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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

M. VATTEMARE.

MAY 4, 1848.

Mr. MURPHY, from the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, made the following

REPORT:

The Joint Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the memorial of M. Vattemare, in relation to interchanges of literary and scientific works, respectfully report:

The design of the memorialist for an interchange of the publications, works of art, and natural productions, so far as they relate to scientific research, between the different nations of Europe and the United States, through their respective governments, municipalities, and other public bodies, is too well understood to require any explanation from the committee. It was presented by him to Congress in 1840, and received its favorable consideration. Joint resolutions were then adopted, placing at the disposal of the librarian, for exchange in foreign countries, under the direction of this committee, fifty copies of the documents thereafter to be printed by either House, and the duplicates of other documents and books in the library. But owing to the absence of any appropriation of money to defray the expense of necessary agencies and of the transportation of the books, these resolutions have only been partially executed. In the meantime the memorialist, having returned to his native country, and devoted himself to maturing his plan, comes back to us freighted with the publications of the French government, proofs alike of his zeal in the work in which he is engaged, and of the kind feelings of his country towards the United States, and prays that efficiency may be given to our law by the establishment of a general agency in Paris, by an amendment of our copyright law, and by the adoption of other measures, as may be seen in his memorial appended to this report.

The extent to which the federal government can co-operate in this great and ennobling plan for the fraternization of Europe and America is, in the opinion of the committee, confined to the distribution of such publications, documents, and laws, as are printed by its authority, or for its use in the discharge of its constitutional functions. The great fields of literature, science, and art, belong almost exclusively to private individuals and associations, and the governments of the States. The works printed for Congress, as yet comparatively few, are nevertheless the only just exposition of our system of national government, and authentic record of our contributions to science through the explorations of our expeditions by land and sea in unfrequented regions. The propriety of their distribution may, therefore, be found not only in the comity which should accompany the foreign intercourse which the Constitution has devolved upon the general government, but in the higher obligations of duty which we owe, as a member of the family of nations, both to ourselves and them, to furnish them with the best portraiture of our institutions; and to give them the benefits, if it may be so in any respect, of our example, as well as to impart to them knowledge of our discoveries, in return for so much that we have obtained from them, both of political and social value.

An interchange of the productions of intellectual labor is a commerce which has been well understood and long carried on by the learned societies of the world, which send to each other the results of their labors in publications of their transactions. They have found it most beneficial. Yet, high and important as their objects must be conceded to be, they must yield, in practical importance at least, to that which is the end of all governments, the devising and properly administering of wise laws, such as the constantly varying conditions of society and the new wants of improving civilized life require. The experience, therefore, of Europe, whose society is being gradually modified, like our own, by the advancement of the arts of life and the discoveries of science, is what a wise legislator here will assuredly recur to in preparing new laws for the same purposes. It becomes important, therefore, that we should secure, if possible, the latest information of European legislation and adjudication, regularly and continuously.

This consideration appears to have been silently operating upon Congress for some years past, especially since the first application to it by the memorialist. There is a glimmering of it even before. Thus we find, in 1832, that it directed a copy of the American State Papers to be sent to some proper depository in England, in return for a donation to the Library of Congress of the publications of the Record Commission of the British government. But since 1840, the acts of Congress have been very explicit on the subject. In 1843, the census returns were directed to be distributed to the ministers and diplomatic agents of foreign governments; in 1845, copies of the work of the exploring expedition were directed to be sent to all the foreign governments with which we had subsisting diplomatic relations; and, in 1846, the new edition of the Laws of the United States was distributed in the same way. It may have

been the object of Congress, in making these provisions, to invite foreign powers to a reciprocity in regard to their State papers, laws, and other governmental publications not always purchaseable.

In order to render the system truly serviceable, the publications should be made accessible to the intelligent inquirer, whether holding political place or not. Documents, locked up in the library of a monarch, or in the archives of a department, must, necessarily, be excluded from public use. It seems, therefore, proper that additional depositories should be selected, such as public libraries, where they partake of a national character.

With these general views of the plan of the memorialist, the committee believe that permanency, regularity, and efficiency to the system of international exchanges, can best be secured by the establishment of a common general agency or agencies by the different nations entering into the arrangement. Such agency could act not only for the governments, but when once established, could be used for the same purpose by societies, authors, inventors, and publishers. By devolving the duty at home upon some competent agent, with provision for the expense of packing the books, and transmitting them to and from the general agent, there is no reason why the interchange should not continue as long as it may be the pleasure of the governments concerned. The committee do not, however, assent to the proposition of the memorialist that the copyright law be so amended as to require authors and publishers to furnish to the government, for the purposes of this exchange, a number of copies of their works, in addition to those now required for the libraries of Congress and the Smithsonian Institute. They have already expressed it as their opinion that the power of Congress to patronize this system is limited, and for the most part confined to the books published for the use of the government, or of Congress in the performance of their delegated duties; but even if the power existed, they deem it would be oppressive and unjust to exact from the proprietors of books applying for the protection of the law, any thing more than is necessary to aid the operation of the law. The tax of two copies is now seriously objected to by many publishers, and an increase of the burden, as it undoubtedly would be in the case of large and expensive publications, would, in such cases, tend to retard rather than "promote the progress of science and useful arts," the purpose for which the authority to enact copyright laws is conferred by the constitution. In fact, this may well be left to the publishers themselves, and the committee believe that if the international agency be established, they will soon discover it to be of such advantage to them by making their publications known in quarters where both fame to the author and profit to the publisher might be acquired, as in many cases gladly to avail themselves of it.

But in the views of the memorialist generally, the committee are happy to concur. After the success which has thus far crowned his unwearied and voluntary labors, they think his expectations of aid from us have been justly formed, and should be

promptly satisfied. They therefore recommend that the committee be authorized to establish such agencies, and organize such a plan of donation and exchange as they may deem best for this purpose; that all books sent to the federal or State governments, to any departments, or libraries of either, to the academy at West Point, or to the National Institute, be admitted duty free; and that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated to enable the committee to carry the measure into effect.

As proofs of the importance of the labors of the memorialist, and of his zeal, the committee append to this report a list of the publications which have been presented to Congress and the executive departments, and to the academy at West Point, on his present visit, in the name of the different authorities of France. So noble and generous a spirit as they exhibit on the part of that great nation, should be met on ours by the most liberal action in our power. The committee have also annexed a list of the works now and heretofore presented by authors and other private individuals, as well as by the government, to the National Institute here, as the scientific representative of the Union.

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to present to you, in addition to the documents, works, maps, and charts, contained in the list annexed to my memorial, the following works and engravings:

FROM THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

Portrait of Titian, by himself. A beautiful line engraving (proof print) by Alp. François. (1842.)

Portrait of La Fornarina, by Raphael. Line engraving (proof print) by Leishnier. (1845.)

An engraved plan of the Artesian Well, sunk at Grenelle, (Paris,) to the depth of 1686 feet, and giving three million five hundred thousand gallons of water every twenty-four hours.

Portrait of the ex-king Louis Philippe, from a relief by Barre, sculptor.

FROM THE MINISTER OF WAR.

A map of Paris, in nine sheets, showing the various enlargements of the great metropolis, from the time of Julius Caesar to the last fortifications constructed by Louis Philippe.

FROM THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

The silver medal of the chamber, by Petit.

FROM ARTISTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

Portraits of the imperial family of Russia, in the dress of the middle ages, from a painting by Horace Vernet, (proof print,) engraved by M. Jazet, presented by the engraver.

The death of Queen Elizabeth of England, from a painting by Paul de la Roche, (proof print,) presented by the same.

An episode in the life of Peter the Great of Russia, from a painting by Steuben, engraved by Girard, (proof print,) presented by the engraver.

All the above engravings were selected from the collection by Mr. John Quincy Adams, as member of and in conjunction with the joint committee, on Saturday the 19th of February last.

The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the Abbé d'Orsini; a beautiful work in two volumes, elegantly bound, containing a number of highly finished engravings, from paintings by the most illustrious ancient masters. This work is respectfully presented to the Congress library, by Mr. Deforges, book-binder—the "widow's mite" of an humble workman, as a token of his warm feelings towards his brethren, the mechanics of America.

The Album Cosmopolite, a selection from Mr. Vattemare's collection; a folio volume, containing one hundred engravings, lithographed from original drawings by the best artists of twenty-seven different nations, with more than three hundred fac similes of the most celebrated sovereigns, statesmen, warriors, and poets of ancient and modern times.

This I humbly beg the committee to accept as a very inadequate token of the admiration, love, and devotion, with which I am penetrated for your happy and glorious republic. Allow me to add that the binding of this work is another proof of the feeling of my beloved countrymen towards America. The bookbinder, hearing that this work was destined by me for the United States, refused to receive the amount of his bill, being anxious to contribute his share towards the expression of our good feeling for our trans-Atlantic brethren.

I have the honor to be, with profound respect, sir, your very humble servant,

ALEXANDRE VATTEMARE.

To the Hon. J. A. PEARCE,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Congress Library.

List of legislative documents, scientific works, objects of art, &c., &c., presented to the Congress and federal government of the United States of America in the name of the Chamber of Deputies and the several ministerial departments of France, through the agency of Alexander Vattemare, viz:

FROM THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

Procès verbeaux de la Chambre des Députés, legislative session of 1846, 12 vol. in octavo, to continue the collection already transmitted.

Collection complète des Lois, Décrets, ordonnances, règlements et Avis du Conseil d'état de 1788 à 1836 inclusivement, by Durier, the 45th volume, to continue the collection already forwarded.

Moniteur Universel for 1846, 3 folio volumes, continuation of the collection since 1830, already presented.

FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.

(*For the Supreme Court of the United States.*)

Bulletin des Lois, 1844, 1845, and 1846, (9th series, Lois et ordonnances,) 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, and 1833, 9 volumes.

Bulletin des Lois, 1844, 1845, and 1846, (9th series, partie supplémentaire,) 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, and 1830, 12 volumes in octavo, being the continuation of this most important State publication, bound with the following dedication on the back of each volume, "*le garde des Sceaux de France, à la cour suprême des Etats Unis d'Amérique.*"

Bulletin des Jugements du Tribunal de Cassation, rendus en matière criminelle, de 1790 (l'an 7) à 1845, inclusive. 50 octavo volumes.

