CRUSSING THE LINE AND SHAVING:

SHAVING:

"There it is at last," said the midp man of the watch to a young Irish
det, who was standing near him on
he poop of an outward bound first Inla nang "there it is at last." Whan
in the bound of the last last." The last last last." is it?" asked the young soldier. The line to be sure—the equinoxial line, which we have all been so anxiously which we have all been so anxiously looking out for. "Ah, now, sure you don't mane to persuade me that you can see it?" "Take my glass then, and look out yonder about a point on the lee bow, and persuade yourself whether you can see it or not. The young lrishman had no sooner put his eye to he tube, than he exclaimed, . Sure there is a line youder: I do not see it with out the glass, but it cannot be very far io, it is not very far off, the Midshipman, laughing heartily; it is all in your eye Par. Do you remember the story of the fly on the clergy man's spectacles? Look at the glass (In examination Pat found a hair stick ing horizontally across the lower len of the telescope, which had been fixed there by the mischievous Midshipman. The sun was just setting—the clouds

ere tinged with all the gorgeous hues f a tropical sky, assuming every va-

riely of strange and grote-que appearance, and the water reflected back the inage of the heavens, if possible, with increased splendour. As far as the eye could reach, nothing was visible but the glassy undulating surface of the sea, tremulously rippled here and there under the partial influence of the cat's was gliding slowly over the smooth expanse of water—her large sails flapping heavily against the masts as the searner and fell, and her smaller canvass just swelling with the breeze and lending its feeble aid to urge her onwards. tiroups of passengers were lounging up and down the quarter deck and poop, or leaning over the hammock nettings. and down the quarter deck and poop, or leaning over the hammock nettings, ad niring the heauties of the evening, while the ship's musicians were doing all in their power to inurier time and harmony for their amusement. The seamen were in high glee, for the quarter master had heard the officer of the formon watch report the latitude at formoon watch report the latitude at muon to the cast off robes of some of the latitude at knew that Neptune would soon make his appearance. Just as the increase his appearance. Just as the increasing dusk of evening began to render objects indistinct and obscure, the look ut on the forecastle called out. 'A light near it,' said the officer of the deck. In a short time the man ex-claimed. The light is close aboard of 112, Sir; and immediately a loud confused roaring noise was heard, and a Stentorian voice bawled ont, 'He! the Stentorian voice bawled only "the the ship aboy!" 'Hollo!' said the officer. 'What ship is that?' 'The Heavitree.' 'What, my old friend Captain Blowhard? He is welcome back again.— Tell him his old friend Neptune means to pay him a visit to morrow at ten o'. clock, and hopes he will warn his chil dren to have their chins in readiness for his razor. Good night.' 'Good night.' 'Won't you go forward and see Neptune's car, said the young Midshipman to our friend Pat, it is worth your while to look at the old boy whisking along at the tail of half a score of given himself and his lady a vite cold dolohins, with a poon light as big as the limit the stomach; a hint which the Can Tell him his old friend Neptune meannessing the astonishment and discomfi-ture of the gulpins. In the meantime Neptune's car, in the shape of a lighted and rigging as it passed, and was seen foating in the ship's wake, till its dwinfinating in the ship's wake, till its dwin-dling flame disappeared in the distance

like a star sinking beneath the horizon.

The character of the scene was com-

rently jayous group on the poup, many a white cheek was now seen to belie the loud laughter of its owner. *We are nearing the boat fast, Sir!' and the captain made his appearance on deck to reconneitre the approaching stran ger. 'Ho! the ship aboy!' crietia non-voice; 'lay your maintopsail to the mast and give us a rope for the boat.' 'Fore "Ho! the ship shoy!" cried a lour castle there! A rope for the boat. Let go the main-top bowline! Afterguard! square the main yard! bawled the offi cer of the deck, repeating the captain's orders.

