

City of Washington

Erw. Excellenz

haben vermuthlich in Berlin der American Almanac for 1840 noch nicht erhalten. Derselbe enthält in einem auszugsweise mitgetheilten Berichte des Hon. B. M. Patterson, General-Münzmeisters, für 1838, folgende auf Gold bezügliche Angaben, die ich mir die Freiheit nehme, herzusetzen.

"The Deposits of Gold (at the Mint in Philadelphia), within the year (1838) amounted to \$1624500, of which \$171700 was derived from the Mines of the United States."

"The Branch Mint at Charlotte commenced its operations in <sup>December 1837</sup> February, and has received Deposits of Gold to the value of \$130600. The amount of Coinage has been \$84165, composed of 12886 Half-Eagles and 7894 Quarter-Eagles."

"The Branch Mint at Dahlonega commenced its operations in February (1838), and has received Deposits of Gold to the value of \$141800. The amount of its coinage has been \$102915, composed of 20583 Half-Eagles."

In der Nebenmünze in New-Orleans ist bloss Silber (Dimes oder 10 Cent, Stücke, aus dem von Mexico kommenden Silber geprägt worden.

"Coinage at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia in the Year 1838 in Gold, Pieces 340818 ----- \$1622515"

"Statement of Deposits of Gold, for Coinage, at the Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia, 1838."

The Deposits of Gold, for Coinage amount to	-----	\$1624500
Of which was received from the United States, viz:		
Virginia	-----	\$55000
North Carolina	-----	66000
South Carolina	-----	13000
Georgia	-----	36000
Alabama	-----	200
Tennessee	-----	1500
		\$171700
Coins of the United States of old Standard	-----	5500
Coins and Bullion from Europe	-----	1075000
Coins and Bullion from Mexico and South America	-----	366000
Bullion from Africa	-----	6000
Jewelry	-----	200
		\$1624500"

x wie gefangen  
 Die Ausbeute war  
 1833 - 1837  
 über 900000 Doll  
 ja noch 1836  
 war bei 467000  
 Doll.

"Statement of Deposits for Coinage, at the Branch Mints, to the 31<sup>st</sup>  
of December 1838, Gold.

	U. S. Bullion	Foreign Bullion	Total
Charlotte Branch, North Carolina --	\$ 127 000	\$ 3 600	\$ 130 600
Savannah Branch, Georgia -----	135 700	6 100	141 800
New Orleans Branch, Louisiana -----	700	39 900	40 600 "
	<u>263 400</u>	<u>49 600</u>	<u>313 000</u>

"Amount of Coinage at the Branch Mints within the Year 1838, in Gold.

Mints	Half Eagles	Quarter Eagles	Number of Pieces	Value
Charlotte -----	12 886	7 894	20 780	\$ 84 165
Savannah -----	20 583	---	20 583	102 915
Total -----	<u>33 469</u>	<u>7 894</u>	<u>41 363</u>	<u>187 080</u>

"Recapitulation of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint and its Branches,  
for the Year 1838 in Gold.

Mints	United States Gold	Foreign Gold	Total of Gold
Philadelphia --	\$ 171 700	\$ 14 528 00	\$ 162 4500
Charlotte -----	127 000	3 600	130 600
Savannah -----	135 700	6 100	141 800
New Orleans -----	700	39 900	40 600
Total -----	<u>435 100</u>	<u>150 2400</u>	<u>1937 500</u>

Mints	Pieces	Value
Philadelphia --	34 081 8	\$ 162 255
Charlotte -----	20 780	84 165
Savannah -----	20 583	102 915
Total -----	<u>382 181</u>	<u>1809 595 "</u>

Dies ist Alles was sich über diesen Gegenstand im American Almanac findet. Dagegen enthält der von Am. Poysse abgefasste astronomische Theil desselben eine Angabe aus der hervorgeht, dass in allen bisherigen Karten der Vereinigten Staaten, die bezaehntlich auf Andrew Ellicot's um das Jahr 1800 in Washington angestellten Messungen oder Beobachtungen beruhen, das den Hauptmeridian bestimmende dortige Capital, um sechs englische Meilen zu weit westlich ge-  
richtet ist. Die Stelle lautet wie folgt:

"In the Table of Latitude and Longitude of some of the principal Places in the United States will be found the Latitude of a large number, as determined by me from recent observations and the Longitude of about fifty places deduced by me partly from observations made by others on the Annular Eclipses of ~~the Sun at the Capital of the United States~~ February 1830, May 1836 and September 1838, on the Total Eclipse of November 1834, or on Occulta-  
tions, but principally by transporting Chronometers (generally many times) from Boston to the place in question. The Longitude of Boston is supposed to be

very correctly known, having been deduced from Observations on eleven Eclipses of the Sun, Transits of Mercury, or Lunar Occultations, on which corresponding observations were made at some of the Observatories of Europe. During the past year, an attempt has been made to determine by Chronometers the difference between the Longitudes of the State Houses in Philadelphia and Boston, with more precision than had hitherto been attained. The result of the four comparisons (each comparison being the mean result of three Chronometers) is 16 M 23, 0 Sec., and the resulting Longitude of the State House, or Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, is 5 H 0 M 39, 6 Sec. which has been adopted. In September, 1838, I visited Washington for the purpose of observing at the Capitol the Eclipse of the Sun, which was nearly central there. Going to Washington, three Chronometers made the difference between the Capitol and the State House to be 7 M 25, 4 Sec., and on returning to Philadelphia 7 M. 26, 5 Sec., the mean added to the above Longitude of Philadelphia, gives for the Longitude of the Capitol at Washington, 5 H 8 M. 5, 6 Sec.; by the Observations on the Annular Eclipses of 1791, 1811, 1831 and 1838, it was 5 H. 8 M. 6, 5 Sec.; an error, therefore, of two or three Seconds in this determination is very probable, and there can be but little doubt, that there is an error of six Miles in those Maps of this Country, in the Construction of which the Longitude of the Capitol (5 H 8 M 42 Sec\*), reported by an individual acting under the Authority of a Resolve of the National Congress, was adopted. The Latitude of the Capitol now given was determined in September 1838, from 90 Altitudes of Northern and Southern Stars, and is supposed to be very nearly correct."

In der Tabelle steht hiernach bei Washington, Capital

Lat. North	Longitude West
In degrees	In time
38 53 23	77 1 24 5 8 5,6 **

Auf die von Ew. Excellenz mir verwirklichter Sommer gestellten Anfragen wegen Goldgräber in America, habe ich bis jetzt noch keine Antwort erhalten.

Ew. Excellenz

gehorsamster Diener

N. H. Julius. 1862

\*\* 5h 17' 27" 6 Sec.  
 2m 5h 17' 27" 6 Sec.  
 3m 5h 17' 27" 6 Sec.  
 4m 5h 17' 27" 6 Sec.

\* 10m 5h 17' 27" 6 Sec.  
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 9m 5h 17' 27" 6 Sec.  
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