

FOR SALE,
BY THE SUBSCRIBERS, No. 21, Penn-street,
The Cargo of the Ship Ganges,
John Green, commander, from Bengal,
Consisting of
Bastas, of various qualities & prices
Coffee
Sams
Himbims
Blue Cloth
Chints and Calicoes
Mamooys
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Ginghams
Gurrah
Pinafores
Satchys
Gillis Romals
Mock Pulicats

200 tons SUGAR
90,000 lb. PEPPER.
Willings & Francis.
In the course of a few days, the *PIECE*
GOODS, comprising the cargo of the ship *Ganges*,
will be exposed for sale at that large commodious
Store, the northwest corner of Market and Fourth
Streets, where a bale of every species of Goods will
be open. Oct. 31.

L A N D I N G,
From on board the ship *Cleopatra*, Samuel Newell,
commander, from London.
60 tons of the best clean Russia
HEMP
60 cases of bottled BROWN STOUT.
For Sale by the subscribers, No. 21, Penn-street.
Willings & Francis.
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Just arrived,
From Port-au-Prince, and for Sale by the subscribers,
No. 21, Penn-street,
62 hogheads,
32 tierces
533 barrels
646 bags } **Prime Coffee**
Willings & Francis.
Oct. 28.

Clocks and Watches,
Of every description, opening for Sale, by
EPHRAIM CLARK,
At his New Shop, Corner of
MARKET and FRONT STREETS.
—ALSO—
An extensive and general assortment of
Tools, Files, and Materials.
—CONSISTING OF—
Clock Movements and Clock Dials, eight day
and thirty hours cast brass, forged work and Pinions,
Bells and Hands, Car Gut, screw and draw
Plates, Turkey Stones, Pumice, Emery and Rot-
ten Stone, Springs and Glasses, Chains, Keys, Scals
&c. &c. Spring and Landing Clocks.
Oct. 27.

Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania.
THE Office is again opened at the corner of
Water and Second Streets, where applications are
received as usual. Oct. 28.

Now Landing,
At Sims' Wharf, from on board the ship *Commerce*,
captain CHAMBERLAIN, from Port au Prince,
35 hogheads of SUGAR
84 do. MOLASSES
4 tierces do.
FOR SALE, BY
Philips, Cramond, & Co.
Oct. 27.

James & Richard Smith,
TAKE the liberty of informing their friends
and the public, that they have removed their
store to No. 54, South Front Street, next door to Ed-
ward Fox's Auction Room, where they have at
this time for sale, a large and general assortment of
European & East India Goods,
Many of which are just imported in the *Clothier*,
William Penn, &c. &c. Oct. 28.

ROSS & SIMSON,
HAVE FOR SALE,
A few bales Bastas, Coffias, and
a quantity of Bengal COTTON,
Bengal SUGAR, in bags and boxes
Jamaica, } RUM.
St. Vincent's, }
and Bengal }
Oct. 28.

Samuel & Miers Fisher,
OF NEW OPENING,
At their Warehouse, No. 27, Dock Street, a fresh
assortment of Woolen and other goods, suitable to
the season, received by the late arrivals from Eng-
land.
They have also for Sale,
Lisbon }
Teneriffe }
Sherry, and } In pipes, hds. and quarter casks.
Port Wines, }
Assorted queen's ware in crates, &c.
1000 no. 23d. drwstaplw.

TO BE LET—At a moderate Rent,
The principal part of a HOUSE,
WITHIN a short distance of the Coffee-house,
which has been occupied for the last four months,
consisting of a good dining room and parlour, two
bed rooms and a dressing room, two garrets, kitchen,
wood vault and cellar, all in excellent order,
fit for the immediate reception of a small family.
None need apply but those who are respectable and
regular. Inquire at the office of this Gazette.
Oct. 24.

Red Port Wine.
Just arrived, by the brig *Iris*, capt. Rhodes, from
Oporto.
Red Port Wine in pipes, hds. and quarter casks
&c. cwt. Cork. For sale by
Philips, Cramond, & Co.
July 21.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24th, 1797.
ALL persons desirous to contract to furnish Rat-
ions and Quartermaster's Stores, during the
year 1798, for the troops in Philadelphia, Fort
Mifflin, on Mud Island, Carlisle and Reading, or
any of them, are desired to deliver their proposals,
under a sealed cover, on or before the 29th No-
vember next to
TENCH FRANCIS, Purveyor.
The Rations to consist of
1 pound Flour or Bread
1 pound Beef, or 3/4 of a pound of Pork
1/2 gill Rum, Brandy or Whiskey
1 lb. Candles
1 lb. Soap
2 quarts Vinegar } To every hundred rations
1 quart Salt } &c. &c.

