GREAT AND DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD.

WHEELING, FEB. 15. It falls to our lot to-day to record commenced rising at this place on Thursday last. On Friday, soon after 12 o'clock, it began to overflow its ne was drowned in attempting to get on shore. His body had not been found on the 13th inst.—[Ibid.]

The precise height of the river above low water mark has not yet been found on the 15th inst.—[Ibid.]

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From the Norfolk Herald of Feb. 13.

Most Distressing Occurrence.—It is a stand and soon after began to fall.—

The precise height of the river above low water mark has not yet been ascorpainful duty to announce the death certained. It is known to have risen of Mrs. Sanah G. Pikhey, with a certained of the session as speedily as possible.

Washington, and Martha Washington, and had received their answers, eopies of all of which he laid before the House, and which are as follows: certained. It is known to have risen higher than it has risen since the memory of the oldest person now living; it being from 5 to 6 feet higher than it was at the memorable floods of '84 and '13. The destruction of property occasioned by this calamity is beyond calculation. The whole valley of the Ohio from its source to its mouth, dwellings, barns, corn and meat-houses with their contents, and the stock.

All the towns and villages along the river have been wholly or in part in-undated, and many of the buildings with all they contained have been car-

from South Wheeling. The bridge unfortunate lady at the foot of the on that Canal. She will earry 1000 dressed to G. W. P. Custis, Esq. over Wheeling Creek is gone—35 stairs: he seized her in a moment, and barrels or 40 cords of oak wood, and houses were counted passing by on the river from Saturday morning 12 o'clock. A large ware house, filled with flour, lodged on the upper point of the Island. The river is now even with the banks. In our next we shall be able to give more particulars. Times.

The Baltimore American says-"A gentleman who came up the Ohio from Louisville to Wheeling, and reached this city on Saturday night, confirms the statements made, that almost every town and village on the river was more or less injured by the overflow of

We mentioned in our last that the siding in the same house, by threatriver was, on friday at noon, 36 feet above the low water mark. It continued rising until Saturday evening, and was then forty-nine feet above low

At this time they were in the cider arrival in this country. The following.

I pray you, gentlemen, to communicate these sentiments and feelings to Congress, which he distinguished honor which was intended to his memory, and to accept for yourselves assurances of my granidude and esterem.

I pray you, gentlemen, to communicate these sentiments and feelings to Congress, which had rendered himself unpopular by some unguarded expressions in relation to the American character, which he used on ship-board, before his assurances of my granitude and esterem.

At this time they were in the cider arrival in this country. The following. WHEELING, PEB. 18. higher than the celebrated flood of 1815. The effects of this great freshet All the low bottoms on the river were sverflowed, and houses, barns, fences, again alarmed him by repeating his a few attempts, succeeded in demolishment to the removal of the remains of my cattle, stacks of hay and grain, &c. &c. &c. were swept off. We can only give a few particulars:

The lower part of this town was inwithin two inches of the first floor of the Ware-House of Messrs. Forsyth, Dobbin &

the unfortunate

greater than with us.

which contained 6 or 700 barrels of escape.

Wellsburg was entirely overflowed, but we understand, the inhabitants have not suffered much, comparatively, in any way. They generally occupied the upper stories of their houses during the time of high water.

We expect shortly to hear melanchely details of disasters below.

It was reported by the passengers on a steam boat which arrived here in the early part of the week, that at of the houses. They observed in different places, on the sides of the hills. people employed in erecting temporary nots with such materials as could be collected.