Neptune made his appearance over the ship's bows. He was dressed in sheep skins, with a flaxen beard descending to his waist, and a trident in his hand, with a flaxen beard. to his waist, and a trident in his hand, with a fine fish sticking on the prongs. After he had descended to the waist, the screen we have before mentioned was withdrawn, and the procession moved on. First came the ship's bind, fantastically dressed for the occasion, and playing 'Rule Britanis,' with might and main; next followed the triumphacer, decorated with various coloured flags, in which were seated. Neptune, Amphitrite and Triton; and immediately in the rear followed the suite, consisting of the barber, doctor, scribe, consisting of the barber, doctor, scribe, and about a dozen party coloured demi gods, acting as water bailins. Previous to the outset of the procession, all those unfortunates who had never cross of the line, were driven below;—the zors, the scriba displayed his list, an looked vastly knowing, with his three cornered hat, floured wig, pen behind his ear, and inkhorn dangling at his buttonhole; the horses pranced as un-couthly, and looked as unlike sea-hors es as possible; and the coachman, proud of his livery and shoulder knots, crack ed his whip, d—d his horses for lub bers' and contrived, by dint of singing I. and a out hard a port to his horses, to weaup round the capstan, where with a graceful pull up of the reins, very much like 'a strong pull at the main brace,' and a 'vast there' to his obedient cat-

king along at the tail of half a score of dolphins, with a poop light as big as the full moon blazing over his stern; you can see him quite plain from the fore castle.' Gure I'll go see the fun whatever it is,' said Pat, and off they ran, followed by about a dozen of the poop foungers—the reefers soon disappeared under the galley deck, while the cads rushed upon the forecastle, where they had hardly effected a safe landing, when had hardly effected a safe landing the same contains the same rushed upon the forecastle, where they had hardly effected a safe landing, when plash—splash—bucket af the bucket of water came down upon their heads from the foretop; and loud shouts of laughter from all parts of the slip indicated the general joy at wit slip indicated the general joy at wit seems to be safe water) for the captain after his long very many the astonishment and discomfined the propose of presenting the time water. For the captain after his long very many the astonishment and discomfined the purpose of presenting the time and the purpose of presenting the time and the purpose of presenting the first on its prongs, as an addition to their heads from the foretop; and loud should be purpose of presenting the first on its prongs, as an addition to their heads from the foretop; and loud should be purpose of presenting the first on its prongs, as an addition to their heads from the foretop; and loud should be purpose of presenting the first on its prongs, as an addition to the backet of water came down upon the first on its prongs, as an addition to the backet of water came down upon the first on its prongs, as an addition to the backet of water came down upon the first on the captain's dinner; and water because the backet of the backet of the purpose of presenting the first on the captain's dinner; and water because the backet of the purpose of presenting the first on the captain's dinner; and the backet of the backet of the backet of the purpose of presenting the first on the purpose of presenting the first on the backet of the backe e of the gulpins. In the meantime age. During this interview the men plune's car, in the shape of a lighted were all standing near the gangway, barrel, went slowly astern casting armed with buckets of water, we stren casting armed with buckers of water, were ght on the sails and was seen in till its dwin band struck up, "Off she gnes," 'Carry on, you lubbers,' said the coaching the horizon.

scene was com-The character of the scene was completely altered since the final disappear ance of the sun below the horizon. A brilliant moon shone clearly in a bright seam cloulless sky, her bright beams riding on a path of liquid silver over the sea, while the gigantic shadow of the sun below the kimming its way to the myriails of glittering stars, reflected from the thickly studded heaven. No sooner were the decks washed in the morning, than the 'active note of preparation' was heard among the sailors, who had been for weeks anticipating the pleasures of that day. The jolly boat full to the gonwale, was ready to answer to the porpose of a comporting that this was Neptune's easy shaving shop. A screen was drawn across the fore part of the waist, to conceal the operation of the actors in the approaching ceremony. All was bostle and animation: the carpenters gang converting an old gon carriagein the many attriumphal ear; the gunner preparation. The main hatch grating was haber gang converting an old gon carriagein the dealy and have gang that the stream hatch grating was haberd stream the horses, and away whirled the car, which no sooner approached the gang the horses, and away whirled the car, which no sooner approached the gang than the procession was greeted the gang than the procession was greeted with his own element. After the first effusions of the function stream the procession was greeted with his own element. After the first effusions of the function stream the procession was greeted the the substitution the compensation of Ministers and the compensation of Ministers and the compensation of Ministers and the compensation of the function stream the procession was greeted the team that is own element. After the first effusions of the function stream the procession was greeted the transmissions and have the substitution of the compensation of the function stream the procession was greeted the transmissions and have the substitution of the contingencies to the compensation of the function stream the procession was larg bastle and animation; the carpenters parting an old gun carriage in the gunner or parting was gring converting an old gun carriage in the gunner preparing flags for its decoration; his mater bear with his paint brush bedaubing the which covered his eyes, and shivering the were to act as sea horses, and the covered his eyes, and shivering the charioteer preparing and putting on the charioteer preparing and putting on the committee, in reply to one forwarties, the charioteer preparing and putting on the committee, in reply to one forwarties, and the charioteer preparing and putting on the committee, in reply to one forwarties, and the charioteer preparing and putting on the committee.

