MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

I have received from Elias Boudinot, esq. director of the Mint of the United States, a report of the 24 of January, representing the state of it; together with an abstract of the coins struck at the mint, from the first of January to the 31st of December, 1800: An abstract of the expenditures of the mint from the 1st of Jan. to the 31st of December 1800, inclusive: A statement of gain on copper coined at the mint, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1800, inclusive; and a certificate from Joseph Richardson, assayer of the mint, ascertaining the value of Spanish milled doubloons, in proportion to the gold coins of the United States, to be no more than 84 cents and 424 500ths parts of a cent, for one pennyweight or 28 grains and 21248 84.848ths parts of a grain, to one dollar. These I transmit to Congress for their consideration.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES,
Jan. 17, 1801.

To the President of the United States.

The director of the mint respectfully informs the President, that the inclosed abstract of the coin issued from the mint of the United States, and struck since the 31st of December last, shews the amount to be three hundred and seventeen thousand, seven hundred and sixty dollars in gold coins; two hundred and twenty-four thousand, two hundred and ninety-six dollars in silver coins; and twenty-nine thousand, two hundred and seventy-nine dollars and forty cents in copper cents and half cents; making up in the whole the quantity of five hundred and seventy-one thousand, three hundred and thirty-five dollars and forty cents.

For the information of government, the director thinks it expedient to include a statement of the expences and profits of the mint for the year past; which from a number of concurring circumstances, has been full as expensive as may hereafter be expected, extraordinary supplies or repairs excepted.

The director has a peculiar satisfaction in informing the President, that there has been received from the left bottoms and sides, accumulated before his administration of the mint, four hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents; which repays so much of the nine hundred and seventy-four dollars heretofore allowed by Congress for deficiency in the mint account of bullion; and that there is still a quantity of ashes remaining to be cleansed and refined.

The coins struck from the mint, amounting now to the sum of seventy-one thousand three hundred and ninety dollars and eighty-two cents, the proclamation required by law ought to be issued; by which all other copper coin will be put out of circulation.

The late act of Congress, directing the mint to remain at Philadelphia, will expire in March next; some further legislation will be necessary for its prolongation here, or removal to the seat of government. At all events it will be necessary to provide some other mode of alloying the reserved pieces, besides by direction of the act of Congress of the 3d of April, 1792, and required by that act to be done once in every year, under the inspection of the chief justice, the secretary and comptroller of the treasury, the secretary for the department of state, and the attorney general, who are required to attend at the mint for that purpose. As it will be impracticable for those officers to leave the seat of government to comply with this part of the law, and the year will expire on the second Monday in February next, the director respectfully submits to the President, the propriety of recommending to Congress the necessity of a previous provision by law to prevent a noncompliance with a positive injunction of an act of Congress.

The great rise in the price of copper in Great Britain has prevented (to large an importation, and of consequence large an issue of cents from the mint, as would otherwise have been done, the public being now tolerably well supplied with that species of small change.

The director thinks it his duty to inform the President, that having had occasion during the past year to have accurate essays made of Spanish milled doubloons, it was found that their real value, compared with the standard of the United States, was as there is 24 in eighty-five cents the pennyweight; whereas, by the act of Congress of the 9th of February, 1793, they are made legal tender at almost eighty-eleven cents the pennyweight, or in the proportion of 1 to 27 at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven grains and two-fifths of a grain, of the actual weight thereof, which creates a loss on the part of the cents of the United States, of twenty-seven dollars and forty-two cents on one thousand pennyweights. The official certificate of the assayer is inclosed with this report.

All which is respectfully submitted to the President.

(Signed) ELIAS BOUDINOT, *Director.*
Mint of the United States.
January 2, 1801.

Mint of the United States.
5th of 1st Month, 1801.

At the request of the director of the mint I do hereby certify, that on carefully alloying a number of Spanish milled doubloons of different dates and complexions, I found one of fineness corresponding with the each other to great exactness; but that their real value in proportion to gold coins of the United States, was no more than 84 cents and 424 parts of a cent, for one pennyweight or 28 grains and 21248 parts of a grain, to one dollar.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
Assayer to the mint of the United States.

The accompanying documents state, that expenditures of the mint from Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1800 amount to 20,686 dolls. 39 cents. That during that period the following coins have been struck, viz.

	Value Dolls.	*Cts.*
25,965 Eagles, and 11,622 half Eagles,	317,760	
220,296 dollars, 31,760 dimes, 24,000 1-2 dimes,	224,296	
2,822,175 cents, 211,580 half cents,	29,279	40
	571,335	40

During the time period a gain has been made by the mint on copper coined of 5,050 dolls. 68 cents 5 mills.

A REPORT

From the acting Secretary at War.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR,
February 14, 1801.

