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London Particular Madeira Wine, By WILLIAM NICHOLS, Marshal. Marshal's Office, Philadelphia, February 4th, 1797.

New Theatre.

BY PARTICULAR DESTRE, ON MONDAY EVENING, February 6, Will be preferted, the Hiftorical Play of

Columbus;

Or, A WORLD DISCOVERED. WITH NEW SCENERY, MACHINERY, DRESSES AND DECORATIONS.

The mulic composed by Mr. Reinagle. The proc stons and Pageant by Mr. Byrne. In this Play the manners and cultures of Mexico and Peru characterize the first diffeovered nations of America. Such deviation from Hiftorical truth was deemed neceffary for dramatic effect, and has enabled the author to introduce the pathetic Tale of CORA AND ALONZO, from

The PROLOGUE will be fpoken by Mr. WIGNELL. SPANISH PARTY. Mr. Conber

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Harry Herbert,	Mr. Wignell
Doctor Dolores,	Mr. Harwood
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Prieftess of the Sun, Mrs. L'Estrange Mrs. Mechtler, &c. Indian Women,-Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Doctor, Mils Mil-bourne, Mils Oldfield Mils L'Estrange, Mils Bates, Mils Anderion, and M'elle Sophie. In act 1.

A PROCESSION OF INDIANS, and the first

A PROCESSION OF THE DIANS, and the nin Landing of Columbus. In act 3. REPRESENTATION OF A STORM AND EARTHQUAKE : With a Grand ERUPTION from a VOLCANO.

In act 4. A MARCH of SACRIFICE, and Proceffion to the Execution of CORA. The whole to conclude with A GRAND PAGEANT. The fcene of the Volcano defigned by J. Richards, Efq. R. A. principal Scene Painter to Covent-Garden Theatre.

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Machinift, Mr. Lenthall. The dreffes defigned by Mr. Gibbons.

To which will be added,

A FARCE, called .

Barnaby Brittle ;

Or, A WIFE AT HER WIT'S END. often performed at Covent Garden, with se

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Mr. Francis
Mr. Morgan
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Box, One Dollar twenty-five cents. Pit Seven Eigh-hs of a Dollar, and Gallery, half a dollar. Tickets to be had at H. & P. Rice's Book-flore.

No. 50 High-fireet, and at the Office adjoining the

Philadelphia, February 4-

COMMUNICATION.

Mr. FENNO,

I have irequently remarked, that when the fcribblers in the Aurora are at a loss for new tubjects of af-faffination, they indulge their murderous habits by at-tempting to depreciate the talents of the gentlemen, who now prefide at the head of the departments of who now prelide at the head of the departments of flate and treafury. It is rather fingular, however, that in order to effect their purpole, they flouid be com-pelled to refort to the unmeaning expression of "fuc-ceffors in form," adopted by a man, whole abilities were never the object of envy—and to whole preten fions for honefty, I believe no perfor could be ambi-tions to force of the second second be ambitious to fucceed.

If the fecretaries of flate and of the treafury, ably and faithfully dicharge the duties of their refpective offices, the public furely have no caule of complaint. Upon what principle, therefore, can Mr. Backe's cor-refpondent's pretend to fay, that they are not equally whitled to an average of comparison with the state. respondent spretend to lay, that they are not equally entitled to an encreafe of compendation with the other officers of government? Is it because they are not-members of fone foreign philosophical fociety—or, ra-ther, because, they prefer living on the feanty flipend allowed them by their country, to imitating the base examples daily exhibited by pretended patriots? Let the people determine.

Thursday last the Senators and Representative in Congress of the State of Delaware, pursuant to refolutions of the Legislature, waited on the Prefident of the United States, with the following addreffes.

To GEORGE WASHINGTON, Prefident of the United States.

SIR,

THE Senate of the State of Delaware cannot view with inferfibility your contemplated retire ment from the first office of your country to the repose of private life.

Upon fuch an occasion to be filent and to withhold the most cordial expression of our affection, respect and veneration, for your character, would be as ungrateful to you as it would be dishonorable to ourselves.

It is in attempting therefore to do justice to our feelings, and to discharge a patriotice duty, that we prefent this address as a tribu, e of gratitude, and a homage due to your virtues.

More than twenty years have elapfed fince you left the civil councils of America, to undertake and fuffain the more difficult and perilous duties of the chief military command. The feven years con lift which enfued muft have been to your gloomy leries of feven year's fufferings, except asit was relieved by temporary victories, and the pleafing hope that the exertions of your country and the aids of neaven, would crown your labours with ultimate fuccels.

At the close of the important content we view you in the command of a difciplined, affectionate and admiring army ; and from the example of other conquerors, we might have trembled for the fare of our country, in the apprehension that its prosector would become its tyrant.

