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The above paper bring the painful tidings of the death of CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton, on the 14th instant, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He was the last survivor of the signers of the declaration of independence, and has gone down to the grave full of years and honor.

"Of no dispenser, of no bate he died;
His satiate fruit, that mellow'd long,
It's wonder'd at, because he drop'd no noise;
With a smile to us, rose up from fourscore years,
Till his task was done, were out all our woes more,
The whole of woe's life, at last had past time."

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CHARLES CARROLL IS NO MORE! "A great man hath fallen!"—The last of the founders of our empire!—The solemn duty devolves upon us, today, of announcing to the public, that the venerable CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton, departed this life this morning at 10 o'clock, at his mansion in this city, and in the 97th year of his age.

We have no form of words for our companion, which would be capable of fully expressing our feelings at this event.—Indeed could any form of words add solemnity or interest to its simple announcement. It is a national event, and as such will carry its touching appeal to every bosom in this wide union. The reverend and venerable form, that impresses us with awe, ripe for the sickle of time, has passed away; but his spirit, in the fruit of long and persevering study and painful experience! Is he capable of flouting the elementary principles upon which governments are founded, in permanent, and enduring institutions?—When the crisis demands a LIVING CROWN to complete a system which he alone could conceive, shall last hour of the declaration of independence, the bones and enveloped hand, still quiver in the grasp of vital, but trusted life, for their beloved country—has withdrawn, and will rest on earth no more, forever. But his example will remain as a rich legacy, to the country and the people of his affection.

The Electors of President and vice-president meet in their respective state, on the 6th instant, and they are bound to send certificates of their votes to the general government before the first Wednesday in January; one copy to be sent by a messenger directed to the president of the senate, one copy by mail, and one copy delivered to the Judge of the district. The certificates are opened and counted on the 2d Wednesday in February, in the presence of both houses of congress.

The New-York paper, by yesterday's northern mail, are only of the 15th inst.—no later than the one which we received yesterday. From Baltimore and Washington, they are of the 16th; and from Charleston of the 18th. They will be published later from Europe.

HENRY MARSHALL, Esq., was yesterday nominated by his Excellency the Governor, Attorney General of the state, in the place of G. Curtis, Esq., resigned.

At the present period in the political history of Louisiana, when the people are clamorously demanding the adoption of three measures that are required by the constitution for calling a convention to revise and amend that instrument, or to propose a new fundamental compact, which shall be more conformable to the spirit of the age in which we live, and to the enlargement of the boundaries of the state, which has been occasioned by the annexation, since the adoption of the present constitution of the Florida parishes, it becomes a matter of the highest importance to know whether a candidate to whom we may propose to give our suffrages, either for the office of governor, or for a seat in either branch of the legislature, has drunk largely of the regenerating spirit which so widely diffused among the citizens.

The opinions of the present worthy incumbent of the executive chair, on this subject, are unguessed; but it is well known that he will not stand in the way of any amendment which the people may desire to make in the fundamental law of the state; but his term of office will have expired, before the legislature can have taken any other than the initiatory steps towards the desired convention.

He is succeeded, therefore, it will mainly depend, whether the wishes of the people shall be gratified, or not; since he will have it in his power to expedite the march of reform, or, by voting to arrest its progress altogether. The importance of having a helm, at such a time, a statesman who is not only favorably disposed respecting the measure, but who is capable of assisting in the work of reformation, must be apparent to every reflecting man, who is desirous to serve the ends of justice, in his representation of the new changes our legislature, and to rebuild the whole fabric of our social policy.

To show to our readers the impious boldness that exists in a revision of the constitution, we need only refer to section 10 of article II, of that instrument. The state, thereby divided into *seventeen* senatorial districts, the boundaries of which are defined, "sufficient of which shall elect a senator." The Florida parishes are not included within those boundaries; and we have the anomaly presented to us, at every session, of three gentlemen taking their seats in the state chamber in open defiance of the constitution. Those who remember the scenes that transpired, when it was first suggested to General Thomas, of Baton Rouge, that he might be elected from his seat, will not require to be reminded how requisite it is to the repose of the commonwealth, that his ill-omened qualities should be settled upon a constitutional basis, which can easily be done by a convention.

But this, which alone would justify the calling of a convention, is only the glancing imperfection that meets the eye in our present constitution. Section 2, of article IV., divides the state into two districts of equal jurisdiction, and prescribes the manner in which the supreme court shall administer justice in those districts. Here again the Florida parishes are omitted; and the interest of the citizens of that part of the state are still left upon a sea of boundless and irresponsible legislation, and their fortunes and lives are at the mercy of tribunals created without the authority of the constitution, or their own will.

