Gentlemen: Our efforts to prevent the great American party from being sectionalized or abolitionized have been successful. It has been purged of all sectionalism, has endorsed Mr. Fillmore's Americanism, and he is pledged to uphold the integrity of American principles and the perpetuity of our reformed organization. My object has been attained, and I am no longer a candidate for the Presidency,

Your friend and obedient servant,
R. F. STOCKTON.

☞ Hon. James Buchanan is now at the Bedford Springs.

## $1000 REWARD!

### BUCHANAN & LOW WAGES!

We will bind ourselves, our heirs, executors or assigns, in the sum of $500, that Buchanan, when in the United States Senate, made use of the following language, we will also bind ourselves as aforesaid, in the sum of $500, that we can prove by Locofoco authority that Buchanan did make use of the following language. Here's the extract:

"What is the reason that, with all these advantages and with the protective duties which our laws afford to the domestic manufacture of cotton, we cannot obtain exclusive possession of the home market, and successfully contend for the markets of the world? It is simply because we manufacture at the nominal prices of our own inflated currency, and are compelled to sell at the real prices of other nations. REDUCE OUR NOMINAL TO THE REAL STANDARD OF PRICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, and you cover our country with blessings and benefits.

"The comparative LOW PRICES of France and Germany have afforded such a stimulous to their manufactures, that they are now rapidly extending themselves, and would obtain possession in no small degree, even of the English home market; IF IT WERE NOT FOR THEIR PROTECTING DUTIES. While British manufactures are now languishing, those of the continent are springing into a healthy and vigorous existence."

Now here is a chance for gentlemen Locofocos to make a little money! The extract clearly shows that Buchanan is in favor of *Low Wages!* Come up to the mark, gentlemen, fodder or no fodder, and acknowledge that ten cent Jimmy is not entitled to the votes of the laboring man.—Come, now, we know you like money, and accept this little bribe!

A careful examination of *the average prices of labor throughout the world*, shows that it only amounts to TEN CENTS A DAY! Laboring man, will you vote for Buchanan, who is willing to give you only ten cents a day for your hard labor?

### POLITICAL MEETING.

There will be an American meeting held at Barley's School House, in Bedford Township on Saturday the 30th August inst., at 2 o'clock, P.M. Dr. Compher, Fr. Jordan Esq., and others are expected to address the meeting.

Men of all parties are invited to come, and hear and judge for themselves.

The Camp-meeting for Bedford circuit will commence Aug. 15th, in Brush Creek Valley, on the land belonging to Mr. Perry Barton, one mile and a half from Rhone's Mill, Rev. J. A. Collins and other ministers are expected to be in attendance.

G. W. Bouse, P. C.

### PLANK ROAD NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 5th and last instalment of the stock subscribed to the Hopewell and Bloody Run Plank and Turnpike Road, will be due and payable at the office of the Treasurer on the 25d of August, inst.

Suits will be immediately instituted for the collection of all subscriptions unpaid after that day. By order of the Board of Managers.

JNO. MOWER, Treasurer.
Bedford, Aug. 15, 1856.

## FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell at private sale, a valuable Farm of fiestrate limestone land, situated in Middle Woodberry tp., Bedford county Pa., containing 180 acres, about 125 acres cleared and under good fence, and in a high state of cultivation, the balance is well timbered, with a good two Story House and a large back building attached. Also a good bank barn with thrashing floor, tenant house, wash and spring house, and all other out buildings required on a farm. Also a never failing spring of limestone water near the buildings. Any person wishing to purchase such a property will do well to call on the subscriber living on the premises. SAMUEL BUCK.

Aug. 8, 1856.

## COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Honorable FRANCIS M. KIMMELL, President of the several Courts of Common Pleas in the counties composing the 16th Judicial District, and Justice of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of capital and other offenders in the said district—and JOSEPH B. NOBLE and JOHN G. HARTLEY, Esquires, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, and Justices of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the county of Bedford—have issued their precept and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, and General Jail Delivery, and Court of Oyer and Terminer at Bedford, on MONDAY the 1st., day of SEPTEMBER next. NOTICE is hereby given to all the Justices of the Peace, the Coroner and Constables within the said county of Bedford, that they be then and there in their proper persons, with their rolls, records, and inquisitions, &c. &c. and those things which to their office and in that behalf appertain to do, and also they who bind or prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of Bedford county, to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just. HUGH MOORE, Sheriff.

Aug. 8. 1855.

## REMOVED.

The undersigned take this method of informing their old Customers and the public in general, that they have removed their entire stock of Goods from the West end of Bedford to the Colonade Store, lately occupied by Capt. J. Reed, where they will be pleased to see all who may favor them with a call.

All kinds of produce taken in Exchange for Goods.

Thankful for past favors, they hope by fair dealing and a desire to please, to continue to receive a liberal share of the public patronage.

Bedford, July 25, 1855.
J. & J. M. SHOEMAKER.

### FISH.

NEW Mackerel and Salmon for sale by
May 23, 1856. A. R. CRAMER & Co

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of sundry writs of Fi, Fa. to me directed, there will be sold at the Court House in the Borough of Bedford, on Monday the 1st., day of September, 1856, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described Real Estate, to wit:

Also, one tract of unimproved mountain land containing 400 acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Cambell Hendrickson William Gillim and others, situated in Cumberland Valley Tp., Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of William Hemming.

Also, in the hands of Administrator, all the right title and interest of Robert Stewart dec'd, in and to tract of land, containing 400 acres more or less on the top of Martin Hill, and being unimproved, situate and lying partly in Colerain and partly in Southampton Tp. Bedford county, adjoining lands of John Cessna, in right of Mary Wiland on the north, lands in right of Sebastian Kegg on the south, lands in right of Jacob Whetston on the east, lands in right of Jacob Wiland on the west and taken in execution as the property of Robert Stewart, dec'd.

Also, all the right, title and interest of defendant, John Herr, supposed to be the undivided half of a tract of land containing 21 acres and sixteen perches more or less, adjoining lands of Michael Moses, Rebecca Sleek, John Wolf and others, situate in St. Clair Tp., Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of John Herr.

Also, one tract of land containing 105 acres more or less, about 75 acres cleared and under fence with a two story log house and kitchen attached, and double log barn thereon erected, also an apple orchard thereon, adjoining lands of James Allison, Esq., Jesse Blackburn and others situate in Napier Township, Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of Nathar Garretson.

Also, one tract of land containing 110 acres more or less, about 50 acres cleared and under fence with a story and a half log house, and double log barn thereon erected, adjoining lands of John Sills, Jonathan Miller, Augustus Greenawatt and others, situate in Napier Township, Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of Maria Taylor.

Also one lot of ground in the town of Woodberry fronting 60 feet on the Pattonsville and Woodberry turnpike road, and extending back about 200 feet to lands of G. R. Barndollar with a two story rough cast Tavern House, and Store Room, and frame stable thereon erected, and as No. 5 in general plan of said town, adjoining lot of Dr. Samuel Smith on the north, and lot of S. J. Gastner on the south, situate in Middle Woodberry Tp., Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of Jacob Schnebly.

Also, one lot of ground containing about one acre; more or less, with a two story log house and log stable thereon erected, adjoining lands of Henry Kauffman, John Bowser and others situate in St. Clair Tp., Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of Conrad Appleman.

Also, all of defendants interest in an to a tract of land containing 90 acres more or less, about 45 acres cleared and under fence with 2 two story log houses, spring houses and 2 double log barns thereon erected, also 2 apple orchards thereon, adjoining lands of Edward Ward, now John Keefle's heirs on the east, Jacob Sleek now George Ickes on the west, and Peter Song in right of William Swagar on the south, and now in the possession of Andrew Adams, Mary Bowen and George Ickes, and taken in execution as the property of Ann Anderson, David Robb and wife, and Jane Anderson, now Jane Morehead defendents, situate in St. Clair Tp., Bedford county.

Also, all of defendant, Samuel Sloan's right title and interest in and to a tract of land containing 75 acres more or less, about 40 acres cleared and under fence with an old cabbin house thereon erected, adjoining lands of Rachel and Margaret Dolton, Wm. T. Daugherty Edward B. Trout and others, situate in St. Clair Tp., Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of Samuel Sloan.

Also, all the right title and interest of Joseph H. Harbaugh, in the following property to wit, one tract of land containing 100 acres more or less, about 60 acres of which is cleared and under fence, with 2 one and a half story log houses, log barn, log stable and other out buildings thereon erected, also an apple orchard thereon, adjoining lands of Thos Allison, George C. Davis, William Barefoot and others, situate in St. Clair Tp., Bedford county, and taken in execution as the property of Joseph H. Harbaugh.

HUGH MOORE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, Aug. 8, '56.—3t.

### Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the subscriber, on the Estate of Daniel Diehl, late of Harrison Tp., dec'd, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

HENRY P. DIEHL, Adm'r.
Aug. 8, 1856.-6t. Celerain Tp.,

## REGISTERS NOTICE.

ALL persons interested, either as heirs, creditors or otherwise, are hereby notified, that the following named persons have filed their accounts in the Register's Office, and that they will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Bedford County, on Friday the 5th day of September next, for confirmation, at which time they may attend if they think proper:

The account of Amos Wertz, administrator of Mary Statler late of Juniata tp., dec'd.

The account of J. B. Nob'e Esq., Executor of the last will etc., of Jacob Working, late of South Woodberry tp., dec'd.

The account of O. E. Shannon, Guardian of he minor children of Solomon Rice late of Southampton tp., dec'd.

The account of Jesse Blackburn executor of the last will etc., of Levi Lamburn, late of St. Clair tp., dec'd.

The account of Fredrick Smith guardian of John Feight, minor son of John Feight late of Colerain tp., dec'd.

The account of John Burger adm'r of Susan Burger late of South Woodberry tp., dec'd.

The account of John Mower, Guardian of Victoria one of the minor children of Wm. Tate dec'd.

The account of David Shaffer one of the ex'ors of the last will etc., of Henry Shaffer late of Colerain tp., dec'd.

The account of John Cessna, one of the ex'ors of the last will etc., of Baltzer Morgart, late of West Providence tp., dec'd.

The account of Samuel Blackburn, adm'r of Daniel W. Blackburn late of St. Clair tp., dec'd.

The account of Adam Stayer adm'r of Mary Stayer late of South Woodberry tp, dec'd.

The account of Henry P. Diehl and Wm. England adm'r of Isaac Bingaman late of Colerain township dec'd.

The account of Geo. H. Spang, Esq., adm'r of Elias S. Hook late of Cumberland Valley tp., dec'd.

The account of John S. Holsinger one of the ex'ors, of Christian mock late of St. Clair, tp., dec'd.

The account of Samuel Carn adm'r of the estate of Mary Sammell, late of St. Clair tp., dec'd.

The account of Francis Donahoe adm'r of James Donahoe late of Southampton tp., dec'd.

The account of Jacob Casper and David Stonerook admr's of Jacob Smith, late of Middle Woodberry tp., dec'd.

The account of Jacob S. Brumbaugh adm'r of Jacob Biddle late of South Woodberry tp. dec'd.

D. WASHABAUGH,
Registers Office, Aug. 8, 1856. Register.

### NOTICE.

Letters of administration having been granted to the subscriber, on the Estate of Samuel Blackburn, late of Pleasantville, St. Clair township, dec'd, all persons indebted to said Estate are hereby notified to make payment immediately, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement. R. MILLER, Adm'r.

July 25, 1856. St. Clair township.

## LIST OF CAUSES

PUT DOWN FOR TRIAL AT SEPT. TERM, (1st day) 1856.

Geo Mullen vs J Patterson et al
J S Morrison's admr's vs Crysher & Tho's
Sam'l Stuckey vs Henry Keyser
G W Figart vs Griffith & Thomas
M M'Eldowney vs Saml Williams et al
J Patton et al vs E Lockart
C Colfelt vs Saml Amich
Jno Brideham vs same
A J Dunlap et al vs Asa Duval
Saml Davis vs John James
D Patterson use vs S. Vondersmith
Jas Reynolds vs S M Barclay's admr's
Phillip Weisel's adm'r vs E L Anderson
Hohman & Christy vs H & B Railroad Co
Wood & Devereux vs John Figart
M Barthelow vs Jacob Hipple
H F Rohm vs Edward B Trout
Isaac Lipple vs F Hohman
Edward B Trout vs Saml Taylor
Henry Johnson vs Joseph Leasure
Jacob Stockenius vs Danl B Troutman
Joshua Filler vs Saml Williams
John Dasher vs James Entriken
Joseph Harbaugh vs John Harbaugh et al
William Smith vs Charles Smith
Isaac Hull's admr's vs John Hull
J Morehead et al vs Christopher Naugle.

D. WASHABAUGH, Pro'y.
Aug. 8, 1856.

## LOST! LOST! LOST!!

ON last Saturday Night, (August 2d,) somewhere about Town, a splendid Double Cased Silver Lever Hunting Watch, four hole jewels; any person leaving, or giving information at this OFFICE, of said Watch, will be liberally rewarded by its owner.

Aug. 8, 1856.-tf.