But happily for the United States, and honora-bly for yourfelf, and the character of human nature, the feelings of the conqueror, were loft in those of the patriot ; and the infernations of ambi-

tion were reprefied by the triumph of virtue. The glorious spectacle was presented to the world, of a popular, powerful and successful general, atchieving the emancipation of his country, and then teligning his command to an unatmed repub-lic, voluntarily retiring from the honors of office, and receiving in return the tribute not of power but of public gratitude.

We view you a fecond time in obedience to the unanimous voice of America, relinquishing the enof your beloved retirement, and accepting the chief magistracy of your country, in order to add character, credit and energy, to its government. That character, credit and energy, you have affitted, in forming, and fecuring to our govern-ment; and we hope they will be preferved, as well to perpetuate the memory of your virtues, as the happinels of your feliow-citizens. We addrefs you fir, in the name, and on the be-half of the citizens we reprefent. We know that they unite with us in viewing your abilities with respect, your virtues with veneration, and your fervices with gratitude, and in foliciting from heaven for you, every bleffing which can increase your happinels here, and hereafter.

We have yielded to your defire of retirement only | firaightway defireth infidelity, for he faith, the to give repole to the evening of a life which has been spent in the purfuit of noble deeds; and although you may not much longer perfonally direct the councils of America, yet we truft that a recollection of your virtues and wildom will forever guide the fleps of your lucceffors.

Signed by order of the House of Representatives of the flate of Delaware. STEPHEN LEWIS, Speaker.

To the Senators and Representative of the State of Delaware.

Gentlemen.

I receive with great stisfaction the Addreffes of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, which you have now prefented to me, on the occasion of my contemplated etirement from the Prefidency of the United States .-

These evidences of their effection, and testimonies that my public fervices have been ufeful to my ountry, will ever be dear to me.

If yielding to the calls of my fellow-citizens, I nave renounced the cafe and enjoyment of private life, to encounter the dangers and difficulties of the first and most arduous employments, it was because the facrifices, on my part, were by them deemed intereffing to their fafety and welfare. - Animated by fuch motives, and fupported by the general fpiit and partiotilm of my countrymen, when the objects of my public agency were attained, nought remained to me but to feek again the private station which their partiality and confidence required me for a time to relinquish .- In this chosen retirement, the approving voice of my country will over be a fubject of grateful recollection; while I behold its increasing prosperity, under the influence of the ame public spirit, energy, justice and moderation, in which its independence, character and credit have been founded.-That fuch may be the fruit of our labours, and fuch the happy progrefs of our Republic, is, and ever will be, the object of my ardent wifhes .---

Thefe feutiments, gentlemen, with my grateful acknowledgments to the Senate and the Houfe of Reprefentatives of the State of Delaware, 1 pray you to communicate to them in fuch manner as you. shall deem proper.

United States 2d. of Feb. 1797.

Go. WASHINGTGN.

From the FARMER'S WEEKLY MUSEUM.

" No man alfo bawing drunk old wine, firaightway defireth new : For he faith, the old is better."

HE might have faid fo at Jerufalem, in the year f our Lord, four or five: But in the enlightened righteenth century, the depraved palate of the noderns often prefers new wine to old. This ab furd preference was deemed an impoffible thing, in days of yore, by an excellent judge, whole univer-fally negative proposition, is the text affords an in-subitable proof, that his age was not the age of innovation.

How unfortunate for the benighted Jews, that Thomas Paine was then unborn, and did not print Common Senfe at the foot of the Mount of Olives. How many instructed readers would have staved to pieces their old wine cafks, and, with an air of independence, fwallowed huge draughts from the new.

But though the men of Paleftine were denied the privilege of examining wine, or any thing elfe, by the lamp of Paine, we enjoy its full blaze, and may difern the imperfections of many old things, fuch as old principles, old gevernment, or an old Bible. Nothing can flake the prefeut thirst for novelty, This is the age of experiment ; we defert the old and fafe way, and turn afide eagerly into untried paths.

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THE LAY PREACHER.

DR. FRANKLIN. The economicks and the proverbs of this writer have been over-rated. His lystem of frugality is fuch as every prudent old gentieman draws up for the use of young Hopeful, when bound to sea, or to College. His adages refemble Sancho's strings "when a man gives thee an als, run and fetch a halter." They who like to behold lightening lambeat on iron, or to warm themfelves at a dull flove, or to view a cock gafp in mephitick vapour will read Franklin. For morals, let them contuit Epictetus, or Palcy. [Farmer's Weekly Museum.]

From the Farmer's Weekly Museum. PATRIOTISM.