Noptune's livery. At length all was leady for the reception of the king of the sea.

'On deck there?' cried the man at the man teeth, pressed his lips together, and sat a ludicrous picture of fear mixed sat a ludicrous picture of fear mixed with desperate resolution. A close Scot, I see, aid Neptune; give him snap to soften his phizzog and teach him to open his mouth. The Barber lathered his patient's cheeks with far, brandished his smoothest razor with most becoming grace, and completed the operation without scraping such skin off. The doctor with his vial of tar water, and his box of indeas combibly nills aroughly resily to take cribable pills stood by, ready to take idvantage of every involuntary gasp of

ne poor Scotchman. At a given signal, the bandage was At a given signal, the bandage was taken from his eyes, and he was thrown suddenly backwards, and left floundering in the water till some charitable hand dragged him out: Halfdrowned, and blind with salt water, he rushed onwards, he knew not where like a hare before its nursees, and stumbled hare before its pursuers, and stumbled over a rope stretched purposely across the deck as a trap rope for the unwary. and while he lay prostrate he received the contents of all the buckets in the gain he ran-and again he fell; but a last, having run the gauntlet through the whole length of the waist, he gain ed the fore-castle, seized a bucker, and hastened to console himself for his fright and soffering by inflicting upon another all that he had endured himself. All the uninitiated danced to the same tune as Saunders, with the barber's variations of-smooth, rougher, roughest; and it will be tedious, as well as unne cessary, to describe the course of treat ment pursued by the doctor towards each individual patient. When the whole list of the condemned had been gone through, Neptune (now a water gol no longer) dived below to take his share of the extra grog allowed to the ship's company: the small sails (which had been previously furled) were set by the watch, and a light breeze spring ng up, as if in honour of Neptune' leparture, the Heavitree, with all he canvass apread, began to move slowly ind steadily through the water beneath

POLITICAL.

From the Delaware Gazette.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES.
We are indebted to the Hon. Mr. Hamilton for a copy of the report of the committee upon the subject of a re-trenchment in the expenses of govern nent, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole house on the state of the Union. The report itself makes forty one octavo pages, and the documents with which it is ac companied swell the volume to 199 pages. Consequently it is too long for publication in our columns, in the form in which it was presented to the house; but we shall present a view of the fact-which it details to the eyes of our read-er-; and we doubt not that if they can ontrol the indignation which they will instances be highly amused, at the singularity, as well as the enormity of the abuses which have not only been tole

rated, but have grown into use.
Under the head of the State Depart. ment, after expressing the opinions that the diplomatic relations of the country are on a scale unnecessarily expensive: and that instead of hereafter ministers of the first grade at Colombia and Madrid, Charges ought to be sub-stituted; and that Consuls General or mala, Chili, and Buenos Ayres, with Plenipotentiary at Mexico, they next propose to abolish "the fund created in the appropriation act under the denomi-nation of defraying the contingent ex-penses of all missions abroad, as they believe that it merely enables the Secretary of State to make such additions thus burdened, no communication was to the compensation of Ministers and made, or answer given.

total amount expended for their sup-port, are primarily determined by the Executive.

with authorizations, shouldered by two the Committee, in reply to one forward tritions. His formentors seated him on ded by the latter to the forward the edge of the jolly-best at the gang-pears that the expenditures of the State way, and the barber, turning toward Department, for the various objects en-From a letter from the Secretary of sion of any part of its and we therefore State, addressed to the Chairman of give it in the language of the commit-

Making the expenditure of the present exceed that of the last Administration, by \$90

This statement embraces charges connected with the settlement of the Florida claims, which were chiefly incurred under Mr. Monroe's admi nistration, and which the committee hink should not be included. By deducting them the statement would stand

Last Admin. Present Admin above stated Deduct expenses under the Florida Treaty 126,603 97 71,679 63

777,811 7. 632,675 3 632,675 37

145,136 The committee go on to show, additionally, that from the situation is shich the two administrations wer placed, during the periods embraced by the comparison, as the last administra tion had the missions to institute wit South America, and had consequently to meet the expense of outfits, in addi to meet the expense of outlits, in addition to the salaries, the expenses under the present administration, instead of being higher, should have been lower than those of Mr. Monroe's. Besides, the appropriations for 1825, were made for, and used by the present ad ninistration, and making the alteration which is required from the considerati on of this fact, the statement would

stand thu-: 1822 \$239,450 18:3 154,800 1824 309,350 1826 350,932 1327 290,550 \$703,630