This great flood has been occasionad principally by heavy rains on the head waters of the Alleghany. The Meadville paper of Saturday last, says that gopious rains on Thursday and the night preceding had filled the streams to an unusual height, and had that place. The Monongahela was other periods .- Gazette.

ed at Brownsville on Friday the 10th are new at Washington.

inst. He was descending the river in a flat boat loaded with iron, and at 3 o'clock on the morning of that day, it being very dark and the river high an attempt was made to land. The hands the most extensive and destructive got on shore with the cable, which flood which has occurred in the histo-broke, and Mr. Wilson was left alone ry of this country. The Ohio river in the boat. At day light the boat was found lodged about a mile below, but Mr. W. was missing. It is supposed he was drowned in attempting to get

threw herself upon it, but only commu-threw herself upon it. forsook her; she rushed to the bed and with all they contained have been car.

ried away.

All the low part of our town has suffered severely. It is impossible at this time to estimate the loss of proper.

In the unames to the bed clothes without extinguishing that in which she was enveloped. She then rushed down stairs.—In the mean time her this time to estimate the loss of proper.

Screams with those of the children, lessing the launch of a Boat of the launch of a Boat o guished the fire, which had by that The boat will be launched on Friday called in, but she was past all hope house, corner of G and 27th Street, of recovery; and after remaining in West, on the Potomac below George-the most excruciating agony till 11 town.—Nat. Int. o'clock next day, she expired.

the waters. He states that he counted two hundred houses which had been corried off, and were floating down with the current.

last, and was dead; although it was presumed he had hung but a short time. Vice Presidents, and Samuel Brashears and Henry C. Corbit, Secretaries.

List supposed by the family that Barber of the family t had been known by the family at va-rious times to alarm an idiot lad, re-inst., in consequence of the appearwater mark, and four feet 10 inches At this time they were in the cider arrival in this country. The following higher than the celebrated flood of house together, and the idiot came into is an extract from a detailed account the house and repeated several times -- of the transaction, given by the Baltiare calamitous beyond description .- he hangs, he hangs; the family took no more Gazette:threats. It is thought the young man ing the fence on Saratoga street, which had fastened the cord round the beam gave them free admission to the rear place, to the Capitol, I have this moment rewhile standing on a stick of wood, and of the building, when a shower of that his feet slipped, and he was im- stones coming through the windows ad I give my most hearty consent to the

In South Wheeling the water was James Lewis, of Suffield, Connecticut, ments, entire possession of the Theaseveral feet deep in most of the houses, took fire, which had made such progress tre was gained, when several parts of and there being Powerful current, before discovered, that its inmates, 18 the scenery, together with the orches-15 or 20 frame dwelling houses besides in number, had not time even to save tra, lamps, &c. were demolished, and some other buildings were swept off. their clothes; they were compelled to a search for Mr. Anderson, who had It affords us much satisfaction to travel about a quarter of a mile, to state that relief has been promptly extended to the sufferers in every way and barefoot, during which time the practicable. The Female Benevolent most of them had their feet badly fro-Society has been particularly active in zen. The following circumstance, administering to their wants. The which probably was the means of savladies are always foremost in relieving ing many of the inmates from destrue. gust. The destruction of property in other had retired to bed and were in a sound places along the river has been much sleep, when the dog, either to make known the danger, or to be relieved At Warren, a village at the mouth from suffocation by smoke, jumped aof Short Creek, Ohio, which contained gainst the bed-room door of Mr. Lewabout 60 buildings, two thirds of them is, and howled, so as to awaken the are gone, including three ware-houses, family, just in time for them to make Hartford Times.

> Combustion .- The Philadelphia Gazette of Thursday last, says -- Just as the southern mail was leaving this city for the north, this morning, the mail

case of the Missionaries now impri. Rob't Royce, Esq .- verdict, acciden sound in the State Prison of Georgia, tal, excited by ardent spirits. will, (according to a letter received done much damage to the canals at by the Editors of the New York Comnot so high as it has been at several ton) come on for argument in the the New Orleans Bee, says--- 'a com Supreme Court of the United States mercial treaty has just been concluded on Monday, the 20th of February between this (Hayti) and the United Casualty.-ALPHEUS P. WILSON, inst. It is to be argued in behalf of States Government. Commodore El Esq. a highly esteemed and useful ci- the missionaries by Messrs Jno. Ser. liot, commanding the frigate, was en

VARIETY.