The Medical Lectures
In the University of Pennsylvania, are postponed
until the last Monday in November
next.
Oct. 24.

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1.

Extract of a letter from Baltimore, Oct. 29.
"I am happy to observe that the fever
is on the decline in Philadelphia, as it is
likewise here. From our present prospects,
it will soon be over—and I hope (without
disputations) every possible means will be
used to prevent its return. Business here
was much retarded, but never entirely stop-
ped; the stores &c. were all kept open,
and with pleasure I add, that it has now re-
sumed its usual course."

Communication.
How sweet are the labors of charity! To
wipe the trickling tear from the cheek of for-
row—to dissipate the anxious forebodings of
poverty—to shut the door against the en-
trance of want and hunger, nakedness and
cold—to raise the deploring, and to pour
oil and wine into the wounds which adver-
se events have furrowed in the heart—these
the O charity, are thy divine employments.

It is an intimation of sacred writ—*The
poor ye have always with you.* Seventeen
hundred years have not impaired the truth
of the assertion. Though the times should
be prosperous and plenty crown the exer-
tions of the husbandman, though the pro-
ducts of the field should be abundant, and
peace and health prevail in our borders,
still the avenues of misfortune are open and
we find the poor even then with us.

But, when pestilence stalks through the
land, and the hands of industry are unnerved
—when fear drives the citizen from his
wonted abode, and the fugitives from the ci-
ty multiply in the villages—it is then that
the poor abound with us—it is then that
the objects of charity and beneficence in-
crease—it is then that the humane and be-
nevolent to whom heaven, with wealth, has
given the feeling heart, know "how blessed
'tis to give."

The late distressing scene which we have
witnessed, has unfolded the brightest traits
in the human character.
View the list of subscribers to the relief
of the distressed, and let the pious heart ex-
pand with gratitude that heaven has so ex-
tensively impressed its image on the bosoms
of our citizens.

Let them not however be weary in well
doing—there is yet room for the liberal
mind to devise liberal things.
A frowning winter is impending—the
hands of many will be barely sufficient for
them—Many have lost their chief depen-
dence in the death of fathers, mothers,
brothers and other near connections. The
usual channels of support have been inter-
rupted, or closed forever. But to the re-
flecting mind more will occur than can be
suggested—Such will not only cheerfully
contribute to the relief of every object that
presents itself, but they will seek out the re-
treats of poverty and wretchedness, and to
the utmost of their ability lessen the calami-
ties of the pestilence, and alleviate the ri-
gours of the season. E.

New-Castle County, State of Delaware.
MR. PENNO,
AS you have favoured the public with a
final state of the polls at Sussex and Kent
counties elections, with the Jacobin lamen-
tation annexed, in your Gazette, No. 1590,
you will oblige a Federalist by publishing
the following state of the polls at New-Castle,
with the friend to governments' lamentation.

DEMOCRATS.		FEDERALISTS.	
Senators.		Senators.	
Edward Roach	1030	Isaac Grantham	739
Citizen Ray	995	Thomas Keen	703
Representatives.		Representatives.	
James Stroud	1151	Wm. Johnson	885
Rob. Armstrong	1079	S. Hollingsworth	700
A. Rodney	1074	Joseph Israel	688
Richard C. Dale	1041	Wm. Frazer	668
Nehemiah Tilton	1031	Amos Grubb	657
Joel Lewis	1021	Jacob Broom	655
Elias Naudain	844	Nich. Vandayke	471
		Wm. Stidham	135

What was the reason that the Democrats
out-poll'd the Federalists in New-Castle
county, where a considerable number of the
Electors, who make great professions of
their friendship to government reside? Is
the Federal interest degenerating? no. But
it is possible that the piddling genius has
some influence (he having played Quaker
some time past) over the elders of that so-
ciety that are well disposed to government,
and kept them at home on the day of elec-
tion, while he pushed forward their hickory
sons, mostly Robespierians in politics. An-
other reason is assigned. Aliens were suf-
fered to vote and the number on a scrutiny
will be found considerable.

Again the election was held open four
hours in the night in violation of the elec-
tion law, which expressly fixes the hour for
closing to six o'clock in the evening.
Yet a while and a day of retribution is at
hand. Certainly the representatives of
Kent and Sussex will enquire how this adul-
terated, self-created, French crew, came to
out-poll the Federalists.
OLD '76.

