LATEST DATES.

New-York	June 29	London	June 3
Boston	June 29	Liverpool	June 4
Philadelphia	June 30	Havre	June 8
Washington	June 30	Bordeaux	June 8
Baltimore	June 30	Marseilles	May 26
Charleston	June 26	Gibraltar	April 30
Mobile	June 16	Trieste	May 25
Boston	June 15	Smyrna	May 7

MONEY MARKET.

Mexican Dollars	51 @ 6	per cent	prem
Half Dollars	3 @ 6	per cent	prem
American Gold	7 @ 8	per cent	prem
Sovereigns	8 6	1 pr & 1 sr	each.
Spanish Doubloons	217 25 @17 30	do	do
Patriot do	16 25 @16 37	do	do
United States Treasury Notes	9 @ 7	per cent	pr
United States Bank Notes	12 @13	per cent	di
Kentucky do	par	do	do
Louisiana do	1 @ 1	do	do
Illinois do	6 @10	do	do
Cincinnati do	6 @10	do	do
Ohio Canal Bank	par	do	do
Virginia Bank Notes	par	do	do
North Carolina Bank Notes	par	do	do
South Carolina Bank Notes	par	do	do
Georgia Banks	6 @ 8	do	do
Alabama Banks	4 @ 6	do	do
Tennessee Banks	4 @ 5	do	do
Arkansas State Bank	nominal	50 @60	do
Arkansas Real Estate	do	30 @40	do
Commercial Bank Notches	do	par @ 2	do
Agricultural Bank, Natchez	do	25 @37	do
Planters' Bank, Natchez	do	30 @40	do
Commercial Bank Manchester	do	par @ 2	do
Woodvilleians, t Woodville	do	5 @—	do
Bk L of Port Gibson	do	10 @15	do
Commercial Bank, Rodney	do	10 @15	do
Commercial Bank at Columbus	do	20 @40	do
Grand Gulf Rail Road Company	do	30 @40	do
Union Bank of Mississippi	do	65 @70	do
Commercial Bank of Vicksburg, nom		70 @—	do
Lake Bank, Lake Providence	do	50 @60	do
Bank of Vicksburg	do	70 @80	do
Warrenites of Vicksburg	do	70 @80	do
Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, (new)	do	85 @90	do
Tallahatchee Rail Road Company	do	85 @90	do
Natchez Rail Road	do	90 @95	do
Port Hudson	do	90 @95	do
Red River Raft	nominal	4s @75	do
Union Bank, Florida	do	50 @60	do
Treasury Trust, Florida	do	50 @60	do
Texas Treasury Notes	do	23 @30	do

Commercial.

NEW-ORLEANS, TUESDAY EVENING, June 29, 1841.

We are again compelled to report an almost complete cessation of business during the three days that have lapsed since the publication of our previous review. In one or two articles a few trifling transactions have occurred, and we still trust however to have imparted anything like animation to the present depressed condition of trade. The European advices received here on saturday have completely disheartened cotton-shippers; and the general opinion is, that no immediate improvement can be looked for on the other side.

It commenced raining heavily this morning, and continues so up to the hour of writing; with this exception the weather has been fair and very warm—The river continues falling, and is at present 6 feet below high water mark.

COTTON.—Arrived since the 25th inst. of Louisiana and Mississippi, 263 bales—Tennessee and North Alabama, 40 bales—Arkansas, 15; together, 318 bales; making the total receipts since the 1st of October, 774,719 bales; against 777,170 the season previous. Cleared in the same time for Baltic, 100 bales—Havana, 415—Boston, 250; together, 665 bales; making a reduction as stock of 343 bales; and leaving on hand, exclusive of all on shipboard not cleared the day, a stock of 39,491 bales, against 39,4.6 at the same time last year.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

On shore and on Levee	387 30	
Receipts last three days	610	
previously	774,091	774,719
		808,447
Exports last three days	580	
previously	764,106	764,966
Stock on hand		39,481

