

BY YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

From the Mercantile Daily Advertiser.

CHALESTON, (S. C.) Feb. 23d

Americans! unite, rally round your government—look on Frenchmen with the eye of suspicion, and prepare to meet them as enemies, with a sword in hand.

Beware of French Emissaries!

This was the caution of the patriotic Major General Pinckney, to Americans, while he was their envoy to, and was in France.

Proofs of the necessity of this caution have succeeded each other almost every day for the two or three last years; but they are now so plain and positive, that they must convince the minds of all, but such as defer transportation to France, or the gallows.

READ THIS.

His Excellency, Governor Rutledge, and the collector of this port, about five weeks ago received a letter from Col. Pickens, Secretary of State of the United States, to the following effect.

That government had obtained intelligence that four persons were to embark from Hamburg for this port, as agents of the French Directory, with dispatches of a hostile nature to the peace and welfare of the United States.

The Secretary of State then gave the names of the persons and their description; also of the vessel, and the passports which it was expected they would have; and informed further, that the dispatches and papers of consequence, would be secreted in two false bottomed tubs, and requested that the necessary steps should be taken to secure the suspected persons and their papers, as soon as they arrived here.

Capt. Thompson, the boarding officer of the port, was accordingly instructed to notice particularly, and report without delay, all offenders from Europe.

Yesterday he had the happiness and good fortune to board the brig Mirerra, Capt. Cramp, in 119 days from Hamburg, and reported her arrival, and that there were four or five passengers on board. This brig was the expected vessel, and the Collector, Major Simons, attended by Mr. William Crafts agent of the U. States for the naval and war departments, went immediately on board with proper assistance to examine and secure the suspected persons and their papers.

As soon as they got on board, they enquired for persons by names they had received, and were answered affirmatively; these were directly searched and given into custody, and the search continued for the tubs, which were fortunately discovered in the cabin; the tubs were broken open, and the papers taken out; the horrors of guilt were depicted strongly on the countenances of the guilty wretches, and their bodies shook with fear and trembling—There was a sign to have thrown them overboard from the cabin window, but it was prevented by the expedition of the gentlemen who undertook the business.—Three of the fellows are mulattoes, and one of them a white person; a woman was also taken up, who was evidently concerned in the conspiracy, and endeavored to take care of the tubs under her arm.

The four men and their female accomplice, are now confined at Fort Pinckney, their trunks and baggage are taken to the custom house, and the important Tales of the Tub are under the examination of Major general Pinckney, to whom they were immediately delivered. The development will come out in season.

Capt. Howland, arrived on Wednesday from Cadiz, informs that Lord St. Vincent's fleet failed from before Cadiz about the 16th December; it was supposed in Cadiz that it had gone into the Mediterranean.

On the 18th of December, one Spanish ship of the line, four Spanish and one French frigate failed for South America.

Before Capt. Howland failed, authentic accounts had been received at Cadiz, of the capture of the island of Minorca by Admiral Nelson. It was reported that the inhabitants would not permit any resistance to be made to the landing of the British forces. Several Spanish gun boats, captured at Minorca, had arrived at Gibraltar.

We tender our acknowledgments to an obliging Correspondent for the following interesting document which corroborates the account published in this paper on Saturday last.

GOOD NEWS.

St THOMAS'S Feb. 14.

Extract of a letter from a highly respectable character, to his friend in this city

"Capt. Howard, of St. Croix, has this moment arrived from Basseterre, St. Kitts, and informs, that he saw an engagement on the 11th inst off St. Kitts, between the Constellation, capt. Truxton, and a French frigate of 36 guns.

The action commenced at 3 o'clock, P. M. and lasted about two hours and a half, when the French frigate struck.

He saw the Constellation and the French frigate let go their anchors at Basseterre, as he was coming out.

He did not learn the name of the frigate, nor had he any information of the number killed or wounded on board either of the ships.

The two frigates got into the harbour on the morning of the 12th.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, WATCH-MAKER.

HAS removed to the Shop formerly occupied by Mr. John Wood, No. 111, corner of Front and Chestnut streets; where he will thankfully receive and execute orders with neatness and dispatch.

HE HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND, A Nest and Large Assortment of Clocks & Watches.

WANTED, A JOURNEYMAN, ALSO, one or two Apprentices of respectable parents.

FOR SALE, A large quantity of Watch Glasses Wholesale and Retail.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the estate of the late Robert Hardie, mariner, deceased, are hereby required to present them for settlement, and all those indebted to said estate, to make payment to either of the subscribers

PETER BANTON, Executor, Walnut-street, No. 12, Dock-street, JOHN CRAIG, Executor, No. 12, Dock-street.

JOHN MILLER junr. HAS REMOVED FROM NO. 8, CHESTNUT, To the Five Story Building, in Dock, near Third-street.

WHERE HE HAS FOR SALE, 300 Bales of Bengal Goods; CONSISTING OF

- COSSAS, Baltais, Mamoodies, Humhums, Taffaties, Striped Dresses, Calicoes, Handkerchiefs, &c. &c.

Also, a large assortment of Madras Handkerchiefs, of various descriptions.

January 1, A beautiful Country Seat, for Sale.

SITUATED on the bank of the Delaware, adjoining lands of Matthias Sipler and Mr. John Duffield, 12 miles from Philadelphia and 7 miles from Brift.

The buildings consist of a new two story Frame House and Kitchen adjoining; a room on a floor, a Plaza the whole front of the House a pump of excellent water, also a good garden and orchard—10 acres of land will be sold with the premises, but more can be had if required. There is a gravelly shore at the river, the water falls for Burlington past every day in the summer season, and the land rises for New-York within half a mile; any person inclining to purchase may know the terms of sale and other particulars by enquiring at No. 13, Dock-street, or No. 16, South Second-street.

