

COTTON MANUFACTURES.

An Extract from the Report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made to the House of Representatives on the 8. Feb. 13.

The committee were conscious, that they had no ordinary duty to perform, when the House of Representatives referred to their consideration the memorials and petitions of the manufacturers of cotton wool. In obedience to the instructions of the House, they have given great attention to the subject, and beg leave to present the result of their deliberations.

They are not a little apprehensive, that they have not succeeded in doing justice to a subject so intimately connected with the advancement and prosperity of agriculture and commerce—a subject which enlightened statesmen and philosophers have deemed not unworthy of their attention & consideration.

It is not the intention of the committee to offer any theoretical opinions of their own, or of others. They are persuaded that a display of speculative opinions would not meet with approbation. From these views, the committee are disposed to state facts, and to make such observations only as shall be intimately connected with, and warranted, by them.

Prior to the years 1806 and 1807, establishments for manufacturing cotton wool had not been attempted, but in few instances, and on a limited scale. Their rise and progress are attributable to embarrassments to which commerce was subjected, which embarrassments originated in cottons not within the control of human prudence.

While commerce flourished, the trade which had been carried on with the continent of Europe, with the East-Indies, & with the colonies of Spain and France, enriched our enterprising merchants, the benefits of which were sensibly felt by the agriculturalists, whose wealth and industry were increased and extended.

When external commerce was suspended, the capitalists throughout the Union became solicitous to give activity to their capital. A portion of it, it is believed, was directed to the improvement of agriculture, & not an inconsiderable portion of it, as it appears, was likewise employed in erecting establishments for manufacturing cotton wool.

To make this statement as satisfactory as possible—to give all the certainty that is susceptible of attaining, the following facts are respectfully submitted to the consideration of the House. They shew the rapid progress which has been made in a few years, and evidently the ability to carry them on with certainty of success, should a just and liberal policy regard them as objects deserving encouragement.

In the year	Bales of cotton manufactured in manufacturing establishments.
1800	500
1805	1,000
1810	10,000
1815	50,000

This statement, the committee have no reason to doubt, nor have they any to question the truth of the following succinct statement of the capital which is employed, of the labor which it commands, and of the products of that labor:

Capital	\$ 40,000,000
Males employed, from the age of seventeen and upwards,	10,000
Womans and female children,	66,000
Boys under seventeen years of age,	24,000
Wages of one hundred thousand persons, averaging 150 dollars each,	15,000,000
Cotton wool manufactured, ninety thousand bales, amounting to,	15,000,000
Number of yards of cotton, of various kinds,	27,000,000
Cotton per yard, averaging thirty cents,	\$ 24,000,000

This rise and progress of such establishments can excite no wonder. The inducements to industry in a free government are numerous and invigorating. Effects are always in unison with their causes. The inducements consist in the certainty and security which every citizen enjoys of exercising exclusive dominion over the creations of his genius, and the products of his labor; in procuring from his native soil, at all times, with facility, the raw materials that are required, and in the liberal encouragement that will be accorded by agriculturalists to those who, by their labor, keep up a constant and increasing demand for the produce of agriculture.

Every state will participate in these advantages. The resources of each will be explored, opened, and enlarged. Different sections of the union will, according to their position, the climate, the population, the habits of the people, and the nature of the soil, strike into that line of industry which is best adapted to their interests and the good of the whole; an active and free intercourse, promoted and facilitated by roads and canals, will ensue; prejudices, which are generated by distance, and the want of inducements to approach each other and reciprocate benefits, will be removed; information will be extended; the union will acquire strength and solidity, and the constitution of the U. S. and that of each state, will be regarded as fountains from which flow numerous streams of public and private prosperity.

Each government, moving in its appropriate orbit, performing, with ability, its separate functions, will be endeared to the hearts of a good and grateful people.

