

By this day's Mail.

BOSTON, September 23.

THE CONSTITUTION.

We this day were in hopes to have announced to the public the launch of the frigate Constitution: but after two attempts to set her afloat, she remains in perfect safety, on the ways where she was constructed.

THE LAUNCHING OF THE FRIGATE CONSTITUTION.

If these things be necessities, let's use them like necessities. Disappointments are not, always to be ranked among evils, especially when we find that a disappointment is in the end more beneficial than our first wishes.

To indifferent unthinking people, the disappointment is mortifying. The Jacobins will crow, and the Chronicle, that speaking trumpet of the devil, will echo the tale of disappointment, to the utmost verge of its pestiferous influence.

To the gentlemen who are conversant with ships, the occurrence is a consolation; they can apply the Dutch proverb, which says—"Stay a little while, that we may get done the sooner."

But what shall we say to the ladies, who are disappointed of the fine sight? First, you must submit to the powers above you, who guide and direct all such weighty matters.

The Constellation, which is an assemblage of the fixed stars, went off in spite of all earthly impediments, because the heavenly bodies are placed where the art of men cannot reach, and where human preference cannot controul.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

The LAUNCH, or Hints on MECHANICAL POWERS.

A large ship, copper bottomed, is to be considered as a heavy, polished, copper wedge. The sides of this wedge, in some places, form an angle of 45 degrees with a perpendicular line; in others more; in others less.

Let three or more strong chains be passed under the keel at each end to bolts passing the bilge-ways, with forewires and nuts on the outside: the ways cannot then spread. Let ropes be made fast to the ends of the bilge-ways under the stern.

low sufficient length for the ship to get into deep water, and make the other end fast to the wharf. When these ropes draw upon the bilge-ways, the ship will slide off from them, and they will float, leaving the ship free.

N. B. The quick and unexpected motion of the ship, yesterday, is sufficient proof that the ways do not want declivity.

PROVIDENCE, September 22.

At a Town Council, specially holden in and for the town of Providence, on Wednesday, the 20th of September, 1797.

STATE OF THE FEVER IN PROVIDENCE. From Friday, the 15th inst. seven persons have deceased, and eleven remain sick.

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At a Town Council specially holden in and for the town of Providence, on Friday, the 22d of September, 1797.

Thirteen persons are now confined with the Yellow Fever, four have been removed to the hospital:—And since the report made on Wednesday the 20th inst. three persons only have deceased.

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DIED.] In this town, Mr. Gideon Hull, Mr. Samuel Pitcher, Mr. Robert Blinn, Mr. Wilcox, Mrs. Gifford, (widow of the late Mr. Josiah Gifford) three of her children, and a young woman who lived in the family; Dr. Ephraim Comstock.

ALEXANDRIA, Sept. 25.

In the Times of Saturday, August 19, was the following paragraph: "The following was handed us for publication by a gentleman lately from Guadaloupe."

That one John Perry, lately from New London, and a certain Park Avery are equally concerned in fitting out privateers from several French ports in the West Indies, to cruise for American property, and that the plunder they have obtained is shipped to the house of Elisha and William Coit, of New York.

On Saturday last the person of Perry was recognised on the wharf by several who had seen him in Guadaloupe, and were well acquainted with his conduct in that place.

By the dispositions of captain Willis and Mr. Peter Murray, it was evident that his vessel immediately upon her arrival in Guadaloupe, was converted into a privateer and called the Victorious, and was commanded by an American by the name of Williams: That it was well known in Guadaloupe, that she had come from New London with guns in her hold for that purpose: and, that, from the general conduct of Perry in interesting himself in the sales of prizes &c. and from a number of other corroborating circumstances, he was part owner, and agent for, the above privateer.

[The time is coming when traitors, pirates, and assassins, shall no longer stalk forth in the land, to take measure of our purses and our throats. The day of retribution is at hand.]

BALTIMORE, September 25.

