

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. August 28.

A number of members sufficient to constitute a quorum met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion ordered, that Dr. Leib be a committee to inform the senate, that the house being met, are ready to proceed to business.

On motion ordered, that Messrs. Leib, Evans and Lucas be a committee, to join a committee of the senate, to wait on the governor, to know at what time it will be most convenient to him to make his communications to the general assembly.

The committee appointed to inform the senate that the house are ready to proceed to business, reported that they had performed that service.

The clerk of the senate presented the following extract from the journals of the senate.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the house of representatives, to wait on the governor, to know at what time it will be convenient to him to make his communications to the general assembly, and

Ordered, that Messrs. J. Wheeler, Hamilton and Chapman be a committee for that purpose.

The committee appointed to unite with a committee of the senate, to wait on the governor, reported that they had performed that service, and received for answer that the governor would meet both houses of the legislature in the senate chamber, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Adjoined. August 29. The house met pursuant to adjournment. On motion of Dr. Leib, seconded by Mr. Leonard,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to report a bill making appropriation of dollars, to be applied towards the relief of the indigent sufferers from the present prevailing malignant fever.

Ordered, that Messrs. Gurney, Leib, Evans, Smilie, and Smith, be a committee for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

A petition from Thomas Ruston, stating that he is confined in the jail of this city for debt, and praying for liberation, was read.

Mr. Morgan, a committee from the senate, informed the house, that the senate were ready to receive the house of representatives in the senate chamber, to hear the governor's communications.

The house attended in the senate chamber to hear the communications.

Having returned, A message from the governor was presented by the secretary of the commonwealth, informing the house that he negatived the bill for regulating the general election throughout the commonwealth; and the reasons of his veto accompanied the message.

The clerk of the senate presented the following extract from their journals.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to join a committee of the house of representatives, if that house think proper to appoint such committee, to consider and report, whether it will be advisable to continue the session of the general assembly, under the present circumstances of alarm, respecting the existence of a malignant and contagious fever in some parts of this city and suburbs, and

Ordered, that Messrs. J. Wheeler, Coats and Brandon, be a committee for the said purpose.

The clerk of the senate presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the general assembly will this day adjourn sine die.

On motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Smilie,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the committee of the senate upon the subject of the adjournment of the legislature.

Ordered, That Messrs. Frazer, Boude, Boliot, Hoge, and Logan, be a committee for the purpose.

On motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, that Messrs. Ball, Evans, Leib, Rea, and Smilie, be a committee to take into consideration the governor's speech to the legislature, and report to the house an arrangement of the sundry matters therein contained.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the senate, upon the subject of adjournment, made report as follows:

That they have had the conference directed, which resulted in an agreement to recommend to the respective houses the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, that the general assembly will this day adjourn sine die.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and on the question—will the house agree to the same?—it was determined in the affirmative.

The committee appointed for the purpose, reported a bill, entitled "An act to provide for alleviating the distresses of the citizens of Philadelphia and the suburbs thereof, during the continuance of the existing malignant and contagious disease," and on motion,

Ordered, that the bill be read by special order a second time.

A motion was made by Dr. Leib, seconded by Mr. Gurney, to fill the blank with 200,000 dollars, which was, after some debate, withdrawn, and the blank was filled with 10,000 dollars.

The bill was agreed to, and ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

The committee appointed on the governor's speech, made report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill making an appropriation for

the relief of the suffering citizens of the city and suburbs, was read a third time and passed.

Adjoined to half past three o'clock. P. M.

The house met pursuant to adjournment. The secretary of the commonwealth presented a message from the governor, accompanied by sundry documents referred to in his speech.

The clerk of the senate presented the bill making appropriation for the relief of the suffering citizens, which the senate passed without an amendment; he presented, likewise, a resolution, which the senate had agreed to, for the distribution of the laws of the United States.

Thanks were returned to the speaker, and the house adjourned sine die.

Foreign Intelligence.

HAGUE, July 4.