Bulletin des Jugements du Tribunal de Cassation, rendus en matière civile, de 1790 à 1845, inclusive. 47 octavo volumes.

Compte Général de l'Administration de la Justice Civile et Commercial en France, pendant l'année 1844, quarto, published in 1846.

Compte Général de l'Administration de la justice criminelle en France, for 1844, published in 1846, quarto volume. (These two volumes are the annual civil, commercial and criminal reports of the minister of justice of France.)

Documents relatifs au régime Hypothécaire, (mortgage,) et aux réformes qui ont été proposées, publiés par ordre du ministre de la justice, 1844. 3 octavo volumes.

FROM LA COUR DES PAIRS.

(For the Supreme Court.)

All causes of high treason are tried by the Chamber of Peers sitting as court, (State trials.)

Affaire du Mois d'April 1834, rapport fait à la cour par M. Girod (de l'ain.) 4 vols., 4to. Procédure, interrogatoire, &c. 7 vols., 4to.

Attentat Fieschi 28 Juillet 1835 rapport de M. de Portalis interrogatoires des accusés, &c., &c., with plans, &c. 5 vols., 4to.

Attentat du 27 Décembre 1836, (Meunier,) rapport de M. Barthe interrogatoires, &c., &c. 5 vols., 4to.

Attentat des 12 et 13 Mai 1839, rapport de M. Merillou, (fac simile,) &c. 11 vols., 4to.

Attentat du 6 Aout 1840, (Louis Bonaparte,) rapport de M. Percil, &c. 6 vols., 4to.

Attentat du 15 Octobre 1840, (Darmès,) rapport de M. Girod, (de l'ain.) 6 vols., 4to.

Attentat du 13 Septembre 1841, (Quenizet) rapport de M. le comte de Bastard, &c. 6 vols., 4to.

Attentat du 16 Avril 1846, (Conte,) rapport de M. Fran Carré, &c. 6 vols.

Attentat du 29 Juillet 1846, (Henry,) rapport de M. Hebert, &c. 6 vols.

Les précédents de la Cour des Pairs, currillis et mis en ordre par E. Cauchy garde des archives de la Chambre des Pairs. 1 vol. in 8vo.

FROM THE MINISTER OF THE MARINE AND COLONIES.

Rapport sur les questions coloniales adressés à M. le Duc de Broglie, président de la commission coloniale à la suite d'un voyage fait aux Antilles et aux Guanes pendant les années 1838 et 1839. 2 vols., folios.

Exposés des Motifs, rapports et débats des chambres législatives concernant les Loix des 18 et 19 Juillet 1845, relatives aux régime des noirs et à l'introduction de cultivateurs Européens et à la formation d'établissements agricoles dans les colonies Françaises. In 8vo. 1846.

Rapport de la Commission pour l'examen de la question relative à la Constitution Politique des Colonies. In 4to. 1843.

Exposé général des résultats du patronage des noirs dans les colonies Françaises. In 4to. 1844.

Questions relatives à l'esclavage, instructions du Ministre adressées à M. M. les Gouverneurs des Colonies. In 4to. 1843.

Compte rendu au Roi de l'emploi des fonds allouer depuis 1839, pour l'enseignement religieux et élémentaire des noirs. In 4to. 1846.

Etat général de la Marine et des Colonies, 18 Janvier 1846.

Tableaux et relevé de population, de culture, de commerce et de navigation des colonies Françaises de 1839 à 1841.

Précis Historique de la Marine Françoise, son origine et ses lois, par M. Chasserau, historiographe de la marine. 2 volumes in 8vo.

FROM THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

Voyage en Perse, par M. M. E. Flandin, peintre et Pascal Cost architecte, entrepris par order du gouvernement Français; a splendid publication, composed of collections of ancient and modern architecture, bas-reliefs, cunéiforms and pehelyvis inscriptions, topographical plans and picturesque views. The 30 first numbers; to be continued. 1847. Large folio.

Monuments de Ninives. Ruins of the celebrated city of Ninevah, lately discovered and described by M. E. Botta, measured and delineated by E. Flandin. Published by order of the government, under the auspices of the minister of the interior, under the supervision of a select committee of the national institute of France. Large folio. The 10 first numbers; to be continued.

Diplomes et Chartes de l'Epoque Mérovengienne, sur papyrus et sur velin. A fac simile of all the most ancient charters and records, from the time of the Merovengien kings, preserved in the national archives of France, and published under the auspices of the ministers of the interior and public instruction; by M. Letronne, général superintendent of the archives. Large folio. The 3 first numbers; to be continued.

Histoire des Français, depuis le temps de Gaulois, jusqu'en 1830. Illustrated by 80 fine portraits, (engraved on steel,) forming a complete gallery of portraits of the kings of France and the celebrated personages, from the most authenticated likenesses to be found in the national gallery at Versailles; by Théophile Lavallée. 5th edition, in 8vo. 1842.

Rapport sur les pénitenciers des Etats Unis, par Demetz, juge à la cour nationale, et par Abel Bluet, architecte du gouvernement. Folio. 1837.

Rapport sur les prisons d'Angleterre, de l'Ecosse, de la Hollande, de la Belgique et de la Suisse, par Moreau Christophe. Folio, with plans, &c.

Documents sur les pénitenciers de Philadelphia, et rapport official sur ce pénitencier et sur la prison de Pentonyville, à Londres, pendant les années 1843, 1844 and 1845, traduit par ordre du ministre de l'intérieur. Folio.

Documents officiels sur les pénitenciers de l'est ou Cherry Hill, par Moreau Christophe. In 8vo.

De l'état actuel de la réforme des prisons de la Grande Bretagne; par Moreau Christophe. 1 vol., in octavo.

Instructions et programme pour la construction de maisons d'arrêts et de justice, avec atlas et plans des prisons Cellulaires; par A. Blouet. 2 vols., folio. 1841.

Instructions relative à la comptabilité des économies des hospices et hôpitaux civil. 1836. Folio.

Rapport au roi sur les caisses d'épargne, année 1844. In quarto.

Tableaux et relevés de population, de culture, &c., pour l'année 1839. In octavo.

Opinions exprimées par les conseils généraux, sur la réforms des prisons. 1838. Quarto.

Calendrier annuaire pour l'année 1844. octavo.

Lois sur la Garde Nationale. In octavo.

Rapport au roi sur l'exécution de la loi du 21 Mai, 1836, relative aux chemins vicinaux, pendant les années de 1838 à 1841. Quarto.

Analyse des voeux des conseils généraux de département sur divers objects d'administration et d'utilité publique, soit locale soit générale.

Recueil des actes administratifs de la préfecture de la Seine, 1846 et 1847.

Rapport au roi sur les archives départementales et communales. Quarto.

Dénombrement quinquennal de la population du royaume in 1846.

Bulletin officiel du ministre de l'intérieur de 1838, époque de sa création jusqu'en 1846 inclusivement. 5 volumes.

Circulaires, instructions et autres actes émanés du ministre de l'intérieur, de 1797 à 1830 inclusivement. 6 vols., in octavo.

Tables chronologiques et analytiques des circulaires du ministre de l'intérieur, 1831 à 1844. 1 vol., in quarto.

Project de loi sur les prisons, présenté à la chambre des Paris en 1844, et observations de la cour de cassation et des cours royales sur ce projet de loi. 1845. In quarto.

Défense du projet de loi sur les prisons contre les attaques de ses adversaires, par Moreau Christophe. 1844.

Rapport au roi sur les hospitaux, les hospices et les services de bienfaisance, en 1837. In quarto.

Etudes sur la mortalité dans les bagnes et dans les maisons centrales de force et de correction, de 1822 à 1837. In quarto.

Des condamnés libérés, par A. E. Cerfier. In octavo.

Des comdanés et des pauvres, prisons et champs d'Asyle en Algérie par H. Dugut, inspecteur général des prisons.

Procès Verbaux des Conseils Généraux des 86 Départements; 52 volumes. A most interesting collection, being the journals and reports of the council generals, or local legislatures, of each of the 86 departments of which France is composed.

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Monographie de la Cathédrale de Chartres, architecture sculpture ornements peinture sur verre, par J. B. A. Lassus. Statuaire et peinture sur mur par Amaury Duval, texte descriptif par Didron. Publié par ordre du Roi et par les soins de M. le Ministre de l'Instruction publique, Atlas, 1 et 2 Livraison, 3 série, large folio. (To be continued.)

Monographie de l'Eglise Notre dame de Noyon, par Mr. L. Vitel, membre de l'Institut, plans coupes élévation et détails, par Daniel Rameé, 1 vol. in 4to. avec atlas contenant 22 planches sur cette Eglise, 1 et 2 Livraisons de l'atlas contenant 20 dessins coloriés.

Peinture de l'Eglise St. Savin, (departement de la Vienne,) texte par Mr. Mérimée, Dessins par M. Girard Légin, publié par ordre du Roi. (3 série archéologie.)

Statistique monumentale de Paris; the 19 first numbers (large folio) of the atlas of the monumental statistics of the city of Paris, containing already 130 engravings of maps, plans, and views, drawn by M. Albert Le Noir, architect, published by order of the King, under the direction of the minister of public instruction. This interesting work, now in the course of publication, will contain views and descriptions of all the most celebrated religious and other public edifices and monuments erected in Paris from the time of Julius Cæsar down to the 18th century; its continuation will be forwarded as the numbers appear.

Documents Historiques inédits tirés des Collections manuscrites de la Biblique royale et des archives ou des Bibliothèques des Départements, publiés par Champollion Figéae. 2 vols. in 4to. 1841—1843.

Les Olim ou registre des arrêts rendus par la cour du Roi sous les règnes de Saint Louis, de 1255 à 1270, de Philippe le Hardi, de 1270 à 1285, de Philippe Le Bel, de 1285 à 1314, de Louis le Hutin de 1314 à 1316 et de Philippe Le Long de 1316 à 1318; publiés par le Comte Beugnot. 3 volumes in 4to. (1839, 1842, and 1844.)

