

TECHE BILL.

Entered according to law.

JAMES C. GAY,

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1823.

At Baton Rouge, May 3.
One of our townsmen, who left
Baton Rouge twelve days ago, reports
the Gulf and Mississippi river very
high.

In our neighborhood the waters
have fallen slowly—but two weeks ago,
though it has not yet got down to the
high-water mark of 1811. The mis-
chief done to many planters on the
upper part of the Teche, and at Berwick's
Diggings, has been considerable; though not
so great as first anticipated.

Since the above was written, the
heavy rains which fell during the night
of Friday last, have swollen the water,
considerably. The Bayou Teche has
since, taken a rise of several inches,
and part of the bridges which had
been swept away.

PROTEST.

Pestalozzi was born at Zurich in
1746. He lost his father, a physician,
very early, and was educated by pius
relatives. The intention of entering
the church was given up after an un-
successful attempt at preaching, and he
applied to the law.—A disease brought
onward poverty and immoderate wine
led him to seek a farmer, who
bought a little estate, where he began
intercourse with the common people,
laid open to his eyes the distresses
of the lower classes. Pestalozzi
was not the man who could see misery
without the compensation of a stretch-
ed cottage window, stretching out a
friendly hand to dispel humours, and
see a shivering orphan without taking
it to his fire-side. He began to feel
an aversion for the splendor of cold heart,
and indifference to all the knowledge which
can be acquired from books; he proposed to himself to study
only the volumes of life, and the happiness
of wiping off a tear from the
orphan's cheek seemed of more value
to him than all the glory of scholarship.
There were at that time in the canton
of Berne, where Pestalozzi had many
beggarly children, who were taken
care of by nobility, the bishopry, and
greedy politicians of Berne, taught
little better of the people, than to the
eastern despots: the education of the
poor was entirely neglected. Pestalozzi
took a number of them into his
house, and became their father and
schoolmaster. But the expenses of
this undertaking soon made him poor,
for he was more benevolent than pru-
dent, and his kind disposition of his
naturals made him an easy prey to every
deserving villain. The joys of pro-
perty did not depress his spirits, nor
did the misery of wretchedness at his
folly damp his ardor for improving the
condition of the lower orders. He
wrote (1801) *Lemhardt und Gertrude*,
an original novel, in which he embodied
his own experience, presenting thus a true
and animated, vigorous picture of the
people, with whose life, habits, manners
and propensities he had become ac-
quainted: this novel, in its present
form, is unrivaled in Europe for
the humorous description of country
life. In 1798, when the French en-
tered Switzerland Pestalozzi offered
himself a partisan of the Revolution,
not from any party to the French,
but because he found that no reform,
however necessary, could be expected
from the old aristocracy. A single
massacre of Unterwalden, where he
had been so effectually described by Mont-
gomery in his *Wanderer*, Pestalozzi
went to Sciez, and formed an establish-
ment, where he received all the
poor straggling orphans: he became
again the teacher, father and servant
of about eighty children. But he did
not receive the support which he had a
right to expect. His democratic prin-
ciples rendered him very obnoxious to the
partisan party, which could not,
however, prevent his being sent as a
deputy to the *Constituent Assembly* of Paris in 1802,
and the pamphlet which he wrote after
his return on the objects to which the
legislature of Helvetia ought to attend,
and not consider the numerous
friends of abuse. Pestalozzi then
had, for a short time, an establishment
at Burgdorf and Monchenbucher, in
the vicinity of M. Fallberg, till at
last he was invited to come to Berlin.
There, with the assistance of dis-
tinguished colleagues, he tried his new
methods of education and instruction.
The fundamental principle of his sys-
tem is that the development of the intel-
ligent powers should be the chief object
of education, not the accumulation of
vast knowledge, is true, although Pesta-
lozzi was not altogether successful in
its application. Pestalozzi's method
was an intuitive one, and the
details of an establishment, which soon
proved to him useless and unsuccess-
ful. His method, however, effected
a gradual and important improve-
ment of the country schools in Switz-
erland and other parts of Europe;
and in 1808, still impressed with the

object of educating the poor, he set
apart 2000£ from the produce of a new
edition of his works for the endowment
of schools for the poor. His indefa-
tigable efforts to propagate these
great truths; the generous disinterested-
ness with which he devoted his life and
property to this object—a life fraught
with trouble and bitterness, which
might have been spent in ease and com-
parative quietude, will always endear
him to the delineation of mankind.
He could win the heart of a child in
one minute by that good humoured af-
fectionate simplicity which lay in his
countenance.—Scholarship was not his
strength, but completely self-taught
—but you could not converse long with
him without perceiving that you spoke
to a man of genius. Flashes of wit,
following quick estimation, like light
nings, in the summer season; thoughts
which attested by their depth and
originality: a volcanic exuberance of
mind; a perfect absence of all selfish
cares; and lastly, a cynical appearance,
left a lasting impression of this extraordi-
nary man with all who knew him. A
short time before his death his establish-
ment was completely broken up, and
Pestalozzi returned once more to the
fugitive station, where fifty years be-
fore he had commenced as a farmer,
breeding over the gloomy reflection
that he had spent half a century in the
service of humanity, and earned but the
thanks of a few among the millions.
Simple as Pestalozzi was in his creed,
yet he was full of religious sentiment,
which at the times would bring forth in
a stream of devotion in the sight of his
children. And this we know that he died
with all the resignation of a philosopher,
and with the piety of a Christian, the
17th February 1827.

