

**CONGRESSIONAL**

Washington, May 20.—The Senate having concurred in fixing on the 27th instant as the day for terminating the present session of Congress, the adjournment will take place accordingly on this day week.

Nat. Int.

**Tariff.**—The bill for a revision of the Tariff of Duties on Imports has, at length, passed both Houses of Congress, and wants only the signature of the President to become a law. That signature, there is no reason to doubt, it will receive, and it may be spoken of, by anticipation, as the law of the land.

Upon the passage of this act we have little room for comment. It is not the bill originally reported, its very nature being essentially changed by the amendments which, in its progress to maturity, it has undergone in both Houses, and particularly in the Senate. As it now stands, it has some good features, and a few objectionable ones. It augments the duties on many articles, but not to such an amount as to make them prohibitory, or oppressive in their operation. The objection to the principle of the bill in the Southern country and in some of the commercial districts, will still have their original force; but those which are founded on apprehensions of its practical operation will not, we think, be realized.

As the duties are not so far increased as to amount to a prohibition, the effect of the bill will be, after this year, to add to the revenue an amount, variously stated, of from one to four millions of dollars. We do not much want the revenue, but, by this addition, the government will be able so much more rapidly to reduce the national debt, and thus to prepare the nation more firmly to bear up against adverse circumstances, should it have again to encounter them, as it has done heretofore.

By the passage of this act, we shall be greatly disappointed if one important good has not been accomplished, viz. the satisfying the petitions and wishes of a large portion of our fellow citizens, who have been induced, by a reasoning which we never could follow, to believe that such a measure as the adoption of a new Tariff was inseparably connected with our national independence. It may be fairly presumed, now, that the Tariff is settled for many years, and it is a subject of congratulation, that, being settled, the revision has approached so nearly to the *beau ideal* of a "judicious" one.—*ib.*

**The President and General Cocke, of Tennessee.**—On Friday, 14th inst. in the House of Representatives, Mr. Brent, of Louisiana, reported from a select committee, of which Mr. Cocke of Tennessee, was chairman, a report and resolution on the accounts of the late Mr. Lane, Superintendent of public buildings in Washington, with the government of the United States, which stated that gentleman to have died a defaulter to the government, to the amount of \$22,000. Mr. Cocke, who did not acquiesce in this report, attempted to account for the defalcation, by stating that the President of the United States was a debtor to the estate of Mr. Lane in an equal amount—that he had borrowed public money

of Mr. Lane to that amount, which he had never repaid—and consequently, that the President ought to be responsible for it to the country. These charges were repelled with indignation by Messrs. Brent, Hamilton of South-Carolina, and others—but sustained virtually by Messrs. Wood of New-York, Forsyth and Cobb, of Georgia, and Williams of North-Carolina. Mr. Stevenson of Virginia, felt satisfied that the government was indebted to the President in relation to this business, and pledged himself to make this clear to every gentleman, when the subject should come up again. He spoke, with a generous feeling, of the high-minded, upright and liberal course of the President, and stated that this distinguished individual, whose whole life has been devoted to his country's cause, when he left the Presidential office, *would retire from her service in embarrassed and distressed circumstances.* Mr. Hamilton asked the gentleman from Tennessee to state whether he intended to assert that the President had been guilty of embezzling the public money arising from the sale of these lots? He went on to remark that gentlemen who cast insinuations upon others, should themselves be exempt from suspicion, and proceeded to state that charges had been made against the gentleman from Tennessee, in one of the public prints of Washington, and that it would become him to clear himself of the suspicions which had arisen from his silence, before he undertook to make insinuations against others. Mr. Cocke promised at a proper time, to give an answer to the charges made against him. The question was taken by ayes and noes on agreeing to the report, and it was determined in the affirmative—ayes 181—noes none.—*Pct. Int.*

**Spanish Claims.**—The bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow five millions of dollars at the annual interest of four and a half per cent. to pay the claims under the Treaty with Spain, passed the House of Representatives on the 7th inst. The Washington Journal states that the Bank of the United States has already offered to loan the money at the interest set down in the bill. The Commission will expire under the Treaty on the 8th of June next, and should the bill meet with no further opposition, it is probable that the money will be ready even before the Claimants will be able to procure their certificates of award. *ib.*



**HALIFAX:**  
FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1824.

**Congress.**—By a reference to our Congressional news, it will be seen that the Tariff bill has passed both Houses, and only wants the signature of the President to become a law. Yesterday being the time appointed for the adjournment of Congress; probably ere this, most of the members are on their way home.

**To Correspondents.**—Agreeable to request, we shall re-publish in our next paper, the reply to some

strictures on the character of Wm. H. Crawford.

