

Mr. Fenno,

It is a common mistake for the writers who attack public characters in order to depreciate them in the eyes of their countrymen, to go too far in their criticisms, and to render all their arguments ineffectual by the falsehood or injustice of a part. Of this description seems to be Phocion, who is employed at present in delineating the character and qualifications of Jefferson.

Whether Jefferson is an ambitious man or otherwise, a man courting or shunning popularity, I am not sufficiently acquainted with his disposition to determine, knowing him only from his performances of official duties; and as the degree of his ambition is not thoroughly ascertained, Phocion might have continued to impeach him on this head, without much danger of opposition or detection. But when he undertakes to question his political abilities, he comes upon a ground where every American is prepared to meet him; and so much do the sentiments of this country differ from him as to this particular, that I question whether any strictures of his will be read with patience, that are founded upon a position so unfortunately singular.

The mind of Jefferson is universally allowed to take rank amongst the first of human beings. He possesses an understanding at once vigorous and active, uniting solidity of reasoning and deep penetration with a happy pliancy of attention that qualifies him for any station, either of executing or devising. As a statesman I believe he has no superior either in this country or Europe, and here is the branch of his reputation that Phocion is now attempting to undermine.

It can indeed offend no man of candor to have the virtues and vices of a candidate fairly displayed, especially of him who aspires to so high a situation as that of President; but the writer who pretends to distrust the mental faculties of Jefferson, is surely a most unfortunate assailant. He spends his force against rocks and mountains.

As to his philology, it is necessary to define the term, before we proceed to condemn him for this pursuit. There are various species of philology, and each branch requires a different genius. The astrologer, perhaps, would make but a poor naturalist; and he whose life is employed in scrutinizing herbs and flowers, would as badly succeed in developing the ethereal system; and, perhaps, all these qualities united, would not form a good politician. When we speak of Jefferson's philology, we evidently mean to designate the peculiar excellence of his mind, without alluding to his proficiency in any particular science. He may, indeed, sometimes amuse himself with "dissolving butterflies," for aught we know; but it is not there that his force lies. We admire him, chiefly, for the proofs that he has given us of his political abilities; and from our experience of his capability in this way, we are now about to summon them to new operations.

After all, Mr. Fenno, I do not profess myself an advocate of Jefferson: and if, as his opponents allege, his principles are what is called democratic or antifederal, my heart rejects him altogether. It is essential, that a man be elected into that office, who, like the great Washington, can consent to deliberate, before he resolves upon harsher measures. If Jefferson is of this cast, I know not what objection can be formed against him; at least, there is nothing about him to be attacked with less prospect of success than his talents or experience.

AN AMERICAN.

Mr. Fenno,

The "Certificate of Mr. Jefferson's good behaviour" published in your paper of yesterday, as coming from the Assembly of Virginia, is, I presume, intended to repel the charge against Mr. Jefferson of having abandoned his post when Governor of that state on an invasion of the enemy.

Admitting the certificate to be genuine, of which, however, we have no proof, it is well known how easily such certificates, or votes of thanks, are obtained; generally at the close of the session, when the principal opponents of the measure are gone home, and when others wishing to part in good humour, are easily persuaded to withdraw their opposition; measures thus frequently pass *nem. con.* because no member is willing to go into a disagreeable debate, when if a debate and division took place, the vote would probably be lost.

Besides, the certificate proves nothing as to the point in question, for the charge was a want of firmness; there was no crime in that; the vote of thanks has very cautiously avoided this point; it only speaks of Mr. Jefferson's ability, integrity and rectitude; his ability and integrity as Governor were not called in question; the charge was timidity, and yet the vote says nothing of his firmness, steadiness and perseverance which was the only material point. He might have made a good Peace Governor of Virginia, for it is well known their Governors have little or nothing to do: Mr. Jefferson himself in his Notes on Virginia, says that the governor is a mere cypher, and that the legislature direct all his operations. His friends in the legislature, compensating a man of weak nerves, whom they did not consider as criminal, had interest enough to procure this vote, which leaves the charge just where it was before.

