plenty* in old Berks, we will *let them extend the same courtesy to their friends WILL ACCEPT IT WITH PLEASURE, without attempting to make any terms as to their treatment.* They are anxious to explain their principles, NOT TO THEIR PARTY FRIENDS ONLY, BUT TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE; and they would hail such an opportunity as a special favor. We hope the friends of Porter and Van Buren will not shrink from an exhibition of their principles when thus politely invited and pressed to do so. Such a course would look like the fear *that they have the wrong side!*

The Prospect.

☞The Committee of Correspondence of this County, some time since addressed letters to the several counties of the Commonwealth, for information respecting the prospects of the rival candidates for Governor. To these letters, answers have been received from some *thirty* or *thirty-five* counties; and if the information contained in them can be at all relied on, the prospects of Joseph Ritner are most cheering, and the majority for him promises to be the largest ever received by any Governor of this Commonwealth.

The bragging and betting system adopted by a *despairing* party, will have no influence on the honest yeomanry of the State. *They are* rallying *en masse* in favor of the *Farmer Governor.*

The meetings called throughout the State in favor of our honest Chief Magistrate, furnish the most decisive evidence of his popularity with the industrious classes of the community. At these meetings, the hard-handed, honest farmer and Mechanic and their sons, are to be found participating, and manifesting an interest that speaks louder than language in favor of Joseph Ritner. These meetings are attended in crowds, by hundreds and thousands, while the Porter meetings are for the most part miserable failures, composed of a few hungry office-seekers and crippled and broken-down politicians who have been weighed in the people in the political «balance, and found wanting!" The feeling, everywhere, is decidedly in favor of him who is emphatically THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR!

GETTYSBURG STAR

BY ROBERT WHITE MIDDLETON.

GETTYSBURGH, PA.

Tuesday, August 21, 1838.

DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR,

JOSEPH RITNER.

FOR CONGRESS,

JAMES COOPER.

ASSEMBLY,

THADDEUS STEVENS,
CHARLES KETTLEWELL.

COMMISSIONER,

DANIEL DIEHL.

AUDITOR,

JOHN G. MORNINGSTAR.

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR,

PETER TROSTLE.

The Ticket.

☞We are pleased to learn that the ticket settled last week meets with the universal approbation of our friends throughout the County. The man on it are well known to be the decided friends of the rights and interests of our County and State, and firm friends of our wise and patriotic Farmer Governor. Some popular ticket could not have been selected, and it will cause much greater support than any ticket ever settled in the county—at least since we have been in it.

Nichols' Circus.

☞Our Town and County folks will not forget that this great and wonderful *curiosity*—or rather curiosities—will be here on SATURDAY next, who wish to *see more than they ever saw before*, had better not forget to give Nichols a call.

The Armstrong Tract.

☞This property will be sold *at the Court House in this Borough*, on Monday next, and not on the premises as stated last week.

To Publishers.

☞Publishers of Periodicals at a distance would do well to have the postage of their respective works stated on the covers, as some Post Masters are often at a loss to know what to charge—always taking care, however, to charge about *three times as much* as the pamphlets can be purchased for at the highest retail price! We wish Mr. Kendall would forward to this place a correct *«rate of postage»* for periodicals.

Public Meeting.

☞It will be seen, from the notice in another column, that there is to be a meeting held at the Court-house, in this Borough ON MONDAY NEXT, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of the friends of Ritner and the Supremacy of the Laws, *but also the friends of Porter and Van Buren are invited to attend.*

We hope the latter will not neglect the invitation which has been so politely extended to them by the Committee. If their candidate will bear comparison with ours, let them come forward and discuss his pretensions—show that he is *honest* and *competent*, and worthy the support of Pennsylvania freemen. Their friends will receive an attentive hearing; but our word for it, *the friends of Porter's candidate will not bear the touch-stone of investigation!* His friends will go away discomfited, and those who now are supporting opposite principles will vote for the FARMER GOVERNOR, JOSEPH RITNER.

