nah, and the possession of it may be beneficial to us in relation to our trade with the West Indies. It would likewise make our whole territory compact, would add considerably to our sea coast, and by giving us the Gulph of Mexico for our southern boundary, would render us less liable to attack, in what is now deemed the most vulnerable part of the union.

From the aforegoing view of facts, it must be seen that the possession of New Orleans and the Floridas will not only be required for the convenience of the United States, but will be demanded by their most imperious necessities. The Mississippi and its branches, with those other rivers above referred to, drain an extent of country not less perhaps than one half of our whole territory, containing at this time one eighth of our population and progressing with a rapidity beyond the experience of any former time, or of any other nation. The Floridas and New Orleans command the only outlets to the sea, and our best interests require that we should get possession of them. This requisition however arises not from a disposition to increase our territory; for neither the Floridas nor New Orleans, offer any other inducements than their mere geographical relation to the United States. But if we look forward to the free use of the Mississippi, the Mobile, the Apalachicola and the other rivers of the west, by ourselves and our posterity, New Orleans and the Floridas must become a part of the United States either by purchase or by conquest.

The great question then which presents itself is, shall we at this time lay the foundation for future peace, by offering a fair and equivalent consideration; or shall we hereafter incur the hazards and the horrors of war?—The government of the United States is differently organized from any other in the world. Its object is the happiness of man; its policy and its interest, to pursue right by right means. War is the great scourge of the human race, and should never be resorted to but in cases of the most imperious necessity. A wise government will avoid it, when its views can be attained by peaceful measures. Princes fight for glory, and the blood and treasure of their subjects is the price they pay. In all nations the people bear the burthen of war, and in the United States, the people rule. Their representatives are the guardians of their rights, and it is the duty of those representatives to provide against any event, which may, even at a distant day, involve the interests and the happiness of the nation. We may indeed have our rights restored to us by treaty, but there is a want of fortitude in applying temporary remedies to permanent evils; thereby imposing on our posterity a burthen which we ourselves ought to bear. If the purchase can be made, we ought not to hesitate. If the attempt should fail, we shall have discharged an important duty. War may be the result; but the American nation, satisfied with our conduct, will be animated by one soul, and will unite all its energies in the contest. Foreign powers will be convinced that it is not a war of aggrandisement on our part and will therefore feel no unreasonable jealousies towards us. We shall have proved that our object was justice; it will be seen that our propositions were fair; and it will be acknowledged that our cause is honorable. Should alliances be necessary they may be advantageously formed. We shall have merited and shall therefore possess general confidence. Our measures will stand justified not only to ourselves and our country, but to the world.

In another point of view, perhaps, it would be preferable to make the purchase, as it is believed that a smaller sum would be required for this object, than would necessarily be expended, if we should attempt to take possession by force; the expences of a war being indeed almost incalculable. The committee have no information before them, to ascertain the amount for which the purchase can be made, but it is hoped, that with the assistance of two millions of dollars in hand, this will not be unreasonable. A similar course was pursued for the purpose of settling our differences with the regency of Algiers, by an appropriation of one million of dollars prior to the commencement of the negociation, and we have since experienced its beneficial effects.

Under these impressions therefore the committee recommend the adoption of the resolution referred to them in the following words, viz.

Resolved, That a sum of two millions of dollars in addition to the provision heretofore made, be appropriated to defray any expenses which may be incurred in relation to the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations; to be paid out of any money that may be in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States; who if necessary is hereby authorised to borrow the same or any part thereof, an account whereof, as soon as may be, shall be laid before Congress.

[*To be continued*]

By AUTHORITY.

AN ACT

Supplementary to the act entitled, "An act imposing certain taxes and providing for their collection."

BE *it enacted by the First and Second Chambers of the City Council of Washington*, That it shall be the duty of the treasurer between the first day of April and the twentieth day of May in each year, to advertise and sell the property of those persons who have neglected and refused to pay their taxes for any of the preceding years, or such part thereof as is sufficient to discharge the same with all cost thereon, agreeably to the directions of the act entitled "An act imposing certain taxes and providing for their collection," to which this act is a supplement.

