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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1829.

Affairs at Washington.—The salutary work of "reform" is steadily progressing at Washington City, and it excites abundance of murmurs, threatenings, &c. from the partizans of the late Administration. We have selected a few paragraphs, relative to frauds, parties, &c. for the edification and amusement of our readers. In noticing the hue and cry raised about removals from office, the Washington Telegraph says:

"Will Mr. Clay pledge himself to continue in those whom he may find in office, in case of his election? If he will not, with what face can his partisans rail at changes necessary to the correction of existing abuses and frauds. Some of the grossest ever practised by the most abandoned, will soon be laid before the public, implicating directly, the integrity of a member of the cabinet, as well as that of his accounting officer."

The Petersburg Intelligencer, of Tuesday, contains the following:

"We stated a few days ago, that a rumor was in circulation that the Clerk attached to the Treasury Department, who lately committed suicide, had left a written memorandum, implicating himself and others in certain frauds upon the Treasury of the United States. The National Intelligencer of Saturday last, says that there is not the slightest foundation for the rumor."

Notwithstanding this denial by the National Intelligencer, it appears that they have discovered "something rotten" at head quarters. The Philadelphia Sentinel, of the 2d inst. says:

"Dr. Tobias Watkins, recently fourth auditor in the Treasury Department of the United States, was arrested in this city late at night on Thursday last upon a warrant issued by the District Judge, wherein he is charged with sundry fraudulent practices in procuring money from the Treasury. An order for the removal of the prisoner to the place of trial was procured by the District Attorney, and yesterday, at noon, Dr. Watkins was taken to Washington under an escort of the Marshal. Rumors upon this subject have been in circulation for some time back, which as the law is taking its course, ought not to be repeated in a public journal, and we therefore refrain. The warrant had been out for some days, and we understand that measures to attain its object, either here, at Boston or in New-York, were in active progress."

The following description of a *Dinner Party* at Washington, appears in a letter from Washington of the 14th ult. inserted in the Boston Statesman:

"Yesterday I dined at the President's with the whole foreign Diplomatic Corps, in their various court dresses and orders of nobility, all the officers of our army and navy, now in the city, in full dress, all the heads of departments, a few distinguished strangers, among whom was Mr. Gallatin. As it was the first public

dinner he has given, I had great curiosity to witness the ceremony, and was not only gratified, but proud, that foreigners should witness such a splendid entertainment. The President received his guests with great dignity, his manners being those of an accomplished military officer; conversed very freely and made himself quite agreeable. The President sat at the middle of the table, the foreign ministers ranged on his right and left according to their rank; the Dutch minister on his right, and the British minister on his immediate left. Mr. Van Buren directly opposite, and the other heads of departments ranged on his right and left. The honors of the table were done by Maj. Donaldson and Mr. Hays, the nephews of Mrs. Jackson. The Ladies were not present, which I regretted, for I consider Mrs. Donaldson quite beautiful, and Miss Easton is very interesting and very social. The dinner was served up in a more splendid style than I have witnessed on any similar occasion. The dessert and wines were abundant and rich; and we left the table at 9 o'clock in fine spirits, and much gratified; when coffee and cordials met us in the drawing-room."

The Village (Pa.) Record, edited by Mr. Miner, who was recently ejected from Congress by his constituents for favoring the "safe precedent" dynasty, also contains a letter from Washington, giving an account of what may perhaps be termed a *Tea Party*. The reader will bear in mind the source from which it emanates:

"All the lower rooms of the President's House were filled. Among a great deal of well behaved company, it was painful to see a large number who seemed to forget the dignified occasion and the respectable place where they assembled. A profusion of refreshments had been provided. Orange punch by *barrels full*, was made, but as the waiters opened the door to bring it out a rush would be made, the glasses broken, the *pails of liquor* upset, and the most painful confusion prevailed. To such a degree was this carried, that wine and ice creams could not be brought out to the ladies, and *tubs of punch* were taken from the lower story into the garden to lead off the crowd from the rooms. On such an occasion it was certainly difficult to keep any thing like order, but it was mortifying to see men with boots, heavy with mud, standing on the damask satin covered chairs, from their eagerness to get a sight of the President."

Raleigh, May 7.—The appointments of the Administration appear to be a source of much disquietude to the editors of the National Intelligencer. At one time, they complain that offices are conferred upon persons who are unqualified for them: at another, that the office is quite inadequate to the talents of the person upon whom it is bestowed. In reference to the appointment of *Jas. W. Clark*, Esq. as Chief Clerk in the Navy Department, they remark:

"We did not believe that he could be induced to accept an office so moderately compensated,

and of so uncertain tenure, as that which has been offered to him. We did not think, moreover, that he would condescend to accept such a station, seeing upon what character of persons much higher and better paid offices in the General Government have been bestowed. Mr. Clark is a gentleman of highly respectable standing, was formerly a Representative in Congress, and has lately for several years been Clerk of the Senate of the State of North-Carolina. He would have been quite as well entitled to represent the country in the capacity of Minister abroad, as some that have been prominently presented for such stations. We were, therefore, almost sorry to learn that he had consented to leave his State for the subordinate trust which he is supposed to have accepted."

