NEW-ORLEANS BEE.

BY BULLITT, BULLEN & MAGNE.

"TRUTH IS OMNIPOTENT AND PUBLIC JUSTICE CERTAIN."

NEW-ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18 1839.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
HENRY CLAY,
OF KENTUCKY.

Subject to the decision of a National Convention.

☞ We earnestly entreat our advertising patrons to send their favors at an early hour as possible—by 7 o'clock, P. M. at the very latest. The great increase in our business influence, as to public notoriety, and in order that all our subscribers may have their advertisements inserted.

☞ The index of our advertisements has, for several days, compelled us to defer the publication of considerable original and selected matter. The dearth of intelligence enables us to-day to bring up our arrears.

☞ The steamboat Susquehanah, arrived last night, reports the Ohio river to be open to that place and the Tennessee to be rapidly rising.

☞ By the brig Comet, captain Dickinson, from Havana, we have dates to the 9th inst.

The French queen ship of war Valeria arrived at Havana on the 9th inst. in 27 days from Rochefort, with dispatches from the French government for the commander of the French fleet at Vera Cruz, which ascertained to have been superseded, on the prince de Joinville's ship immediately got under weigh and sailed for Vera Cruz on the morning of the same day.

BANKS OF THE STATE.

The bill introduced into the house of representatives by Mr. Lockett, relieving the banks from an exemption of having forfeited their charters by the act of suspension, is one of the last importances to the legislature of the state. Every state in the Union, having any stake in the commercial prosperity of a city, has been prompt in restoring its banks to the privileges enjoyed by them before suspension—Mr. Lockett's bill does not propose to screen the bank from any scrutiny that the legislature may choose to make, as to their solvency, or fair dealing. In relation to relief from any supposed forfeiture for an act which was altogether involuntary on their part, at brought about by a concurrence of unforeseen circumstances, without their agency or will beyond their control. It asks for nothing more than exculpation.—For however the opinions of men may differ upon the policy of chartering such institutions, to hold them responsible for that which was the result of unavoidable necessity, is to scourge the innocent with the offence of the guilty. At this peculiar crisis delay is almost equivalent to an absolute denial of justice. Confidence and an indubitable currency are the breath of commerce, and whilst the uncertainty of legislation is suspended over our memoried institutions, it must needs droop, and every interest of which it is the handmaid, must also suffer. At this period, when the great father of rivers is pouring the products of empires upon this city, a depression in the money market must be attended with the most disastrous consequences, not only to the merchant, but to those for whom he is the factor. The prices of all products are dependent, in a great measure, upon the financial condition of commercial cities, and although the consequences of a scarcity of the circulating medium are first felt by commerce, they result upon agriculture and bring upon the planter and farmer certain loss. It is useless to suppose, for it is impossible to effect, otherwise, a line between the agricultural and commercial interests. They are allied together by the indissoluble ties of mutual support, and any legislator who may think to prosper the one by the depression of the other, will find in the prostration of both, the unavoidable result of the experiment.

It is not necessary, at this time, to go into an elaborate review of the causes that produced suspension. Winter-weather-wars, they were universal in their pecuniary and ravaged the whole country with a ruin that left not a corner untouched. And will the legislature of Louisiana drag her banks, the source that has every where been granted to others? Will she alone, leave her interests naked and exposed to the terrible consequences that must follow a withholding of constitutional facilities? Or will she not rather confirm her aid in restoring the general prosperity, by quieting her mercantile interest upon a footing with that of the other states? Will the question settled, the banks would be able to relieve the community from a pressure which is already felt in the money market, and which, with the means with the debit and uncertainty that may arise, as to the result of this legislative action upon the bill now before the house of representatives. During the pendency of the question, a question which affects to a degree their legal existence, their ability to give relief is necessarily crippled, and a depression of the value of the stocks of the state must be a consequence of the. These considerations appeal to the good sense of our legislature, with a force we should think, irresistible. The same reasoning that would induce the legislature to reinstate the banks, applies with equal effect to the policy of passing laws upon the subject. A calamity, when foreseen, may be avoided if prompt measures are taken to avert it. Delays are particularly dangerous upon questions of finance. While the legislature is deliberating the disaster may befall us, and scenes, similar to those that occurred in 1837, may overcast the city with a hopeless gloom.

LEGISLATURE.

In the senate Saturday, little was done. The members sat twice with closed doors, in the transaction of executive business. Several bills and reports were read, and the senate adjourned at an early hour.