50 Dollars Reward.

Left, a red Morocco Pocket-Book, BETWEEN the Center House and the White Horse in Market-Street; containing two 20 dollar bank-notes, one of 50 dollars, and one branch-bank-note of one dollar; George Weed's note of hand for 250 dollars, endorsed A. Joseph; a note of — Jackson for 100 dollars; a note of Mr. Carr for 100 dollars; a note for 75 dollars, and one of Mr. Drate for 65 dollars—and several other notes, belonging to the subscriber.

The Public are respectfully desired not to receive any of those notes, as they can be of no use to any person but the owner, payment being stopped. Whoever will deliver the same at the office of this Gazette shall receive the above reward.

AARON JOSEPH.

October 22.

Washington Lottery.

The 30th and 31st Days Drawing are arrived at the office. No. 147, Chestnut-Street.

PHILADELPHIA,

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22, 1796.

A letter from New-York, dated yesterday, informs, that a vessel had arrived there in seven days from Halifax, and brings letters which state that the French fleet had not been seen there, nor had any intelligence been received respecting it, since they heard of its being at the Bay of Bulls, Newfoundland.

Extract of a letter from London, Sept. 12.

"The supplies of foreign wheat being much greater than the consumption can take off, and the new English wheat crop proving remarkably productive in quantity, and fine in quality, the wheat market this morning was considerably cheaper; and no progress could be made in the sales of the inferior sorts of foreign wheat."

"American wheat, 30 a 47/ per qr. of 8 bush. flour, 20 a 24/ fine, per bbl. 196 lb. ditto, 24 a 27/ lup. fine, per do. rye, 18 a 21/ per sack of 8 bush. barley, 18 a 25/ per do. India corn, no buyers. ditto meal do. oats, 18d per bushel."

ELECTION RETURNS.

Table with 2 columns: Office/County and Name/Count. Includes Northampton County, Governor—Thomas Miffin 1387, Congress—Samuel Sitgreaves 1307, etc.

At a Meeting of a respectable number of the citizens of Philadelphia, held at Danwoody's tavern, for the purpose of selecting suitable persons as electors of a President and Vice President of the United States—the following proceedings were reported, to wit.

At a meeting of a considerable number of the members of the legislature and other citizens of the different counties of Pennsylvania, held in the city of Philadelphia, on the evening of which the legislature adjourned, SAMUEL POSTLETHWAITE, of Cumberland, in the chair, and ROBERT FRAZER, of Chester, Secretary, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the following named persons for electors of President and Vice President at the election to be holden on Friday the fourth day of November next.

ELECTORS.

- Israel Whelen, Philadelphia,
Samuel Miles, Montgomery,
Henry Wynkoop, Bucks,
John Arndt, Northampton,
Valentine Eckhart, Berks,
Thomas Bull, Chester,
Robert Coleman, Lancaster,
John Carlon, Dauphin,
William Wilson, Northumberland,
Samuel Postlethwaite, Cumberland,
John Hay, York,
Benjamin Elliott, Huntingdon,
Ephraim Douglas, Westmoreland,
John Woods, Allegheny,
Thomas Stokely, Washington.

Whereupon, it was unanimously agreed to recommend and support the foregoing ticket at the said election.

Attest. J. BIDDLE, Chairman. DANIEL SMITH, Secretary.

From the GENERAL ADVERTISER of July, 1792. Published by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BACHE.

"On a due consideration of the various advantages which have been derived to United America from the operations of the Federal Government, there cannot be a friend to his country, that will not exert every nerve to perpetuate such great and solid benefits: but more particularly are the people of PENNSYLVANIA called upon to invigorate a system, that has in so superior a degree contributed to her aggrandizement: There is no calling, no profession, no walk of life that has not experienced its propitious influence."

From the St. Christopher's Royal Gazette.

