

Letters from Philadelphia speak positively of a resumption. Stocks are therefore quickened into life, and exchange on Philadelphia declines. There can be no doubt of a general resumption in January. It is our interest, and their interest and honor too, to have a resumption and a resumption we must have. It is a mistake though to suppose the United States Bank the only drawback. That institution, I am assured, is ready. Look out then, ye of the South and West, for a resumption on the 15th of January, and legislate and draw bills according.

Mr. Holleman, V. B. of the Norfolk District, in Va. has resigned his seat in Congress, in accordance with a pledge he made to do so if Gen. Harrison received a majority in his District. Mr. H. is perhaps over scrupulous. It is men like Fisher, who deceived his constituents, or the New Jersey men, who were elected by the Van Buren party in Congress, not by the people—who ought to resign.

Gen. Harrison, we understand, is expected to leave home for Virginia the latter part of this month. He will spend the month of January with his friends in the Old Dominion, and repair to Washington in February, to be ready on the 4th of March to enter upon the duties of the important office to which the People have elevated him.—*Maysville Eagle.*

RIP VAN WINKLE.—We have it from the best authority that this venerable somnolent personage has resolved to quit old State of North Carolina, and seek some more congenial atmosphere, where he may enjoy his nap without interruption. It is suggested by some, that he will find a temperature and associations corresponding with his peculiar habits, in the Valley of Virginia.—*Nof. Herald.*

“Resolved to quit,” why bless your quarts, the Whigs drove him from his snug quarters in North Carolina some years ago and he took up his abode in South Carolina, where he is snoring too sound to think of a journey to Virginia.—*Observer.*

Just let him sweat, Mr. Observer. Mr. Calhoun is about to commence his gymnastic performances, and the first somerset he turns, will be apt to light into the old gentleman's wool!! He'll wake him.

**Rates of Exchange, &c.**

AUGUSTA, GA.

Savannah Bank	2 1/2 per cent. prem.
Columbus Insurance Bank	3 1/2 " "
Commercial Bank, Macon	3 1/2 " "
Mechanics' " Augusta	5 1/2 " "
Agency Brunswick	5 1/2 " "
Planters' and Mechanics' Bank	1 " " discnt.
Columbus	6 1/2 " "
Central Bank	4 " "
Milledgeville Bank	4 " "
Ocmulgee Bank	6 1/2 " "
Monroe Rail Road Bank	6 1/2 " "
Hawkinsville Bank	6 1/2 " "
Charleston R.R. & Bk Co.	1 " "
Darien Bank	25 " "
Bank of Rome	15 " "
Union Bank	50 " "
Southern Trust Co.	30 " "

All other Banks now doing business, at par.

SPECIAL PAYING BANKS.—Mechanics' Bank, Insurance Bank of Columbus, Commercial Bank of Macon, and Brunswick Agency in this city.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF THE MAILS, At and from Asheville, N. C.**

ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
Southern—Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays, at 10 o'clock, P. M.	Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, at 4 o'clock, A. M.
Western, via Warm Springs, &c.—Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 8 P. M.	Wednesdays, Fridays and Mondays, at 4 o'clock, A. M.
Western, via Franklin, to Ga.—Wednesdays, 7 P. M.	Fridays, 5 o'clock, A. M.
Eastern, via Morganton, &c.—Mondays & Fridays, 9 P. M.	Tuesdays and Saturdays, 5 A. M.
Eastern, via Rutherfordton, &c.—Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8 P. M.	Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 5 o'clock, A. M.
Eastern, via Burnsville, &c.—Mondays, 4 P. M.	Wednesdays, 6 P. M.
Southern, via Cathey's Creek, &c.—Tuesdays, 6 P. M.	Mondays, at 6 o'clock, A. M.