We have taken the liberty to omit the passage, selected to introduce the remarks of "Callimachus," inserted in this day's paper, believing they would be more acceptable to a majority of our readers without the caption; a moment's reflection, we presume, will convince him of the propriety of the course pursued.

**Steamboat accident.**—On Saturday, 15th inst. while the steamboat *Ætna* was on her passage from Washington, N. J. to New-York, the boiler gave way and blew up, and, melancholy to relate, about twenty passengers were killed and wounded. The accident happened when the boat was near Robin's Reef, about five miles below the city. The passengers, at the time of the accident, were chiefly in the centre cabin, near the boiler, where they had gone on account of the coolness of the weather.

The number of scalded, we learn, is about ten; some of them very badly. We understand there were on board at the time, besides fourteen persons belonging to the boat, between twenty and thirty passengers. Four persons are said to have jumped overboard, and it was supposed were drowned. The hands of the boat who were on deck escaped, as well as those who were in the forward and after cabins. The steward, Victor Grass, a Frenchman, crept out of the forward cabin, after the accident, and was drowned.

The *Ætna* is a complete wreck. Her boiler, which is of iron, and upon the principle of high pressure, is supposed to have given way near the bottom, and blew up with a tremendous explosion, wholly destroying the centre of the boat and centre cabin, but doing very trifling injury to the forward or after cabins.

After the accident, she was towed to the city by the steamboat *United States*, and the wounded conveyed to the hospital.—*Daily Adv.*

**Extra meeting of the New-York Legislature.**—The Albany Daily Advertiser of 17th instant, says that the rumor "relative to an extra session of the Legislature, is not without cause; and we have a well founded hope that the people of the state of New-York will yet have the power of choosing the presidential electors before the first of October next. The democracy of the state will assuredly triumph over the machinations of an unprincipled aristocracy."

**A religious maniac.**—Israel Rutland, of Brookhaven, Conn. who we understand has been sometime laboring under what is called a *concern of mind*, on the night of the 5th inst. awoke his wife, and very deliberately told her, that it had been revealed to him, that he must destroy his family, and as deliberately rose for the purpose; but the wife not believing in the revelation, took her departure for some of the neighbors, who having collected, they returned to the house, where they found the oldest child, about 8 years old, lying on the door step, where R. had taken it by its heels and dashed its brains out—it lived nearly an hour. He likewise had broken the skull of another child about four years old, belonging to a woman in the house; it is said it cannot live. R. was secured before he could further fulfil his bloody revelation. *Sag Harbor Corrector.*

**Baltimore, May 14.**—Mr. John Randolph came in upon us yesterday afternoon on horse back in full speed, having left Washington after 12 o'clock, and took passage at 5 o'clock in the steamboat for Philadelphia. His very odd appearance caused a crowd of people upon the wharf, to see him off. His dress, a little fur cap, blue coat, white vest, drab breeches, long yellow top boots and spurs.

[Mr. R. arrived in New-York on the 15th, and sailed on the 16th in the packet ship *Nestor*, for Liverpool.]

**Emigration.**—For some time past complaints have been uttered in Philadelphia, that many citizens of that place have removed to New-York. Baltimore has been putting forth the same complaints; and by a late Boston paper, we perceive in a communication from a mercantile correspondent, that the trade of Boston is finding its way to New-York to an alarming extent.

**Baltimore Races.**—Tuesday, 18th inst. was the first day of the races of the Maryland Association for the improvement of the breed of horses. The only entry was Mr. Wynn's Va. bay filly *Flirtilla*, which took the purse of \$400, four mile heats, by galloping round the course. On the second day, the purse of \$300 was taken by Mr. Wynn's mare *Platina*, beating with ease Mr. Wilson's h. *Greyhound*.

**MARRIED,**  
In Warrenton, on the 11th inst. Mr. John W. Mosely to Miss Sarah L. Coleman.  
At Clinton, Jones county, Georgia, Thomas B. Slade, attorney at law, late of this state, to Miss Ann Jacqueline, daughter of James Blount, Esq. deceased.  
In Tyrrel county, on the 13th inst. Mr. Jonathan Lindsay, of Currituck county, to Miss Matilda Mann.  
In Currituck county, on the 9th inst. Mr. James Holmes to Miss Rebecca Wilson.  
At Wilmington, on the 13th inst. Mr. John K. McIlhenny to Miss Sarah E. Cowan.

**DIED,**  
In Craven county, on the 1st inst. Henry Carraway, Esq. in the 50th year of his age.  
In Chatham county, on the 15th inst. in the 82d year of his age, Basil Manly, Esq. an active and zealous officer in the revolution.  
At Edenton, on the 15th inst. aged 48 years, Mr. Henry King, merchant of that place; and, on the 13th, Mrs. Mary Righton, consort of Wm. Righton, Esq.  
Near Fayetteville, on the 19th inst. Mrs. Rebecca Fletcher, in the 73d year of her age.  
In Chowan county, on the 10th inst. Mrs. Temperance Jones, widow of Thomas Jones, Esq.; and, on the 12th, Mr. Benj. Broughton.