Sec. 2. Be it enacted, That if the treasurer shall neglect or refuse to collect the taxes on or before the said twentieth day of May, which are due to the corporation as aforesaid either by distress and sale or otherwise (as the case may be) where there is property to be had chargeable therewith agreeable to the aforesaid act, then & in that case the said treasurer shall be answerable for and chargeable with the amount of all taxes which remain uncollected on the aforesaid twentieth day of May.

Sec. 3. Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the treasurer annually at some time between the first day of December and the first day of April following to call at least once at the residence of every person charged on the treasurer's book with a tax, and to demand payment of the same provided he resides within the jurisdiction of the corporation, any thing in the aforesaid act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 4. Be it enacted, That each chamber of the city council shall, in the month of May in each year, appoint by ballot, three of their respective members to form a joint committee, whose duty it shall be to meet at the Treasurer's office on or about the twenty first day of said month, to examine the books and accounts of the said Treasurer for the preceding year, and said committee shall charge the said treasurer with the amount of all taxes due for any preceding year, & which remain uncollected, unless he the said treasurer shall or can make it appear to the satisfaction of the aforesaid committee or a majority of them, that he hath enforced the law with diligence to obtain payment, or that such taxes remain uncollected through some unavoidable occurrences, such as the person chargeable therewith not having personal or improved property within the jurisdiction of the corporation, or being insolvent or having absconded.

WILLIAM PROUT, *President, pro tempore First Chamber of the city council of Washington*,

PHINEAS BRADLEY, *President, pro tempore Second Chamber of the city council of Washington.*

APPROVED.
April 17th, 1806.
ROBERT BRENT, MAYOR
Test THOS. HERTY, REG.

NOTICE,

IS hereby given that unless the tax due to the Washington Corporation from the following persons be paid on or before the 28th day May next, the following property or so much thereof as will satisfy the tax and other charges due thereon, will on that day be offered at public sale to the highest bidder.

