

city in large districts can neither be done so frequent, nor can facts be so fully ascertained. I beg, therefore, to submit the foregoing to your consideration, and to the public; hoping that, though it may not fully meet your approbation, it may lead to some system more effectual and conducive to public safety, which is all that is wished by gentlemen.

Your most obedient servant,
A WATCHMAN.

CAPTURE OF TWO DUTCH FRIGATES.

[London Gazette.]

Sirius Grinsby Roads, Nov. 1, '98.
I have the honor to inform your Lordship, in pursuance of orders I received from the Admiral Sir. Richard Onslow, Bart. I sailed company with the fleet on the evening of the 3d instant, to reconnoitre the force of the enemy in the Texel. At eight A. M. on the following morning, the Texel being S. by E. ten leagues, I fell in with two Dutch frigates named in the margin, at that time about two miles distance from each other.

Falling within gun shot of the leeward of them, I stood on until I could (up-tacking) nearly fetch the weather-moast (Waakzaamheid), my object being to prevent their junction; and by this means, at being accomplished, I had the satisfaction to cut off the latter, and bring her too about nine o'clock, when the hauled down her colors and fired a gun to leeward; as soon as the prisoners were exchanged, I made sail after the other, and although nearly out of sight, I had the good fortune before five P. M. to bring her to a kind of running action, which continued about half an hour, within musket shot at times, during which she kept up a smart but ill-directed discharge of cannon and musquetry, when she struck to his majesty's ship: she is called the Furie, and under the orders of the Captain of the Waakzaamheid, and had the Commandant of the Troops and a number of Officers on board. I am happy to add, there were only one man wounded by a musket-ball, and that his Majesty's ship suffered but little, one shot through her bowsprit: her rigging, &c. have suffered much.

This Expedition has been waiting an opportunity of sailing since the 21st of July last. They left the Texel at eleven o'clock the preceding night.

I have the honor to be, &c.
RICH. KING.

* Waakzaamheid, Captain Neiarce, Senior Captain, mounting 26 guns, 24 nine-pounders on the fore-castle, having 100 hundred Dutch seamen, and 122 French troops, (total 222) on board, also 2000 stand of arms, besides other ordnance stores.
Furie, Capt. Pietz, of 36 guns, 24 twelve pounders on the deck, and ten six-pounders on her quarter-deck, and fore-castle, with 153 Dutch seamen, and 165 French troops (total 311) on board, also 4000 stand of arms, besides other ordnance stores.
November 16.

A Commercial Treaty with the Emperor of Russia—a Commercial Treaty with the Emperor of Germany—a Commercial Treaty with the King of Prussia—a Commercial Treaty with the Ottoman Porte—a Commercial Treaty with the King of Spain! are all at this moment on the anvil; besides several inferior treaties, such as one with the King of Naples, which, we are told, is actually concluded. By these treaties we expect to have the navigation of every sea opened to our trade; and what the French are endeavouring to accomplish by the revolutionary torrent, we are aiming to obtain by compromise.

On Friday last a committee of Merchants were consulted on various points in these projected conventions, and it is expected that the wide extended plain will be made known soon after the meeting of parliament. By the treaty with the Turks the expectation is formed of securing all the advantages of that short communication with India which Buonaparte's expedition was intended to open to France by force of arms. The Levant trade will be revived, and by the free navigation of the Bosphorus and the Black Sea, we expect to penetrate by the Danube into the heart of Germany.

The treaty with Spain is by no means chimerical. We have good reasons for believing that the ground is opened. Offers have been made too tempting to be resisted, and the only difficulty is how to protect Spain from the vengeance of the French on the Pyrenean frontier. It is not impossible that a Russian army may be destined to this service, while the collected wealth of several years, which has been detained in South-America for fear of its falling into the hands of the English on its passage, and of the French on its landing, will be brought home under the convoy of the British Marine.

American Agents have purchased several of our recent prizes; and Government has suffered them to enter our docks for equipment.

DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO WIT:

BE IT REMEMBERED,

THAT on the twelfth day

(L S) of August, in the twenty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America, Benjamin Smith Barton, of the said district, hath deposited in this office the title of a book the right whereof he claims as author in the words following, to wit:

"New Views of the Origin of the Tribes and Nations of America—By Benjamin Smith Barton, M. D. Correspondent Member of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland, Member of the American Philosophical Society, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences of Boston, Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Professor of Materia Medica, Natural History, and Botany in the University of Pennsylvania."

In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States, intitled "An act for the encouragement of learning by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors, of such copies during the times therein mentioned." SAMUEL CALDWELL, Clerk, Dist. of Penn. November 2, 1798.

