

Thursday the 27th of February on account of the War we are engaged in with France.

On Wednesday the King in Council signed an Order for the transportation of Messrs. Muir and Palmer to Botany Bay, for the term sentenced by the high court of judicary of Scotland.

Dispatches are now hourly expected from Lord Hood, respecting the evacuation of Toulon.

A warrant has just passed the treasury board, for issuing the sum of 300,000. for the service of the ordnance department.

The duties of the custom-house, notwithstanding the war, are only 48,000. less than the year preceding: and as the East India company in the year 1792 paid in an arrear of 150,000, in fact the actual Receipts exceed the former year by 102,000.

## UNITED STATES.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 28.

As the Editors of a Free Press, we are induced to give publicity to the following Lawyer's letter, just received, in order that an impartial public may judge, whether the unwarrantable strides made by a foreign agent to suppress this palladium of liberty, is congenial with our free and happy constitution.

February 24, 1794.

Sir,

THE French consul, citizen M. A. B. Manguoit, has desired me to commence an action against you, as printer, for the publication of a piece in your Gazette of the 5th December, containing some slanderous defamatory expressions. This action may be avoided by giving up the author of the piece. If you should not be disposed to do so, I will thank you to let me know to what gentleman of the law I shall send the writ, to appear for you.

I am sir,

Your obedient,

Humble servant,

THOMAS LEE.

Major T. B. BOWEN.

BALTIMORE, March 25.

Upwards of 50 French and American vessels failed from this port yesterday afternoon, to join the convoy now waiting at Annapolis and Norfolk, under whose protection they are shortly to sail for different ports in France.

Yesterday arrived here in 35 days from Gibraltar, the Brig Swallow, Capt. M. Clarkland—he brings no later accounts than those already received from Europe, per arrivals at New-York, and Philadelphia—when he sailed from Gibraltar six ships of the line and 14 frigates lay there, being part of the Toulon fleet, which were bro't away on the evacuation of that place, on the 18th and 19th of Dec. last the remainder of the fleet under Lord Hood had gone into Leghorn. Captain M. Clarkland adds that 19 American vessels had been carried into Algiers.

A ship with American colours flying, is on the shore on the man of war shoals near the entrance of Patapasco river.

## PHILADELPHIA,

APRIL 1.

A certain Great House after spending two days to determine whether two black beans will make one white one, not being able to agree, have postponed a consideration of the important question—Those who maintained the negative of the proposition were urgent for an immediate opinion—while those who advocated the affirmative, fearing that a majority would be found who would vote that one and one make two—attaching to themselves those that were suspended on the "horns of a dilemma" formed a majority in favor of hanging up the business.

Extract of a letter from an eminent character in South-Carolina, dated 3d March.

"I am glad Madison's propositions will not go down; I think they will only tend to produce other regulations on the part of Great Britain, and fall far short of the effects intended; they seem to me to be half measures."

Extract of a letter from Boston, March 24.

"We are every day alarmed with rumors of wars, of spoils, &c. and our spouters spout most vehemently—However they all rely on Congress—and from the spirited measures adopted by that body, they will grow more pious in their notes, I hope in a few days.

We are not deeply engaged in election, but there will be a little pulling and hawling, there will not, it is probable be any choice of Governor by the people—Mr. Adams will receive the old support—but not so strong for Governor as for Lieutenant Governor; he grows old—and the Commonwealth has experienced the disadvantage of imbecility too

recently to be forgotten—Judge Cushing will be the next candidate—He will be ably supported in several counties—Mr. Phillips President of the Senate, will have Essex, &c. in his favor—Mr. Gerry will have many votes.

Extract of a letter from Boston, March 24.

"We have nothing new here except that the civic feast proposed by our Jacobin club, has turned out skeleton fare. The public opinion was against them; the Club as was most naturally supposed, would have subscribed the pittance of one dollar to gain a rallying point, after their late town meeting defeat, but alas! not 200 names could be found to grace the subscription paper.

"The Lieut. Governor had given orders for the parade of artillery on to-morrow: but the first of April being near, and it being hinted, that the step would be construed into a breach by government, of the proclamation of neutrality; he gave it a death blow by countermarching orders; and the governmental party, the true friends of their country's peace and happiness, permitted the brat to die in the womb as easy as possible.—If faces may be considered as indexes of feelings, we may consider this as in point of quality, mortification, *primus*—tho' *secundus* in point of time."

## THEATRE.

OBSERVER No. XII.

Mr. FENNO,

The Observer wishes to make a remark to the managers of the New Theatre.

Mr. Wignell in his introductory address to the audience, the first evening the Theatre was opened, made the following promise:

"Great by your favor grown, the rising age, Shall bleis the efforts of a moral stage; The stage in purity,—the stage refined, Clear'd of its dross, may charm, instruct mankind.