	Years.	Dolls. Cts.
Capt. Addington, improvements on square 825	1803.	1,00
	4.	1,28
	5.	1,25
John B. Anderson lot 1 in sq 7 with improvements	1803.	1,99
	4.	2,54
	5	2,54
Adam Aults heirs 1-2 lot 8 in sq 1 with improvemements	1804.	1 69
	5.	1 69
Mahlin Atkinson, 1 2 lot 11 in sq 379 with improvements	1804.	4.70
Samuel Blodget, lot 6 it sq 225 with improvements	1802.	14 15½
	3.	22 60
	4	28 94
	5	28 94
John Barnett, part lot 11 in sq 651 with improvements	1802.	1,06½
	3	1 17
	4	1 49
	5.	1 49
Ignatius Boone, part of sq 907 with improvements	1802.	2.97
	3.	4 06
	4.	5.19
	5.	5.19
Matthew Brown, lot 1 in sq 686 and part of lot 19 in sq 689 with improvements	1805	21.73
Jesse Burch, lot 24 in sq 758 with improvements	1802.	0,87½
	3.	1,51
	4.	1 93
	5.	1 93
Benjamin Bacon, Lot 5 in sq 218 and Lot 7 in sq 758 with improvements	1803.	2 16
	4	2 76
	5.	2.76
John A. Burford lot 1 in sq 881 with improvements	1803	3,13
	4	4.02
	5	4,02
Daniel Boffard, 1 2 Lot 6 in sq 86 2 3ds of Lot 1 in sq 168 with improvements	1804.	5.37
	5.	6,20
George Betz part of Lot 20 in sq 254 with improvements	1804.	3.66
	5.	3 66
Joseph Bently, 1-2 Lot 21 sq 254 with improvements	1804.	1 92
	5.	1 92
Samuel Baker part of sq 503 with improvements	1804	5 56
	5.	5.56
Mrs. Bull, house on sq 502	1804.	0 64
	5.	0 64
Benjamin Bryan, part of sq north of sq 743 and part of sq 906 with improvements	1802.	1 58
	3.	2 96
	4	3 78
	5.	3.78
John Brackenridge, Lot 12 in sq 119 with improvements	1805.	7 43
Joel Brown, 1 2 lots 10 and 11 in sq 78 with improvements	—	10,81
Quintin Bain, Lot 5 in square 86 with improvements		3,12
Richard & Agustine Boyer, 1-2 Lot 15 in sq 168 with improvements		3.48
James H. Blake, Lot 2 in sq 289 with improvements		3.52
Richard B. Brashears, 1 2 of lot 1 in sq 348 with impr.		1 33
Bishop Clagett, Lot 18 in sq 168 with improvements	1802.	3 59
	3	3.23
	4.	4 04
	5.	4 04
Crow & Wright, part of lot 1 in sq 291 with improvements	1805.	5 84
Wm. Cross, part of sq 825 with improvements	1803.	1,06
	4.	1 35
	5.	1 35
John Craigg & others, lots 1, 2, & 7 in sq 771 with improvements	1803.	26.74
	4	34 22
	5.	34,22
Daniel Caffray, part of sq 503 with imp. & imp. on sq 376	1803.	1,44
	4.	1 84
	5.	1 84
John Christy part of lot 5 in sq 460 with improvements	1804.	1,49
	5.	1,49
Crookshanks & Thompson, lot 5 in sq 461 with improvements		29,49
Timothy Caldwell, part of lot 5 in sq 78 part of sq 118 with improvements & impr on sq 845		10 14
Wm Duncanson, part of sq 651, whole of sq 767 and sq re 875 with improvements	1802.	28,51-2
	3.	48,61
	4.	62 23
	5.	62,21
James Dant part of sq 502 with improvements	1802.	0.29
	3.	0.35
	4.	0 44
	5.	0,44
Tristram Dalton, lot 10 in sq 925 with improvements	1802.	7,27
Deblois and Nicholson wharf & ware house	1802.	7,20
Alexander Davidson, lot 1 in sq 651 with improvements	1803.	2,44
	4.	3,12
	5.	3,12
Jasper de Carnap's heirs, sq 743 with improvements	1803.	1,50
	4.	1,92
	5.	1.92
Hugh Densly part of sq 651 and part of sq 695, with improvements	1803.	8,97
	4.	11,46
	5.	11,49
Richard Delphi, part of sq 738 with improvements	1803.	1,63
	4.	2,08
	5.	2,08
John Dempsie, part of sq 737 with improvements	1803.	0,84
	4.	1,07
	5.	1,07
Elizabeth Ditterly, part of lot 15 in sq 141 with improvements	1804.	1,65
	5.	1,65
Joseph Dove, 1-2 of lot 3 in sq 320 with improvements	1803.	2,12