By the arrival of the steamship Columbia at Boston, we were placed in possession on Sunday morning of advices from Liverpool to the 4th, and London to the 3d inst. The most unsatisfactory feature in the manufacturing districts is represented as being alarmingly bad, and goods and yarns could not be disposed of unless at a further decline on the low prices previously current. As a matter of necessity, spinners were compelled to act on the defensive, and to limit their purchases of the raw material to the lowest possible scale, notwithstanding which it is asserted that the quantity of goods manufactured, continued to be more than equal to the consumption. The existing gloom is to several heavy failures had occurred, and the uncertainty pending the issue of the important political questions now before the country, together with the fast of the French Government having appeared as a large borrower in the various European markets, had rendered capitalists shy, and the consequent scarcity of money was beginning to be severely felt. In addition to all this, the China question was far removed from any satisfactory settlement as ever to sum up, in a few words, the prospects for the future are indeed dismal. The present condition of the Liverpool market, is perhaps without a parallel in the annals of the Cotton trade; the brightest expectations as regards the approaching harvest in England—a general easiness in money matters up to the present moment—a low range of prices on this side, and a decided falling off in receipts to 800,000 bales in the crop—these flattering circumstances combined, have been insufficient to counteract the downward tendency of prices arising out of the overproduction of former seasons, and the consequent diminished demand for goods this year.

This discouraging intelligence has reacted most unfavorably on our own market, which does not exhibit the slightest sign of returning animation, and the few remaining buyers show no disposition to enter into any new operations. The total sales since our last embrace about 500 bales the majority of which changed hands prior to the receipt of the European news. The subjoined quotations may be considered nearly nominal.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION.

Louisiana and Mississippi.	*Tennessee and N Ala.*
Ordinary	Ordinary
Middling	Middling
Middling Fair	Middling Fair
Fair	Fair
Good Fair	Good Fair
Good and fine	Fine and fine

TOBACCO.—The market is remained in a very quiet state since our last, and the sales since then scarcely reach two hhds, at previous prices. Buyers appear disposed to enter the market unless at a reduction on present rates; while holders continue very firm in their demands, relying on the diminished stock to obtain what they consider to be satisfactory prices. The last accounts from Europe are not exactly very flattering for the article

Arrived since the 25th instant, 617 hhds; cleared in the same time, for London, 93 hhds—Ghent 361—Boston, 100; together, 1,554 hhds

STATEMENT OF TOBACCO.

On levee, stock on hand	hhds	2219
Receipts last three days		617
previously		47347 47864
		51073
Exports last three days		1954
previously		34036 36012
Leaving a balance of stock of		15061

SUGAR.—During the past three days the Sugar-market has acquired additional firmness, which is chiefly attributable to the more encouraging advices from the north, where the article has advanced 1 @ ½c, with a brisk business. The inquiry here, although good, has not resulted in any important sales, owing to the extreme views of sellers as to the enhanced rates asked by holders. The few qualities constituting the receipts required, and being nearly consumed our highest quotations of 6, 6¼ and 6½c for fancy lots. We note 4¾ @ 5½c as the extremes of the market.

MOLASSES.—There is a very moderate inquiry for this article at our previous quotations; 1 21 @ 23c ₩ gallon. We have not heard of any sales on plantation.

FLOUR.—We have again to notice a continuance of the same large of inactivity in the Flour-market; the transactions since our last have been on the most limited scale, being entirely confined to a few small lots of country brands, prices have receded somewhat, and exhibit a further downward tendency. We quote superfine, $4 12½ @ $4 18, and a considerable quantity could probably be obtained on rather favorable terms. Some very choice and favorite brands have realized $4 19; @ $4 20 but these form exceptions to the ruling state of the market.