Chronique du religieux de Saint Denys, contenant le règne de Charles VI. de 1380 à 1422, (précédée d'une introduction par M. de Baronte,) publiée en latin pour la première fois et traduite en Français par M. L. Bellaquet. 5 vols., 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, and 1844.

Chronique des Ducs de Normandie, par Benoit trouvère Anglo-normand du XII. Siècle, publiée pour la 1re fois, d'après un manuscrit du Musée Britannique, par Francisque Michel. 3 vols. in quarto. 1837, 1838, 1844.

Histoire de la Croisade contre les Hérétiques, Albigeois écrite en vers provençaux par un poète contemporain, traduit et publiée par M. C. Fauriel. 1 vol. 1837.

Captivité du Roi François I., par Aimé Champollion Figéae. 1 vol. quarto, 1847.

Recueil des lettres Missives de Henry IV. publiée par Berger de Xivrey, de 1562 à 1593. 3 vols. 4to. 1843 et 1846.

Procès des templiers, publié par Michelet. Tome 1. (1841,) in 4to.

Archives administratives et législatives de la Ville de Reims, collection de pièces inédites pouvant servir à l'histoire des institutions dans l'intérieur de la cité de 1200 à 1600, par Pierre Varin. 6 vols. 4to. 1839, 1840, 1843 et 1844.

Papiers d'etat du Cardinal de Granville, de 1416 à 1562, d'après les manuscrits de la Bibliothèque de Besançon, publiés sous la direction de Mr. Ch. Weiss. 6 vols. in 4to. (1841, 1842, 1844 et 1846.)

Négociations relatives à la Succession d'Espagne sous Louis XIV. ou correspondances et actes diplomatiques concernant les prétentions et l'avènement de la maison de Bourbon, accompagnés d'un text Historique de 1659 à 1738, et précédés d'une introduction, par M. Mignet. 4 vols. in 4to. (1835 à 1842.)

Mémoires Militaires relatifs à la succession d'Espagne, par le Leut. Gen. Pelet, député de la Haute Garonne, directeur Général, du Dépot de la Guerre. 6 vols. in 4to, avec un atlas de la Guerre de 1701 to 1714. (1835, 1836, 1841, 1842, 1845.)

Lettres de Rois, Reines et autres personnages des cours de France d'Angleterre de puis Louis VII. 1162. 1 vol. de 1162 à 1300. (1839.)

Négociations diplomatiques entre la France et l'Autriche, durant les 30 premières années du 16me Siècle publiées par M. Leglay. 2 vols. in 4to. 1845. These 43 volumes, of which the first 19 have already been published, are the continuation of the unedited documents of the history of France, presented by the minister of public instruction of France, to be composed of more than 300 quarto volumes, with folio atlas, fac simile, &c.

Histoire civile du Royaume de Naples, traduit de l'Italien de Pierre Giannone. 4 vols in 4to. Lattaye 1742.

Histoire des Papes, par André Duchesnes, historiographe du Roi. Folio. Paris 1645.

Histoire de la grande isle de Madagascar, par Le Sieur de Flacourt, Directeur de la compagnie Française et dans la dite isle et isles agacentes. Paris 1668.

Schwytzer Chronica, chronicle of Switzerland, by Johanson Stumpff-fen. 1 vol. in 8vo. Zurich 1554.

Histoire du Parlement de Paris. 1 vol. 8vo. Paris 1771.

Histoire de l'Académie Française, depuis son établissement jusqu'en 1700. 2 vols. in 4to, par M. Pelisson et l'Abbé d'Olivet. Paris 1838.

Histoire du Conétable de l'Esdiguierès, par L. Videl. Folio. With a portrait of the Conétable. Paris 1638.

De l'organisation des Bibliothèques dans Paris, par le Comte Léon de Laborde. 1 vol. in 8vo. 1845.

FROM THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

Manuel d'agriculture, or elementary treatise on the art of husbandry, specially designed for village schools and farmers of the north of France, by M. L. Moll. 1 vol. in 8vo. 1841.

Manuel d'agriculture, for the use of cultivators and primary schools of the north of France, by Victor Rendu. 1 vol. in 8vo. 1838.

Les avantages de la réunion territoriale, proverbe par Louis Gossin. 12mo. 1841.

Epargne et prévoyance, lettres à un Jeune Laboureur, L. L. 12mo. 1840.

Pratique des sémailles à la volée, par M. Pichot. 1845.

Guide des comices et des propriétaires. 1843.

Ecole vétérinaire d'Alfort, discours prononcé à la distribution des Phy, par H. Boreley. 1845.

Notice sur la castration des Vaches, par P. A. Morin. 1845.

Des irrigations suivant la loi du 16 Septembre, 1807, par Alphonse L. 1844.

Aux pays et aux chambres, le comice Hippique, ou la question chevaline considérée sous le point de vue agricole, économique et militaire. 1843.

Des remontes de l'armée et de leur rapports avec l'agriculture, par le Marquis de Torey. 1842.

Vingt pages à lire, ou la question Chevaline Simplifiée, par le Lieut. Général Comte de Girardin, et le Marquis de Torey. 1843.

Sur l'état de la population Chevaline en France et sur ses conséquences, par le Lieut. Général Comte de Girardin. 1844.

Instructions sur la maladie de portrine du gros bétail, par Lafrond.

Ampélographie (or treatise on vinage) par le Comte Odart. 1845.

Abrégé sur la culture de l'olivier, suivi de la description et des moyens de détruire les insectes qui dévorent cet arbre, par J. P. Bompard. 1842.

Notes économiques sur l'administration des richesses et la statistique agricole de la France, par C. E. Royer. 1 vol. in 8vo. et un atlas in folio.

Traité des maladies de sang chez les bêtes à cornes.

Independently of the above works, M. Vattemare has, with the advice of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, presented to the Hon. Secretaries of War, Navy, and Treasury, to the Commissioner of the Patent Office, and the U. S. Military Academy of West Point, in the names of the ministers of war, navy, interior, public instruction, finances, commerce and agriculture, public works, and the academy of sciences of France, the following:

TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Compte Général de l'administration de la Justice Militaire, de 1833 à 1846. 12 brochures in 4to.

Annuaire de l'état Militaire de la France, pour l'année 1846.

Code de l'officier, containing the laws, ordinances, constitutions of the army. (Sea and land.)

Compte rendu au Roi sur l'exécution de la Loi du 21 Mars 1838, relativement au recrutement (enlistment) des classes de 1831 à 1844. 10 brochures in 4to.

Manuel des Conseils de Guerre, or alphabetical repertory of military rights, by J. G. Chesniers. 1 vol. in 8vo. 1831. (Presented by the author.)

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L'Agriculture de l'ouest de la France, étudiée plus spécialement dans le département de Maine et Loire; par O. Leclerc Thouin. 1 vol. 8vo.

Abrégé de la culture de l'Olivier suivi, de la description et des moyens de connaître la culture particulière de trois variétés, avec un rameau d'olivier lithographié et colorié. 1 volume, in 4to. 1842. Par J. P. Bompard.

Traité de la Comptabilité Agricole, par l'application du système consplet des écritures en parties doubles. 3 vols., in 4to. Par le Vicomte Perrault de Jutemps.

Question Chevaline dans ses rapport avec l'agriculture. Paris, 1844.

Guide des Comises des et Propriétaires, par Jacques Bejault, laboureur. 1843. 1 vol., in 8vo.

FROM THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

A complete collection of all the newspapers and periodicals published in Paris, and in all the cities of France, (one copy of each,) during the present year; a collection somewhat similar to the one made for me while in the United States in 1840. M. Leon Vidal, one of the chief clerks in the interior department, and member of the National Institute, is preparing an historical account of the state of the public press in France, to accompany this collection, and to be read before the National Institute, if thought proper.

Catalogue of the administrative library of the interior department.
And the following medals:

La Bataille de Navarin, bust du Comte de Rigny, vice-admiral. Reverse: a victory, with the inscription, Bataille de Navarin, 20 Octobre, 1827. Engraved by Domard.

Medal commemorative of the Duke of Orleans (Louis Philippe) accepting the proposal to exercise the power of lieutenant general of the kingdom in the name of France. Reverse: 31st July, 1830. Engraved by Caunois; large size.

Bust of King Louis Philippe, Reverse: France presenting the crown to the Duke of Orleans. Inscription, Publica Concordiæ—Pignos ix. Aug. MDCCCXXX. Engraved by Depaulis; large size.

Bust of the King. Reverse: establishment of the primary schools in all the cities of France. July 28, 1833. (Caqué fecit.)

Bust of the King. Reverse: the erection of the obelisk of Luxor. Legend: Nili Donym Segynæ Ornamentvm. Erectvm xxv Octobre, MDCCCXXX.

Bust of the King. The King liberating the political prisoners. Reverse: Mercy placed between Justice and the guilty. Legend: Clemencia Regia. 8 May, 1837. (E. Oudiné, fecit.)

Bust of the King. Reverse: the Chamber of Deputies protecting the sciences, arts, commerce, and industry. Session 1842.

Bust of the King. Reverse: Letter of the King to the corporation of the city of Paris, announcing the birth of the Count de Paris, the 24th August, 1838.

Bust of the King. Reverse: Liberty and public order united to destroy anarchy. Légend: Liberty, ordre publique. (Faro-chon, fecit.) Large size.

Bust of the King. Reverse: the taking of Constantine. Legend: Damremont, Nemour d'Orleans, Valée. Prise de Constantine, le 22d Octobre, 1837. (Borel, fecit.)

Bust of the King. Reverse: France protecting an infant child. Legend: Louis Philippe Albert, Count de Paris, né à Paris, le 24th Aout, 1838. (Domard, fecit.) Large size.

Bust of the King. Reverse: Christening of the Count de Paris, 2d May, 1841. (Petit, fecit.)

Bust of the Duke of Orleans. Reverse: the chapel erected on the spot where this unfortunate prince was killed. Legend: "Le roi, la famille royale et la France célèbrent le 1st anniversaire de la mort de S. J. A. R. Monsieur le Duc d'Orleans, né à Palerme le 3 février, 1820, enlevé à l'amour de la nation le 13 Juillet, 1842." (Caque, fecit.)