**To Printers and Publishers.**

THE subscribers have made arrangements with the manufacturers for keeping on hand in this city, a general assortment of TYPE, PRESSERS, CASES, FURNITURE, and BRINTERS' MATERIALS generally, which can be furnished to order at 13 hours notice. We have a sufficient stock now in store, to enable us to put up a complete New or Job Printing Office, without being obliged to order any portion from New York. As this warehouse has been established at the earnest recommendation of many of our friends in the interior towns, we beg leave to claim from their sufficient patronage to enable us to increase and keep up the establishment on a scale sufficient to make it an object to all parties.

All of the above materials are sold on the same terms as in New-York, with the usual charges for insurance, freight and exchange.

BURGES & WALKER,  
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**Powder.**

DUPONT'S superior SPORTING POWDER, in cansisters of 1 lb. each.

Dr. " Rifle " do. in kegs of 6 1/4 lbs. each. For sale by, H. URQUHART,  
HARRIS, S. C., Dec. 4, 1840. 27-p

**Notice.**

I HEREBY forgive all persons from having wronged my son JOHN II., who is a minor, and left my house without cause. Any person or persons so offending may expect to wear the penalty of the law.

THOMAS PALMER,  
December 18, 1840. 27-p

**NEW TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT IN ASHEVILLE!**

A. J. Fain

WOULD respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has commenced the TAILORING BUSINESS, in all its branches, in this place, and by special attention to business, to merit and receive a liberal share of public patronage. He hopes to be able to give general satisfaction.

He can always be found at his shop on an street, a few paces below Mr. Smith's store.

VENDITION EPONAS.

JUST printed and for sale at this office, on usual terms. Sept. 25, 1840.

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**Committee on Agriculture**—Messrs. Deberry, Dennis, McClellan, John Smith, Hammond, Shaw, Doig, Hook, and Ridgeway.

**Committee on Indian Affairs**—Messrs. Bell, Lewis Williams, Alford, Chinn, Lucas, Hunt, John W. Davis, Parrish, and Rynell.

**Committee on Military Affairs**—Messrs. Waddy Thompson, Miller, Coles, Kemple, John W. Allen, Monroe, Sumter, Goggin, and Wm. O. Butler.

**Committee on the Militia**—Messrs. Keim, Carter, Griffin, D. D. Wagener, Goode, Edward Rogers, Triplett, P. J. Wagner, and Wm. R. Cooper.

**Committee on Naval Affairs**—Messrs. F. Thomas, Reed, Grinnell, Anderson, Profit, Naylor, Shepard, Dickerson, and Montanya.

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**—Messrs. Pickens, Cushing, Dromgoole, Granger, Hawes, Everett, Clifford, Leet, and Fine.

**Committee on the Territories**—Messrs. Pope, Jenifer, Wm. B. Campbell, Stuart, Brewster, Garrett Davis, Jas. Cooper, Morgan, and Dana.

**Committee on Revolutionary Pensions**—Messrs. Taliaferro, Carr, Andrews, Steenrod, E. Davies, Brockway, Taylor, Hand, and Peck.

**Committee on Invalid Pensions**—Messrs. S. Williams, C. Morris, Chittenden, Doan, Strong, S. W. Morris, Palen Sweeney and Edwards.

**Committee on Roads and Canals**—Messrs. Ogle, Carrol, Hill of Virginia, T. Smith, Rayner, Blackwell, Underwood, Crabb, and Albert Smith.

**Committee on Patents**—Messrs. Fletcher, Beatty, Prentiss, Newhard, and Paynter.

**Committee on the Public Buildings and Grounds**—Messrs. Petrik, Leonard, Keim, John Hastings, and Osborne.

**Committee on Revial and Unfinished Business**—Messrs. Peck, Parrish, Jackson, James, and Kille.

**Committee on Accounts**—Messrs. Joseph Johnson, Charles Johnston, Marchand, Floyd, and Andrews.

**Committee on Mileage**—Messrs. Thomas W. Williams, Henry Williams, Henry Judson Allen, and Kempshall.

The six Standing Committees on Expenditures in the Departments were, under the Rules, appointed at the last session, to continue throughout the Congress. On that for Expenditures in the War Department, Mr. Chapman, of Alabama, and Mr. Doe, of New York, were appointed to fill vacancies, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Rice Garland, of Louisiana, and Mr. Tilghman A. Howard, of Indiana; and on that for the Post Office Department, Mr. Lane, of Indiana, was appointed in place of Mr. Anson Brown, of New York, deceased.—As now organized, these committees stand as follows:

**Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State**—Messrs. Underwood, Bynum, Crabb, Lowell and Trumbull.

**Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Treasury**—Messrs. Evans, Atherton, Osborne, Warren, and Nathaniel Jones.