PORK.—The depressed state of the market noticed in our former review, induced holders to offer their stocks on to favorable terms, which we fully went up on Saturday by some extensive purchases at a decline on our previous quotations, the former at $10 00 and the latter at $8 00 ₩ barrel, which we now consider the established rates for these descriptions. We quote Mess $10 00 @ $10 50—Prime, $8 00 @ $8 50—Bulk Pork, 3c ₩ lb. The stock of barrel Pork of all descriptions is now variously estimated at from 40,000 @ 50,000 barrels

BEEF.—The stock in the city being considerably reduced, holders are very firm, and in some instances demand a trifle more than our previous quotations. We consider, however, exceedingly limited, and chiefly for ship stores at $10 @ $11 per bbl for Mess, half bbls, $6 50 @ 7 00—Prime, in bbls, $7 50 @ $8 00.

BACON.—The market is completely glutted with that article, and the avoil an anxiety on the part of holders to realize, renders it extremely difficult to effect sales at any rates. We would remark, however, that several lots have been taken place below the range of our quotations. Hams, 5½ @ 6c—Sides, 4 @ 5c—Shoulders, 3½c—Sugar-cured Hams, 7½ @ 8c—Sugar-cured Hams, in barrels, 11c ₩ lb.

LARD.—There is a fair inquiry for Prime Leaf, which is scarce, and commands 7 @ 7½c ₩ lb. The other descriptions are dull of sale, at 5 @ 6, 6½ ₩ lb.

WHISKEY.—This article has been in good demand since our last, at former rates, which are well maintained. We quote rectified, 19c ₩ gallon. Common is scarce, at 18c

BAGGING AND BALE ROPE.—The business in these articles is confined to small retail sales, at former quotations. Kentucky Bagging, 26 @ 27c—Indian, 25 @ 27c—Stock, 18 @ 24c—Dermas, 12½ @ 14c. Kentucky Rope, 9½ @ 10½—Northern do 8½ @ 9c ₩ lb.

COFFEE.—We notice a moderate extent of business, principally in Rio, at 11 @ 11½c ₩ lb. There is but a limited inquiry for Havana, and we quote prime green, 11½ @ 11½c ₩ lb—Inferior qualities, 10 @ 11c

CANDLES.—The market is exceedingly quiet, and holders are experience considerable difficulty in realizing at our figures. We quote New Bedford, 42c—Nantucket, 40c @ 41c ₩ lb.

OILS.—There is no variation to notice in the market and prices continue as last quoted, viz—Sperm, $1 10 @ $1 15—Winter-strained, $1 @ $1 05—Whale Oil, 45 @ 47—Lamson Oil, 40 @ $1 ₩ gallon

EXCHANGE.—Since our last report, the transactions in bx change have been on a very moderate extent, and were principally effected at the rates then current—Sterling, 12 @ 13 ₩ cent. prem—Francs, 5 @ 5 16—New-York, 60 days, ½ @ ¾ cent. prem—Sight Checks, ¾ @ cent. prem

EXCHANGE OUT DOORS

Sterling	12½ @ 13 ₩ cent. prem
Francs	5 97½ @ 5 90
New York, 60 days' sight	½ @ ¾ ₩ cent. prem.
do do do	¾ @ ¾ ₩ ct. prem.
do. do do	¾ @ 1 ₩ ct. prem.
Philadelphia 60 do	1½ @ 2 ₩ ct. prem.
do sight	2 @ 2½ ₩ ct. prem.
Boston, at 60 days	½ @ ¾ ct. prem.