The states that are most disposed to manufacture, as regular occupations, will draw from the agricultural states, all the raw materials which they want, and not an inconsiderable portion also of the necessities of life; while the latter will, in addition to the benefits which they at present enjoy, always command, in peace or in war, at moderate prices, every species of manufacture that their wants may require. Should they be inclined to manufacture

for themselves, they can do so with success, because they have all the means in their power to arrest, and to extend at pleasure manufacturing establishments. Our wheat being supplied by our own manufacturers and industry, exportation of specie to pay for foreign manufactures, will cease.

The value of American produce at this time exported, will not enable the importers to pay for the foreign manufactures imported. Whenever the two accounts shall be fairly stated, the balance against the United States will be found to be many millions of dollars. Such is the state of things, that the change must be to the advantage of the United States. The precious metals will be attracted to them—the diffusion of which, in a regular and uniform current, through the great arteries and veins, of the body politic, will give to each member health and vigor.

In proportion as the commerce of the United States depends on agriculture and manufactures, as a common basis, will it increase and become independent of those revolutions and fluctuations, which the ambition and jealousy of foreign governments are too apt to produce. Our navigation will be quickened; and supported as it will be by internal resources never before at the command of any nation, will advance to the extent of those resources.

New channels of trade, to enterprise, no less important than productive, are opening, which can be secured only by a wise and prudent policy appreciating their advantage.

If want of foresight should neglect the cultivation and improvement of them, the opportune moment may be lost, perhaps for centuries, and the energies of this nation be thereby prevented from developing themselves, from making the boon which is proffered, our own.

By trading on our own capital, collisions with other nations, if they be not entirely done away, will be greatly diminished.

This natural order of things exhibits the commencement of a new epoch, which promises peace, security and repose, by a firm and steady reliance on the produce of agriculture, on the treasures that are embosomed in the earth, on the genius and ingenuity of our manufacturers and mechanics, and on the intelligence and enterprise of our merchants.

The government, possessing the intelligence and the art of improving the resources of the nation, will increase its efficient powers, and enjoying the confidence of those whom it has made happy, will oppose to the assailant of the nation's rights, the true, the only invincible axis, the unity of will and strength. Causes producing war will be few. Should war take place, calamitous consequences will be mitigated, and the expences and burdens of such a state of things will fall with a weight less oppressive and injurious, on the nation. The expenditures of the last war were greatly increased by a dependence on foreign supplies. The prices incident to such a dependence will always be high.

Had not our nascent manufacturing establishments increased the quantity of commodities, at that time in demand, the expenditures would have been much greater, and consequences the most fatal and disastrous, alarming even in contemplation, would have been the fate of this nation. The experience of the past teaches a lesson never to be forgotten, and points emphatically to the remedy. A wise government should heed its admonitions, or the independence of this nation will be exposed to "the shafts of fortune."

The American manufacturers expect to meet with all the embarrassments which a jealous and monopolizing policy can suggest; they have good reasons for their apprehensions; they have much at stake. They have a large capital employed, and are feelingly alive for its fate. Should the national government not afford them protection, the dangers which invest and threaten them, will destroy all their hopes, and will close their prospects of utility to their country. A reasonable encouragement will sustain and keep them erect; but if they fall, they fall never to rise again.

The foreign manufacturers and merchants know this; and will redouble with renovated zeal the stroke to prostrate them. They also know, that should the American manufacturing establishments fail, their mouldering piles—the visible ruins of a legislative breath, will warn all who shall tread in the same footsteps, of the doom, the inevitable destiny, of their establishments.

Providence, in bountifully placing within our reach whatever can minister to happiness and comfort, indicates plainly to us our duty—and what we owe to ourselves. Our resources are abundant and inexhaustible.

The stand that Archimedes wanted, is given to the national and state governments—and labor-saving machinery tends the lever—the power of bringing those resources into use.

This power imparts incalculable advantages to a nation whose population is not full. The United States require the use of this power, because they do not abound in population. The diminution of manual labor, by means of machinery, in the cotton manufactures of Great Britain, was, in the year 1810, as two hundred to one.