### BEDFORD COUNTY INSTITUTE.

THERE will be a Teachers' Institute held in Bedford, commencing on Monday the first day of September, and continue four days. All teachers, school directors, and others, who take an interest in the improvement of our common schools, are earnestly invited to be present and participate.

Arrangements have been made to make the lectures and exercises, interesting and profitable to all—and more especially to teachers.

A number of able lecturers from abroad are expected—also the Superintendents of the neighboring counties. Lectures will be delivered on the various branches of Education and the best methods of teaching them. The whole theory, and practice of teaching, will be fully and ably treated. Teachers will have an opportunity to take an active part in the exercises if they wish. Even should they prefer to be silent visitors, they cannot fail to be vastly benfitted, and fully convinced that their time is well spent.

Females will be boarded by the citizens free of all charge, and males will be charged half price at the hotels.

It is to be hoped, and expected, that all the teachers of the county will be present, and by their counsel, advice, and assistance, aid in advancing the great cause of Education, in elevating the Teacher's profession, in promoting his usefulness at large, and in making the Common schools of our county, second to none in the state. Come one, come all—a hearty welcome awaits you.

Most of the best teachers in the county, have signified their intention to be present and participate.

T. R. GETTYS,
*County Sup't.*

Aug. 7, 1856.

## P. H. Shires'
## MACHINE SHOP.

THE undersigned respectfully announces to the Farmers of Bedford and adjoining counties, and the public in general, that he has now on hand at his Shop in Bedford, a large assortment of Thrashing Machines, which includes his four horse PREMIUM MACHINE. It will be remembered that this Machine took the FIRST PREMIUM at our County Fair last fall. It is constructed with tumbling Shaft and Strap combined; also four horse tumbling Shaft Machines of the very best kind—two and three horse tumbling Shaft power—and our old and well-known four horse Strap Machine, which, for strength and duribility, cannot be surpassed anywhere. Farmers will please notice that we are now prepared to Furnish Machines on the most favorable and accomodating terms, and at the very lowest prices possible. Horses, Grain, Lumber, and all kinds of trade will be taken in payment for Machines. All kinds of repairing of Machines of different kinds and all other farming utensils done on the most reasonable terms, of the very best materials, and at the shortest notice.

☞ All our Machines warranted one year if properly used. Please come this way for a good and cheap Machine.

PETER H. SHIRES,
Machinest.

August 1, 1856.

## MORE NEW GOODS
### AT THE COLONNADE STORE.

THE undersigned are just receiving and opening at colonnade store a fresh supply of New Goods, consisting in part of

French Needle worked Collars,
Black Silk and Felet Mitts,
Assorted Colord Kid Gloves,
Bonnet and Mantua Ribbon,
Black Silk Cravats,
Fancy Casimers,
Mireno Casimers,
Black Gro De Rhine Silks,
Belts Assorted Colors,
Hosiery of all kinds,

Also a prime lot of Groceries, consisting in part of Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Syrups, Molasses, Rice, Indigo, Tobacco, &c. &c.

J. & J. M. SHOEMAKER.

August 1st 1856.

### MORE SHOES AND GAITERS.

JUST Received at Shoemaker's Colonnade Store, Ladies, Misses, Childrens and Gents shoes. And also Ladies and Gents Gaiters.

August 1, 1856.

### NOTICE.

IS hereby given that the next Session of the Allegheny Male and Female Seminary will Commence on Tuesday the 5th day of August inst.,

By order of the Trustees.
JOHN POLLOCK.

August 1, 1856.

### NOTICE.

Letters of administration upon the estate of Samuel Cromwell, late of Bedford Borough, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment without delay; and those having claims against the same are notified to present the same duly authenticated for settlement. FR. JORDAN, Adm'r.

Bedford, July 25, 1856.

### SCHOOL NOTICE.

Miss R. S. Procter will resume the duties of her School in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, on Monday, the 11th of August inst., and respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage. [Bed'd, J'y 25, '56 3t.

## MORE NEW GOODS.

THE undersigned has just returned home from the Eastern cities with a large stock of Summer Goods, and is now exhibiting

AT CHEAP SIDE.

A general assortment of new style of

SUMMER GOODS,

Comprising in a great variety of *Ladies Dress Goods*, which consists in part of *Black and Fancy Silks, Challys, Lawns, De Laines, Madonna* Cloths, Alpacas, Deberges etc., etc., Mantillies and a variety of Black and Fancy Clothes and Cassimeres, Linens and Cottonade for gentlemen and boys wear.

