porterity bluth to hear of the event, because the perfidy of their ancestors exceeded their out-

Some have observed that the Continental currency is not redeemed, unless at the rate of fevenbe reduced by law to the prefent current value;
But is there not a wide difference between the cafee? the first emissions of that currency were
fee? the first emissions of that currency were
comparatively small; after it had suffered a decomparatively small it had suffered a decomparative small it had s

amount, and therefore that the present holders ought to receive no more; but we should do well to remember, that the public has received the full value of all the notes they have issued; they were made transferrable by law, and many of them have been fold; but if we had paid them as we promised, very few would have been fold; and shall we take no measures to pay them now, becaufe we have omitted the payment fo long?

It is faid to be unreasonable to compel the man,

who has been obliged to fell his fourities at a low mee, to redeem them at the nominal value : this observation is made with an ill grace, when every man, who has fold his notes, can purchase them again at a lower rate than he fold them.

The nations of Europe, are unable to maintain war without borrowing, much lefs could we; but in case of a war, who would lend us, if our neglecting feven years to pay the fum borrowed, will justify our not paying at all?

Policy, therefore, as well as justice, demand,

that we do all in our power to latisfy our credit-ors. In private life, the man who avails himself of artifice and fraud, will foon find his character blafted, and himfelf the object of contempt? while he, who encompaffed with difficulties maintains an honest course, may hope for the friendship of man, and the favour of Heaven. The fame will be the cafe in frates and communities, fo long as righteoutnels exalteth a nation.

(To be continued)

To the MEMBER of the Hatfield CONVEN-TION, STR.

N compliance with your request, I shall attempt an answer to those of your questions, which I have not fully sucaded to before.

You enquire if the government owed 1,000,

Lpu enquire it the government owen 17000, cool, and notes were given, all of which had been transferred at 1 or 6s: on the pound, by a fair fale, and the purchafer run his chance; and the government is able to redeem them; when oool, and notes were given, all of which had been transferred at 10 cfs on the pound, by a to. By the tazes No. 4 and 5, profiton is made been transferred at 10 cfs on the pound, by a to. By the tazes No. 4 and 5, profiton is made for the redemption of more than 10-20th of the fort it would be juffishable in government is able to redeem them; when ther it would be juffishable in government is able to redeem them, it what what were not provided for by those tax-olate their, promifes ? I answer, no; unleft shall be not just the party is able to perform in, is what people the party is able to perform in, is what people they were never fold follow as at prefect; their low price is therefore owings to aday in coloring to give the people of the county. Conventions, the coloring of the Conventions, and the provided for by those tax-olate their promifes by the face No. value and promifed payment; but did any one. varie and promises payment, that the low credit of a General Court, or of the County Conventions, ever before suppose, that the low credit of a General Court, or of the County Conventions, mote, is a payment by the debtor? If one of, have most directly conduced to that delay, you, away, perhaps I could not fell the note for a farthing; and is the note than pail? but if you have juffice done them in this way, and whether the note, and I fhould indurfe it to you, is the note, and I fhould indurfe it to you, is the refidue of it then paid? I for you run a poor chance indeed, for you taye, no chance of getting more than you have not and have little of the paid of chance indeed, for you have no chance or get-ting more than you have paid, and but little of getting any thing. If felling the notes at 1, or 62, on the pound, will juility a violation of the public premises, felling them at 191, on the pound will do it; and it is will do it in the cafe of the flate, it will in that of an individual: But there is no private man who will defiguedly viothere is no private man who will defignedly violate his promife, without making as much by it
take that it was a palpable miftake that it was a palpable miftak

you believe, that one half fold ; or that one fifth part have been fold fo

You again evidently recur to the fealing the old money by Congress, and the mode of re-deeming the sword-in-hand money of this flate, matters. In one of your pieces, you intimite that Congrels made the facle of depreciation
the public fecurities, immente funs were brought
into circulation; and the public received a confideration for them, not more than at the rate of
one for forty or fifty, and perhaps more : it was
therefore thought unreasfoundle toj-redeem them
at the nominal value: Befides, if the fecurities
thould be reduced by law to five fulfillings on the
pound, they would inflantly fall in their current
value, to one fulfilling; there would then be the
fame reason for reducing them to that fun,
from themee to nothing.

