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To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

Eastern Shore Steamer.

THE favorite Steamer HIGHLAND LIGHT will resume her trips to Easton, Oxford, Cambridge, Denton and Intermediate Landings, Saturday, March 11th, 1871, leaving Pier 3, Light street, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9.30 P. M.—Returning, leave Denton at 12.30 P. M., Cambridge 5 P. M., Easton 8.30 P. M., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, connecting with the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad at Cambridge, and the Maryland and Delaware Railroad at Easton, both ways.

The Highland Light has been thoroughly overhauled and refitted, and is now the most spacious, comfortable and convenient Steamer on these waters. She has State Rooms and Berths on her Saloon Deck, with an entrance from the Main Deck forward; a new Ladies' Saloon on her Main Deck aft, with Stairway from the Upper Saloon; and Berths and good accommodations for colored passengers in the Lower Cabins, forward and aft. mh14

Maryland & Delaware

RAILROAD.

ON and after MONDAY, May 22d, 1871, trains will run as follows:

PASSENGER TRAIN.

GOING NORTH.

Leave Easton	7 00	A. M.
" Woodland	7 15	"
" Cordova	6 25	"
" Hillsborough	6 40	"
" Ridgely	6 50	"
" Greensborough	7 05	"
" Goldsborough	7 15	"
" Henderson	7 25	"
" Marydell	7 35	"
" Slaughter's	7 45	"
" Kenton	8 05	"
Arrive Clayt n	8 15	"
" Wilmington	10 15	"
" Philadelphia	11.45	"
" Baltimore	1.05	P. M.
" New York	4 54	"

GOING SOUTH.

Leave New York	12 30	P. M.
" Baltimore	3 45	"
" Philadelphia	5 00	"
" Wilmington	6 25	"
" Clayton	8 15	"
" Kenton	8 25	"
" Slaughter's	8 45	"
" Marydell	9 00	"
" Henderson	9 10	"
" Goldsborough	9 20	"
" Greensborough	9 35	"
" Ridgely	9 55	"
" Hillsborough	10 10	"
" Cordova	10 25	"
" Woodland	10 35	"
Arrive Easton	10 50	"

FREIGHT TRAIN

WITH PASSENGER CAR ATTACHED.

GOING NORTH.

Leave Easton	3 15	P. M.
" Woodland	3 30	"
" Cordova	3.45	"
" Hillsborough	4 00	"
" Ridgely	4-15	"
" Greensborough	4 35	"
" Goldsborough	4 50	"
" Henderson	5 00	"
" Marydell	5 20	"
" Slaughter's	5 35	"
" Kenton	5 55	"
Arrive Clayton	6 20	"
" Wilmington	10 00	"
" Philadelphia	11 30	"
" Baltimore	3 50	A. M.
" New York	4 00	"

GOING SOUTH.

Leave New York	12 00	A. M.
" Baltimore	7 25	"
" Philadelphia	8 30	"
" Wilmington	10 10	"
" Clayton	12 05	P. M.
" Kenton	12 15	"
" Slaughter's	12 30	"
" Marydell	12 45	"
" Henderson	1 00	"
" Goldsborough	1 15	"
" Greensborough	1 35	"
" Ridgely	1 45	"
" Hillsborough	1 55	"
" Cordova	2 10	"
" Woodland	2 25	"
Arrive Easton	2 45	"

By the above arrangement, close connections will be made both ways, and passengers will arrive early both in New York and Baltimore, and will be able to visit Philadelphia or Baltimore, returning same day.

All Freights must be at the various stations at least thirty minutes before starting of trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

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Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, PROPRIETOR.

Two next door to The Easton Star Office.

TRAVELERS will deposit their whips, robes, blankets, &c., at the office. Stable accommodations for 100 horses. Horses received on livery the day, week, month or year. Horses and riages for hire at all times. Travelers promptsent to any part of the county or adjoining unties. Hacks run regularly to the steamboat ndings, to convey passengers with dispatch.

The highest market price paid for corn, hay, tats, blades and straw.

A NEW STAGE LINE TO THE RAILROAD was started on the 1st of July, 1868. The stage leaves Easton at 7 A. M. every day, Sundays excepted, connects with the morning train of cars at Hillsboro'—leaves the latter place on the arrival of the afternoon train, and reaches Easton at 5 P. M. Good horses and carriages and passengers made comfortable. Fare $200. Passengers leaving Easton in the morning arrive in Baltimore and Philadelphia in time for dinner.

In hiring horses, 12 hours is considered a day, hours a half day. For extra hours an extra charge will be made.

