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GOVERNOR DAWSON.

We received yesterday. One in the earlier, and the other in the course of the day: the former is a part of the month of December; and the latter, the 29th of December, and Charleston papers of the 29th of December, and Charleston papers of the 2d inst.

The proceedings of congress are taken up in the House of Representatives with a number of minor important subjects. We perceive, that Mr. Verplanck, of the committee of ways and means, reported a bill on the further reduction of duties, which was referred to a committee of the whole house on the state of the union. The editors of the National Intelligencer express an opinion, how far founded on the facts of the case, that any probability of this bill, or of a bill of the same, passing both houses of congress, is a matter of doubt. The editors are correct, in saying that any *probability* is a matter of *doubt*.

Among the other items of naval information, to be derived from the documents, which accompanied the report of the Secretary of the Navy, we gather the following statistics of our navy. The navy of the United States, in actual service, consists of twelve ships, four frigates—less the Constellation—four sloops of war, four guns; three of thirty-six; two sloops of war, eighteen guns; four guns; thirteen of eighteen guns; and one of twelve guns; making an aggregate of 1978 guns, carrying a total of 1978 guns.

Captain Reeves of the barque Brighton, at Charleston, from Gibraltar, brings the information of the total loss of the British brig frigate, Coast Division, Captain G. C. Reid. She was wrecked on the island of Rhodes, in the Mediterranean, with her crew and officers, the captain and six men excepted, who were on shore at the time. An account of the loss and shipwreck is continued in Lloyd's advertising list. The subjoined is a list of the officers, attached to the Constellation, at the time of her sailing from Norfolk, nine months ago.

Captain—Lawrence C. Reeve.
Lieutenants—Abraham Bigelow, Samuel W. Lecompte, A. J. D. Brown, John Budd, David R. Stewart, A. K. Long.
Acting Sailing Masters—Wm. H. Noland and George M. Hood.
Purser—Josiah Colston.
Surgeon—Alexander Morgan.
Chaplain—Wilton Colton.
Commdg. Marines—Lond N. Carter.
Assistant Surgeons———— Lawrason, and John C. Mercer.
Passed Midshipmen—Tilma Turner, John B. Cutting, and Horatio Myers.
Midshipmen—James F. Miller, Wm. J. H. Robertson, John T. Williams, Francis V. Dubrough, Wm. L. Herndon, Thomas R. Budd, Richard L. Trapier, James G. Stanley, Wm. H. Ellis, George Wickham, Henry H. Lewis, J. R. Maloney, ——— Eustis.
Gunner—Henry Reding.
Boatswain—Wm. Brown.
Sailmaker—Benjamin Crow.
Carpenter—Alonzo Jones.
School Master———— Lippett.
Captain's Clerk—C. C. Barkley.
Purser's Steward—Wm. Batchelor.
Passed—D. W. Turk, Fleet Surgeon.

It is very probable that as transfers frequently take place after ships arrive in the Mediterranean, that some of the above Naval Officers were not on board the *Constellation* at the time of her shipwreck.]

The *Constellation* was built at Baltimore, in 1797.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF MAIL CONTRACTS, Dec. 28th 1832.

Wm. H. Lee Esq. P. M. New Orleans,

SIR:—Your letter of the 19th inst. noticing the irregular arrivals of the northern mail at your office is received. This is a source of deep regret to the Postmaster General who has always felt great solicitude about the route between Mobile and New Orleans. The putting it in operation in the first place was rather an experiment in which the present contractors were the pioneers. If its success has not equalled the anticipations of the public and the Department the fault is not altogether attributable to the contractors; but to the disadvantages they had to encounter. They have used many exertions and incurred heavy expenses in procuring boats of different descriptions, neither of which, on trial, was found adopted to the peculiar navigation of the mail lakes. The Postmaster General is now however determined that this difficulty shall be overcome and has taken steps accordingly.

The agent of the company passed through this city a few days since on his way to New York; either to purchase or to build boats of such constructions as experience has pointed out will answer the purpose. He gave the Department every assurance that no time should be lost unnecessarily, or expense spared to effect the object of his mission. It is hoped therefore, that your fellow citizens will exercise a little forbearance when they are assured that every effort is making to extend to them all the mail facilities which their great commercial importance demands.