In the House.—*Petitions, Memorials, &c.*—Mr Conrad, by request, stated that Mr. Rogers had been confined to his room by indisposition, since the commencement of the session.

Mr. Conrad offered several resolutions relating to those portions of the governor's message that related to the subject of weights and measures—that on the state armory—that on the communication from the governor of Georgia—and, that relative to violence done to state prisoners all referred by statutes, as interpreted by Jeff. Chenault.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial from Mr. Fuller requesting a appropriation for a digest of the laws of the state. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Dunbar presented a memorial from the trustees of the Springfield academy, situated in the parish of Rapides, praying the passage of an act appropriating $15,000, to the aid of their institution, for building, &c. Referred to committee on judiciary.

The member from Point Coupée, offered a resolution granting leave of absence to the parish judge of the parish of Point Coupée. Read first time.

Mr. Dunbar presented a petition from the principal men of a tribe of Indians, residing in the parish of Rapides, praying the legislature to pass an act granting them the privilege of suing and being sued in courts of justice of the state. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A resolution offered by Mr. Brashear, the substance of which is as follows, viz :, That as the constitution has vested in this house the sole right of making appropriations, Resolved, that this house will not appropriate any exemption any appropriation that is in any wise a party measure, but pass and sanction such appropriations as have for their object, solely, the public good.

The member from Baton Rouge rose opposed to the adoption of the resolution, as members were called upon to affirm what many and admits and none deny — He did not see the utility of the resolution.

The member from St. Mary's admired that the member from Baton Rouge was right if his remarks were only applied to the general principles contained in the bill : but if the house had not taken steps to incur useless expense he would withdraw the resolution. He would admonish the house on the subject of too speedily making appropriations. He had an object in view—he wished to see a reduction rather than an increase of the public expenses.

The member from Baton Rouge did not see the particular bearing of the resolutions ; but he objected to their generality—he was opposed to them in the present form. He thought the language involved something ridiculous to the other house, and he felt confident the venerable member from St. Marys would not wish to use terms that by their vagueness could be perverted by the other house as disrespectful to that body. The member from St. Marys knew the rules of the house and did not see that the resolutions could in any wise be considered disrespectful to the other house He would, however, submit to any amendment that did not do away with the substance of the resolutions.

Mr. Kenner thought the resolutions too vague. Would we not, said he, by adopting them be assuming a capacity that does not belong to us ? and would we not be virtually placing ourselves in judgment upon another branch of the legislature ! He was therefore opposed to the resolutions and would hope that they be laid on the table : which was accordingly done.

A resolution was adopted instructing the committee on the judiciary to enquire into and report on the necessity of establishing a high court of errors.

Mr. Conrad, as chairman of the committee on elections, begged to be excused from acting on that committee The house consented.

Mr. ——— submitted a bill to change the mode of holding elections in the parish of La Fourche.

The member from St. Mary's gave notice that on Friday next he would submit a bill to establish a general system of state internal improvements. (This bill was a document of length, containing 14 sections.) Order to be printed.

Notice was given by sundry other members of their intention to introduce bills.

Order of the day.—The house chequered in the bill creating additional sheriffs in the city of New Orleans.

Read the second time the resolution appointing a committee to inquire into the effects of the law against gambling, lottery gambling, &c. Passed without amendments.

On the bill extending relief to the banks (which was under discussion yesterday when the house adjourned.) Mr. ——— was in favor of the bill, and speedy action on the same, but on the steps noted for by the gentleman was best taken, he was for first making it the especial order of the day ensued, the first instant.

Mr. Kenner was opposed to any delay. If gentlemen wanted any information touching the condition of the banks, they could obtain the same in a few minutes.

No journals have been more conspicuous in condemning the delinquencies of the executive officer than the wide press throughout the country. The second example is absolutely farcical. Poor doctor Watkins, for a mere nap in the sun, a trifle of their thousands and dollars, the solitary act of dissipation occurring during the glories of Jacksonism, was absolutely hunted down by every paper in the union, had consigned to eternal infamy and shame, while the hirsute of peculation, the dealers in millions, the Swartwouts, Prices, *et id omne genus*, are suffered to escape to foreign lands with their stolen hoards, there to expend the people's money with the prodigality of princes. It is necessary the administering journals which maintain an ignoble silence whenever one of their immediate party illustrates practically the baseness of the log-rolling system, but raise the hue and cry, if performance some petty and obscure officer of the opposition should participate of his own users a portion of the public revenue.

