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"But still remember, if you mean to please,
How near from virtue makes us and care."

FOR THE GREENSBOROUGH PATRIOT.
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THE BANKS.

"Calm is my soul, nor apt to rise in arms,
Except when fast-approaching danger warms."

Goliath.

Much has been said about the mismanagement and fraud of the Banks. It is reduced to a certainty, that a system of consummate knavery has been pursued to an unparalleled extent. When fraudulence is systematic and legalized;—when a set of unprincipled harpies conspire to spoil the people, and pamper their insatiable avarice on the plunder, and are permitted to perpetrate these deeds with impunity;—what may be deemed the state of public morals?—what avails the show of liberty?—or what limits should be prescribed to public indignation?

The inquiry naturally offers itself, which deserves the most unequivocal censure, the Banking Incorporations for surpassing the provisions of their charters, or the State Legislature for suffering them to do it! or may not these bodies be so interlocked, and, in some way, identified, as that, to censure the one, will be to censure the other? This appears to be the easier and more probable way of accounting for the management of these concerns. Otherwise, I should unhesitatingly give it as my opinion, that the Legislature merits the greater share of the blame. The Banks are but a creature of the Legislature. They were spoken into existence by that body, and the moment they transcended the condition of their birth, they were virtually dead; nothing but a legal investigation being necessary to sink them into utter annihilation. This investigation the Legislature should have proored to be made. But the Legislature either suffered itself to be deceived by the artifices of these wanton creatures, or it winked at their fraudulent proceedings. To suppose the Legislature deceived, is to suppose it a composition of imbecility; for it was from time to time warned. To suppose its connivance, is to suppose it a mass of corruption; for no other conclusion is rational. Now if I knew which was the less disengagement from the character of a Legislature, imbecility, or corruption, I would, in so extreme a case, incline in my judgments, to the side of clarity.

It is said there is a chain, which being let down from Jupiter, comes in contact with the earth. We may perhaps best account for the way in which the Banking Institutions have been conducted, and permitted to proceed, in the following manner. Instantly upon chartering these institutions, a large number of our most influential men became stock-holders; whilst, in a short time, a still greater number became Bank debtors. It must be born in mind that interest moves the world. The Stock-holders were tempted to surpass the limits of their Charters, for the sake of deriving large dividends from their investments. The Bank debtors were induced to favour the Banks, for the fancied benefit of indulgence; which is but the benefit of rendering the future now and again more inevitable and complete, from having flattered awhile in borrowed feathers. Meantime men of smaller fortunes are indebted to these Bank debtors. The moment a man becomes deeply indebted, he becomes a *cowering slave*. If the Banks are any way pressed upon, necessity, as they say, will compel them to press upon those who are their debtors; and if those indebted to the Banks are compelled to pay, the like necessity will compel them to press their debtors. Thus is produced a vast dependence, by which the Banks have been enabled to maintain their ascendancy over the Legislature; and, whilst they are entrenching themselves about the possessions of the whole country, they have the audacity—the consummate chutzpah—to make the people believe that they are exercising the greatest lenity and indulgence.

The people of N. C. perhaps others also, have been very improvident in regard to constructing debts. The load of apparent prosperity, which overwiehted men during a few of the years subsequent to the conclusion of the last war, together with the sudden & unexpected邸le produced a state of things so various, that few, if any, of the most judicious, can easily perceive the consequences.

The overflowing abundance of money, and the ease of acquiring it, introduced general extravagance. The unexampled emoluments of trade, produced a universal spirit of speculation. The cheapness of every article of clothing, introduced a taste for show in the ornaments of dress. Extravagance, Illness, and Pride, batily comport with the hardness of the times which the ebbing tide left; but yet they had become so habitual, as to be seldom laid aside in mature time to redeem the consequences of their long continuance. The country was filled with debt and consequent dependence. The Banks seemed to be the first great link of a concatenation, that descended, as we have noticed, to the most obscure individual of the State. The fortunes of many have been, and still continue to be, suspended on the mercy of creditors.

The inquiry here naturally offers itself, how far were the Banks the means, in the first place, of producing this state of things? It may be answered that they were almost the sole authors, for they furnished the instrument; yet, to do them justice, it must be admitted, that, so far as they did not transcend the limits of their Charters, nor exercise unusual practices, they are measurably innocent. But, so far as their instrumentality in producing this state of things, proceeded from their transcending of the terms of their Charter, or other fraudulent practices, they are guilty and amenable.