From the (Moff) Mercury.
Messrs. YOUNG & MIRNS,
The following is a genuine copy of a let-
ter, written by the celebrated Dr. BYLES
to the famous English poet, POPE. It was
penned when the author was about 22 years
of age, was received with kindness and po-
sitely answered by the person to whom it is
addressed—the answer being accompanied
with a copy of the various works of that
Essayist, on Human Nature. It is a docu-
ment honorable to our country, and there-
fore I wish it preferred in the pages of the
Mercury.—It has never yet appeared in
print. Y's B.

New-England, Boston, Oct. 7, 1797.
TO MR. ALEXANDER POPE.

YOU are doubtless wondering at the no-
velty of an epistle from the remote shores
where this dates its origin; as well as from
so obscure a hand as that which subscribes
it.—But what corner of the earth so secret,
as not to have heard the fame of Mr. Pope?
Or who so retired as not to be acquainted
with his admirable compositions, or so stupid
as not to be ravished with them?

Fame, after a man is dead, has been by
some ingenious writers, compared to an ap-
plause in some distant region. If this be a
just similitude, you may take the pleasure
of an admired name in America, and of
spreading a transcript over the face of a new
world: By which you may, in some measure,
imagine the renown in which your name will
flourish many ages to come, and anticipate a
thousand years of futurity.

To let you see a little of the reputation
which you bear in these unknown climates,
and the improvements we are making, under
your auspicious influences, in the polite
studies of the muses, I transmit to you the
inclosed poems: Assuring myself, tho' not
of the approbation of your judgment, yet of
the excuse and lenity of that candor which
is forever inseparable from a great genius.
But notwithstanding all these representa-
tions of your goodness, which my imagina-
tion is able to form, I find it very difficult
to suppress the struggle of passions which
swells my heart, while I am writing a letter
to so great a man. I am at once urged
by a generous ambition to be known to you;
and forbid by a trembling consciousness of
unworthiness and obscurity. Prompted by
desire, flushed with hope, or appalled with
concern, I add to the inaccuracies which I
would now most of all wish to escape. In
short, sir, when I approach you, it is with
a real awe and reverence like that which you
have so honourously described in the *Guardian*
upon dedications.

How often have I been soothed and charm-
ed with the ever blooming landscapes of your
Wind for Forest? And how does my very
soul melt away, at the soft complaint of
the languishing *Eloisa*? How frequently has
the *Rape of the Lock* commanded the vari-
ous passions of my mind: Provoked laugh-
ter; breathed a tranquility; or inspired a
transport! And how often have I been
raised, and borne away by the irresistible fire
of the *Iliad*, as it glows in your immortal
translation!

Permit, me, sir, to conclude my letter
with asking the favor of a few lines from the
hand which has blest the world with such
divine productions. If you thus honor me
and assure yourself the joys you will produce
in me, will be inferior to none but the poetic
rapture of your own breast. Perhaps you
will be disposed to smile, when I confess,
that I have a more superstitious ardour to
see a word written by your pen, than ever
Tom Folio in the *Tatler* to see a smile of
Virgil with that advantage.

I am, sir,
your great admirer,
and most obedient
humble servant,
MATHER BYLES.

LANCASTER, October 28.
On Wednesday last the Synod of Phila-
delphia met in this borough.—The follow-
ing address is published at the request of
the reverend gentlemen:
To the ministers and to the congregations
under the pastoral care of the Synod of
Philadelphia.
Brethren,
THE Synod considering the state of
religion in our land in general, and the cir-
cumstances of the church to which we be-
long in particular, and viewing, in con-
nection with these, the aspect of the political
affairs of our country, and the afflictive dis-
pensations of divine Providence toward a
considerable portion of its inhabitants, have
been deeply affected.

It is a notorious and lamentable truth,
that infidelity abounds, and is by many
professed without disguise or shame: that
profaneness in all its forms increases both
in malignity and degree; that the providence
of God is denied, and his perfections disre-
garded; and that the precious institutions
of the gospel of Christ are openly reviled
by many, and neglected by a still more con-
siderable proportion of the people.—That
these impieties, as their certain and neces-
sary consequence, have given rise to im-
moralities of every description, highly in-
jurious, not only to the life of religion, but
to the peace and happiness of society: In
our own church in particular, we have to
lament with the deepest grief that vit-
lity piety is declining; that in many places
the external observance of gospel institutions,
and even the inclination to possess and sup-
port them, is relaxed; that the number of
those who seek the gospel ministry is small,
while the number of vacant congregations
is great, and increasing without the pros-
pect of supply.