FREIGHTS.—Are rather firm at our quotations, which we subjoin:—

Cotton ₩ lb to Liverpool	7 16 @ 5-8
do Havre	1
do New York	½ @ ¾ per bale
do Boston	1 @ 1¼
To Liverpool ₩ short sail, or do	
do London, direct	42s 6d @ 60s 0
do New-York	4 @ 5 00
do Boston	4 @ 5 00
do Philadelphia	4 00 @ 0 —
Sugar and molasses from coast ₩ hhd	50 @ 00 —
do from the city	00 @ 0 50
Flour	2 50 @ — 25
Lard ₩ keg	2 00 @ —
Pork ₩ bbl	2 00 @ —

SPECIE.—$1,000 for sale by
PESCHER & MILLARD, 31 Old Levee

EXCHANGE ON PHILADELPHIA.—For sale by
CHARLES CLEGG, 11 St Charles st

EXCHANGE on New York at 60 days sight, for sale by
HUGG & CALDWELL, 76 Bienville st

EXCHANGE on Havana at sight, for sale by
BECULFI & Co, 44 Toulouse st

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NEW-ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1841.

CONGRESS is at length organized. The obstinate and wrong headed wrangling of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, and the violent impracticability of HENRY A. WISE have been checked for the nonce. Thanks to the clear common sense of a whig member from Virginia, A. A. STUART, and the returning perception of justice by the mass of the whig party, the House of Representatives has been placed in a condition to transact the business of the nation. We at one time feared that the Extra Session would prove a miserable abortion; that the dominant party would become the laughing stock and scorn of their opponents, as well as the subjects of the righteous indignation of their friends. But principles, and a weighty sense of responsibility to the popular fiat, have ordained otherwise, and we rejoice at it most fervently.

The whigs as a party are guiltless of censure for the delays and difficulties which during seventeen days, obstructed the organization of the House. A half a dozen unruly spirits alone were the originators of the mischief. Mr. ADAMS' firebrand resolution first threw the House into an uproar; but it was quelled within 48 hours, by the introduction of the rule excluding abolition petitions. But this unwise and untimely movement opened the door to the machinations of locofocoism, and the leaders of the opposition instantly resolved to throw every possible impediment in the way of a prompt organization of the House, to throw opprobrium and disgrace on the majority and to hold them up, if possible, before the country, as the authors of all the evil which might follow. In this they were at one time on the very eve of succeeding.

That we are hazarding no unfounded assertion, a glance at the Journals of the House will readily prove. A locofoco (Mr. INGERSOLL) first moved a re-consideration, and while professing to place Southern rights on higher ground than they had ever before assumed, covertly stabbed at our domestic institutions, by the darkest and most malignant insinuations. His effort failed. It was renewed by a Mr. WELLER—another locofoco. The southern whigs, slow to perceive their adversary's drift, fell into the snare, and the motion prevailed. The House was, therefore, without rules without any system for its government, save the parliamentary law of Great Britain. Chaos and confusion reigned. Windy and wordy debates followed—constant were the calls to order—continual the appeals from the decision of the CHAIR—multitudinous the resolutions, and invariable the determination of the locofocos still further to protract and perplex discussion, by requiring the yeas and nays on every trivial proposition. The hopes of locofocoism beat high and exultingly, and the friends of the administration who had watched this agitating spectacle with intense solicitude, began to despond at the prospect of interminable difficulties, and a disgraceful sectional strife.

At length the wise, well timed and temperate resolution of Mr. STUART was introduced. His forcible appeals to his fellow whigs, his cogent demonstration of the degradation they were heaping on themselves by their course, wrought instantaneous benefit. The majority expressed its determination to stand by him. Mr. WISE, Mr. ADAMS and a few ultra southern politicians, alone opposed the resolution. The vote was taken, and the whigs triumphed by 119 to 103. It is worthy of remark that but *one solitary locofoco voted in its favor*, viz: Mr. MATHIOT of Ohio. Every locofoco vote save his was cast against it, and aided by ADAMS, WISE and one or two members from Georgia, N Carolina and Virginia, the minority was swelled to 103.