By Capt. Sanger, from Port-de-Paix, we have been favored with a proclamation from Touffaint, general in chief of the armies of St. Domingo, to the citizens of the Cape, soldiers of the garrisons, and cultivators of the plain. The gentleman, into whose hands we put it for translation, says, it contains nothing more than a call on the inhabitants to behave themselves peaceably and quietly under the laws of the virtuous RAIMOND, and to listen not to the perfidious emissaries of Santhoxax, who has been sent before the tribunal of his country.

Great hopes began to be entertained that our city was about to be restored to its usual health, and some who had taken the alarm, began to thin danger over. Their fond hopes would probably have been realized, had we not been visited by a drizzling rain on Friday, which instead of unloading our atmosphere, clogged it with noxious effluvia, and took its direction westward over the town. From the town few people have as yet moved on account of a contagious fever; but this week will inform them whether it will be prudent to stay, or to seek safety by flight from their homes.

[This paragraph is from the Federal Gazette—the same paper which not many days ago, branded with the epithets assiduous and

assiduous, a gentleman, second to no one in Baltimore, for respectability of character—and all merely because he stated a simple fact, which came under his own observation: viz. that on such a day, such a number of people died. The conduct of these men excites emotions hard to be suppressed.]

DIED, on Sunday night last, Doctor EDWARD JOHNSON, long an amiable and most respectable inhabitant of this city. In him the public have lost a man eminent in his profession, and no less so in his character as a sincere friend to mankind; his friends and acquaintance can never think of him but with the greatest respect.

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Burials in the west part of Baltimore, heretofore called the town:—

Table with columns: Adults, Children. Rows for dates from September 11 to 24.

Burials in the east part, called Fell's Point, &c. including the Potter's Field:—

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(Signed) Jeremiah Yellott, James Edwards, Adam Fonerden, Emanuel Kent, Joseph Townsend, Elias Eliocott, John Steele, Thomas Tenant, James Beeman.

RICHMOND, Sept. 25.

We are happy in having it in our power to say, that the person who arrived here a few days ago from Norfolk, said to be affected with the Epidemic, prevalent at this time in that unfortunate borough, appears to be perfectly restored to health, and was seen in company with other gentlemen walking our streets yesterday morning; the rumours of his having died of the Yellow Fever at Bowler's, buried privately, &c. &c. to the contrary notwithstanding.

PEALE'S MUSEUM.

THIS valuable repository of the works of Nature, so well calculated to delight the mind and enlarge the understanding, is opened daily, as usual. It stands in an airy and healthy situation, and free from the epidemic that at present afflicts the city; it may, therefore, be frequented with the greatest safety.

As an Amusement, the study of Nature is the most rational and pleasing; as a Science, the most sublime and instructive. It elevates the mind and expands the heart.

Many interesting additions have lately been made to this Museum: and the feathered tribe, containing a variety of the most rare and beautiful subjects, is now very advantageously arranged. Waxen Figures, of Men large as life (some of them cast from nature) are here dressed in their proper habits, and placed in attitudes characteristic of their respective nations.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN STRIKER, late of Tinicum Township, Bucks County, are requested to pay off their respective debts; and those having any demands against said estate, are desired to bring in their accounts, to JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, Esq. Executor, MALLET PREVAIL, Esq. Attor.

Thomas Armat and Son, OF PHILADELPHIA.

INFORM their customers and the public, they have removed a part of their merchandize to Wilmington: Also, they have their store open in the city. At either place their friends can be supplied, and their orders carefully attended to.

Red Port Wine.

Just arrived, by the brig Iris, capt Rhoads, from Oporto, Red Port Wine in pipes, hds, and quarter casks 66 cwt. Cork, for sale by Philips, Cranond, & Co. July 21.

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA,

THURSDAY EVENING, September 28.

Total of burials for 24 hours, ending yesterday at noon.

Table with columns: Church, Burials. Rows for Christ Church, First Presbyterian, Friends, German Lutheran, Porter's Field, City Hospital, Kensington.

* Free of theft from the city.

