

moved as many guns as was in his power, though when the dispatches were made up, all the returns of cannon brought away had not been received, and therefore he was obliged to take a loose estimate of the commanding officer of the artillery of what had been left behind, namely, 32, when in fact it afterwards appeared that 40 was the real number.

Mr. Grey observed, that there was no imputation at all against Sir J. Murray, but that nothing had been stated which took away the propriety of correcting publicly an erroneous return which had been refused. It was the first time, he said, that similar accounts had been refused. In former wars communications of this kind were much more free and abundant. He declared that he had no ways altered his opinion concerning the motions he made for printing the returns already obtained, and extracts from the Gazettes. On those subjects, and on the present, he thought the subject had a right to expect full and explicit information.

Major Maitland said a few words in reply, and expressed much satisfaction, that Sir J. Murray had not adopted Mr. Pitt's hint of silence. Should the motion be negatived, the country, he said, was then to understand, that no reliance could be placed on any source of intelligence how authentic soever it might profess to be.

The motion was then put and negatived.

THE ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE,

According to the best information received yesterday in town, surrendered to the British Troops without much resistance. This agreeable intelligence was indubitably confirmed by the arrival of the Queen Charlotte Packet, at Falmouth, from the Leeward Islands, after a passage of thirty days.

The Queen Charlotte has dispatches dated the 20th of February, about ten days later than what we yesterday communicated to the public.

April 4.

Lady Wallace has long since informed us, on the authority of Dumourier, that the King of Prussia never entered with sincerity into the league against France, but solely with a view of ruining the House of Austria, which, if effected, would place him at the head of the German Empire. The public do not seem to have placed much reliance on her Ladyship's assertion. But the event is likely to prove that her information was authentic.

The late King of Prussia, after he had conquered Silesia, secured it to himself by a treaty with Maria Theresa, Queen of Hungary, and left his ally Louis XV. to prosecute the war as he thought proper. "I have begun (said he) a course of physic for myself, and I advise my quondam friends to do the same."

Whether the present King intends to diet himself, after so much loss of blood, we do not know. But if he should, he has not unfortunately the solid and substantial motives of consolation, which relieved Frederic II. on his sick bed.

As some Literati of Paris, who were assembled at the house of a lady, frequently mentioned the word "Philosophy," she asked them what service Philosophy had conferred on the world. "Madam," said the celebrated D'Alembert, "it has cut down the Forest of Prejudices."

But what has succeeded to that pretended forest of prejudices? Gaudy and the rankest weeds, which now cover the happy soil of France. The extraordinary and calamitous events which have marked the close of the eighteenth century will demonstrate to the latest posterity, that too much philosophy is no less hurtful than too little. France knows it now to her own cost, and we should have known it too, had it not been for the timely and spirited exertions of Government.

Such is the dread with which the Despots of Asia inspire their subjects, or rather slaves, that a Grandee of the Court of Ismahel Sophia, King of Persia, said, that he never withdrew from his presence, without feeling with both hands whether his head was still upon his shoulders!

When we calculate the average number of the persons now imprisoned, either on suspicion or for criminal attempts, in the Department of Paris alone, we may fairly estimate that number at 12,000. If the other Departments have their proportion, there should be in France about 800,000 prisoners, whose property has been confiscated by the late Decree respecting persons apprehended on suspicion of not being the partizans of the Revolutionary Government. Now, when we calculate the number of their heirs the moderate ratio of two to one, we shall find that the Convention, by one dash of the pen, has devoted 1,600,000 persons to absolute ruin.

MAJOR RENNELL.

This gentleman, unquestionably the best topographer of his time, is at the present period busily employed in preparing a map of

Syria, in which labour he has been assisted by the venerable Niebuhr. There is no good map of Syria. That of D'Anville is certainly the best; but is acknowledged by the most competent judges to be exceedingly inaccurate.

MR. PALMER.

A life of this unfortunate gentleman, with observations on his various writings, is said to be preparing by Mr. Wakefield. Mr. Palmer is possessed of considerable abilities and learning, and is remarkable for his critical acuteness in matters relating to philology.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 31.

Yesterday a man and horse were drowned at the lower Ferry—there were two men and three horses attempting to pass at the same time—and it was with great difficulty that one of the men and two of the horses were saved.

We hear that in consequence of some of the late western intelligence, a draft of militia was ordered out by the Governor, to reinforce the State Troops—but, it appears that in consequence of a communication between the President of the United States and the Governor, the orders for the draft have been revoked by the latter.