I stop here, for a moment, to notice the deleterious influence which this state of debt & dependence has over the freedom of elections. As above observed, the man deeply indebted becomes forthwith a cringing slave. I will leave my reader the easy task of drawing his own inference, concerning the facility of converting this servile dependence into an instrument of intrigue. I will suggest the inquiry whether, on this account alone, to say nothing of the mischief accumulating elsewhere, it would not, long ago, have been better to bring the Banks to terms? There would before this time have been less debt, less dependence, and consequently more freedom in the exercise of the elective franchise. And I would seriously inquire, whether such an event might not have a salutary effect on the materials which compose the State Legislature?

It is notorious that the Banks have a claim of four millions of dollars against the citizens of this State. From which it would seem, that a large proportion of our citizens' property is suspended on the arbitrary caprice of those, who, judging from the rapidity with which they have aggrieved others in debt, will exercise but little clemency in collecting, when the mature time shall have arrived. Now it is evident, from facts which have been developed, that a large portion of this amount has been accumulated by fraudulent impositions; and that, should these impudent demands be ever paid, it would produce a wide-spread devastation throughout the State. In such a crisis, what should be done?—what can be done? Who, much should, and every thing that a sovereign people wills, can be done. In the first place, the proportion of this vast amount which has been evidently accumulated by fraud, should be struck at one dash from the account. In the next place, all that is dubious, when the preponderance of probabilities is unfavourable, should be treated in the same way. If any thing remains, it should be secured, to the amount of their claims to those stock-holders, so far as they can be identified, who have never wilfully committed at these mis-deeds. And lastly, we

"Should force destruction to refund her spoil?" This may seem a rather summary way to dispose of the business, but it is just and legal, founded on the maxim, that "no man shall be permitted to enjoy the advantage of his own wrong;" and certainly, no further proof of the commission of a fraud need be required, than a concession to the charge on the part of the accused.

To see a tribe of all-devouring aristocrats swallow, at one riotous meal, the fitness of the land, whilst the mass of the community are consigned to poverty and starvation, would be a most disgusting spectacle to a freeman, even had they a much fairer pretence for the deed; but it becomes intolerable, when we take into consideration the unbridled knavery that has been practiced for the purpose of gaining a pretext to do it. From the tempting and imbecile character of past Legislatures, we have much to fear, and nothing to hope, from the present. Though the cause of justice and the stress of the times, should call with the voice of thunder, we have too much reason to apprehend that the Legislature will turn a deaf ear. With trembling anticipation, I suspect that the issue of the affair will be, that the power of these foul harpies, instead of being forever annihilated, will be prolonged for a time adequate to enable them to *reap the full advantage of their own wrong*, and gradually complete the work of devastation, which public resentment would deter them from doing *instantaneously*. That this protraction of their power, nothing could be more desirable to them, or more abhorrent to a man of an independent spirit.

I have not the desire, had I the ability, to conjure up a tempest; but I can say to my fellow-citizens, should a portentous cloud be lowering, in our horizon, which has already given signs of being fraught with deleterious vapours, and threatens to inundate us with universal ruin. If we have one particle of energy remaining, let us be on the alert. Our fears are strongly excited, but the interested are poising their foul miction, like smooth eminences of misery, obscuring the air whilst they are busy in a trifling *amorous snares*, and luring them through life's lead, with the view to excite counteraction.

A smile of more than earthly tenderness stole over her features, and fixed there, like an omen of the spirit's happiness. She was dead. And they buried her on the spot which she herself selected—a lonely place of slumber, carpeted by green, weeping willows. I have stood there a thousand times in the quiet moonlight, and imagined that I heard, in

every breeze that whispered among the branches the voice of the beloved slumberer.

Devoted girl! thy beautiful spirit hath never abandoned me in my weary pilgrimage. Gently & soothingly thou comest to watch over my pillow—to cheer me amidst the trials of humanity—to mingle thy heavenly sympathies with my joys and sorrows, and to make thy mild reproofs known and felt in the darker moments of existence; in the tempest of passion and the bitterness of crime. Even now in the awful calm which precedes the last changes in my being—in the cold shadow which now stretches from the grave to the presence of the living, I feel that thou art near me—

"Thyself a pure and sacred one,
Watching the loved and frail of earth."