Died—The 22d inst. at Cheltenham, Montgomery county, Mrs. Anna Carmick, of Philadelphia, in the 63d year of her age, after a long and painful illness, which she supported with a truly christian resignation; the poor have lost a charitable friend, and her children a tender and fond parent.

TWO CHARITY SERMONS.

Will be preached on Sunday next at the Calvinist Church, Germantown, for the relief of the poor and distressed citizens of Philadelphia; one in the morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. BLAIR, the other in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

THE MAIL for the British Packet closes on Wednesday evening the fourth of October, at 6 o'clock.

THOMAS MACRANNESS, Agent. New-York, Sept. 27.

PRICES OF STOCKS, Philadelphia, 8th Sept. 1797.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price. Rows for 6 per Cent, 3 per Cent, Defered 6 per Cent, BANK United States, Pennsylvania, North America, Insurance Co. N. A. shares.

COURSE OF EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: Location, Exchange Rate. Rows for On London, at 30 days, at 60 days, at 90 days, Amsterdam, per guildier.

From the NEW YORK DIARY.

Mr. EDITOR, Some time since, a paragraph in the Diary announced, that a gentleman had, the evening before, seen a COMET in nearly the western direction.

Investigations took place, and the stary element was invaded with all the telescopes that were to be had; when, behold! our comet proved to be the beautiful evening planet—Venus. The watch still continuing, it was at length announced, that the comet had really appeared in the fourth east quarter; an investigation, as before, took place; and, as before, the comet proved to be the brilliant planet—Jupiter; but the investigators were much more gratified in viewing this planet, because they saw within its vicinity, the satellites, or Jupiter's moons; and, on the surface of the noble planet, Jupiter's belts. It is said also, that the comet has been seen at Cambridge, Baltimore, and Newhaven; but I apprehend that it is the same that has appeared in our city, for it is strange that none of the spectators have announced that they have seen the tail. I assure you, sir, that I keep a good look out for the Comet, with good telescopes—and whenever any appears, I shall with the greatest pleasure, announce it to my fellow citizens, and invite them to come at the top of the Museum, and view it thro' my excellent telescope. G. BAKER. Sept. 25.

WOBURN-ABBEY SHEEP SHEARING.

On Monday, the 12th inst, his Grace the Duke of Bedford's sheep-shearing commenced, to which all the capital Farmers, Graziers, and Agriculturists were invited, and his exhibition or shew of his new Leicestershire breed of sheep. The company present were Messrs. Cox, Colhoun, Bevan, and many other Gentlemen and breeders of sheep at Norfolk and Suffolk: Lord Somerville, Sir John Ramsden, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Northey, Mr. Lee Antonio, and many gentlemen breeders of sheep from the different countries in England—Mr. Arthur Young, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Stone (his Grace's surveyor), and the principal breeders of sheep of Bedfordshire and the neighbouring counties.

Notwithstanding the short time his Grace has turned his thoughts to this species of improvement, it is astonishing to find to what perfection he has carried the breed of this truly valuable animal, scarcely to be exceeded by the Leicestershire Society.

The meeting lasted several days, during which time the ancient English hospitality prevailed in all its glory. Dinner was provided and served up each day, in the great hall, at three o'clock, and there was not one word of politics. His Grace and Mr. Stone, his deputy, presided; his Grace elevated the upper part of the table, and Mr. Stone did his utmost at the other end. Notwithstanding the short time (which is only three or four years) his Grace has paid attention to the breed of sheep, his bailiff let the use of some of his shearing rams (i. e. one year old) for one season, for fifty guineas each.

It is astonishing the advantage the country might derive in its improvement, from thus bringing together scientific and public spirited men from different parts of England to converse freely on the different topics which relate to the promoting the utmost produce from the earth. [Lond. Pop.]

CITY HOSPITAL REPORT.