*Boots, Shoes, Hats and Bonnets, Groceries, Sugars, Molasses, Syrups, Shad, Herrings* and *Mackerel, Bacon*, Queensware, Hardware, *Brooms, Buckets*, Churns, etc.

The above stock consists of every article usually kept in store—*All* of which will be sold, cheap for *cash* or approved produce.

Thankful for past favors, he hopes by fair dealing and a desire to please, to continue to merit and receive a liberal share of public patronage.

G. W. RUPP.

June 6, 1856.

## NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Peter Ickes, late of Union Township, Bedford co., dec'd having been granted to the subscriber residing in Union Township, notice is therefore given to all persons indebted to said estate, to make payment immediately, and those having claims are requested to present them properly authenticated for settlement.

JOSEPH IMLER, Adm'r.

### CLOTHING STORE.

THE subscriber has removed his Clothing Store to the room next door to the office of Dr. Watson, where he has on hand, and will constantly keep, a general assortment of Cloathing for Men and Boys, which he will sell on the most reasonable terms, and to which he respectfully invites the attention of purchasers.

ISAAC LIPPEL.

Bedford, May 30, 1856.

## NEW GOODS'

THE undersigned begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has just returned from the Eastern cities, and is now exhibiting

### At Cheap Side,

A general assortment of new style of

*SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,*

comprising in a great variety of Ladies wss Goods—consists in part of Chailes, Lains, De Laines, Alpaccas, Madonna Cloth, &c. &c and a great variety of Black and Fancy Cassimers, Linen and Cottonade for Gentlemens' and Boys' wear.

*Boots, Shoes, Hats and Bonnets, Groceries, Queensware, Hardware, Brooms, Buckets, Tubs, Churns, &c. &c.*

The above stock consists of every article usually kept in stores—all of which will be sold cheap for *cash* or approved produce.

Thankful for past favors he hopes by fair dealing, and a desire to please to continue to merit and receive a liberal share of the public patronage.

G. W. RUPP.

Bedford, April 11, 1856.

### SETTLE UP.

THE subscriber, having disposed of his Store in Bedford, is desirous of closing up his books. All persons indebted to him are requested to settle up immediately. His books will be in the hands of Mr. Job M. Shoemaker, till first July next.

He is thankful to his friends for the very generous support they have yielded him since his commencement in this place and cordially recommends Mr. Job M Shoemaker, as a young man of good business habits, of strict honesty, capacity and integrity, and who will not fail to give general satisfaction to my customers and the public.

ELIAS M. FISHER.

March 14 1856–2m.

### LOOK OUT AND SAVE COSTS.

THE Books and Notes of Peter Radebaugh, are left in my hands for collection. Persons would do well to call and settle at once or costs will be added to them.

SAMUEL RADEBAUGH.

March 14, 1856–tf.

### DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore exesting between the subscribers, under the name of WEISEL & Co., in the carriage making & Blacksmithing business, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All business of the late Firm will be attended to by MICHAEL and JOHN G. WEISEL who will collect the outstanding notes and accounts and pay the debts.

WM. WEISEL,
MICHAEL WEISEL,
JOHN G. WEISEL.

May 27th 1856.

WE the undersigned, have this day entered into partnership in the Carriage making and Blacksmithing business, under the name of MICHAEL & JOHN G. WEISEL. Our stand is the one heretofore occupied by WEISEL & Co. immediately east of Bedford. We hope by the character of our work and by promptness and attention to merit and receive a fair share of custom.

MICHAEL WEISEL,
JOHN G. WEISEL.

May 30–3m

### DIVIDEND.

A DIVIDEND of one per cent., on the capital stock of the Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike Road Company, has been declared by the Managers, payable on the 1st of August, at the office of E. L. Anderson. Esq.

G. R. MESSERSMITH, *Treasurer*

July 18, 1856.

### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

THE undersigned, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bedford County, to distribute the balance of the money in the hands of John Mower and S. L. Russell, Esquires, Administrators de bonus non, with the Will annexed of William Lane, late of Hopewell, Township in said County, deceased, to and among the creditors of said decedent entitled to receive the same, will attend to the duties of his appointment on Tuesday the 29th day of July, inst., at his office in the Borough of Bedford, when and where all parties interested can attend if they see proper.

*G. H. SPANG, Auditor.*

July 11, 1856.

