RAIL ROAD MEETING

The Act incorporating a company for the construction of a Rail Road, from Charleston to Cincinnatti and Louisville on the Ohio river, having become a law in the States North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of this State to cause the necessary surveys to be made met in Columbia on Friday last, the 25th inst. The following named gentlemen compose this commission, all of wnom were present.

Gen. tlayne. Chaiman, C. l. Blanding. Gen. Tion F. Jones, Hon. P. Nobic. Dr. Thos. Smith. Chas. Edmondston, Esq.

The Board adjourned on Saturday, after making all the preliminary arrangements for entering immediately upon the necessary explorations and surveys-

Col James Gadsden wes unnanimously appointed Chief Engineer; and with the assistance of the following officers, (who have been ordered on this duty by the Secretary of War) it is expected will enter immediately upon the exploration of all the passes through the mountains, viz: Capt. Williams,

Lieut, Drayton, Lient. White, of the U. S. Army, and Mr. Foatherstonehaugh, & Ciri Englneer in the service of the Government-ull of them advantageously known to the pub-

In addition to these officers, it is under stood that efforts will be made by the Board to obtain the service of Col. Brisbane, now in command of a Regiment in Florida, and Capt. Hoger and Lieut. Colcock, of the army-officers whose zeal and abilities eminently qualify them for

the work. It is expected that these officers will be able to make such progress in the survey, as to enable the Commissioners to laf before the Convention, to be assembled at Knoxville, on the 4th of July next, satisfactory information as to the difficulties to be encountered in the several mountain ranges which traverse the proposed runte. as well as the means of surmounting them. It is expected, that in surveying the route through the State of Tenness c. Assisttans Engineers may be furnished by the Board of Internal Improvements of that State, the Legislature of which has, we understand, pleifged the State to the mount of seven handred and fifty thousand dollars, for the construction of the Road. In Kentucky, also, it is expected that the Commissioners will be aided in making the surveys, as a proposition for a liberal appropriation for that object, was before the Kentucky Legislature, when last heard from. It was also proposed in that body to appropriate one million dollars inwards the work, with, as we are informed. a fair prospect of success.

Gen. Hayne, as Chairman of the Board and as agent of the State under the appointment of the Governor, will, we are informed, have the general superintendence of the operations, during the recess and for that outpose will consult and arrange with the engineer. the course of proceeding.

In the appointment of Col. Gadsden to the important office of Chief Engineer. there is every reason to believe that a gentleman has been selected whose distinguished talents and high character wil command public confidence in un eminent degree. This gentleman (who is well known throughout the Western Bater) is a native of South Carolina, and a grandson of the venerable Gen. Gadsden, of revplutionary memory. He was for many years an officer in the corps of U. S. Eu glacors. He was present in that expacity during the New Orleans campaign, and served also as a Aid de camp to Gen Juckson. He was greatly distinguished for his gallantry and military talents, as well as oul a from the Liverpool Chamber of Com- rican Chamber of Commerce to a subject his skill as an engineer, and was honors merce, respecting the fraudulent packing of of considerable importance to the Cotton bly mentioned in the official reports of Couon. A friend has called our attention to Trade in general; but particularly to that his commander. So highly were his tale uts the following act, passed by the Lugislature part of it connected with the sale and imment, that on the resignation of Gen Bernard he was appointed to succeed him as the end has been remedied, as far as this ing of Cotton. Chief Engineer and head of the Bureau in State is concerned. It is to be hoped that Washington, charged with the seperinten- a similar las will be passed in other cotion source of much inconvenience and vexadence of all the scientific survey's made growing States; and a strict enforcement will tion to all concerned in the Cotton busiunder the orders of the War Department; put a stop to the disgraceful practice. which station he filled until thenew or- AN ACT to inflict corporal purushment on of the occasions, when distributed amongst ganization, by which that office was abolished. Col. Gadsden was also at the head of the Board employed by the Cha. leston and Columbia committees in Nive. uber and December last to explore the passa ?? through the Allegnay and Cumberland the plinting interest of this State, as well as mountains; on which subject he made he the reputation thereof abroad, be greatly of from this cause are frequently den anded in conjunction with his colleagues. (Col. footed by the fraudalent of packing cotton: ather as a matter of form, and often are Brirbane and Mr. Holmes) a report, which For rewedy whereof, his scientific attainments, sound judg- the Senate and House of Representatives, derstand) anccessfully prosecuted against ment, and practical knowledge. The val- now met and siting in General Assembly, nable information which it affords will be and by the authorny of the same, That from of great service in making the surveys and immediately after the first da of March rated as a direct encouragement to such now to be commenced. On the whole, it next, if any person or persons whomsoever, is believed that a gentlemen better quali- shall be convicted in any court of a success of fiel for the office could not have been ob- this State, of knowingly and wilfully packtained in the United States, and we trust my o. putting into apy bag, bile or bales of that his valuable services may be secured cotton, any stone wood, trash cotton, cotton wholesale and systematic plan of decry-

