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## HENRY JOHNSON.

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### LONDON ASSURANCE.

This is a comedy that comes us back about a century in the dramatic calendar. It takes us to the days when Mrs. Cowley and Farquhar, and Congreve and Vanbrugh and Colman and Sheridan were wont to wield a potent spell over the imagination of the lovers of the drama—when plot and intrigue were set off and enlivened by brilliant wit, flashes of sparkling humor, beautiful sentiment and sketches of character that mimicked nature herself.—It reminds us of the comedy of the old school—once paramount in every species of dramatic composition, then neglected and fallen into disfavor, and now replaced by the distorted conceptions of melo-dramatic monsters, the grotesque gaws of spectacle and the meretricious fascinations of ballet dancers. London Assurance is the product of a mind cast in the mould of the old writers of comedy. It has a regular and easy plot, variety of incident, abundance of pretty sentimental, happy hits, wit and amusing equivoque. Its characters are strongly marked and possess originality and individuality. The progress of the story is natural, and the incidents—with one exception—are managed with skill and seem to grow naturally out of the circumstances and situation of the characters. As the piece has been in every body's hands, or will be shortly, every beginner of the drama, it is unnecessary to enter into an outline of the plot.

We witnessed its representation for the first time at the Arcade on on Sunday Evening. Contrary to our expectations it has been brought out with no special attention to scenery and decoration, but has excited its own way to popularity by its unassisted merits. The piece was tolerably well cast,—that is, the dramatic strength of the company was concentrated upon it. Its success was, nevertheless, not as unequivocal as might have been anticipated. The fact is London Assurance requires a powerful dramatic cast to do it justice. Every character from the fashionable lar not to the unshaved and lying valet must be endowed with originality and can only be safely entrusted to artists of decided merit.

Mr. Farren as Sir Harcourt Courtly was a fine conception. Few men in this country are better able to personate the old fine young man than this mentioned actor. His air costume, gait and demeanor were in admirable keeping. We noticed one blunder however. The leader of London ton would disgrace himself forever if he undertook in an open lawn about in the presence of the lady to whom he was betrothed to comb his whiskers before a pocket mirror held by his servant. Mr. Maywards Young Courtly was perfect in faked severity, grace and elegance.—Miss Pearson as Grace Harkaway was terribly bad.—She attached an immodified the finest passages, uttered them with no feeling or color and wore an eternal copper cable at variance with the shrewd sense and natural humor which the author has imparted to the character.

We have nothing but praise for Mrs. Farren's Lady Gay Spanker and Ludlow's Spanker. The one was as full of life, spiritous humor and boisterous fun as the other of awkwardness and stupidity reflected by good nature and excellent felling. Dubbs's Dazzle was, as we anticipated, good—occasionally overcharged, which is the only fault of this clever young man, who whenever he pleases, is certain to succeed. Thomas in Meddle, was, of course, the very beau ideal of an experienced, pragmatical meddler of a country village. There was constraint about Sefton's Mr. Hardcastle that marred his otherwise good performance. He will plus better as he becomes more familiar with the rough criticism with the remark that the first night of a new character is a real ordeal for the performers.—They will improve and get along with fewer rubs in night or two.

### SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Cornelius Kay, of New Orleans, was yesterday elected Speaker of the House on the first ballot. The choice of the presiding officer is eminently happy, as Mr. Kay has seven years experience with a thorough knowledge of the business of legislation, and strict impartiality and urbanity of manner to recommend him to the responsible duties of the chair. We have no doubt that he will prove a thorough working

### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We shall be from our readers the Message of his Excellency Governor Roman delivered yesterday to both Houses of the Legislature. We reserve our remarks on this able and interesting document for another occasion

The Fair to be given for the benefit of the Catholic Female Orphan Asylum at the St. Louis Ball room, will commence on the 16th instant and close on the 18th inclusive. The doors will be open from 10 a. m. and close at 10 p. m.

### MEXICO

The most extraordinary and general interest was brought by the arrival of the steamer Texas from Tampico in the consummation of the long expected downfall of the present Government of the Santa Anna Dynasty. A revolution in the country has been effected without fighting, that Captain Dumas's letter had taken the precincts that they were captured at the Lagoon del Colorado; and that the Chihuahuans were burning with impatience to invade Texas. These letters state that preparations were making for a march into the Texan territory. Many of these stories are doubtless untrue or exaggerated, but the downfall of the Santa Fe expedition comes to us in so authentic a form, that we must needs give it credit.

Joseph Cannon, accused of the murder of Mr. Weber, and who had been delivered into the hands of the authorities of St. James parish, was examined arrived yesterday in this city. The Magistrate, by whom he appeared for examination, committed him to prison, to await his trial at the next term of the District Court.

### OFFICIAL.—TREASURY NOTES.

Treasury Department, Dec. 2, 1841.