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FARMERS' and MERCHANTS' LINE.

THE SCHOONERS

Oxford and Tred Haven.

The above vessels are now running between Easton and Baltimore, and will do all kinds o freighting as cheap, if not cheaper, th an can be done by any other line. Every effor will be made to give satisfaction. All freigh must be paid on delivery of the goods.—Feeling thankful for past favors, we hope, by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same

LEONARD, BLAND & CO.

OFFICE—In same room occupied by R. B. Dixon, on Dover street.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his customers and the public generally that his new schooner, the "A. L. BARNETT," has resumed her trips for the season, and he is now prepared to execute their orders for freight both to and from the city of Baltimore and the Choptank and its tributaries with care and dispatch. All orders left with Cox, Warden and Merrits, No. 8 Bowley's Wharf, Baltimore, or addressed to him at Oxford, will receive prompt attention. Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the same.

JAMES H. BENSON.

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LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!

THE subscriber, well furnished and fitted up to burners on the Choptank and Tred Avon rivers, and offer Glen's and Thomas' best quality of BURNED LIME, at the lowest cents per bushel, and warrant the same pure.

H. SHERWOOD & HARRISON.

Oxford, March 14th, 1871. G

Mechanical.

Wheat Cradles.

THE subscriber takes this method of notifying the farmers of the county, that he has provided for the season a lot of first-rate and thoroughly seasoned material for MAKING WHEAT CRADLES.

Farmers should hand in their orders early as work will be done in the order it is ordered. Now is the time to order work, and be prepared for an early harvest.

All work done in the best manner and warranted to give satisfaction.

All cart work done promptly to order.

JOHN H. THOMPSON.

Easton, May 16th, 1871.

STOVES MADE AND REPAIRED;

STOVES SOLD AT CITY PRICES,

Tin Plate and Sheet Iron Work made to order;

Tin Roofing and Spouting done in the best manner;

Gun-Smithing promptly executed.

Cooking Stoves, Parlor Stoves, Heaters, Ranges, Fire-Place Stoves, Furnaces, all of the most approved patterns, furnished as cheap as the cheapest.

Thankful for past favors, a share of th public patronage is solicited.

GEO. W. BECK.

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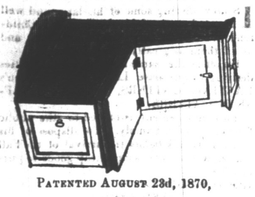
The American

EARTH CLOSET,



PATENTED AUGUST 23d, 1870,

BY

C. KIEFFER & J. R. D. SEEDS.

THIS Closet is intended as a general substitute for all out-door houses and water closets. It may be placed in dressing room, bed room, or closet, without the least inconvenience or annoyance if directions below are properly attended to.

Earth or Coal Ashes must be well dried or freed from moisture, before filling the hopper; it must be well sifted to free it from stones and coarse particles. When the hopper is filled, raise and drop the lid before using it. This will leave one discharge of earth in the receiver, and it is ready for use until the contents of the hopper is exhausted, when it will again have to be filled, and its contents used as before.

The Closet is invaluable for the sick chamber, it being a complete disinfector and deodorizer; no offensive odor whatever. It may be placed close to the bed of the sick and remain any length of time without the least annoyance to the attendants or the patient, and no doubt prevents the spread of many contagious diseases in a family.

NEXT, A GREAT SAVING.

Independent of the great convenience of the Closet, the refuses of the Closet can be made a source of profit. The lowest estimate I have seen is $5, for each member of a family, old and young, a year, and the excrements can be handled and applied where it is wanted without half the annoyance of common fertilizers.

This Closet need only to be seen to be approved, and used to be appreciated.

TERRITORY FOR SALE.

AGENTS WANTED.

Walnut, Chesnut, Cypress, and Pine Lumber taken in exchange for Closets,

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House-Building.

MATTHEW P. FLOWERS,

MARKET STREET, EASTON,

OFFERS his services to the people of Talbot county, and particularly of Easton, to do all kinds of CARPENTER'S WORK. He guarantees to work as cheap, and do as good work, as any other first-class carpenter. Contracts taken or work done by the day, at the option of parties. All orders for repairing promptly attended to. When not engaged on jobs elsewhere, he can be found at his shop, near the Easton Market House.

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BUILDER'S NOTICE.