There is another fact deserving of attention. During this exciting struggle, the locofocos, while professing the utmost regard and respect for the south, shifted their suffrages without the slightest thought of principle or consistency, precisely as they tended to increase the difficulty of organization. Thus we see that on the final vote, those who had opposed Mr. ADAMS' resolution made common cause with its supporters, and went *en masse* against Mr. STUART'S proposition. These honest friends of slavery—these northern men with southern principles—there "natural allies of the south," had not a single aspiration beyond perpetuating discord and turbulence. The people know them now!

THE WEATHER has undergone a sudden change within twenty-four hours. It began to rain early yesterday morning and continued without intermission all day. The prospect is that we shall have rain the whole week. The air is uncommonly cool for the season.

FIRE.—Yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, a fire broke out in a kitchen in Girod street, between Carondelet and Baronne. It extended thence in the rear, consuming another kitchen and out-house adjoining, and slightly injuring a dwelling house. As the place where it occurred was uninhabited, it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

TEXAS LOAN.

It will be seen by the following letter from the senior editor of the *Bee*, now at Washington, that the difficulties in the way of the loan have been removed.

Washington, June 21st, 1841.

Messrs. Editors of the New Orleans Bee:

I have just seen a private letter, dated Paris, June 1st, 1841, stating that the difficulties which had occasioned a suspension of the Texas loan had been removed, and that the books would be opened on the 3d of June, by the Messrs. Lafitte & Co., who had resolved to carry it through triumphantly. This letter is from an authentic source, and may be relied upon.

A. C. BULLITT.

Curves of Exchange place, has politely handed us the April number of the Westminster Quarterly Review. The article on SHELLEY is alone worth the price of subscription.

SHAKSPEARE'S Comedy of a "Midsummer's Night Dream," has been revived at the Covent Garden Theatre in London, and brought out with a powerful cast.

☞ A general battue, says the Toulon *Centinelle*, has been made in the streets of Algiers against all the people who either squinted or stammered, in order that when collected, they might be submitted to the operation of Dr. Baudens, the Duke of Nemour's Physician, who has been very successful in treating cases of this kind by section of the muscles.

The Cotton House at Hamburg, S. C., was struck by lightning a few days ago. Several of the hands working at the time were knocked down by the shock but sustained no other injury. The cotton house was covered with zinc, which disproves the assertion that metallic roofs are a protection from lightning, and do not heal conducting rods.

A JAW BREAKING COMBINATION.—Under the head of extraordinary talent, a London paper announces the engagement of Herr *Tickatcheci*, Herr *Staudigl* and Madame *Stockel Heinfetter*, who are shortly to appear in the opera of the Magic Flute. This is worse than Dr. *Feuchtwanger's Solicetoxicology*, or preparation for killing vermin. Among our compositors is a Pole, who is the only individual in the office capable of pronouncing such words, and we had accordingly to call him to our assistance.

CELESTE is gathering laurels and fullion at the Hay-Market theatre in London. A new piece entitled *Maria Ducange*, written expressly for her, has been brought forward with most triumphant success. As a melodramatic actress there is no question of CELESTE'S eminent talent. As a dancer, she must of course rank fourth or fifth rate, after FANNY ELSLER.

The Boston *Courier* states that the building of the Monument on Bunker Hill is in rapid progress—nearly 20 feet have been added to the height of it since the 1st May, and it is already more than a hundred feet above ground. The entire altitude of the structure, when finished, will be 220 feet.

NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

SINGULAR DEVELOPMENTS.—A letter from Messrs. JEROMUS JOHNSON, A. B. VANDERPOEL, and A. B. MEAD, late Principal Appraisers in the New York Custom house, to the Investigating Committee, recently appointed by the House, that, during the former administration of that office, the business of appraising was taken out of their hands for the purpose of effecting higher valuations to goods than they (the proper officers in the case) would have affixed. So that, instead of fraud by the merchants, fraud and oppression had been systematically exercised *towards* the merchants by the super-officers of the customs, in connivance with foreign influence. The words of the letter are;

"That there were frauds by smuggling committed during the last term of Swartwout's incumbency, there cannot be a doubt; but there were brought about by collusion of officers of the customs with certain importers, and whether by undervaluation or otherwise, the unbelieved, not having seen the goods, are unable to say."—*National Intelligencer.*

LATE FROM FLORIDA.

