The above premiums will be awarded independently of the premiums offered by any existing law of Liberia.

The twenty-five pounds per annum, appropriated by the Manchester Cotton Supply Association, for five successive years, with appropriate medals, for the encouragement of the growth of cotton in Liberia, will be awarded as follows:

First.—To the producer of the greatest quantity of the best quality of ginned cotton in Liberia, this season, the sum of £9.

Second.—To the producer of the greatest quantity of second quality ginned cotton, £7.

Third.—To the producer of the greatest quantity of third quality ginned cotton, £5.

Fourth.—To the producer of the greatest quantity of fourth quality of ginned cotton, £3.

Fifth.—To the producer of the greatest quantity of fifth quality ginned cotton, £1.

All the premiums herein proffered will be awarded at the National Fair, commencing with the ensuing Fair to be holden next March at Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

WHY IS THIS THING SO?

We see by the following paragraph, that officers of the highest rank in our Navy, on visiting Liberia, are ready enough to exchange courtesies and civilities, national and personal, with the officers of that Government. And yet our Government, both Legislative and Executive, still refuses to recognize, in any way, the existence of this African Republic, or even to allow of reciprocal commercial regulations. How miserable, how contemptible is such a policy.

U. S. SHIP CONSTELLATION.

This splendid vessel, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore William Inman, the Commander-in-chief of the U. S. Naval forces on the West Coast of Africa, arrived in our port on the afternoon of the 21st October.

We had the pleasure, on several occasions, of being in company with the Commodore, and we feel warranted in saying, that a more indefatigable, enterprising and intelligent Commander never yet visited us. That the best exertions of this distinguished gentleman and his officers, will be called in requisition for the suppression of the abominable traffic in slaves, no one, who has had the pleasure of hearing them speak on the subject, will doubt. The indignation in which they speak of the desecration of the Flag of their Country, in the prosecution of the slave trade, will convey to the mind of every one, that the trader in human flesh will find no mercy at their hands. Four steamers compose a portion of the Commodore's squadron, which is the largest and most effective squadron the United States ever had on the coast; and the Commander-in-chief will keep it constantly employed, and we hope and believe that he will meet with deserved success in the philanthropic mission in which he is now engaged.

The Commodore kindly permitted his band to come on shore for the entertainment of the citizens; and it attended at the banquet given at the Mansion, by His Excellency the President, to the Commander, his officers and some of the notabilities of the city—in all, there were about twenty-eight guests. The good things were served up in the greatest abundance, and full justice was done to them. Among the sentiments drank, we select a couple.

By His Excellency—"The health of Commodore Inman, accompanied with the anxious wish, that the prosecution of the very noble and humane mission with which he is charged by his Government, may be crowned with abundant success." This sentiment was prefaced by an expression of the high gratification the Government and people of Liberia felt, in view of the Commodore's arrival in our port, as the Commander-in-chief of so efficient a naval force, charged with the humane mission of suppressing the African slave trade, prosecuted under the American Flag on the coast of Africa, and the great interest the Government and people of Liberia felt in that mission, and that he would bear with him their highest respect and best wishes. The sentiment was enthusiastically received.

The accomplished and gallant Commodore responded in the most agreeable and eloquent manner. He expressed the highest gratification at the courtesies extended to him and his officers, and felt grateful for the kind and very flattering sentiments to which expression had just been given. He expressed great indignation at the slave trade being prosecuted under the American Flag, and of his determination to do all in his power for its suppression. He spoke flatteringly of the present condition of Liberia, and of the great interest he felt for its continued prosperity, and of the pleasure it would afford him to render any service to it, not incompatible with propriety. He gave as a sentiment. "The prosperity of Liberia—and the health of the officers of State, from the Executive to the administers of Justice."

After a few remarks acknowledging the sentiment, the health of his Excellency the President of the United States was drank.

The festivities on the occasion were enlivened by the performance of the band, and every thing passed off most agreeably.

The San Jacinto arrived the day previous to the banquet and we were favored on the occasion with the company of several of the officers of that ship.

The Commodore sailed for the Leeward coast the same evening, having made the most favorable impressions on the good people of this city, during his visit of a week. Should his duties permit, he will repeat his visit to Monrovia, in February or March.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE.—On the 25th ultimo, the Rev. John Seys, U. S. Commercial Agent, entertained at dinner, Commodore Inman and his suite. Among the guests, were His Excellency, the President of Liberia—the Hon. Joseph J. Roberts, the Secretary of State of the Republic, and Bishop Burns of the M. E. Church. Abundance of good things were served up and discussed, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The agreeable host understands how to make things pleasant.

MARBLE, LIMESTONE AND COAL.

We invite our readers to the communication of Hon. A. W. Gardner, Superintendent of the County of Grand Bassa. It will, no doubt, be read with considerable interest. We do not propose to make any remarks on the letter, as it speaks plainly for itself, but we may, however, indulge in our anticipations for a bright and glorious future for Liberia. Marble and limestone, two very important articles, are supposed to exist, and easy to

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