**Committee on Expenditures in the Department of War**—Messrs. Peter J. Wagner, Holmes, Jas. Cooper, Chapman, and Doe.

**Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Navy**—Messrs. Saltonstall, Vanderpool, Simontony, Green, and Gerry.

**Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Post Office**—Messrs. Marvin, Bayd, Lowell, G. Davis, and Lane.

**Committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings**—Messrs. Sninly, Fournance, Gates, Earl, and John W. Allen.

The committee ordered on Thursday last on the motion of Mr. John Quincy Adams, to inquire and report respecting certain discrepancies or differences between the manuscript document of the last Session, respecting the negroes captured in the Spanish vessel called *L'Amistad*, and the printed document, consists of Messrs. Adams, McKay, Barnard, Modill, and Deimis.

The committee on the Tobacco Trade, ordered on Thursday last, on the motion of Mr. Jenifer, of Maryland, consists of Messrs. Jecifer, Coles, Sergeant, Dawson, Carroll, Grinnell, Triplett, Parrish, and Miller.

**Suicide.**

On Sunday evening, the 20th instant, a man whose name, from papers found in his possession, is supposed to be ROBERT B. HAMILTON, put an end to his earthly existence, at the house of James M. Smith, in this village, by hanging himself with his pocket handkerchief fastened to the bed post. What could have induced him to commit this rash act, and thus rush unbidden into the presence of his Maker, he has left no clue by which we can ascertain, or even conjecture. He came to the house of Mr. Smith on Saturday evening in the Southern stage, complained of being indisposed, and went to a private room, where he remained until he tied the fatal noose on the next evening. From papers found in his possession, it is supposed he had heretofore resided in Abbeville, S. C., and that he had recently been at Spartanburgh C. H. He had with him about \$150 in money, and copies of notes supposed to have been placed in the hands of some person for collection, to the amount of about \$1600, which are in the hands of Mr. Smith.

**THE LAW OF NEWSPAPERS.**—We learn from the Boston Courier that Judge Williams, in a late case before the Common Pleas, laid down the law in relation to a question interesting to editors of newspapers, as follows:

1. Where a subscriber to a newspaper orders it to be discontinued, and it continues to be left at his residence, the presumption is, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, that it is left by the subscriber's orders, and upon a promise to pay for it.
2. If a newspaper is left from day to day for a person at his place of business with his knowledge and consent, though not his expressed consent; and if he has reason to believe that it is so left under the expectation that he is to pay for it; in that case it will be bound to pay for it, unless he gives notice to discontinue it.

VIRGINIA.—The House of Delegates of the Virginia Legislature adopted a resolution to go into the election of a U. S. States Senator on Monday last; but it was lost in the Senate by a tie vote. The Petersburg Intelligencer says this conduct, on the part of the Senate, shows a fixed determination on the part of that body to defeat the will of the popular body, per fas aut nefas, and is in perfect keeping with the behavior of that august assemblage for some years past.

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Both Houses having organized, on the 9th, they proceeded at once to business.—We have only room this week to state a few of the most important matters introduced.

In the Senate, Mr. CLAY, of Kentucky, has introduced a resolution, declaring that the Sub-Treasury Bill ought, forthwith, to be repealed, and instructing the Committee on Finance to report a bill for that purpose.

Mr. TALMADGE, of New York, a resolution to amend the Constitution of the U. States so as to limit the services of President to one term of four years.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. MORRIS, of Ohio, after introducing a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to report particularly on the various matters connected with the Sub-Treasury, has given notice that he will, at an early day, introduce a bill for the repeal of said law.