The following intelligence shows that the Indians have been at their old tricks again:

Correspondence of the Savannah Republican.

CAMP PIERCE, June 18, 1841.

GENTLEMEN—On the 16th inst., a train of wagons between Fort Pleasant and Fort Macomb (on the Withlacoochee) was attacked by Indians, within a few miles of Fort Macomb, and the whole train taken. Dr. Tuft, who was riding in advance, with twenty-five of the escort, mistook the first appearance of the enemy for a party of the escort, sallied out of the ambush, and was fired on ere he could retreat to the wagons. One of the soldiers was killed instantly, and another, whose horse had thrown him, retreated across the road pursued by some eight or ten Indians, until they came in sight of the wagons, when the Indians gave a shrill hoop and fled into the hammock. Dr. Tufts in his turn, charged forward in the direction of Fort Macomb. The Indians allowed him to pass, but soon showed themselves in a position flanking the wagons, upon which they commenced a heavy fire, compelling the teamsters and every one in connection with the train, to escape as fast as possible, in the direction of Fort Macomb. The train was left entirely abandoned to the enemy. Mr. Tufts lost all of his clothing, papers, &c—besides three quarters of a pound of powder, which were captured and carried off by the enemy. The escort consisted of eight regulars, three of whom at the moment of attack, lay sick in the wagons.

Yours respectfully, &c.

NAVAL.—The U. S. Sloop of War *Warren*, Commander Jamison, arrived at Pensacola on Thursday last. The frigate *Macedonian* bearing the broad pennant of Commodore Wilkinson, on Sunday, and the sloop of war *Levant*, Commander Pitzhugh, on Friday.

A Wonderful Wonder.—The Richmond Star says:—"A gentleman, for whose word we will vouch, has just returned from Charlottesville, and informs of the extraordinary fact that there is living near that place, a negro woman aged *one hundred and fifty years*, who has recently brought up a new set of her *third set of teeth*. She already has three white, sound and handsome new front teeth—a most extraordinary circumstance, but of its truth there is no doubt."

MR. T. J. WALKER has been appointed Post-master at Franklin, La., vice E. L. Nimmo removed.

A woman named Sarah Mason in Philadelphia, died recently from the effects of a fit of passion.

[COMMUNICATED.]

To the Editor of the Courier.

SIR—In a communication which I addressed to you, and which appeared in your journal of the 21st inst., on the subject of a certain purchase of wood made agreeably to an order from the committee of streets and highways of the Third Municipality, I promised not again to fatigue the public on any thing appertaining to the interests of that corporation. But imperious necessity compels me to overstep the bounds of a few lines, and to inform you, that the statement was doubted in the above mentioned communication, having chosen to insult me rather than justify himself from the accusation that bore upon him; and that insult having prompted me to assault his person, I find myself at one and the same time dragged before a court of justice and the tribunal of public opinion, answerable for what I have done. If I had nothing to expect but justice, I should rely with confidence on the validity of my defence—but the article published in your paper of yesterday brings me before a community whose good opinion I value above price, and well aware that calumny or ignorance may, on account of the age of my adversary, give rise to suppositions or conjectures injurious to my character, I am anxious that the real facts may be made known. Before the tribunal of the public I am permitted to expose documents which I may not be suffered to avail myself of when called upon to defend myself elsewhere.

These are the facts.

On the subject of a difference of opinion between some members of the Third Municipality relative to the purchase of certain wooden materials for the use of that corporation, the President of the office of control, to an article which he inserted in the Courier of the 19th instant, referred to a certificate furnished to him by Mr. Allou D'Hemecourt. In my reply (see the Courier of June 21,) are found these sentences:

"As to the certificate of Messrs. d'Hemecourt and Szymanski, I have some reason to be astonished at the manifest contradiction between their written language and that which they held before whomever whose character and position in society would, if they were called upon, throw a dark cloud upon that sincerity which ought to be expected from men firm enough to adhere to the truth when they are requested to expose the naked truth.