exception of the civil engineer) are also, or intent of cheating or defrauding any pertheir task with a zeal worthy of the great lendy packed, the said person or persons, at work in which they are to be engaged. The said exhibit or offer for sale, were the outer layer consists of a quality the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the time of the said exhibit or offer for sale, the time of the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed packed, the said exhibit or offer for sale, the first packed p It may well be a subject of honorable am- knowing the same to be so fraudulently pack- differing only a few degrees from that in the President, Cashier, and Clerks of this I long to see one terribly.

the public. he is much and inservedly dis-As an eminent mineralogist, our mountains will afford him a flag field for his re-

necessary arrangements for the prosecution of the wers, the Commissioners adof the 20th of June next, with a view after, be settenced to receive not more than may be three or four pounds sterling a they cannot be mistaken. The first have there to next, with a view after, be settenced to receive not more than may be three or four pounds sterling a they cannot be mistaken. The first have there to next, with a view after, be settenced to receive not more than may be formed of the for their object the discipline and exercise of the receive of th pare a report, to be laid before the Knox-

ville Convention on the 4th of July. Prior to the adjournment of the Board, Col. LANDING lad before them a m ss of valuable information on the subject of the proposed Rail Road, especially in connection with the resources of the ex ensive re gion with which it will open communication -which was deemed by the Board of such importance as to induce them to request that he would prepare a R port on those subjects, to be published for general interination. This document will not only be valuable for its statistical information but will also eubrace, a sursfactory explanation of the sarious amendments which were made to the Charter by the Legislature of Kentucky, most of which, in the opinion of Col B. have been communicated for publication will tend to promote the progress of the in the Courier. work, and extend its usofulness.

ple of this State, inviting them to appoint 27th of November, 1835, for the purpose Delegates to represent them at the Knowille of taking into consideration and adopting Convention, to winch we would carnestly the most effectual measures for the precall public attention.

AndRESS.
The undersigned, in obedience, to the dithe greation of his fellow chizens to the vances complained of: It was subject of the RAIL ROAD CONTENTION, which is to be held at Knoaville, in the State of Tennesse, on the 4th or July NETT. together, by their Belegates, the people of at the shipping parts, to consider the expemithe States directly interested in the pro- diency of applying to the Legislatures of posed Rail Road, which is to extend from their respective States for the enactment Charleston to the Ohio River It is very de of laws, to make it imperative on each strable that South Carolina should be fully planter to have his name and residence and ably represented in that Convention - written or stamped on each package; the No State can have a deeper interest in the effect of which would be to stimulate him proposed Road. It is now certain that Ohio, to increased care in the packing of his Tennessee, Kantucky, North Caraina, and Cot on, so that his reputation might be Georgia, will send to the Couvention, many established and preserved; and whereby of their ables men, deeply interested in the those having no claims to redress might an cos of the work; and it is expected, that be embied more readily to substantiate be measures, to be there adopted, will exert them. a controlling it fluence upon the an iertaking. It was further suggested, that in the In order that these measures should be cone meanwhile the planters should be requesto the respurces and character of the whole in this market. country, through which the proposed Road It was also observed, that as the frauds may pass. With these views the cuizens of are not generally discovered until the count Carolina are carnestly requested to as- Cotton is opened at the factories, from duty of suffering to feelings of Local inte- cases at a still more remote period to rests or sectional jeaksussee; so find a place in a ek for redress from the factors or planthis noble enterprise. Let Beligates be sethe subject of the productions, the cost of labor and materials, and other facilities for the all of these points, charged only by those as may appear to their most tikely to acpromote the grand object, it's success of which will be an enduring monument of the ROJERT Y. HAYNE.

