

1795.

Jan. 1. RICHARD HILTON, "a worthy citizen," died in the 97th year of his age. He was the oldest man in the city, and had for many years been afflicted by an enormous wen on his left cheek, about 15 inches in circumference.

Jan. 10.—The proprietors of the Western Mail Stages advertise that they have provided good and convenient stage sleighs which will accommodate ten passengers, and have reduced the fare during good sleighing to 2 pence  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny per mile.

At the same time John Hudson ran two stages, one of 4 horses and the other of 2, daily, to Albany and back to Schenectady, Sundays excepted.

The post master at this time was George W. Mancius.

Feb. 28. The emigration through the city to the west was so great at this time, that a citizen was induced from a motive of curiosity to take an account of a single day's travel; the number taken was 500 sleighs, from sun-rise to sun-set: those passing in the night not being enumerated. It was estimated that 1200 sleighs, freighted with men, women, children and furniture, had passed through the city in three days, from the east, to settle the Genesee Valley. This was not the only avenue to the west, at that time, though probably the principal one. The increase of emigration was attributable to the completion of the treaty of Mr. Jay with Great Britain, and that of Mr. Pickering with the Six Nations, which dispelled every apprehension of danger. Among the movables was observed a printing press, "destined to shed its light abroad over the western wilds."

March. The legislature passed the bill directing the treasurer to subscribe 200 shares to each of the canal companies, to enable them to prosecute their works the coming season.

Also an act to divide the town of Rensselaerville, and erect a part of it into a new town by the name of Berne, in honor of the first settler there. The town of Rensselaerwyck was also divided and a part of it called Greenbush. The county of Schoharie was erected from part of the counties of Albany and Otsego.