Christian assistance rendered by the farmers in the county who helped with their teams, &c. in conveying the materials for building. Therefore, animated with feelings of thankfulness towards all the charitable, because I feel the revocation that 'all their acts proceeded out of benevolence', I declare my readiness to devote my services to them in similar cases. "Peter Shindel." "June 22nd, 1811." Under date of December 12th, 1811, the committee appointed by the contributors to the relief of the sufferers, certified that the total collections amounted to \$3.985.98. James Houston, the agent appointed by the committee, distributed the money as follows: To William Dickson \$1.555.81 Philip Klein 691.47 George Koenig (or King) 656.90 " Peter Shindel 518.60 " John Hatz, Jr. 414.88 John Shindel 69.16 Isaac Painter 69.16 John Reitzel, Esq., one of the collectors, a counterfeit bill of the Manhattan Company received by him 10.00 \$3.985.98 Lancaster's Contribution to Newburyport in the Fire of 1811 By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER N the night of Friday, May 31st, 1811, a fire in Newburyport, Massachusetts, destroyed more than two hundred buildings and entailed a loss estimated at not less than a million dollars. Shortly after the news of this disaster reached Lancaster a town meeting was held and committees were appointed to solicit contributions to assist in the relief of the sufferers. The Lancaster Journal of Friday, August 2nd, 1811, published the following statement of monies collected and by whom: North-east Ward.

on account of the loss sustained by the late fire in Lancaster; and unto the gentlemen who were appointed as committees, I tender my warmest thankfulness. At the same time, I should have to accuse my heart of ingratitude were I to forget the voluntary and

liberality, from a people suffering the same calamity with ourselves, calls forth our warmest acknowledgments. We beg you, Sir, to be assured, that your generous donation shall be faithfully applied to the relief of the objects you have designated; and that this act of kindness will be long held in grateful remembrance by

vants.

South-east Ward. By Messrs. J. Gundaker, Slough and Diffenbaugh 86.45

our unfortunate citizens. "We are, Sir, with sentiments of respect, your obedient ser-"Jeremiah Nelson, "Jacob Stone. "Isaac Adams.

Selectmen of Newburyport."

destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$16,000.00.

The "calamity" referred to in the foregoing letter occurred on the night of Friday, March 1st, 1811, when a number of buildings in the second block of North Queen street, Lancaster, were

"To Adam Reigart, Jr. Esq., Chief Burgess

of the Borough of Lancaster, Pa."

The Lancaster Fire of 1814

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

N Thursday, March 24th, 1814, between the hours of seven and eight in the morning, a fire was discovered in Jacob Hensel's carpenter shop in East Orange street, Lancaster borough. It was thought to have had its origin in some shavings, while the employees were at breakfast. The flames spread with alarming

rapidity and before they could be arrested the shop and two dwell-