SIR,

Great inconveniencies being experienced in the army, from the want of a competent General Staff, I conceive it to be my duty to submit the matter to your consideration. Though the army is at present a small one, the duties of Adjutant and Inspector-general must be performed; and from the nature of our service in small detachments; their duties become more laborious than in an army acting in one compact body. At present an officer in the line of the army relates at the seat of government for their purposes, but there is no law allowing him any compensation for these extra services. As he is obliged to keep an office and be constantly employed himself, and also constantly to employ a clerk, it cannot be expected that he can continue to do the duties without compensation beyond his pay in the line. Perhaps a sufficient power rests in the Secretary of War, to allow him an adequate sum for his extra labour and expences. But if this is so, it is a loose discretion, which I conceive ought to be directed by law. It is my opinion, that a law authorizing the appointing of a field officer in the line, to perform the duties, and giving him additional compensation for his services, and also giving him an assistant from among the commissioned officers, would promote regularity in the department, discipline in the army, and public economy.

I have the honor to be,
With profound respect,
SIR,
Your obedient
and faithful servant,
(Signed) SAMUEL DEXTER.

The President of the United States.

For Sale.

A Small tract of land containing 150 acres more or less. It is on the road to Fredericktown five miles from George Town, and is a high and healthy situation. Terms are one third to be paid on possession being given, the remainder in two yearly payments. Enquire of the printer at the Commissioners Office, City of Washington.

If not sold within a month it will be rented on easy terms.

January, 28th, 1801.

THE SUBSCRIBER,
Will Sell or Exchange

FOR approved lands near the Blue Ridge, a valuable tract of land in Northumberland County, two miles from the Court House and near the work of the Potomac, containing 1165 acres. This tract is divided into two plantations, on the one there is a brick dwelling house 50 by 32 feet conveniently divided, and two brick cellars 24 by 16 feet. A Frame house 20 by 16 designed for an Overseer, and other out houses. The convenieiencies of this place are equally few, and the prospect, excelled by none in the state—the house is situated on a high hill and commands an extensive view of the Potomac and the Chesapeak Bay. There is a Kitch a hemmaking with the land Falls and Orchard, which commands the fish land of this tract, that is invisible for hay crafs, and affords an excellent landing place within half a mile of the house. On this part of the tract there is an excellent cyring apple and Peach orchard, and a variety of other fruit trees. It has a great sufficiency of Oak and Hickory timber, for the use of the plantation, besides a large quantity of pine. On the other plantation there is a framed dwelling house 40 by 16 feet, one 20 by 16 out houses, both tenements generally have shutters. This part of the tract is as well fatted for farming, as any land in Virginia. It is well watered, and a sufficiency of timber for its fencing, and Building young peach and apple orchards.

As it is impossible to describe to gentlemen who make such a purchase without viewing the premises, all that is necessary to add is that Mr. Spencer Ball living thereon will shew the premises, and is fully authorized to make sale thereof.

JAMES V. BALL.

N. B. Any person purchasing may be supplied with stock of all kinds necessary and sufficient for the plantation.

January 28, 1801. 1wtA

CHEAP LUMBER
FOR SALE,

By the Subscriber, on reasonable terms, either by large or small quantities, at his Lumber Yard, the north end of Lamberton, and at the old Sturgeon's pond, above Richards's wharf,

A VARIETY OF

ASSORTED LUMBER, viz.

One and 1-4 inch, 1 1-2, and 1 do. Yellow pine heart boards—1 inch pitch, 1 1-4 do. in floors, 1 do. common, white pine do—2 do. 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 do planks, 1 do. 2-2, and 1 1-2 do. hatch, 1 do. walnut—1 do. pitch, do. 1-2 do. pitch boards, bedded fetts, popular the weale of the above are well known, and fit for sale—Yellow pine scantling, 3-4 pine, white oak, and bafleard, hemlock and white pine scantling, afforted—solid kind three feet cord firewood, dufled and undufled, do. two feet white pine do.; do. 13 inch cypreds do—cedar rails—Alto, white pine fawed rails—shingles and pailing, half split, white oak wagon timber—fap pine planks fap pine one inch, board 3-4 cedar, bell aind, 3-4 white pine, 3-4 fap pine, finished weather boards—A quantity of handsome chestnut railings, fawed 1 by inches and from 4 to 16 feet long for garden fence, &c. A quantity of chestnut boards, dufled and undufled; a quantity of cherry boards, a quantity of large white oak poles, a quantity of chestnut boards, a quantity of hour hatch & wings for blocks—5000 feet of flickamore flooring for bedsteads; 2 inch white oak plank; 4 inch white oak plank, 3000 do—3,000 do hewn pipe stave cherry boards and plank, 3,000 do. very clear 3 inch white pine plank, 3,000 do. handsome 4 inch white pine plank, 3,000 do. hewn pipe stave, 3,000 do. Carolina shingles, a quantity of pitch plank, 1,500 tons plaster Paris, warranted, 3,000 bushels best Virginia pit coal, 200 bushel country house sand

The Subscriber intends, establishing a Lumber Yard in the Borough of City Washington, which he will keep regularly supplied as above—Any quantities may be agreed for by contract, delivered at the purchaser may with provided that the place of delivery be accessable to vessels, or with a navigable river—Any quantity that may be wanted for shipping abroad, shall be supplied with punctuality and dispatch, agreeable to order.