The cathedral church, Notre Dame of Paris. Reverse: Dimensions of this building, (Dubois, fecit,) 1842.

The bust of Moliere. Reverse: The monument, erected in Paris by a national subscription, to the memory of this celebrated dramatic writer. Legend: "Moliere 1622, 1673, inauguré, en 1844. Souscription nationale." (Cannois, fecit.)

Bust of Marechal Count de Lebau, peer of France, and général-en-chef de la garde nationale. Reverse: A trophy of flags. Legend: "Né à Phalsburg (Meurth) le 21 février, 1770; mort à Paris, le 27 Novembre, 1838. La garde nationale du département de la Seine à son commandant supérieur." (Borel, fecit.)

Busts of the Duke of Orleans and of the Princess Mary—brother and sister; both dead.

A victory distributing crowns: subscription for a monument to be erected to the memory of the 120 braves who defended the Fort of Mazagran, against 12,000 Arabs, on the 3d, 4th, and 5th of February, 1840. Reverse: The names of those braves. Legend: "Honneur à la garrison de Mazagran." (Caqui, fecit,) 1841.

A medal commemorative of the invention of steamboats, railroads, &c. Legend: "Légénie des chemins de fer applanit les montagnes comble les vallones frauchit les rivières et facilite les transactions commerciales entre les peuples." "La puissance de la vapeur brave les calmes des mers, affronte les vents contraires et doits porte la civilisation dans l'univers." "A la gloire des savants, et des industriels." (Caqui et Durout, fecit.)

MEDALS PRESENTED BY M. GUTTEAUX, CELEBRATED ENGRAVER, MEMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF PARIS.

Portrait of Charles the X. struck for his coronation day.

— of Louis Philippe, King of the French.

— of " reverse: mariage du Duc d'Orleans.

— of " " prise de la citadelle d'anvers.

— of " " construction du pont de Bordeaux.

— of " construction des fortifications de Paris.

— of Prix d'Emulation de l'école des Beaux arts, de Paris.

Portraits des trois députés de la Vendée.

— de Zamoisky, gravé pour la Pologne.

— du Général Lafayette, hommoge de la Ville du Meux.

— du Cardinal de Richelieu, ministre.

Portrait de Montaigne, philosophe.
 — de Lafontaine, fabuliste.
 — de Corneille, poete tragique.
 — de Malherbe, poete.
 — de Rabelais, moraliste.
 — de Buffon, naturaliste.
 — de Cassini, astronome.
 — de Barthelemy, historien.
 — de Madame de Stael, litterateur.
 — de Philibert de l'Orme, architecte.
 — de Dupote, statuaire.
 — de Puget, statuaire.
 — de Rameau, musicien.

The list of medals, about one hundred, presented by the other most distinguished medal engravers, Messrs. Barre, Bovy, Domard, and Galle, is not to be found.

The greatest number of the above medals are not to be purchased.

FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.

A complete collection du journal des servants, from 1816 to 1844; 29 quarto volumes bound, presented by the minister of justice, with inscription on the back of each volume: "A l'Institute National des Etats Unis d'Amérique."

The continuation of this work, the most important publication of this nature ever published, will be given.

List of some of the Engravings (proof impressions) presented to the National Institute by French artists, in 1843.

FROM M. ISABEY, SEN., CELEBRATED MINIATURE PAINTER.

Grand review held by Napoleon when 1st consul, (1800, with 32 portraits,) drawn by Isabey & C. Vernet; engraved by Pouquet & J. Mecou.

Portrait of Bonaparte, by the same; engraved by Lingée & Godefroy.

Congress of Vienna, in 1815, containing the portraits of the ministers plenipotentiary of the eight powers which signed the treaty of Paris; engraved by Godefroy.

FROM BARON DESNOYERS, CELEBRATED ENGRAVER, MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS.

The Transfiguration, &c. &c., painted by Raphæl in 1620, the year of his death, and engraved by Desnoyers, 1834.

FROM M. FOSTER, ENGRAVER, MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY.

Æneas relating his adventures to Dido; engraved by Foster.

Francis I. and Charles V., at the tomb of St. Dennis; engraved by Foster.

Portrait of William III., King of Prussia; painted by Girard, engraved by Foster.

Portrait of the Duke of Wellington; painted by Girard, engraved by Foster.

FROM M. MULLER, ENGRAVER.

The infant St. John; painted by Luini, pupil of Leonardo de Vinci; engraved by Muller.

Diana and Endymion; painted by Langlois, and engraved by Muller.

FROM HENRY QUEL DUPONT, ENGRAVER.

The abdication of Gustavus Vasa; painted by Hersent, engraved by Dupont.

Portrait of Louis Phillippe; painted by Girard, engraved by Dupont.

Portrait of Marquis of Pastoret; painted by Paul de la Roche, engraved by Dupont.

FROM SIX DERNIERS, ENGRAVER.

Portrait of Arago; painted by Henry Scheffer, engraved by Six Derniers.

Italian scene; by the same.

The funeral of General Monceau; (delivered to Mr. Ledyard;) engraved by the same.

FROM JAZET, ENGRAVER.

The saloon of 1824—Charles X. distributing orders to the artists; (containing 108 portraits;) painted by Heirn, engraved by Jazet.

A mare defending her colt from wolves; painted by Horace Vernet, and engraved by Jazet.

Tamar and Judah; painted by H. Vernet, and engraved by Jazet.

FROM GIRARD, ENGRAVER.

Twelve heads from Girard's picture of the entrance of Henry IV. into Paris; engraved by Girard.

The last day of Pompeii; painted by Bruloff, engraved by Girard.

Two boys; engraved by Girard.

Christ blessing little children; painted by Overbeck; engraved by Girard.

Evening scene in Italy, painted by Winterhalter; engraved by Girard.

Christ crowned with thorns, painted by Vandyke; engraved by Girard.

A scene from Ivanhoe; engraved by Girard.

The miseries of war, painted by Schaffer; engraved by Girard.

Portrait of Lamartine, painted by Girard; engraved by Girard.
Rothschild's children; painted by Paul de la Roche, and engraved by Madame Girard.

Juliet, painted by Dupont, and engraved by Madame Girard.

Portrait of Princess Marie, daughter of Louis Philippe; painted by Scheffer, and engraved by Madame Girard.

M MARTINEZ, ENGRAVER.

Portrait of Rembrant, by himself; engraved by Martinez.

FROM LEROUX, ENGRAVER.

Madonna; painted by —, and engraved by Leroux.

FROM LE MAITRE, ENGRAVER.

Landscape; painted by the Comte Turpin de Crissé; engraved by Le Maitre.

FROM LE MERCIER, LITHOGRAPHER.

View in the South Sea; drawn by Le Britton.

Last moments of Calvin; painted by Hornung.

Cascade in Norway near Christiania; painted by Meyer.

Village Mooshaus; drawn by Meyer.

Infant Jesus; painted by Murillo.

Portrait of Isabella II., Queen of Spain; painted by Don Vincente Lopez.

The Holy Family; from a picture by André del Sarte.

Queen of Hungary attending the sick; painted by Murillo.

The story teller; painted by Schleisinger.

Interior of the Church of Grenoble; painted by Auguste Mathieu.

Infant Jesus; by Murillo.

Portrait of Cherubini; painted by Ingres.

The Virgin; painted by Mad. Callamatta.

Faith, Hope and Charity; painted by Edward Dubœuf, and presented by the artist.

FROM M. PHILLIPON, LITHOGRAPHER.

A large collection of heads; lithographed by Julien.

FROM M. JULIEN, LITHOGRAPHER.

A large collection of studies in two crayons; lithographed by himself.

FROM LA SALLE, LITHOGRAPHER.

Two harvesters, from paintings by Leopold Robert; lithographed by La Salle.

FROM M. ENGELMAN, LITHOGRAPHER.

Specimens of chromo-lithography, his own invention.

Among the great number of works transmitted from France to the National Institute, previous to the above list published in the Union, the following are to be found, and however imperfect this list may be, it will convey an idea, better than mere words, of the true feelings of the scientific men, the statesmen, &c., towards a truly American National Institute.

Histoire de la Civilisation, par Guizot. 5 vols. in 8vo.

Histoire de la Révolution d'Angleterre, by the same. 2 vols. in 8vo.

Cours d'histoire et de Philosophie, par Victor Cousin. 3 vols. in 8vo.

Histoire des Ducs de Bourgogne de la Maison de Valois; by Baron de Barante. 8 vols. in 8vo., with plates.

Cours d'histoire Ancienne, professé à la faculté des lettres, introduction à l'histoire de l'asie occidentale. 1 vol. in 8vo., by C. Lenomant, member of the institute of France, &c.

Quæstionem cur Plato aristophanem in convivium induxerit tenavit, Carolus Lenomant.

Eclaircissements sur le Cercueil de Mysterinus, traduit de l'Anglais, &c. 1 vol. in 4to.

Histoire Générale de l'Europe durant les années 1527, 1528 et 1529.

Composée par Maqueriau (Robert) de Valenciennes, sous le titre de (*Ce est la Maison de Bourgogne pour trois ans*) publié pour la première fois et sur le manuscrit autographe, par M. Barois. Paris, 1841. 1 vol. in 4to.

Histoire Générale de l'Europe, de puis la Naissance de Charles quint jusqu'au, 5 juin 1728, contenant l'espace de 27 ans et publié pour la 1re fois sous les auspices du Comte du Cobentz, Louvain 1765. 1 vol. in 4to., presented by Mr. Barois.

Histoire du France, par Mr Laurentie. 4 vols. in 8vo.

Histoire des Ducs d'Orleans, 4 vols. in 8vo., by the same author.

Natural History of the Canary Islands, by P. B. Webb.

Dictionnaire d'histoire naturelle, par D'Orbigny.

Histoire de la Philosophie encienne et moderne jusqu'au 19 siecle. 4 vols. in 12 mo., by the right Rev. Dr. Guillon, bishop of Morocco.

