

## WAR DEPARTMENT, Pension Office,

Washington, Oct. 4, 1832.

The number of applicants for pensions under the recent act of Congress, already exceeding 12,000, together with the state of the health of this city for some time past, has prevented the examination and decision of these claims, with as much speed as is anxiously desired by the Department, and as is due to the services and suffering of these meritorious veterans, entitled to the bounty of their country. When it is recollected that these claims contain a minute statement of facts in the applicants' embracing their whole revolutionary service, together with such corroborating proof, circumstantial and direct, as they are able to collect, and that all these are investigated and compared with the rolls and other records of the Department, and that this process is necessary fairly to establish just claims, and to prevent the granting of fraudulent ones, and that nothing will ensure the latter object, but the most careful examination and rigid scrutiny, some idea may be formed of the time and labor requisite to effect these objects. It is impossible to go on with the current business of the office, and to answer all the letters, as they are received.

And this notice is given that applicants may be satisfied their cases will be investigated in the order of their reception, and as rapidly as possible; and that each person will be advised of the result, whether favorable or adverse, or whether suspended for further proof, or explanations, as soon as his case can be taken up. And all may rest assured that the most vigorous efforts will be made to bring this whole matter to a close, with as little delay as possible; and nothing in the power of the Department will be wanting, to give effect to the benevolent intentions of Congress. By order:

JAMES L. EDWARDS.

**PROCLAMATION.**  
EX ECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.  
Indianapolis, 18th Oct. 1832.

WHEREAS, many of the religious portion of the citizens of this state, of various denominations, through the medium of their pastors and other representatives, have expressed a wish to unite in fasting with prayer to Him who controls the destiny of nations, invoking a mitigation of the distress, terrors, and desolation, which have, upon other continents, marked the path of the cholera, that scourge now visiting the states of our confederacy, and commencing its ravages on the eastern frontiers of Indiana: AND WHEREAS, for purposes of concert, the governor of the state has been called upon to designate a day, inviting the co-operation of the citizens of the state in the desired devotions:

THE REFORE the undersigned, in compliance with the wishes of his fellow-citizens, selects the *second Monday in November*, as the day to be set apart for fasting with prayer to an overruling Providence, beseeching him to arrest the progress of the disease, with its train of calamities; and in behalf of the churches he bespeaks the aid and influence of all who believe in the efficacy of prayer.

N. NOBLE.

A young South American Lion arrived, a day or two ago, in the ship *M...* from Buenos Ayres. During the passage, we understand, that he refused to eat any thing of a less delicate nature than chickens; turning up his nose at the beef which formed part of the fare of his companions. Yesterday morning, having been well fed, he was accommodated with a moveable apartment, not unlike that in which Tomerlane lodged Bezuzet, and carried up Arch street in a cart drawn by one horse, who seemed duly proud of his royal burden. His chain was long, and one bar of his cabinet had been broken out; so that his movements were but partially restrained. The driver, after having gone on thoughtlessly for a square or two, turned his head to learn the cause of a shout from a man on the pavement, and was astonished to find himself check by jaw with the lion, who had come out to take a look at a scene quite new to him. The man jumped down in a style that would have delighted Gabriel or Jean Ravel; and the lion ran to him as far as his chain allowed. He was to get him shut up again was the question; and, while they who had the care of him were consulting about this, some of the bystanders laid hold of his tail. At this, in great indignation, he sprang into the cart, and retired into the darkest corner of his cage. His chain was then drawn up, and he was quietly taken to the lodgings prepared for him.—*Philadelphia Chorus.*

**Erie and Mad River Rail Road.**—A body of the United States corps of Engineers are engaged in making a survey of the route of the rail road from Sandusky city to Dayton, Ohio. The active measures taken by the commissioners of this work ensure success. They seem determined to commence work, and to carry it into operation.