The tide on Thursday was higher in our river by three inches than it has been known to be by the oldest inhabitants. Many stores have been filled with it, and goods to a considerable amount damaged. The wind also, on the night of Wednesday, did some injury along the wharves.

DOCTOR PRIESTLEY failed in the ship Sanfom, Capt. Smith, for New-York, in company with the Pigou, from London.

FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

It has been published, that Spain has acknowledged the Independence of France; this amounts to nothing—for it may be truly affirmed, that the French have been an independent people for ages—and at the present moment, are indubitably the most independent nation on earth.—The recognition of the Republic is the desideratum.

Although the secession of the King of Prussia, from the League against France, is positively asserted in many paragraphs in the London Papers, and it is an event, perhaps highly probable, yet it is to be noticed, that no official statement of the business has appeared.

Some particulars respecting HEBERT who was lately beheaded at Paris.

His fate furnishes the world with another instance of human vicissitude. Of obscure birth—little can be said that would interest our readers of that part of his life previous to the Revolution. Nor indeed, till the appearance of a small periodical paper entitled *le Pere du Chene*. Though he was avowedly the author among his own friends, he was politic to remain unknown to the world, pending the violent struggles of the aristocrats and their opponents—but after the king's flight to Varennes, it was then no longer prudence to remain in secret. The inflammatory purport of this paper tended much to aggravate the hatred of the people of Paris against that unfortunate monarch, whose interest now among his best friends began visibly to decline. Its language was calculated for that description of society we call *la canaille*—replete with low ribaldry, obscenity and what is vulgarly termed *slang*. Judge of such expressions as "Le Pere de Chene bougrement en colere."—"Les Jean f... tres des Gardes du Roi."—"A bas madame Veto et le cochon."—"Je dis, que les vrais Sans-Culottes font le peuple de Paris, f... tre," &c. &c. At this time he was *substitute of the commune*, a place of no inconsiderable consequence, and had the reputation of being a patriot as *enragé* as any in the republic; notwithstanding which, he was either envied or suspected, and was imprisoned. Chaumette procureur de la commune was his friend; he harangued the people who had assembled round the prison, and declared that he would forfeit his head if Hebert was not the soundest republican in Paris: he was soon after liberated, and was led to the people, who in these cafes are sometimes judges. Chaumette embraced him with tears of joy trickling down his cheeks,

which was followed by loud acclamations, and the innocence of the Pere du Chene was proclaimed throughout Paris.

Who can believe that the man, who had so much inflamed the minds of the people against their sovereign, who was one whose occupation was to discover suspected or guilty persons, who was supposed to be one who winked at the massacres, and who was publicly declared the soundest republican in Paris, should at last be convicted of conspiracy against the republic, and suffer under the fatal axe of the guillotine!

A TRAVELLER.

31st May, 1794.

From the London Morning Chronicle of April 4.

General Santerre is arrested and sent to the Conciergerie.

An elegant silver inkstand, with the following inscription, was presented on Wednesday last to Doctor Priestley, by three young gentlemen of the University of Cambridge: "To JOSEPH PRIESTLEY, D. D. &c. on his Departure into Exile, from a few Members of the University of Cambridge, who regret that this expression of their esteem should be occasioned by the Ingratitude of their Country."

THEATRE.

OBSERVER No. XIX.

MR. FENNO,

LAST evening we had Shakespear's celebrated Comedy, called, *As you like it*. Mr. Chalmers in the character of Jaques, exhibited the imitable beauty, elegance and strength of the author's ideas, in a more masterly and striking manner, than even Mr. Chalmers himself, has ever done before.

Mr. Marshall in his Comic dissertation on Hobby Horses, acquitted himself with great propriety, and received a very just tribute of applause.

It would be needless to mention Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Bates, who have deservedly gained the most unlimited confidence of a discerning public, were it not, that their performances of last evening, exceeded, the most sanguine expectation.

Miss Willens and Mr. Cleveland, are desired to commit their parts to memory; an indulgent audience, cannot always keep indulgence in exercise, when repeated neglects occur, and when the prompter's lungs and their own ears are in danger, from the necessary bellowing of sentences to help out these actors, who might obtain applause, instead of censure, by greater diligence in getting up their parts.

The Observer is bound in justice to mention Mr. Moreton; he has prodigiously improved since the commencement of the present season; in the two characters of *Orlando* and *Peregrine Fortescue*, last evening, too much cannot be said in his favor, and as a general performer, this gentleman bids fair, for a reputation equal, if not superior to any in America; if he cannot equal the Tragic dignity and strength of a Fennel, or the finished commanding air and expression of a Chalmers, or yet the infinite humor of a Bates: He certainly partakes so happily in a composition of all, and this, managed with such winning modesty and grace, that truth must rank him in the most meritorious class of Theatric performers.—It is sincerely wished, he may have a benefit night, at which he will unquestionably receive proofs, of the approbation and attachment of a discerning and generous public.