THE subscriber having had many years experience in Architectural proportions and designing, respectfully offers his services to the public as BUILDER. He will furnish specifications, drawings, and contracts, and do and perform all business pertaining to the duty of Builder or Superintendent of the erection of buildings. He will take work by the day or on contract. He solicits JOB WORK, small or large. Will measure brick work, plastering, &c. He warrants all work entrusted to him to be well and substantially done, and at moderate prices to suit the times

Shop on Goldsborough street, under R. H. T. Councell's paint shop.

WM. D. ROBERTS,

jan31 Easton, Md

LUMBER! LUMBER!

THE public are informed that I am now receiving at my wharf, at Easton Point, a large stock of new lumber, consisting of HOUSE FRAMING, SCANTLING, WEATHER-BOARDING, dressed and undressed, GERMAN SIDING, White Pine, North Carolina, and Hemlock FENCING, Barn Boards, Lathes, Shingles, Locust Posts, LIME, by the barrel or hogshead; Hair, Blacksmith Coal, Cooking Coal, and all kinds of PLANK. This stock has been bought for the lowest cash prices, and will be sold at a small advance. Persons can buy everything in my line of me as cheap as it can be had in the city, and thereby save the freight.

Panel Doors, Sash, plain or glazed and paired, Door and Window Frames, Sash Cords, Sash materials, Mouldings, &c., furnished to order *at the lowest factory prices.*

ap11 ROBERT B. DIXON.

THE SPRING FASHIONS

Grand Opening of Hats and Trimmings.

MRS. E. A. MASON informs her friends and customers that she has just returned from the city, and is opening at her store in Easton, a beautiful assortment of ladies' and children's

SPRING HATS AND BONNETS,

Ribbons, Artificial Flowers, Trimmings, Edgings, Laces, &c., &c.

The ladies are invited to call early and make selections.

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MEN'S PANAMA HATS.

The latest style of Men's Panama just arrived and for sale cheap by

HODSON.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.—Another supply of those fine Cigars. Also a prime lot of Tobacco, just received at

jel5 Tarrr's Drug Store.

Farm Machinery

FOR 1871.

Tuthill & Avery

HAVE secured for the coming season the largest and best stock of FARM MACHINERY ever offered on the Shore.

THE WOOD, TABOR & MORSE

AGRICULTURAL ENGINE,

of which they have control for this section, is undoubtedly the best portable engine in America, and will be sold on reasonable terms, and fully guaranteed.

THE RUSSELL THRESHER,

which is undoubtedly *the best* in the market, both in respect to capacity and strength, and can furnish from 24 inch to 36 inch cylinder.

THE HOYLE THRESHER,

which we have secured at the earnest solicitation of parties in the county, is well known in Miles River Neck as A No. 1.

We have also

THE CAREY POWER,

THE BALDWIN POWER,

THE PELTON POWER,

which we guarantee in every respect, and sell at manufacturers' prices.

We still have the reliable

DODGE REAPER AND MOWER,

with Self-Rake, so long and favorably known to the farmers of Talbot. Also,

THE MARSH HARVESTER,

the greatest labor-saving machine of the age, with which three men will cut and bind from 10 to 12 acres a day. We have also added to our list of reapers for 1871,

THE CAYUGA CHIEF,

an iron dropper of light draft for two horses, which we guarantee to do good work in all conditions of the crop, and can sell at an exceedingly low figure.

THE TAYLOR HORSE-RAKE,

constructed on entirely new principles, rack tooth acting independently, and made of the very best materials.

In the line of

CULTIVATORS,

HARROWS,

PLOWS,

CASTINGS,

STOVES,

and HOLLOW-WARE,

Our stock is very complete, and we defy competion, either wholesale or retail. We are also prepared to furnish repairs for any machine made in the country, and repair Reapers, Threshers, &c., at the shortest notice and on the most accommodating terms.

TUTHILL & AVERY.

Easton, my16-tf G J

THE NEW SAW MILL.

NOTICE is hereby given that I have purchased the new CIRCULAR SAW MILL, near the King's Creek Methodist Church, in Chapel district, and am prepared to do all kinds of sawing promptly at short notice, such as HOUSE FRAMING, PLANK, BRIDGE STUFF, FENCING PLANK, POSTS, &c., &c.

Orders for Lumber of all kinds promptly filled. The highest cash price paid for sawlogs. A share of the public patronage solicited. CHAS. P. P MATTHEWS.

King's Creek, ap18-'71

Notice to Tax-Payers.

THE subscriber, Collector for State Taxes for 1870, would urge upon tax-payers the necessity of prompt payments. They will see by reference to laws recently passed and published in the county papers, that indulgence cannot be given.