## HARDWARE STORE.

The subscriber would announce to his old friends and the public in general, that he has removed his HARDWARE STORE to the new building second door west of the Bedford Hotel, where he has just received and opened an extensive assortment of Hardware, embracing almost every article in that line of buisiness. His stock of SADDLERY is of the best quality and was selected with great care. He would respectfully invite all in want of articles in the Hardware line, to give him a call, satisfied that he can please all who do so.

JOHN ARNOLD.

May 23, 1856.

### Special Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the firm of Rupp & Oster are respectfully and earnestly requested to make immediate payment. The books are in the hands of G. W. Rupp, for collection, and must positively be closed. Our friends who are in arrears will please consult their interest by attending to this notice at once and not put us under the unpleasant necessity of making them pay costs.

Bedford May, 16, 1856 –2m.

### Manny's Combined Reaper and Mower, With "Woods' Improvement."

FARMERS of Bedford and Blair Counties are informed that this justly celebrated machine can be had by application to

W. W. JACKSON,
A. DE ARMIT,
*Agents for Blair and Bedford Counties.*

July 11, 1856–1m.

### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

THE undersigned, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bedford County, to distribute the money in the hands of Daniel B. Wisegarver and John Mower, Esqires, Executors of the last Will and Testament of John Wisegarver, late of St. Clair Township, dec'd, will attend to the duties of his appointment on Tesday the 12th day of August, next, at his Office in Bedford, when and where those interested can attend if they desire.

JOB MANN, *Auditor.*

July 11, 1856.

## BY AUTHORITY.

## RESOLUTION
### Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met*, That the following amendments are proposed to the constitution of the commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article thereof.

FIRST AMENDMENT.

There shall be an additional article to said constitution to be designated as article eleven, as follows:—

ARTICLE XI.

OF PUBLIC DEBTS.

SECTION 1. The state may contract debts, to supply casual deficits or failures in revenues, or to meet expenses not otherwise provided for; but the aggregate amount of such debts direct and contingent, whether contracted by virtue of one or more acts of the general assembly, or at different periods of time, shall never exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the money arising from the creation of such debts, shall be applied to the purpose for which it was obtained, or to repay the debts so contracted, and to no other purpose whatever.

SECTION 2. In addition to the above limited power the state may contract debts to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the state in war, or to redeem the present outstanding indebtedness of the state; but the money arising from the contracting of such debts, shall be applied to the purpose for which it was raised, or to repay such debts, and to no other purpose whatever.

SECTION 3. Except the debts above specified, in sections one and two of this article, no debt whatever shall be created by, or on behalf of the state.

SECTION 4. To provide for the payment of the present debt, and any additional debt contracted as aforesaid, the legislature shall, at its first session, after the adoption of this amendment, create a sinking fund, which shall be sufficient to pay the accruing interest on such debt, and annually to reduce the principal thereof by a sum not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; which sinking fund shall consist of the net annual income of the public works, from time to time owned by the state, or the proceeds of the sale of the same, or any part thereof, and of the income or proceeds of sale of stocks owned by the state together with other funds, or resources, that may be designated by law. The said sinking fund may be increased, from time to time, by assigning to it any part of the taxes, or other revenues of the state, not required for the ordinary and current expenses of government, and unless in case of war, invasion or insurrection, no part of the said sinking fund shall be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until the amount of such debt is reduced below the sum of five millions of dollars.

SECTION 5. The credit of the commonwealth shall not in any manner, or event, be pledged, or loaned to, any individual, company, corporation, or association; nor shall the commonwealth hereafter become a joint owner, or stockholder, in any company, association, or corporation.

SECTION 6. The commonwealth shall not assume the debt, or any part thereof, of any county, city, borough, or township; or of any corporation, or association; unless such debt shall have been contracted to enable the state to repel invasion, suppress domestic insurrection, defend itself in time of war, or to assist the state in the discharge of any portion of its present indebtedness.

SECTION 7. The legislature shall not authorize any county, city, borough, township, or incorporated district, by virtue of a vote of its citizens, or otherwise, to become a stockholder in any company, association, or corporation; or to obtain money for, or loan its credit to, any corporation, association, institution or party.

SECOND AMENDMENT.

There shall be an additional article to said constitution, to be designated as article XII, as follow:

ARTICLE XII.

OF NEW COUNTIES.

No county shall be divided by a line cutting off over one-tenth of its population, (either to form a new county or otherwise,) without the express assent of such county, by a vote of the electors thereof; nor shall any new county be established, containing less than four hundred square miles.