The Slave Insurrection in Jamaica

Most Distressing Occurrence.—It is our painful duty to announce the death of Mrs. Sarah G. Piercy,—the circumstances attending which are truly heart-rending, and particularly illustrative of the uncertainty of human life. Mrs. P. had, but a little more ty than a week before, been bereft of a beloved sister, whose two infant chilber of the under her maternal mrs. Canping.) in the Foreign Quarthese passed another Joint Resolution, the remains of the sense and speaker of the House of Representatives for the Senste and Speaker of the House of Representatives, to make application to you for his remains, to be removed and deposited in the Capitol at Washington, in conformity with the resolution of Congress of the 24th December, 1799.

They have passed another Joint Resolution, They have passed another Joint Resolution and the series of the Joint Resolution and the within the reach of this tremendous freshet must present one uninterrupt bed chamber, on Saturday evening at scene of waste, desolation and distress. The farms on the rich bottoms have been swept of the fences, and care in the farms of the farms of the fences, and co) caught fire, and before she was a continent, was sent forth to the world ware of it the flames had ascended to by virtue of a full understanding beher neck! Literally stunned with tween him and Mr. Canning; that the fright, her presence of mind entirely ground assumed was to be maintained, ground assumed was to be maintained, if necessary, by the combined force of British and American Arms.

[N. F. Jan. of Com.]

We have the honor to be, with great respect,

ty-42 houses, we are informed, mostly had been heard at the next house, the largest size, which has been built as a Mr John A. Washington, Mount Vernon. small frames, have been swept away master of which ran in and met the Specimen of the freight boats to ply throwing her down and wrapping the can be drawn by two horses at the rate

time nearly consumed her entire cloth- (19th) morning, at 84 o'clock, from the ing! A physician was immediately lot immediately below the Stone Ware-

Distressing Fire.—On the night of warned the performers of the approach of their enemies. After a few mo left the Theatre and returned to his lodgings in safety-and thus ended the scene, which must convince Mr. Anderson of the entire hopelessness of

> It was nothing but the magic of Mr. that the property belonged to him, immediately desisted.

> was pelted from the New York and Boston theatres, a short time since.

> CANARDAIGUA, FeB. 8 .- Casualty .-

CONGRESS.

REMAINS OF WASHINGTON. -We learn from a passenger on board the brig Montilla, at New York, which left Kingston on the 27th January, that the Speaker announced that the Vice the insurrection among the negroes in President and himself, in fulfilment of the insurrection among the negroes in that island had in a great measure subsided. Nearly 150 plantations had been burned, and the destruction of property was immense. The number of blacks killed during the disturbance in different parts of the island, was about two thousand. [Jour. of Com.]

Mr. Canning Mr. Mannes and had received their answers conjective desired to the property was immensed. [Jour. of Com.]

authorizing us to make application to you and Mr. G. W. P. Custin, for the remains of

MARTHA WASHINGTON, to be removed and de-posited at the same time with those of her late consort, Gaorda Washington.

We herewith enclose copies of these Re-solutions, and in the discharge of the duty

Your obedient servants,
J. C. CALHOUN,
Vice President, and President of the Se

A STEVENSON, Speaker of the House of Representat A similar letter to the above was ad

MOUNT VERNON, PER. 15, 1832. To the Hon, the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Represente

Gentlemen: I have to acknowledge the re eipt of your letter and the resolutions of Congress to carry into complete effect that which was adopted in Dec 1799, for the removal of the remains of George Washington

to the Seat of Government.
I have received with profound sensibility o'clock next day, she expired.

A great Public Meeting was held at Philadelphia on Monday evening 13th inst. to sustain the Senate of the U. States in its rejection of Mr. Van Mr. John Griffin, of New Baltimore, was found hanging in the cider house of Mr. Griffin on Thursday morning last, and was dead; although it was presumed he had hung but a short time.

