

ferings of a nation like ours  
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MADISON.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1817.

We this day present to our read-  
ers, the first number of "EDWIN."  
We are sorry, that he has permitted  
the single subject of the Clerkship  
to monopolize his whole attention;  
tho' his pen could not have been  
employed on a more important sub-  
ject. Altho' it is not our intention to  
recommend any particular candi-  
date, yet, in our choice we should  
be governed by *unblemished reputa-  
tion and acknowledged capacity*. But  
there are other subjects which should  
also claim a part of our attention.  
Two Judges are to be elected, whose  
duty it will be to administer justice,  
with an equal hand. Three Com-  
missioners must also be elected,  
in whose choice we acknowledge we  
feel no ordinary solicitude. Their  
duties are important, their powers  
are extensive. Laying out roads,  
erecing public buildings, to wit:  
a court-house, a jail, bridges & divi-  
ding the county into townships, li-  
quidating all County claims, we are  
informed are powers vested in their  
hands. These duties, we conceive,  
attach great importance to the com-  
missioners office. Let it claim part  
of your attention my readers, and  
let us resolve to support the men,  
whose solidity of judgment and rec-  
titude of character may entitle  
them to public approbation.

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Gentlemen, holding subscription  
papers for the REPUBLICAN, are re-  
spectfully requested to forward them  
to this office.

Wanted at this office, an appren-  
tice to the printing business.

We have been requested to an-  
nounce to the citizens of this coun-  
ty, that capt. Richard C. Talbott is  
a candidate for the Clerkship of this  
county at the ensuing election, and  
will also serve as a Recorder for the  
county, if elected.

We are requested to inform the  
citizens of this county, that the  
Rev. Wm. Robinson will serve as  
a Recorder, if elected.

We are informed that General  
M'Farland is a candidate as a Clerk  
and Recorder for this county.

#### [COMMUNICATIONS.]

The subscriber takes this me-  
thod of informing the citizens of  
Jefferson county, that he is a candi-  
date for the commission of associate  
judge of our court, and if he should  
be elected will discharge his duty  
to the best of his abilities.

Moses Hopper.

The subscriber would just inform  
the electors of Jefferson county, that  
he is a candidate for an assistant  
judge, at the ensuing election, and  
if elected, will serve to the best of  
his abilities.

John Ritchie.

#### No. 1.

To the Voters of Jefferson County.  
FELLOW-CITIZENS,

The agitation of the  
public mind, will furnish an excuse  
for this address. The writer will  
offer no other, than the right he  
possesses of expressing his opinion,  
upon a subject which interests us  
individually and collectively. This  
he conceives to be his right as a citi-  
zen, and his duty as a man.

You will shortly be called to the  
polls my fellow-citizens, to elect a  
man to fill the most important of-  
fice in the county—to elect a Clerk.  
It is important, not only as it re-  
spects your property—but your  
rights. This proves the necessity  
of a cool and deliberate investigation  
of the character of the man who of-  
fers himself for your choice.

Two men are presented to your  
view—the one possessing the quali-  
fications which a good Clerk should  
possess, and the untarnished reputa-  
tion, which the best of men would  
envy.—This man is captain Talbott,  
a man whose gentlemanly deport-  
ment, whose noble soul, and gener-  
ous dispositions, are so universally  
acknowledged, that even, to barely  
mention them here, would be sur-  
plusage. His opponent General  
M'Farland, is a man whose charac-  
ter is well known, alas! for him, I  
fear he is known too well, either as  
it respects the deep designs of his  
head, or the ambitious aspirings of  
his mind. Whether Gen. M'Far-  
land is competent to the duties of a  
clerk, I shall not at this time pre-  
tend to inquire, though I fear he  
has mistaken the extent of his capa-  
city. Other considerations induce  
me to leave this point unnoticed.

I am credibly informed, that Gen.  
M'Farland does not solicit the clerk-  
ship for himself, but he wishes it to  
be placed in his hands, that he may  
yield it as a *grateful* offering, to  
some one of his worthy friends,  
who have ATTEMPTED to rein-  
state his character. I say for these  
reasons, I shall pass by the question  
as to his competency. M'Farland's  
character is at a low ebb, calumny,  
may have reduced it for aught I  
know—yet as I understand it is  
the main object of M'Farland, to  
prove to the world that his charac-  
ter is fair and spotless among his  
immediate acquaintances—I con-  
ceive it therefore open for investiga-  
tion, and if I should attempt to de-  
velope it, I will only be taking a lib-  
erty, which the General surely an-  
ticipated.—This I shall attempt in  
my next number.

EDWIN.

#### OHIO CANAL.

The general assembly of this state  
has incorporated a company for the  
purpose of opening a canal on the  
Indiana side of the Falls or Great  
Rapids of the Ohio. If this should  
be carried into effect, the advantages  
will be incalculable, not only to the  
commercial part of the community,  
but to every description of citizens,  
as water-works and manufactories

of various descriptions may be at-  
tached thereto. It is said that the  
funds of the company are adequate  
to the completion of the canal, as  
the company form a chain of cap-  
italist along the Ohio to the moun-  
tains, and perhaps over to the Atlan-  
tic states.