To whom, then, does the impious boldness that exists in our present constitution, belong?—The impudent and daring, having a helm, at such a time, a statesman who is not only favorably disposed respecting the measure, but who is capable of assisting in the work of reformation, must be apparent to every reflecting man, who is desirous to serve the ends of justice, in his representation of the new changes our legislature, and to rebuild the whole fabric of our social policy.

The Argus now thinks well of Prieur. What was its opinion of him in March, 1830? Does the Courier like him better for having been "three times elected mayor of the city, always by increased majorities?"—What, at that time, then, was the worthy and consistent one, of Andre Jackson, for a third presidential. He has been twice elected president, with increasing majorities!

We have been informed by a person arrived yesterday from the parish of St. John-Baptist, that almost all the canes on plantations are broken in consequence of the cold cold weather. Several sugar-plantations had not yet begun to grow.

A launch of men of war took place at Portsmouth, En. on the 27th Sept., which excited uncommon interest, and was witnessed by 120,000 spectators of all ranks. The Morning Herald describes it as "the largest vessel that ever yet carried the thunder of Britain to defend and sustain her power as mistress of the ocean." This gigantic structure bears the name of *Aegean*, and carries 120 guns of large bore, with a tonnage of not less than 2,174 tons, exceeding by 300 the largest ship of battle in the British navy.

NASHVILLE, November 16.—This city continues free from epidemic disorders, and in the enjoyment of usual health. We hope our brethren of the type will correct the erroneous reports in the subject which are so extensively circulating. The pecuniary loss of the expense, should it visit us, will promptly be shown in this paper. Meantime, no apprehensions need be entertained of danger from the decisions of its council; where the constitutional power to punish its offenders. That district is not within the boundaries of the state; and it follows, of course, that it only depends upon the will of the citizens to render her authority null and void, *propter suos*, & go into rebellion to it; since it is obvious that the persons which they consented to become annexed to the state, after having lawfully achieved their independence, have never been compelled with; nor can they be satisfied, until, by an amendment of the constitution, that "all places, in all respects, upon the same footing with the citizens of the other parts of the state."

It is not, we presume, a coincidence that the inhabitants of East and West Feliciana, with 900 voters are placed in all respects, upon the same footing" as those of West Carroll, where the former have but a single senator between them, and he is liable to election from his seat, while the latter, with 181 voters, elect a senator, by themselves, who have cast out by virtue of the constitution."—Nor is it the organization of the senate, which that representation, which is the very key stone of free government, is arranged very inadequately.

The loss of power, induces some of the parishes to hold tenaciously upon whatever political advantages they happened to obtain, in the early progress of our state government; and though the constitution has provided for an equal distribution of representation, upon the basis of population, yet experience has demonstrated that the people will never be able fully to recover their rights and share them equally, until they resile from their elementary capacity.

The following bad idea arrests a train of considerations, all of which should admonish us, that, in seeking a successor to our present chief magistrate, we must make our suffrages upon a statesman who is capable of leading the people to that high destiny which circumstances await her; and the "progress of whose mind, in the maturing of the constitution which we are to hand down to posterity, we shall be proud to recognize." It is not, however, in the formation of a new constitution, only that talents and experience of a high order are requisite in the choice of governing Rulers. A system of internal improvements has to be founded. Ministers, the legislature ought to have acted, when appropriating money for internal improvements, upon the principle that if funds could be drawn from the public treasury, the interests of the state were secured, no matter how the appropriations were to be applied. Accordingly, some sixty or seventy thousand dollars have been specially appropriated for those objects; but, says the words of a recent popular writer, "we have granted my rags out, bypassed rendered navigable, of lakes in the Mississippi classed of their obstructions, or public expenditures;" A reluctant negative is the answer to these interrogatories; and yet when the map of a state

is examined by the scientific eye, it most instantly becomes apparent that there are great difficulties which a prompt solution of this nation. It is in reference to the distribution of the clergy resources, laid aside for the construction and internal improvement of the state, that the most important and internal improvements, which, while they would contribute to our individual wealth, by securing us against the floods of water of high water, would bring up dense and thriving populations; by opening a chain of internal communication by means of canals, rivers, and lakes, pervading every section of our wide domain, would overpass our state, and render it the adoption of the civilization world.

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CANADA.—The Parliament of Upper Canada convened to session on the 2d ult. The Lt. Governor delivered an opening speech. He congratulated the people on their increasing prosperity, especially as observed down the river, over the northern country, which has eminently improved, and the character of the emigrants, who being laborers, are peculiar to their adopted country. When came in a flag, but in order to derive the full benefit which was extracted from the undertaking, it is necessary to remove the difficulties arising from the unfinished works upon the Oneida, which obstruct the passage into the St. Lawrence.

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