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| Amount of treasury notes issued under the provisions of the acts of congress of 1837, 1839, 1840, 1841, | | $5,000,000 00 |
| Redeemed of that amount, | | 58,160,371 80 |
| Leaving outstanding, | | $1,477,766 20 |
| Issued under act of February 15, 1842, viz: | | |
| Prior to the 4th March, | $78,691 23 | |
| Since 4th March, | 5,482,360 97 | |
| Making | 6,006,952 20 | |
| Returned to the treasury of that amount, | 445,990 00 | |
| | | 5,561,091 61 |
| Making the aggregate outstanding 1st inst, | | $7,229,207 01 |

W FORWARD, Secretary of the Treasury.

☞ We are indebted to the Steamer *Vicksburg* for late Natchez and Vicksburg papers.

☞ Our thanks are due to the clerk of the Steamboat *Louisa* for very late St. Louis papers.

☞ To the ever attentive Mr. Giles we are as usual indebted for very late Vicksburg, Natchez and Concordia papers.

The president has recognized Thorgny Zacharison as vice consul of Sweden and Norway, for the port of New York.

☞ Very few members of congress had arrived at Washington on the 2d inst.

☞ The first number of Mr. Pleasants' paper " The *Independent*" will appear within a day or two after the meeting of Congress.

The statue of Washington by *Greenough*, was raised on its lofty pedestal in the centre of the great rotunda of the capitol, on the 1st inst. The *National Intelligencer* speaks of this splendid work in terms of the highest praise.

☞ *Look out for your Servants.*—From several circumstances, we are induced to believe that there are in this vicinity, some abolition agents, who are violating the laws of God and man by kidnapping and stealing away slaves. We have noticed that the advertisements for many negroes put up last week were all torn down and destroyed the morning after they were put up. Now, some one destroyed them purposely, to a certainty. The negroes in town are in the habit of holding secret meetings, some under pretence of working, and others of social parties. By a gentleman who returned to Arkansas on the Morehead, we get the following description of a girl now in jail at Pulaski, who says she belongs to Edward Tolbert, of Bedford county, Kentucky; that she went to Hot Springs with a Mrs. Thomas; that she left Mrs. Thomas at the Springs, and left Little Rock on the Lady Berry, and went up to the mouth of the river, and there went on board the Pascola, and came up to Fulton. She has with her two negroes, which she says she obtained at Little Rock, viz: E. Talbert, John Scoggs, Thomas Myers, and James Wilkins. She is about 4 feet 10 inches high, and about 20 years of age, and is about black. [*Arkansas Gazette.*

*Arkansas Gazette* says:

WILMINGTON, Dec. 1.

*A Snow Storm.*—On Sunday, during the whole of which day there was a cold driving rain, snow fell within twenty-five or thirty miles Northwardly of us to the depth of three or four inches, and probably much deeper than further North as the upward train of cars on the railroad could get no further than Warsaw on Monday, and no later upward train of that day reached there.

There was no train from the upper end of the road last night. *Chron.*

Capt. Smart, of the schr. Thetis, at this port from Matanzas, whence he left on the 19th ult., informs us that Mr. Cross was still in prison. The Supreme Court in Havana had refused to take cognizance of his case but had remanded it to be tried in Matanzas, and it was to be determined on in a few days whether the trial would take place immediately or at the next sitting of the court, four months hence. Capt. S. visited Mr. Cross in prison, who stated he was treated with great kindness and allowed all proper liberties. He has no apprehensions of the result.

Mr. Cross, (who belongs to Maine) it will be recollected was imprisoned some months ago, charged with taking possession of the property of an American female, who died in Matanzas.

Capt. Smart informs us that the old crop of molasses, sugar and coffee, were exhausted. The new crops of molasses and coffee not yet expected to be average ones and would be late at market.—*Ibid.*

Owing to the dryness of the weather, extensive fires have been raging in the woods ranging on the west Dismal swamp and the smaller ones tributary to it destroying much valuable timber.—*Ibid.*

[Correspondence of the New York Express.]

### THE NEW FISCAL AGENT.

In full cabinet meeting—as I understand, held yesterday, the fiscal agency project of the president was agreed upon. It is understood, that he submitted the plan to his constitutional advisers, will present their plans as an administration measure. It has the sanction of the cabinet as "a unit," and the president will allow us to say that it is an administration measure.

An "inkling" of what the fiscal agency is, has already appeared in two or three quarters, upon which I have obtained the government of his ability to pay them—the recommendations of that excise system—the issuing of paper are often of the most deceitful character, and innumerable instances have occurred, of the population of extensive districts being suffered severely from the insolvency of bankers in whom they placed the utmost confidence. In 1793, in 1814, 1815 and 1816, and again in 1837, and although a very large proportion of the country banks were destroyed, and produced by that panic, an amount of ruin that has hardly been equalled in any other country of the world, such disasters have already happened, it is urged, the *sounder duty of government to banks*, by reasons on its power, than *treasuries*. It is no exaggeration to say, that there have sometimes been more injury from the circulation of worthless paper, or paper issued by persons without the means of redeeming it, than from the issue of spurious coin. It is said, indeed, by those who have had the experience, that coins are legal tenders, whereas, notes being destitute of that privilege, those who suspect them are at liberty to refuse them; but, whatever notes may be, they are, they say, every many districts, *practically* and in fact, legal tenders; and could not be rejected without exposing the parties to much inconvenience. It should also be observed, that bankers, sometimes *prudentially