From the Baltimore American.

The following testimony to Ameri-
can generosity and feeling, is taken from
a pamphlet entitled *Remarks dur-
ing a residence from June 18th to Au-
gust 11th, 1822, at the Cape of Good
Hope*, by Thomas George Love, —
published at Buenos Ayres:

Foreigners of all nations are domes-
ticated in Cape Town; Frenchmen,
Germans, Italians, &c. and even North
Americans. A gentleman of the latter
class, and I regret that I cannot re-
ject his name has raised much interest
from the following occurrences.—He
commenced as American priest, last
war, (I think the Ramble) and made a
considerable sum of money in captures
from us. He had taken a British
privateer vessel in the latitude of the Cape,
and was himself in the boat to take
possession. On board, amongst the first
object that met his eye was a beautiful
woman in tears, (the captain's wife.)

A woman's tears are more fatal than
our musketry, we know, the American
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ressing the afflicted lady, he stated
that he had only boarded to hear the
news, and have the pleasure of a glass
of wine with the captain. He proceed-
ed to the cabin, and after the lady had
retired, told her husband that although
by the laws of war, the vessel was made
a prize, yet the sight of so much distress
would not allow him to proceed to ex-
tremities. Taking pen, ink and paper,
he made over all claims on the vessel to
the fair creature that had so interested
him.

Shortly after this event the war closed,
and the privateer came into Table
Bay. The intelligence of his generosity
had preceded him; upon passing a
British vessel anchored in the Bay, the
man in compliment, struck up the air
of "Yester Doodle." The lovely
"Nobie" who had thus softened the
heart of the rough sailor, was brought
to bed at the Cape, and the child named
after her benefactor. The American
told me he felt more real pleasure at
discovering the value of the prize could
possibly have given him.—Privateers
are generally reputed to be so hard
hearted and mercenary, that one would
hardly believe this detail. Yet it is
well authenticated at the Cape, and I
feel the greatest pleasure in relating it.
I had the happiness of knowing the
individual whose conduct was at once so
delicate and humane."

The Baths.—Baths are numerous at
Constantinople, and remarkable for
their warmth; but let no one imagine
that in these establishments as in our
own, each has his particular closet.
You commence by entering a vast hall,
which are ranged several beds.
You quit your clothes, and are enveloped
in a large blue coverlet; a bather
then conducts you to a second hall, far
less than the first, where the heat be-
comes perceptible; thence you are led
into a third, where the temperature is
still more elevated; to a fourth, and
sometimes to a fifth, where heat is suf-
ficient. In these last halls are small
round basins, placed near the walls;
above each is a cock supplying warm
and another cold water. The person
who bathed places himself near one of
the basins; a boy in attendance rubs
the skin, covers him with a leather of soap,
and liberally rinses him by throwing fre-

quent sluicings of water on his head.
This is what is called a bath à la turque.
I forget to say, that before these singular
ceremonies, a servant carefully pro-
pels your arms and legs, and causes all
the joints of your body to move, so as
to render you more active. After this, you
return to the first apartment, dress
yourself, and take coffee.—Thus de-
nunces a Constantinopolite.

A British physician does execrable
what he writes in English, and his
consequences of being ignorant of
glory.

"Lies upon every article which en-
ters into the mould, or covers the back,
or is placed under the foot—taxes upon
every thing which is pleasant to the
taste—taxes upon warmth, light and
locomotion—taxes on every thing on
earth, and the waters under the earth—
on every thing that comes from abroad,
or is grown at home—taxes on the raw
materials—taxes on every fresh value
that is added to it by the industry of
man—taxes on the sinner who perver-
ses man's appetite, and the drug which re-
turns him to health—of the opium
which decorates the Judge, and the rupe-
tum which hedges the criminal—on the poor
man's oil and the rich man's spice—
the brains of the cattle, and the ri-
bands of the bride—at bed or board,
couchant or levant we must pay: The
school boy whips his taxed top, the board-
less youth manages his taxed horse, with
a taxed bridle, on a taxed pack-animal,
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lens and wounded on the shoulder, the
other black, with a small white star in
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ecuted by the robbing of the girl.

The above reward will be given
to any persons who will bring said
to No. 448 Esplanade street.

FRANCOIS LABROUCHE DUSIN,

May 9.

A PERSON highly recommended and per-
fectly acquainted with the English lan-
guage, and well acquainted with
Latin, Spanish, &c., is wanted to employ a few
hours per day in giving private lessons. An
advertisement to be made at this office.

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