

we have paid so far, without a murmur, while at the same time we do not reap one cent's worth of benefit from the ten millions expenditure in constructing the canal.

It is manifest that every kind of taxation which human ingenuity can devise, let it be called by what name it may, whether direct or indirect, has its base on labour, and must be ultimately paid by the profits or savings of the labouring classes; there is in fact no other way by which taxes can be paid.

There are in all civilized nations, three great interests which require protection, and which every wise government will protect—the agricultural, the manufacturing, and the commercial; each of these should be pushed as far as is practicable to the ultimate point of perfection and production.

Nothing, sir, but a sense of duty impels me to take the floor on this occasion, as having been honoured with the appointment of chairman of the committee that reported the bill now in consideration, an incumbent duty devolves on me to offer some additional reason why this project is just and expedient.

I have flattered myself, and still do I cherish a hope, that this committee will acknowledge the justice of our claim and promptly pass this bill; for a more righteous application has never been presented for the consideration of the legislature.

I will ask the gentlemen from that region, what was the situation of the country through which the canal passes, previous to its construction? and how has it improved since the commencement and completion of that great and meritorious work?

war, it will be necessary to give economy, certainty and success to our military operations. Had such a road been constructed before the late war, it would have saved in that single contest, in men, money, (and I may add, reputation) that would have more than indemnified the state for the expense of constructing it.

Of the Humane and Criminal Institutions in the city of New-York, with their increase or decrease during the past year. By the attending minister, JOHN STANFORD, A. M.—Jan. 1, 1827.

Orphan Asylum—Boys, 104, Girls, 56. Whole number, 160. Increase over former year, 1.

City Hospital—Patients, 216; Lunatics, 91. Total 317. Increase, 67.

City Almshouse—White men, 463; white women, 462; white boys, 308; white girls, 153; black men, 17; black women, 14; black girls, 7—total 1472. Increase 270.

Bellevue Hospital—Men patients, 90; women patients, 58; men maniacs, 45; women maniacs, 44—total 232. Increase 148.

House of Refuge—Boys, 117; girls, 31—total 158. Increase 95.

Debtor's Prison—In confinement, including the Liberties, 890. Increase 212.

Bridewell—White men, 57; white women, 27; black men, 20; black women 5—total 109. Decrease 53.

Penitentiary—Criminals—White men, 65; white women, 3; black men, 46; black women, 6—Vagrants—White men 67; white women, 79; black men, 14; black women, 46—total 336. Increase, 32.

State Prison—Remaining in prison Dec. 31, 1825, 496. Received in prison in 1826, 196—total 692.—Transferred to the new prison at Sing-Sing, 110; discharged by pardon, 112, do. by expiration of sentence, 53; died during the year, 36.

Result.—Whole number in 1826, 3545; do. in 1825, 3428. Increase 117.

Our friend Riggs, of the Schenectady Cabinet, seems to think that a remark which fell from us in relation to the appointment of Judge Betts, was suggested by some recollections of personal disappointment, and asks us to correct him if his opinions are erroneous.

Renewal of Bank Charters.—Mr. BRASHER'S report from the committee of the House on this subject, submitted yesterday, will be noticed in the preceding column.

On Tuesday last Mr. Van Rensselaer presented to the House of Representatives a memorial of citizens of the county of St. Lawrence, in the state of New-York, claiming the interference of the Government of the United States in securing to her citizens the free navigation of the St. Lawrence.

The island of Cuba is little larger than some of our largest states; but it furnishes exports equal in value to two thirds the amount of those from one whole country.

Florida Indians.—Gen. Hernandez, commanding a brigade of the Florida militia, has issued his orders directing the military force ordered against the Indians, to be discharged, in consequence of having received assurances that the great body of the Florida Indians regretted the outrages which had been committed, and that they were ready to co-operate with the United States troops in bringing the offenders to justice.

Counterfeiters.—We mentioned a few days since the arrest of a number of counterfeiters in Herkimer county. It now seems that there are nine committed and many more suspected.

A resolution, introduced by Mr. POWELL, of Virginia, appropriating \$20,000 for the relief of the indigent sufferers by the conflagration at Alexandria, passed the House of Representatives by vote of 110 to 63.

From the National Intelligencer. AWFUL FIRE AT ALEXANDRIA. A few minutes before nine o'clock yesterday morning an alarming fire broke out in the town of Alexandria.

Our friends at Alexandria, exhausted by fatigue and anxiety, were not employed in endeavoring to save their individual property, and without the excellent apparatus of hose, &c. which we have, were not able to contend with the devouring element.

Upwards of twenty thousand ship letters were received at the Post Office in New York from the 8th to the 14th inst. inclusive. Eight thousand were received in one day.

Messrs. Bissell & Riley have purchased the valuable farm of Mr. Enos Stone; and Messrs. Johnson, Atkinson and Noyes have made heavy and eligible purchases of land situated between the Stone farm and the canal.

The ordinance department at London, has ordered home to England, for the purpose of taking his trial there, captain Matthews, a member of the Upper Canada House of Assembly, who stands charged with having called for Yankee Doodle or Hail Columbia in some provincial play house.

Legislature of New-York. [Reported for the Albany Daily Advertiser.] IN ASSEMBLY—January 22.

Mr. McClure gave notice, as to a bill to repeal the dog tax, and to levy the amount arising therefrom, on bachelors between the ages of 30 and 45 years.

The Comptroller made a report in conformity to the resolution of Mr. Sill, of the 18th inst. which was ordered to be printed.

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