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**Document:** *Miscellaneous writings of Thomas Welsh, including the record of his departure for Washington in 1843*

**Transcription:**

The amount to be defrayed out of the public fund of England or the expense of Queen Victoria's marriage is £9.42b [b meaning "bob" or shilling]; another addition to the already burdensome taxes the people of that country have to pay.

Philada. Ledger

General Thomas Sumpter [Sumter] of South Carolina died at his residence near Statesburg [Stateburg] in his 72<sup>nd</sup> year. He was the son of General Thomas Sumpter [Sumter] – a heroic name – and father of the Hon. Thomas D. Sumpter [Sumter] the present member in Congress. He was himself for many years a member of Congress, and subsequently Minister of the U.S. at the court of Brazil.

Phila. Ledger June 23, 1840

The present population of Lowell Mass. amounts to 20,981 – 7341 males and 13,640 females – a fine chance for Bachelors.

Times, Phila.

Mr. John Jordan committed suicide on 31<sup>st</sup> day of February 1844 by starving himself.

Columbia Spy

Mr. Thomas Welsh left his home on tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three with a heavy heart and reached the City of Baltimore on Friday and left on sunday and reached Washington City on Monday following Never more to return to his beloved home to see his Dear beloved friends.

**Analysis: McMahan**

*The General Thomas Sumter referred to in the above passage is actually Thomas Sumter Jr., son of General Thomas Sumter who fought in the American Revolution. General Sumter (1734-1832) died in 1832 at the age of 99. Thomas Sumter Jr. (1768-1840) was the first U.S. Ambassador to Brazil (1809-1819) and died in 1840 at the age of 72. Sumter Jr. was also the father of Congressman Thomas De Lage Sumter.*

**Scope and Content:**

Miscellaneous notes and sketches written by Thomas Welsh, including: 1) A sketch about the amount of money the public had to pay for Queen Victoria's wedding, evidently copied from the



Philadelphia Ledger. 2) A notice of the death of General Thomas Sumpter [Sumter] of South Carolina, evidently copied from the Philadelphia Ledger, June 23, 1840. 3) A note about the population of Lowell, Mass. being top heavy in favor of females, evidently from the Times, Philadelphia. 4) A note about the suicide death (by starvation) of John Jordan, from the Columbia Spy. 5) A mock newspaper article about Thomas Welsh leaving Columbia August 29, 1843 for Baltimore and Washington.