Mr. J. Q. ADAMS called up again the abolition question, by proposing to repeal the 21st joint rule adopted at the last Session for the government of the two Houses, which prohibited the reception of petitions on that subject. He expressly disavows the intention of debating the subject; but it will be difficult for a matter on which so much feeling exists, to pass silently through the House.

The following are the Standing Committees of the two Houses:

**SENATE.**

On Thursday, the Chair announced the following Standing Committees, the first named on each being the Chairman:

**On Foreign Relations.**—Messrs. Buchanan, Clay, of Ky., Calhoun, Roane, and Allen.

**On Finance.**—Messrs. Wright, Webster, Nicholas, Benton and Hubbard.

**On Commerce.**—Messrs. King, Davis, Norvell, Ruggles, and Mouton.

**On Manufactures.**—Messrs. Lumpkin, Preston, Knight, Buchanan, and Allen.

**On Agriculture.**—Messrs. Mouton, Dixon, Linn, Sturgeon, and Smith, of Conn.

**On Military Affairs.**—Messrs. Benton, Preston, Wall, Pierce, and Nicholas.

**On the Militia.**—Messrs. Clay, of Ala., Smith, of Ia., Anderson, Fulton, and Mangum.

**On Naval Affairs.**—Messrs. Williams, Southard, Cuthbert, Tillinghast, and Tappan.

**On Public Lands.**—Messrs. Walker, Fulton, Clay, of Ala., Prentiss, and Norvell.

**On Private Land Claims.**—Messrs. Linn, Sevier, Clayton, Mouton, and Huntington.

**On Indian Affairs.**—Messrs. Sevier, Linn, White, Philips, and Lumpkin.

**On Claims.**—Messrs. Hubbard, Young, Merrick, Williams, and Huntington.

**On Revolutionary Claims.**—Messrs. Smith, of Conn., Sturgeon, Graham, Crittenden, and Robinson.

**On the Post Office and Post Roads.**—Messrs. Robinson, Lumpkin, Wright, Fulton, and Henderson.

**On Roads & Canals.**—Messrs. Young, Phelps, Henderson, Mangum, and Smith, of Ia.

**On Pensions.**—Messrs. Pierce, Prentiss, White, Roane, and Huntington.

**For the District of Columbia.**—Messrs. Merrick, Crittenden, Mangum, Southard, and Clayton.

**On the Patents and the Patent Office.**—Messrs. Sturgeon, Davis, Prentiss, Robinson, and Porter.

**On Public Buildings.**—Messrs. Fulton, Merrick, and Smith, of Conn.

**To Audit and Control contingent Expenses of Senate.**—Messrs. Knight, Fulton, and Porter.

**On engrossed Bills.**—Messrs. Henderson, Porter, and Phelps.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

MONDAY, DEC. 14, 1840.

At 12 o'clock, the Speaker, the Hon. R. M. T. HUNTER, took the chair, and the journal of the last day's sitting was read.

The Standing Committees ordered on Thursday last were now announced, and are composed as follows:

**Committee of Elections.**—Messrs. Rives, Fillmore, Modill, Aaron V. Brown, Truman Smith, Bots, Philip F. Thomas, Randall, and Rariden.

**Committee of Ways and Means.**—Messrs. John W. Jones, Evans, Atherton, Vanderpool, Connor, Mark A. Cooper, Mason, Saltonstall, and Hubbard.

**Committee of Claims.**—Messrs. Russell, Dawson, Banks, Giddings, Jared W. Williams, Gentry, John Hill of N. C., Galbraith, and Mallory.

**Committee on Commerce.**—Messrs. Curtis, Hillen, Burke, Toland, Habersham, Parrish, Bots, Weller, and Winthrop.

**Committee on Public Lands.**—Messrs. Morrow, Lincoln, Crary, Jno. White, Fisher, Garland, Jacob Thompson, Casey, and Chapman.

**Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.**—Messrs. McKay, Hopkins, Briggs, Marvin, Leadbetter, Joseph L. Williams, Albert G. Brown, Reynolds, and John B. Thompson.

**Committee for the District of Columbia.**—Messrs. W. Cost Johnson, Christopher H. Williams, Beirne, Clark, Davee, Graham, Cranston, Hawkins, and McCarty.

**Committee on the Judiciary.**—Messrs. Sergeant, Hoffman, Turney, Samuels, Barnard, Stanly, Trumbull, Samson H. Butler, and Starkweather.

**Committee on Revolutionary Claims.**—Messrs. Randolph, Hall, Taliaferro, Parmenter, Montgomery, Ely, Swearingen, James, and Nathaniel Jones.

**Committee on Public Expenditures.**—Messrs. Bond, Duncan, Crockett, Watterson, McCulloch, Green, Baker, Brackenridge, and McClure.

**Committee on Private Land Claims.**—Messrs. Calhoun, Dellet, Wick, Wm. S. Hastings, Jameson, Cross, Warren, Vroom and Boardman.

Mr. HINZ HOLT, Esq., has been nominated by the Whig party in Georgia, to fill the seat in Congress vacated by the resignation of Judge COLQUITT.

Mr. JOHN J. ROBERTS, of Newbern, has been appointed Professor of Modern Languages in the University of North Carolina.

**THE MESSENGER.**

ASHVILLE, N. C.

Friday Morning, December 25, 1840.

**President's Message.**

In order to place this document, entire, in the hands of our readers, we have crowded out much other matter; particularly the proceedings of Congress and the State Legislature. We have only been able to give a cursory perusal. We find a portion of so far as we are capable of judging, unobjectionable; but, other parts are quite defective. We had hoped that Mr. VAN BUREN would have profited by experience, and at this time have abandoned some of those projects which have been recently so generally condemned by the American people. We discover, however, that the Sub-Treasury, his ruling passion, is strong in him; and that he devotes a large portion of his message to bolster up and sustain this system to the old adage that a sickening child is certain to share the largest portion of its parent's affection. He has also taken occasion to manifest his still unconquering hostility to a United States Bank, and all other Banks. "In lieu of a national bank, or a dependence upon banks of any description, for the management of our fiscal affairs," he says, "I recommend the adoption of the system which is now in successful operation. That system affords every requisite facility for the transaction of the pecuniary concerns of the Government; will, it is confidently anticipated, produce in other respects many of the benefits which have been from time to time expected from the creation of a national bank, which have never been realized; avoid the manifold evils inseparable from such an institution; diminish to a greater extent than could be accomplished by any other measure of reform, the patronage of the Federal Government." We are at a loss to understand precisely what the President means here. What other benefits beyond the transaction of the pecuniary concerns of the Government, have from time to time been expected from the creation of a national bank, which have never been realized, is beyond our capacity to divine. If he alludes to the furnishing of a sound circulating medium—a thing, by the way, which the friends of the Sub-Treasury have always denied was intended to be effected by it—he surely does not intend to say to the American people that that had not been realized by the establishing of a national bank. In what manner the patronage of the Federal Government will be diminished by the Sub-Treasury is, to us, also inexplicable; unless he repudiates the doctrine of Gen. JACKSON, (one on which he has heretofore acted,) that the President is the Government, and by Federal Government means the Congress of the United States. If that be his meaning, we can well imagine how their patronage would be diminished by taking out of their hands the whole of the monetary affairs of the nation, and placing them entirely under the control of the Executive. The reiteration of his wanton attack upon the States, unnecessarily affecting their credit and character, is, to say the least of it, uncalculated; for comes with a bad grace from Mr. VAN BUREN, who is, evidently, to a great extent, the cause of the evil he complains of. He, by his policy, had destroyed confidence, endangered the currency, and driven from circulation a large portion of it. The people had appealed to him and been told they had nothing to expect from that quarter. What course then was left for them? They were compelled either to go into a foreign market to procure money to carry on the most important works of internal improvement already commenced, or abandon them.