According to Lieutenant ——The Star announces that the election of a speaker of Ohio, to the United states senate, has occasioned great joy among the natives in New-York, who take bold ground, and say that gradually every descent and member of the state from the non-slaveholding states, shall be immediate affectionate. The choice of the democratic legislature at Ohio is a ridiculous illustration how the followers of Mr. Van Buren are identified with the dish vended by the opposite members of their parties.

A TUSSIE weighing 13 1/2 pounds, has been killed in the parish of Assumption, by capt. A Pugh. It measures three feet seven inches in circumference.

DEATH OF MISS LANIER.

The Boston Atlas states in the autumnary of a passenger in the brig Mary Chatina, which arrived from Sierra Leone, some days ago, that the gentle and accomplished daughter of Mr. L. E. L.——who married the governor elect governor of Sierra Leone, died some weeks after arrival in Africa, from the effects of the climate.

Gov. Van Swearen, one of the judges of the Albany Daily Advertiser, died about 10 days ago.

THE BULLETIN.

The following is an account of the taxes and sales which were exported from Canton to the United States, between June 30th, 1837, and same date 1838 :—

TEAS.	Amount.
Young Hyson,	7,146
Hyson,	2,000
Hyson skin,	1,000
Imperial,	1,000
Gunpowder,	1,000
Twankay,	1,000
Souchong,	2,000
Pekoe,	2,000
Congou,	27
Total,	18,200

SILKS.	
Crape Shawls,	10,000
Crape,	2,000
Sarsnets,	2,000
Handkerchiefs,	2,000
Levantines,	2,000
Satin de do	2,000
Satins,	1,000
Gauze,	1,000
Gauze handkerchiefs,	50
Crapes,	50
Total,	24,100
Floss Lustrings,	500
Crapes,	22
Piece goods,	50
Do (pecuhs.)	37

The above is from a manuscript just received, and will be interesting to those engaged in the China trade. From the same paper we perceive that the revenue import of Tour-touhou country for the last one years, was 1534670. The past year only 18,000 shipped of the average.—*Phila. U. S. Gazette.*

NEW-YORK.—The literature fund of New-York is said to increase $3,000 for the past year was $66,000.—The safety Fund Bank fund has realized of $743,000 ; interest thereon $107,000 past year $61,000.—The number of convicts in the state prison, on the 30th ult. was 686, and their earnings for the past year upwards of $24,000.

Colonel James G. Totten has arrived at Washington, and assumed the post of commanding officer of the engineer corps.

QUICK TRIP.—The schooner Esphraim shoots, two weeks since made the run from Havana to Baltimore in little over *five days*.

A negro woman (says the Natchez Gazette,) belonging to Rev. Martin of Attakapas, died on the 31st of last month, aged 106 years.

It is said that Isaac Hill, governor of New Hampshire, is about to take charge of an agricultural paper We think he is more likely to get himself appointed assistant-treasurer.—*Mourner Express.*

Oh no! Isaac will never do for a sub-treasurer.—Mr. Clinton.—*New Journal.*

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

EXPORTS.

Boston—Per ship Pharsalia—170½ bales cotton, 1½ bbls 60 lbs sugar, 1 bbls sugar, 4 bgs clothing.

Salem—Per brig Leonard—150 bales cotton, 26 bbls, 2 bbls sugar and 1 jar.

Newport—Per barque Barry—150 bales cotton, 40 do. bale do.

Bristol, R I.—Per barque Sarah Louisa—[illegible] do.

Providence, R I.—Per brig Globe—[illegible] do. 381 kegs lard, 16 bbls lard.

New York.—Per ship Roscius—Sundry groceries, mining, coffee, dry goods, furniture, carriages, &c.

Havana—Per ship Roscius—2,000 bags coffee, sugars, hides, &c.

Per brig Caroline, assort lot of fruit.

Ragged Islands—Per sch Rosalinda—30 hogsheads salt.

RECEIPTS FROM THE INTERIOR.

Per steamboat Orange—101 bales cotton, 16 Allen, Antier & Co., 10 Hendrix, Wall & Co., 10 Bell & Co., 10 Bell, Hall & Co., 10 Wood & Bonner—10 do. 10 Hall & Co., 10 Bell, Hall & Co., 10 Hall & Bell & Co., 12 do. Armstrong & Co., 10 do. Hall & Co., 10 do. Hall & Co., 10 do. Hall