A great Public Meeting was held at Philadelphia on Monday evening 13th inst. to sustain the Senate of the U. States in its rejection of Mr. Van Buren, as Minister to the Court of St. James. Daniel W. Coxe, Esq. was called to the chair, John H. Powell last, and was dead; although it was presumed he had hung but a short time.

Vice Presidents, and Samuel Brashears

my gratitude and esteem
JOHN A. WASHINGTON.

Tucsday Night, Feb 14, 1832 }

With perfect respect, gentlemen, your obedient servant, GEORGE W. P. CUSTIS. To the Hon. Jour C. CALHOUR,
Vice President of the United States Annua Stevenson,
Speaker of the H. of Representatives

SATURDAY, FEB. 18. In the House of Representatives, his reception by the American people the resolution from the committee culated upon. with any other feeling than that of dis- on the Public Buildings, for the exccution of a marble statue of Washington, to be placed in the Rotundo Booth's name that rescued the building of the Capitol was taken up and passand its contents from entire demoli- ed by a vote of ayes 114, noes 50. Vation, as the persons who were engaged rious private bills were reported and in destroying the interior, when told acted on, after which, the House, on unnecessary expenditure; and moved motion of Mr. Carson, went Into a its indefinite postponement; which mo-Committee of the whole, Mr. Spaight Mr. Anderson, for the same offence, in the chair, to compensate Mrs. Decatur, for the destruction, by the gallant Commodore Decatur, of the ed, and ordered to be engrossed for a frigate Philadelphia, in the harbor third reading. of Tripoli. The consideration of A singular instance of self-destruc- this well known case, occupied the tion occured in this place on Monday House during the residue of the sit-

bag was discovered to be on fire. It evening last. Samuel W. Journey, ting. The bill appropriates the sum was immediately opened, fears being a lad about 12 years of age, was dis of \$100,000 for this purpose, and entertained that some hot political pa. covered hanging by a rope suspend- provides for its distribution among position to the bill by Mr. Poindexter pers of opposite opinions, had got to ed from the ceiling, by a person who Mrs. Decatur, the widow of Commogether and were consuming each other was at the same time busily employ- dore Preble, and the officers and crew ap, somewhat after the manner of the ed in the same room. He had been of the U. S. schooner Intrepid, or Kilkenny cats. Several packages were amusing himself with the rope, and their legal representatives. Mr. Carburning, and one quite in a blaze. It while at play, remarked that he inis supposed to have arisen from unex- tended to hang himself. The person port of the bill, and Mr. Tracy protinguished sealing wax-or perhaps who was present paid no attention to posed an amendment to distribute from spontaneous combustion. Con- his remarks, until some minutes af- the sum according to the provisions jectures as to any other cause are, to terwards, when she happened to look of the prize law, but the amendment use the ordinary parlance, "shrouded round, she observed the boy lying was negatived. Mr. Pearce moved gislature to the resolution of Congress, with his neck across the rope but a a further amendment, that \$10,000 for the removal of the remains of Gen. few inches from the floor, a perfect of the \$31,000 allotted in the bill to Washington. Upon motion of Mr. The Imprisoned Missionaries .- The corpse. An inquest was called by Mrs. Decatur, should be paid to the Bryce, of Goochland, who accompa-

presentatives to procure the execution to.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

RICHMOND, FEB. 17. As the time for closing the session A bill regulating proceedings approaches, a greater disposition for commissions on forthcoming bond the despatch of business is manifested read the third time, and passed. and the clerk is consequently enabled to read a large number of bills,

thorizing money to be raised by lotte ry for the construction of a Road and Academy in Bolivar; for building a Free Bridge across the Shenandoah at Harpers Ferry; for removing the ob-structions at the Short Hill, &c. --a bill authorizing a subscription of twen- the House to the election of a Principal ty thousand dollars to the stock of the pal Engineer. He observed that as the Leesburg and Snickers' Gap Turnpike session was drawing near a close, company-and a bill authorizing a was proper that this election should more prompt payment of the subscriptake place soon: He therefore moved tion made last year to the Petersburg that the House will proceed on Sa'ur-