If the friends of David R. Porter and Martin Van Buren are not afraid to have the character and principles held by their candidates investigated, they will not neglect this invitation; they will be happy to accept and improve it. If they neglect it, the people will know that their conduct is cowardly and indefensible, and the honest and upright will desert their party. And let them not say, that they would meet at a disadvantage, or be overpowered by their opponents: THEY SHALL HAVE FAIR PLAY AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT; and, as we have heard that they are so *plenty* in old Berks, we will *let them extend the same courtesy to their friends WILL ACCEPT IT WITH PLEASURE, without attempting to make any terms as to their treatment.* They are anxious to explain their principles, NOT TO THEIR PARTY FRIENDS ONLY, BUT TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE; and they would hail such an opportunity as a special favor. We hope the friends of Porter and Van Buren will not shrink from an exhibition of their principles when thus politely invited and pressed to do so. Such a course would look like the *fear that they have the wrong side!*

The Poor Man's Friend.

☞We ask the attention of the Contractors and Laborers on our Public Works to the following extract, and whether they think the hope attention will be paid to the valuable suggestions he makes. In whatever condition that gentleman may be placed, he never forgets *poor man for his children.* He is in fact and indeed "THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND."

Attack on the Navy.

☞The Washington Globe, the organ of Martin Van Buren, has made a most malignant attack upon the Officers of U. S. Navy, declaring that "will not all fall down and cry «Great is Martin!" The attack, it appears, is from the pen of the newly appointed Secretary of the Navy, Mr. PAULDING! The following extract from the vile attack, is from the York Republican:

The Globe—the official newspaper—in a late attack on the officers of the Navy, denounced them as men who "*have no fixed principles, princes out of men who adopt the principles of* COBBLERS *and* TINKERS!!" ☞ Here is a splendid sample of DEMOCRACY (!!!) to be sure! "The maxim and principle of mechanics, is the view of this organ of a pretended democratic administration, unfit men for «heroes!" It holds them up as a scoff and byword of reproach, and thinks it matter of blame that our Naval officers are like «Cobblers and Tinkers." Who were GREENE, SHERMAN and FRANKLIN and a host of other good men, but men of the revolution, and mechanics! Such an exhibition of *democratic* feeling shows the sincerity of the loco focos in their denunciations of «haughty aristocrats."

Not Ready for Trial.

David R. Porter «lodging" the Law!

From the Harrisburg Intelligencer.

It will be remembered that the case of M'MURTRIE vs PATTON & PORTER, has been continued from one term of the courts of Huntingdon county, since 1819; and that it was ready for trial in April last, and *at the instance of David R. Porter* (surviving partner of the firm of Patton & Porter,) continued till the present August term. IT HAS BEEN AGAIN CONTINUED, AT THE INSTANCE OF PORTER, who will not come into court to MEET HIS CREDITORS. We give below a letter from Huntingdon, from which we have learned the above, and learn also, that the suit against Robert Campbell, for swearing (as was alleged,) to Sheriff Union county, exposing the dishonesty of David R. Porter, was also PUT OFF by the court, AT THE PRAYER OF PORTER'S COUNSEL, who plead the shallow pretext that "*he could not get the letter?*" This last suit had been instituted by Porter for political effect, and WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE TRIED, or the letter would have been ready (as was usual,) and «*better the dodge*" would not have «DODGED" the law!—a law which he has «lodged" on more than one occasion!! We ask attention to the letter:

HUNTINGDON, August 14, 1838.

"DEAR SIR—In the case of the complaint of David R. Porter against Robert Campbell, for a libel, an application was made this morning by Mr. Potter on behalf of the complainant, to the Court of Quarter Sessions, to have the case CONTINUED to the next session of the court. The reason assigned by the counsel employed to conduct the prosecution, was, that he had not *received containing the libelous offence, nor even a copy of it*, upon which to frame an indictment; and that they had endeavored to procure it without success. The counsel of Mr. Campbell (Mr. Miles) on the other hand, opposed the putting off it off, on the grounds that he (the defendant) had been at considerable trouble and expense in preparing for the trial, and that *proper* diligence had not been used on the part of the prosecutor for procuring the letter. But the court, considering that the prosecutor's counsel had shown sufficient cause, bound over the defendant by recognizance, to the next court, to answer, &c.