For convenience of District No. 3, Mr. C. W. HADDAWAY is authorized to receipt my bills. No. 2, H. B. LEEKE will receipt. I shall be at Esquire Wheeler's office on Tuesdays, and at my store in Bay Side the remainder of the week, where I shall be glad to receipt tax bills, and also supply the demands for DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c., which will be sold cheap for cash, quick sales and small profits being emphatically my motto. Give me a call. A share of the public patronage is solicited.

dec20 A. W. LEEKE.

Hardware!

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WE would respectfully announce to the public that we have opened a Hardware Store in Easton, in the room under Odd-Fellows' Hall, and under the name and style of the

'Easton Hardware Store,'

and intend keeping on hand a general assortment of Goods suitable to the wants of Farmers, Merchants, Mechanics, and citizens generally of this and adjoining counties.—Our stock will consist in part of

FARMERS' IMPLEMENTS & CASTINGS

CARRIAGE MAKER'S MATERIALS,

BUILDER'S MATERIALS,

CARPENTER'S TOOLS,

BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS,

IRON, &c.,

HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES of every description, and a general assortment of goods usually kept in a first-class hardware establishment.

FORD & DAWSON.

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[Written for the Star.]

THE BANK:

A Chapter from the Industrial Annals of Talbot County.

II.—ITS WORK.

Having in the preceding articles given an account of the Bank from its conception to its birth,—of the organization—it now becomes the task of the annalist to speak of the operations of the institution,—of the organism in the discharge of its functions; to note its development from the time when it hung a weakling infant upon the Parent Bank, itself young, inexperienced and dependent upon the State, to the time when assuming a separate and self reliant existance it proceeded on its financial course, not with tottering steps but with a firm and steady march; and thence onward to its present maturity, when having acquired the wisdom without having experienced the decrepitude of age, it has assumed an influential position as a member of that grand society of fiscal bodies now working under the great national charter. It will be his duty to note such alterations as have taken place in its corporate law, the frequent and various changes of its administration, whether legislative, as of the Directory, or executive, as of the official corps, to mark the mutations, progress, decline or growth of its business, and finally to recount such passing incidents in the conduct of its affairs as serve to diversify its annals, and incidentally to illustrate the history of the county in which the institution is located. This task would be easy but for the unfortunate circumstance already referred to, the destruction of the books of record. They having been placed inadvertently with some old and useless books of account which the Board, in order to disincumber the Directors room, ordered to be burned, shared the fate of the rest, and sometime during the past year were consigned to the flames. It may not be out of place here to say that the present Board very kindly consented to place the records of the Bank as far as any exist, at the disposition of the compiler of these memoranda, and to this liberality he owes much of what he has been able to glean of the early operations of the Institution: and when it is stated that the books containing the articles of association, with the names of the original subscribers, the books of subscribers under the charter, the books of proceedings of the Board from 1805 to 1854, the first letter books, and the books containing the weekly statements of the condition of the Bank down to 1861, and even the books of dividends down to 1836, have all disappeared, it will be seen how meagre are resources for authentic information. An old stock Ledger, a record of the elections of Directors, and of the Bonds of the several officers, with here and there accounts of general meetings of the stock-holders, an old letter book in which there are no letters earlier than July 1808, and none later than Oct. 1810, are about all that the archives of the Bank afford to give the materials of its history from 1805 to 1854. But from the last mentioned date, when the Bank assumed an independent existence, and from being a branch of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland became the Easton Bank of Maryland, the records of the corporation are complete with the single exception of the books of weekly statements, and afford all the annalist could expect, but not near so much as he could wish. So far the period from 1805 and 1854 we must ever remain in ignorance of the operations and transactions of the Directors' room, except so far as the newspapers of the day enlighten us, traditions guide us or the few records that have escaped the flames direct us. The act of Assembly and also the records of the Clerk's office give some items of a public character. As it is, therefore, it must content us, for the time indicated, to note the elections and qualification of new Boards of Directors, the death, resignation or expulsion of old officers, and the choice of new ones, the periodical declarations of dividends, and the like matters of stated, periodical or inevitable recurrence. Affairs of such notoriety and importance as gained a notice from the public prints, which at that day were not so particular as at present to record every item of local intelligence, will, of course receive attention, but all the secrets of the Bank parlor will now more than ever, be sacredly kept, for now no one knows them, or can know them in all time to come. We can never know any thing of those animated debates, in which according to tradition arguments were not the only means employed to enforce conviction. We shall never know what motives actuated the stockholders in their frequent changes of Directors, nor of the manœuvres by which Directors elect secured positions at the Board, which were considered posts of honor and of trust. We shall never know whose vote for the passage of certain papers was secured by the violence and truculence of one, by courtesy a gentleman, and whose by the politeness and suavity of another, who was a gentleman by right. We shall never know how far religion, politics, social and family connections influenced the Board in their selection of officers, to the disregard, too often of fitness and competency. All we do know is that the fathers of the Bank were men of strong feelings, warm attachments strong antipathies, high party men, in Church and State, who carried their politics and religion into their daily life. We do know, that mildness and gentleness did not always characterize the official intercourse of the gentlemen of the Directory, and that the thoughtful silence, and dignified composure of such bodies as this was sometimes diversified by high words and if tradition is not at fault, even displays of the fistic art. As a consequence of all this the affairs of the Bank were not always managed with that singular prudence, distinction and correctness that now mark their administration, and have so long marked them that we can hardly conceive that they were ever in any other way conducted. But the real truth is that with negligence at the Board, and incompetence at the desks, the affairs of the Bank were often in a sad state of confusion. Yet withal, the Bank succeeded. Honest and straight forward dealing compensated for lack of financial ability, and if the Board was very negligent and remiss, if Cashiers were not very brilliant, Tellers not very apt, and Accountants not only accurate, the Directors did not appropriate the money of the stockholders to their own use, nor did the officers rob the vault. So this ship, freighted with so many little fortunes, still sails, and that too upon a sea strewn with so many wrecks of similar financial argosies. Of all the Banks established upon the Eastern Shore, since the date of her charter, and only some twenty also in number the wreck of the rest survives. Though now sixty-six years old she is stronger, more vigorous, more vital, sounder and prosperous than at any time in her whole history, with a Board of Directors of great judgment and foresight, a staff of officers of tried fidelity and ability, and a credit, which is a moneyed corporation is the equivalent of character is hers, that is above suspicion.