N. E. Review.

SLECTIONS.

"And 'tis the sad complaint, and almost true,
What'er we write, we bring forth nothing new."

THE DEFORMED GIRL.

Memory—mysterious memory!—holy and blessed as a dream of Heaven to the pure in spirit—shame and accuser of the guilty! Unescapable presence! wandering through every vicissitude, and calling us back to the past—back to the dim and sepulchred images of departed time—opening anew the deep regrets of early passion—the loves and sympathies of boyhood—the torturing separations of after years! While the present is dark with anguish, and the future gladdened by no sunbeam of anticipation, I invoke thy spell of power. Unroll before me the chart of vanished hours; let me gaze once more on thy sunlight and shadow.

I am an old man. The friends of my youth are gone before me. Some have perished on the great deep; others in the battle field, afar off in the land of strangers; and many—very many, have been gathered quietly to the church-yard of our native village. They have left me alone—even as the last survivor of a fallen forest—the hoary representative of departed generations. The chains which once bound us to existence have been broken—Audition, Avarice, Pride; even all that wakes into power the intolerable thirst of mind. But there are some milder thoughts—some lighter passages in the dream of my being, yet lying at the bottom of memory—thoughts, pure as angelic communion; and linked by a thousand tender associations to the Paradise of love.

There was one—a creature of exalted intellect—a being whose thoughts went upward like an incuse of arrows upon God's natural altars—they were so bright and so unlike to earth. Yet was she not proud of her bright gift. With the bright capacities of an unbounded spirit, there was something more in woman's meekness in her demeanor. It was the countenance of seraph intellect—the forgiveness and the tears of conscious purity extended to the erring and passionate of earth.

She was not a being to love with an earthly affection. Her person had no harmony with her mind. It bore no resemblance to those beautiful forms which glide before the eye of romance in the shadowy world of dreams. It was not like the bright realities of being—the wealth of beauty which is sometimes concentrated in the matchless form of woman. It was deformity,—strange, peculiar deformity relieved only by the intellectual glory of a dark and soul-like eye. Yet strange as it may seem, I loved her, deeply, passionately as the young heart can love when it pours itself out like an oblation to its idol. There were gentle and lovely ones around me—creatures of smiles and blushes; soft tones and melting glances. But their beauty made no lasting impression on my heart. Mine was an intellectual love—yearning after something invisible and holy—something above the ordinary standard of human desire, set apart and sanctified, as it were, by the mysteries of mind.

Mine was not a love to be revolved in the thronged circle of gaiety and fashion—it was avowed underneath the bending Heaven; when perfect stars were along gazing upon us. It was rejected; but not in scorn, pride, nor anger, by that high thoughted girl. She would ask my friendship—my sympathy; and she besought me—ay, with tears she besought me, to speak no more of Love. I obeyed her. I fled from her presence. I mangled once more in the bustle of being, and ambition entered into my soul. Wealth came upon me unexpectedly; and the voice of praise became a familiar sound. I returned, at last, with the impress of manhood on my brow, and sought again the being of my dreams.

She was dying. Consumption—pale, ghastly consumption, had been taken away her hold on existence. The deformed and emaciated form was yielding to the impulses of the soul. Clasping her wasted hand, I bent over her in speechless agony. She raised her eyes to mine; & in those beautiful emblems of her soul, I read the hoarded collection of years—the long smothered emotion of a suffering heart. "Henry," she said, and I bent lower to catch the faltering tones of her sweet voice—"I have loved you long and fervently. I feel that I am dying. I rejoice at it. Earth will cover this wasted and unlovely form, but the soul will return to that promised and better land, where no change or evil instance can mar the communion of spirit. Oh Henry, had it been permitted! but I will not murmur. You were created with more than manhood's beauty, and I—deformed—wretched as I am, have dared to love you!"

I knelt down and kissed the pale brow of the sufferer. A smile of more than earthly tenderness stole over her features, and fixed there, like an omen of the spirit's happiness. She was dead. And they buried her on the spot which she herself selected—a lonely place of slumber, carpeted by green, weeping willows. I have stood there a thousand times in the quiet moonlight, and imagined that I heard,

MILITIA JUTY.

"Right abreast," said Capt.—to his newly raised company, as he suddenly came in contact with a bank of oyster shells.