Virtue may here its brightest lesson learn, And scouted vice, its ugliness discern."

How far this promise has been fulfilled, in the Dramatic pieces exhibited, the Observer leaves the managers to judge; hazarding an opinion that in the most of the performances, he believes, they have done well in the selection; but cannot say as much for all.

In filling the parts with proper characters, the Observer is sensible many difficulties occur; let the managers be cautious however, especially in the Grecian Daughter, an excellent play—Mr. Fenno, Mr. Whitlock, and Mrs. Whitlock, have their proper parts, in the assignment; but is it true, that three or four of the gentlemen characters are properly cast? The Observer means only to hint; if the play is repeated, he begs an experiment, of alteration; surely it will not be worse, and he conjectures it will be better.

Critical as the assignment of parts is, the Observer will make some remarks upon the several exhibitions in that respect, when opportunity will admit.

He requests the managers to give some new pieces, if they have any, as the old ones, seem not to gain by repetition; at any rate they do not gain audience, which is one important object for the managers.—Every one will approve of a repetition of the Grecian Daughter; but for your own sakes, give something new the next performance.

April 1st, 1794.

## By this Day's Mail.

NEW-YORK, March 31.

Extract of a letter from London, dated January 8.

"Government are about removing some pressures that have borne hard upon the navigation of your states. The committee of American merchants having made strong remonstrances on the delays of the Admiralty Courts, and detention of property—we are persuaded things in future as respects your shipping will move better than they have done—actual property will be better respected. It is the plundering privateers, against whom, and with justice, the heaviest complaints lie. The late order of Council will be revoked, and fresh instructions will appear in the next Gazette. We understand application has been made to the French Convention, also respecting the American shipping detained in their ports, by the Minister of the states and other American Citizens, now at Paris: we hope they will be speedily liberated.

10th January.—"The Belvedere has been detained by request of the committee, and will convey the order of Council alluded to above, which if it be as extensive as promised, must conciliate and make America perfectly content with respect to her navigation."

His excellency the Governor, arrived in this city yesterday, from Albany.

The Legislature adjourned on Thursday last, to meet at Poughkeepsie.

Yesterday arrived here in 22 days from Jamaica, the sloop New-York and Philadelphia Packet, Capt. Fitz Patrick.

By the above vessel, we learn that Martinique was still in possession of the French, and that there was but little probability of their losing it. Provisions of all kinds fell very high in most of the Islands—flour, in particular, sold for 16 dollars a barrel—that many of the inhabitants had already commenced the use of yams, &c. instead of bread.

The Brig Mary, Captain James Codwife, who sailed from Guadaloupe on the 5th of February was taken on the 6th and carried into Dominique. Letters in town from him & his brother in St. Croix, mention, that the Judge of said place said he could not condemn any American vessels until further orders, and expected all would be liberated.

KINGSTON, [Jam.] Feb. 15.

Capture of a French Man of War.

From the Dublin Journal of Dec. 31.

Cork, Dec. 29

"I am this moment returned from Kingston, and have the pleasure to inform you, that Admiral Kingsmill, in the Swiftsure of 74 guns, is off the Old Head, with a French 64 gun ship he captured on his passage from Portsmouth, after an action of 45 minutes, in which he had 25 men wounded. The French man of war is a valuable prize, and was bound to the West Indies with a large sum of money and clothing for their army there. The Admiral was boarded by several boats, and did intend then, if the wind would permit, to return to England with the prize—and this will perhaps therefore be the first account you receive of it, which you may depend on as authentic.

Two or three Spanish privateers, or rather picaroons, are said to be cruising between St. Marc and Cape Nichola Mole, and pillage every vessel of inferior force, which they fall in with, let them belong to whom they may.

A Spanish privateer lately fell with and plundered a schooner bound to Philadelphia. The Captain was robbed of more than six hundred dollars.

Several vessels on their way from Jamaica to St. Marc's, and other ports, in our possession, have likewise been plundered by these piratical people.

Two American ships and three brigs were sent in on Sunday. Four of them prizes to his Majesty's ship Hermione, and one to the Magicienne. They are loaded with sugar, coffee, cotton and provisions.

"The Spaniards have assembled a considerable force at Petite Riviere. Their expedition against the incendiaries of Arribonite has destroyed or dispersed them, and the runaways are returning to the plantations of their owners.

"Within these ten days several Americans have quitted Port-au-Prince, and been taken by our privateers, and carried to L'Archaye. These vessels were full of passengers, of whom the men purchased the permission to quit the place, by the payment of 25 half-joes, and the women 15, but nevertheless were only allowed to embark on board Americans, who fix their own price, and for carrying a person from Port-au-Prince to L'Archaye, (9 leagues) they charge 8 half-joes. Those who attempt to get away without paying, and without having a receipt for the 25 half-joes, are instantly shot."

March 1.