THIRD AMENDMENT.

From section two of the first article of the constitution, strike out the words, "*of the city of Philadelphia, and of each county respectively;*" from section five, of same article, strike out the words, "*of Philadelphia and of the several counties;*" from section seven, same article strike out the words, "*neither the city of Philadelphia nor any,*" and insert in lieu thereof the words, "*and no;*" and strike out section four, same article, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"SECTION 4. In the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and in every seventh year thereafter, representatives to the number of one hundred, shall be apportioned and distributed equally, throughout the state, by districts, in proportion to the number of taxable inhabitants in the several parts thereof; except that any county containing at least three thousand five hundred taxables, may be allowed a separate representation; but no more than three counties shall be joined, and no county shall be divided, in the formation of a district. Any city containing a sufficient number of taxables to entitle it to at least two representatives, shall have a separate representation assigned it, and shall be divided into convenient districts of contiguous territory, of equal taxable population as near as may be, each of which districts shall elect one representative."

At the end of section seven, same article, insert these words, "*the city of Philadelphia shall be divided into single senatorial districts, of contiguous territory as nearly equal in taxable population as possible; but no ward shall be divided in the formation thereof.*"

The legislature, at the first session, after the adoption of this amendment, shall divide the city of Philadelphia into senatorial and representative districts, in the manner above provided; such districts to remain unchanged until the apportionment in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

FOURTH AMENDMENT.

*To be section XXVI, Article 1.*

The legislature shall have the power to alter, revoke, or annul, any charter of incorporation hereafter conferred by, or under, any special, or general law, whenever in their opinion it may be injurious to the citizens of the commonwealth; in such manner, however, that no injustice shall be done to the corporators.

IN SENATE, *April* 21, 1856.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass. On the first amendment, yeas 24, nays 5. On the second amendment, yeas 19, nays 6. On the third amendment, yeas 28, nays 1. On the fourth amendment, yeas 23, nays 4.

Extract from the Journal.

THOMAS A. MAGUIRE, *Clerk.*

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *April* 21, 1856.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass. On the first amendment, yeas 72, nays 24. On the second amendment, yeas 63, nays 25. On the third amendment, yeas 64, nays 25; and on the fourth amendment, yeas 69, nays 16.

Extract from the Journal.

WILLIAM JACK, *Clerk.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Filed, April* 24, 1856. } A. G. CURTIN, *Sec. of the Com'th.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Harrisburg, June* 26, 1856.

*Pennsylvania, ss:*

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original "Resolution relative to an amendment of the Constitution" as the same remains on file in this office.

L.S. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Secretary's Office, the day and year above written.

A. G. CURTIN,
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

IN SENATE, *April* 21, 1856.

Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, being under consideration,

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the first amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Browne, Buckalew, Cresswell, Evans, Ferguson, Flenniken, Hoge, Ingram, Jamison, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, M'Clintock, Price, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Straub, Taggart, Walton, Welsh, Wherry, and Pratt, *Speaker*—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Gregg, Jordan, Mellinger and Pratt—5.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the second amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Browne, Buckalew, Cresswell, Evans, Hoge, Ingram, Jamison, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, M'Clintock, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Straub, Walton, Welsh, Wherry and Wilkins—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Ferguson, Gregg, Pratt, Price and Platt, *Speaker*—6.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the third amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Browne, Buckalew, Crabb, Cresswell, Evans, Ferguson, Flenniken, Hoge, Ingram, Jamison, Jordan, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, M'Clintock, Mellinger, Pratt, Price, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Straub, Taggart, Walton, Welsh, Wherry, Wilkins and Platt, *Speaker*—28.

NAYS—Mr. Gregg—1.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the fourth amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Browne, Buckalew, Cresswell, Evans, Flenniken, Hoge, Ingram, Jamison, Jordan, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, M'Clintock, Price, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Straub, Walton, Welsh, Wherry, Wilkins and Platt, *Speaker*—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Gregg, Mellinger and Pratt—4.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

Journal of the House of Representatives, April 21, 1856.