"That aren't a wrong order," said a veteran looking fellow, with a gun without a lock and a pistol not dissimilar to Rip Van Winkle's, after his twenty year's sleep.

"Keep your jaw," said the Captain "and hold up your head like a man." "Fine looking fellows," continued he, "our country is safe with such soldiers,"—I say, Lieutenant, what are you after in letting that *old soldier* walk on the pavement. I say, Sergeant, take three men, and bring him into the ranks."

"The Captain says you must come into the ranks and keep step," (dressing the stray soldier.) "I guess I shant do no such thing. I've got my feet muddy already; an if they gets wet I guess as how I shall be poorly for a month."

"You better come in now, Mr.—I'll tell the Captain what you say."

"Haw-ha-ha, and what does I keer if you does. An't I an independence man?"

"Captain, the man says he won't come in." What! not mind what I say to him!—abominable! Well, let him have his own way, I guess I'll tell the Colonel, that I will. To the right about turn and mind that mudhole—dress—eyes right, forward—left foot after, boys—keep your heads up—fine looking fellows—glorious day—forward march." And away we went up Broadway in style.

"I don't like this training," said my next neighbor, "its a dead loss to me of six dollars." "And I do like it," said a drowsy looking creature "its a glorious time to frolic—almost equal to the fourth of July."

"No talking boys—no talking—I can't allow talking—regulars never talk," said the Captain.

Well, we marched a mile or two to the grand place of operations—we drummed about for an hour or so—saw half a dozen military looking men on horse-back come out to review and examine us—passed inspection—we dismissed for half an hour—half of us got drunk—were called to arms—drummed through the streets again—and then permitted to go to our homes, with headache enough to last a week. And this is—New York Militia duty.

A PRIVATE.

CLEANLINESS.

The large village of Broek, near Amsterdam, in Holland, is said to present the most remarkable examples of uniform neatness and punctilious attention to cleanliness, that the world can produce. It is chiefly inhabited by wealthy farmers, who live in affluence upon the income of their lands. Wagons and loaded carriages are not allowed to pass through the street, the pavement of which is kept in the best possible order; while the footwalk, which is as clean as scrubbing brushes can well make it, is sanded and marked out in fanciful and ornamental figures. The doors and the porches are burnished, and the trunks of the trees which grew before them, are polished by frequent scrubbing. To gain admittance at the front door, is a favor not to be expected, except by persons of some consequence; and if the shores of a visitor happen to be a little soiled, a pair of slippers is presented to him at the door, which he is to use as a substitute during his stay.

THE HIGH-MINDED SLAVE.

The following anecdote, which we copy from the London Tract magazine for June, is a fine example of noble feeling in an African slave. How few are the white men, who in similar circumstances would manifest so nice a sense of honor! Among the whites, if the *broken merchant* who afterwards becomes wealthy, pays the debts which he could not be compelled to pay by law, he is extolled as a singularly honest man. We do not object to this; when honesty is scarce, we must make the most of what there is, but where shall we find the white man, who after escaping from a tyrannical master, voluntarily and unmasked, sent back from his safe asylum the price which would compensate his master for the loss of his services!—N. Y. Observer.

A purchaser of slaves, in Charleston, S. C. who intended to sell them again, observed a fine looking man amongst them, superior to the rest, and felt disposed to retain as his own servant. He was a little surprised soon after by the conduct of the negro, who came to him and said, "Massa! you myself?" "Not sell you, why not?"—"Me make good service," massa." Having before intended to keep him, his resolution was now strengthened, and he began to regret his conduct. Well he recollects well the words our self for "The negro replied, "Me make a good servant, and

"an' strike me?" "Not strike you, scoundrel; but I will strike you if you deserve it." The reply was, "Me make good servant, massa, you no taking me."

He behaved well until on some occasion his master took up something to strike him with. The slave drew backwards and putting himself in the position of defence, repeatedly cried out to his master not to strike him. His master judged it prudent to refrain from putting his threat into execution, for which was the excitement of the negro, that little doubt was entertained of his re-entering unto death the blow of **fire**. The master soon forgot this circumstance, but the slave did not forget it. The degradation of being subject to a blow operated on his mind, and he escaped from bondage, by the first vessel that left the coast. Hiding himself among the stowage, he was carried out to sea, and when a few leagues from land, he came on deck to the captain. He told the captain that he was a Chief in his own country, among his own people; and that he knew a merchant of Liverpool, who would provide for him. The captain used him kindly, and brought him to Liverpool. The merchant immediately supplied him with money, when the first use to which it was applied was to send over to his master, at Charleston, the price he had given for him, to indemnify him for the loss of his services as a slave!