	4.	2,72
	5.	2,72
Lewis Deblois, lot 16 in sq 667 and lot 2 in sq 948 with improvements	1804.	9,19
	5	9,19
Evan Evans, 1-2 of lot 2 in sq 60 with improvements	1802.	1,04
	3.	4.64
	4.	6,22
	5.	6,22
Elixius Edelin, part of sq 936 with improvements	1805.	10,62
Richard Frazier, lot 5 in sq 700 with improvements	1803.	2,05
	4.	2,62
	5.	2,62
Edward Fatton, part of sq 225 with improvements	1803.	6,29
	4.	8,95
	5.	8,95
Bennet Fenwick's heirs, lot 6 in sq 224, and lots 15 & 16 in sq 407 with improvements	1805.	30,91
James Foulkner, lot 15 in sq 377 with improvements	1805.	4,28
Joshua Gregg, part of sq 502 with improvements	1802.	0.23
	3.	0.28
	4.	0,36
	5.	0,36
Richard Gridley, part of sq 503 with improvements	1802.	44,21-2
	3.	4,63
	4.	5,92
	5.	5.92
James Graham, improvements on sq 662	1803.	0,50
	4.	0,64
	5.	0,64
Edward Griffin, pt of sq 325 with improvements	1805.	1,38
Peter Hull, part of sq 700 with improvements	1802.	0,41
William Herron, part of sq 288 with improvements	1803.	1,43
	4.	1,83
	5.	1,83
Daniel Hurley, part of lot 1 in sq 845 with improvements	1803.	2,53
	4.	3,24
	5.	3,24
Peter Hamm, improvements on sq 118	1805.	12,80
George Jacobs, lot 5 in sq 462 with improvements	1802.	0,86
	3.	1,79
	4.	2,29
	5.	2,29
William Johnson, lots 5 & 10 in sq 224 with improvements	1802.	2,35
Alexander Ingram, 1-2 of lot 2 in sq south of sq 825, and part of sq 695 with improvements	1804.	2,24
	5.	2,24
Andrew Jameson, 1-2 of lot 18 in sq 457 with improvements	1804.	2,54
	5.	2,54
Thomas Jones, part of sq 651 with improvements	1805.	4,95
Absalom Joy, part of lot 1 in sq 322, and half of lot 3 in sq 106 with improvements	1805.	23,22
James Knight, part of sq 651 with improvements	1802.	2,90
	3.	3,57
	4.	4,57
	5.	4.57
John Kennedy, half of lot 1 in sq 291 with improvements	1803.	5,38
	4.	1,05
	5.	1,05
Thomas M. Kirk, lot 13 in sq 347 with improvements	1803.	8,22
	4.	10,52
	5.	10,52
James Kennedy, part of lot 22 in sq 378 with improvements	1804.	0,92
	5.	0,92
Henry Luddington, lot 15 in sq 28 with improvements	1803.	1,69
	4.	2,16
	5.	2,16
Charles F. Lovering, part of lot 5 in sq 168 with improvements	1803.	0,76
	4.	0.97
	5.	0,97
William Lovell, part of sq 225 and sq 253 with improvements	1803.	17,41
	4.	32,20
	5.	26.76
James Lyon, part of lot 6 in sq 141 with improvements	1803.	1,64
	4.	2,10
	5.	2,10
William Lowry, lot 1 in sq west of sq 4 with improvements	1804.	8,75
	5.	8,75
James M Lingan, part of sq 118 and lot 4 in sq 117 with improvements	1804.	108,73
	5.	108,73
George Lyles, 1-2 of lot 18 in sq 168 with improvements	1804.	4,14
	5.	4,14
Notley Maddox, lot 12 in sq 881 with improvements	1802.	3,25
	3.	8,04
	4.	10,29
	5.	10.29
John Mc Carthy, part of sq 731 with improvements	1802.	1,801-2
	3.	2,40
	4.	3,07
	5.	3,07
Henry Moscrop, part of sq 74 with improvements	1802.	5,25
	3.	14,12
	4.	18.07
	5.	18,07
John Mc Elwee, part of sq 118 with improvements	1803.	8,11
	4.	10,38
	5.	10,38
Andrew Mc Donald, lot 7 in sq 170 with improvements	1803.	2,67
	4.	3,41
	5.	3,41
Lewis Morin, sen. lot 14 in sq 503 with improvements	1803.	1,02
	4.	1,30
	5.	1.30
John Moore, part of sq 575 with improvements	1803.	1,87
	4.	2,39
	5.	2,39
Charles Mc Donald, part of lot 8 in sq 770 with improvements	1803.	0,46
	4.	0,59
	5.	0,59
Bernard M'Dermott Roe, lot 10 with improvements	1805.	2,17