If an individual is involved in debt,, both prodence and honelty require him to be frugal, and
pay his debt as foon as may be. By a long and
expensive war, we incurred a large public debt,
though far left shan that which our enemies incurred; but inflicated of ting every effort topit, divers persons have employed themselves in
devising methods to get it do fit, without pay
it, divers persons have employed and then
would have been in local for the public fecturities; they alledge, that
many of the first poles on their whole proportion of the public fecturities; they alledge, that
many of the first poles for a better every
mont; many indeed have employed much more
time and miney to this end a han (if better employed) inglight but gapurchasted their whole proportion of the public fecturities; they alledge, that
many of the first poles for he have been noiliged to
fell them for little more than one third of their
amount, and the problem that Congress mane the folder to told depreciation, to determine in what mane the fold mane the folder to the mine to did not the conference of the world
the problem in the first pole first the conference of the propertime and mine to the conference of the propertime and my indeed the public description of the public first the more time and my indeed the properportion of the public lecturities; they all dege, that
many of the first poles for the prefers holder
amount,

I are unable to discover.

If the government have failed to perform their promifes heretofore, it was either owing to inability or it was nor; if it was owing to inability, they were not criminal, and the cafes are bility of it was not; if it was owing to inability

ty, they were not criminal, and the cafes are
not like the prefent; for you suppose and every
man mult suppose, that the state is able to pay
the notes in question; if their former failures
there and others to obtain to inability. were not owing to inability, the government were guilty of falthood, and does one falthood juilify another ? It feems your whole endeavour is to prove, that in fome inflances the governhave done it heretofore, they have thereby acquired a right henceforth to do it. By the fame rule an old offender has nothing to charge himment have violated their promifes; and if they rule an old offender has nothing to charge him-felf with, but his first transgression; all the rest

are juffified by that.
You appear concerned, that the public faith. is not supported by the present mode of redeem-ing the notes; and think it cannot be supported

is not imported by the prefent mode of redeeming them by money; on the wife than by redeeming them by money; but can you, in the prefent condition of the flate, feriously propose that method? can you think that money will be collected with more cafe or expedition than hotes? of can you with for a resperiment for any other reason, that to prevent a redemption of them at any rate?

1. You alk, if it is not the intention of the government when they keys a ax, that it that for you must not prevent a redemption of them at any rate?

2. You alk, if it is not the intention of the government when they keys a ax, that it that flow your money are to for further than they keys a ax, that it that for for first the second of the great of the second of the secon General Court, or of the County Conventions,

further enquire if you was mistaken when you faid it was a palpable mistake, that the people that lent the government unoney supposed that that lent the government unoney supposed that this was all their fecarity? but you fail no such thing; and is it honourable to misquote your own writings? you faid it was a palpable mir-take that it was the expectation of the lender, that the notes should be redeemed by taxes,

m have ever been , end ... let the roople know it, and they never will age at

Me. You fay ther moching was further from your me

it. From four es like this, pethaps the greater parafit jublic troubles flow. Many perfons, because they fester thing to be true, affirm its others believe the affirming

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For the HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE.

Mr. PRINEER,

A Sanimpartial prefs is the best channel of A intelligence to the public, and when or to all parties is an important medium of light's fecurity to the citizens of a free flate; fol will you to infert the following Letter and my observations upon it, and you will oblige a friend it the Laws and Liberties of this commonweals. Copy of a Letter fent to all the towns in the

County: Hadley, Nov. 8, 1756

" To the Selectmen of

" Gentlemen, "WHEREAS the convention row conven

The same of

nion from faid comitte, and likewife to hold an men on this occasion, who performed a long farther conferance upon the public good, do and dilagreeable march, a great part of the way pure faid convention to the first Tuteday in in the night, in a heavy-flow florm and its way. to towns in the county to join in convention at ideal our ment, as they would feek the peas of