Christian! Is thou readest this at evening, after the toil of the day is ended, and when thou art sitting in thine own habitation; or if it be on the Sabbath, when about to hear the glad tidings of salvation; or if stretched on thy sick bed, some friend should begin the weary hour by reading it to thee; or under whatever circumstances it may find thee, put up thy prayer for the slave and the slave dealer, that the word of God and the influence of the Holy spirit may teach the one to endure with patience, and induce the other to show mercy; and that both may be delivered from the bondage of sin, and partake of the glorious liberty of the Gospel. Call to mind thy peaceful Sabbath's? In means of grace; and by hopes of glory; and whilst thou offerest praise for these invaluable blessings, pray that they may speedily come when slavery shall no longer exist.

MISCELLANEOUS.

*Manuscripts & fortunes, humours turn with climates,
Tastes with age, and privacyes with times.*

NOTES ON FRUGALITY.

The Portuguese poet Miranda, had entered into a treaty of marriage with the brother of a lady whom he had never seen; and when he was introduced to her, finding her neither handsome nor young, he said without any alteration in his manner or countenance, "Punish me lady, with this staff for having come to see." He, however, most honorably fulfilled his engagement, and such was the excellent wife and mother the lady made him, that her death drove him into a state of melancholy, little short of madness. Upon the hour of her decease to his own, a period of three years, he never trimmed his beard, or parted his hair; never answered a letter, never went out of his house, except to church, and never after wrote any thing, except a sonnet on her death.

At the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, held at New Garden Meeting House, in 1829.
At the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings, that constitute it.

Dear Friends.—This Meeting, in the course of the consideration of the state of society, was brought under feeling concern, in hearing the answers to the queries from the respective Quarters, from which it appeared there were many deficiencies still existing amongst us a religious Society; the most prominent of which were, a general neglect in the attendance of mid-week meetings by many of our members; the want of love and unity among some; too much slackness in some monthly Meetings in regard to maintaining the Discipline in practice; deviations from plausibility in dress and address;—and it was truly sorrowful to us to hear of so much complaint with regard to the use, and otherwise tampering with spirituous liquors; And there was likewise some complaint from several of the Quarters, of some of our members attending at masters.

The neglect of the attendance of religious Meetings was weightily brought to our view, as one of the most prominent deficiencies amongst us, and the source of many others; and that the cause of this neglect was the want of religious feeling.

We were most feelingly warned against the dangerous and disorganizing consequences of the want of love and unity, as being the most likely source of evil leading to the adoption of false principles, and the insinuating and separating spirit of insubordination.

Such a deviate from plausibility, were seriously called upon to consider the result of such a course of conduct—how it let them down in the esteem of other respectable classes in the community—that they were bringing their parents and friends under deep sorrow and mourning; and moreover, that they were triumphing upon the witness of truth or grace of God in their own hearts. They were most feelingly called upon to return to the bosom of society, and to Christian simplicity, in their dress and manners.

Such of our members as have not yet cleared themselves of the use and traffic of spirituous liquors, were earnestly entreated to consider of its wide-spread, destructive, and demoralizing effects in the human family. And Friends were requested generally, to consider whether they had discharged their duty in their various abominations in neighborhoods, in discouraging the setting up of distilleries by others; and in curbing their endeavors, in the spirit of love and sympathy, in all their various circles, and in their intercourse with men, to arrest the progress of this most destroying of human happiness & christianity.

Friends, however, were advised tenderly not to speak of themselves, but even on business; and our meeting was adjourned, to call again to consider the danger they were exposing themselves to—especially strong, in their various meetings, and having

been brought into deep suffering on account of their deviations from dress and address, and some of them attending at master-fields.

A living, and very feeling concern is felt, that the members of this yearly Meeting,—such as were present, might long retain in remembrance, the weighty remarks, and tendering impressions felt by us in the course of the consideration of the state of society at this time; and likewise a desire that our absent brethren and sisters might be partakers with us, as far as could be well comprehended in a short epistolary communication, sent down to the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings that all the various departments of society might become solemnly impressed with a sense of the great need there is for us, as a religious society, to labor for a reformation.