Congress of the United States.

House of Representatives.

May 30.

Mr. Murray, moved for a committee to report a bill for the collection of a duty of one cent per ton on all vessels entering the district of Baltimore, for the support of a Health Office. He read an act past by the Legislature of Maryland, at their last session, and explained the general object of their arrangements on this subject.—A committee was appointed, viz. Mr. Murray, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hunter.

Saturday, May 31.

Mr. Murray, reported a bill for the collection of a duty on vessels from foreign voyages, entering the district of Baltimore, for the purpose of supporting a Health Office, agreeably to an act of the Legislature of Maryland.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

CLEARED.

Brig Yorick, M'Alister, St. Eustatia
Schr. Experiment, Barton, Savannah
Sloop Virginia, Seguirine, Nortolk

A PLAIN COOK.

WANTED a middle aged single Woman, who understands plain Cooking; to such a one the best wages will be given. Apply to the Printer. May 31

The eastern mails due yesterday and to day, are not arrived.—The southern mail is in, but brought no Newspapers.

To Correspondents.

"Hints, or Materials &c."—contain, what appear to be personal allusions of an objectionable cast.—We submit it to our correspondent whether the *cui bono* will not apply with too much force to some of his remarks to justify their publication.

FEATHERS and FLOWERS

Fans, Black Lace, Window Glafs, and R I C E, FOR SALE BY Louis Oimont, No. 117, north Second Street. May 31

Guthrie's Geography improved.

THE subscription for this work on the original terms, of twelve dollars and the binding, will be closed this day—and on Monday the subscription will open at fourteen dollars, exclusive of the price of binding.

The new maps added to this edition are twenty one; among which are those of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode-Island, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, the Tennessee Government, South Carolina, and Georgia. These maps have never been given in any former system of Geography, and, it is hoped, would alone be sufficient to entitle this work to a preference to any other edition of Guthrie.

N. B. The map of the United States, which is compiling by Mr. Samuel Lewis, from the respective state maps, will be far more complete than any one yet published, and be printed on two large sheets of paper, nearly the size of the late Mr. Murray's map. May 31

WANTED,

A Journeyman Printer, Enquire at No. 8, north Fifth street. May 31

NEW THEATRE.

Mrs. WARRELL'S NIGHT.

On MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 2. Will be presented, A COMIC OPERA, called *Lionel and Clarissa*;

OR,

The School for Fathers.

Sir John Flowerdale, Mr. Whitlock
Col. Oldboy, Mr. Bates
Jellamy, Mr. Moreton
Lionel, Mr. Marshall
Harman, Mr. Cleveland
Jenkins, Mr. Darley
Servants, Messrs. Darley, jun. Blissett, and J. Warrell
Lady Oldboy, Mrs. Shaw
Clarissa, (with additional songs) Mrs. Warrell
Diana, Mrs. Oldmixon
Jenny, Miss Willens
End of 2d act, a HORNPIPE, by Master T. Warrell.

End of the Opera, a new Comic Pastoral Ballet, composed by Mr. Francis, called *L'Amour trouve les Moyens*;

OR THE

FRUITLESS PRECAUTION.

By Mons. Belona, Mr. Blissett, Mr. Darley jun. Master T. Warrell, Mr. Francis, Mrs. De Marque, and Madame Gardie.

To which will be added, A FARCE, never performed here, written by John O'Keefe, Esq. author of the *Poor Soldier*, *Agreeable Surprise*, &c. called

Modern Antiques;

OR,

The Merry Mourners.

Cockletop, Mr. Francis
Frank, Mr. Green
Joey, Mr. Bates
Napkin, Mr. Blissett
Harty, Mr. De Moulin
Thomas, Mr. Warrell
Mrs Cockletop, Mrs. Shaw
Mrs. Cammie, Mrs. Rowton
Belinda, Mrs. Cleveland
Nan, Mrs. Francis
Flounce, Mrs. Bates
Betty, Miss Rowton
Tickets to be had of Mrs. Warrell, No. 33, north Seventh street. At the usual places, and of Mr. Franklin at the Theatre, where places may be taken. Also at the Library.

On Wednesday the tragedy of *ROMEO and JULIET*, with the *ROMP*, for the benefit of Mrs. MARSHALL.

Mr. Darley's Night will be on Friday. 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.