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There has been received at the Treasury, as appears by the paper marked C, on letters patent for useful inventions, from the year 1793 to 1801, inclusive, the sum of	-	-	\$9,450
Expense attending the issuing these patents, supposed to be about	-	-	7,357
			<u>2,093 00</u>
Since the year 1802, when Dr. Thornton was exclusively charged with that business, to the end of the year 1811, there has been received,	-	-	\$39,660 00
His salary, including what was paid a clerk, as an assistant, amounts to	\$14,373	66	
Supposed expenditures incurred by the office for parchment, printing, &c.,	2,000	00	
			<u>16,373 66</u>
			<u>23,286 34</u>
Amount of nett revenue derived from the Patent Office,	-	-	<u>\$25,379 34</u>

12th CONGRESS.]

No. 327.

[1st SESSION.]

SUNDAY MAILS.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 15, 1812.

Mr. RHEA made the following report:

The Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the memorial of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, have had the same under consideration, and do respectfully report:

That, heretofore, during the present session of Congress, petitions of the Synod of Presbyters, and other citizens of several Christian denominations, residing in the western part of the United States, were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; that the prayers of the said petitions were, in their object, design, and end, similar to that of the memorial of the said reverend General Assembly; that your committee, after having had the aforesaid petitions under consideration, reported thereon on the third day of January last past:

"That, however desirable it would be to advise the adoption of such regulations, relative to the carrying and opening of the mail, as might meet the views of the venerable Synod of Pittsburg, and the other petitioners, your committee cannot, at this peculiar crisis of the United States, recommend any alterations in the law regulating the Post Office establishment, and do respectfully submit the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions."

And the same resolution was afterwards concurred in.

Your committee further report, that there doth not appear any reason to induce a change or alteration of the report made in the case of the petition of the venerable Synod of Pittsburg; nor hath any reason occurred to induce your committee to report on the memorial now under consideration, different from the report on that petition; they do, therefore, respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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[1st SESSION.]

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRST MERIDIAN FOR THE UNITED STATES.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JULY 3, 1812.

The SECRETARY OF STATE, to whom was referred, during the last session of Congress, the memorial of William Lambert, with sundry papers and astronomical calculations, relating to the establishment of a first meridian for the United States of America at the permanent seat of their Government, which accompanied the same, has examined the said memorial and papers, and thereupon respectfully reports:

That it is with diffidence he undertakes to give an opinion on any part of the subject submitted to him, and that he does it only from a sense of duty, in conformity with the reference of the House of Representatives.

That the principal object of the submission of these papers to the Department of State, seems to have been to obtain from it a report as to the policy, in a national point of view, of establishing a first meridian in the United States at the seat of their Government, and not as to the accuracy of the observations and calculations already made, respecting such a meridian.

To do justice to the latter, or scientific part of the subject, would require a profound knowledge of astronomy and mathematics, in the higher branches, to which the Secretary does not pretend. The House will be aware, that a knowledge so comprehensive cannot be acquired without much labor, in a long course of study, uninter-