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**WILLIAM LOVERING**, of George-Town, and **WILLIAM DYER**, of the City of Washington, having commenced in the Architectural and Carpenter line of business, which they are determined to carry on with assiduity, integrity and dispatch, hope for the patronage of their friends and the public.

Having a number of the best workmen now employed, are ready to execute any orders which they are determined to do in the best workmanlike manner for those who will please to favor them with their commands.

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**N. B. W. LOVERING** has been in the practice of drawing, fine and ornamental, great part of the buildings in the City of Washington and its vicinity.

Washington April 11. 61.  
**Post Wine, first quality, full received and for sale at the store of the subscriber, near the President's Square, next Mr. Abbot's Tavern.**

**ROBERT ELLIS**, Washington City.  
Also a general assortment of Ligures, (or Groceries, Spanish and East-India Segars, and trunk oil, & Kid morocco and leather shoes, &c.

Received by the **Lucinda** from Brazil, via Philadelphia, three crates Kentucky wine, in bottles, brand bottles, Ky. brand, &c.

Also on hand,  
• Mule in case, and a general assortment of Ironmongery, Cutlery, saddlery, and brass ware, which will be sold by the quantity or otherwise on reasonable terms at the subscriber's store on Pennsylvania Avenue, opposite the Hotel Hill.  
**HENRY INGLE**, 674 W. 11th St., 1861.

**LOTS FOR SALE.**  
In the City of Washington.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale a number of valuable Lots, beautifully situated between the Capitol and the Patent Office. Also a few Lots to be let on lease for ninety nine years in the vicinity of the Navy Yard.

Apply to **WILLIAM W. PUGH**, City of Washington, December 11, 1860. It is  
N. B. A few Tons of good Meadow Hay, or Kiln of Bricks, and some Cord Wood, &c.

**LONDON & PHILADELPHIA**  
Bottled Porter of an excellent quality, for sale by the subscriber, at the cellar where the same is bottled, by Messrs. **SWANSON** and **NEST**, at No. **ROOSEV'S** City Tavern, **HENRY LEWIS**, 11. 61.

**FOR SALE OR RENT.**  
Two elegant brick Houses, 40 & 20 feet.

**SITUATION**, on King and Columbia Streets, and four buildings as in the city, also very fine lots adjoining the above houses, 25 feet front, by 26 feet deep, and 1 will likewise sell, or 2 or 3 valuable lots on King and Columbia Streets, (subject to a small ground). The subscriber will give one of the houses immediately, and the other in 30 days. Any person wishing to purchase, one fourth of the purchase money will be required in hand, one fourth in 3 months, and the balance in 12 months, by paying interest and giving a security on the property.

**I will also sell,**  
Six or eight thousand acres valuable Kentucky land. The terms of payment will be required as soon as mentioned.

The subscriber intends carrying on the brick, tile and paving business extensively, and will keep a constant supply of bricks and lime for sale, he will also undertake to furnish all materials for any person disposed to build in the City on the most reasonable terms for cash. Application to be made to Francis Peyton, Esq. for the property in Alexandria, or **W. VOSB.** April 8. 1861. 3M.

## Nail Manufactory,

All kinds of our Nails for Sale by Wholesale and Retail at the Factory on the River, and at the Hardware Store of the subscribers, where persons building and all others wishing to purchase may be supplied with any quantity at the most reasonable rates.

**JOHN JACK**, Washington Feb. 4. 1860.

## WASHINGTON CITY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1861.

Correspondence of Mr. KING with Lord HAWKESBURY.  
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Great Chamberlain Place, 13th March, 1861.

MY LORD,  
THE decree of the vice-admiralty court of Nassau, a copy of which is annexed, \* denouncing the cargo of an American vessel going from the United States to a port in the Spanish Colonies, upon the ground that the articles of innocent merchandise coming from the same, though of neutral property, were of the growth of Spain, having been functioning, and the principle extended by the prize courts of the other British islands, and particularly by the court of Jamaica, has been deemed sufficient authority to the commanders of the ships of war and privateers cruising in those seas, to fall upon and capture all American vessels bound to an enemy's colony, and having on board any article of the growth or manufacture of a nation at war with Great-Britain.

These captures, which are vindicated by that treaty, the belligerent's right to interfere with and to stop the supplies which his labors or convenience may require, have produced the strongest and most frequent complaints among the American merchants who have been, with indignation, a reason for opposing the capture and confiscation of their property, which is totally disregarded in the open trade carried on between the British and Spanish colonies, in the capture of the supplies, in the very articles, the supply of which, by neutral merchants, is unjustly interrupted.

The law of nations, acknowledged in that treaty of amity, commerce and navigation, between the United States and Great Britain, allows the goods of an enemy to be lawful prize, and pronounces those of a friend to be free.

While the United States use no means to abridge the rights of Great Britain, as a belligerent, they are bound to fulfil with firmness every attempt to extend them, at the expense of the equally important rights of neutral nations, which find their interest and duty in living in peace with the rest of the world.

So long as the ancient law of nations is observed, which protects the innocent merchandise of neutrals, while it abandons to the belligerent the goods of his enemy, a plain rule exists and may be appealed to, to decide the rights of peace and war; the belligerent has no better authority to seize the rights of the neutral than the neutral has to do the like in regard to the rights of the belligerent; and it is only by an adherence to the ancient code, and the rejection of modern glosses, that fixed and precise rights can be found, which define the rights, and regulating the duties, of independent States.