"As it appears to me that in this affair the surveyors have attempted to carry water on both shoulders, I will give them a full and entire acquittance."

I thought, and I still think that I was entitled to hold this language. Mr. Allou D'Hemecourt in presence of two respectable witnesses (Mr. Dugarry and Mr. D. O. Nadaud, both of whom gave the same signification to the words of Mr. D'Hemecourt, that I have ascribed to them.) [1]

Mr. D'Hemecourt, I repeat, flatly contradicted what he asserted in the above mentioned certificate, referred to by the president of the committee of control. From the tenor, therefore, of the explanations given to me verbally by Mr D'Hemecourt before and after the publication of his written certificate, had I not a right to say that he *carried water on both shoulders*? This question may easily be decided by the public, after perusing the following documents.

Before I read these expressions, I addressed to Mr. D'Hemecourt these questions:

Mr D'Hemecourt,
Surveyor of the Third Municipality.

SIR,

You will oblige me by giving in writing the answers which you made to me verbally when I enquired of you.

1. If you could furnish me with a note of the materials belonging to the third municipality?

2. If there was any necessity for purchasing before hand a large quantity of lumber?

3. If this lumber was not exposed to the weather, and if it was not liable to be rotted or stolen?

Yours,
W. DEBUYS.

N. Orleans, 18th June, 1841.

To which Mr. D'Hemecourt replied as follows:

New Orleans, 19th June, 1841.

To Mr. W. DeBuys, member of the council of the Third Municipality.

SIR,

I have the honor to address to you in writing the answers or at least the sense of the answers which I made to the questions which you repeated to me a short time ago and which you repeat to me in your letter of yesterday.

1. You inquire if I could furnish you with a note of the lumber on hand belonging to the municipality?

I answered that I could do so, but that it required time, as the lumber was thrown *pele mele* in the storehouses of the municipality.

2. You inquired if it was necessary to purchase in advance so large a quantity of lumber?

I ought to have made and believe I did make this answer: that there was no necessity for purchasing such a quantity of timber, particularly that part of it which was destined for bridges at crossings of the streets. I think I added that it was best to buy this kind of timber as it was wanted. I would also observe that it was preferable to buy large quantities of three inch plank, from 27 to 30 feet long, a kind of timber that is always wanted.

3. Lastly you asked me—If the timber is exposed to injury by the weather?

I answered that it is exposed to such injury—adding that some pieces are so much damaged that they can hardly be used—but that these pieces had been lying a long time in the depository.

I have the honor to be, &c.
ALLOU D'HEMECOURT.

Let us now compare these answers with the certificate given by Mr. D'Hemecourt to the president of the committee of control, to wit:

New Orleans, 13th June, 1841.

SIR,—You ask my opinion as to the utility and employment of the timber belonging to the third municipality, now in the depository at Tchoupitoulas. I have the honor to give you my answer in writing:

All the timber of the municipality now in the depository is capable of being used in the course of the year with at least an equal quantity, in addition, to complete all the necessary works of the municipality.

In the first place, there are 40 to 45 bridges—to this number is not sufficient to supply all that is wanting and to replace those which are daily wasting from age.

For wharves and facing of the levee—the repairs have to be behind hand up to the present time—but impossible to delay any longer—the repairs must absolutely be made—the large timber with the raft lately purchased, will be nearly sufficient, but a very large quantity of planks will be wanting.