" A true Coppy. Atteil. SAM PEPPER Clerk" Weare glad that the gentlemenhave not affamin their letter to be a county convention, covered, purfued and apprehended—though not without a thurp condict with one of the horfe, in seet in oy no means ever that, more than 23 san did lend, of these the greatest part were establist towns, and some of them chose their embers only by the allistance of minors and which much periodal bravery was displayed-but upon two others coming up,he was obliged to furrender.—Shattuck was badly wounded in the u not quantied to vote in town affairs. And Ruce, and the gentleman imprediately engaged received a flight cut on his face.—These deluded and daring violators of the public peace had been in account of the public peace had been to account on the control of the public peace had been to control or the public peace had been to cont they had the afturance to appoint a commit-nicortespondence to act in conjunction with committees, of other counties, in order to ocommunication to the continuition and form of the prefers continuition and form of the following covenant and rement of the body of the freemen of this in arms the day before in Concord, on their way to Cambridge, to thop the Court of Com-mon Pleas, which is new fitting unmolefied in y. This the citizens will most certainly The mest absurd and contradictory stories er as a most unwarrantable and arbitrary afare, even though a bare majority of towns have been circulated throughout the county, and ad been pretendedly repreferred. The gentlear the report of their committee, and doubtlefs Grown is about 43 miles from this town, fo nino ity and the illegal doings of their athat what with the direct courfe, and the chafe which they had before the feizure of Shattuck, who immediately fied to the woods, upon being mun. If we are for peace and order, what need their unufual and ditorderly measures. Have their gentlemen, blown up the coals of difd into a flame, which threatens the lives of discovered behind a barn, many of the company must have rode near one hundred miles from Multi daye rose near one nuntred mile stom Wednefday morning, to Fhurfday evening, and were form of them nine hours on horleback, without fearely diffuonting in that time. There was not a gun fixed at the borfe, in the whole expedition, though it was generally believed that Shattuck had fortified his house in orple community : and now they have the affinnce to wipe their e no wickedness to call upon us to unite in them in their violent measures, and to brand in the epithet of enemies to peace such as will t coincide with their faral pursuits: pursuits, sich I dare to lay, do moit effectually wound theries and privileges of the whole state. der to a vigorous appointion :- This, however, proved not to be the case, for he had endeavourbar need of this convention to interpole ined to abfound after trying in vain to raile a perty for his protection.—The troop went in aid of the rention created mifery and expence enough the community? Have they not armed a fic-

on of confusion and discord in the communithat their emiliaties are firiking a bargain

try county, and in those only which have been

ited with conventions, open rebellion and

mitton-men are our advocates for peace; theis

sai. And how? by members of that body hing arms and leading on bands of armed men disp the course of justice and subvert the go-

ment. They are like the highwayman, b, when he was knocked down by he brave hman, and was fryerely belaboured for his librar called should all was revery betatoured on mo-blenet, called our, Pray; fir, don't quarrel, for peace and houelty. In fice of comply-with this request of the Hadley convention, presented the towns will think it their duty

fend members to join a body who are en

ed in fedition, and may perpendate themfelves

our utter national rain and infamy. It is tably and feriously submitted to those towns

Too much credit cannot be given the officers

Sheriff, by the order of his Excellency, when it was found that the late annufity of the government was without effect, in reclaiming these harincommunity? Lawe they how arrived a ray and uninformed populace to lay wafte all the mes of law and render infecture the personal they and property of all good criticas; ? Thefamilianea, at Hadley, have the affrontery to all span thet towns, as they feek the peace of the commonwealth, to join in their nefarious. deped offenders.
The militia of the town of Concord flood ready to afford their affidance if required, and the artillery of Lexington turned out with their ulual alactity, as a guard to relieve the horse who be commonweath, to join in their netarious in the peace unless we unlie with them? that it will let loofe upon us the dogs of war, if we in peaceably in our calling, and abide in the were extremely faigned with fach intermitted furion—They lodged at Lexington on their re-turn on Thurlday night, and arrived with, their prifonely reflerday at noon, who were immeds ately committed to the common gaol, where every precaution which bumanity dictates, has been me national compact which we have made? e hould do well to confider what the Chief ulice, one of the first judges of iaw, has told in his charge to the Middlesex Grand-Jury, taken for the relief of the priloners.—On the whole we cannot help arricipating the most hapov effects from this tranfaction. hat conventions are to be confidered as fivals the Supreme Legislative Power; as the au-

It was last night reported, that the volunteer borfe; which on Thursday evening marched from Roxbury, to reconnoitre a party of infurgents faid to have been affembled at Shrewfbury, had returned-the rioters having difperfed previous

returned,—the rioters naving ampeared previous, to the troops argival as that place.

