elected three times, serving for a period of ten years. On his recommendation, in his last message to the Legislature, as Governor of New York, that body passed a law abolishing slavery in that state, after July 4th, 1827. This was thirty-six years before President Lincoln signed his famous Emancipation Proclamation freeing all slaves in States "in a state of rebellion."

From 1817 to 1825 he was the Vice-President of the United States, under President James Monroe.

While Mr. Tompkins was Governor of New York, he passed through Lancaster borough, according to an article that appeared in the Intelligencer & Weekly Advertiser of Saturday, June 12th, 1813. It is as follows:

"His excellency Governor Tompkins of New York, arrived here on Saturday last [June 5th], on his way to Washington City, and rested until Monday, thereby setting a laudable example of respect for the Sabbath, on which he attended public worship both morning and evening."

Collections in Aid of the Poor in Lancaster in 1829

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Monday, February 23rd, 1829, citizens of Lancaster city held a meeting at Parker's hotel for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessitous condition of the poor during the inclement season of the year.

Adam Reigart, Esq., was appointed chairman, and George Louis Mayer, secretary.

Committees were appointed to call on citizens and solicit contributions for the purchase of wood, to be distributed to the suffering poor of the city.

The following citizens served on these committees:

North-east Ward.

George Louis Mayer   P. Wager Reigart

North-west Ward.

George Musser   C. Hager

South-west Ward.

George H. Krug   Benjamin Ober

South-east Ward

Jacob Demuth   George Miller

These solicitors were authorized to call a meeting of the contributors for the purpose of submitting to them a statement of the monies collected and expended. It is to be regretted that this statement was not published in the local papers. We have no means of knowing how much money was secured for this most worthy purpose.