\$273,133 The Secretary of State claims or dit for "the small amount of appropria tion required for the present year," which he says, "is the result of econo mical savings out of previous appropriations:" under the heads of "First, con ingent expenses of foreign intercourse Secondly, intercourse with the Barba-ry Powers; Thirdly, relief and protec ion of American seamen; and Pourth ly, the contingent expenses of the de-partment." But the committee place that matter in a proper light, by sub-mitting a table, showing the amount of appropriations and expenditures under the different heads, at different peri-ods. In 1822, '23 and '24, they were,

Amount disposable

110. expended \$186,689 47 In 1825, '26 and '27, they Amount disposable Do. expended 314,271 4

\$111,140 46 From which it appears that although ler sum than the present one at their disposal, for those objects, yet their savings were 875,549 01 the greatest.

For "secret service money," under the periods already stated, the amounts expended have been for 1822 nothing 1825 \$1,700

nothing \$3,000 2,130 1826 1,666 66 1827 8,958 01 \$12,324 . 67 \$5,130

In reference to this matter the committee say, "it will be seen that this Administration expended, during the last year alone, 82,578 more than was lisbursed by the two preceding Administrations in a period of nine years."

The committee state "that the late Daniel P. Cook, late a member of Con-Commercial agents will be adequate to gress from the state of Illinois, had reall the public objects at Naples, Guata. Celved the sum of 85,500 for some ser vices connected with the foreign rela-tions of the country. "As no record appeared of it, they desired some exwho informed them that he would make to them 'a'confidential communication," but as they declined a communication

> nout the last of April, 1827, and re-turned about the first of June of the same year. No one can tell for what ne went, or what he performed.

It may be recollected that Mr. Cook gave the vote of Illinois to Mr. Adams, and was turned out of his seat in consequence of it; and this 5,500 made up-perhaps, in part his loss on account of it

The following statement shows the mount of expenditures during the last ix years for the contingent expenses for foreign intercourse to wit:

For 1922 \$ 375 1821 3,821 1824 2,630 6,827

Excess The following extract contains matter too important to admir of the exclu

safers of despatches, is liable to strong beapers of despatches, is liable to strong objection. In practice, we fear it is proposite degenerate into a species of favouritism, altogether adverse to the public interest; for your committed have reason to apprehend, that it is little, short of a convenient mode of sending favourites abroad to travel for their pleature, health or instruction, out of the sure, health, or instruction, out of the

public coffers.

Amidst the numerous appointments Amidst the numerous appointments of messengers, made by the present Administration, they will select the account of J. H. Pleasants, editor of the Richmond Whig, because that case, in their estimation presents the most flagrant example of abuse.

It appears that on the 19th of April, a little more than a month after the inauguration of the President, this gentleman received the appointment of Bearer of Despatches to Rio Janciro

tleman received the appointment of Bearer of Despatches to Rio Janciro and Buenos Avres. The circumstances of his journey from Richmond to Boston, in seeking a passage; his ultimate embarkation at New York, on the 28th moodwinked by the max of May, in the William Tell, for South America; the incidents which occurred on board that vessel, his leaving his important despatches, in charge of the captain of the William Tell, and going on board another vessel, bound to Antiverp; his again debarking from this vessel, and embarking at sea on board a ship bound to Liverpool; his spending the Summer in Rigland. 'in sceing the truther and reflect we entreat then, that their mishal those under been excited again the Summer in Rigland. 'in sceing the truther and the country,' and his ultimate return to country,' and his ultimate return to dangers incurre his letters, narrative and penitential, to Mr. Clay, in the appendix marked No. 29, whilst the subjoined account shows at whose expense these extraordinary voyages were made, viz.
Department of State to John II. Pleasants,

To this sum for voyages out & home 900 To this sum for voyages out & home To actual expenditures in travelling expenses and board, from the time of leaving Richmond, on the 19th of April 1825, to 28th May of the same year, in which interval I was seeking, from Baltimore to Boston, the means of getting to Buenos Ayres.

To expenses on my return from New York to Richmond. York to Richmond to per diem allowance, at 6 dolls, from the 19th April to the 22d Au-gust, is 126 days inclusive,

Approved. II. Clay -7th Dec. 1826_ This account was approved by the secretary without vouchers.