Rail Road Company.
On Tuesday, the house agreed to on Tuesday, the house agreed to a Senate, to the City of the Public resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution, for proceeding to elect, on Engineer, or Surveyor of the Public Resolution Resolutio the 25th instant, a Principal Engineer for one year.

Mr. Marshall, of Fauquier, offered a resolution, proposing to change the time of the meeting of the General ing resolution, observed that some Assembly, from the first Monday in means ought to be taken to provide for December, to the 1st Monday in Jan- the many lunatics throughout the State, uary. The reasons assigned, were, who were now confined in county jails. principally, that during the holidays. He held a list in his hand, furnished by ittle business was done. It was the the Auditor, shewing that 2,600 dol fashion to postpone the commencement lars had been paid by the State during of all important subjects until after the last year, for keeping lunatics in Christmas. Mr. M. thought the sessions might be shortened, and considered two months as amply sufficient county of Jefferson, for the same pur for the discharge of all necessary le pose. Some of these lunatics are fegislative business.

Campbell of Brooke, Mr. Knox, Mr. must generally be left without fire .-Preston, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Fitz. Besides, the jailors are not sufficient hugh, on the ground that a change ly compensated for the trouble and atwould subject the Western members tention which the condition of these to the necessity of travelling in the unfortunate people demands. Every most inclement season. The business consideration of economy and humanof the State had necessarily increased, ty calls for some further provision in and three months would generally be this respect. were made, professional men and far- ing resolution, which was agreed to: mers would be excluded, as the former could not be absent from their spring courts, nor the latter from their fields. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Fitzhogh indi cated their intention, if the resolution prevailed, to propose the removal of the seat of government.

Mr. Preston moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution-which motion prevailed; ayes 75, noes 46.

The engrossed bill, forming a new county out of parts of Washington and Wythe, to be called Smyth, was read the third time, and passed-ayes 52, noes 40.

A bill, to establish a camp of instruc- which Messrs. Campbell of Brooke, tion for the officers in each brigade, Knox, Marshall, Brodnax, and Miller to be engrossed.

viding for the removal of free negroes affirmative by the following vote:was taken up—which occupied the remainder of the day. Discussion arose principally upon the amount of the appropriation. The bill was eventually so amended, as to appropriate thirty.

A bill, providing for a camp of the struction for militia officers, was put upon its passage. Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Gholson explained its object, and Richardson, Broadus, Wilson of C. Ball advocated its provisions. Mr. Witcher Chilton, Marshall, Helms, Wood of Pred. opposed it, as incurring an useless and

tion prevailed; ayes 80, noes 41. The bill, providing for the opening and repair of public roads, was amend-

On Friday, much debate took place upon the bull prescribing the fees of clerks of courts. Mr. Knox moved its indefinite postponement, (upon the first reading,) and was sustained in his op and Mr. Williams, Mr. Brodnax, Mr. Miller, Mr. Campbell of Brooke, and Mr. Carter of Richmond county, ad motion failed-ayes 41, noes 80-and the bill was recommitted.

A letter was received from the Goneices of Commodore Decatur - nied his motion with a few very feel Upon this a long discussion ensued, ing and appropriate remarks, the let Before any decision was arrived at. ter was referred to a select committee, by the Editors of the New York ComMercial Advertiser, from Washing. date of the 11th January, published in reported, and the House adjourned. minutes, the committee reported reso lutions, solemply protesting against the In the House of Representatives, on removal of the remains of the beloved Tuesday the 14th instant, Mr. Jarvis, chief-claiming them as sacred to Yir-Esq. a highly esteemed and useful citimen of Morgantown, Va. was drowngeant and Wm. Wirt, both of whom
trusted with the management of the
recting the Clerk of the House of Reresolution were unanimously agreed

of a full length portrait of Gen. Washinoron, to be placed in the Representative Hall.