"Shortly after, the case in the Common Pleas, of DAVID M'MURTRIE vs. DAVID R. PORTER, surviving partner of E. B. Patton, being called up, in order for trial, Mr. Bell, the defendant's counsel, moved the court for a continuance of the case, for the reason that the defendant was not *prepared for his trial.* The plaintiff's counsel opposed the motion for continuance, *and per curiam*, the cause was continued *at the cost of the defendant.*

Very respectfully, yours &c,

From the Bradford Argus.

The Friend of Education.

The following communication has been furnished us by that eminent friend and advocate of universal education, THADDEUS STEVENS, President of the Board of Canal Commissioners. To the efforts and the eloquence of Mr. Stevens in the Legislature, the people of Pennsylvania are indebted for the system of Common Schools, which is fast becoming the greatest pride, as it will be hereafter the greatest glory of the State. If, as Canal Commissioner, he can succeed in establishing Schools among the children of the laborers on the Canal, he will have done another lasting benefit to his fellow-citizens. Such a proposition could emanate only from the philanthropist, and those to whom it appeals, we trust will feel something of the spirit of the author, and in that spirit, strengthen the accomplishment of so benevolent an object.

In traversing the Public works, the Canal Commissioners have seen with regret, the great want of literary and moral instruction, among the children of the laborers. They are numerous and much exposed to unhappy influences. If left without mental and moral culture, they are destined to bring evil upon community, misery upon themselves, and shame upon their parents. If rightly instructed they may become ornaments of society, and the comfort and stay of their friends. Many of them are distant from public schools, and their parents are unable to afford them the benefit of instruction. To the contractors who are dealing on large sums of money, a monthly or quarterly contribution, sufficient to employ competent female teachers, would be but little felt, but an unregarded trifle. It is therefore respectfully suggested to the contractors on all the Public works, when the children of the laborers are not within convenient distance of free schools, to establish temporary schools for their instruction. When the school is so scattered or light as not to afford other schools, Sunday schools should also be provided. No doubt, if the suggestion were made to them, the workmen would be willing to allow the contractors to retain a small monthly sum to defray the expense of occasional religious instruction; towards which it is not doubted the contractors would willing to contribute liberally. If clergymen were thus induced to visit these lines, much good might be done, especially if no regard were paid to sects, except to avoid them. Sectarian views and feelings were in conformity with the religious education of the laborers. The board are aware that they possess no legal authority to make or enforce the arrangements above specified; but they have deemed it their duty to submit the recommendation to the judgment and liberality of the contractors.

THADDEUS STEVENS.

Tunkhannock, July 30, 1838.

☞Among the resolutions adopted at the late meeting in Lancaster, we find the following:

Resolved, That the Canal Commissioners of Pennsylvania have proved their high appreciation for the most important station? and that they merit the warmest tribute of thanks from every true hearted Pennsylvanian.

Resolved, That the intrepid, talented and high-minded THADDEUS STEVENS, has exhibited nothing but untiring devotion to the interests of Pennsylvania; and that it is the fervent wish of this meeting he may be elected a member of the United States Senate.

☞The Lancaster Intelligencer says in its Editor, «*John M. Forney*, was requested to address (the Porter) meeting, which he did, for the space of fifteen minutes;" in *a very able and eloquent manner!!!* Jno. M'Connell, Esq. who left this statement to have been made by friend Hughy!

☞The editor of the Beaver Argus gives it as his candid belief, that Ritner will receive *four thousand and upwards majority* in the four counties bordering on the Ohio State line, viz. Beaver, Mercer, Butler, and Erie. In these counties, Ritner only received 1655 majority, in 1835.

For the Star.

Something New for Germany Township!

It is publicly reported that a political meeting is to be called in the neighborhood of the former residence of a certain Mr. Grabill, in the eastern part of Germany township, for the purpose of analyzing the character of Gov. Ritner. The meeting to be addressed by a certain *Dr. Bolus*, who intends to prove to the honest yeomanry of that part of the township, that Joseph Ritner was a Hartford Convention man and a blue-