While such is our moral and religious
state, we have just reason to expect the
frowns of that Providence which ruleth
over all. We accordingly see that the tide
of temporal prosperity, which we not long
since enjoyed, and which we have most un-
gratefully abused, is in some measure check-
ed and turned.—Our commerce is inter-
rupted, the fruits of the earth are dimini-
shed, our manufactures are beginning to lan-
guish, and even the peace of our country
is put in jeopardy: Infectious and deadly
diseases have visited even a large proportion
of our most populous and opulent cities and
towns, and have fallen with peculiar violence
on the metropolis of this state and of the
union, destroying many, and dispersing the
most of its inhabitants, and producing not
only distress and grief among the poor and
those who have lost their dearest friends,
but a general and far felt calamity by the
interruption which it has given to almost
every kind of business and employment.

In these circumstances who can refuse to
acknowledge that we are called to be hum-
ble and to mourn?—to be deeply humble
before our God, and to mourn with un-
feigned penitence for those sins which are
the moral cause of all the afflictions which
we feel and fear? To deny the obligations
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the present occasion, would be but an ex-
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On Tuesday arrived in the river the *Fox*
frigate, with her prize, the *Modelle*. These
vessels remain at Kedgeree, where stock and
provision of every kind, with water, have
been sent down by government for their
supply.
Several very fine English horses are bro't
by the *Abercomby*.
The above horses were landed on Thurs-
day morning and appear to be in excellent
order, considering the length of time they
have been on board.

By letters from Madras, we learn that
Admiral Rainer had ordered the *Arrogant*
to join him at that port. The accounts fur-
ther state, that the admiral had sent for the
two navy transports, *Echo* and *Latona*.

By letters from Lucknow, of the 4th
current, we are informed that the ceremony
of the exchange of the hat and turban had
been observed between the right hon. the gov-
ernor general and his highness the viceroy, in
testimony of the most sincere friendship and
good will between the parties.

The viceroy continues to observe the most
profound respect and attention to the govern-
or; and from the favorable disposition mani-
fested by his highness, our correspondent is
decidedly of opinion that any arrangements
for the public good, will meet with a ready
concurrence on the part of his highness.
Our letters from Lucknow also mention
that the Nawab Vizier had directed boats
of different constructions to be transported
on hackeries to the banks of the Ganges,
for the purpose of accompanying the hon.
the governor general on his return to the
presidency; the waters of Goomty not be-
ing sufficient to admit of the boats proceed-
ing by that channel.

BOMBAY, February 25.
On the morning of Monday last, the *Shah*
Ardafeer, captain *Dawson*, anchored in the
harbour from China, after touching at Ma-
dras, and upon the Malabar coast. This
ship is the last of our China fleet; and if
the precarious character of the Canton mar-
ket would allow us to speculate upon the
tenor of her accounts, we should argue fa-
vourably of the ensuing season, for since our
last advices the price of cotton had risen;
but it is a question of much doubt whether
circumstances will concur to uphold the
price.

The *Ardafeer* left Canton on the 3d of
December, at which time the retail price of
cotton was so high as 16 taels the peul.
Such however is the ignorance we are con-
strained to profess with regard to every thing
that relates to China history, that in treat-
ing of the cause of this unexpected improve-
ment of the market, we must express our-
selves with the utmost diffidence.
It is said, that an insurrection of a serious
nature has lately been fomented in several
of the provinces of China, particularly in
that of Howquang, which was principally
devoted to the produce of cotton, hence the
cultivation of this article had been neglected.

The cause of these disturbances is ascribed
to the emperor *Kien Long* having abdicated
his throne in February last, when at the age
of 87 years, in favor of *Ka Hing*, his 15th
son: instead however of retiring like *Charles*
Vth into solitude, and renouncing altogether
the cares of government, the aged emperor
had still manifested an inclination to have
a voice in the affairs of the state; in this he
was seconded by *Co Lau*, a Mandarin, who
had long presided in administration, but who
at first had shared the resolution of his master
to retire from the fatigues of public life; jea-
lousness had thus arisen between the old
and new ministers, which had very generally
diffeminated themselves through the provin-
ces, the mandarins of the first rank, siding
as interest or attachment led them, with the
leading parties at court.

Messrs. Drummond and Sparks, had re-
signed the management of the company's
house of agency at Canton, in which they
had been succeeded by Messrs. Parry and
Williams, gentlemen lately arrived from
Great-Britain; this change of appointment
has been notified by the supercargoes to our
government, and by the board to the mer-
chants of the port.