THE Creditors of Britton and Massey, who obtained judgments against them at March term, 1798, or any preceding term, are requested to meet at William Ogden's tavern, in Chestnut street, this evening, at seven o'clock, on business of importance.
Jan. 22

An elegant Chariot,
With plated Harness.
For SALE at the Merchant's Coffee House,
On Saturday next,
at 10 o'clock.
FOOTMAN & CO.
Jan. 23. d4t

MADEIRA WINE
FOR SALE,
At the late dwelling-house of HENRY HILL, Esq.
On Tuesday morning next,
precisely at 11 o'clock.
FOOTMAN & CO.
Approved endorsed notes, at 60 days, will be received in payment.
Jan. 23. d4t

WILL BE SOLD,
On Thursday morning next, at 10 o'clock, on the lot adjoining the City Tavern, between Second and Dock streets,
A Quantity of Lumber,
Among which are
Doors and door-cases
Window frames, shutters and sashes
Girders, scantling and joist
Rafters, collar beams and roofs
Wainscotting, breast work, boards, &c.
CONNELLY & Co. Aucr's
Henry Zantzing, SURVIVING PARTNER OF THE HOUSE OF
Keppele & Zantzing,
Will dispose of all their Stock in Trade, upon moderate terms, consisting of the following articles, in packages and open,
Broad and narrow Cloths, Sewing Silks, Twist
Cassimers, Swansdowns, Gingham, Bengal Stripes
Plains Beavers, Beaver Gloves and Bindings
Coatings, Elastic Cloths, Coloured and Scotch
Flannels, Swandkins, Threads
Hairs, Men's and Women's Cot.
Ref. Blankets, } in Bales, Men's and Women's Cot.
Striped do. } Hoie, Do. do. Silk do.
Thickets, Velvets, Corduroys, Men's Beaver Hats
Fancy Cords, Vest Coating, Pocket and Children's
Knives
Jeans, Fustians, Nankens, Barlow and other Pen-
Cott. Bandanoes, Rom-pell, Knives and Forks, Butcher-
Linnen and Cotton pocket- Knives
Handkerchiefs, Scissors, Shears, Razors
Pulicat and other ditto, Ivory, horn, and other
Silk Hdkfs, Ferrets, Combs
Olive, purple and chintz Shawls, Needles, Spectacles, and
Apron Checks, } Trunks, Hmbles, Curry Combs
Calicoes and } in Trunks, &c. &c.
Chintzes }
Furnitures
Camblets, Calimancoes, N. B. A large assortment
Durants, of Pearl, Steel and
I. Spinning & other Stuffs, other Buttons.
Jan. 22. d7t

THE Creditors
Of the late JAMES WILSON, Esq. are requested to meet at the City Tavern, at 6 o'clock in the evening of Thursday next, the 24th inst. on business of importance.
Jan. 22. d3t

For Savannah,
To sail the first opening,
The well accommodated and fast sailing SHIP
SWIFT PACKET,
PATRICK CRIBBIN, Master,
Now lying at Latimer's wharf.—For Freight or Passage apply to the master on board, or
N. & J. FRAZIER,
No. 95, South Front Street.
Jan. 22. d1w

40 Boxes of Fresh Citron
Just arrived via New-York, and for Sale by
JOHN CRAIG,
Who has also for Sale,
Old Madeira Wine
of the best quality,
India Mullins,
coarse and fine, &c.
A quantity of the best English large leaf
Clover Seed.
Jan. 21. d1w

TO BE SOLD,
A two story Stone House,
LATELY built, with two acres of land, on the Bristol road, about a mile above Frankfort. The situation is high and healthy, and the water excellent.—For terms apply to Mr. John McClelland, or Mr. Richard Whitebread, No. 62, Vine-street.
Jan. 21. d2w

SAMUEL PARKER,
BRASS AND BELL FOUNDER,
No. 137, MULBERRY-STREET.
CONTINUES to carry on the Brass-foundry Business as usual, where his former customers and the public may be supplied with castings for machines to any pattern, rudder braces, bolts, &c. for ships.
It may be proper to add, that, as it has been reported he had declined the business, S. P. takes this means of informing the public that he is making arrangements to carry it on still more extensively, hoping thereby to comply promptly with such orders as he may have to execute.
Bells, of any size, cast for churches and other institutions; printers rules, &c.
Jan. 23. c03t