Our manufacturers have already availed themselves of this power, and have profited by it. A little more experience in making machines, and in managing them with skill, will enable our manufacturers to supply more fabrics than are necessary for the home demand.

Competition will make the prices of the articles low, and the extension of the cotton manufactures will produce that competition.

One striking and important advantage, which labor-saving machines bestow, is this, that in all their operations, they require few men, as a reference to another part of this report will shew. No apprehensions can be seriously entertained,

that agriculture will be in danger of hav-

ing its efficient laborers withdrawn from its service.

On the contrary, the manufacturing establishments increasing the demand for raw materials, will give to agriculture new life and expansion.

The committee, after presenting a number of other considerations to the House, conclude their Report with the following Resolution:

Resolved, That from and after the 30th day of June next, in lieu of the duties now authorized by law, there be laid, levied and collected on option goods, imported into the United States and territories thereof, from any foreign country, whatever per centum ad valorem, being not less than five per cent.

GEORGIA SUGAR.

Extract of a letter to a member of Congress, publicly communicated for Niles' Weekly Register.

"The cultivation of the Cane is rapidly extending with us. I have received some information on this interesting subject, which I suppose, may be gratifying to you.

"Maj. Butler, on 85 acres cultivated by 17 hands, produced 140,000 lbs. sugar, and 75 lbs. molasses.

John M'Queen, Esq., planted 18 acres in Cane—average product 20,000 cans per acre—5000 canes the average product of a quarter of an acre, yielded 600 gallons of juice, which boiled down, made 672 lbs. sugar and may lose 50 lbs. in draining, leaving 622 lbs. or 2488 lbs. of sugar per acre.

Let us look at these products and see what they amount to, at the present prices for sugar and molasses.

140,000 lbs. sugar, (worth on the spot) 17 cents \$23,800
75 lbs. molasses, at \$80 6,000

Produce of 85 acres & 12 hands 29,800
18 acres at 2488 lbs. per acre—
44,784 lbs. at 17 cents \$7,613 28
Say 28 lbs. molasses, at 80 dls. 1,840 00

Product of 18 acres & 5 or 6 hands \$9,453 28

\$39,253 the product of 33 hands, is for each hand \$1766. There is no gold mine equal to this!

But sugar and molasses may not hold their present prices—the duties will be reduced, and the cost of freight and charges lessened by the continuance of peace. Good sugar, however, cannot easily be lower in the U. S. than 10 cents, the old duty included, and it is believed West-India planters cannot profitably furnish it here at so low a rate. And when the product of these crops, raised on 103 acres by 23 hands (allowing the sugar at 10 cents per pound, and the molasses at 40 dls. per hds.) would be 21,978 dls. or 213 dls. per acre, and 961 dls. per hand.

When we get to exporting sugar—when it becomes a staple article of our commerce, like cotton, its value may deprecate equal to the duty that will probably be continued upon it, (2 1-2 cents per lb.) but still, it will be a most profitable crop.

Thus do the bounties of God, to our country unfold themselves and *it joins to Independence.*

WM. W. MASON,

In the Star Buildings, Raleigh;

HAS just received a large additional supply of GOODS.—Which makes his Assortment very complete. And he assures the Public they shall be sold cheap—very cheap, cheap enough in all conscience.

The Public are respectfully invited to call and examine them, & are moreover earnestly exhorted, if they regard good penny worths, to buy and to buy freely—Now is the time, for the Goods are very briskly going—going! and will ere long be gone!!! As poor Richardson says—

"Buy while you may,

"No morning sun lasts the whole day."

February 22. 57 3w

NEW GOODS.

CLAPP & PENNY

Have just Received from New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, & Petersburg,

A large and General Assortment of DRY-GOODS AND GROCERIES

WHICH they are NOW OPENING AND OFFER FOR SALE at said Clapp's, in GUILFORD County, N. C. near the New Brick Church.