Every thing is in motion here, in order to forward the embarkation of the troops destined for our naval expedition. A portion of them will be embarked this day. General Daudels set out last night from here for the Texel. Besides the 20 battalions of the Batavian infantry, twelve squadrons of cavalry will be embarked. These troops have been reinforced with 2000 Austrian deserters, who arrived from Lille, and were granted to us by France. The major general Van Zuylen Boskop, and And Guerike (the latter is a German, who has assisted at different expeditions in the West-Indies) set off from here this day, to superintend the embarkation of their respective brigades.

The commandant of our garrison with 100 men of the 1st regiment of cavalry will go on board, which several other officers will do as volunteers. The fleet will set sail with the first fair wind, and admiral de Winter has orders to attack admiral Duncan wherever he shall meet him. It is however asserted, that the expedition was destined neither against England, nor against Scotland, nor against Ireland, and were should for many troops be sent to?

It is certain that not a single man of the French troops has been embarked on board the transports; but the whole corps consist of troops of the Batavian republic.

THORN, (South Prussia) July 8.

It is confirmed that the affair concerning Poland is now settled between the three partitioning powers; there is consequently not the least prospect that this state (Poland) should be re-established. For all the Russian ministers at foreign courts, have received orders from the cabinet of Petersburg to make the necessary notifications to the different powers which gives sufficient evidence that the fate of Poland is decidedly settled. These notifications contain 6 notes. The 1st is a declaration dated St. Petersburg, June 3, '95, and signed by the Russian vice-chancellor Osterman, the counts Belkoro-dko and Marcoff, which contains the agreement between her majesty the empress of Russia, the Roman emperor and the king of Prussia to divide Poland amongst themselves. In this note the boundaries of the respective portions of the empress of Russia, and the emperor of Germany are fixed, and the guarantee of the king of Prussia is required, on condition of which the remaining portion is allotted and guaranteed to the Prussian monarch. The 2d note signed by the above three members of the Russian cabinet, and by count Tauenzien on the part of Prussia, containing a declaration dated at St. Petersburg, Oct. 24, '95 which establishes the boundaries of the Prussian portion of Poland, and the guarantee of the respective acquisitions of both powers. The 7th article of this note says: "If, through hatered excited by the present treaty of partition and its results, one of the three contracting powers should be attacked by another state, then shall the two others join the first, and support him with all their forces, and all their resources, until the entire cessation of such an attack." The 3d note signed at Petersburg on the 26th January, 1797, by count Osterman, count Belkoro-dko and prince Kurackin on one side, and by count Tauenzien on the other, recites the measures taken for discharging the national debt of the ex-kingdom of Poland, and those of ex-king Stanislaus Augustus. By the 6th article, the contracting powers grant an annual pension of 200,000 ducats, to the latter; by the 7th art. the free and entire enjoyment of all his private property and estates, is secured to him. The 4th contains the act of resignation of the ex-king Stanislaus, dated Grodno, Nov. 25, '95 and signed by the king and his cabinet secretary, prince Koscilsk Puzna. The 5th contains the corresponding declaration of the three concerned Courts wherein they make known to the different powers of Europe, the division of Poland and its incorporation with their respective monarchies, and their new titles they have respectively assumed, in consequence of the new acquisitions, &c. The 6th note fixes the boundaries of the palatinate of Cracow, as agreed on by the courts of Vienna and Berlin, and sanctioned by the late empress.

VIENNA, July 5.

On Monday nine wagons loaded with money, set off under a strong escort for Italy.

NURENBERG, July 7.

Early yesterday morning, the Prussians being previously reinforced with 400 men, and two pieces of cannon from Anspach, advanced against the Castrone of St. John, and took the same without firing a gun, as they had secured all the avenues before the opening of the city gates, and suffered nobody to pass, until they had taken possession of the Castrone. The garrison having no success to expect out of the city, surrendered, and were suffered to march out, without being made prisoners but obliged to give up their arms to the Prussians. The latter captured in the same manner the Bear-Fort.

The Prussians do not intend to occupy those posts, but they will not suffer any foreign (Imperial) troops there, since the above fortifications and barracks are situated in the territory which his Prussian majesty claims as belonging of right to him.

PYRMONT, July 12.

His Majesty, the king of Prussia, is still here, and it appears, that the use of this bath is beneficial to his health.