James O'Brien, part of lot 1 in sq 662 with improvements	1802.	2,33
	3.	2,20
	4.	2,81
	5.	2,81
Susannah Osborne, part of sq 690 with improvements	1802.	0,92 1-2
	3.	2,67
	4.	3,03
	5.	3.03
Pratt, Francis & others, part of sq 502, part of sq 503, sq 504, sq 546 and part of sq 973	1802	276,61 1-2
	3	328,64
	4.	420,66
	5.	420,66
Isaac Pollock, part of sq 38 and part of sq 74 with improvements	1802.	8,23
	3.	14,10
	4.	18,07
	5.	24,62
Robert Ware Peacock, part of lot 1 in sq 291 with improvements	1804.	7,11
William Prentis, part of sq 907 and part of sq 502 with improvements	1802.	1,24 1-2
	3.	0.93
	4.	1,19
	5.	1,19
Philips, Grout and Wash. lot 15 in sq 407 with improvements	1805.	3,35
Isaac Reid, part of sq 502 with improvements	1802.	1,17
	3.	1,50
	4.	1,92
	5.	1,92
Rhodes & Higden, part of sq 118 with improvements	1805.	1 94
Michael Shanks, part of sq 502 with improvements	1802.	0,60,1-2
	3.	0.71
	4.	0.91
	5.	0.91
John Swank, part of sq 741 with improvements	1802.	0,64
	3.	1,03
	4.	1,31
	5.	1,31
John Story, part of sq 741 with improvements	1802.	0,55
	3.	0,71
	4.	0.91
	5.	0,91
Alexander Shaw, 1-2 of lot 8 in sq 787 with improvements	1802.	0,56 1-2
	3.	0,51
	4.	0,65
	5.	0,65
Stoddert & Templeman, lot 11 in sq 104 with improvements	1802.	67,87
	3.	42,44
	4.	54,29
John Sutton, lot 10 in sq 222 with improvements	1803.	1,08
	4.	1,38
Joseph Saul, part of sq 253 with improvements	1803.	3 05
	4.	3,90
Roger Smith part of sq 907 with improvements	1803.	1,31
	4.	1,67
	5.	1,67
Shreeve and Unthank, lot 11 in sq 322 with improvements	1804.	3,96
	5.	3,96
George & Sarah Sweeny, lot 13 in sq 290 with improvements	1804.	5,08
	5.	5,08
John Stewart, 1-2 of lot 6 in sq 86 with improvements	1804.	1,93
	5.	1,93
Shaw and Birth, lot 17 in sq 75 with improvements	1805.	2,39
Calhoun Smith & co. part lot 3 in sq 141 with improvements	1805.	3,08
Nicholas Spoher, part of lot 5 in sq 460 with improvements	1804.	3,04
	5.	2,87
James Topkins, part of sq 651 with improvements	1802.	1,13 1-2
	3.	1.17
	4.	1.50
	5.	1,50
Theatre company, part of sq. 349 with improvements	1805.	23,72
Patrick Tool, lot in sq 322 with improvements	1803.	1,82
	4.	2,33
	5.	2,33
Philip Tool, part of sq 737 with improvements	1803.	0,57
	4.	0,73
	5.	0.73
George Thompson, part of sq 38 with improvements	1803.	1,37
	4.	1,75
	5.	1,75
Thompson and Veitch, part of sq 74 with improvements	1805.	51,19
Colin Williamson's heirs, 1-2 of lot 17 in sq 254 with improvements	1802.	2,24
	3.	2,07
	4.	2,65
	5.	2,65
Ambrose White, part of sq 695 with improvements	1802.	0,72
	3.	0,80
Thomas Wilson, part of sq 738 with improvements	1802.	0,43
	3.	1,32
	4.	1,69
	5.	1,69
John Wilson, part of sq 825 with improvements	1802.	0,48
Nathan Walker and James Thompson, lot 5 in sq 759 with improvements	1802.	0,51 1-2
Robert Wilson 1-4 of lot 7 in sq 288 with improvements	1802.	0791-2
James Waugh, part of sq 929 with improvements	1803.	0,50
	4.	0,64
	5.	3,84
George Walker, lot 17 in sq 728 with improvements	1803.	54,86
	4.	70,20
	5.	51,70
Joshua Ward, part of sq 503 with improvements	1804.	3,43
	5.	3,43
George Washington's heirs lot 16 in sq 634 with improvements	1805.	40,10
Thomas Webb, lot 9 in sq 253 with improvements	1805.	9,11
John B. Winsett, part of sq 906 with improvements	1805.	1,60
Mary Yeats, part of sq 929 with improvements	1803.	0,65
	4.	0.83
	5.	0,83