I never wrote a Dictionary ; I believe that I have no talents for fuch a work, but, were I to print two folies as ample as Johnson's I could not define the meaning of that imposing word Patriot-is Soame Jenyns, one of the few and thinking philosopher's of the prefent time, has remarked acutely that patriotifm is not among the lift of New Teftament virtues. No wonder that it is not an article in the Christian catalogue. That amiable personage who went about doing good, felt no par-tiality for this, or that fide of the brook Cedron. The world was his country, and benevolence to all. not attachment to a place was what he enjoined. Patriotifm is the mark of felfifunefs, and patriotifm is a found to my cars, as grating as Triftram to Father Shandy's. It is unifon to nincompoop and every name visuperative under heaven." I have looked narrowly into the characters and exploits of some of the most noted patriots of ancient and modern times. Hiftory and Chefterfield affure us that the great Brutus was a thief in Macedonia, Atticus was a time ferver, and if the reader will be at the trouble of confulting Dalrymple's memoirs he will find that Lord Ruffel and Algernooa Sydacy were hired by France to do the dirty work of cor-ruption. Yet these men were called lovers of their country, and were doubtless toasted by many a popular club in Rome and London. The year 1775 produced many Bruti? One has cheated his cirdi-tors, one has defrauded the public ; there have been renegado patriots, and patriots who have capered at a whipping polt, and dangled from a gibbet.---One may at any time, after an Irish affize, pick and choole full grown and athletic ones from the goals of Dublin. A patriot is as furprizing a cha-racter as the admirable Crichton. He can do many and ftrange things. Out of love to his country he can make free with other people's facep and goffings; love to his country loofens the rudder bands of his faving mill, and crowds its fails after the merchantmen of England ; love of his country makes his tongue clamorous against the administra-tion; and holds fast his purfe strings from excise. Patriotifm is equally alert in whipping flaves on the Potomack, or catching them at Goree. It is a Proteus. It sometimes starts up in the shape of a Governor of Maffachufetts, and fometimes dwin-dles, like Milton's Satan, into a "familiar toad," and is called Thomas Paine. If I had a thousand fons, whom I meant to educate liberally, I fhould advife them, when reading the clafficks, to confider all ancient flories of patriotifm, as mere rant,; and if I withed to move their loudest laughter, I thould not refer them to Plautus nor Terence, but to every paffage in Greek or Roman authors, where that cheating word Patriotifm occurred.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ladies and Gentlemen are requefled to fend their fervants to keep places a quarter before 5 o'clock, and to order them, as foon as the company are feared, to withdraw, as they cannot on any account be permitted to remain.

The Doors of the Theatre will open at 5, and the Curtain rife precifely at 6 o'clock. Places for the Boxes to be taken at the Office in the

front of the theatre, from io till 2 o'clock, and from to till 4 on the days of performance. VIVAT RESPUBLICA!

College-Hall.

READINGS and RECITATIONS. Moral, Critical, and Entertaining.

On SATURDAY EVENING, Feb. 4, at 7 o'clock, Will be continued, THE EFFECTS OF AMBITION AND GUILT, Confidered, traced and exemplified in the charader of

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With a recitation of the whole character, and moral and critical observations on the character, and on the au-

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Tickets to be had of Mr. Poulfon, jun. at the Library at mr. M'Elwee's looking-glafs-ftore, No. 70, S. Fourth-ftreet ; and at Mr. Carey's, Bookfeller, Market-ftreet-Half a dollar each.

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SALT PETRE.

A large quantity of Double-Refined Salt Petre for fale at No. 25, South Third-itreet. November 5.

DANIEL ROGERS. · Speaker of the Senate of the State of Delaware.

Dover, January 24, 1797.

To GEORGE WASHINGTON, Prefident of the United States.

TO enjoy the advantages refulting from your wife adminifration, and not to express our gratification ; to feel the beneficial effects of your firmnels and patriotifm, and not acknowledge them; to admire your magnanimity, and he filent, would throw a fhade over the Republican char-acter, of which we boaft; and would wound the fenfibility of our confituents. Permit us, fir, to offer the only tribute in sur power to give, and the only one worth your acceptance, the grateful acknowledgments of a free and

acceptance, the grateful acknowledgments of a free and independent people, When we faw you return into the hands of your coun-try, that found which had been entrufted to you for her fafety; and retire to domefric peace and tranquility, we lamested that we could not then employ those talents which have fince fhone with fuch refplendency, —but on the approach of a new zera, and when it became neceffary to appoint a chief magiftrate, to difchates the important the approach of a new ara, and when it became necellary to appoint a chief magiftrate, to difcharge the important duties affigned to him, by our excellent Conftitution; cor-ry eye was turned towards you; and you again fubmitted to the public with. In that flation you have directed the af-fairs of a tiling nation, with unequalled facefs. With juf-tice and moderation yeu have confined yourfelf, within the limit a preferihed to you, and you have a preferihed to you. limits preferibed to you, and you have confined yourfelf, within the limits preferibed to you, and you have preferved to your fellow-citizens that liberty which you were fo inftrument-al in eftablishing. It has been our happinels to fee the re-fources and credit of the Republic, and the profperity of her citizens keep pace with your administration.