Histoire de la Législation des peuples, by the Marquis de Pastoret Chancelier de France. 11 vols. in 8vo., with a portrait of the author.

La Germanie de Tacite. 1 vol. in 4to., presented by M. Panckoncke.

Histoire de l'Europe depuis 1814, Jusqu'en 1830, by Ed. Alletz. 3 vols. in 8vo.

Le livre du très chevalereux Comte de d'Artois et de sa femme romain, Bourgoynon du 15 siecle (1476) imprimé dans le format et l'aspect gothique de l'original orné de 28 grandes signatures, de Majuscules richement enjolivées, de peinture marginales, d'animaux, de fleurs, de blasons et de sujets fantasiques reproduits sur cuire; beautiful volume in 4to, presented by Mr. Barois.

Examen critique sur la découverte du prétendu Coeur de St. Louis, fait à la St. Chapelle, le 15 Mai 1843, with additions, by Mr. Letronne, member of the institute of France. 1 vol. in 8vo.

Collection des Constitutions, Chartes, et Lois fondamentales des peuples de l'Europe et des deux Ameriques, avec des précis offrant l'histoire des libertés et des institutions politiques chez les nations modernes et une table alphabétique raisonnées des matières, par M.M. P. A. Duvergier et Gudet avocat. 6 vols. in 8vo. 1821, 1823; presented by M. Duvergier.

Cours de Droit administratif professé à la faculté de Droit de Paris, por M. L. Macarel, conseiller d'état professeur de Droit &c. 2 vols. in 8vo. 1844.

Eléments de Droit politique par le même.

Oeuvres complets d'Augustin Thiery membre de l'institut. 10 vols. Annales de la propagation de la foi, collection (faisant suite aux lettres edifiantes) recueil périodique de lettres des Evêques et des Missionnaires des deux mondes, to 1843. 12 vols. in 8vo. presented by the society.

Vie politique et militaire de Napoléon racontée par lui même au tribunal de César, d'Alexandre et de Frédéric. 4 vols. in 8vo, avec atlas, par le Baron de Jomini, général en chef, aide-de-camp de l'empereur de Russie; presented by the author.

Précis de l'art de la Guerre. 2 vols. in 8vo, avec portraits et cartes; by the same.

Précis politique et militaire de la Campagne de 1815, pour servir de supplément et de rectification à la vie publique et militaire de Napoléon. 1 vol. in 8vo. 1839.

Atlas portatif pour l'intelligence des relations des dernières guerres publiées sans plans notammens pour la vie de Napoléon.

Histoire de Dante Alighieri. 1 vol. in grand 8vo, with plates, by Chevalier Artand de Montor, member of the institute of France, distinguished statesman. Presented by the author.

Histoire du Pape Leon XIII., ouvrage faisant suite à l'histoire de Pie VII. 2 vols. in 8vo, by the same author.

Histoire du Pape Pie VIII. 1 vol. in 8vo. 1844; by the same.

Notice historique, sur le pere Antoine de la Valette, de la Compagnie de Jesus. Brochure in 8vo; by the same.

Cours d'économie politique, 2d edition, 2 vols. in 8vo, by M. Rossi, peer of France, member of the institute, professor at law, minister plenipotentiary of France at Rome; presented by the author.

Vie de St. Dominique, précédée du Mémoire pour le rétablissement de l'ordre des frères Prêcheurs, large vol. in 8vo; by the Rev. father Laccordaire. 1844; presented by the author.

Dictionnaire général et raisonné du répertoire abrégé de législature, de Doctrine et de jurisprudence, por Armand Dalloz et par plusieurs avocats 4 vol. in 4to., gliv.

Théorie du code pénal, par Faustin Hélie, chef de Bureau des affaires criminelles au Ministère de la Justice, 6 vols. in 8vo. (From the author.)

Essai Surles peines et le Système pénitentiaire, par Isidor Alauzet, avocat, sous chef au Ministere de la Justice. (From the authr.) Traité général des Assurances Maritimes, Terrestres, mutuelles et sur la vie, par le même. (From the author.)

Concordance entre les Codes de Commerce étrangers et le code de Commerce Français par Antoine de St. Joseph, juge au tribunal de 1st instance, 1 vol. in 4to.

Tribunaux Administratifs par M. L. Macarel, member du Conseil d'état.

De l'organisation monétaire en France et de la refonte des monnaies de cuivre par un anciens fonctionnaire. Paris, 1842.

Collection de Législation et de Jurisprudence en matières municipales 4 vol., par Girardon et Nabon de Vaux.

Répertoire de l'administration de la Comptabilité des établissements de bienfaisances par E. Durieux chef au ministère l'intérieur, 2 large in 8vo vols. (From the author.)

Poursuites en Matière de contributions directes, commentaire sur les églement adoptés par le Ministre des Finances, sur les poursuites en motière de contribution, directes en date du 26 Aout, 1824, par servir de Guide aux préfets et de base à leur décisions, 2 vols. in 8vo. Paris, 1842. (By the same.)

Traité de la Legislation des travaux publics et de la Voirie en France, par Armand Husson, chef des Ponts et Chaussées à la préfecture de la Seine, 1842. (From the author.)

Histoire financière de la France depuis l'origine de la monarchie jusqu'à l'année 1828; 2 vols. in 8vo., 2d edition, par Jacques Besson, négociant. (From the author.)

Le livre des fonds publics, 1 vol. in 8vo, 18th edition. (By the same author.)

Législation et jurisprudence des Ateliers dangereux, insalubres et incomodes, ou manuel des manufacturiers, propriétaires, chef d'ateliers &c. 1 vol. in 12, par L. A. Macarel professeur de Droit, membre du Conseil d'état.

Rapport sur les mémoires adressés au Concours pour le prix relatis aux associations Commerciales Allemandes lu dans la Séance de l'académie des Sciences morales et politiques le 23 mai 1840, par M. Hippolite Passy, Pair de France.

Tables Analytiques des dispositions législatives et des règlements Intérieur de la Banque de France, 1 vol. in 4to.

Traité de la Confection des Lois, ou examen raisonné des règlements suivies par les assemblées législatives Françaises comparés aux formes parlementaires de l'Angleterre, des Etats Unis, de l'Espagne et de la Suisse, par phil. Valette, secrétaire de la présidence de la Chambre des Députés. 1 vol. in 8vo; from the author.

Législation Charitable, ou recueil des Lois arrêtés, ordonances royales avis de conseil d'état, qui régissent les établissements de Bienfaisances, mis en ordre et annotée avec une préface, par le Baron A. de Watteville, inspecteur général des établissements de Bienfaisances. 1 vol. in 8vo; from the author.

De l'instruction secondaire, spécialement des écoles secondaires éclésiastique, par M. Ambroise Rendu, membre du conseil royal de l'instruction publique. 2 vol. in 8 vo.

Code Universitaire ou Lois, statuts et règlements de l'université royale de France. 1 gros vol. in 8 vo; by the same author.

Règles de conduite de l'institut des frères des écoles Chrétiennes, approuvées par le pape Bénoist 13. 1 vol. in 4to; from the superior of the institute.

Conduite des écoles Chrétiennes, par M. de La Salle, fondateur. 1 vol; from the same.

Tableaux de la situation de l'institut écoles des Chrétiennes, pendant les années de 1838 à 1842.

De l'instruction intermédiaire et de son état dans le midi de l'Allemagne, par M. St. Marc Girardin, membre de la Chambre des Députés et du conseil royal de l'instruction publique. 2 vols. in 8vo.

Education maternelle, nouvelle édition imprimée avec texte, sur papier velin glacé, illustrée d'environ 500 vignettes sur bois et de cartes géographiques. 1 vol. grand 8vo; devisé en 9 livres distincts, par Madame Amable Tastu; from the author.

Lettres à ma fille ou conseils sur l'éducation, par le Baron de Mengin Fondragon. 1 vol. in 12mo.

4 Circulaire de l'institut royal des sourds-muets à toutes les institutions de l'Europe et de l'Amérique et de l'Asie, par Edwards Morel, prof. et secrétaire archiviste de l'institut des sourds-muets de Paris.

De la Réforme des prisons et de la théorie de l'emprisonnement &c., par Charles Lucas inspecteur général des prisons du Royaume. 3 vols. in 8vo; from the author.

Etudes administratives sur les préfets de Police, le conseil d'état, et les théâtres, par M. Vivien, membre de la Chambre des Députés, ex ministre de la Justice. 3 vols.

Recherches sur les voyages et découvertes des navigateurs Normands en Afrique, dans les Indes et en Amérique, suivies d'observations sur la marine, le commerce et les établissements coloniaux des Français. 1 vol. in 8vo. Par M. L. Estancelin, member de la Chambre des Députés.

Essais politiques industriels, souvenirs de voyage en France, république d'Andorre, Belgique et Allemagne, par Michel Chevalier. 1 vol. in 8vo.

Souvenirs de l'Orient, par le Comte de Marcellus, ancien ministre plénipotentiaire. 2 vols. in 8vo. (From the author.)

Vingt Jours en Sicile, (by the same.) 1 vol. in 8vo.

Souvenir de la Sicile par le Comte de Forbin. 1 vol. in 8vo. (Presented by Comte de Marcellus.)

Voyage dans le Levant en 1817 et 1818. 8vo, 2d edition; by the same author, and presented by the same.

Voyage dans l'Italie meridionale, Pise, Florence, Sienne et campagnes de Rome. 2d edition, 4 vol. in 8vo, 1844; by J. C. Fulchiron, Pair de France. (From the author.)

Des Consulats, mémoire lu à la Séuace de la société maritime, le 25 Fevre, 1845; par M. Estancelin.

Voyage en Abyssinie, analyse critique des voyages qui ont été fait dans ces pays et des ouvrages qui ont été publiés sur son histoire sa religion et ses mœurs; par le Comte Léon de La Borde. 1 vol. large in 8vo. (Presented by the author.)

Voyage dans l'Arabie pétrée, large folio volume, composed of 69 views, maps, plans, and proof plates, on India paper, with more than 100 pages of text; by Comte Léon de La Borde. (From the author.)

Un artiste dans le désert, large in octavo volume; by the same author.