The Bank having been duly inaugurated, all the requirements of the charter, having been fully complied with, and all the necessary apparatus for the transaction of business having been provided, its affairs went on with as much evenness, regularity and despatch as the newness of the machinery and the inexperience of its operators would lead its patrons to expect. Deposits were made, discounts were settled, business connections formed, correspondence expended, Bank notes issued and redeemed, exchanges effected, but we have no recorded information of any event in the Banks history until the approach of the time for the first regular election for Directors, or the second, counting that held by the Commissioners appointed by the charter. According to the By-Laws, the first Monday in the month of August of each year, was established as the time of holding the annual election, and such it continued to be down to 1866, when the Bank, having become a National Bank, the time of election was changed to the second Monday in January of each year. At a meeting of the Board held July 28th, 1806, three Judges of election, not being Directors, were chosen,—John Goldsborough, Peter Denny, and John Kennard, Esquires, and these gentlemen, or two of them, made the following report, which, served as a model, not always, however, literally copied, of all subsequent reports.

To the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, and all others whom it may concern:

We the subscribers do hereby certify, that under and in virtue of a warrant to us, and a certain John Kennard directed, from the Board of Directors of the Branch Bank at Easton, we held an election at the court house in Easton on the first Monday of the present month (August) from 9 o'clock A. M. till 3 o'clock P. M., of the same day, and that at the close of the election the polls were as follows:

For Easton and Talbot county—		
Thomas J. Bullitt	had 713	votes.
Joseph Haskins	" 713	"
John Bennett	" 683	"
Owen Kennard	" 651	"
Samuel Harrison	" 683	"
Perry Spencer	" 713	"
Edward Lloyd	" 693	"
For Cecil county—		
William Alexander	" 707	"
For Kent county—		
James Scott	" 700	"
For Caroline county—		
William Potter	" 707	"
For Queen Anne's county—		
Richard T. Earle	" 707	"
For Dorchester county—		
William Bond Martin	" 680	"
For Somerset county—		
William Williams	" 707	"
For Worcester county—		
Ephraim K. Wilson	" 707	"
For Easton and Talbot county—		
Jacob Gibson	" 74	"
Bennett Wheeler	" 40	"
James Earle, Jr.,	" 8	"
For Kent county—		
William Chambers	" 7	"

We, therefore, Judges of the said election, do hereby certify and declare that Messrs. Thomas James Bullitt, Joseph Haskins, John Bennett, Owen Kennard, Saml. Harrison, Edward Lloyd, Perry Spencer, William Alexander, James Scott, William Potter, Richard T. Earle, William Bond Martin, William Williams, and Ephraim K. Wilson, being the fourteen persons having the highest number of votes, are duly elected Directors of the Branch Bank aforesaid of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, for the ensuing year.

