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THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18, 1859.

JAMES MADISON.

After having remained in Congress a year longer than the regularly allotted term of three years, Mr. Madison reached his father's home at the close of the year 1783. He was then in his thirty-third year, and, in this respite from public labor, betook himself to the formal study of law, in which, without ever entering upon its practice in the courts, he attained to a remarkable degree of accuracy and subtlety—a fact in illustration of which Mr. Rives recites the following anecdote, as told of Mr. Madison by Mr. Jefferson:

"Both of them were members of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of Virginia in 1818, to fix upon a proper location for the University. The board consisted of twenty-one members, including some of the most distinguished judges and lawyers of the State. Of the former it is sufficient to mention Judges Roane and Cabell, of the Court of Appeals, and Judges Brockenbrough, Stuart, Holmes, and Dade, of the General Court, together with Chancellor Taylor; and of the latter, Mr. Phillip C. Pendleton, Gen. Breckenridge, and Gen. John G. Jackson, as well as Mr. Jefferson, himself, who, it is known was a most profound lawyer, and especially versed in all the law of real property. Among the considerations presented to influence the choice of the commissioners, was the offer of a very valuable body of lands in the neighborhood of Lexington, for which a deed was tendered. The deed passed through the hands of the judges and lawyers without criticism. When Mr. Madison came to examine it he modesty suggested a *quære*, founded upon some rather recondite doctrine with regard to the limitations of real estate, whether the deed was good in law. The defect pointed out was finally recognized by the board to be fatal to the validity of the deed, and it was so represented to be in their report to the Legislature."

In a letter written to Mr. Edmund Randolph, in 1785, referring to these legal studies, and to the improbability of his ever making a professional use of them, he said:

"My wish is, if possible, to provide a decent and independent subsistence without encountering the difficulties I foresee in that line. Another of my wishes is to depend as little as possible, on the labor of slaves. The difficulty of reconciling these views has brought into my mind several projects."

He was not, however, left to linger long in this state of inaction, as the people of Orange called him in 1784 to represent them in the Virginia House of Delegates, where he distinguished himself by the leading part he took in the effort to build up commercial centres in the State by restricting the foreign trade to a few designated ports; and it was in pursuance of this policy that he was led to propose a conference on the subject with the State of Maryland, which conference, it is known, formed one of the steps preliminary to the meeting of the Convention which framed the present Constitution of the United States. But he won his crowning glory in this body by his no less successful than consistent labors in the cause of religious freedom. A plan had been introduced for the purpose of levying a general assessment in order to raise a fund for "the support of teachers of the Christian religion."—The bill after passing through several stages of its parliamentary progress, was ordered to be engrossed, but its third reading was finally postponed, mainly at his urgent instance, until the next meeting of the Legislature.—In the mean time the sense of the people was taken on the proposed measure, in the shape of a solemn "memorial and remonstrance," which, having been drawn up by Mr. Madison, was distributed through the several counties, where it was rapidly covered with the signatures of the voters, insomuch that, on the re-assembling of the Legislature, the bill was abandoned without a struggle. It is at this interesting point of Mr. Madison's life that Mr. Rives concludes his present volume, which we cannot dismiss without commending to the perusal of every reader.

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NOTICE TO GARDENERS AND DAIRYMEN.—The subscriber will rent or lease to a responsible tenant, that well-known TRACT OF LAND, called *"BLOOMFIELD,"* situated directly west of the Alms House. This farm contains about THIRTY-FIVE ACRES, and is admirably suited either for Garden or Dairy purposes. The land has been highly improved and has on it a fine PEACH ORCHARD, and other Fruit trees, and the whole tract has been recently enclosed with a new and substantial fence.

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sep 26—eo2m

FOR RENT.—The DWELLIG HOUSE and GARDEN attached, on Franklin street, (the property of L. Peyton, esq.,) and known as the "COTTAGE." Possession given immediately Apply to [nov 8—eotf] A. & C. E. STUART.

FOR RENT—The HOUSE on Cameron street, at present occupied by Doctor Lewis. Possession given the 15th of September. For terms, apply to Doct. KING, U. S. A., Washington.
jy 7—tf

FOR RENT.—The STORE, No. 53, on King, next to the N. W. corner of Fairfax street. JOHN WEST,
aug 10—2awtf No. 4, North Fairfax-street.

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IS now receiving, per steamship Mount Vernon and Schrs. Fleetwood and Fairfax, from New York, his FALL SUPPLIES OF GROCERIES AND LIQUORS, consisting in part as follows:—

SUGARS.—Porto Rico, Cuba, New Orleans, Loaf, Crushed, Granulated, Powdered, A & B., Coffee, and Yellow.

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COFFEE.—Rio, Laguyra, Maracaibo, Java, and Mocha.

TEAS.—Gunpowder, Imperial, Young Hyson, and Black, of various qualities.

SUNDRIES.—Sperm, Adamantine, and Mould Candles; Starch; Pepper; Pimento; Nutmegs; Mace; Ginger; Sal Soda; Saltpetre; Rice; Cheese; Candy; Brooms, &c., &c.

