

At a meeting, duly convened, of the acting committee of the Pennsylvania Society for the promotion of Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, held in Philadelphia, the 21st day of November, 1827, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and the Secretary directed to furnish a copy of them to Professor List, duly attested by the officers of the Society:—

Whereas, it has appeared to this Society, that great and important interests of the United States have suffered, and are suffering much, for want of a sufficient dissemination of the true principles of Political Economy: And whereas, the enemies to the American System are ceaseless in their exertions to cause to be re-published and disseminated in large numbers, the inapposite maxims of Smith, Say, and other writers, which, however sound they may be as abstract principles in cosmopolitical economy, experience has fully proved them inapplicable to the present state of the commercial world: And whereas, Professor Frederick List has proved himself a man of profound knowledge in the science of Political Economy, and has opened new and fundamental principles, clearing away the errors and removing the prejudices, which have heretofore made a mystery of that science, and has thereby rendered it plain and comprehensible to every capacity: And whereas, this Society are very desirous that Professor List should proceed forthwith, to publish and disseminate his new and fundamental views of that important science for the use of schools and also in a full and extended treatise. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Society do earnestly call on Professor List to prepare and publish as soon as may be, an elementary work for the use of schools, and also an elaborate treatise on Political Economy adapted particularly to the situation of the United States.

Resolved, That this Society do recommend the said Professor List to the members of the Congress of the United States, the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and other legislative bodies; to the several Universities and public Seminaries of learning, and to their fellow-citizens generally for their aid in enabling him to accomplish this desirable object.

Resolved, That this Society will subscribe for fifty copies of each work, and will do all in their power, individually and collectively, to procure subscribers, and in every way to aid the said Professor List in his laudable undertaking.

A true copy from the minutes of the Society, Philadelphia, November 22d, 1827.

REDWOOD FISHER, Recording Secretary.

C. J. INGERSOLL, Vice-President.

Proposals,

FOR PUBLISHING A WORK, TO BE ENTITLED

THE AMERICAN ECONOMIST;

IN TWO VOLUMES;

By Frederick List, of Pennsylvania,

Formerly professor of Political Economy, and Counsel of the General Society of German Manufacturers and Merchants, for obtaining a German System of Political Economy.

TO THE PUBLIC.

IN pursuance of the foregoing request, the undersigned proposes to edit under the above mentioned title, two volumes of popular lectures on American Political Economy.

The general tendency of the author will be to give to the American System a scientific basis and developement, or in other words, to establish a home made system for home use.

The author will attempt to elucidate in this work all matters of political economy in such a plain, simple and intelligible manner, as to bring this science down to the capacity of common sense, and to render it in this country, what it ought to be in every free country, *truly and thoroughly, popular and practical.*

The author will endeavour not only to impart all important truths, laid down by the principal writers of the old school, or by great statesmen and ingenious writers of this country, but to reveal the errors and imperfections of that boasted system of which Napoleon said: "*If an empire was of granite, it would be ground to dust by following its precepts.*"

It is also the firm purpose of the author to make this work *truly national and impartial* by embracing the interests of agriculture and commerce, as well as those of manufactures, and by not advocating sectional or party interests, but those of the whole nation.

In this manner the author intends to exhibit to the students of the Universities and Colleges, as well as to the lawgivers and politicians—to the learned professions, as well as to the sensible manufacturers, farmers and merchants, a book by the use of which they may be enabled to comprehend in an easy way that important science, which the works of Adam Smith and John Baptist Say, covered with mysteries, with confusion and contradiction.

As the author will bestow particular care in showing the intimate connexion between political Economy and Jurisprudence, he believes himself entitled to the particular patronage of the gentlemen of the bar, with which honourable profession he claims a fellowship.

CONDITIONS.

1. Two middle-sized volumes of *The American Economist* will appear in eight numbers, (a number every six weeks) so that the whole work will be completed in a year after a sufficient number of subscribers being obtained.

2. The price will be for the two volumes, five dollars, payable on the delivery of the first volume.

Reading, December 22, 1827.

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RESIDENCE.

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