BASSETTERE, (St. Kitt's) September 23. On Sunday last departed this life in the 61st year of his age, the hon. Archibald Edsille, Esq. President of his Majesty's council of this island, and commander in chief for the time being. The command of the leeward islands devolving on the hon. John Smith Thomas, Esq. as oldest Councillor, he was actually sworn in on Tuesday last.

A vessel which arrived this day from Martinique brings intelligence, that the fleet from England, under the command of admiral Bligh had arrived at Barbados the 22d inst; and that admiral Colpoys's Squadron, with 14,000 troops, were hourly expected. The captain of the above vessel says, that in his way yesterday from Martinique, he saw 15 sail of vessels between Guadaloupe and Montserrat.

About two o'clock this forenoon an alarm was fired on the above vessels being discerned. We suppose them to be the ships belonging to Jamaica, that came out with admiral Bligh.

If we may credit accounts received by the last mail from Europe, it is in contemplation to place Field Marshal Clairfayt once more at the head of the Austrian army on the Rhine. To have caused him to resign the command in chief of that army appears to us one of the greatest faults committed in the course of the present extraordinary war; as the eminent talents and great experience of that gene-

ral, who saved Germany last year by the most skillful manoeuvres, and whose name struck as much terror into the Republicans as it inspired confidence into the Austrian troops under his orders.

WILMINGTON, (Del.) October 20.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

WHEREAS a certain young man, calling himself JOHN YAPP HYDE, was employed by the Editors of the Delaware and Eastern-Shore Advertiser to collect subscription money, &c. due to the same, and for this purpose went down the Peninsula on the 6th day of August last, where he made collections to a considerable amount.—And whereas the time appointed for his return elapsed near six weeks ago, the subscribers are become anxious for the safety of said Hyde, unwilling still to suspect him of safely betraying his trust, and going off with the money. About the 14th of last month he was at Duck-Creek Crafs Roads; since which time he has not been heard of. Whoever will apprehend him, or in or on the Editors of said paper where he is, besides the satisfaction they must feel in keeping the career of so dangerous and bale an enemy to society, will receive the sincere thanks of the Editors, and be cheerfully reimbursed any expence they may incur on the occasion.

Said Hyde was born in England, is but a few months in this country, and taught school near Wilmington—is about 5 feet, 9 or 10 inches high; has an agreeable countenance; short, lightish coloured hair; lips a little; is well spoken, and somewhat commanding or authoritative in his address; is strong and active. He wore a light-blue cloth coat, round hat, &c.

SAMUEL & JOHN ADAMS.

BY THIS DAY'S MAILS.

NEW-YORK, October 20.

No Eastern mail this day. Passengers in the stage say there is no further information respecting the French fleet off Halifax.

The celebrated but unfortunate, Chevalier d'Eon, who has recently attracted the public attention by her laudable endeavors to support herself, has been displaying her skill before a crowded and genteel company in the rooms at Southampton. An unfortunate accident damped the pleasure which the general admiration of her skill had excited. The foil of her antagonist breaking as she parried, it entered four inches above the right breast. The company present seemed to take a lively part in the misfortune of the Chevalier, but medical assistance was at hand, and it is hoped the wound may not be dangerous.

The council of elders has rejected the resolution of the council of five hundred, for paying a small part of the demands of the state creditors in specie; so that this unhappy class of men, many of whom have actually died for want of the common necessaries of life, are again left in the most deplorable state of distress.

Some observations of Maillet Lacoste, a French writer, clothed with these remarkable expressions, which probably describe the present state of the nation.

"Divide our history into two parts; examine only the annals of the interior, and we are the lowest of all people; cast your eye on the journal of our armies, and we are the first nation in the world.—Honour, then, be to Victory."

Some printed accounts from Vienna, by way of Trieste, represent the aids offered to the Emperor by the Hungarians, as far beyond any former statement; the auxiliaries from that kingdom only (it is said) are to be increased to 150,000 men, including 50,000 cavalry, which the Hungarians were to provide with forage, &c.