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and on the first proposed amendment, were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Backus, Baldwin, Ball, Beck, (Lycoming,) Beck, (York,) Bernhard, Boyd, Boyer, Brown, Brush, Buchanan, Caldwell, Campbell, Carty, Craig, Crawford, Dowdall, Edinger, Fausold, Foster, Getz, Haines, Hamel, Harper, Heins, Hibbs, Hill, Hillegas, Hipple, Holcomb, Housekeeper, Imbrie, Ingram, Innis, Irwin, Johns, Johnson, Laporte, Lebo, Longaker, Lovett, M'Calmont, M'Carthy, M'Comb, Maugle, Menear, Miller, Montgomery, Moorhead, Nunnemacher, Orr, Pearson, Phelps, Purcell, Ramsey, Reed, Reinhold, Riddle, Roberts, Shenk, Smith, (Philadelphia,) Walter, Wintrode and Yearsley—21.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the second amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Backus, Baldwin, Ball, Beck, (Lycoming,) Beck, (York,) Bernhard, Boyd Brown, Brush, Buchanan, Caldwell, Campbell, Carty, Craig, Fausold, Foster, Getz, Haines, Hamel, Harper, Heins, Hibbs, Hill, Hillegas, Hipple, Holcomb, Housecker, Imbrie, Ingham, Innis, Irwin, Johns, Johnson, Laporte, Lebo, Longaker, Lovett, M'Calmont, M'Carthy, M'Comb, Maugle, Menear, Miller, Montgomery, Moorhead, Nunnemacher, Orr, Pearson, Purcell, Ramsey, Reed, Reinhold, Riddle, Roberts, Shenk, Smith, (Allegheny,) Strouse, Vail, Whallon, Wright, (Luzerne,) Zimmerman, and Wright, *Speaker*—63.

NAYS—Messrs. Augustine, Barry, Clover, Edinger, Fry, Fulton, Gaylord, Gibboney, Hamilton, Hancock, Hunneker, Leisenring, Magee, Manley, Morris, Mumma, Patterson, Phelps, Salisbury, Smith, (Cambria,) Thompson, Walter, Wintrode, Wright, (Dauphin,) and Yearsley—25.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the third amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Backus, Baldwin, Ball, Beck, (Lycoming,) Beck, (York,) Bernhard, Boyd, Boyer, Brown, Buchanan, Caldwell, Campbell, Carty, Craig, Crawford, Edinger, Fausold, Foster, Fry, Getz, Haines, Hamel, Harper, Heins, Hibbs, Hill, Hillegas, Hipple, Holcomb, Housekeeper, Imbrie, Ingham, Innis, Irwin, Johns, Johnson, Laporte, Lebo, Longaker, Lovett, M'Calmont, M'Comb, Maugle, Menear, Miller, Montgomery, Nunnemacher, Orr, Pearson, Phelps, Purcell, Ramsey, Reed, Riddle, Shenk, Smith, (Allegheny,) Smith, (Cambria,) Smith, (Wyoming,) Thompson, Whallon, Wright, (Dauphin,) Wright, (Luzerne,) and Zimmerman—64.

NAYS—Messrs. Barry, Clover, Cobourn, Dock, Dowdail, Fulton, Gaylord, Gibboney, Hamilton, Hancock, Hunneker, Leisenring, Magee, Manley, Morris, Patterson, Reinhold, Roberts, Salisbury, Walter, Wintrode, Yearsley and Wright, *Speaker*—25.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the fourth amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Backus, Ball, Beck, (Lycoming,) Beck, (York,) Bernhard, Boyd, Boyer, Brown, Buchanan, Caldwell, Campbell, Carty, Craig, Crawford, Dowdall, Edinger, Fausold, Foster, Fry, Getz, Hamel, Harper, Heins, Hibbs, Hill, Hillegas, Hippie, Holcomb, Housekeeper, Hunsecker, Imbrie Innis, Irwin, Johnson, Laporte, Lebo, Longaker, Lovett, M'Calmont, M'Carthy, M'Comb, Maugle, Menear, Miller, Montgomery, Moorhead, Nunnemacher, Orr, Pearson, Phelps, Purcell, Ramsey, Reed, Reinhold, Riddle, Roberts, Shenk, Smith, (Cambria,) Smith, (Wyoming,) Thempson, Vail, Walter, Whallon, Wright, (Luzerne,) Yearsley, Zimmerman and Wright, *Speaker*—69.

NAYS—Messrs. Barry, Clover, Cobourn, Fulton, Gibboney, Haines, Hancock, Hunneker, Ingham, Leisenring, Magee, Manley, Morris, Patterson, Salisbury, and Wintrode—16.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Harrisburg, June* 27, 1856.

*Pennsylvania, ss:*

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the "Yeas" and "Nays" taken on the Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as the same appears on the Journals of the two Houses of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth for the session of 1856.

L.S. Witness my hand and the seal of said