By a law of this Commonwealth, paffed at the lare fellion of the Legislature, after the first day of March, the following articles, if of foreign growth, or manufacture, are prohibited from became the continuous transfer and foreigners. ing brought into this State, on pain of forfeiture, viz. loaf fugar, hats made of fur, hair and wool, or any or either of them; bobts and floot of every denomination, coaches and all other, riding carriages, or any part thereof, and harnels of all very denomination, coaches and all other avery denomination, coaches and part thereof, and harmefs of all forts, feythers, iron favolvels, hocks, broad and narrow axes, flax irons for ironing cloathes, anchors, iron and brais flores, mill-faws, faddles and brais dies, woolcards, and cotton-cards, ready mades in the interest of the state of the shears and forties and malin. Land, downth Squitters, colors, and the state of the shears and squitters. Law, and state of the shears the national roin and many many other parts of dress, good children's flays, leasing and ferroully fubmitted to those towns in my other parts of dress, good children's flays, leasing a flay of their professe and patriorifm is not to the glores and mitro of all forts, mediane cards, Moning, downing, we have the pleafure of announcing to the oblicith very agreeable and authorized in formanifactured tobacco, all kinds of manifactured tobacco, all kinds of weating apparel, and wooden household furniture, exception, after having attehened the coping rodunteer of the furniture brought by perfors who fhall come of the capture of Shattack, Parker who have been the indefances and Parker who have been the indefances and Parker who have been the indefances and Parker who have been the country of Midelen. The much results of feditions in the country of Midelen.

au Prince has been funk by an earthquake.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Portfmouth, dated Nov. 28.

The post from Portland has just informed me that a velled arrived there last Friday from St. Croix; and that a few days before the failed a matter of a veffel arrived there from Port-aujum find convention to the first Tuteday in the night; in a heavy-slow from and in a vertical and that a few days before the failed a mary next, arone o'clock P. M. at the hous remained to the convention thought fit to invite all country, through which they passed for first me the first of a vessel arrived there from Port-austration thought fit to invite all country to join in convention at a towns in the country to join in convention at a towns in the country to join in convention at commonweath.

Sign of OHN BILLINGS, Chairman.

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Atter Coppy. ance-but upon the arrival of the troop in the vi- time, so that he had a fair wind from Port auclusty of his house, a second search commenced. Prince to St. Croix. The accident happened a-with renewed ardour-until he was finally dis." bout the 10th of October". NORTHAMPTON, December 13

norfe, in NORTH A MIFION, December 13, aged—OmNonday lall, as a party of the Berkfline inliged to furgents were returning from Worrelter,
in the through this town, a little ludicrons jornlarity
ingaged from fix or eight of the unarmed inhabitants,
alledded produced abulive and infulting language, and

produced abune and influency language, and even a violent onfer with twords, guns and bayo-nets; fome of each party were badly wounded in the rencounter, which must have ended very feritoully, had not the speedy and timely collect-ion of the inhabitants, under their proper officers, prevented. The affair was happily terminated by a com-

is may be truly faid that they have supported a promise; although by information from some bad cause by the most scandalous deception, as of the insurgents and others, some kind of is juwell to their own strength, as to the views of go-Preconcerted:
From the present inflammable temper of ma-

ny minds, the necessity of avoiding, even the smallest appearance of rudeness and insult, will be realized by every worthy member of society: In fach circumflances, even common jocularity may be mifeonfirmed and eventually attended with confequences that must make humanity fludder ! and fill every man of feeling and feafibility with borror !

On the evening of the 11th inftant, William Hartley, one of the infurgents, returning through this town to Williamsburgh, his place of refidence, was unfortunately (being much fatigued) overcome with the intenfe feverity of the weather. His body was found the next morning near the road on Mill-flore-Mountain Plain, by fome of the fame party, who applied to the Coro-ner to funmions his Inquest, whose verdick, after regular process, was, that he came to his death by the milichance of fevere cold.

Died, laft Saturday, Mr. Jonathan Burt, in

the ooth year of his age.

Juff come to hand, and to be Sold by Tappan & Fowle,

At their Shop, oppolite the Court-House, in Northampton,
The following Arricles, viz.
Pick and White Tiffary,
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Edgings of various kinds. lama-sking Glaver. Ladier white and colourd de. Black and white Silk, do. Ratteens.

A varie y of R.blons and Talte. Black, white and coloured Serges. Flangels and Baizes, of all Velvers and Cordoroys. Men's Worlted Caps. Dreffel Shrep Skins.

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STRAYED from the fublisher force time to Jung last,
Strayen ring Helfern, one a dark red, with a white
last a the other a brown with candidatable white abook ber, but marked with a half crooking upper file of
the right eary, and a list the under file of the laste. Whosof will take up fall creatures, and give information where they may be had, to the primer hereof or the fur ferrices thall be handlemely rewarded, by SOLOMON JUDD.

W.ft Hampton, Dec. 11, 1786.