The division of the French which has entered Munich amounts to 22,000 men. The Elector has sued for a peace; but, as a preliminary, a contribution has been demanded of thirty-two millions of florins.

PARIS, September 8.

BULLETIN.

We are informed by letters of a late date, that the French have re entered Nuremberg, which they had evacuated, in consequence of the affair of Neumark, and that the Sambre and Meuse army has resumed the positions which it occupied on the 5th and 6th. The head-quarters are again at Bamberg. Other letters inform us, that the French have established, notwithstanding the efforts of the Austrians to prevent them, a battery upon the heights called Swinbrache.

September 10.

Alexander Berthier, general of division, has sent a list of the prisoners taken by our troops in Italy from the third to the ninth of August. It contains general prince Belkin, 3 colonels, 4 lieutenant-colonels, 5 majors, 59 captains, 66 lieutenants, 25 sub-lieutenants, 33 ensigns, 1 adjutant, and 13450 non-commissioned officers and soldiers; the enemy have also 7 or 8,000 men killed or wounded, and lost a great number by desertion. Four hundred horses belonging to the Hulus, 82 pieces of artillery, and 210 store waggons have been taken.

Journal is about to act on the offensive. His head-quarters are at Cieweinfurt, a town in Franconia. (La Sentinelle.)

GAZETTE OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE LIST.

PHILADELPHIA, October 21.

The brig Betsy, M'Crea, arrived at Port Penn, Delaware, on the 20th inst. left Londonderry the 20th September.

Brig Ann, Cowperthwait, from Russia, is below. A large ship and 3 brigs, were seen standing in for the Capes, last Wednesday.

The sloop Prudent, bound to Tenerife, carried away her mast in the latitude of Bermuda, on the 19th Sept. and on the 15th inst. was in Hampton Road with a jury mast.—About 19 sail got out of the Capes last Monday; among them the ships Hamburg Packet, Aurora, General Washington, brig Sally, &c.

Capt. Currey, of the brig Jenny, from Tenerife the 7th August, Sept. 2, lat. 20, 23, long. 5 69. saw a wreck, the letters MORE out of the water on her stern, which was painted of a cream colour, blue curtains, and white streak round her gunnel; her water-ways and inside of the taffrel red, sides turpentine, a small head with green drapery, a nice laid quarter deck, no person on board, blowing fresh/impassible to board her.

September 30, lat. 35. 11, long. 73, spoke the sloop Lovina, from St. Domingo, for New London, out 5 days.

October 1, spoke brig Sally, of Baltimore, from St. Bartholomews, 14 days; since saw a number of vessels on the coast working to windward.

On the 15th of September, admiral Sir Hyde Parker, in the Queen, of 90 guns, vice-admiral of the red, with the Valiant, of 74 guns, arrived at Barbadoes and sailed the next day. They had parted a fleet from Ireland, under the convoy of admiral Bligh, who arrived there on the 25th, in a 40 gun frigate, with 26 sail of transports.

NEW-YORK, October 21.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name and Destination. Includes Ship Friendship, Orange London; Amsterdam Packet, Henderson, Glasgow 36; Atlas, Seaman Cadiz; Brig Hunter, Stone Guadaloupe; Schooner Friendship, Goodrich Anguilla; Hero, Farnham Liverpool 38; Blazing Sun, Leonard St. Croix 8; Sloop Brothers, Fairchild Jamaica 33; Ship Hare, of New-York, Capt. Farrier, from Batavia, was spoke in the English channel, bound to Hamburg. Ship Fox, of and from New-York, bound to Hamburg, was spoke in lat. 49, 30, long. 6, 42.

NORFOLK, October 20.

