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**THE STATES.**

Monday's sitting was remarkable, *first* for the absence of long speeches, and next—the natural consequence — the amount of business disposed of.

By a very natural process, the subject of the local rag-money has passed from the domain of public discussion out of doors, to that of legislation within the States. Nearly four months ago we first "ventilated" the subject in The Independent. As our articles on "The Reign of Rags" are not yet forgotten, we will merely remark that the principal *chiffonier* threatened us with a "Remonstrance," and went so far as to take high legal advice thereon. We believe that although lawyers do not usually reject a case however hopeless-looking, Mr. Le Montais was advised that he would find silence and resignation his best course. The next heard of that *gentleman* was that he had *emigrated* without taking leave of his friends, and in the hurry of his departure had forgotten to call in his notes for payment at the banking establishment, No. 1, Cross-street. A number of luckless dupes found themselves left with *souvenirs* (not sovereigns) of Mr. Le Montais to paste in their albums or on their fire-screens as taste or convenience might dictate. Happily a much larger number of the population had read The Independent, and not in vain. So Le Montais and Co. had not been very successful; and wherever they may have gone to will hardly astonish their new acquaintances with any great display of wealth, the fruit of their banking speculations. From the time of Montais' *hegira* the public have been doubly "wide-awake." The question of the responsibility of the issuers of notes has been the subject of continued discussion, and at length has been brought before the States in the three bills introduced on Tuesday by Mr. Deputy Vickery, the Constable of St. Ouen, and Mr. Jurat Le Bailly; the second being Mr. Godfray's law of 1832, which after having been in operation three years was allowed to lapse. Translations of the three bills will appear in The Independent. The brief discussion on introducing the bills was enlivened by the characteristic remarks of the sage and the humorist of the assembly. Mr. Jurat Le Quesne observed: "Now that we have three bills on the same subject, the States cannot fail to enact a good measure!" The Deputy for Grouville ironically rejoined (a la Philip Oules): "I suppose so! Like the Bills on Taxation!" The grave senators were justified in their "laughter."