The Gazette. PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY EVENING, August 31.

PRICES OF STOCKS, Philadelphia, 11th Aug. 1797.

Table with columns for stock types (6 per Cent, 1 per Cent, etc.) and prices.

COURSE OF EXCHANGE.

Table with columns for exchange rates (On London, at 30 days, etc.) and prices.

Further particulars of the damage occasioned by the heavy rains of last week.

It is agreed to have been the heaviest fall of rain almost ever remembered in this neighbourhood—carrying away the mill-dam of John Shoemaker, near the Old York road, and entirely sweeping away the bridge on the said road, just below his mill,—washing the creek to such a depth at the usual place of fording, as to render a passage impracticable without going a considerable distance down the creek. It also threw down the mill-dam of col. Miles's slitting mill, and destroyed the bridge near his seat, besides other considerable damage. These losses are, however, trifling, in comparison with that of Oliver Wilson and wife, who to their great affliction, have been bereft of an only son, an active and promising lad about 14 years of age: he was the morning after the rains, assisting in collecting the rails, and to replace the fence carried away by the flood; in doing which getting his clothes wet, he was desired to go to the house to get some dry ones, with which it was thought he had complied; but at noon the family were much alarmed on his being missing:—a diligent search through the neighbourhood now took place, but no discovery made till about sun-down, when, to the inexpressible grief of his parents, his body was found in a deep hole just below the new stone bridge, (on the old York road above Miles Town) which sustained considerable damage by the foundation being undermined and part of the arch fallen in. It is supposed the unfortunate lad never rose, as his body was found under a rock in the cavity: this is the more probable, as two men were working at a small distance on the other side the bridge, and within hearing, without the least knowledge of this awful event. His remains were interred in Friends' burying ground, at Abington, on the 28th inst. attended by a very numerous body of friends and weeping relatives.

On Saturday last, the frigate United States was hove down at Smith's wharf, for the purpose of replacing the lower rudder brace, and part of the false keel, which were carried away when the ship went off the rocks: This operation was performed, and the ship righted without any accident occurring. She is to be anchored in the cove, where the rigging, &c. will be completed with the greatest expedition.—The marines are nearly all enlisted, and from the number of seamen that offer, it is supposed that her complement could be made up in two weeks.

CITY HOSPITAL REPORT.

Admitted since last report, from 30th to 31st, morning:— John Corris, Mr. Bisset's, Penn-street; James Sampson, Mr. Furlow's, Mead-alley; Patrick M'Dowell, Richard Smith's, Second-street.

Barbara, 2 Negro girls belonging to Mr. Sullivan, M'Cloud, South Water-street; Lydia M'Kenzie, Mr. Gillson's, South, near Front-street.

NICHOLAS DOYLE, admitted 21st; MARY CAPE, 26th; KITTY STEWARD, 29th; HUGH M'DOWEL, 22d; JOSHUA BARTLEY, 21st.

DISCHARGED. Remaining last report 19; Admitted 6; Discharged 25; 5.

Remain in hospital 20; Convalescents 5; Sick 15; Three of which are doubtful cases, and one likely to die.

STEPHEN GERARD, CALEB LOWNES, JOHN CORNELLY.

August 31st. We are happy in being able to inform our readers, that there is but one person ill of the prevailing fever at Kensington.—He is a member of the late Mr. Bowers' family, from whose house the disease, as yet, has not been propagated in a single instance.

We are informed that the health-office in Southwark is shut up, it being found an useless institution, owing to the general health of the inhabitants, and the total absence of the contagious disease from that quarter.

Total of all the burials in the several grave-yards of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, as taken from the books kept by clergymen, sextons, &c. For the last 24 hours—8 adults, 6 children. August 30.

Mr. FERNO, Since the Board of Health have assigned "the difference amongst the Medical Faculty as the reason for discontinuing their daily reports." I request permission through the medium of your paper to assure the public that no difference of opinion does or has existed sufficient to justify such a measure; a measure that will, if not remedied, involve the inhabitants of this City in a state of uncertainty and suspense, and by lulling to a fatal security give opportunity to the treacherous foe to plant his banners in the center of our city.