GEORGE DAVIS'S
LAW-BOOK STORE,
No. 319 HIGH STREET,
Latest London & Irish Editions.
GEORGE DAVIS'S Fall importation is now arranged of which a more capital collection he believes was never offered for sale either in this City, London or Dublin. It combines almost every book in, with several valuable books out of print. Davis's confining himself to the sale of Law-Books only, it will appear obvious to professional Gentlemen, the advantages they have both in selection and price by purchasing from him.
His Catalogues being ready, gentlemen will particularly oblige him by calling for them—and to those residing at a distance, by favoring him with their address (post-paid) they shall be sent.
Nov 26. m&tham

THE Book for Subscriptions to the Company for erecting a permanent Bridge over the river Schuylkill, at, or near the City of Philadelphia, continues open at the house of the Treasurer of said Company, No. 13, Church Alley.
January 8, 1799. eod6w

POCKET BOOKS, for the year 1799.
THIS DAY was PUBLISHED,
By WILLIAM Y. BIRCH,
No. 17, South Second-street.
THE AMERICAN LADIES
POCKET-BOOK;
FOR THE YEAR 1799.
Embellished with miniature likenesses of the President of the United States and General Washington; containing an Almanack, ruled pages for memorandums, and for an account of monies received, paid or lent, for every day in the year; new country dances, miscellaneous pieces in prose and verse, new songs, a marketing table, and other useful tables.

ALSO,
THE GENTLEMEN'S ANNUAL
POCKET REMEMBRANCE,
FOR THE YEAR 1799.
Embellished with the same miniature likenesses, containing an almanack, ruled pages for memorandums and a cash account, a list of the members of Congress, the departments of State, War, Navy, Treasury and Judiciary, with an account of what is material in each; the federal courts of law, Mint establishment, heads of all the most important acts of last session of Congress, a list of the stamp duties, of duties payable on goods imported and on domestic articles, a list of the British navy, several useful tables, and other interesting matters.
The above books are neatly bound in red leather with tucks and pockets.
Sold also by G. Hill, Baltimore; Somerville, New-York; Bailey and Waller, Charleston; and by the principal bookellers in Boston.
WHERE ALSO MAY BE HAD,
[price 12 1-2 cents.]
Heads of the most important acts of the last session of Congress, printed in a pocket size, and neatly done up in marble paper.
W. Y. BIRCH has for sale, a good assortment of merchants' account books, paper and other stationery goods, playing cards, hair and leather trunks, &c.
dec 19. w4w

Just Published
BY THOMAS DOBSON,
At the Stone-house, no. 41, South Second-street, PHILADELPHIA.
ENCYCLOPEDIA:
OR, A
DICTIONARY
OF
ARTS AND SCIENCES,
AND
MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE,
On a PLAN entirely NEW.
BY WHICH
THE DIFFERENT SCIENCES AND ARTS
Are digested into the Form of Distinct
TREATISES OR SYSTEMS
COMPREHENDING
THE History, Theory, and Practice, of each, according to the latest discoveries and improvements; and full explanations given of the Various Detached Parts of Knowledge, whether relating to natural and artificial objects, or to matters ecclesiastical, civil, military, commercial, &c. Inclusive elucidation of the most important topics relating to religion, morals, manners, and the economy of life: together with a description of all the countries, cities, principal mountains, seas, rivers, &c. throughout the world; a general history, ancient and modern, of the different empires, kingdoms and states; and an account of the lives of the most eminent persons in every nation, from the earliest ages down to the present times. Compiled from the writings of the best authors, in several languages; the most approved dictionaries, as well of general science as of particular branches; the transactions, journals, and memoirs, of learned societies; the MS. lectures of eminent professors on different sciences; and a variety of original materials, furnished by an extensive correspondence.
The work is now completed in eighteen large quarto volumes, illustrated with five hundred and forty-two copper plates.
The few copies which remain on hand are offered for sale at
135 dollars for the 18 volumes in boards
164 dollars neatly bound in sheep leather
180 dollars handsomely bound in Calf
207 dollars in Russia or Morocco.