**Price Current.**

MAY 14.	Peters'g.	Norfolk.
Bacon, - - -	8 to 9	8 to 8½
Brandy, Apple, - - -	56	60 53 56
— Peach, - - -	60	62½ 55 60
— Cogniac, - - -	150	150 110 126
Corn, - - -	150	175 155 160
Cotton, - - -	13	15 12 15
Coffee, - - -	20	25 20 23
Flour, superfine, - - -	500	525 525 575
— family, - - -	700	800
Gin, Holland, - - -	100	110 100 106
— American, - - -	39	40 39 42
Iron, per ton, - - -	\$85	100 \$90 96
Molasses, - - -	30	32 22 26
Rum, Jamaica, - - -	115	125 90 96
— Antigua, - - -	75	80 64 70
— New-Eng. - - -	40	45 36 37
Sugar, brown, - - -	8½	13 8½ 12½
— loaf, - - -	15	25 15 20
Salt, loose, - - -	75	87½ 56 58
— sack, - - -	300	300 275
Tea, Y'g Hyson, - - -	120	125 110 116
— Imperial, - - -	150	162 140 146
Tobacco, - - -	\$3	10 \$2½ 8
Wheat, - - -	95	103 80 100
Whiskey, - - -	30	40 29 31

**North-Carolina Bank Notes.**  
At Petersburg, 4½ to 5 disc.  
At Norfolk, 5 disc.

**New Advertisements.**

**Dr. JOHN BANKS,**  
HAVING located himself at WELDON, offers his professional services to the inhabitants of the counties of Halifax and Northampton, generally.  
May 28, 1824. 10-5t

**Presbyterian Meeting.**  
THE Presbytery of Orange is expected to meet in *Murfreesboro'*, on Friday, 11th June. Preaching to commence on Friday, Saturday, and Sabbath, at 11 o'clock. 9-3t

**New Line of Stages,**  
*Between Petersburg, Belfield, Halifax, and Tarboro', connecting with the Fayetteville and Norfolk route.*

THE Subscriber has contracted with the *General Post-Office* to carry the mail from Petersburg to Tarboro', twice a week, in a light, substantial, two horse Stage. Nothing shall be wanting on his part, to render the travelling on this route both expeditious and comfortable. Passengers arriving from Fayetteville, Georgia, &c. at Tarboro' to breakfast, Tuesdays and Saturdays, in Latimore's Line, will breakfast in Petersburg the next morning, (110 miles) where they can take Porter & Nible's daily accommodation Stage to Richmond, or spend a few hours in Petersburg, and take their mail Stage to Richmond, after dinner, or take the steamboat to Baltimore, or Washington City, via Norfolk.—The Subscriber does not believe he goes much out of the way to say, that the road from Fayetteville, by Tarboro' and Halifax, to Petersburg, is a BOLLING GREEN.

This line will be in operation on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The Stage will leave Petersburg Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Tarboro' next day by 3 P. M. Leave Tarboro' Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Petersburg the next morning to breakfast.

**Rates of Fare.**  
From Petersburg to Tarboro', 110 miles, \$9 00.  
Thomas Shore.  
Baggage at the risk of the owners.  
May 14, 1824. 9-4t

**Lands & Town Property AT PUBLIC AUCTION.**

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust, executed by Joseph W. Scott and John Tunis, for the benefit of creditors therein mentioned, we shall offer for sale, at Public Auction, in the town of ROCK-LAND-ING, on Monday, the 28th day of June next, one improved LOT in said town, on which are a Store-house, Dwelling-house, Ice-house, Stables, &c. One LOT in said town, near the river, on which is a large and well-built Ware-house. Also, one other LOT, Ware-house and Store, in said town. On Tuesday following, at the town of WELDON, several WARE-HOUSES in said town; one hundred and twenty-five acres of LAND, on Chockeot; one wagon, dray, &c. &c. Terms—6 months—bond and approved security.

G. W. Balch,  
E. B. Freeman,  
May 20, 1824.—9-5t Trustees.

**Hyde Park Academy.**

AN Examination of the Students at Hyde Park Academy, will commence on Monday, the 14th of June, and will probably continue for three days. The exercises on each day will comprehend Declaration, or Public Speaking. Parents and Guardians in particular, and Gentlemen who may feel an interest in Exhibitions of this kind, are respectfully invited to attend.  
W. E. Webb.  
Students will not be permitted to leave the Academy, until the close of the Examination. 9-4t  
May 20, 1824.

**Blank Warrants for sale AT THIS OFFICE.**

**Printing neatly executed AT THIS OFFICE.**