Recherches sur la magie Egyptienne. 1 vol. in 4to.

Commentaire Géographique, sur l'exode et les nombres, ou observation d'un voyageur sur l'écriture sainte, folio volume with plates and maps.

(Note.—In transmitting the above and following to Mr. Vattamare, Count de La Borde says: " You will be kind enough to recommend that great care should be taken of these works, for they are the last copies I had left, and are not to be procured for money.)

Description des Nouveaux Jardins de la France et des anciens chateaux, mêlée, d'observations sur la vie de campagne et la composition des Jardins; by Count Alexandre de La Borde; the drawings by Bourgois. Large folio, containing 216 plates and 108 pages of letter press. Presented by Count Léon de La Borde, son of the author.

Histoire de la découverte de l'Imprimerie, with fac simile, &c.; by Comte Léon de la Borde. 1 vol. large in 8vo.

Débuts de l'imprimerie à Strasbourg, ou recherche sur les travaux mystérieux de Guttemberg, dans la ville et sur le procès qui lui fut intenté en 1439 à cette occasion. Paris, 1840. 1 vol. in 8vo, by Comte Léon de La Borde.

Nouvelles recherches sur l'origine de l'imprimerie. 1 vol. large 8vo; by the same author.

Histoire de la gravure à la manier noire, (metzatinto,) par le Comte Léon de La Borde.

La collection du musée des familles. 20 vols. large 8vo; presented by Henry Berthoud, one of the editors.

La collection du Magazin Pictoresque. 20 vols.; presented by Mr. de Lachevardière, editor and publisher.

Théophile prêtre et Moine, Essai sur divers arts; from a most curious manuscript of the 14th century, relative to the fine arts at that period; published by Comte Charles de l'Escalopiés, one of the librarians of the library of the arsenal, and presented by himself.

Les Manuscrits Français de la Bibliothèque du Roi, leur histoire et celle des textes Allemands, Anglais, Hollandais, Italiens, Espagnoles de la même collection, par M. Paulin Paris, membre de l'institut, (Académie des Inscriptions et belles lettres,) l'un des conservateurs des manuscrits de la Bibliothèque nationale. 5 vols. in 8vo.

Libraries des fils du Roi Jean, Charles V., Jean de Berri, Philippe de Bourgogne, et les Siens, orné de vignettes, fac similé, &c.; a most curious work, being a catalogue of all the manuscript works preserved in the year 1373, in the libraries of King Charles V., in the palace of the Louvres, of the Duc of Berry, the king's brother, in 1416, of Philip the Bold, in 1404, of Marguerite de Male, in 1405, of Marguerite of Bavaria, in 1423, and of Charles the Bold, in 1477. 1 vol. in 4to; published by Mr. Barrois, late member of the chamber of députés, (from the publisher.)

Essai sur les Nielles, gravures des œuvres Florentins du XX. siècle by Mr. Duchesnes, keeper of the collection of engravings of the national library of Paris. 1 vol. in 8vo, with plates; from the author.

Notice des Estampes Exposées à la Bibliothèque royale, formant un appercue historique des produits de la gravures, avec des recherches sur l'accroissement et la disposition méthodique du Cabinet des Estampes; by the same author as above.

Histoire du Cabinet des Médailles Antiques et pierres gravés avec notice sur la Bibliothèque royale, &c. 1 vol. in 8vo, par M. Marian Dumersan; from the author.

Œuvres de C. C. Tacite traduites par C. L. F. Panckouek, 7 vols. in 8vo. Paris, 1843.

L'Agricola, par Tacite. 4 vols. in 8vo; par le même.

Etudes et dissertations nouvelles sur C. C. Tacite; par C. L. F. Panckouek. The four first numbers.

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Mont-de-Piété Budget de l'exercice de 1843; (authographiée.)

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Dictionnaire universel d'histoire et de géographie, by Bouillet. 1 vol. 8vo.

Traité de Toxicologie; 4th edition, by Orfila.

Elements de Chimie, by Orfila; 7th edition.

Code de l'Instruction primaire. 1834.

Cours de Litterature Française, by Villemain. 1841. 6 vols.

Chroniques de France, by M. Tastu.

Poesies Nouvelles, by the same.

Cours de Politique Constitutionnelle, by B. Constant. 2 vols. 1839.

Procédure Administrative, by Mirabel Chambeaud. 2 vols. 1843.

Essai Politique Industrielle, by Michael Chevalier. 1843.

Artisans Illustres. (Illustrious Mechanics.)

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Notice Statistique sur La Guyane Française.

L'Influence du Christianisme sur le droit Romain, by Troplong. 1843.

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A. V.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America, in Congress assembled:*

The memorial of Alexander Vattemare, a citizen of France,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That, after the lapse of eight years since, in his self-imposed mission, your memorialist had last the honor of addressing your honorable body, he has, once more, the gratification of finding himself on the soil of this great, free, and enlightened republic, a land for which his early partialities and strong regards have been proved in the unsparing exertion of his humble faculties. And his gratification is greatly heightened by the consideration that it is now in his power to announce to your honorable body the fulfilment of hopes then confidently, indeed, entertained, but which, at that period, had not been submitted to the test of time and experience. Those severe triers of human projects and expectations have since been appealed to; and your memorialist rejoices in being able to say that they have not only fully justified his most sanguine anticipations, but far surpassed them all.

The great and leading conception, which originated and gave birth to the plan of international, literary, and scientific exchanges, has met, in every quarter of both hemispheres, where it has yet been presented and explained, the cordial approval of the wisest and most influential minds which control public action and mould public opinion.

Nor has this approbation satisfied itself in the mere expression of commendation, however full and emphatic. It has proceeded from words to substantial deeds; and to an extent which none could, in the dawn of this enterprise, have anticipated, has carried the plan suggested by your memorialist into practical effect.

As convincing evidence of this, your memorialist has the high honor and gratification to state that he returns to your shores richly charged with the offerings of the Old World to the rising greatness of the New. This will better appear from what is now to be stated.

The annexed document, marked A, contains details of the results of this international exchange for the space of one year, (1846;) from which it will be seen that, within that period, France received from the United States twelve hundred and sixty-seven volumes, maps, and other articles, literary and scientific; while America, in the same time, received from France three thousand eight hundred and ninety-four volumes of a similar general description, making a total of four thousand seven hundred and twenty-six objects interchanged between the two countries in a comparatively early stage of the plan.

At that time, your memorialist's invitation to embark in this enterprise had received a response in this country from the Hon. Secretary of War, as well as from the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Indiana and Michigan, and also from the cities

tributed important literary works to be transmitted for exchange, but also made liberal appropriations to provide for their respective shares of the expenses incurred by the agency.

But, since that time, this fraternal intercourse between America and the early friend of her revolutionary days has very largely increased.

During the succeeding year, (1847,) your memorialist was the instrument of conveying to this country about twelve tons of objects of literary and scientific exchange of great value.

And, as a yet more convincing proof how this brotherly feeling has spread itself on the other side of the Atlantic, your memorialist is happy in being able to say that he has now brought with him twelve thousand valuable books, four thousand maps and charts, two hundred medals, besides engravings, statuettes, &c. Among these books are to be found some four thousand ancient works on theology, (including many very precious early copies of the sacred scriptures,) as well as others on history, political economy, the physical sciences, &c., dating from 1475 down to the eighteenth century.

Besides this valuable body of ancient learning, the collection is enriched by copies of the greatest and most expensive national works (of a more modern date) ever published by order of the French government: such as the magnificent work on Egypt, under the orders of Napoleon; the recent great work on the ruins of ancient Nineveh; another on ancient and modern Persia; also, what is termed the "Oriental Collection," being a splendid edition of the most precious manuscripts in the royal library of Paris, in all the languages of the east, accompanied by a French translation; the collection, complete, of the *Journal des Scavants*; the *Annales des Mines*, in seventy-five volumes; *Annales des Ponts et Chausees*, in sixty volumes; the Geological Map of France, (the largest and most beautiful work of the kind ever given to the world;) the *Bulletin des Lois*, in three hundred volumes; the *Bulletin de la Cour de Cassation*, in one hundred volumes; *Le Musee des Antiques*; *La Galerie de Florence*; *Les Vases Etrusques de Hamilton*; *l'Histoire Naturelle des Oiseaux d'Afrique*; *Les Documens Inedites de l'Histoire de France*, in sixty-three volumes; *Constructions Navales des Nations Extra-Europeenes*; *Statistique Monumentale de Paris*, a work illustrative of all the public buildings of that metropolis, from the time of Julius Cæsar to the eighteenth century, with other works of a similar class. Then there are also many important works relative to your own continent, and two thousand volumes on agriculture, commerce, domestic industry, &c.

Among the medals, many of which are the most exquisite that ever have been struck, is the entire collection, in bronze, of the historic medals of France, which may, in fact, be justly denominated the metallic history of that empire; extending, as they do, from 1490 to 1846 inclusive. These, though not yet arrived, are secured by the official promise of the French government, contained in the following letter from his excellency the Minister of Finance, which I

had the honor of receiving, but a few days before my departure for this country.

PARIS, April 30, 1847.

SIR: You have requested from me a collection of the medals relative to the history of France, to be presented, as objects of exchange, to the United States. The intention of the government is to offer this collection to the federal government; and it will soon be forwarded to the charge d'affaires of France, who, in presenting it, will not omit to mention you have had in relation to this affair.

I cannot but express to you my thanks for your obliging offers on this occasion, and for all you have already done to facilitate exchanges of such an importance to both countries.

Accept the assurance of my consideration.

LAPLAGNE.

The Minister Secretary of Finance.