[I. Gazette.]

#### GOOD NEWS

We have been politely favoured  
by a member of the legislature with  
the following extracts of a letter  
from a member of Congress. *Ibid.*

Washington City, Dec. 7, 1816.

"From the conversation I have  
had with members of congress, I be-  
lieve I may say with some certainty,  
the direct tax will be repealed.  
Should this be the case the people  
of the United States will be highly  
pleased."

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE,  
House of Representatives, Decem-  
ber 20.

Mr. LOGAN read and laid on the  
table the following resolutions:

Whereas, the citizens of the U.  
States possess the inalienable  
right of navigating the great waters  
which communicate with the Ocean,  
and the high destiny to which the  
Author of nature seems to invite the  
people of these states, depends upon  
the security of that right from all  
violation; and the honor as well as  
dignity of every state commands  
her to defend with vigilance the  
rights of those subjects to her sove-  
reignty:

1. *Be it therefore resolved by the  
general Assembly of the commonwealth  
of Kentucky*, that they have viewed,  
with the deepest concern, the viola-  
tion of the right guaranteed by the  
federal constitution and the laws of  
Congress to navigate the river Mis-  
sissippi, in the seizure of the steam-  
boat ENTERPRISE, under the pre-  
tended authority of a law enacted  
by the legislature of the late Territo-  
ry of Louisiana.

2. *Resolved*, that they will main-  
tain inviolate, by all legitimate means  
the right of her citizens to navigate  
said river and its tributary streams.

3. *Resolved*, that the governments  
of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennes-  
see, Ohio, Louisiana and Indiana,  
be respectfully requested to co-op-  
erate with this to prevent, by appro-  
priate means, the recurrence of an  
evil so much to be deprecated.

4. *Resolved*, that our Senators and  
Representatives in congress be re-  
quested to exert themselves to pro-  
cure the adoption of such measures  
as they may deem best calculated to  
secure the navigation of the said ri-  
ver.

5. *Resolved*, that the Lieut. Gov-  
ernor, acting as governor, be re-  
quested to transmit to the governors  
of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennes-  
see, Ohio, Louisiana, and Indiana,  
and to our Senators and Represent-  
atives in congress, each a copy of  
the above resolutions.

The resolutions were laid on the  
table.

#### VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14-

The following preamble and re-  
solution, proposed by Mr. Mercer  
of Loudon, were agreed to by the  
house—(Ayes 137,—Noes 9.) in  
secret session, but are now publish-  
ed, the injunction of secrecy being

taken off.

Whereas the general assembly of  
Virginia have repeatedly sought to  
obtain an asylum, beyond the lim-  
its of the U. States, for such persons  
of color as had been, or might be e-  
manipated under the laws of this  
commonwealth, but have hitherto  
found all their efforts, for the ac-  
complishment of this desirable pur-  
pose, frustrated, either by the dis-  
turbed state of other nations or do-  
mestic causes, equally unpropitious  
to its success:

They now avail themselves of a  
period, when peace has healed the  
wounds of humanity, and the prin-  
ciple Nations of Europe have con-  
curred, with the government of  
of the U. States, in abolishing the  
African slave trade, a traffic which  
this commonwealth, both before &  
since the revolution, zealously  
sought to terminate, to renew this  
effort, and do therefore resolve,  
that the executive be requested to  
correspond with the president of the  
United States, for the purpose of  
obtaining a territory upon the  
shore of the North Pacific, or at  
some other place not within any of  
the states or territorial governments  
of the United States, to serve as an  
asylum for such person of colour as  
are now free, and may desire the  
same, and for those who may here-  
after be emancipated within this com-  
monwealth; and that the senators &  
representatives of this state in the  
Congress of the United States be  
requested to exert their efforts to  
aid the president of the United  
States in the attainments of the a-  
bove object:—Provided that no con-  
tract or arrangement respecting such  
territory shall be obligatory on this  
commonwealth, until ratified by the  
legislature.

New-York, Feb. 9.

#### Interesting from France —

We are indebted to a highly respec-  
table gentleman of this city for the  
following intelligence:

Extract of a letter from an intelli-  
gent person in Bordeaux to his  
friend this city.

"Public opinion has undergone  
an extraordinary change here, these  
legitimates are no longer the idols  
of the people.—Even those who  
first supported them and contrib-  
uted so much to the degradation of  
this delightful country and its ami-  
able people begin to hang their  
heads from the contempt and scorn  
in which they are held. Rely on  
it, this state of of things cannot  
last.

"To give you an idea of the  
wretched shifts to which the Anglo  
Royalists have been driven to en-  
deavour to support their sinking  
cause. I have only to mention there  
are at present in this county, 83  
provotal courts (one in each depart-  
ment) which are solly occupied in  
trying the people for what they are  
pleased to call political crimes and  
24 military tribunals (that is one in  
each military circle) who are enga-  
ged in the same laudable work. The  
prisons are filled with their victims,  
and terror is stalking about in eve-  
ry direction. This is the govern-  
ment that promised to make  
Frenchmen forget the horrors of  
their revolution, of which it now  
appears, they were by their agents  
in a great measure the authors. E-