In the first place your committee are

In the first place your committee are of opinion, that Mr. Pleasants was entitled to no allowance for voyages, not one of which he performed in the public service; at all events, if he paid his passage to Buenos Ayres, in the Wil iam Tell, before embarking, this was he extent of the allowance which should nave been made him.

Either his depatches were or were

not of importance, if they were of im portance, like a soldier on post, no con-sideration should have induced him to have deserted them; if they were of no higher importance than to have render-ed it safe that they should be confided to the captain of an ordinary merchan: vessel, then they should have zone thro not to have been appointed. the comparative rates of passage mo ney, to parts of the habitable globe the most remote. By looking at some of the accounts of other Bearers of Desfind no corresponding rates. For example, Mr. George Watkins, who was sent after the inauguration of the President, days service, charged and received but 8466 for passage money, as per the sub-

Despatches to England in 1825, Compensation from the 12th March to 1st July, 112 thys, at 6 dolls.

per day, f Allowance for the voyage out and home, Travelling expenses from Washington to New-York. Post Chaise & Pair from Liverpool to London, at 2 shillings ster-

ling per mile,
Expenses on the road
Mail Coach from London to Liver-Expenses on the snall Travelling expenses from New-York to Washington

\$1,347 68

sage money to Vera Crez.

If this excessive allowance for passage m ney to Mr. Pleasants be objectionable his per tiem compensation is not the last reason. sage m ney to Mr. Pleasants be objectionable his per diem compensation is sage m ney to Mr. Pleasants be objectionable his per diem compensation is not the less seraes, your committee are clearly of opinion he was not entitled 12 one cent after the day on which he feft the William Tell and had aban doned his despatches; and, if any person had a claim for such allowance, it was the eaptain of the William Tell, and the crops of person of person had been used in trelands has doubted the crops of person by the crops of person of person had been used in trelands has doubted the crops of person by the crops of person of person had been used in trelands has doubted the crops of person by the crops of person and called the crops of persons a it was the exptain of the William Tell, to whom the duty of bearing these desparches had been assigned by Mr. Pleasants. Viewing this case, together with the large expenditure made by this Administration for bearing despatches, as an abuse, your committee

JONESPONE', Sth April, 122.

Dear Sir—I regret I could not avail speed of an earlier period to write to you in swer to you last letter. Mr. Jackson being absent when I was at home, and heigh been absent attending the courts, as the reasons why I mantoned writes mall de-

reasons why I postponed writing ustal present time. I was truly amused at the hibition of the administration mourning pie you enclosed to me. Although its deags

earned fame. CURE FOR WENS.

The following extraonlinary fact is lately come to our knowledge: A pinter in the vicinity of Raleigh (N. G.) had been for some years afflicted with a wen on his neck, which grew so large as to be very inconvenient and distrising. After trying a number of restneighbours to wash it two or three times a day with strong salt water (water in a day with strong salt water (water which salt had been dissolved.) He disso, and to his great relief and confort the wen gradually decreased in size, and finally disappeared! Let hose who are similarly afflicted, go and do like Ruleigh

It moreover appears that Mr. Ed ward Wyer received 15 £826, but 600 dollars for passage many, out and home to Russis. And that Theodore W Clay foot high, and of any length, according to the quantity wanted. On this fan to to 107 days occupation received 1.203 atraum of earth, lay a thin strains of the dollars out and home for passage money to Vera Cruz. of a watering put; and immediately, 35, other tayer of earth, then lime & him

A Camp Meeting

Sargland Wazette

ANNAPOLIS: Bursday, July 10, 1828.

seting of the menuous meeting at But-stended the Jackson meeting at But-the 31st May last, convened in con-tof an usgenerous and unjustifiable,

seed by the responsible author.

6 With respect to our resolutions respecting their militis-men, a subject upon which he responsible author, appears to dibte the responsible author, appears to dibte with such extreme sensibility, that we cannot for a moment doubt, that he has been with the their doubt, that he has been with the their doubt, and the respective of strict military discipline, and the sensity of strict military discipline, and the following memorands of facts, a support of the grounds which we assumed. We will premise, however, that in the driven meeting at Butler's respecting the straight men, the reason assigned for carrying into effect the sentence of death prosumed against them by an importal tribution of effect the secure the women and didren, on an expose? Inonities, from the tender of the security of the mercilles unarge, as well as the invasion of the birth, then hovering in large force upon the mean."

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