ARRIVED. Ships.—Polly and Nancy, Smith, Liverpool; Hannah, Fryer, ditto; Industry, Vickery, ditto; Jane, Noble, Cadiz; Sisters, Eveleth, Granada. Brigs.—Chance, Almy, St. Bartholomews; Eagle, Gamble, Cape-Fraeois; Swift, Luke, Bona Vista; Peggy, Whidbio, Cape-Nicholas-Mole. Schooners.—Betsy, Fairbank, Cape-Nicholas-Mole; Fairplay, Williams, Jamaica; Nelly, Brown, Jeremic; Jane, Webb, Jamaica; Marcus Moody, ditto; Betsy, Ro-anon, New Providence; Sally, Roberts, Jamaica. Sloop.—William, Rogers, Nevis.

THE PANTHEON, And RICKETS'S AMPHITHEATRE, For Equestrian and Stage performances, Corner of Chestnut and Sixth-streets.

THIS EVENING, October 23, Will be presented,

A variety of pleasing Entertainments. Equestrian Exercises—by Mr. Ricketts, Mr. F. Ricketts, Master Hutchins, and Mrs. Spinacuta. Clowta to the horsemanship—Mr. Sully.

(For two nights only) After which will be presented, A Scotch Pastoral Dance, under the direction of Mr. Durang, called

THE CALEDONIAN FROLIC. Principal Characters By Mr. Durang, Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Durang: STILL VAULTING. HORSEMANSHIP.

Mr. F. Ricketts will pick up a watch from the ground blindfold, the horse in full speed. Ground and Lusty Tumbling. EQUESTRIAN EXERCISES. By Mr. Ricketts, who will perform several surprising and sportsmanlike leaps, over one and two bars upon two and three horses.

And, for two nights only, The whole to conclude with a New Pantomime, called MIRTH'S MEDLEY, Or, The Magic Pie.

Harlequin, Mr. Sully. Pantaloon, Mr. Durang. Lover, Mr. Tompkins. Dwarf, Master Hutchins. 1st Speaking Witch, Mrs. Tompkins. 2nd Ditto, Mr. Coffie. Clown, Mr. Spinacuta. Columbine, Mrs. Spinacuta.

Magician, Witches, &c. by the rest of the company. The Pantomime to conclude with a Dance. * * * The Ladies and Gentlemen who secure seats in the day time, are requested to attend punctually at 7, as the performances are so arranged as to conclude by 10 o'clock—the doors will open at 6.

Box, 7s. 6d.—Pit, 3s. 9d. Tickets to be had of Mr. Ford, at the ticket office in Chestnut-street, from ten to three o'clock each day. Silver Tickets, to admit for the season, to be had by applying to Mr. Ricketts at the Pantheon, or at Ocklers's Hotel.

Evenings of Performance to be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

SHERIDAN'S DICTIONARY, THE SIXTH EDITION, Is this Day Published,

BY W. YOUNG, MILLS & SON, Corner of Second and Chestnut streets. In one large 8vo. volume, price 3 dollars. A COMPLETE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, both with regard to sound and meaning, one main object of which is to establish a plain and permanent Standard of Pronunciation. To which is prefixed, a Profolial Grammar.

BY THOMAS SHERIDAN, A. M. October 22. t&s

LOST, YESTERDAY, A Note of Hand,

Given in favour of William Wright by John Curtis, for £ 130, or thereabouts. All persons are warned against receiving said Note in payment.—If found, it is requested that it may be delivered to the subscriber at No. 102, North Third-street: payment being stopped, it can be of no use to any one but the owner. O. S. 22. 3 JOHN CURTIS.

Will be Landed on Monday next, At Morton's Wharf, (if the weather is fair) from the brig Fame, Captain Knox.

A quantity of Barbadoes Rum & Sugar. For Sale by Kearny Wharton. October 22. 46

LODGINGS.

WANTED TO RENT, Plainly furnished, (bedding excepted) a Parlor or Sitting Room, two Bed-Chambers, and a Kitchen. A line addressed to J. J. at the Printer's, No. 119, Chestnut-street, will be attended to. October 22.