—ALSO,—

20 half pipes and ¼ casks fine Henesey and Otard BRANDIES
15 casks Port, Sherry, and Madeira WINES
10 " Malaga do
300 bbls. WHISKEY, part very prime
50 " D GIN and RUM
10 " Apple and Peach BRANDY
25 baskets CHAMPAGNE. oct 29

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sep 6

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Blacklock's Wharf, Alexandria, Va.,

HAVE RECEIVED, and are still receiving, per steamer Mount Vernon, and the regular packets from New York and Philadelphia, their FALL SUPPLY OF GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &c., &c., to which they particularly call the attention of Merchants, Farmers, and others. oct 7

J. H. McVEIGH & SON

ARE NOW RECEIVING PER SCHOONERS Lavina Jane, Rebecca, Ann E. Baker, York Town, and other vessels, from New York, in part their FALL STOCK OF GROCERIES, &c., all of which they offer to their customers and merchants generally, visiting this market, as cheap as can be bought in Baltimore.

J. H. McVEIGH & SON,
sep 6 Prince-street Wharf, Alex'a.

KNOX & BRO. have just received their FALL SUPPLIES OF GROCERIES, selected carefully for family use. We name in part—

10 hhds. prime New Orleans Sugar
10 " " Porto Rico "
20 bbls. Crushed and Cut Loaf Sugar
10 half boxes Loaf "
25 bags Old Gov. Java Coffee, (very superior)
10 half chests best Green and Black Tea
10 hhds. prime Porto Rico Molasses
5 " cheap "
5 tierces Rice
20 boxes wholes & halves Adamantine Candles
20 " Mould Candles. oct 21—tf

GROCERY AND COMMISSION BUSINESS.—JAMES K. MARSHALL, Jr., having purchased the interest of H. C. Ward in the stock of Marshall & Ward, will continue the business of the late firm under the style and firm of MARSHALL & CO., at the old stand No. 11 King street, where they intend to keep at all times a select stock of FAMILY GROCERIES AND FARMERS SUPPLIES, which they will sell at the lowest market rates for cash or to punctual customers.

They will give personal attention to the sale of FLOUR, GRAIN AND PRODUCE generally.—By strict attention to business, they hope to receive the continued patronage of the late firm and the public. [oct 1—eotf] MARSHALL & CO.

GROCERY AND COMMISSION BUSINESS.—The undersigned will continue the business of the late firm of ROBINSON & PAYNE, at the old stand, where he will always keep on hand a good stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, and FARMERS' SUPPLIES, which he will sell at the lowest market rates for cash, or to punctual customers. He is also prepared to receive and sell on Commission, consignments of FLOUR, GRAIN and PRODUCE, of all descriptions. He hopes, by strict attention to business, to receive the continued patronage of the late firm and of the public generally. [sep 23] GEO. H. ROBINSON.

F. A. MARBURY, wholesale dealer in FOREIGN and DOMESTIC WINES and LIQUORS, Southeast corner of King and Union sts., offers for sale—

Rectified Whiskey; Old Rye do., all grades, some very old and superior
French Brandy, various qualities
Domestic Brandy; Apple do.; Cherry do
New England Rum; Peach Brandy
Holland Gin; Jamaica Rum; pure Spirits
Port, Sherry, Madeira, Malaga, and Champagne Wines; Cordials; Ale; Porter, &c., &c.
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TOBACCO, SEGARS, SNUFF, &c.—150 boxes, pound lump and 5's Tobacco, from medium to prime grades of the most approved brands, comprising a good assortment of best grades of light pressed.

American, German, and Havana SEGARS, a large and good assortment.

Lynchburg Smoking Tobacco in bales and papers; 50 boxes Garrett & Son's Scotch Snuff; 20 kegs Garrett & Son's loose Snuff; 150 boxes German Pipes—good assortment—just received and for sale by J. H. McVEIGH & SON,
sep 6 Prince street Wharf.

BUCKWHEAT MEAL.—2,000 lbs. New Buckwheat Meal, just received per steamer Diamond State, for sale by
nov 10 GARRET HULST.

POTATOES! POTATOES!!—150 bushels New York Mercer Potatoes, just received per Schr. Fairfax, for sale by GARRET HULST,
nov 7 147, King-street.

CLOVERSEED, of prime quality, new crop, for sale by KNOX & BRO.,
nov 14 No. 27, King street.

CORN MEAL!—100 bush. Corn Meal in store and for sale by
nov 10 T. A. BREWIS.

NEW STOVE AND TIN STORE,

No. 14 Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va.

A CARD.—*ENOCH GRIMES* respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has associated with him his son JAMES E. GRIMES, and under the firm name of E. GRIMES & SON, we have resumed at the old stand on Fairfax street, the STOVE, AND TIN WARE BUSINESS IN ALL ITS BRANCHES, and hope and expect to conduct the same, so as to merit the confidence and patronage of all who may give us a call. We intend to devote our time and attention more especially to out door work, both in town and country, such as

ROOFING, GUTTERING and SPOUTING,

And all kinds of Stove and Furnace Work, and Jobs that require skill and experience.

All Jobbing and Repairing attended to in person.

Our Stock of STOVES is intended to suit the wants of every body. We are determined to please, both in work done and goods sold. Our expenses are small and we shall be content with small profits.

Orders from the country, either for work or for goods promptly attended to.

oct 1—1y E. GRIMES & SON.

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