In our foreign relations, we perceive the fame hap-py effects. Your inviolable fidelity to our engage-ments with one nation, and the neutrality, due to o-thers, which you have faithfully respected; have feured us from the calamities of the war, which is now defolating Europe; and, however ardently we with for the effabilithment of univerfal liberty; yet our true intereft points out the wifdom of adhering to juft policy.

1 imported, in the laft veffels from Europe, many new books, and a brilliant fhew they made, ranged on my fludy fhelf, by the fide of my dog's eared Shakefpeare and worm eaten St. Bernard. I then examined critically, the flyle and the fentiment of modero literature. I quickly found that the fashionable fine writing of the day, was like new wine, crude and mawkish. No man who has read Atter. bury and South, Addison and Goldsmith, will prefer this verbole trafh, faid I, fcorofully glancing at a London magazine, to the fterling fenfe and inimitable expression of my old authors.

A few evenings ago, I heard a pert collegian declaiming against the fludy of Grecian and Roman pages. I then began to indulge one of my reveries. Here is a babe, whose shallow brain cannot bear the Falernian of Horace, and who chokes with the grape flone of Anacreon. I shall fee him in a moment running after fome of the fmall wines of the country, to a French prefs. I was right; he be-gan to deafen me with the praifes of Mirabeau's speeches, Gregoire's report, and the Abbe Condereet, and withed that Virgil had been a poet of Languedoc. May American fludents, I ejaculated, when they neglect the elaffics, and prefer a French spangle to ancient gold, be doomed to read nothing but a butcher's bill of Legendre, or Santerre's inventory of his brew-house.

This fermon is not dedicated to Frenchmen, Nothing that any Preacher can fay will "help their untelief." They are fo drunken with new wine, that they cannot difeern palaces, abbey lands, ancient landmarks, nor days of the week. They imagine fo many vais things, that fhould truth prefent to them her old glafs, they would turn afide. It is to you, fober Americans, I addrefs my exhortation. You, whether called old tories, old federalifts, or old fools, will never hazard rafh innovations, nor march in the patriots forlorn hope of revolution. You diflike not an excellent form of religion or government, becaufe it is three hundred. years of age. Satisfied with things as they arc, you de not run tumultuoufly through your fireets, bellowi g reform : nor do you, like the rafh Reho-boam, flight the council of the ancient, to liften to the hair brained projects of juvenile indiferetion.

Diftruft, discountenance, despise the man, thereore, who proposes religious or political expedients. Be jealous of him, who adviles you to be jealous of your rulers. Burn the fedition and impiety of Friday, January 13.

The fpeaker laid before the house a letter and report from the attorney general on the petition of Fanny Forfyth, widow of Robert Forfyth, refpecting a lot of land in Fredericksburg, which had been conveyed to Gen. Greene, as a counter fecurity. He recommended a difagreement to the prayer of the petition. The report was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole on Mon-

day next. Mr. Dwight Foster, from the committee of claims, made reports on the petitions of James Currey and Henry Hile. The first was against the petitioner, and concurred in by the house, the last, which related to a fum of upwards of nine thoufand dollars which had been mifplaced in the account of the late John Banks and Charles Pettit with the United States, was referred to a committee of the whole on Monday.

. Mr. Kittera prefented a petition from the Illinois and Wabash land companies praying for certain immunities, which was read, and ordered to be printed, and committed to a felect committee of three members.

Mr. Kittera moved to have the unfinished bufnels postponed, in order to take up the report on the petition of William Alexander, but his motion was negatived.

On the motion being about to be put for going in-to a committee of the whole, on the subject of further revenue.

Mr. Coit' wished the house to take up the refolution he had yesterday laid upon the table .- The difference, he faid, betwixt this refolution ard the one reported by the committee of ways and means, was, that this called for the particulars of the plan, whilft that called for an agreement to the principle of direct taxation without any reference to a plan. This difficulty, he faid, occurred. Many gentlemen objected to a direct tax, becaufe they could not fee their way thro' any plan of carrying it into ef-tect. He himfelf did not feel this difficulty. He should vote for the resolution ; because, if a plan was brought forward which he did not approve, he hould vote against it. It appeared to him, however, that the house would have a more diffinet view

of the fuctject, if they had a plan before them. Mr. Swanwick faid the objection which he had to the motion was, that it would embarrafs the queftion whether or not the house would agree to any fystem of direct taxation ? Some gentlemen Paine, and turn over the leaves of the antiquated thought it impossible to devife a plan for this pur-Bible. No man of tafte or piety having read it, pole ; it could not be expected therefore that the