In virtue of which we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of August, 1806.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, | SEAL |

PETER DENNY. | SEAL |

The gentlemen thus declared to be elected immediately qualified by taking the prescribed oath befor a Justice of the Peace, (David Kerr, Jr. Esq.,) and then proceeded to choose a President.* Mr. Nich. Hammond was reelected unanimously, and was at once sworn into office. It will be perceived by examining the return of the judges, that but fourteen Directors were chosen, whereas the charter permitted fifteen to be elected for the Eastern Shore: but at the General Assembly in February last passed had elected *William Hayward, Esq.,* of Talbot county, and *John Chambers, Esq.,* of ——— county, Directors on the part of the State, it was necessary to reduce the number of stockholder Directors, for Easton and Talbot, according to the provisions of the act of incorporation. The election it will be noticed was held at the Court House in Easton, where elections continued to be held until the year 1826, when they were for the first time held at the Banking house, and there they have been held ever since, up to the present time.

As these elections for directors were of annual recurrence, it is annecessary to refer to them any further than merely to give the names of the persons chosen for the consecutive years: and as space in the "Star" whose columns Mr. Robson has kindly opened for the publication of these memoranda, cannot be spared for the printing of the whole list from the foundation of the Bank to present (or to 1870 which is proposed as the term of these annals) the names of the gentlemen constituting the Board for each consecutive year up to 1810 will be given, and after that time those of the persons chosen at each decennial election only.

LIST OF DIRECTORS.

BRANCH BANK AT EASTON.

1805.

Election held Aug. 15th. Directors elected. (Names already given.) Commissioners. (Names already given.)

1806.

Election held Aug. 4th. Judges of election. (Names already given.) Directors elected. (Names already given.)

1807.

Election held Aug. 4th. Judges of election. John Goldsborough, Peter Denny, Jno. Kennard. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot— Thomas J. Bullitt, Joseph Haskins, Edward Lloyd, Wm. Meluy, John Bennett, Owen Kennard, Saml. Harrison, (7) For Cecil— James Sewell, For Kent— William Barroll, For Queen Anne's— William Chambers, For Caroline— Henry Bowers, For Dorchester— Wm. B. Martin, For Somerset— John L. Henry, Peter Dashiell, For Worcester— Wm. Whittington, For the State (by Gen Ass'y) W. Hayward of Talbot Will. Kitty, of Anne A

1808.

Election held Aug. 2d. Judges of election. John Meredith, Saml. Groome, Patrick McNeal. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot. Edward Lloyd, Lambert W. Spencer, Jos. Haskins, Jacob Gibson, Will Meluy, Owen Kennard, (6) For Cecil— James Sewell, For Kent— William Barroll, For Queen Anne's— Wilkins Chambers, For Caroline— Sol. Brown, For Dorchester— James Chaplain, For Somerset— Peter Dashiell, For Worcester— Will Whittington, For the State (by Gen. Ass'y) Will Hayward, Talb't David Kerr, Jr., "

1809.

Election held Aug. 7th. Judges of election. Saml. Groome, Jno. Meredith, Patrick McNeal. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot. Lambert W. Spencer, Will. Meluy, Jos. Haskins, John Bennett, Jacob Gibson, Owen Kennard, (6) For Cecil— John Groome, For Kent— Thomas Worrell, For Queen Anne's— Wm. Carmichael, For Caroline— Sol. Brown, For Dorchester— James Chaplain, For Somerset— Thomas Williams, For Worcester— Ephraim K. Wilson, For the State (by Gen. Ass'y) Jno. Kennard, Talbot. David Kerr, Jr, "

1810.

Election held Aug. 6th. Judges. William Clarke, James Wilson, Jr. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot Saml. Harrison, Joseph Haskins, Lambert W. Spencer, William Meluy, John Bennett, Nich. Hammond, (6) For Cecil county— John Groome, For Kent— Thomas Worrell, For Queen Anne's— Wm. Carmichael, For Caroline— William Potter, For Dorchester— Josiah Bailey, For Somerset— Thomas Williams, For Worcester— Ephraim K. Wilson, For the State (by Gen. Ass'y) David Kerr, Jr, Talb't Jacob Gibson, "

1820.