I am Respectfully, your obedient serv't,
G. R. BROWN, asp't. Mail Contracts.

If the fulliloos pride themselves on being true children of chivalric Carolina, the unionists, too, can boast of their equally gallant origin—they have shown themselves to be no less the descendants of Sumter and Marion, than their antagonists. The fervency of feeling, daring of soul, and firmness of defiance which characterize their opposition to the heresies of nullification, are so many proofs, that they remember, that they too are the breed of noble blood: "Outnumbered, not enthralled;" threatened with the greatest of evils, the privation of man's dearest rights they have stood forth, like a patriot, and declared their unshaken determination to abide by the laws of the rightful government. The account of each successive public meeting is a protocol of patriotism and loyalty. The Taylors and the Gastons are in the right—there is prophesy in names like these—successful symbols—what be the result, when men of this stamp enter the field. The eloquent remarks of Mr. Grimke, couched in [illegible] not inelegant language, are a fair sample, [illegible] we can judge with what firmness they hurtle the [illegible] of nullification.

FRIGHTFUL PROSPECT.—The ordinance passed by your Convention, a few days since, as the supreme law of the land, is its grave, not the bridal chamber of liberty. However the tyrant and the triumph of party may dignify it, in the hour of its birth, with tides of glory and praise, no spirit of prophecy is needful to know that when the revilers of this unholy spirit should have passed away, it will be regarded, even in the South Carolina of future years, with grief and mortification. In the sacred name of liberty, they have stamped her down to the earth, with the iron mace of the despot. In the name of liberty, they have forged for their fellow citizens the chains of slavery. In the pure and holy name of liberty they have polluted her shrine they have laid on her altar the offerings of idolaty, they have trodden their fellow-worshippers under their feet.

"When I look at the age in which I live, at the history of my country, and at her actual state of political improvement; when I consider the wisdom and forbearance that have distinguished American councils, and the magnanimity which has always been one of the noblest elements of Carolina character, I am filled with astonishment and grief at a measure, which must be repented of, in the sack-cloth and ashes of penance and sorrow. God grant it may not be cemented in part of it, in tears and blood, amid the ravages of fire and sword! Whatever may be the feeling respecting the ordinance, among the majority in Carolina, it is impossible not to know, that it must be regarded with mournful indignant on by all the friends of freedom throughout the world. In the rest of our Union; it can only be viewed as a approach to the memory of the illustrious dead of 1776 and 1779, as an act of ingratitude to their sacrifices and services. Among the whigs of England, what other opinion could be held, than that you have forfeited all title to the glorious attributes even of British freedom? They will tell you, that in an age of light, and in a country of laws and regulated freedom, you have sought for your instruments of power, in the armory of by-gone ages, amid the darkness and violence of dethroned tyrants and baffled oppressions. They will tell you, that this day in Great Britain, no even a whig administration, with it whig Parliament, could pretend to disfranchise a British subject. They will tell you, that no power in Britain would hold the meanest charter of British liberty, as cheap as your convention have held the holy constitutions of Carolina and the Union.

Of such we pardon, I make no apology for the boldness and plainness with which I speak. I am still a freeman: and while the freemen may be assured, that so long as the tribunes of speech and the liberty of the press shall remain, there will be thousands, who will speak and write as fearlessly as I do. And have they yet to learn, that the confinement of the body, the imprisonment of the body, nay, the [illegible] have no terrors for the brave and the free? Have they yet to learn that the dungeon and the scaffold are the certainty of tyranny, in the eyes of the martyr to civil or religious liberty? Are they yet to learn, that they may torture the body, but cannot subdue the soul: that they may give the freeman a victim to their power, but cannot make him the slave of their will? Have they, indeed, yet to learn, after all the solemn lessons that liberty has taught amid the fires of persecution and the martyr blood of her children, that the freeman, like the christian, counts property, liberty, and life, as dust and ashes, in comparison of his principles and independence? And I have studied in vain the history of [illegible] and expounded of this country; and I have loved and ventured in both the noble qualities; and I have loved and ventured in both the noble qualities of American and Carolina character, if there be not ties of American and Carolina character, if there be not thousands in this State, who are ready in the noble cause, to unsheild my property to your confiscation acts, liberty to the wind my property to your confiscation acts, liberty to the wind my property to your confiscation acts, liberty to the wind