The following are amongst their Assortment, viz. Superfine London and French Cloths; Pelise Cloth; Silks of all colours and qualities; Satin, Silk, and Straw Bonnets and Hats, of the Newest Fashions;—An Elegant Assortment of Second Cloths;—Superfine London Cassimere; Second ditto; Plain and Ribbed Stockinet; Imperial and Bedford Cord; Black, Florentine and Satin Striped Vestuaries; Point and Duffel Blankets; Coatings and Kersey M'leskin; Baize and Bearskin; Plains' and Kersey; Lisbon Coatings; Swindon Vestings; Figured & plain Rattinett; a quantity of Irish Linen; Surplice and Second Long Cloths; India and Domestic Cotton; Manchester; Flannels; Silk Cashmere Shawls; Levantine do; Damask do; Black and White Lace Shawls; Black and White Veils; White Lace Handkerchiefs; Silk, Cotton, and Worsted Hosiery; Coarse Fancy and Plain Muslins; Silk Gloves of different colours; Ginghams and Calicoes; Scotch Plaids; Linen and Cotton Cambric; Long Lawn—Bombazettes and Bombazines; Russian and Irish Sheetings;—Elegant and common Furniture—Clintz—Wellington Cord—Bandanas, Madras and Cotton Handkerchiefs—6-4ths, 8-4ths, and 10-4ths Linen Diaper—Brown Holland—Red Treble Gilt Buttons—Gilt and Plain do—Elegant Marseilles Vests—Knitting—Cotton German Flutes—Bar Iron and Castings—Sugar & Coffee—Queens Ware—Knives and Forks—assorted—Rum, Wine, and Brandy, &c. Also, a Good Assortment of Watches, French and English Chains, Scals, and Keys; and an Elegant Assortment of French and Philadelphia made Jewellery of the Newest Fashion, &c. &c.

All the above Articles will be disposed of now for Cash or Country Produce,—such as Wheat, Flour, Brandy, Whiskey, Pork, Lard, Butter, Heswar, Tallow, Tow Linen, Rags, Feathers, Shoe Thread, and Furs, &c. &c.

RALEIGH, PRINTED BY JOSEPH GALES;

Advertisements not exceeding thirty lines inserted the first time for Half a Dollar, and for a Quarter in each succeeding Paper.

SERIALIZED OR STOLEN.

FROM the subscriber, on the 3d instant.

BY ROBERT, about 5 feet 3 inches

tall, with a mole spot on his left side,

light brown hair, bushy eyebrows, thin,

thin nose, 7 years old next spring.

Any person who will deliver and Horse to me or give

such information that I get him, will be liberally rewarded, and all reasonable expenses paid.

MICKEY JOHN KETTRELL,

Granville County, Feb. 19. 57 3w

RUNAWAY NEGRO.

RAN AWAY from the Plantation of the subscriber, on the 9th instant a NEGRO FELLOW between 30 and 40 years of age, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, has a yellow complexion, is neatly and well made, can handle the broad axe well and is a tolerable Cooper and Shoemaker—His name is AUSTIN. When sharply spoken to, he stampers a little.

Whoever shall apprehend the said Negro and lodge him in any Jail, so that he may be recovered to the Owner, shall receive a Reward of Twenty-five Dollars.

SHAD STALLINGS.

Duplin county, Feb. 16. 57 3w

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERTED FROM THIS POST, on the

night of the 23d of December, 1815.

DANIEL MOSES, a private in Capt. Wm. Wilson's Company of Artillery.

The said DANIEL MOSES, was born in the Province of Maine, about forty years of age, five feet eight and half inches high, with black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, and by occupation a farmer.

The above reward, with all reasonable expenses, will be paid, on his being delivered to me at this post, or the Commanding Officer of any Military Post within the United States.

N. G. WILKINSON,

Lieut. & Comdr. of Art'y. Commanding

Fort Hampton, N. C.

January 23. 1816. 55 5*

NOTICE.

THE Auditors appointed by the last General Assembly to settle and allow the claims yet remaining to be settled and allowed—which grew out of services performed by Officers or Soldiers of the local or detached Militia, called into the service of the State or of the United States,