Chairman &c Colombia S. C. 29th Murch, 1536.

ERAUDS IN PACKING COTTON.

other purposes therein mentioned.

after happen, to advantage and emolutions of to which may be aduced the difficulty of

seed, or any matter or thing wha seever, or tion and plunder by means of "latte The other gentlemen named (with the causing the same to be deue, to the purpose packing."

disabilities which, by common law or other- of the fraud. wise, may now be imposed on such as-have suffered corporal pauraliment.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of december, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and swentyawo, and in the forty-screnth year of medy. the Independence of the United States

of America; JACOB BOND PON; President of the Smale. PATRI K NOB E, speaker of the House of Representatives

FRAUDS IN PACKING COT FON. The following interesting proceedings

Ata General Meeting of the Liverpool vention of frauds in the packing of Cotton in the United States-T. B. Barcley, Esq. President, in the Chair: A memorial was read from the Association of Cotton rection of the Consulsioners, would invite Brikers, entering into detail of the grie-

> Resolved, That the same be printed and appended to the present proceedings.

It was also Resolved, That it be respect-The object of that Convention is, to bring fully submitted to the factors and merchants

ceived in wisdom, and be guided by a spirit ted coluntarily to affix their names on of conciliation and harmony—it is of the the packages, it being the opinion of this fast importance, that ample information should meeting, that Cotton so distinguished be spread before the Concention, in relation would command a preference in the sale

semble suther respective projectal districts, whence the damaged part, or the whole and appoint Delegates to the Knoxville Con- package, is returned to the importer with rention. The magar use and importance of expenses, he is frequently called upon to the proposed work, not only to our own pay losses long after his accounts have been settled with the shippers or owners suggest to every patrionic curzen the high of the Cotion: who again have in such

Resolved, That these resolutions be lected from among those best informed on signed by the President, and printed, and J. Lockwood and others, that the members of this Association be desired to transmit them to their corresconstructe of the proposed Road, and let pondents in the United States, with a rethem carry with them ample information on quest that they will adopt such measures

> (Signed) T. B. BARCLAY, President.

> > Cotton Brokers' Association, Leveroot, November 6th, 2855.

To the American Chamber of Commerce-

Gentlemen: We the undersigned members of the Cotton Brokers' Association, In our paper 4th mst, we published a cis- beg leave to call the attention of the Ameject, and informs us that since its passage, viz. the fraudulent practices in the pack-

This species of fraud has long been the ness; but whether from the infrequency such persons as may hereafter be course- so many, or from the smallness of the ted of fraudulently packing cotton, and for loss in the scale of mercantile transactions, no measures have bit erto been tok n to Whereas great mjury has, and may here a rest its progress. For the same reasons, blaining redress, the claims arising altogether abandoned, and if allowed on Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Honorable this side of the water, are seldom (as we unthe parties on the other. This impunity. as might have been expected, has opeishonest practices, which commencing with the lesser faul of introducing seeds vaste, stones, and sand into the interior J. Lockwood and others, I the bale, have at length extended to p

The ordinary mode of effecting this is,

LOUISVILLE, CINCINNATI, AND CHARLES: acquaintance, but if he be the gentlemen not mor than six months, and not sess than tention of which being to render the fraud. It is admitted that company musters are now RAIL ROAD. Sec. 2. And be it further enjoyed by the and uncertainty of detection. The us duty, and the question is, whether it persons whomsoever, shall a second time be abundant proof of the increase of this regimental inusters convicted in any court of sessions as afore. practice. It is not now as formerly consaid, of frauduled by packing any bag, hale or fined to an occasional bale or two, but it of militia duty into ordinary, and its opposite We understand that after making all the bake of cotton, or exhibiting or off-ring is extended to whole parcels of one or extraordinary; consequently all the duties are ceasary arrangements for the prosecuscribed in this act, he, she or they shall for considered that the difference between can exist no intermediate class; and it aps ch second offence, and every other there the real and apparent value of the Cotton pears to me that they are so marked that the bare back, and be further hable to all the magnitude and dangerous consequences the militia and the second are those which