Election held Aug. 7th Judges. Abednigo Bodfield, James McKeel. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot John Goldsborough, Saml. Groome, John Leeds Kerr, Will. W. Moor, Will. H. Groome, Henry Hollyday, (6) For Cecil— Henry Chamberlaine, For Kent— James Bowers, For Queen Anne's— Thomas C. Earle, For Caroline— Henry Nicols, For Dorchester— Wm. B. Martin, For Somerset— John C. Wilson, Jr. For Worcester— James B. Robins, For the State (by Gen. Ass'y) L. Clayland, Talbot, L. Reardon, "

1830.

Election held Aug. 2d. Judges. John Goldsborough, Thos. Perrin Smith, James Parrott. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot Henry Hollyday, Wm. Hughlett, Lambert W. Spencer, Wm. H. Groome, Saml. Harrison, Thos. J. Bullitt, (6) For Cecil— Levin Gale, For Kent— Isaac Spencer, For Queen Anne's— Robert Goldsborough, For Caroline— Henry Nicols, For Dorchester— John C. Henry. For Somerset— John C. Wilson, Jr., For Worcester— Eph. K. Wilson, For the State, (by Gen. Ass'y) James Price, Talbot, Wm. Clarke, "

1840.

Election held Aug. 3d. Judges. James Parrott, Peregrine Groome, James Benny. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot Saml. T. Kennard, John Edmondson, Wm. H. Groome, Saml. Mackey, Theo. R. Lockerman, John Leeds Kerr. (6) For Cecil— Henry Chamberlaine, For Kent— John B. Eccleston, For Queen Anne's— Wm. Carmichael. For Caroline— Thos. Burchenal. For Dorchester— None. For Somerset— George Handy, For Worcester— Ara Spence, For the State, (by Gen. Ass'y) Wm. Hughlett, Talb't James Price, "

1850.

Election held Aug. 5th Judges. John Stevens, Peregrine Groome, M. M. Dawson. Directors elected. For Easton and Talbot Wm. H Groome, H H Goldsborough, Saml Hambleton, Jr, James Parrott, Nicholas Martin, Wm R Hughlett, Saml Mackey, John Barnett, (8) For Cecil— George Earle, For Kent— None. For Queen Anne's— Richard T Earle, For Caroline— None. For Dorchester— None. For Somerset— George Handy, For Worcester— Ara Spence, For the State (by Gen. Ass'y) Jacob C Wilson, Talb't

EASTON BANK OF MD.

1860.

Election held Aug. 6th Judges of election, E O Dawson, James H Grace. Directors elected. For the Stockholders. Saml Hambleton, Jr, H H Goldsborough, M M Dawson, Nicholas Orem, Joseph H Harrison, James Dixon, J L Adkins, W R Hughlett, C F Goldsborough, of Dorchester, (9) For the State (by Gen. Ass'y) J Ll Martin, Talbot, L T H Irving, ———

EASTON NATIONAL BANK OF MD.

1870.

Election held Jan. 11th Judges of election. E O Dawson, R B Dixon, James H Grace. Directors elected. I L Adkins, James Dixon, M M Dawson, W R Hughlett, Saml Hambleton, Peregrine Groome, Jos H Harrison, E L F Hardcastle, I Davis Clarke. (9)

It would appear from what follows, that from its very beginning the business of the Banks, at Annapolis and Easton, was exceedingly prosperous: for we may suppose that the archaic honesty which clung to our fathers in finance incapacitated them for the appreciation or acquisition of that *wisdom* so conspicuously shown by some of their sons, who, when placed in charge of new enterprises, know so well how to show gains in the midst of losses, and in default of profits declare large dividends out of Capital.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Branch Bank, held Sept. 24, 1806, a letter from which the following is an extract, was read, from the President of the Parent Bank, announcing the determination of that Bank with the concurrence of the Bank at Easton, to declare a dividend upon the Capital stock, on the first day of October, of 7½ per cent.

"FARMERS' BANK OF MARYLAND, September 3, 1806.

"This Bank having taken into serious consideration the estimates of the profits and expenses of this Bank at Annapolis, and of the Branch Bank at Easton, and also having seriously considered the letter of Nicholas Hammond, Esq., President of the Branch Bank, of the 28th ultimo, to John Muir, President of this Bank, do resolve as follows:

"Resolved unanimously that a dividend of seven and one-half per cent. on the stock of the Farmers' Bank, up to the first day of October next, shall be declared upon the first day of October.

By order.

JOHN MUIR, President.