Gentlemen who are or may be building—as well as carpenters who may be under or may enter into contracts to build and furnish the materials, will find it well worth their attention to apply as above—Applications may be made by letter (pail paid) or otherwise, to the Subscriber, at Mr. Wm. Wise and Anthony M. Buckley, or Benj. W. Morris and Co. merchants, Philadelphia.

Also for Sale or to Let,

A large comfortable Dwelling House, with out buildings complete, and from three to five acres of land—Two small do. with lots thereto Alto, a small House on the river—all lying in the village of Lamberton.

NATHAN COMBS

N. B. A Screw Jack to raise any thing from 10 to 40 tons by hand—a confiant supply of plaster and smith's Virginia coal.

Lamberton, New Jersey, (on Del.)

January 14, 1801. twif

Kid, Eliot & Co.

At the Brick Store opposite BLODGETT'S Hotel.

HAVE received by the Brig INDUS, Capt LEWIS, from Liverpool, a fresh supply of Crockery Ware. Some of which is well adapted to Dea l ers for the country.

Also, by the so. n Vessel,

White Lead, ground in oil,
Spanish Brown do.
Red Lead, Patent yellow, &c. &c.

They expect by the Roba and Betsey arrived at Norfolk, an additional invoice of crockery and a large assortment of Glass ware. AC which will be sold at the Philadelphia price.

December 28.

Kid, Eliot & Co.

HAVE received, and now offer for sale, a general assortment of Hard ware and Ironmongery, which they offer for Sale at their Store opposite the Great Hotel.

They have also on hand

Madeira, }
Sherry & } Wines.
Lisbon }
Cognac Brandy.
Jamaica Spirits.
Holland Gin.
Loaf and Brown Sugar.
Tea, Coffee, &c. &c.

Washington, Dec 18. tf.

NAILS.

ALL Kinds of Hammered and Cut Nails, and Brads, Sold at any Price in this place, between the President's house and the Six buildings, at the following prices for Cash only.

Hammered Nails and Brads.

20ly Nails	11	12-d. pails	13	12-d pail.
12ly do	11		13	3-d
10 do	12-d		14	12-d
8 do	15		15	12-d
Dock and Spike Nails,	11	12-d		

Cut Nails and Brads.

20ly Nails	9	12-d	10	12-d
10 do	10		11	
8 do	11		12	
6 do	12		13	
4 do	13	12-d	14	
3 do	14	12-d	15	

SAMUEL MINTIRE.

Washington, Feb. 6, 1801. tf.

LOTS FOR SALE.

In the City of Washington.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for Sale a number of valuable Lots beautifully situated between the Capitol and the Eastern Branch; Alto a few Lots to be let on lease for ninety years in the neighborhood of the Navy yard.

WILLIAM PROUD.

City of Washington, December 12, 1800. tf

N. B. A few Tons of good Mount Vernon Kiln of Bricks, and some Cord Wood.

W. P.

FOR SALE
SEVENTY THOUSAND
LATHS,

Enquire at this Office.

Washington, Feb. 18, 1801. 1m.

Robert Greenhow.

Merchant in Williamsburg, Virginia.

BEING desirous to withdraw in a great measure from the further pursuit of business, offers for sale the whole of his well known General and Valuable Assortment of Merchandise comprising probable at their prime cost by Eight or Ten thousand pounds sterling, of which an idea may be formed by referring to a printed list thereof, which will be sent to gentlemen on stock applications by letters post paid will be by him received as to the purchase of the whole or in lots. 3, 1801. tf.

Nail Manufactory,

ALL kinds of Cut Nails for Sale by Wholesale, Retail and Retail at the Factory on P Street, and at the Hardware Store of the Subscribers where persons building and all others willing to purchase may be supplied with any quantity, at the most reasonable rates.

JOHN JACK.

Washington Feb. 4, 1801 tf

WANTED to purchase a small Farm consisting of one, two or three hundred acres of land at a convenient distance from this City, with comfortable buildings thereon for the convenience of a small family. Enquire of the Editor of the National Intelligencer.

Washington, Jan. 26, 1801.

John Minchen.

BOOT MAKER
FROM PHILADELPHIA.

RESPECTFULLY acquains his Friends, Customers, and the public, that he has removed his BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY to Eastern Branch, in New Jersey Avenue, on the hill near the Capitol, where he makes Gentlemen's Boots, Footers, Pumps and Ladies Shoes on the fashionable last, in the neatest manner, and of the best materials.

December 24. jtw

TO JOURNEYMEN SHOEMAKERS.

WANTED, a number of Journeymen Shoemakers, to whom constant employment and good wages will be given.

FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber will sell at private sale, two Three Story Brick Houses, adjoining each other, 48 feet front each, by forty feet deep, on Capitol Hill, Lot No. 6. Sq. 656—a fine commodious lot 61 feet front, by 196 feet deep, running back to an alley 30 feet wide, and may be occupied alone or two tenements, they are finished on a plan, but fashionable manner, and built of the best material—a credit of three, six, and nine months, on giving approved notes, negotiable at the bank of Columbia, or Rabinson—apply to Daniel Carroll, or in Baltimore to

HENRY H. CARROLL.

Washington, Jan. 3, 1801.