The bill, extending the jurisum to
f justices of the peace, to sums not
exceeding \$50, was considered, and
produced a good deal of debate. As effort was made to postpone it indefi-nitely, -which failed and it was or. dered to be engrossed for a third read. ing. Its passage is exceedingly doubt.

A bill regulating proceedings and commissions on forthcoming bonds, was

Many other bills progressed-and a disposition is now prevalent, to close the session as speedily as possible. will be protracted.

HOUSE OF DELEGITES.

PRINCIPAL ENGINEER Mr. McCoy called the attention of day, the 25th instant, jointly with the Senate, to the election of a Principal resolution was adopted.

LUNATICS Mr. Gallaher, in moving the followand \$300 had since been paid in the males, who cannot be properly account The resolution was opposed by Mr. modated in a common jail, where they

> Mr. G. then submitted the follow-Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the Western Lunatic Hospital, so as to receive and accommodate a larger number of patients.

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY. Mr. Marshall submitted the follow ing resolution :--

Resolved, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be instructed to bring in a bill to amend the 5th section of the act passel April 2d, 1831, concerning the Elections in this Commonwealth, so as to change the time of the meeting of the General Assembly from the first Monday in Becember to the first Monday in January.

After considerable discussion, in

was read a sedond time, and ordered took part, Mr. Preston moved the indefinite postponement of the resolu-On Wednesday, after the reception tion, on which motion the ayes and of reports of committees, the adoption noes having been ordered on motion of of sundry resolutions, &c. the bill pro Mr. Caldwell, it was decided in the so amended, as to appropriate thirty ton, Patteson of C. Pendleton, Brodingx, Jones, five thousand dollars for this year, and Ricchie, Stephenson, Stillman, Hale of Frank, Woods of Franklin, Bryce of Fred., Smith of 890,000 for the year 1833. Thus amended, it was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On Thursday, this bill came up for its third reading, and was passed without debate—ayes 79, noes 41. A much larger majority than, at one stage of the proceedings, might have been calculated upon.

A bill, providing for a camp of infoord—75

> Smith of G. Erskine, Bruce, Poston, J has son, Shield, Gallaher, Carter of L. and R. Hays, M'Ilhaney, Cordett, Caldwell, Pos-dexter, Street, Hudgins, Good of M., Va-ter, Webb, Harrey, Fitzhugh, Parriot, Iroz, Adams, Hiner, Carter of P. W Adams, Hiner, Carter of P. W. M'Mahsa, Jesse, Kilgore, Cobb, Hargrave, M'Coy, and Newton-46

The engrossed bill forming a ner county out of parts of the counties s Washington and Wythe, was read a third time. Mr. Keller moved to fil the blank for the name of the county with the word " Holston." Mr. Crock ett moved that it be filled with the word "Smyth," which motion Mr. C. upported with some remarks. M. K. expressed his willingness, if it were the pleasure of the House, that the it ter motion should prevail. The qui tion being put, the motion of Mr. Keler was rejected, and that of Mr. Crockelt agreed to-Aves 52, neer 49.

The bill was further amended, and having been explained by Most Crockett and Keller, passed-Arts

12. noes 40. On motion of Mr. Gallaher, the bell changing the mode of sale of the artcles manufactured in the Penitentary was taken up, and having been resd. Mr. Caldwell offered a substitute to the bill; and the bill and substitute were, on motion of Mr. Gallaher, com-

mitted. The bill to establish a camp of in struction in each Brigade in this Commonwealth, was read a second fine and ordered to be engrossed, by a volt of 52 to 37.

On motion of Mr. Spurlock, House adjourned.