How unfortunate it is, that Mr. Clark did not consult the editors of the Intelligencer before he accepted the appointment! He might thereby have become better acquainted with his own interests, and prevented the necessity of so much regret on the part of the Intelligencer.—*Star*.

Professor Hooper, at the request of the Dialectic Society of the University of North-Carolina, has consented to deliver a public Oration at the University, on the 24th of next month, being the day preceding the annual Commencement of that institution.—*ib*.

Col. Isaac T. Avery has been appointed to close the business of the Office of Discount of the State Bank at Morganton, in the place of Col. Wm. Erwin, resigned....*ib*.

Congressional Election.—In the Wilkes district, Lewis Williams, Esq. the late member, and Samuel King, Esq. of Iredell county, are candidates for Congress—and it is possible others may yet offer.—*Salisbury Car*.

The last Raleigh Register announces John Long, Jun. of Randolph county, the late member, as a candidate for Congress in the Salisbury district—John Giles, of Rowan, is also a candidate.

Sporting Intelligence.—The races over the Newbern Course, commenced on Friday, 1st inst. First day, Jockey Club Purse, \$125, two mile heats, was taken at two heats by Mr. Bulluck's g. f. Eliza Bell, beating three others. Time, 1st heat, 4 minutes 6 seconds; 2d heat, 4m. 3s.

Second day, Purse \$100, mile heats, was taken at two heats by Mr. Houston's b. m. Susan Randall, beating six others. Time, 1st heat, 1m. 56s.; 2d heat, 1 55.

New-Market Races, commenced on Tuesday, 5th inst. First day, the Sweepstakes for 3 year olds, one mile out, \$100 entrance, was won by W. R. Johnson's filly, beating two others.

Second day, Proprietor's Purse, \$300, entrance \$15, two mile heats, was taken at two heats by W. R. Johnson's Star, beating Polly Hopkins, Corporal Trim, and Pioneer. Time, 1st heat, 3min. 54sec.; 2d heat, 3m. 55s.

Third day, Jockey Club Purse, \$650, four mile heats, was taken

at two heats by W. R. Johnson's Slender, beating Kate Kearney and Hippona. Time, 1st heat, 8m. 5s.; 2d heat, 8m. 10s.

Fourth day, Post Stake, \$700, mile heats, was taken at two heats by W. R. Johnson's filly, beating four others. Time, 1st heat, 1m. 52s.; 2d heat, 1m. 54s.

Stopping the Mail in New Jersey.—We understand that the intentions of those citizens who stopped the United States mail in Trenton, last week, on the Sabbath, was to test the constitutional power of the United States to send a mail on the Sabbath thro' the territory of a State that has recognized in its constitution the sanctity of a seventh part of the time. In this view, the prosecution, said to have been commenced against these citizens under the Post-Office law of the United States, will be an important one, and its result will be watched with solicitude.—*Boston Statesman*.

Halifax, May 7.—Three of the boats belonging to the Transportation Company, arrived at this place last week; and after remaining a short time proceeded to Weldon. The steamboat Petersburg, we understand, came up within 40 or 50 miles of this place, and turned back—cause unknown. Let those concerned in her look well to their interest.—*Minerva*.

We learn from the Norfolk Herald, that the Hon. John Branch, Secretary of the Navy, arrived at Norfolk on the 2d inst. Soon after his arrival he was visited at his lodgings by Com. Barron, Commandant of the Navy Yard, Miles King, Esq. Navy Agent, and other leading members of the community. He visited the Navy Yard, where he received the usual military honors from the detachment of marines stationed in the Yard, &c. He left Norfolk for Washington City on the 4th, accompanied by James W. Clark, Esq. Chief Clerk of the Navy Department.—*ib*.

A Card.—The undersigned, passengers in the steamboat Petersburg, take this method of tendering their thanks to Capt. M'Rea for his polite attention and unremitting assiduity, to make their passage agreeable from the Roanoke to this place—and they are pleased to say, to the Virginia and North-Carolina Transportation Company, that they have been fortunate in obtaining Capt. M'Rea as a commander—and they have no doubt but that the convenience and facility which this route will afford to travellers, will soon obtain that patronage which the enterprize and public spirit of its projectors so richly merit.

James H. Smith,
David B. Perry,
Benj. J. Spruill.

Elizabeth City, April 23.
Eliz. City Star.

Sixty bales of Cotton, taken on board the steamboat Petersburg, at Palmyra, on the Roanoke, yesterday week, were on Saturday last (six days from the time of shipping) landed at this port—40 bales were immediately sold at