The sale of the above property will be held at the city Treasurer's office, and will commence at eleven o'clock A. M.

WASHINGTON BOYD,
Treasurer, of W. City.
Washington, April 28—lawtds.

PURSUANT to a decree of the superior court of Chancery held at Richmond, will be exposed to sale two Tracts of Land in the county of Loudon, the property of Thomas Atwood Diggs, esq. One called the Valley Tract, containing about 1097 acres, lying about 3 miles from Leesburg. The other called the Green Hill Tract, lying on the Potomac river near the Blue Ridge and supposed to contain about 1940 acres. These Lands are to be sold for the purpose of raising the sum of about 6000 DOLLS. due from the said Thomas A. Digges, to certain creditors in the decree mentioned. The sales will be made to the highest bidder, for ready money, and will commence on the 13th day of June next, in the town of Leesburg and county of Loudon.

THOS. SWANN, } Commissioners.
WILSON C. SELDEN, }
April 23—2wtdf

The subscriber and possessor of the above advertised Lands, thinks it proper to warn any person who may incline to purchase under the above decree (which was obtained in the most secret manner and totally unknown to him), that he will not give, or aid in any manner whatever, the procuring a title to perfect such sale of the Land; the attempt to which is a vague and ill tempered effort.

THOS. A. DIGGES,
Warburton, Maryland,
April 23—tJ13.

The public are notified, and all persons are cautioned against purchasing certain lands in Loudon county, Virginia, decreed by the superior court of Chancery, to be sold as the property of Thomas Atwood Digges, and advertised by the commissioners, Messrs. Swan and Selden, to be sold at Leesburg on the 13th day of June next; the fee of said estate being clearly vested in and belonging to William Dudley Digges of Maryland, an infant under age

ROBERT BRENT, attorney in fact for the estate of Wm. Dudley Digges.
City of Washington, April, 28—tJun13

Will be sold at Public Sale.

ON Saturday, the 17th day of May, at the Union Tavern in Georgetown, the following property belonging to the estate of George French, deceased. The House and property that I now occupy—a three story brick house 26 feet front, nearly opposite the Bank of Columbia. Several unimproved lots in Washington and George town. One hundred acres of land about one mile and a half from George-town on the road leading to Frederick town, opposite Mrs. Forrests. Three hundred & one acres of land, part of Friendship, and part of Magruder and Bealls Honesty about seven miles from George Town on the left hand side of the road leading to Frederick Town, Mr Warren who resides thereon, will shew it to persons disposed to view it. Between 3 and 400 acres of land, part of Magruder and Bealls Honesty, on the river Potomac about 2 miles above the Little Falls. Mr. Barnes, who resides thereon will shew it. Likewise 2 tracts of land in Allegany county, wallnut bottom, containing 750 acres, and Castle Hill, containing 50 acres; a more particular description of the two last mentioned tracts will be given on the day of sale—Terms of sale cash or notes with approved indorsers, payable in sixty days. Sale to commence at ten o'clock.

AUANA FRENCH, devisee of George French, dec'd.
April 28—tds.

Valuable Property for Sale.

ON THURSDAY 22d May next, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, will positively be sold or rented to the highest bidder, if fair, if not the next fair day, the land I live on, containing with lands contiguous between 5 and 600 acres, very level, and improvements. On it will be found every necessary house. It abounds with good water convenient to the dwelling and in every field. Great abundance and variety of fruit trees; some rich branch meadow ground and plenty wood and rail timber. The purchaser to pay 2000 dollars on the 1st January next when possession will be given, and for the balance a credit of 5 or 7 years will be allowed on his giving bond with good personal security on interest, and a lien on the land payable in equal annual proportions till the whole be paid. If not sold, to the tenant it will be rented for a term not less than 5 or 7 years under certain restrictions. A more particular description of the above property may be seen at the office of the Baltimore Federal Gazette, and Alexandria Daily Advertiser of last year. An indisputable title will be made to the purchaser.

GEO. LEE.
Charles county, April 16—wtdf

District of Columbia county of Alexandria, ss.

ON the petition of HENY BURFORD an insolvent Debtor confined in the prison of Washington county for debt Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the said Henry Burford that on the 5th day of May next at 10 o'clock A. M. at the court room, in the court house, in the county aforesaid, the oath prescribed by the said act of Congress for the relief of insolvent debtors within the district of Columbia, will be administered to the said Henry Burford, and a trustee appointed unless sufficient cause then and there be shewn to the contrary.

It is ordered that this notice be published in the National Intelligencer, three times before that day.

By order of the honorable Wm. Cranch, Esq. chief judge of the circuit court of the district of Columbia.

WM. BRENT, Clk.
April 28—3t