Having now brought the subject under or any other occasion the notice of those who are the most state of war. deeply interested, as we conceived it to 'The first of these consists as a class of be our duty to do, we leave it to their duties, in attendance on the company, batwisdom and experience to provide a re- tallion, and regimental musters, all of which

ference s the desire we feel to preserve sons which would lead to the conclusion that unimpaired the confidence which has one of these duties was an exception, would beretofore subsisted between the buyer as well apply to the other. For examplefor honor and fair dealing which has ever the exception established - they are regulabeen the pride and boast of the Cotton ted by the same laws, the nature of the daties

Barry, John Walker, Miles Barton, Dani. low that company musters would also be an Buchanan & Son, John B. Smith, James exception, and by this mode of construction, Howell, Haigh & Franceye, J. A Hodg- the object of this act would be wholly defea-We annex hereto an Appress to the peo- American Chamber of Comogerce, held kinson, Molyneaux, Paylor, & Co. Sa-led. muci Nicholson, T. & H. Littledale & The counsel opposed to the motion, has, Co. John Wrigley & Sons, Whitaker, with his usual candor and liberality, admit-Rathbone & Co. Hollinshead & Tetley, ted that a construction, founded on the Thomas Tattersall & Co. Jec. Brothers phraseology or this act, would exempt the & Lutham, Richard Bateson & Sons, Relitors from attendance on regimental and Hodgson & Ryley, Gladstone & Serjeam- pattalion musters, and has founded his arguson, Priestley Griffith & Cox, Buchanan ment chiefly on the use of the term ordi & Browne, Reynolds & Gibson, William Farrar, Joseph Robinson, Ewart, Myers Miller's Collection 42, see 124) water it re-& Co. Robert Mason, Gill & Syers, Colin ferred exclusively to company musters, as Campbell & Son, Isnac Cooke & Son, mrnishing a legislative definition of the Isane Worthington, Beteson & Horsfall, John Kearsley & Son, Anthony Swainson, George Holt & Co. William Bower & Son, G. G. Unsworth, Stevenson & Martin. Corrie, Huson & Co. A. Ongl terson & Co. R. E. Hayne, Haywood & Ridgway, Thomas Sleddon. Nicholas Waterhouse & Bons, Jones, Mann & Foster, William Kershaw, Dutchwortin & Marsden, Thomas Hyde, Emmet & Ga h, Marriott & Rogers, William Bar per, Percival, Parton & Booth, Knowles & Richards, William Peers & Son, Le & Waddington, Thomas Joyuson, E. Musgrove, Godfrey Barnsley & Son.

Upon the above subject, we have been for ished with the following extract of a

letter, dated

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8, 1835. "We must call your attention to the false packing, which is beginning to pro duce must serious losses here. Kely upon it that the impunity hitherto bas given rise to systematic fraud, and the merchants of Carolina must exert them selves to check it. It is not now two or three bales in each parcel, but 50 or 60 bales together, and in some instances 100 bales. It concerns the honor and character of all the respectable Cotton plantets in America to devise means to throw the disgrace upon those who practice it."

LAW REPORT.

The State. Suggestion for Relators. a Prohibition. The collector regt. artillery.

This case having been submitted to me, on behalf both of the Collector and of the Pirties applying for the prohibition, I am of opinion that the rule to shew cause why a prombition should not issue, must be dismis-

The application is founded on certain Acts of Assembly, which xempt Bank Office s, such as Relators, from the performance of "ordinary milicia duty." Miller's collection of the Mili is t.aws, pages 44, 45, sec. 133, 3 Brevd. pag 212, ec. 336. The Relators insist, that under the words "ordinary militia dury," they are exempt, not only from company parades but also from bartallion and me ning to company must rs, let it appears to me that the Act of December, 1808, Will. Coll., page 42, sec, 124, 2 Brevard, page 76, sec. 139, has given a legislative construction to the w rd ordinary, as contradistinguished forts. from regimental and battalion parades

refused.