This subject is of such importance, and the essential interests of the United States, whose policy it is of peace, are so deeply affected by the doctrines which, during the present war, have been set up, in order to enlarge the rights of belligerents, at the expense of those of neutrals, that I shall, although I feel the neutral law to be Lordship's consideration (with farther reflections respecting the same, as its great importance appears to demand.

In the mean time, as the decisions referred to cannot, from the unavoidable delay which attends the prosecution of appeals by special decrees, and as the effect of those decrees will continue to be the unjust and ruinous interruption of the American commerce in the West-India seas, it is necessary to require that precise instructions shall, without delay, be directed to the proper officers in the West-Indies and Nova-scotia, to correct the abuses which have arisen out of these illegal decrees, and put an end to the deprivations which

are waiting the lawful commerce of a peaceable and friendly nation.

With great respect and respect,  
I have the honor to be,  
Your Lordship's most obedient  
And most humble servant,  
**RUFUS KING.**

**LORD HAWKESBURY, &c. &c.**  
\* In the case of the American brigantine *Leopard*, Rogers, master, laden in part with Malaga wine. The cargo, by an affidavit of witness, though regularly imported into the U. S., was condemned by Judge Kalck, 20th October 1850, "the same being productions of the Spanish Territory in Europe, and bound to the said Atlantic ports of that empire."

*Dwining Street, April 11, 1861.*

SIR,  
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of last month, and to inform you, that in consequence of the representation contained in it, a letter has been written, by His Majesty's command, by his grace the Duke of Portland, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of which letter I herewith inclose to you for the information of the government of the United States.

I have the honor to be, with great truth,  
SIR,  
Your most obedient humble servant.  
(Signed) **LORD HAWKESBURY.**  
**RUFUS KING, Esq. &c. &c.**

*Whitehall, 30th March, 1861.*

MY LORDS,  
I AM TO SEND to your Lordships herewith a copy of a decree of the vice-admiralty court of Nassau, condemning the cargo of an American vessel going from the United States to a port in the Spanish Colonies, and the said decree having been referred to the consideration of the King's Advocate General, your Lordships will perceive from his reports an extract of which I inclose, that it is his opinion that the sentence of the vice-admiralty court is erroneous, and founded in a misapprehension or misapplication of the principles laid down in the decision of the high court of Admiralty referred to, without attending to the reasons therein contained.

In order, therefore, to put a stop to the inconveniences arising from their erroneous sentences of the vice-admiralty courts, I have the honor to signify to your Lordships the King's pleasure, that communication of the doctrine laid down in the said report should be immediately made by your Lordships to the several judges presiding in their respective courts, and to be the law upon the subject by the superior tribunals for their future guidance and direction.

I am, &c. &c.  
**PORTLAND.**  
*The Lords Commissioners of Admiralty.*

*Extract of the Advocate General's Report, dated the 16th March, 1861.*

I have the honor to report that the sentence of the Vice-admiralty court appears to me to be erroneous, and to be founded in a misapprehension or misapplication of the principles laid down in the decision of the court of admiralty referred to, without attending to the limitations therein contained.

The general principle respecting the colonial trade has in the course of the present war been to a certain degree relaxed in the consideration of the present state of commerce. It is now distinctly understood, and it has been repeatedly so decided by the high court of admiralty, and the court of appeals, that the produce of the colonies of the enemy may be imported, by the neutral into his own country, and may be re-exported from thence even to the mother country of such colony, and in like manner the produce and manufactures of the mother country may in the strictness mode legally find their way to the colonies. The direct trade, however, between the mother country and its colonies is not, I apprehend, been recognized as such by his majesty's government or by his tribunals.

What is a direct trade, or what amount is an intermediate importation into the neutral country, may some time be a question of some difficulty. A general definition of either, applicable to all cases cannot

well be laid down. The question must depend upon the particular circumstances of each case. Perhaps the more touching in which the neutral country to take for its cargoes may properly be considered as a fraudulent evasion, and as, in effect, the direct trade; but the high court of admiralty has expressed a different (and I fear no reason to expect) that the court of appeal will vary the rule; that landing the goods and paying the duties in the neutral country breaks the continuity of the voyage, and is such an importation as legalizing the trade, although the goods be re-shipped in the same vessel, and on account of the same neutral proprietor, and be forwarded for sale to the mother country or the colony.

*A true copy from the files of the Department of State.*  
**JACOB WAGNER, Ch. Clk.**

*Extract of a letter from General WALKER, dated 24, 1861.*

"I turned my back on Hagerstown the 21st inst. and was refreshed by gentle showers until 4 o'clock, when I found myself, which continued to fall in heavy descending this height, at six hundred continued feet from his base, I entered a wintry region, the surface being covered several hours ago with ice. You see I am returning, from the pelting of the freezing from the north-east, calling this hill and its rival neighbour, called the Town Mountain, I stepped the icy elements, and returned to the summit of Sunlight. This morning the 22d presented all nature clad in white; but bound to say something a hardship which duty commands." "I prosecuted my journey over beds of snow, which continued to fall in heavy descending this height, at six hundred continued feet from his base, I entered a wintry region, the surface being covered several hours ago with ice. 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