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INTERIOR VIEW OF THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA.

Dec. 20, LOCAL AFFAIRS. 1854.

Removal of the Post-Office.—The arrangements for removing the Post-office to Dr. Jayne's new building are nearly consummated. The lease for the room (on the first floor) has not yet been signed, but it is presumed it will be, and as soon as possible the office will be removed from its present location to a much better one, yet nothing to compare to what the post-office of a great city like Philadelphia should be. However, it will be a decided improvement over the old office, and the facilities will greatly add to the convenience of persons having business with the office. The room is 118 feet 4 inches long, 43 feet wide, and 16 feet high, inside. This space is to be divided in to suitable apartments for the clerks and the transaction of the private business of the office, with a vesti-

bule 6½ feet wide on the west side, extending from the Carter street front to within 8½ feet of the Dock street front, where the vestibule will be 8½ feet wide, affording two entrances. On the Dock street vestibule will be three general delivery windows—one for ladies and two (dividing the alphabet) for gentlemen. Adjoining these will be a window for the sale of postage stamps, and two windows for paid letters. Then, adjoining these, on the west vestibule, will be the box windows, with six openings or deliveries, with the boxes numbered regularly, from 1 to 2500, instead of but 1200 boxes, as is the case now. The "Editor's" boxes will be the next on the range towards Carter street, with twice the accommodation afforded under the old arrangement. There will also be six carrier's delivery windows, between the editor's boxes and Carter street, more commodious and more conveniently arranged than at present. Under the stair-

way, on the Dock street front, will be a room in which persons inquiring for advertised letters can be accommodated, as it is the intention of Mr. Miller to keep the advertised lists in that place. The Postmaster's private office is to be in the southern end of the building, near the entrance. From the avenue, 11 feet wide, leading from Carter to Dock street, the mails will be received and delivered through the windows, which reach from the floor to the ceiling.

The room for the new office is nearly one-third larger than the room in the Exchange, and decidedly more preferable for a post-office.

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