Greater harmony or concurrence in opinion never existed among the Physicians whose situations have afforded them opportunities of seeing the disease in its different stages, than has and does exist at present.

If the Board of Health has not received regular returns from those physicians most engaged in practice, the fault is with themselves, for neglecting or omitting to appoint a person to call on those Physicians at regular and stated hours for them. It could not surely be expected that Physicians hurried and fatigued with business should travel more than a mile unsheltered from the burning rays of a Meridian Sun to deliver in a sick roll when it was the business as well as the duty of the Board to send for it.

That the citizens may be able to judge how far there has been occasion for their alarm, and that they may no longer be misled by the ignorant, the deluded or the designing, I earnestly request you to publish the enclosed list, which contains the names of all the persons, with a contagious fever, that have come under my notice or that of my medical acquaintance on whose communications I can rely, since the 25th of July, to the present evening August 30th.

The names of those who have died are included in brackets, and those that were affected with black vomiting have an asterisk prefixed.

I expect to be able to furnish you to-morrow or next day with the cases that have occurred since the 25th inst. And if you will undertake to publish these, I will endeavour to furnish you with all the cases that occur from day to day in the Southern quarter of the city.

I have at this time under my care, fifteen cases of contagious fever—seven of which are dangerously ill—eight in a favourable way—two died to day, and two were sent to the Hospital.

I am, with sentiments of sincere respect, Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM CURRIE, Wednesday evening, August 30. P. S. I have just been informed by a gentleman of unquestionable veracity, that the Committee has said, the Board of Health intend to invite the citizens to return from the country, and that Dr. Shippen who left the City to day asserted just before he went off, that there is no contagious disease in the City, but was a mere South Sea bubble.

It is also reported that a similar opinion has been delivered to the Board of Health, by Messrs. Girard and Lownes. I would fain hope for the sake of my fellow citizens, as well as for the sake of the understandings of those gentlemen, they have not committed such an error, for none but men insane can possibly resist the torrent of evidence to the contrary.

A List of the names of all the persons afflicted with Yellow Fever, since the 25th of July, to the 25th of August. July 25th James Mulford, pilot of the Arcturua. 27th (Mr. Latimer's man). 29th G. Latimer, Esq. Pine below Penn-street.

Nicholas Major, mate of the brig Iris, Ruffel's wharf. (James Flood) cook do. Samuel Saunders, Lloyd's store, near Walnut-street.

30th Two more of the crew of the brig Iris. 31st One do. same crew. (Mrs. Smith) Penn, half a square below Pine-street.

August 1st (Mr. N. Lewis) store above Pine-street. Capt. Holland's boy, on board the ship Thomas, Ruffel's wharf. James Train, Mr. Ruffel's clerk. (Mr. Hall) clerk in Mr. Nixon's store, above Pine-street.

3d John Larchum, back of Smith's store, Pine near Penn-street. (Mr. Smith's brother) Pine, near Penn-street.

(2 women, 1 died) at Mr. Latimer's. (Mr. Senate) mate of a vessel from St. Thomas's.

Mr. M'Elwee, Second, below Plumb-street. 6th (Larchum's child). Arthur Mullen, corner of Front and Pine-street. (Wildes) corner of Front and Pine-street.

(Mrs. Ferguson) below Pine in Front-street. 7th Mrs. R. Lewis, Second, below South-street. (Mrs. Bell) Germyn-street. (Jenny at Plankinhome's) Penn; below Pine-street. (Richard P. Smith) Penn, near South-street.

8th (Mr. James Campbell) Pine and Front-streets. (Mr. Conrad's boy) Catharine and Front-streets.

10th Mr. J. Ruffel's girl, Penn, below Pine-street. Daniel Shute, Penn, near South-street. Mr. Tatam, Union, above Third-street.

James Lloyd, Union-street. Portuguese sailer, Penn, below South-street. Mr. M'Clure, Front, near Lombard-street.

(Mr. Meafe's girl) Front, above Pine-street. French gentleman, Penn, near Lombard-street.