In relation to the cross bridges, my opinion is contrary to that of my predecessor, on the necessity of keeping on hand a great quantity of principal pieces. They may all be employed without doubt, for those of 26 feet in length, which, in my opinion, are adapted to streets of 42 feet and not to streets of 46 feet, may be in case of necessity employed in the latter, and then all the streets of the new faubourg Marigny, of faubourg Pra klin, the old bridges to be rebuilt in faubourg Marigny, those of faubourg Washington down to the tobacco warehouses, may absorb all the pieces in the depository. But I cannot help observing that if there is any timber which cannot be had in advance, but must be procured as it is wanted, is the pieces for bridges, varying in length and in height for each street. I have said that all the pieces for bridges may be employed in cases of necessity, nevertheless, for the new faubourg Marigny and the faubourg Franklin, there are only ten pieces to which it may be necessary to make additions, to make the proper elevations. But the pieces on the plans for the bottom and the covering will still be wanting, that is to say 65 or 70 thousand feet of timber.

I have the honor to be, &c.
ALLOU D'HEMECOURT.

In one word said in the foregoing certificate concerning deterioration or injury from the weather?

Let it not be forgotten that the principal motive of my opposition was the purchase of an immense quantity of materials, for no use—which was spoiling from day to day, without any immediate benefit, forming a heavy item of expense to the third municipality, whose resources are extremely limited. Let it not be forgotten, above all, that in the conversations which I had with Mr. D'Hemecourt, in the presence of witnesses, before and after his written certificate, he declared that the large quantity of these materials was so greatly damaged that no use could be made of them. Combine these different circumstances, and then tell me, (I repeat,) if I had not reason to accuse this individual of managing between the goat and the cabbage?

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I had obtained from Mr. D'Hemecourt no satisfaction; I had exhausted all the means that calmness and moderation suggested—my friends having for three days exercised every possible means of arranging the difficulty—my adversary, without any kind of reraction, having passed with impunity after all the outrageous insults he had heaped on his letter of June 23—having used these words: *You have told a lie, sir; you have no less no in the papers in an ominous manner*, &c. I can see that I was fired by these expressions.

In the whole course of these communications and meetings, I said openly to my friends and to those of my adversary, that I would challenge him unless I should be entirely satisfied. Mr. D'Hemecourt knew that I held this language. Well—at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, his friends having quitted the affair, and mine having declared that they had nothing more to do, Mr. D'Hemecourt, contrary to his habit, came to the St. Louis Exchange at 6 o'clock. I had been informed that in the morning of the same day he had spoken of a duel which he had on hand—and was in quest of the very person who accompanied him to the Exchange—a place where I am frequently found—the infamous outrage that I received, his unusual presence in a place which I frequented, inspiring me with a species of provocation—all these things urged me towards him, and I struck him with the back of my hand in the face.

It is useless, I imagine, to declare that in striking Mr D'Hemecourt, it was from my intention to inflict corporal punishment upon him, that I offer him an insult that might purge me of whatever outrage he had uttered in the letter, addressed to me. I respected his weakness, but I could not regard his age, when he had forgotten it himself. In spite of my good faith and my conviction, I should have had the misfortune (which I do not believe I have) to injure in person towards the surveyor, a man of experience like him and a man of age, would have endeavored to conciliate not to dishonor me.

Have the goodness, Mr. Editor, to give a place to this exposition in your next number and accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

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Mr. W. Dubuys having requested my testimony in relation to a conversation that took place to my office between Mr. D'Hemecourt and me, I owe it to truth to declare what passed.

About a month ago Mr. D'Hemecourt brought me a statement of the dispensable timber on the levee and in the depot of Tchoupitoulas. I was struck with the great feet of timber, comprising 218 pieces for bridges, I made an observation solely for the interest of the municipality—I asked him how it happened that having on hand so large a quantity of timber, purchases had lately been made at other works. Mr. D'Hemecourt answered that the timber was becoming for impossible to delay any longer—the repairs must absolutely be made—the large timber with the raft lately purchased, will be nearly sufficient, but a very large quantity of planks will be wanting.

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