From the 27th to 28th Sept. in the morning. Admitted, since last report, Neal Gillaspie—Michael Quigley's, Love I. Frederick Dunifer—Front, 3 doors from corner of South-street. Ann Townsend—South-street. Discharged, since last report, Zabette—admitted 15th inst. Peggy Lee 14th Polly Varnel 5th. Died since last report.

when admitted how long sick previous to admission. Eliz. Dickey, 24th. unknown. Francis Ward, 25th. 1 day. Cannon Masley, 24th. 4 days. Peter Polifton, 24th. 2 days. Wm. Charles, 26th. 14 days.

Remaining last Report 61 Admitted since, 3 Discharged 64 Died 5 8

Remain in Hospital, { Convalescents } 56 { Sick } 41 Four of whom are dangerous. Interred in City Hospital burying ground since last report:— From the city and suburbs 5 From the city hospital 5

GAZETTE MARINE LIST.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

ARRIVED. Ship John Bulkeley, Volans, Isle of May 42 Schr. Flying Fish, Maxwell, Jamaica 32 Arrived at the Port. Ship Amity, Cook, C. N. Mole—all well. New-York, September 27. The ship Matilda, Tombs, in 8 days from Charleston—and the brig Colanbus, in 67 days from St. Ubes, arrived yesterday. PROVIDENCE, September 22. ARRIVED. From Philadelphia Lewistown Sloop Sally, Anthony, Philadelphia Warwick; Davis, Lewistown Hiram, Earle, Charleston Union, Bosworth, do. Sally, Hammett, Tobago Ship Providence, Coles, Isle of France. On Wednesday, (last week) arrived the ship Charleston, capt. Manchester, from Lisbon—and on Thursday, the brig Murfree, capt. John Green, from the same place.

CHARLESTON, September 12.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Philadelphia, to his friend in this city, dated August 28, 1797.

"The alarm (on account of the fever) has been so great, that every body that can move are gone or going. The proclamation has frightened the people more than the fever; the fear of the husband being parted from the wife; the wife from the husband; and children from their parents, has had a terrible effect on the minds of the people; and some extraordinary cruel scenes have been already acted; and the terror of the fight of the yellow flag, I have heard, has been the cause of some deaths.

"You know my sentiments of Ruff's system, and I see no reason to alter that opinion: it rather strikes me more forcibly; that it is a destructive mode of proceeding; that it may be compared to a lamp, where all the oil is drawn off, it burns feebly, and just before dying, it blazes up. Such has been the case in several instances, now and in 1793, when we heard the patient was getting well, and sometimes out of danger, the next report was that they were dead!

"I have not heard how the fever was yesterday or this morning, but the increase of deaths and new cases on Saturday was considerable. The streets are becoming lonesome by the prodigious numbers removing, and however ridiculous the cause of flight, yet with the distress which will be brought on many, it will be the means, perhaps, of sooner stopping the infection.

"Mr. C's son was taken ill on Thursday afternoon, the father fearful of sending for a physician, least his boy should be taken and sent to the hospital, preferred himself, first, some lemonade, a cooler, and a warm bath that evening, the next morning a little cooler, in the evening repeated: Saturday, he got well and asked for victuals; some sorrel-broth was taken (a sort of sorrel sold in our market, boiled in water, with a little butter, and some bread crumbled in it.) Mr. C. tells me that he believes if he had sent for one of the American doctors, his son would have died.—The outset was a high fever, pain in his back, head ach and delirium.

"Our situation is fine, and I give the Columbo bitters to all the family. We bathe in cold water every day, I mean the children and myself; when any of us are going out we eat garlic, and shall depend upon the machine to open and cleanse the bowels, if any complaints arise; and we have no fear with these means to keep it off, and even to effect a cure, without the aid of physicians."

Chocolate and Mustard

Manufactured as usual, Ginger and Pepper ground Shelled or Pearl Barley Philadelphia Porter, Beer, Ale and Cyder London Porter Taunton and Burton Ale Red Port and other Wines, either bottled, or by the pipe, quarter-cask or gallon—suitable for exportation or home consumption— For Sale by John Haworth, No. 93 South Front Street