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THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN

Cape Town, January 10, 1845

Will Government persist in the measure of the proposed Stamp Act, or will it withdraw the Bill?

The general opinion expressed against the measure, by all classes of the people, the unanimity of the Colonists, both of the Western and Eastern Provinces, in disapproving of, and opposing the Bill and the whole Bill, and the not very common unanimity of the Press throughout the Colony, seem to warrant a just expectation that the Bill will be withdrawn.

General Meetings of the members of the Commercial Exchange, representing the trade, and of the Common Council of the Municipality, representing the inhabitants of this town, have already been held, expressing in strong terms, a unanimous and unqualified dissent from the measure.

At Graham's Town a public meeting has been convened for the 12th instant, and the Frontier papers, have also already in strong terms expressed the condemnation of our brethren in the East, of the Monster Act.

No deficiency of Revenue called for the Monster measure, there is a surplus of £22,000, as was stated by the Secretary to Government in the Legislative Council.

What will the people of England say, when they ascertain that since the last year, every measure of Government has been connected with taxation, in either creating new taxes, or increasing those which already existed?

But Colonists! whilst we justly declaim against the projectors of the measure, for dereliction of public duty, in unnecessarily creating discontent amongst Her Majesty's subjects, and exciting public indignation, let us not at least fail in our duty, to attend at the meeting to-morrow, and show our Government, that the Colony is unanimous, and deeply feel the grievous injustice of the contemplated Stamp Act, and with one voice concur in the protestation as contained in the following Petition of the Commissioners and Wardmasters in Common Council assembled to the Governor and Legislative Council.

HUMBLE SHEWING, That your Memorialists, while they feel it incumbent on them to convey to your Honourable Council their most cordial thanks for the publication, beyond the usual period, of the Draft of an Ordinance for regulating the duties on Stamps, and thus enabling the Public to become acquainted with the measure the Government propose to adopt, beg most respectfully, under a sense of duty to themselves, and the inhabitants by whom they have been elected, and whose interests it devolves upon them to protect, to pray your Honourable Council not to pass the above-mentioned enactment.

That any contemplated diminution in the amount to be paid on the transfer of landed property is not therefore a sufficient reason for the imposition of a tax which would be expensive and embarrassing in the daily transactions of business.

That the proposed Ordinance is calculated to create discontent and alarm in the minds of the inhabitants of this Colony by reason of its provisions in certain respects respecting transfers to be made and voidable in the course of the business of the Colony, and also, inasmuch as it places a source of injury to the widow and the fatherless, from its compulsory nature, whilst it will partially operate against the poor by excluding them from legal redress in the tribunals of this Colony; all which grievances will necessarily lead to an estrangement from the Government and its authority, in lieu of the support and respect which it otherwise justly entitled while engaged in carrying into effect well directed and salutary laws to meet the wants and promote the well being and protection of the Colonists at large, and the tranquillity and good government of the Colony.

The following is the Memorial (to His Excellency the Governor) of the Commissioners and Wardmasters of the Cape Town Municipality, in Common Council assembled, Humbly Shewing, That your Memorialists having this day presented to your Excellency and the Honourable the Legislative Council a Petition, praying that the proposed Stamp Ordinance may not be passed into a law.

PROTECTOR FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. We beg to remind the Shareholders of the above Company, that the Memorial to the Legislative Council, containing their grievances in respect of the proposed Stamp Ordinance, now lies for signature at the Office of the above Company.

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Take for instance the tax upon Fire and Life Assurance Companies—upon which no less than five distinct contributions are levied by the Government.

1st. The Government levy a tax upon the trust deed. 2nd. The Government levy a tax upon the shares. 3rd. The Government levy a tax upon every policy of insurance.

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THE AFFAIRS OF TURKEY.

From the commencement of the outbreak in Albania, which was fraught with such disastrous consequences to the Christian population of that and the neighbouring provinces, the Porte has evidently been anxious to remove the unfavourable impression it had produced among the European Cabinets.

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FOR SALE. A substantially built and in the best condition, expressly made for the convenience of travelling, and would answer well for a trading journey; together with a team of 10 Oxen, in a fine condition.

WARNING. Messrs. HENDK. DREYER & Co. HAVING become the Purchasers of a certain Piece of Land, situated in the Cape Flats, between Luitjoh's Drift, Zeekoe Valley, the Strand, Strandfontein's House, Kapea Kraal, Olieboom and Slagter's Kraal, now called "MONTAGU'S GIFT," in extent about 5000 morgen.

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NEW GOODS.

To Town and Country Dealers. THE Underigned are now landing from the "Catherine" and "Thomas Stock," choice selections of Staple and Fancy Goods.

Damaged Goods. On Tuesday Morning next, A PUBLIC SALE of Damaged Goods, on account of whomsoever they may concern, will be held at the Stores of YENNING, BUSH & Co.

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PUBLIC SALE. In the Intestate Estate of JOHN ALLSTON, of the Division of Stellenbosch, Hat Manufacturer.

ON TUESDAY, THE 14th OF JANUARY, 1845, AT 10 O'CLOCK, Will be Sold by Public Auction, FERREPTORIE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, With Liberal Commission Money.

CERTAIN Place called "THE COTTAGE," measuring 62 morgen, 308 square rods of Freehold and 100 do. 23 do. of Forfeited Quitrent Land, situated in the Division of Stellenbosch, about 10 minutes ride from the Town of Stellenbosch, planted with about 35,000 Vines, and about 200 Fruit Trees of different kinds, and supplied with a stream of Water, having also a productive Kitchen Garden.

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