It was understood in England, previous to the sailing of the Packet, that government had it in contemplation to throw open all the ports in the West-India islands to American bottoms, and to permit the free importation of every species of provisions, lumber, &c.

## PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

ARRIVED.

Schooner Federal, Lewis, Norfolk  
Mary Ann, Little Edenton, (N. C.)  
Sloop Hope, White, Perth Amboy  
Harmony, M'Cormick, Savanna  
Dolphin, Franklin, Snow Hill  
Judith, Stephens, Charleston  
Luciana, Church, St. Mary's

The Captain of a river Craft, which left Reedy-Island this morning, informs, that he saw a ship and a brig there, inward bound—at New-Castle, 5 or 6 sail, at Marcus-Hook, about the same number, and Fort Mifflin, 1 sloop—the most part of the above number is supposed to be vessels returned.

The ship William Penn, Capt. Dale, is arrived at London.

Yesterday evening arrived at Fort Mifflin, the sloop Sally, Capt. West, in 11 days from Bermuda.

Also arrived at Fort Mifflin, the brig Florida, Capt. Ferraday, which was stooped in the Delaware, by the French Frigate.

Last Saturday morning, the French frigate, the Ville de L'Orient, and a French Snow, Captain Armial, proceeded to sea, in order to join the French fleet at Norfolk, having taken possession of the Spanish snow, Baron de Carondelet, & the brig, a prize to the Cerf sloop of war. The French snow La Camilla was detained at New-Castle, in consequence of the Embargo.

Yesterday evening arrived here the schooner Fredericksburgh Packet, Capt. Andenon, from Cape Nichola Mole, and last from New-Providence—he informs, that he left at Nichola Mole the following vessels:

Ship Asia, Coffin, Nantucket—condemned, not fit to go to sea.  
Brig Pomona, King, Philadelphia  
Schooner John, Lewis, Marblehead  
Two Sisters, Silbell, Philadelphia  
Sloop Driver, —, Norfolk

This day the two Houses of the Legislature of this Commonwealth being assembled in Convention, proceeded to the choice of a SENATOR to represent this State in Congress, when JAMES ROSS, Esq. of Washington, was elected.

☞ The address "to Esirina" shall appear to-morrow.

☞ No newspapers were received by the Southern mail this day.

## Samuel Coates,

At his Store, No. 82, south Front Street,  
HATH FOR SALE,  
94 Barrels

## New England Beef,

29 barrels liver oil,  
25 barrels Cider  
92 boxes of Candles,  
1500 pair of men's leather shoes  
642 bushels of Barley  
A quantity of Tow Linen  
Ditto, of New-England Seal leather  
40 bags of excellent Cotton  
4 boxes of Chocolate  
3000 wt. of Allspice  
100 casks of the best Holland gin.  
April 1. \*cod2w

## NEW THEATRE.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

April 1.

Will be performed,

A TRAGEDY, called the

## Grecian Daughter.

Evander,	Mr. Whitlock
Philotas,	Mr. Moreton
Melanthon,	Mr. Green
Phocion,	Mr. Cleveland
Dionysius,	Mr. Fenno
Galippus,	Mr. Warrell
Arcaas,	Mr. Francis
Greek Herald,	Mr. Harwood
Euphrasia,	Mrs. Whitlock
Erixene,	Mrs. Cleveland

With new Scenes designed and executed by Mr. Milbourne.

To which will be added,  
A COMIC OPERA, in two acts, never performed here, called the

## Son in Law.

Written by the author of the Poor Soldier.

Cranky,	Mr. Finch
Bowkitt,	Mr. Francis
Bouquet,	Mr. Moreton
Vinegar,	Mr. Bates
Idle,	Mr. Harwood
Orator Mum,	Mr. Bliffett
Landlord,	Mr. Warrell
John,	Mr. Darley, jun.
Signior Arionelli, (the Italian Opera Singer)	[Mr. Marshall
Cecilia,	Mrs. Warrell
Dolce,	Miss Williams

\* \* As inconveniences to the public have arisen from the Box book being open on the days of performance only, in future attendance will be given at the office in the Theatre every day from ten till one, and on the days of performance from ten till three o'clock in the afternoon. Applications for Boxes, it is respectfully requested, may be addressed, to Mr. Franklin, at the Box Office.

Places in the Boxes to be taken at the Box-Office of the Theatre, at any hour from nine, in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon, on the day of performance. Tickets to be had at the office near the Theatre, at the corner of Sixth-street, and at Carr & Co's Musical Repository, No. 122, Market-street

BOXES, one dollar—PITTS, three quarters of a dollar—and GALLERY, half a dollar.  
Ladies and Gentlemen are requested to send their servants to keep places, at half an hour past 4 o'clock, and to order them to withdraw, as soon as the company are seated, as they cannot on any account be permitted to remain in the boxes, nor any places kept after the first act.