

George H. Krug, Bernhard Haag, Alexander Miller and John Myer, through the medium of the Lancaster Journal, thanked "the citizens in general for their indefatigable exertions in protecting their property from destruction."

At a meeting of the citizens of Lancaster held in the court house on Tuesday, October 25th, 1825, Nathaniel Lightner, Esq., mayor of the city, was called to the chair. Christian Bachman was appointed secretary. The meeting was for the purpose of creating a better and more efficient organization of the firemen and citizens in the event of fire; and also to adopt measures to procure sufficient water. A committee, consisting of General George B. Porter, James Hopkins, Esq., James Buchanan, Esq., Samuel Dale, Esq., and Martin Shreiner, was appointed to determine what should be done.

An adjourned meeting was held in the court house on Saturday evening, October 29th, at which time the fire companies were requested to appoint from among their members a suitable person as director or captain; that the persons so appointed from each of the companies constitute the board of management; that they wear a badge or mark of distinction, by which they may be known to all; and that they have the sole right to fix the stations of the engines, to order the removal of buildings and other property, and to make such arrangements as they deem wise for successfully fighting fires. City councils were also urged to adopt "such measures as may be necessary to ascertain the practicability and probable expense of introducing the waters of the Conestoga into the city of Lancaster." It was not, however, until Washington's birthday, February 22nd, 1837, that water from the Conestoga flowed for the first time into the reservoir on East King street.

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## Collections in Aid of the Greeks

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

In the Lancaster Journal of Friday, February 16th, 1827, appeared the following appeal:

"The undersigned, having been appointed by the Greek committee of Philadelphia as their agents in this neighborhood for raising a supply of food and raiment for the oppressed and famishing Greeks, earnestly solicit the aid of their fellow citizens of the county of Lancaster, in contributing to the alleviation of the distress and wretchedness of that gallant nation, suffering in addition to the misery of war with a most ferocious and sanguinary enemy, the horrors of a destitution of the necessaries of life; and moreover threatened, in the event of being subjugated, with ex-

termination. The time draws near when a shipment will be made of whatever shall have been collected; and there are many hundreds of the inhabitants of the city and county of Lancaster, who though not personally called on, would gladly make donations, if persons not far distant were appointed to receive them, and give them their proper destination. To all those, therefore, who have benevolent hearts and are blest with ability, the agents make this appeal, and request them to send their contributions to William Kirkpatrick or Adam Reigart, of the city of Lancaster, at as early a period as possible. Money will be the most acceptable, but provisions and clothing will be thankfully received and carefully transmitted.

“William Kirkpatrick

“Adam Reigart

“Walter Franklin

“John Reynolds”

In the Political Sentinel and Lancaster Literary Gazette of Monday, March 19th, 1827, appears the following, under the heading of “Greek Fund”:

“We ought, perhaps, to have stated before this, that \$227.00 was transmitted to the Greek committee of Philadelphia by William Kirkpatrick, Esq., chairman of the Lancaster committee, on the 3rd of this month. The receipt of upwards of \$15,000.00 has already been acknowledged by the Philadelphia committee, besides clothing, provisions, etc., for the relief of the suffering Greeks. The enthusiasm which prevails on this subject may be all very correct, but we really think the charity of our citizens would be as well employed in the relief of poor suffering Americans. Objects plenty can be found in the city of Lancaster, whose hearts would have been gladdened by a temporary relief during the past winter. Hundreds of little children, nearly barefooted, were daily seen trudging into town with large bundles of wood on their heads, necessary to cook the scanty morsel which the penury of their parents afforded them. The relief of these poor sufferers, however, would not sound so musical in the newspapers; but in our estimation, it would sound equally as well in the ear of Heaven.”

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## The Franklin Society

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

**I**N December, 1799, “The Franklin Society” of Lancaster was formed. The names of the officers and members are not now known. In The Intelligencer & Weekly Advertiser of Wednesday, December 24th, 1800, appeared the following:

“Saturday last, being the anniversary of the establishment of the Franklin Society in this borough, the members and a number