14th Mr. Brown, Pine and Front-streets. Housekeeper, do. Robert Wharton, Esq. Third, above Union-street. Mr. Bridges's son, Front, below Lombard-street. Capt. Brevor, Pine-street wharf, on ship board. (John Read) schooner along side the ship Hind. Mr. Lalor, Water, above Spruce-street. Mr. Ledum, Southwark. Edward Hughes, Catharine-street. Mr. Robeson's clerk, near Spruce-street. (William Pinkerton) Front, above Spruce-street. 14th Capt. Egger, Almond Street. (James M'Intosh, Mead Alley. John Flower, Water and Almond. Thomas Smith, Richard Ferguson, both in Penn, below Pine Street. John Davis, 2d below Pine Street. Robert Tittermay, Almond Street. (Mr. Latimer's woman's daughter,) Param's Alley, Southwark. Mr. Morris, Capt. Williamson, Front near South street. Mrs. M. Clure, Penn near South st. Mr. Marshal's girl, front near Lombard Street. Mr. Mitchell, Water above Pine st. Allen Appowen, Full's alley. Mr. Taten's brother, Union street. 16th Thos. Cuthbert's son, 2d near South street. (Anthony's do. Penn, near Lombard street. James Hood, do. Capt. Glen's child, Almond near Second street. Mr. James Ferguson, Penn street. Miss Betsy Maris, Penn street. 17th Mrs. Miller, Penn Street. Dr. Boyes, Front near South street. Thomas Stewart, Front near South street. 18th Capt. Flemmington, Catharine near 3d street. Thomas Larkam, Front near Almond street. 19th. Messrs. Eaton and Johnson. Capt. Boyes, Front Street. John Ferguson, Penn street. 20th Mr. Ferguson's two servants, Penn street. (2 servants at Mr. M'Clure's) Polly Rice, Almond street. 21st Nancy Rice, do. Miss B. Dolby, Penn street. Mrs. Tili's black girl, do. Mr. Caleb Ath, Christian street. James Woods, Lombard near sixth street. Mr. Willis, Walnut near Front street. 22d Mrs. Taten, Penn Street. Allen Brown, Almond and second Streets. Eckhart, Catharine street. (two persons in Mr. Boyson's,) Second below Pine street. Mr. M'Phale, and son, and Mr. Davidson, 2d above Union. 2 more servants at M'Clure's. Strangers, in Brinighurk's alley and Union street. Mrs. Warren, Lombard and Penn street. Mr. Naper's boy-Nancy Black near North's stables. (Samuel, at Mr. North's) Nicholson, Plumb street. 23d (David Bowen,) Spruce near 2d Street. (Mr. Miller,) Penn street. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cummins and son, near Penn street. (Mrs. Bentley) (her son) and daughter, South street. Mr. Ferguson's man, Plumb street. 25th William Cummins. The cases which have occurred since the 25th, I purpose furnishing to-morrow or next day.

According to the accounts brought by the mail of this day, the alarm respecting the fever at Providence, has subsided.

"A Native American," to-morrow. By this day's Mail. BALTIMORE, August 28. Wind, weather and tide permitting, the United States' frigate CONSTELLATION will be launched on Thursday, the 7th of September next ensuing, at 8 o'clock in the morning. DAVID STODDER. Navy Yard, Aug. 28. NORFOLK, August 24. Extract of a letter from Commodore Barney to his friend in this town, dated Medusa, at Sea, August 21st, 1797. "After eleven months blockade by the enemy, I have at length escaped their vigilance. The moment they reduced the number of their ships to watch my movements (from twelve, eight, six, and until within few days, five ships to four—that is one ship of the line and a frigate.) I was determined to push out with my two frigates, which I did yesterday, although I saw them both to the forward of me; the winds were light, but we have lost sight of them in the night. So ends a blockade which has cost the enemy upwards of 300,000 dollars, and has been of no real injury to France. I hope soon to give you a good account of ourselves; and was on equal terms with them in point of force, they should have little to boast of."

Red Port Wine, by the brig Iris, capt. Rhodes, from Oporto. Red Port Wine in pipes, blds. and quarter casks; 60 cwt. Cart. for sale by Philips, Cranmond, & Co. July 27.