Just before the sailing of the *Ardafeer*,
accounts had been received of the arrival of
an Indiaman from Macao from Great Britain;
the first direct ship of the season—the *Ontario*,
captain *Olmsted*, an American ship,
from New-York, had also arrived. Mr. Dun-
can, the surgeon of the British factory, had
taken his passage in this ship to go circuit-
ously to Europe—he would be succeeded by
Mr. Crichton.

Mr. Seale, the Prussian consul, and agent
at Canton, also proposed to return with his
family by one of the ships of the season.

The *Panther*, captain *Spenk*, we under-
stand, is under sailing orders to convey a
packet to Suez; which it is said will be
committed to the charge of lieut. col. Dun-
lop, of his majesty's 77th regt. and aid-du-
camp to the hon. the governor.

The political arrangements at Poona are
still the subject of tedious and dilatory ne-
gociations; it would appear that each party
were desirous of fatiguing the other into ac-
commodation, while, in the mean time, each
is the object of jealousy, suspicion and dis-
trust. It is become a matter of interesting
speculation to consider whether the motion
of *Zemau Shah* will not call *Scinde* into
Hindostan, and if he is compelled to quit
Poona, whether *Nana* will be left without
control to carry into execution the measures
which he has agitated.

Letters within this last week from Poona
report in feeling terms of an inhuman murder
that was committed on Monday last
night in *Nana's* camp, upon Mr. *Goffan*,
an officer in his service.

Mr. *Goffan* had arrived in this country as
the surgeon of the *Berrington*, Botany Bay
ship; upon the capture of which by the
Malwans, he had taken service as a partisan
with the *Gaiqua*. At the period of *Nana's*
minority he listened to the overtures of some
of his adherents, and repaired to his stand-
ard in the *Caukaa*: the fortune of *Nana* had

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And we do also recommend, that while
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presence, and imploring the compassion and
blessing of heaven, a special attention be
likewise given to the duty of thanksgiving
for the many favours which are still contin-
ued to us, and for the special instances of
kindness and deliverance which any particu-
lar place or people may have experienced
from the merciful hand of God; and this
the rather as our exceeding ill-desert ren-
ders the reception and continuance of these
favours an instance of more peculiar grace,
and enhances our obligations to gratitude
and praise.

Trusting, brethren, that you will give a
cheerful attention to the important duty
which we have now recommended, the Syn-
od conclude with most devoutly praying,
that the Author of every good and perfect
gift may confer his richest blessing, on you,
and with commending you to his holy keep-
ing and care.

Signed, by order of the Synod,
JOHN KING, Moderator.

EAST INDIA NEWS.

CALCUTTA, March 18.

On Tuesday afternoon arrived and anch-
ored off Calcutta, his majesty's ship *Heroine*,
capt. *Gardener*. Lieutenant general
Clarke, commander in chief, came in this
vessel. On her passing Fort William, she
was saluted with seventeen guns and on the
general's landing at Chandpaul Ghaut, the
same number were fired.

On Tuesday lieutenant general *Clarke*,
after having taken the accoutumary oaths of
office, took his seat in the supreme council.

On Monday advices were received in town
from *Vizagapatnam*, conveying the agree-
able intelligence of the capture of the *Mo-
delle* privateer off that port, on the 6th cur-
rent, by his majesty's frigate the *Fox*, Malcol-
m.

The privateer came in from the eastward;
and, fortunately mistaking the *Fox*, which
lay anchor in the roads, for a merchantman,
he ran in without apprehension; but on
coming sufficiently near, to discover his mis-
take, he endeavoured to escape. The *Fox*
immediately weighed and stood out, and af-
ter a chase of upwards of seven hours got
within gun shot, when the privateer struck
her colours. It proved to be *La Modelle*,
capt. *de Latouner*, mounting 22 carriage
guns.

The *Modelle* left the *Mauritius* some
months since. During her cruise she has
captured nine prizes; viz. two South sea
whalers, captured in the gulf of Madagas-
car, the *snou Emily's Gift*, belonging to
Calcutta, a ketch from Prince of Wales Is-
land, commanded by capt. *Story*; the *Rat-
snaake* cutter, and the *Blenheim*, and two
other small vessels, names unknown.

When the *Modelle* sailed from the *Mauri-
tius* she had on board nearly 200 men; but
at the time of her capture, this complement
from the hands sent on board her different
prizes, were reduced to sixty men. She has
been sent to Madras for condemnation.