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TELEGRAPHIC.

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ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA.
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1 Prize of \$40,000 8 Prizes of 2,000
1 do 19,100 10 do 500
5 Prizes of 8,000 100 do 300
5 do 4,000 &c. &c. &c.

GRAND CONSOLIDATED LOTTERY, Class 27.
To be drawn in Baltimore, September 13, 1851.
BRILLIANT SCHEME.
1 Prize of \$50,000 4 Prizes of 2,500
1 do 22,400 10 do 1,500
1 do 10,000 10 do 1,250
1 do 5,000 10 do 1,000
1 do 2,500 100 do 750
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To be drawn in Baltimore, September 20, 1851.
BRILLIANT SCHEME.
1 Prize of \$40,000 1 Prize of 4,000
1 do 12,427 100 Prizes of 1,000
1 do 6,000 100 do 500
Tickets \$10—Halves \$5—Quarters \$2.50
Certificate of Package of 36 Wholes. \$140 00
Do do 26 Halves. 70 00
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1 Prize of \$50,000 1 Prize of 5,000
1 do 25,000 1 do 3,000
1 do 12,500 1 do 1,500
1 do 10,000 10 Prizes of 4,000
1 do 10,000 200 do 750
Tickets \$30—Halves \$15—Quarters \$7.50
Certificate of Package of 36 Wholes. \$280 00
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PROSPECTUS

OR
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