J. S. RICHARDSON. suggestion has been lost, the forgoing note of it is made upon motion of Mr. Grimke,

J. S. RICHARDSON. 17th February, 1826,

appearing on the part of the defendants, rom.

An appeal will be made from this decission, on the ground that the expression "ordinary militia duty," clearly embraces regimental and batt dion parades.

CROSS & GRAY, for Relators. The State 1 x relatione.

The collector of fines, &c ) Johnson, Judge delivered the opinion of

the Coart,

The relators are the officers of the State aint got used to mustard yet." na, and are all young officers of high pro- such cot on, or shall exhibit or offer for sale on the two sides of the bale usually sainpromise, who we are sure will enter upo any bag, bale, or bales of cotton so fraudu- pied, the inside being wholly composed men for non-attendance at battalion and re- road is coming through our town." Als

bition for any mun, to connect his name ed, shall, on conviction thereof, as aforesaid, the inside, which is again packed in layers and some other Banks shall be "exempted" with this noble enterprize. With Mr. for the first offence, he sentenced to pay ten; of various qualities, but all of them from the performance of ordinary mittin dustress of the control of the control

more secure by adding to the difficulty included in the expression sedinary militia tinguished for his sciencific attainments, authority aforesaid, That if any person of perience of the present year furnishes flued to them, or extends to betterion and

arise out of invasion, insue

are fixed and regulated by law, and constitute Amongst other motives for our inter-the system of discipline; and the same re and the seller, to maintain hat character let us suppose that regimental musters was are the same, and the end in view the Salisbuy, Turner & Earle, Eason & same as company muster-; and it would fol-

> ry, in the act of 17th December, 1808; (ride term.

> It is a well sattled rule of construction that a general expression is controlled by others which limit and confine it to a particular object. In the act of 1-08, the term ordinary musier, are controlled by the context, which clearly demonstrates that company musters alone were ment, and that the general term is unmeaning; but there is nohing in the act of 1810, calculated to control the general expression, and I apprehend that the necessity of resorting to rules to get at the construction of confused terms in one act, does not change the meaning of the term in another, when there is no confusion or ambiguity. The motion is therefore granted, and it is ordered that a prominition do

DAVID JOHNSON.

FROM TEXAS.

Rurmors have been in circulation here battles in Texas, subsequent to the date the capture of the Alamo by the Mex can troops; but our papers do not furwing letter, which we find in the Natchez Courier, contains the only additional information furnished us by the laie mails I the state of affaires in that country;

WASHINGTON, March 16, 1836

DEAR Str : An opportunity offering, ite vou, not with many pleasant feelings. The Alamo has fallen, and every unfortunate creature murdered and burnt some even before they were dead. A Mexican, whose daughters live at Beasons, and another, came into Houston's camp at Gonzales, and reported, on the 10th, that on the 6th at day-light the cavalry surrounded the fort, and the infantry, with scaling ladders, entered at the four angles of the fort, and were supported until all but seven of the Americans were killed : these called for Santa Ana and quarter, and were by use order immediately sacrificed. In the stories related by the two Mexicans, there is no material difference. Mr. M'Neal (our Natchez riend) said that from La Bahia, whence he has just arrived, the country from La Bahis to Bexar is alive with Mexicans; that Fa min is probably surrounded, havnon, that the word ordinary, is limited in its ing attempted to march to the relief of Begar, and was best back. Our condition is very bad. To-day we finish the Constitution, hurry through the rest of the business, and prepare for desperate ef-

James Collingsworth, Col. Carson, of The motion for a prohibition, is therefore North Carolina, and D. Burnet, are in fused. Rusk, Pailey, Harding, Potter, and one of N B .- This decision was made sy me the first named will form the cabinet. some time ago, but understanding that the Next Congress will regulate land business.

Yours most truly, C. B. STEWART. IRA R. Lewis, Esq. Naichez.

Household service of the Dog .- I say stranger," said a cottage urchin to a Yankee Pedlar, "don't you whistle that ero

dog away." "Why he aint no use now; he's so

"O. but he saves heaps of work." "How?"

"Why he always licks the plates and dishes so clean, that they never want washing; and mammy says she would'at part with him to how, for our new dog

Bank in this city, and claum to be exempted "Grandmam," said an urchin to his