Signed by direction of the meeting.
NATHAN MENDENHALL, }
ABIGAIL STANLEY, } Clerks.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE INDIANS.

The Creek Indians have at a full council, resolved not to give up their lands and remove west of the Mississippi. The council requested Col. Crowell, the agent, to advise the president of their positive determination not to relinquish their lands, but to remain and submit to the laws of Alabama. The Cherokees, it is understood, have adopted a similar resolution.

Two important questions are involved in the controversy between these Indians and the states in which they reside. One is the nature of their ownership of their lands; the right to establish and maintain a separate government. The first is certainly not now an open question. In the case of *Johinston vs. McIntosh*—8th Wheaton, 543, the character and extent of the Indian right to the soil was very fully examined, both in the arguments of counsel, and in the elaborate and lucid opinion of the court, by the chief justice, it is determined that the Indian right is that of occupancy alone, the absolute, ultimate title being in the government; and that the right of occupancy can only be contracted for, with the Indians, by the government. The whole opinion proceeds upon the basis that the Indian right of occupancy is absolute, and that it cannot be divested rightfully, but by contract. The difficulty of the present state of things is, the inapplicability of the principle to the condition of the Indians, when their characters of hunters is changed to that of agriculturists. Still whilst they agree to hold their lands and occupy them in common, the rule applies to them, and they cannot, without a clear violation of their uniformly acknowledged rights, be forcibly dispossessed.

In the abstract the other question is one of more difficulty. But the Indians waive it when they agree to submit to the laws of the state where their lands lie. The operation of these laws must, however, start a new difficulty. It is this: Will not the inevitable effect be to destroy the national character of the Indians, and with it the title of occupancy, held in virtue of it? This would seem to be an unavoidable consequence. In this predicament I should think it were the best policy for the United States and the states concerned, to unite and arrange with the Indians, regulations properly adapted to its new condition. If they agree to abandon their separate nation, al character, let them be received as citizens of the state, and let their lands be distributed to them in fee. I pretend not to suggest the terms upon which these regulations should be founded. But it seems clear that some compromise of this kind is the only means of adjusting the difficulty. To remove the Indians by force, would be an act of violence and wrong, which it is not possible for the United States to attempt. And it appears equally impossible for their present condition to continue without some inconvenience to the states.

FLORIDA.

The message of the Governor of Florida to the legislative council of that territory, presents a very favorable view of its internal condition, and of its rapid advancement to that extent of population which will entitle it to an admission among the states of the union, at the ensuing census of 1830.—The Governor recommends the provision of a fund for the maintenance of primary schools throughout the territory.—The fines and forfeitures, accruing under the laws of the territory, are stated to be sufficient, if applied to any other purpose, to form a literary fund adequate to the very great improvement of the state of education in the territory at present; and ultimately to ensure the permanency of a system of public education.—With regard to the condition of the Indians within the territory, the Governor has the following observations:—

The executive has for some years past urged upon the national Government the necessity of removing the Indians from this territory. The President of the United States is desirous that they should be removed to a country where they may permanently remain. It will depend upon congress, whether the Seminole nation shall become extinct, or enjoy for ages, their primeval simplicity and liberty.

It is melancholy to reflect, that surrounded as they are by our population, their condition becomes every day more abject and miserable.—They are only offered the means of a bantuary, and the example of idleness; giving to the red man all the vices, without one virtue of civilization. Let us hope, that the congress of the United States, by an enlightened and liberal policy, will save the remnant of these once brave and powerful tribes within our territory from inevitable annihilation.

The attention of the council is earnestly called to the frequent violations of the laws by duelling. He recommends the exclusion of all persons who shall be guilty of sending or accepting challenges, from any office of honor or profit with the territory.

The contest between the State of Georgia and Florida with regard to the boundary line between them, still continues undetermined. The Governor of the latter, however, expresses a conviction that the congress of the United States, to which the question has been referred, will decide in favor of the same boundary, which existed at the time of the session of

[From what we have seen and heard, there is not a more miserable caste of persons in the United States, than the Seminole Indians. Confined to a district of country unsuited to their constitutions and habits, they are rapidly reducing in numbers, and those who remain, seem to have given themselves up to despair. They are wretchedly fed and clothed, and seem to have no inducements to exertion.]

Cincinnati (Ohio) Gazette.