All the above works have been presented as tokens of esteem, good will, and brotherly feeling, by his Majesty the king of the French; by the chambers of peers and deputies; by their excellencies the ministers of justice, war, navy, interior, commerce, and agriculture, public instruction, finances, and public works; by the city council of the city of Paris; by the academy of sciences, the academy of moral and political sciences; and by the museum of natural history; as well as by the most distinguished statesmen, authors, artists, mechanicians, and private individuals of France; to the Congress; to the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Departments of War, Navy, and the Treasury; and to the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and Texas; also to the United States military academy at West Point; to the cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore; to the universities of Cambridge, Brown's, Brunswick, and Waterville; to the colleges of Burlington &c; and finally to the National Institute of the United States; of which, your memorialist takes leave to say, that it is now universally known and acknowledged in Europe, as well calculated to become, pre-eminently, the representative of the advanced intellectual power of the United States, as a grand, central, federal depot, where those magnificent works might be deposited of which but single copies only have been or may be sent to this country; its location in this national centre of literary and scientific knowledge being understood as a virtual donation of these expensive works to each of the several States in your glorious union.

What was the universal joy diffused among all the lovers of science in Europe on first learning the fact that such an institution had been founded in America, may be judged of from the letters of congratulation (contained in the annexed document, marked B) from the most illustrious scholars of that hemisphere. of New York and Baltimore; several of which States not only con-

The reciprocal contributions of America to the long accumulating stores of European knowledge have also been received and acknowledged on the other side of the Atlantic with unaffected gratitude and pleasure, as new, and rich, and valuable accessions, derived from a source toward which the curiosity and interest of the more ancient continent had long been turned. Such mental tokens of national regard, such mutual acknowledgments between the elder and the younger members of the great confraternity of science and of art in both worlds, constitute one of those "signs of the times," one of those multiplying omens for good which hold out to the lovers of man, wherever he is found, hopes the most animating, after long centuries of estrangement and of darkness, and a consolation the most welcome, amid all the social and national calamity which seems the lot and inheritance of our common nature. Your memorialist has always been impressed with the conviction that in this, the inevitable moral and political tendency of his enterprise, lay its first and its highest importance and value. An interchange of the treasures of literature, of works of the fine arts, of specimens of national inventive genius and artistical skill, as well as the mere products of boon nature's gifts to both worlds, cannot fail to promote between nations mutual respect and regard; to bring them better acquainted with each other's progress and attainments in all that adorns and gives prosperity to human life, besides enlarging and multiplying those personal and scientific friendships which bind together, as by magic ties, all that is great and good.

Your own country, especially, so recently born into the family of nations, now just becoming known, as she is worthy of being known to her sister nations of the old world; now just rising into that admiration and esteem; which a fuller acquaintance with her just claims cannot fail to secure; America, pre-eminently, may hope to derive the most substantial benefits from an intercourse such as this plan holds out to her. Europe has become rich by the accumulation of many centuries; letters, arts, and the investigations of science, have conferred upon her treasures, such as no land comparatively so new as yours can be expected to possess. But, while she has these to offer in rich profusion to all the lovers of light in this new world, she has equivalents to expect and to receive, in return, which will more than make the balance of benefits fully even.

If you have more lately begun to be, you have advanced with a rapidity of progress which leaves her gazing as at a prodigy; and the boundless physical resources on which the energy of your countrymen is every where employing itself, furnish you with natural treasures of the highest value, as well as new modes and forms of mechanical and scientific adaptation, which her own settled modes of existence could never have struck out.

By such a mutual exchange, while both will be incalculable gainers, neither can be injured. Good, only good, and that without any concomitant evil, is the fair promise of a design which,

while it takes the world for its field of action, has, for all who engage in it, nothing but blessings to bestow.

The proof that the proposed system of exchanges has met with this favorable reception among the most enlightened portions of European society will be found in the written credentials addressed to your memorialist by many of the sovereigns, and most celebrated statesmen, as well as the legislative and learned bodies of Europe. Of these, your memorialist has the honor to submit many copies, appended to a former memorial addressed by him to your honorable body in 1840. [See House Document, No. 586, of the 26th Congress, appended hereto.]

On the present occasion, your memorialist will content himself with offering three or four extracts from the voluminous collection of letters, official and other, addressed to him since his last return to Europe, in relation to his plan. It will be perceived that these are confined to France alone; and the reason is, that it was in his native country alone that your memorialist was enabled, during his last visit, to labor in this great cause. But, should it be the will of a protecting providence, that he be permitted again to cross the Atlantic, he proposes to himself to visit all the different States upon the continent, hoping that he will be enabled to carry with him the firm determination of this government and people to put an end to that cold estrangement which has too long kept asunder the old and the new worlds, and to cultivate, in its place, the spirit of brotherly love, and establish such a system of social intercourse as shall tend to perpetuate the most amicable relations between us.

It is proper to state that all the books and works of art which your memorialist has had the honor of bringing with him, were accompanied, in every instance, by letters, expressive of the best wishes for the success of this great enterprize, as well as of the best spirit in regard to your most interesting country.

The minister of the interior, Count Duchatel, transmitting a number of the most important works on science and the fine arts ever published in France, expressed himself thus in an official letter addressed to your memorialist in January last:

“I trust these may be considered by the Americans as additional tokens of the feelings of France toward them, and by you, sir, as new elements of success in the honorable enterprize, the realization of which you are prosecuting with so much courage and perseverance.”

In a letter addressed by Count de Salvandy, minister of public instruction and grand master of the university, he says: “I have no doubt, sir, that, during the new visit you are on the point of undertaking to those distant countries, your efforts will produce most important and scientific results. It is with this conviction that I am happy to intrust to your care precious collections of French works, to be presented by France to several scientific institutions of the United States, with those fraternal feelings she has always manifested for the interest and welfare of the American people.”

This letter was accompanied by more than four thousand volumes of ancient works, as well as the great work on Egypt, presented, in the name of the king, to the State of New York: *Documens Inedites, l'Histoire de France, Monumens Statistiques de Paris, &c.*

The letter addressed to your memorialist by his excellency the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, in November, 1847, inviting him to communicate to his department every practicable information relative to the industry, commerce, manufactures, navigation, and agriculture of the United States; in a word, the most complete statistical account of your country he could procure, (the intention of the minister being to have the same introduced into the official *Bulletin de Commerce* published by his department,) closes with these words:

"It is important, sir, that, from day to day, these facts should be better known and appreciated on both sides, and that our intercourse with the United States should become more easy, more frequent, and more intimate. This end must be attained, not only for the interest of our respective countries, but likewise for the security of the peace and welfare of nations in general. The efforts you have already made to obtain such results are the best guaranty of the success your present labors are sure to meet with on the other side of the Atlantic."

This letter was accompanied with about two thousand volumes relative to the agriculture, commerce, and manufactures of France.

Your memorialist has likewise obtained, from the good will of this able minister and most excellent gentleman, a favor he was most anxious for: that of an *American fair in Paris*. The following answer to his request, dated March 30, 1847, will give your honorable body an idea of his excellency's favorable disposition:

"In relation to the drawings, models, and specimens of American industry you express the wish that, once in Paris, they shall be exhibited in a becoming place, and receive, thus, all desirable public notice. If you succeed, sir, as I sincerely hope you will, in procuring a complete collection of the principal results of American industry, I shall very willingly have a public exhibition made of the same, and you may avail yourself of this engagement, which I make here, with the donors."

A similar exhibition or fair of the French industry in the United States may be expected; for your memorialist has found among the mechanics of that country the greatest sympathy and desire to respond to his call. The following letter, from the honorable Mr. Termes, mayor of the city of Lyons, will show your honorable body the favorable disposition of the manufactures of this great city, in relation to this plan.

"PARIS, April 30, 1847.

"DEAR SIR: I thank you for the honor you do me in associating myself and the city of Lyons in the noble mission you are prosecuting with so much zeal and perseverance. I shall be most hap-

py to concur with it; and I am convinced that my fellow citizens will be as anxious as I am to open intellectual intercourse with the New World, to which we are already united by various and extensive commercial relations.

" You have delivered to me, sir, six volumes of legislative documents, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a number of other works on various subjects, published by several States of the Union. These will be deposited in our public library, as the beginning, for our city, of the system of literary exchange, to the realization of which you are devoting yourself. In return I shall have to forward to you some of the duplicate works of public libraries and museums, which you will be kind enough to present, in the name of the city of Lyons, to the public scientific establishments of the States and cities of the United States, who may feel disposed to open such friendly intercourse with us.

" You have likewise communicated to me your idea of having, in America, a public exhibition of specimens of the industry and manufactures of France. This idea seems to be most fruitful in happy results; and, when you shall have it in your power to make me acquainted with your means of execution, and the dispositions of the American cities concerning this, I will be most happy to aid in developing and realizing this excellent idea.

" My great desire is, sir, I repeat it, to strengthen, as much as I possibly can, the fraternal bonds which already exist between the city of Lyons and the American Union; and I will, therefore, use my best efforts with you to attain the generous end you propose.

" I have the honor to be, sir, yours,

" TERMES,

" *Mayor of the city of Lyons.*"

[*A member of the Chamber of Deputies.*]

In a letter written to your memorialist, by Count Rambuteau, first civil magistrate of Paris, dated November last, acknowledging the receipt of books presented to him in the name of several States, are the following remarks:

" These works, sir, in consideration of their intrinsic worth and importance, as well as the lively recollection of fraternal feelings attached to them, require from us a distinct and striking proof of our esteem. In consequence we have, according to your wishes, decided that they should occupy a special and separate room in the library of the city of Paris."

Thanks to this decision, one of your memorialist's greatest desires is obtained; for we shall have, hereafter, a special and permanent exhibition of American genius in the most splendid mansion of the old world. In the hall destined for the American library, each State of the American Union will have an alcove expressly appropriated for the reception of its contributions, each severally distinguished by its name, arms, and the date of its incorporation into the Union; so that the thousands of natives and foreigners who visit the Hotel de Ville weekly, must, perchance, become bet-

ter acquainted with the history and genius of your glorious country.

Your memorialist will terminate these extracts by the following letters, addressed to him by the *honorable quæstors of the Chamber of Deputies of France*, the true and mighty organ of the French nation—a body which has always encouraged the labors of your memorialist by their warmest approbation, and their generous contributions toward the realization of his system, he having already received at their hands more than two thousand volumes, among which were the most precious works ever published in Europe.

