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THE UNION—it must be preserved."

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 15, 1834.

FOR GOVERNOR,
J. B. DAWSON.
FOR MAYOR,
JOHN H. HOLLAND.

We received yesterday the back mail which have been sent for several days past. The latest dates from New-York are to the 11th, and afford nothing of the slightest interest.

The irregularity of the northern mail is a theme of general complaint, and in its date, a serious detriment to the business concerns of all classes. No confidence can be placed in its arrival, and its injurious effects of impediment and delay control the operations of our merchants and traders. No other city but ours would tolerate patiently and modestly the abuse. We have adverted often to the subject, and though our efforts have not been attended with any amelioration, we shall still recur and renew, so it is in the hope that something like justice may be finally done us by the post office department. Our citizens should shake off the apathy, and the fatal conviction they entertain, that all endeavours on their part will be unavailing, and show by public and concerted expressions of their opinion, that if Mr. Clay is disfavourable and callous, they are not. It is idle to make excuse and analogies any more, for the deviation of duty on the part of those engaged in the service. It is imperative at this time for us to have a daily mail, let us have a weekly one. By all means, however, let there be some regularity and uniformity.

By letters from New-York of the 27th, we learn, that there were no later advices of Europe.

We invite the public attention to the sale of valuable vessels, belonging to the late Simon Chouteau, situated between the Public Square and the Rail Road. The proximity of two of the lots to those in contestation between the Corporation of our City and the United States, recently sold by consent of parties, add considerably to their value, as speculators will improve them, &c., much favored by situation. The principal part of Mr. Clay's effort was to support the suggestion broached by James Watson Webb, (of 1832-00 notoriety,) in which that disinterested and honest son, undertakes to overthrow the ground assumed by Mr. Madison, and confirmed by the vote of the Congress which established the Treasury Department. The principal object of Mr. Madison, which he pursued, was to give the President full power over all the Treasury Department, it was agreed by him, when the law was on its passage, in the following words:

"It is evidently the intention of the Constitution, that the first Magistrate should be responsible for the Executive Department."

"If the Friends of the Executive Department are satisfied with the way the President has gone, I have no responsibility for the good behavior of the Officer. If they do not conform to the judgment of the President in discharging the executive duties, he can be discharged; it is makes him responsible to the great executive power and makes the President responsible to the public for the conduct of his son who has been nominated and appointed to aid him in the administration of his department."

It is the ground on which the friends of the Republicans insist that they have the right to impeach the President, and the power of the President—a power which has never been questioned until now—of dismissing Secretaries who could not conform to the "judgment of the President" in the administration of duties, entrusted to them by the President. Yet Webb and Mr. Clay contend, that Mr. Duane's opinion was given in to that of the President, it was its duty to turn him out of offices, and that Mr. Duane was simply the tool of Mr. Clay, and might have done, & was simply because Mr. Duane refused to do it. So Mr. Duane must be considered still a sort of "vice" Secretary of the Treasury.

It is somewhat remarkable that Mr. Clay, in conducting the main part of his argument, never, for one moment, glanced back to the principles announced by the creators of the several Departments, for the contemporaneous establishment of the same, as being founded upon insufficient and unsatisfactory grounds, were introduced and supported by a speech on the part of Mr. Clay, a dissertation upon which, from the Govenor, will be found in our columns. The further consideration of the results will be probably till after the holidays, when the mighty conflict anticipated on all hands will doubtless take place.

The consideration of the propriety of adopting some plan to prevent the frequent recurrence of stand-still events has at length come directly before congress. Mr. Clay introduced a resolution on the 23d ult. (which we have been enabled to notice from the failure of the Senate) relating to the subject. He urged with his usual tact and ability the imperious necessity of an effectual preventive law, and suggested some general ideas as to the nature and ability of the proposed law.

The trial of the Collector of the District, and the persons navigating her defamed for trial; a trial should be had, and unless it should appear on such trial, that all legal documents had been complied with, and were observed at sea-time, and, further, that this accident was one which no course of attention could possibly prevent, the trial should be referred to the United States, and the persons having charge at the time punished according to suitable rewards.

The matter has been referred to the committee of naval affairs, who will shortly make their report, and the whole will be definitely acted upon.

The new Custom House will soon be commenced in New-York, the only impediment having been removed by the purchase on the part of the Government, of ten feet of ground, for \$25,000. The owner heretofore had refused to sell.

OFFICIAL.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, December 15, 1833.

To satisfy inquiries that have been made, to the extent

to which American vessels are admitted in the British Po-

rtuguese and Nov. 15 Cape of Good Hope, it is de-

clared, to state, that vessels of the United States, are en-

titled to trade with Madras, Bombay, and Pernambuco.

Vessels of the United States are permitted to enter the port of Rio Janeiro, and to make any other port in

the Bay of All Saints, and with any other free ports in the

Port of Salvador, Bahia, or in Alagoas, which may be es-

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A private letter informs us that Mr. Bidell will recently return to the U.S. with restored money to be paid to his creditors.

The New-York American informs us that Rothschild, one of the greatest European bankers, has declared to Marshal Soult, "The French army had lost Spain BE would not be surprised if it had lost France."

It appears that the Fiddles, the Barings, and the Roths-

childs, equal to both Europe and America, and now seek

their legitimate principles too well to surrender them to

any Republic without a struggle. The Rothschild may be able

to hold out, but the Bank of England, and the Fiddles will

soon be able to subdue the Government of the United States to their dominion.—Wishing

you a happy New Year.

New-York, Dec. 22.

NEW-SPRING PACKER.—We last week took the Dry Dock to pay a long and contemplated visit to the new steam packet William Gibson. We had heard much of this bold and boldy built vessel, which takes a full sail to the wind, and which, when a gale comes on, is always to be seen in the upper part of the city on Saturday. Between Fifth and Sixth Streets, on the corner of Avenue A, where the vessel is moored, she is high and dry, and when the wind is high, there is a pond about four hundred yards long by two hundred feet, and which is frozen over to a thickness of one and a half inches. The vessel has several boys skating, and we give the credit of this to the captain, who is a skater himself. The accident which occurred, he returned home much excited, and said, "My mother, I have witnessed the most painful sight that I ever saw in my life." He stated, that he had run over a boy, and observed that in passing over him, the boy, the coxswain, had struck the heel of his skate with considerable force into the ice; and when they were precipitated into fifteen feet of water.

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