BRITISH MISERIES.

From a variety of statements of the same kind, we offer the following from a late English paper to shew the condition of the laboring classes.

Huncote, a village of about 70 houses, 15 of which are deserted; the remainder are inhabited by weavers and calico printers. This place wears a most dreary aspect; the roofs of several of the houses have fallen in, the windows are broken, and the doors walled up. Some of those inhabited are cheerless places for human beings to live in. The landlord of the inn said—"Twelve years ago I used to draw £30 on a club day; the last time I drew £1. You see the people cannot get meat, much less drink; they have no dinners now when they meet; besides, some families are gone to live at Rawtonstall, and others at Ashton-under-Lyne."

In the whole township there are 22 farmers, and 70 cottagers, 40 of whom receive relief, in one shape or other. In 1825 the amount paid to the poor was £205 6s. 2d.; in 1826 it was £238 10s. 1d.; in 1827, £245 0s. 1d.; in 1828, £239 3s. 2d.; and 1829, is going on in the same proportion. I ask the overseer, a very intelligent young farmer, how they contrived to reduce their expenditure whilst the severity of distress was unmitigated. He said, "some families have left, and those who remain are not dealt with as formerly. We are harder with each other than we were before." We are compelled to use every method to keep them off. Every thing is done on the lowest scale; and if they go before a magistrate he does not allow them any thing like their former pay. Poor folks are, indeed, very ill used."

SIEGES OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

The celebrated metropolis, the *Antissa*, or blooming maiden of the Greeks, and the *Umedunja*, or mother of the universe, as it is styled by the Turks, has been visited with the horrors of nine and twenty sieges. The subsequent enumeration of their successive occurrence cannot fail to possess something more than transient interest in the eyes of our readers.

- B. C. 417. Besieged by Pausanias after the battle of Platæa.
410. By Alcibiades, in the beginning of the fifth cent., anno 419 or 411.
347. By Leo, Philip's general.
A. D. 197. By the emperor Septimus Severus.
313. By Maximus Caesar.
315. By Constantine the great.
316. By Chosroes of Persia, under Heraclius emperor of the east.
626. By the Chazan of the Avari, an ally of Chosroes.
656. By Moawia, the general of Ali, an Arab sovereign.
669. By Isid, a son of Moawia.
674. By sohan Ben Auf, one of Moawia's generals.
712. By two sons of Caliph Merwan, when Anthemius was emperor.
731. By Solyman, a son of Caliph Abdolmelek.
764. By Paganos, the kral of the Bulgarians, under Constantine V.
786. By Harun-al-Raschid, under Leo, IV.
795. By Abdolmelek, a general of Harun-al-Raschid.
811. By Krumus, the despot of the Siayonians.
820. By Thomas the Slavonian under Michael the Stammerer.
836. By the Russians, under Ascold and Dir.
914. By Simeon, kral of the Bulgarians.
1043. By Thorimachus the rebel, under Michael Monomachos.
1061. By Alexius Comenus, on Good Friday.
1204. By the crusaders on the 12th of April.
1261. By Michael Pakologus, on the 25th of July.
1396. By Bazajet, the lightning flash. The first Ottoman siege.
1402. By the same.
1411. By Musa, a son of Bazajet.
1422. By Amurath II, a son of Mahomet I.
1453, 29th May. By Mahomet II, "the conqueror of Constantinople," against whose victorious host, Phranza tells us, Constantine Dragos, Palaeologus, the last Greek emperor, rushed forth exclaiming, "I would rather die than live;" and shortly afterwards, perceiving himself deserted by his recent followers, and crying aloud, "Is there no Christian hand to smite off my aching head?" met a glorious death, though doomed to fall by the cimeter of an infidel.

COLONIES.

Much alarm prevailed at Cartagena on the 6th ult.—the date of our last advices, and all was confusion and uproar there; General Cardeva had hoisted a standard of opposition to Bolivar, issued a proclamation, and collected some troops. A force of 700 veterans, under General Oleary, had been sent against him. At present, there is no knowing how the matter is to end; but we rather think that it will not amount to much.

BUTOS YARES.