“ Independently of the above five hundred and eighty-eight volumes of parliamentary volumes, we put at your disposal, sir, several important works you were kind enough to indicate as likely to be received with satisfaction by those States of the American Union who have themselves addressed to our chamber precious works concerning natural history, geology, statistics, political economy, &c. Your intercourse with these States, sir, enables you to determine the most appropriate disposition to be made among them of these works; it is, therefore, with the greatest confidence we adopt the one you propose, viz:

“ *La Flore des Antilles*, four volumes folio, with colored plates, for the State of Maine.

“ *Les Antiquités Etrusques*, four volumes folio, for the State of Massachusetts.

“ *La Galerie de Florence*, four volumes folio, for the State of Virginia.

“ *Le Musé des Antiques*, three volumes folio, for the State of Michigan.

“ *L'Histoire des Oiseaux d'Afrique*, par Le Vaillant; six volumes folio, with colored plates, for the State of New York.

“ *Le Mercure Français*, twenty-five volumes octavo.

“ *Le Voyage au Pays des Hurons*, par Saga.

“ *La collection des Classiques*, thirty-one volumes quarto, for the State of Indiana.

“ *La Description des Cotes Occidentales d'Amerique*, par Denis, two volumes octavo.

“ With the eighty above volumes, the number of those to be distributed to the several States amounts to six hundred and sixty-eight volumes.

“ It is to you, sir—those efforts inspired by your patriotism and enlightened philanthropy—that we are indebted for the establishment of this new intercourse *between us and the American Union*. These reciprocal interchanges of the production of human genius, which you have succeeded to establish, must, in accelerating the progress of civilization, powerfully contribute to increase the ancient fraternal feelings already existing between the United States and France. We could not, therefore, but joyfully welcome a system so fruitful in glorious results, and we are happy to contribute to its realization by the above mentioned collection we have the honor in addressing to you *in the name of the Chamber*.”

In these facts, your honorable body will perceive the evidences of that profound impression which a consideration of this new method of binding nation to nation in the ties of brotherhood—this new species of diplomacy for the formation of a general treaty of universal peace and good will—has created in quarters of the highest dignity and authority. Monarchs themselves have united with ancient colleges, venerable universities, and the most distinguished learned societies, as well as the most eminent men in private life, men rendered illustrious by their attainments and their rich contributions to the stock of human knowledge, in putting the seal of their approval to the plan itself, and in encouraging its humble but devoted advocate to fresh efforts and renewed perseverance in his labor; while, on this continent, the proofs of the same feeling are manifest in the fact that the legislatures of many States have not only passed resolutions in approval of the scheme, but have taken efficient measures to promote its success. Your memorialist, too, can point to a fact yet more cheering; and it is one which, while it fills his heart with gratitude on his own account, swells it with a just pride on yours. It is that, from the hour he, for the second time, set his foot upon your shores, to this hour, though he has in that time traversed so large a portion of your country, and visited so many of your cities and great towns, he has not yet been permitted to expend the first dollar, either for his personal support or his travelling expenses. Everywhere he has been greeted with the most cordial welcome. Everywhere he has found friends, supporters, voluntary and zealous fellow laborers. Requests and invitations, daily multiplying, have called him on from State to State, from city to city, thus evincing the ardor and freshness of that love of science and literature and art which is in all its vigorous youth among you. The recital of this, in his native land, has there awakened a corresponding enthusiasm in behalf of this wonderful people—enthusiasm which centuries of mere commercial or diplomatic intercourse would have failed to produce. If so much has thus already been effected, what may not be rationally looked for as the happy results yet to be realized? The great *simplicity* of the plan commends it at once to every understanding; and its utter separation from everything of a political and party character clears before it an unobstructed and a rapid career.

Cheered and sustained by these facts and considerations, your memorialist is emboldened to present to your honorable body the practical features of his plan, and very respectfully, yet earnestly, to invoke your own high agency in aiding to carry them into effect.

After consulting on the subject the most learned scientific bodies, as well as the most illustrious statesmen, both here and abroad, and reflecting maturely on the results of many years personal experience, he is led to the conclusion that the most direct, easy, and certain mode of effecting the object in view would be to establish and organize a general international agency for the exclusive purpose of conducting scientific and literary exchanges between the governments, legislatures, and municipal and scientific bodies in the nations of Europe on the one hand, and the States of this Union on the other. The seat of such agency to be in the city

of Paris, having subordinate agents in New York, for the United States, and in the capitals of the European nations for Europe, whose duty it shall be to receive the objects of exchange in the district assigned, respectively, to each, and forward them to the central depot, in Paris, (or, under its direction, to the subordinate dépôt, in New York,) from which points the general exchange between the two hemispheres shall be directly made, and thence distributed through the subordinate agencies, and so spread, for universal benefit, throughout every part of the respective countries who shall enter into the plan. Of course, these subordinate agencies may be multiplied to any extent, as the growing population, especially of this country, may demand, and as the benefits of the system shall attract to it increasing patronage and support.

Connected with this federal agency, should be a system of authentic reports, stating what has been collected for exchange, and also what has been received in return. These reports (while they operated as a salutary check on agents disposed to be unfaithful) would be a means of furnishing, mutually, to the two continents, what each might obtain from the other, and where the objects desired are to be found.

To illustrate, suppose a European city was forming an extensive collection of fossil remains to illustrate a course of lectures on geology, or comparative anatomy, in looking over the published reports of objects for exchange, they see, in one of your western cities or towns in the interior, a list of fossil remains recently discovered in that vicinity, of which duplicate specimens could be furnished, all such a city would have to do would be to write to Paris and request that in the next national exchange with America fossils from Missouri or Illinois might be included; at the same time stating what scientific works lay, unused, in their own libraries ready for distribution abroad. Thus, by a machinery the most simple, easy, rapid, and certain, two distant spots on the earth might be furnished with the means of interchanging intellectual wealth on the one hand, for natural and physical treasures on the other; of the very existence of which they might both have remained in ignorance; an exchange to mutual benefit, which, by no other possible means, would or could ever have happened.

It is obvious that, so far as legislation can subserve the establishment of such a plan, (which, after all, must rest for its support on the free approbation of the people, the ultimate recipients of its benefits,) it must look to the legislatures of the several States for aid. But, beside the local laws which they may see fit to enact for its encouragement, it will be in the power of your honorable body not only to honor and accredit it by your high recognition and sanction, but to contribute to its success by your own enactments; and, in this view, your memorialist most respectfully prays.

1st. That the law securing patent rights and copy right may be so amended as to require all authors or publishers, taking out copy rights for works to be printed, to place in the depot of the central agency at New York, subject to the order of government, copies

of such work, in addition to the two copies now required to be deposited in the library of Congress.

2d. The enactment of a law, (accompanied by all necessary guards for the prevention of fraud,) admitting duty free all works and other objects addressed by governments abroad, through the general dépôt of exchange in Paris to the branch dépôt in New York, exclusively for the purpose of international exchange.

3d. That the resolutions heretofore passed by both Houses of Congress, in July, 1840, in the words following, (and which have hitherto remained a dead letter on the statute book,) be carried into full effect, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1. That the librarian, under the superintendence of the Committee on the Library, be [authorized] to exchange such duplicates as may be in the library for other books or works.

2. That he [authorized] in the same way to exchange documents.

3. That hereafter fifty additional copies of each volume of documents, printed by order of either House, be printed and bound, for the purpose of exchange in foreign countries.

To effect this, it will be requisite to repass a similar resolution, substituting the words, "and is hereby directed and required," for the word "authorized," and also, by assigning a place of deposite for, or otherwise disposing of, the fifty copies ordered to be furnished for exchange.

4th. That the above regulations be understood as applying exclusively to works of a scientific character, and promotive of intellectual improvement; works of a different description being allowed to seek the usual channels opened by those engaged in the book trade.

5th That duplicates of the objects of curiosity and scientific interest, brought home by the late exploring expedition, (so honorable to the intelligence and liberality of your government and country) be directed to be assigned, by those having official control of the objects so collected, for the purpose of being exchanged on authorized demand for them, for objects of a similar kind furnished by European governments or learned bodies.

In conclusion, your memorialist takes leave to assure your honorable body that in asking at your hands the sanction and aid of governmental power, he is induced by no petty miserable views to his personal advantage of emolument. All that he has already sacrificed on the altar of this object of his enthusiasm. For this, he has not only a burnt offering of his own private fortune, but, what is to him far, far more dear, has given up the joys of domestic life, the sweet solace of his own fireside—voluntarily banishing himself from the bosom of wife and children, home and country—to traverse sea and land; encounter danger, privation, and toil; to spend weary days and sleepless nights; and, amid the jeers of the ignorant, and suspicions and calumnies of the selfish and the narrow minded, to consecrate himself to the triumph of *one single, simple, disinterested, beneficent idea*.

He asks the establishment of a permanent agency, in order to give substantial embodiment to that which is, as yet, but a temporary experiment: to provide "a local habitation and a name" for that which, as yet, has been only the fairy dream of an enthusiast, or, at best, but the first fruits of the efforts of a wanderer. Sensible (alas with but too much reason) of the frail tenure by which he holds his own life, and apprehensive that, unless some palpable and permanent form be given to the object to which that life has been devoted, no other individual might be found to pursue it with the same fond and untiring devotion of heart, he appeals to your honorable body to take his long-loved project under the broad wings of the national protection. Once *there*, he will have no further fears for its security and ultimate triumph.

Nor let it be objected that the present is an inauspicious period for the establishment and prosecution of a great national object like this, which may be expected best to flourish in the smiling days of public peace, because all the lessons of history witness the contrary. They tell us that the most valuable and important of the literary establishments which have blessed, and are still blessing, the world, have had their origin in periods of the highest public excitement, when the minds of men were heated, expanded, roused, by the exigencies of national affairs; many of them having, in point of fact, been born in the agonizing throes of revolution itself.

Having, through your favorable reception of his proposal, had this heavy burden taken off his spirit, your memorialist will feel himself at liberty to consummate the offering he has made of himself to it, by devoting the remaining years that may yet be spared to him to watch its progress, to aid, as he may be able, its growing strength, and, as a father, to stretch out his willing, though, it may be, but weak and trembling hand, to give his last benediction, with his latest prayer, to this only child of his long cherished affection.

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WASHINGTON, February 16, 1848.

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