From the Raleigh Register.

"WHAT IT COSTS TO BE GOVERNED."

The Standard is "sick almost unto dooms day" of "what it cost to be governed."—Its last issue has a labord article, in which an alleged trifling error or two in that powerful document is corrected with a great flourish of arithmetical trumpets. It is excessively amusing to hear a *Democrat* complain of an overcharge (if it be one) of a *million or two* against an administration which, *according to the Standard's own statement*, spent last year $61,961,129 or $22,587,914 more than *John Quincy Adams* spent during his administration of *four years*. But the Standard arrives at its statement of the expenditures by deducting from $37,585,667 76 cents, $9,684,537 99 cents, paid on account of the Public Debt. Now, we wish to call attention to the circumstances under which Mr. Buchanan come into office. Did he come in to find a depleted or bankrupt Treasury, or did he come in to find a Treasury filled to repletion, aye, filled so full that its plethoric condition was an absolute "embarrassment?" Let Mr. Buchanan in his own language answer the question. In his Inaugural Address he says:

Our present financial condition is without a parallel in history. No nation has ever before been embarrassed from too large a surplus in its treasury. This almost necessarily gives birth to extravagant legislation. It produces wild schemes of expenditure, whose ingenuity is exerted in contriving and promoting expedients to obtain public money. The parity of official agents, whether rightfully or wrongfully, is suspected, and the character of the government suffers in the estimation of the people. This is in itself a very great evil.

The natural mode of relief from this embarrassment is to appropriate the surplus in the treasury to great national objects, for which a clear warrant can be found in the constitution. Among these I mention the extinguishment of the public debt, a reasonable increase of the navy which is at present inadequate to the protection of our vast tonnage afloat, now greater than that of any other nation, as well as to the defence of our extended sea coast.

It is beyond all question the true principle that no more revenue ought to be collected from the people than the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the wise, economical, and efficient administration of the government. To reach this point, it was necessary to resort to a modification of the tariff, and this has, I trust, been accomplished in such a manner as to do as little injury as may have been practicable to our domestic manufactures, especially those necessary for the defence of the country. Any discrimination against a particular branch, for the purpose of benefiting corporations, individuals, or sections would have been unjust to the rest of the community and inconsistent with that spirit of fairness and equality which ought to govern in the adjustment of a revenue tariff.

"Our present financial condition is without a parallel in history. No nation has ever before been *embarrassed by too large a surplus in its Treasury. This naturally gives birth to extravagant legislation*," &c., &c. The President then goes on to suggest the modes of *relieving* the Treasury of its *plethoric* condition, as by extract shows. Did Mr. Buchanan know the condition of the Treasury, or was he talking at a venture?

The Standard knows that in this instance, at *least*, Old Buck told the truth, and it is fresh in the memory of everybody of tolerable information, that during his predecessor's administration, there were loud & constant complaints throughout the country, of the millions upon millions of dollars that were locked up in the strong boxes of the Sub-Treasury, instead of circulating through the channels of commerce. What has become of all this money, and why, instead of a treasury whose redundance "embarrassed" Mr. Buchanan on the 4th day of March, 1857, have we now a Treasury which can only be so called on the *lucus a non lucendo* principle, inasmuch as there is no treasure, no money in it—the government being a borrower from hand to mouth, a borrower to-day to pay money borrowed yesterday? Will the Standard enlighten us on this subject? If it cannot give a reason itself for this condition of things it may find one in Mr. Buchanan's inaugural, for that document tells us that "a large surplus in the Treasury gives birth to extravagant legislation," and heaven knows his own administration has given the country painful reasons for concluding that he was correct in his opinion.

But we do not mean to accept the Standard's correction of our powerful Document, although, after so doing we could still prove enormous profligacy and prodigality on the administration. Our Pamphlet is *right*, and of course the Standard is *wrong*, as we will prove by the following extract from an editorial in a late number of the "Constitution," the *official organ of Mr. Buchanan*. It will be seen that Congress passed the first session of the last Congress appropriated eighty-three millions of Dollars, and that too, exclusive of payment on public debt and trust fund. The "Constitution" spoke in round numbers, while our Pamphlet gave the fractional excess over $83,000,000, to wit: $[illegible]

What do you think of your case now, [illegible]

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cording to the practice of the government, [illegible] of the annual appropriations he [illegible] year is never expended until after its ex- [illegible] so that the only proper way of deter- [illegible] what are the real expenditures is to take [illegible] appropriations made by Congress, [illegible] a term to the end, whether they are [illegible] or not, often they are insufficient, as [illegible] which appropriations to this, passed at each [illegible] of Congress. The Congress [illegible] appropriations for the past year were $[illegible] [illegible] the sum of $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [