The breaking of our large Power Press, soon after we commenced printing our paper this week, has compelled half a day's delay in despatching part of the edition.

For the Free Press.

WESTFORD, Jan. —, 1861.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

"The friends of Rev. J. H. WOODWARD will make him their twenty-fourth annual Donation visit at his residence in Westford, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1861, afternoon and evening.
"With a merry heart will you come."

Such was the card, nicely printed, and signed by a com. of twelve—which was responded to by nearly three hundred friends of the subscribers in one of those pleasant annual gatherings, which have been repeated without interruption for nearly a quarter of a century.

The visit, like its predecessors, was a very pleasant one, and has never been surpassed in the variety and liberality of its gifts. Grateful as we trust we have been, and are, for these liberal annual bestowments, we are more *grateful*, more *deeply affected* by the wealth of affection, which has prompted them, year by year, through a somewhat protracted residence in Westford. We have not what may be styled a wealthy people, but we have a somewhat peculiar people, (suffer us to say in most respects a very good people.) If any of them should chance to see this it might be well for them to read the parenthesis in a quicker and weaker tone of voice, or perhaps what would be better, shut their eyes, and skip it. Well leave it there, they are peculiar, peculiar in this—they keep their ministers. They have not been without one for nearly fifty three years, and yet their present pastor is their second minister. God has blessed them, and will bless them more and more. We thank them most sincerely for their continued charity, affection, and liberality for so long a time, and deeply regret that we are so unworthy of them.

J. H. WOODWARD,
E. D. WOODWARD.

FOUR STATES have declared their separation from the Union. The dates of the adoption of the Ordinances of Secession are as follows:

Dec. 20.—South Carolina Ordinance passed.
Jan. 9.—Mississippi Ordinance passed.
Jan. 11.—Florida Ordinance passed.
Jan. 11.—Alabama Ordinance passed.

We shall, doubtless, chronicle in due time their return to the Union, sadder and wiser States.

IT SNOWED all day yesterday, commencing before light, and there is now more than a foot of snow on the ground—a greater fall than at any time this winter. The weather is mild and still.

The Legislature of New Jersey yesterday elected Douglas Democratic officers throughout.

The Legislature of Maine has elected Ex-Gov. MORRILL to succeed Vice President HAMLIN, in the United States Senate. The vote in the Senate was unanimous. In the House the vote stood

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NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Hon. John A. Dix, has been summoned to Washington, to take a seat in the Cabinet. It is uncertain whether he will take the War or Interior Department, or Postmaster Generalship.

A special despatch from Washington says the Cabinet is deliberating upon the propriety of arresting Senators Toombs and Wigfall, for high treason.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—A company of marines, numbering 40 muskets, under Lieut. Powell, came in a special train from Washington this morning and took possession of Fort McHenry and raised the stars and stripes.

SLAVER CAPTURED.—The ship Lesbia, under French colors, supposed to be the Montauk of New York, was brought into Havana by a Spanish war steamer, last week, with 600 negroes.

Items of News.

Business at Manchester N. H. was never better than now. Every spindle in the mammoth factories is running full time, and the operatives' pay-rols alone amounts to $110,000 per month. The greasy mechanics laugh at southern threats of starving them out.

At a Lowell Hotel, Saturday night, E. O. Coburn of Newport, Vt., on retiring to rest, either blew out his gas-light, or turned the screw clear round so as to let it on after he had extinguished it. The hotel was scented badly, Mr. C.'s room was filled to suffocation, and he was found insensible the next morning, but is now recovering.

A fireman on an Express Train on the Hudson River Railroad was knocked from his seat sprawling on the coals in the tender, on Tuesday, by the breaking of a connecting rod. The seat upon which he sat and the whole side of the engine house were shivered to pieces by the revolving broken rod. The cushion saved him from every thing but a few bruises.

News of the Week

By Telegraph to the Daily Free Press

THE PROGRESS OF REBELLION.

NORFOLK, Jan. 9.

The United States Steamer Brooklyn has sailed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.

The object of the departure of the steamer Brooklyn is supposed to be to relieve the Star of the West in case the South Carolina authorities oppose her ingress into the harbor and bring the troops back to Norfolk. William H. Russell has been bailed for $100,000.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 9.

The Ordinance for the immediate secession of the State passed the Convention yesterday, by a vote of 84 against 15. All the prominent buildings in the place are illuminated, Cannons were fired and other demonstrations made.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Jan 9.

The Convention has been in secret session two days. A Committee of 7 secessionists and 6 co-operationists was appointed to draft a secession Ordinance, who will report to-morrow. A test vote shows that the Secessionists have a small majority.

Five volunteer companies left for Pensacola to day, understood by the request of the Governor of Florida.

Charleston, 9th.

At 10 o'clock this A. M., a boat with a white flag from Fort Sumpter, containing Lieut. Hall, arrived in this city. Lieut. Hall bore a communication from Maj. Anderson to Gov. Pickens. The following is the substance of Major Anderson's communication:

To the Governor of South Carolina—Sir:

Two of your batteries this morning fired on an unarmed vessel bearing the flag of my government. As I have not been notified that war has been declared by South Carolina against the United States, I can but think this hostile act was committed without your authority. Under that hope I refrain from opening fire on your batteries. I respectfully ask whether the above mentioned act, without a parallel in the history of this country or of any other civilized government, was in obedience to your instructions, and notify you that if it is not disclaimed I shall *regard it as an act of war*, and shall not, after a reasonable time for the return of my messenger, permit any vessel within range of my guns, in order to save as far as in my power the shedding of blood. I beg you will take due notification of my decision, hoping however your answer may justify in any further contingency my forbearance.

Signed, ROBERT ANDERSON.

Gov. Pickns replied, after stating the position of South Carolina, that any attempt to send Government troops to reinforce the forts would be regarded as an act of hostility, and any attempt to reinforce fort Sumpter or to retake any forts within the waters of South Carolina will be regarded as coercive of the State. Special agents off the bar have warned vessels with troops for Fort Sumpter not to enter its harbor. He says special orders have been given not to fire into vessels until a shot across their bows should warn them of prohibition. Under such orders and circumstances the *Star of the West* was fired into, and the act is perfectly justified by me. The Governor in response to Major Anderson's threats, says Major Anderson must be the judge of his own responsibility, and says his position in the harbor was an act of toleration on the part of South Carolina.

He concludes by saying that the act proposed by Major Anderson cannot be received with any other purpose than that the Government is imposing on South Carolina, the condition of a conquered province.

Maj. Anderson responds, acknowledging the Governor's reply and says he deems it proper to refer the matter to his government, deferring the course indicated in his former, until the receipt of instructions from Washington, and asks the safe departure of Lieut. Talbot to and from Washington.—The Governor immediately granted every facility to Lieut. Talbot.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.

The despatch about the attack upon the *Star of the West* is false. Capt. McGowan telegraphs that he has arrived safely with the troops for Maj. Anderson, and is quietly anchored in Charleston harbor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.

The Times Washington correspondent says that Major Anderson informs the Government he has everything needful for a long siege. The President's message is generally commended by Union men, but the secessionists regard it as a declaration of war.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 10.

Forts Johnson and Haswell were taken possession of on the night of the 8th, by the Smithville Guards.

WASHINGTON Jan. 10.

Moses Kelly chief clerk of the interior department, has been appointed acting secretary in place of Mr. Thompson of Mississippi resigned.

Senator Jefferson Davis of Mississippi will make his closing speech to day previous to his departure, his state having seceded.

Mr. Wilson speaks after Mr. Davis.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 10th.

The Charleston Courier reports that at six in the morning the steamer *Gen. Clinch* discovered the *Star of the West*, and signalled the fact to Morris Island, the batteries of which were soon manned in expectation of receiving a volley from Fort Sumpter. The *Star of the West* rounded the Point and took the ship channel inside the Bar, and proceeded straight forward until opposite Morris Island, when a ball was fired athwart the bows of the steamer, and she displayed the stars and stripes. As soon as these were unfurled the fortification fired a succession of heavy shots. The vessel continued at increased speed, but one or two shots taking effect, she concluded to retire. Fort Moultrie fired a few shots, but they were out of range. Only two out of seventeen shots struck the steamer, doing but trifling damage.

At Fort Sumter the only demonstration made, was running the guns out of the port holes towards Morris Island.

CHARLESTON, January 10.

Lieut. Talbot left last night with despatches from Maj. Anderson for the President. He goes to Washington for instructions. A party of gentlemen entertained him at a hotel before leaving.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.

A special despatch to the *Times* says that the steamer, *Star of the West* landed the troops at Fort Samter.

CHARLESTON, 10th.

The report that the Brooklyn is coming creates intense excitement. Great preparations are making in the harbor. The steamer Marion has been purchased and will be converted into a man-of-war. Fort Sumpter will open fire on the South Carolina fortifications; the fight will be general and the people are preparing for it, and for the worst.

The Brooklyn cannot come into the harbor without a great battle. Maj. Anderson's guns will protect her, he having only pledged himself not to prevent communication between the South Carolina forts until Lieut. Talbot came back. A steam-tug under Lieut. Hamilton left to-night to reconnoiter. She carries only one gun. There is some talk of sending to Savannah for tugs to be used as gun-boats.

NEW YORK TO THE RESCUE.

ALBANY, Jan. 11.

A resolution tendering the support of the State to the Federal Government, was offered this morning in the House. It was adopted, there being only two votes in the negative.

MORE SEIZURES OF U. S. FORTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 10.

All the troops in New Orleans were under arms last night by order of Gov. Moore. Five companies embarked this morning, at two o'clock, to seize the arsenal at Baton Rouge. The New Orleans Battallion Artillery embarked at eleven for Forts Jackson and St. Philip, 47 miles below on the Mississippi,—commanding approach to New Orleans. Three companies, left this P. M., on a steamer to sieze Fort Pike on Lake Pontchartrain. New regiments are being organized. Texas and Florida will also seize their fortifications. Troops in Tennessee and Missouri are arming.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, 1. P. M.

The National *Intelligencer* of this morning publishes a startling communication. It says that a caucus of senators from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana met on Saturday night and passed a resolution to seize the military and political power of the South. They then telegraphed orders to their confederates to seize the Forts, Arsenals, Custom Houses, Post Offices, revenue Cutters, &c., and advise their conventions to secede immediately, but to retain there congressional representatives, until Spring to prevent unpleasant legislation. They advised seceding States to send delegates to Montgomery on the 13th of February, to form a provisional government. They resolved to dragoon the tobacco States into secession, and rely for the success for these treasonable purposes, on defection from the United States army and navy. They rely, to support their power, upon various Southern leagues, and the Knights of the golden circle. The *Intelligencer* says that the writer is a late Southern Congressman whose name will be given if required.

Many persons regard the manner, style and tone of the speech of Jefferson Davis of Mississippi as an evidence of fright at the position of the south. Great fears of an insurrection of slaves is felt in the neighboring Virginia countries, and patrols about every plantation are established. 25 kegs of powder have been found secreted in various places.

One military company of Washington, after a long debate last night, resolved to remain true to the Union, until Virginia and Maryland left it, then to stand by the South.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 12th.

The South Carolina Secretaries of War and State went yesterday to Fort Sumpter under a flag of truce. There is great excitement, and all sorts of rumors are afloat as to their object, but nothing certain is publicly known. The Secretaries remained two hours at Sumpter. It is believed the visit was not hostile.

NEWARK, Jan. 12.

The Republican meeting here last nigh adopted resolutions against any compromise, re-endorsing the Republican platform, in favor of sustaining the Constitution and enforcing laws, and approving Major Anderson's courage.

CHARLESTON, 12th.

The steamboat Excel has come into port with news that the sloop-of war Brooklyn is off the bar. This is certain.

NEW YORK. Jan. 12.

The opinion prevails at Washington that Mr. Chase has been offered and has accepted the Treasury Department in Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet.

The Tribune's Washington correspondent asserts that Secretary Floyd issued another million of acceptances, besides the million already known to the public.

There is said to be a military organization of conspirators at Washington to the number of five hundred whose object is to aid in a seizure of the Capitol by slaveholders.

Mr. Trescott of South Carolina, late Assistant U. S. Secretary of State, is in Washington, it is said with pacific overtures from rebel leaders.

It is reported from Washington that Mr. Taylor, Chief Clerk of the Postoffice in this city will be appointed to succeed Gen. Dix as Postmaster.

The U. S. Arsenal at Baton Rouge, La., was invested yesterday by 600 State troops and the garrison, consisting of two companies commanded by Maj. Haskins, compelled to surrender.

The people of West Florida talk of seceding from the rest of the State, and annexing to Alabama all the region lying west of Apalachicola river.

A despatch from Charleston states that the commander of U. S. troops at Pensacola, imitating Major Anderson, has abandoned all the Forts in harbor except Fort Pickens where he has concentrated his men, and that 300 Alabamians have gone from Mobile to attack him.

At a private dinner at Washington yesterday, where General Scott and Mr. Trumbull were present, the latter expressed the hope the Star of the West would be sunk, and with her those that sent her to Charleston. General Scott properly rebuked the speech.

Florida and Alabama both seceded yesterday at 2.30 P. M.

Principal event in the Senate yesterday was a speech by Hunter of Virginia proposing amendments to the Constitution, securing protection to Slavery in Territories and district of Columbia, and providing for a dual executive to consist of a President elected from each section of the Union and holding office at the same time. On this plan he thinks the Union may be reconstructed but *not otherwise*.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.

The steamer *Star of the West*, Captain McGowan, has arrived. She reports: Wednesday, 1 A. M., made Charleston Bar. Laid to until day-light, when she proceeded to enter the harbor. When off Morris Island was fired into by battery of that post—17 shots fired, one taking slight effect on her port bow and a second as she turned to leave the harbor, on starboard quarter, between the smoke stack and engine-beam.

Finding it impossible to land troops, she was returning to sea at 9 A. M., when fire was continued. Remained outside bar over Wednesday night—saw a steamer coming out and supposed they were in pursuit—extinguished all the lights, and was not seen by them. Spoke ship Emily St. Pierre, of and for Charleston, at anchor, who had been refused admitance in consequence of having American flag flying. Troops will remain on board until orders have been received from Washington. She lays at anchor, awaiting orders from Washington.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Resignation of Secretary Thomas.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.

Secretary Thomas has resigned, in consequence of a disagreement with the President as to the manner of collecting the revenues. The President offered to Mr. Thomas the position of Secretary of the Interior, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Thompson, but this he declined.

No decision has yet been reached in the matter of the firing on the Star of the West.

The Navy Department say that the war steamer Brooklyn is sent to Charleston upon *a peace mission*.

Dudley Mann leaves this week for Europe, as Commissioner on part of South Carolina to make commercial arrangements with European Governments.

T. Butler also leaves on similar business on behalf of Georgia.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.

The troops of Alabama and Florida seized fort Barrancas and the Navy Yard at Pensacola, Saturday.

The Star of the West returned here on Saturday with the troops from Charleston, and landed the soldiers at Governor's Island yesterday. We learn from Washington that they are not to be sent back. It seems that South Carolina, having repulsed the forces of the U. S from Charleston harbor, has sent another ambassador to Washington, to offer an ultimatum to the weaker party.—Conditions not yet known. Gen. Scott's military dispositions to protect Washington are continued. A force of 238 men and 125 horses and regular troops arrived yesterday from Kansas. One company was sent to Fort McHenry at Baltimore, and the rest retained at Washington.

The navy appropriation bill was attacked with much vi[illegible] disunionists in the House on Satu[illegible] upon the ground that the navy was [illegible] enforcing the laws, and thus to put [illegible] treason at the South. The bill was finally passed with the understanding that the army bill be debated.

In Virginia, the question of secession is to be submitted to a vote of the people, to be given at the time the delegates to the State Convention are elected.

Mr. Toombs has left Washington and gone home to Georgia.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, 14.

Resolutions have unanimously passed the legislature, declaring that any attempt by the Federal Government to reinforce Fort Sumpter will be regarded as an act of open hostility, and a declaration of war; also approving of the act of firing on the Star of the West. New Military Companies are pouring in from all parts of the State. The people are quiet, but the work of defence goes bravely on.

HALIFAX, Jan 14.

A fire on Saturday night destroyed 50 establishments in Hollis, George and Prince streets, and Cheapside, including Exchange Rooms, the Journal, Chronicle, Gazette, the Halifax Library, the Sheriff's Office. Many persons injured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

It is reported that private advices from Baton Rouge, Louisana, state the election for delegates to the convention resulted in a majority against secession.

It is understood that the South Carolina commissioners are here to demand from the United States government the unconditional evacuation of Fort Sumpter with a view to avoid the shedding of blood. The Administration has not yet considered the proposition.

A despatch has just been received from Governor Ellis of North Carolina saying that the state troops had been ordered to evacuate Fort Caswell and surrender it to federal authority.

The cabinet is now in session and General Dix, the new Secretary of the Treasury is present for the first time. It is understood that the consultation relates to the proposed return to the peace policy demanded by South Carolina by the federal government. Senator Bigler of Pennsylvania, the President's confidential friend predicts firmness on the part of the administration. Senators Thompson of New Jersey and Douglas of Illinois, strongly denounce the recent acts of secessionists. Senator Kennedy of Maryland astonished the Republican Senators yesterday, by remarking that the State he represented would secede from the Union if the resolutions of Mr. Crittenden were defeated. Messrs. Crittenden and Kennedy comprise the Americans in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

Among other preliminary business, Mr. Harris, of Md. presented a memorial signed by 12,000 citizens of Baltimore, irrespective of party, praying for the adoption of Mr. Crittenden's compromise resolution.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.

General Sanford has [illegible] the first division New York state militia to the commander in chief to be ready in an hour's notice.

It is reported from Washington that Major Anderson has been ordered not to permit further indignities to the United States Flag, and if another instance occurs to open batteries immediately.

The Governor of North Carolina informs the President that the Forts seized in that state will be promptly restored and considers the seizure as lawless.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

Dispatches received in Southern circles today, say that Georgia will secede from the Union, by Saturday. On the happening of this event, the Delegates from South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Georgia will repair to Milledgeville to institute a provisional Government and elect a President and Vice President *pro tem*. besides providing for a federal army and other defensive measures.

Ministers will at once be despatched to foreign powers to negotiate treaties.

The conduct of Capt. Armstrong in surrendering the Pensacola Navy Yard, is strongly disapproved of by the administration.

NORFOLK, Jan. 15.

The U. S. sloop of War Brooklyn, arrived in Hampton roads this morning.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16th.

Lieut. Hall, Major Anderson's officer, leaves this city to-night with Government instructions for the commander of Fort Sumpter. The nature of the instructions have not yet been disclosed; but it is generally presumed that the United States intend to retain possession of Fort Sumpter.

The secessionists here are in high glee at the meeting of the sympathizers with the South, at Broome Street, New York, last night, and some are boasting that Capt. Rynders will back the South by an army of 10,000 roughs.

The Republican Members of Congress have not yet fully decided as to their course in the present crisis; but it is thought that a majority will oppose Crittenden's scheme, if it is to comprehend southern territory hereafter to be annexed.

Considerable anxiety is felt here in regard to the result of the Georgia Convention, which meets to-day. A large number of the most influential men of the State will oppose Secession with all their power.

It is not certain which party has carried Louisiana; but the most influential men opposed to Secession have been elected to the Convention.

Born

In Jericho, Jan. 8, 1861, to Orrin J. and Mary J. Stimson, a son; also, in Jericho, Jan. 8, 1861 to Clark J. and Adaline A. Ford, a son.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's father on the 15th inst., by Rev. C. M. Seaton, Mr. J. C. Russell, to Miss Lottie L. Leavenworth, all of Charlotte, Vt.

In Starksboro', Jan. 9th by Rev. Z. H. Brown, Mr. Sidney Bushnell, and Miss Julia A. Worth, all of Starksboro'.

Died.

In Burlington, Jan. 13, 1861, Ellen Moore, aged 40 years.

In Burlington, on the 14th inst., Willy, oldest son of John and Anna Livock, aged 5 years and 7 mnoths.

Markets.

CAMBRIDGE CATTLE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16.

At market 838 Cattle (about 700 Beeves and 138 Stores), consisting of Working Oxen, Cows one, two and three years old.

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VEAL CALVES.—none.

REMARKS.

Cattle did not sell so quick as last week. The best sold at seven dollars per 100 lbs; but the average prices were 25 cents per 100 lbs. lower. The quality of sheep was poorer than last week. Prices 25 cents per head lower.

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Nov. 27. dawly

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Jericho, Jan. 17th, 1861. w1w

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Burlington, Oct. 8th, 1860.

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Yours truly,
E. B. SMITH.

Fairfax, Vt., April 21, 1860.
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G. W. BENEDICT, Secretary.

Burlington, Jan. 7, 1861.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

HIRAM HOOSE'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, } The Honorable
DISTRICT OF CHITTENDEN, ss. } the Probate Court for the District of Chittenden, to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Hiram Hoose, late of Colchester, deceased, Greeting.

Whereas, application hath been made to this Court, in writing, by the Administrator of the Estate of Hiram Hoose, late of Colchester, deceased, praying for license and authority to sell the real estate of said deceased, for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and setting forth therein the amount of debts due from the said deceased, the charges of administration, the amount of personal estate, and the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 28th day of January, A. D. 1861, at the Probate Court Rooms in said District, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the Burlington Free Press, a newspaper, which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court, to give bonds, as the law directs, for the payment of the debts and charges of administration, and make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand, at the Probate Court Rooms this 5th day of January, A. D. 1861.

w28w3 D. FRENCH, Register.

ORSON SAFFORD'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, } The Honorable
DISTRICT OF CHITTENDEN, ss. } the Probate Court for the District of Chittenden, to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Orson Safford late of Colchester, in said district, deceased,
Greeting.

