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From the AMERICAN MUSEUM. Remarks on the State of American Manufactures and Commerce, by

W. BARTON. THE great importance, considered in a national point of view, of encouraging manufactures and the useful arts, in this extensive and growing republic, is now generally acknowledged, &c.

It cannot afford a great degree of satisfaction to the well-wishers of the union, when they observe the painful exertions which have been made by our citizens, since the peace, to substitute many new extensive manufactures, &c.

The manufacture of woollen cloth is, as yet, quite in its infancy among us; but enough has been done in this way, to show that much more may be accomplished by industry and perseverance, aided by a little enterprise.

The culture of hemp and flax deserve particular attention. From their large supplies of cordage, and flaxen cloth of various kinds, may be drawn; and the flaxseed is besides an object of considerable importance, as an article of export.

The increasing demand for malt liquors, has induced our farmers to cultivate larger crops of barley; and our breweries may be amply supplied with excellent materials, before the revolution; but now the country is amply supplied with this article by our own manufactures.

Mill laws, laws of other kinds, & files, are manufactured in the best manner (and, at least, as cheap as they can be imported) by Mr. John Harper of this city.

The labour and ingenuity bestowed upon the fabric, by the manufacturer, create, in most cases, the greater part of its value; and, therefore, the industry and genius of our mechanics and artisans may be considered as a valuable portion of the productive stock of our country.

Ship building is a branch of manufacture which bids fair to arrive at great perfection in this country. The beauty, cheapness and excellence of American ships are too well known to need any comment.

Breweries are multiplying very rapidly; and spiritous liquors, so destructive of health, are giving way to the increasing use of porter, ale and beer. There are in fact, fourteen breweries in the city of Philadelphia alone.

The manufacture of cotton is encouraged in several of the States. This commodity is the growth of the southern States; and it cannot be doubted, that they will find it their interest to promote its culture and manufacture.

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Our fabrics of leather might be rendered much more valuable to the United States, than they are at present, if the farmers would employ oxen more generally in husbandry; and if buckskin breeches were as commonly worn as their wear is economical—the manufactures of tanned leather are, notwithstanding, very prosperous.

Paper is now supplied in such large quantities, and on so good terms, principally from paper-mills in the middle States, that the importation of foreign paper is nearly at an end. In Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, and Delaware, there are sixty three paper-mills; in which are made, annually, about 250,000 dollars worth of paper.

The enterprise and spirit of our printers deserve particular commendation: at the same time that they are promoting the useful manufactures, connected with the printing press, they are a principal means of disseminating useful knowledge throughout the Union. New-papers are now published in all our considerable towns; the mechanic and magazine are published, monthly in this city; and are well conducted.

A great progress has been made in the manufacture of hosiery, in this country; and, with proper encouragement, much more may be accomplished in that branch. Mr. Barnaby (in his travels through the middle Departments of North-America, in the year 1750 and 1760) notices the highest estimation in which the Germantown stockings are then held; and this gentleman mentions his having been credibly informed, that two years before that period, there were manufactured in that town, sixty thousand dozen pair; the common retail price of which was a dollar per pair.

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From a London Paper of July 22. Account of the late Sir, JOHN LEDYARD, a celebrated Astronomer. MR. LEDYARD was an American, by birth, and seemed from his youth to have felt an insurmountable desire to make himself acquainted, with unknown or imperfectly discovered regions of the globe.

THE FUNERAL. SEE the pall supporting beads! All in mourning flow: See the train of pale-wearers Acting every made of woe!

Herbs low proclaim the honors Of his once-pollard past: Tell his titles—count his maors!— Lord of only this!—at last.

Address from the Hebrew Congregation in the State of Rhode-Island, to the President of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEMIT the children of the flock of Abraham to approach you, with the most cordial affection and esteem, for your person and merits; and to join with our fellow-citizens in welcoming you to Newport.

THE ANSWER. To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport Rhode-Island.

WHILE I receive with much satisfaction your address, replete with expressions of affection and esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you, that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome experienced in my visit to Newport, from all classes of citizens.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves, for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow, that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration, and fervent wishes for my felicity.

Managers. BENJAMIN AUSTIN, JR. DAVID COBB, SAMUEL COOPER, GEORGE R. MIND, JOHN KNEELAND.

William & George Bull, Have a small Consignment of DRY GOODS, Which they will dispose of on very reasonable terms, by wholesale, for barrel Beef, Pork, Butter, Flax-Seed, &c.

MUSTARD-SEED. Twenty Skillings per Bushel. GIVEN for well-cleaned MUSTARD-SEED, at the Store under the PRINTING-OFFICE, Northampton.

TO BE SOLD. A convenient DWELLING-HOUSE, and SHOP, with half an acre of LAND—situated in Deerfield, within a quarter of a mile of the Meeting-House.

TRASURY DEPARTMENT, Sept. 20, 1790. IT is hereby made known that the following arrangement has been adopted, towards carrying into execution the Act, making provision for the duty of the United States, viz.

Loan-Office Certificates, and those issued by the Commissioners for the adjustment of accounts in the several States, will be receivable only at the Treasury and by the respective Commissioners of Loans within the States in which they were respectively issued.

War Department, Sept. 9th, 1790. INVALIDS in the United States, that the funds to which they are annually entitled, and which will become due on the fourth day of March ensuing, will be paid on the said day, by the commissioners of the Loans within the States respectively, under such regulations, as the President of the United States may direct.

Tappan & Fowle, Inform their Customers that they have just received a fresh supply of ENGLISH GOODS, which make as complete an Assortment as is to be found in this County.

Daniel Butler, Has received a Consignment of Webber's SPELLING BOOKS, in 1st, 2d, and 3d parts—which will be sold for CASH only, at the same prices they are bought of Messrs. HUNSON and GOODWIN, in Hartford.—ALSO, a few copies of

POWDER, very low. CASH and SALT given in exchange for FLAX-SEED. A few Cwt. of REDWOOD and LOGWOOD, cheaper than ever for ready money.

WANTED, A quantity of early-made CHEESES. BY LEVI SHEPARD. Northampton, Sept. 1790.

TAKE NOTICE. ALL persons that have demands on the estate of Capt. Noah Look, late of Conway, deceased, are requested to exhibit them for settlement.—All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, to NOAH LOOK, Administrator. Conway, Sept. 7, 1790.

A second-hand Fall-back CHAIR, TO BE SOLD. Enquire of the Printer. TICKETS, IN THE Massachusetts Monthly State Lottery, may be had of Capt. SAMUEL CLARKE, and EBENEZER HUNT, Esquire, NORTHAMPTON.