T. DOBSON,
HAS JUST OPENED A
SUBSCRIPTION,
For Publishing a Supplement to the Work.
The object of which is to correct such misstatements as have been found in the Work, and to give an account of the most important discoveries and improvements which have been made for the last ten years.
It is expected this supplement will consist of three volumes, on such paper and type as the Encyclopedia, at Six Dollars per volume, in boards, Six Dollars of which to be paid on subscribing, dec 15. 216w

A Farm for Sale.
WILL be sold, in pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Delaware county, on Monday the 25th February next, at the house of W. Anderson, in the Borough of Chester, at one o'clock, P. M.
THE PLANTATION,
Late the property of Raper Hoskins, deceased, situate in the said Borough, containing about 220 acres, of which between 43 and 50 acres are excellent upland and marsh meadow; about 10 acres of woodland; the remainder is arable land, of a good quality.—The whole has been used for many years as a grazing farm and is under an almost new cedar fence; there are on the farm a good two story stone dwelling house and kitchen in good repair; the dwelling house is four rooms on a floor, with a convenient out; there is a good kitchen garden, two good apple orchards, one containing about six acres young and healthy; a good tenant's house, barn, stables and chair house. The banks are in good repair, and walled in front with stone. Also at the same time and place will be sold 15 acres of marsh meadow, in the neighborhood of the farm, under good bank, and high cultivation. Any person desirous of viewing the premises, will be shown them by applying in Chester to
ELEANOR HOSKINS, Admin'r.
January 18, 1799.
Who desires all those indebted to the late Raper Hoskins, to make immediate payment, and those who have demands against his estate to present them to her for settlement.
Jan 18. 3awd6w

LARENCE SECKEL,
No. 155, Market-Street.
First quality London Particular (W) Madeira, Port, Sherry and Lisbon Cogniac Brandy, 1st to 4th proof. Spirits.
By the Pipe, Hhd, Quarter-cask or Gallon.
dec 3. mw

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and common Council of the City of Philadelphia, with the Magistrates of the Northern and Southern Liberties, Committee of Health, &c.

GENTLEMEN,
THE return of the late pestilential fever to the city, is a matter of general alarm to the community, particularly from the dispersion of bedding, &c. that may have been occupied by the sick, and the neglect of domestic cleanliness in some part that may be essential; for although suitable attention to quarantine may prevent the future importation of the disease (if of foreign origin)—or that many of the primary causes (if domestic) may be removed, yet some of the former may remain sufficient to renew the calamity; and as the contagion never has and perhaps never can be analyzed, it ought to be guarded at every point, as one neglected may frustrate the whole.

Therefore, if possible to remove or prevent every source of the calamity, and to co-operate with the other means proposed, I beg to submit to your consideration the following system, to be adopted or discontinued as you may see proper.

1st. Let the city and liberties be formed into committees of one person from every ten houses, beginning from No. 1 to 19, and from 2 to 20, and so on to the end of each street or alley; if at the end there is five or under, let them be added to the adjoining committee; if six or upwards, let them form themselves into one.

2d. Let these committees meet and appoint a time when each house in their limits shall be visited and carefully examined by all, or at least two of each ten, whom they may appoint in turn. Let them elect one member from each committee to form a district or ward committee, who shall receive reports, &c. The district committee shall elect one from their number to form a city committee, who shall preside and report to the magistrates, committee of health, governor, &c. as they shall see requisite; and appoint or prorogue their own, or the meetings of the other committees, as they shall judge necessary.

As the success of the design depends chiefly on the careful observation of the first committee, I beg to propose what I think they ought particularly to attend to; and though I may omit some things that may merit attention, I hope nothing necessary will be neglected.

1st. Is the pump water good in the neighborhood, or does it acquire any particular appearance, taste or smell at different seasons, changes of weather, &c.?

2d. Is the street or alley kept clean?

3d. Is the foot walk or gutters kept clean?

4th. Is there any ponds of stagnant water or other nuisance near?

5th. Is the necessary kept clean—when was it emptied—do they throw quick lime into it frequently—has it communication with a common sewer—is that offensive?

6th. Are the warehouses and wharves kept clean—do they perceive any offensive smell from them, or from the discharge of certain cargoes, or the holds of vessels, that make them feel sick?

7th. Is their back yard kept clean?

8th. Are the cellar vaults kept clean—are they frequently aired—are they damp—will a candle burn clear in them?

9th. Is the house kept clean?

10th. Has any person been sick in the house during the late fever, or are any sick at present, and what is their complaint?

11th. Is there any cloaths or bedding in the house that has been occupied by any person in the fever, or is there any cloaths or bedding that were in the apartments of the sick—have they been cleaned, and in what manner?

12th. Have the apartments in which the sick lay been thoroughly cleaned?

13th. Are the people in the house in circumstances to do what is necessary?

Suppose these committees organized, and to meet every Monday for a certain time, and to report their proceedings to the ward committees, who should meet every Wednesday and report to the city committee, who should meet every Friday, or more or less frequent as occasion might point out. This system is easily accomplished, as the attendance is so much divided, and, if duly attended to, it would with certainty ascertain the real state of the city and suburbs, as frequently and as long as it was necessary, and compose the minds of the community, who are at present distracted by every report. Visiting the