Whereas, application has been made to this Court in writing, by the Administrator of the Estate of Orson Safford late of Colchester, deceased, praying for license and authority to sell the real estate of said deceased, including the reversion of the widow's dower therein for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and setting forth therein the amount of debts due from the said deceased, the charges of administration, the amount of personal estate, and the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon the said Court appointed and assigned the 21st day of January, A. D. 1861, at the Probate Court Rooms, in said district, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively, in the Burlington Free Press, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore you are hereby notified to appear before said Court at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court, to give bonds, as the law directs, for the payment of the debts, and charges of administration, and make your objections to the granting such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand, at the Probate Court Rooms, this 29th day of December, A. D. 1860.

w27w3 D. FRENCH, Register.

JOSEPH IRISH'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, } The Honorable
DISTRICT OF CHITTENDEN, ss. } the Probate Court for the District of Chittenden, to all persons interested in the estate of Joseph Irish, late of Charlotte, in said district, deceased, Greeting.

Whereas, said Court hath assigned the 26th day of January next, for the settlement of the administration account of the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Joseph Irish, late of Charlotte, in said District, deceased, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate, by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Burlington Free Press printed in Burlington, in said District.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Court Rooms, in Burlington, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account, if you see cause.

Given under my hand, this 31st day of December, A. D. 1860.

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JOHN F. RAY'S ET ALS'. ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, } The Hon. Pro-
DISTRICT OF CHITTENDEN, ss. } bate Court for the District of Chittenden, to all persons interested in the estate of John F. Ray, Irwin A. Ray, Ann J. Ray, Harris L. Ray and Kate E. Ray, Greeting.

Whereas, application in writing, hath been made to this Court, by the Guardian of John F. Ray and others, for license and authority to sell the whole of the real estate of his said wards, setting forth therein that it would be beneficial to the interest of his wards, to sell all their interest in twelve acres of land in the Town of Burlington, now in trust for said wards, and invest the proceeds thereof in stocks or other real estate.

And thereupon the said Court appointed and assigned the 21st day of January, A. D. 1861, at the Probate Court Rooms, in said District, to hear and decide upon said application; and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing this order three week's successively, in the Burlington Free Press, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested therein, all which publications shall be previous to the time appointed for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, then and there to object to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand, at the Probate Court Rooms, this 2d day of January, A. D. 1861.

w27w3 D. FRENCH, Register.

JOHN RAY'S ESTATE.

WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable the Probate Court for the District of Chittenden, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons, against the estate of John Ray, of Hinesburgh, in said District, represented insolvent, and also all claims and demands exhibited in offset thereto; and six months from the day of the date hereof, being allowed by said Court for that purpose, we do therefore hereby give notice, that we will attend to the business of our appointment, at the dwelling of Annis Ray, in Hinesburgh, in said District, on the second Tuesdays of February and June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on each of said days.

Dated this 26th day of December, A. D. 1860.

JOHN F. MILES, }
RODNEY TARBOX, } Commissioners.
JOSEPH LANDON, }
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JAMES MILLIGAN'S ESTATE.

WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable the Probate Court for the District of Chittenden, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons, against the estate of James Milligan, late of Burlington, in said District, deceased, represented insolvent, and also all claims and demands exhibited in offset thereto; and six months from the day of the date hereof, being allowed by said Court for that purpose, we do therefore hereby give notice, that we will attend to the business of our appointment, at the office of Wales & Taft, in Burlington, in said District, on the last Thursday of February and June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on each of said days.

Dated this 27th day of December, A. D., 1860.

N. P. FOSTER, }
C. E. WALES, } Commissioners.
WM. G. SHAW, }

A PROCLAMATION!

Whereas, it hath been made to appear to us, the undersigned, that the country is in a state of mind, and very disastrous consequences are to be apprehended therefrom; and whereas,

SHAKSPERE,

in his immortal monitions to afflicted humanity, hath made it manifest to the reflecting mind, that in time of Peace we can best

PREPARE FOR WAR!

and Whereas, the dreadful crisis which overhangs us, is, in a great measure, owing to the utter neglect of needy and seedy humanity to visit us in our

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And, Whereas, it is becoming for those preparing for War to prepare themselves with comely Garments, so that they may go in a becoming manner to

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and everything tending to a Gentleman's and Soldier's comfort and elegance of appearance.

The prices at which we shall dispose of our immense assortment, will be the very best guaranty of the good faith of this manifesto.

Dated at Burlington, as witness our hand, &c., &c.,
By order of His Excellency,
BENNETT TURK, Pres't.
O. V. R. COAT, Sec'y. 1861dtf