=gest the propriety of taxing teams and burden-carriages. It is admitted, that every encouragement ought to be given to labor, and par=
=ticularly that kind which the energy and ingenuity of the enterprising introduce into the community to facilitate its execution; but the ravages and destruction done to the roads, in a great measure attributable to them, make it necessary.— The tax on owners and non-proprietors of vehicles has always been the same— while the benefits accruing from good and passable roads, have been of treble advantage to the form=
=er. To have the burden of repairs equal, would be inequality of, or unproportional taxation; and this would not be in keeping with the spirit of our polity.—

No sales of public land have been effected. The subject has been one of consideration, and a number of lots were selected with a view to their disposal, but their sale was postponed for a=
=while. When sold, their proceeds, will doubtless help the finances of the current year.

The post office establishment works very well. The result of it, is a small amount in hand which the law authorizes being consumed by the expenses of the department. It is advisable that the mon=
=eys arising in this source should hereafter be deposited in the State Treasury, and the expenses incident to the department defrayed out of the general fund. The project certainly is one of gain, which though comparitively trifling, I maintain, constitutes as much a subject of revenue as any other.— Instances have occurred where the Act was not respected; and a penalty attached to its violation, would have the effect of giving it a consistency beyond the approach of invasion or animadversion.— Under this head, we would notice, the great need of an appropriation for the purchase of standard works for the government— there being none in the offices for reference and use.—

The subject of opening the large interior branch of Hoffman river running back of Tubman Village, is one, which has claimed the attention of a number of persons who are anxious to

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