The resolutions contained in this letter were considered and adopted; by which notice the dividend was duly declared, the necessary calculations and proper entries, statements of the time and place of its payment ordered to be made, and facilities for its easy collection extended to stockholders. The time of payment of this dividend, which was based upon the profits of the past eight months, was made the first Monday (8th) of October, and the places Annapolis for the Western and Easton for the Eastern Shore. The By-Laws had established that dividends should be declared semi-annually upon the first Monday of October and April of each year, and the charter permitted an extra dividend to be declared every third year. There is no record that this provision was ever availed of, no extra dividend having ever been made so far as can be discovered. The times for the payment of dividends continued to be as above stated, until 1854 when there was a separation of the Branch from the Parent Bank, after which time the dividends were paid upon the first Mondays of June and December, and so continue to the present time. As the declarations of dividends were of regular periodical recurrence no farther notice will be taken of them than is embraced in the annexed table, compiled from authentic cources. There have been from the foundation of the Bank to December 1870, one hundred and twenty-nine semi-annual dividends declared. We have no means of knowing the causes of the variations in the rates.

A table indicating the numbers, the times of payment, and the rates per cent. of the several dividends declared by the Bank:

THE BRANCH BANK AT EASTON.

NOS. OF DIVIDENDS.	TIMES OF PAYMENT		RATES.
1	(8 mos)	Oct. 1806	7½
2—3	April 1807 —	Oct. 1807	4½
4—9	April 1808 —	Oct. 1810	4
10		April 1811	3½
11—25	Oct. 1811 —	Oct. 1818	4
26—27	April 1819 —	Oct. 1819	3
28		April 1820	2½
29—45	Oct. 1820 —	Oct. 1828	3
46		April 1829	2½
47—70	Oct. 1829 —	April 1841	3
71		Oct. 1841	2½
72		April 1842	2°
73—75	Oct. 1842 —	Oct. 1843	2½
76—82	April 1844—	April 1847	3
83—95	Oct. 1847 —	Oct. 1853	3½

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96	(8 mos)	June 1854	4½
97		Dec. 1854	3½
98—102	June 1855 —	June 1857	4†
103—104	Dec. 1857 —	June 1858	3
105—110	Dec. 1858 —	June 1861	3½
111—114	Dec. 1861 —	June 1863	3
115		Dec. 1863	4
116—118	June 1864 —	June 1865	5

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119—129	Dec. 1865 —	Dec. 1870	5‡

The first change that was made in the corps of officers of the Bank took place Sept. 24, 1806, when the services of the Runner were dispensed with, and Mr. Richard Stanfield was dismissed with the thanks of the Board for the faithful discharge of his duties, the performance of which was assigned thereafter to Mr. Kersey, who became Runner and Porter, with addition to his salary of fifty dollars, in consideration of his increased duty and labor. Occasion is taken of this the first change, to notice the many changes in the official staff, which took place during the sixty-five years of the life of the Bank; and as specific or detailed mention of them would occupy a great deal too much space a synoptical table has been compiled and is here inserted which will indicate the succession and the terms of service of the different officers, with as much particularity as is necessary and as much accuracy as imperfect records permit. The circumstance that sometimes officers *lapsed*, as it were, and their duties were performed by other officers, in the absence of full and complete records, may have produced some errors and confusion; these it is hoped subsequent research may correct and elucidate. Opportunity will be found hereafter to give biographical sketches of some of these officers, at least of the Presidents, and an appreciation of their characters.

A list of the officers of the Bank at Easton, under its various names, from its foundation, in 1805, to the end of the year 1870, compiled from records, published memoranda and personal recollections:

PRESIDENTS.

Nich Hammond,	from	Aug. 23, 1805	to Aug. 8, 1808
Wm Hayward,	"	Aug. 8, 1808	to Aug. 10, 1812
Nich Hammond	"	Aug. 10, 1812	to Nov. 28, 1820
Thos J Bullitt,	"	Nov. 28, 1820	to Dec. 9, 1840
Wm Hughlett	"	Dec. 9, 1840	to Jan. 24, 1844
T R Lockerman	"	Jan. 24, 1844	to June 11, 1851
Wm H Groome	"	June 11, 1851	to Jan. 18, 1869
Isaac L Adkins	"	Jan. 18, 1869	to ———

CASHIERS.

Hall Harrison,	from	Aug. 23, 1805	to May 24, 1810
Saml Kennard,	"	May 24, 1810	to Dec. 9, 1812
John Harwood,	"	Dec. 9, 1812	to July 28, 1813
James Earle	"	July 28, 1813	to Mch. 19, 1814
Joseph Haskins	"	Mch. 19, 1814	to April 14, 1826
J Goldsborough	"	April 14, 1826	to Oct. 7, 1840
Wm H T