The "Argentine News" of the 29th August say—All the newly appointed ministers have entered upon the discharge of their respective functions. The answers which they returned upon receiving their appointments, were published in the *Gaceta Mercantil* of yesterday. Don Thomas Condé stated, "that it is well known to the Governor that in article several of the laws very distinctly prohibit the importation

but that being obliged to travel through it, he proposed to contribute as in his power to remove them, and seek the shortest and securest path towards the re-establishment of the institutions of the country." The language of Señores García and Escalda, was much to the same effect. The latter, as minister of war, has addressed a letter to gen. Juan Manuel Rosas, commandant of the country districts, stating that the government had authorised and given to the general full powers to regulate the peace of the country, and relied upon his known patriotism to carry it into effect.

[How has liberty been sported with!]

We copy the following merely out of compassion for those poor fellows—the old bachelors;

Marriage.—The *Edenbury Literary Journal* gives a comical description of wedded life, which some persons, perhaps, may think too true to make a joke of. Look, it says, at the great mass of marriages which take place over the world: what poor, contemptible, common place affairs they are. A few soft looks, a walk, a dance, a squeeze of the hand, a popping of the question, a purchasing of a certain number of yards of white satin, a ring, a clergyman, a stage or two in a hired carriage, or a stage coach, and the whole matter is over. For five or six weeks two sheepish looking persons are seen dangling about on each other's arm, looking at waterfalls, or making morning calls, and guzzling wine and cake; then everything falls into the most monotonous routine:—the wife sits on one side of the hearth, and the husband at the other, and little quarrels, little pleasures, little cares, and little children, gradually gather round them. This is what ninety-nine out of a hundred find to be the delights of love and matrimony.

VIRGINIA CONVENTION.

"Beneath each banner proud to stand,
Look'd up the noblest of the land."

Wednesday, October 24.

The Legislative committee have reported to the house in favor of making the whole population, exclusive, the bases of representation. Mr. Green moved to amend this report by striking out the word, "exclusively," and inserting, "and taxation combined."

Mr. Upsher supported the amendment proposed by Mr. Green; and

Mr. Dodridge spoke at some length in reply. The remarks of these gentlemen are postponed for want of room.

On motion of Mr. Leigh of Chesterfield, the committee rose and reported progress.

Thursday, October 25.

On motion of Mr. Dodridge, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Stanard in the chair; the amendment of Mr. Green being still before the committee, Mr. P. P. Barbour took the chair and addressed the chair in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Baldwin replied to Mr. Stanard in a speech of considerable Length.

Mr. Cook explained some remarks which he had previously made.

Some short observations, replies and rejoinders were exchanged by Messrs. Upsher, Cooke, Leigh and Powell.

Friday, October 26.

On motion of Mr. Summers, the convention then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Stanard in the chair.

Mr. Powell then rose and addressed the chair in opposition to the amendment moved by Judge Green and in support of the original proposition, as reported by the Legislative committee.

Mr. Morris of Hanover, then spoke in reply, and in support of the amendment.

Saturday, October 27.

Mr. Campbell, of Brooke, then addressed the committee at much length, in defence of the original resolution.

Mr. Scott then moved to amend the amendment offered by Judge Green by adding the words, "and in the senate, to white population exclusively."

The question being on the amendment of the amendment.

Mr. Scott addressed the chair.

Mr. Taylor, of Hampshire, then occupied the floor in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. Dodridge then suggested that to prevent any error in the public mind as to the effect of the amendment to the amendment, it would not be amiss to mention that this amendment offers to place the senate in no other condition than that which it is in at present.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, who suggested that as the labours of the committees had closed, and the spirit of talking seemed to increase, he made the motion, if it was ordered, that the hour to which the convention duly stand adjourned hereafter shall be 10 o'clock—ayes—41, nays, 39.

The convention then adjourned till Monday 10 o'clock.

Monday, November 2.

The convention, on motion of Mr. Leigh, resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Stanard in the chair.

Mr. Green rose to accept the amendment of Mr. Scott, to add to his amendment, the words "and in the senate, to white population exclusively," as a modification of his amendment.

On this a question of order arose, as it was considered out of order.

Mr. Green then expressed a desire to withdraw his amendment in order to give it the form of the amendment made by Mr. Scott—some conversation took place on the subject, in the course of which objections were made to the order of this course. The discussion terminated in the withdrawal of his proposition by Mr. Green.

The question pending, being still on the amendment of Mr. Scott.

Mr. J. S. Barbour addressed the committee in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Gordon followed in opposition to the amendment, and in favor of the original motion.