FOR SALE, BY THE SUBSCRIBER, On Willings and Francis's Wharf, 200 Gin Cases, Also, a few bales of Bengal Goods.

G. WILLING, Feb. 28.

Notice, TO BE SOLD, Or exchanged for property in or near Philadelphia.

A FARM of one hundred and forty two acres of Land on the road from New-Port to Lancaster, near London Grove Meeting House, Chester county, the Farm House was formerly used as a Store and Tavern, for further information apply to CHARLES WHARTON, at his house No. 136, South Second-street.

Feb. 18, Red Clover, Timothy, Blue Grass, Herds Grass and White Clover SEEDS, All warranted fresh and free from all foul seeds.

FOR SALE, BY C. ROBERTS, No. 97, Market, between Second and Third streets.

Who has also on hand, a general assortment of Ironmongery, fadery, cutlery and brass wares; 1. Crowley Millington steel, pig-lead, block-tin, red lead, spanish brown, Venetian red, Vermillion, &c. &c.

Wholesale & Retail, march 2, TO BE SOLD, THE time of a fine healthy Malatto Bay, who has about 18 years to serve, would suit a Farmer in the country.—Enquire of the Printer.

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 6.

PRICES OF STOCKS.

PHILADELPHIA, FEBRUARY 26.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Six Per Cent, Three Per Cent, Deferred 6 Per Cent, BANK United States, Pennsylvania, North America, Insurance comp N.A. shares, Pennsylvania shares.

COURSE OF EXCHANGE.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Exchange Rate. Includes On Hamburg, London, at 30 days, at 60 days, at 90 days, Amsterdam, 60 days, per guild.

The publication of the Gazette of the United States will not be discontinued. It will be conducted by the present proprietor until he can devolve it upon a successor who will do justice to the principles and the cause which it has supported. Although it was not at all intended, that so important a medium of public information should be withdrawn, it is thought necessary thus particularly to deny a report which has been industriously circulated by those who wish to see every means of intelligence suppressed, but their own torpid or virulent publications.

COMMUNICATIONS.

If ever there was a time, which called for unanimity amongst the friends of government, it is the present. Animated by one sentiment, inspired by one principle, they should press forward, undeviatingly to one object, the preservation of their country. It is time, all secondary divisions should be done away, and that men, thinking on an expanded scale, should sacrifice every little peculiarity to the broader and more generally received opinions of their friends. In this way, alone, shall we be ever able to counteract the unanimity, vigour and constancy of the faction of France.

The interval during which the new negotiations with France, are to be carried on, should be a busy one with us, for many important reasons. We may already judge that nothing will be left undone by the Democrats to profit of it: the opening it gives them, will be seized on with avidity, and their schemes prosecuted with new ardor. We must also be prepared to counteract a new disclosure of diplomatic skill, a more artful trap than any we have yet escaped. Should a peace be concluded, and an unrestrained intercourse between the two countries again take place (which must of course be the case) our situation would be rendered hazardous indeed. To provide, in time, for emergencies likely to arise, will mark our wisdom, and well reward the efforts it costs.

The Democrats, in their last selection of a candidate, must be allowed the meed of ingenuity, in erecting for their rallying post, a man, who concentrates in his single person, every individual and collective vice of the whole party. Such a man merits all their confidence and support; he is, indeed, the very "Extract of Jacobinism."

"The Descent of Talleyrand into Hell" is postponed, only in order to present the remainder of it, at an early view.

The great Democrat of the South is said to be employed at intervals on a new work, to be entitled, the Philosophy of Democracy. It is to be hoped he will be more fortunate in philosophizing on this ground, than his profound predecessors, Paine, Godwin, &c.

Mr. Dallas runs a splendid new coach. Thus, it seems, he has preached up Liberty and Equality to some purpose.

For the GAZETTE of the UNITED STATES.

THE enemies of government make a great outcry against the alien law because they consider it as inhuman; and the democrats in the house of representatives opposed the retaliation law upon the same ground. I know not whether to attribute the clamors of these fellows to their stupidity or their villainy; but certainly their arguments evince one or the other in a remarkable degree.

Under the impression that it may possibly proceed from their not knowing any better, I beg leave to suggest to their consideration a position, the truth of which to men of common understanding is self evident, viz. that no measure can be inhuman which sacrifices a few of our enemies to our own preservation, any more than the act of shooting a robber can be called inhuman, when we do it to preserve the lives of ten innocent travellers. Moreover, let these good people stretch their minds, if possible, to the comprehension of this simple truth, that we should be truly guilty of inhumanity, were we not to retaliate.

The assassinating arrete of the French directory would then meet with no obstacle, and would operate as extensively as those monsters intended it should; and our foolish forbearance would render us more guilty than even the French government, by making us accessory to the murder of our own citizens.

When France is made acquainted with the determination of this country to sacrifice man for man, who is so despicably dull as not to see that our firmness will eventually save the lives of both? The French government will be deterred from executing their purposes; not indeed with any view of saving their citizens, or our from being butchered, but from an apprehension of the reproach and ruin which such belittling mischief would bring upon them in their own country.

The five directors of France have, I believe, as little compassion in their dispositions as the wild beasts of the forest. I will not therefore insult common sense by predicting any lenity on their side as a consequence of their averion to slaughter. I only hope it from their ambition. Such ferocity may possibly not be very agreeable to their constituents, and the ambition of the directory to rule and tyrannize, to which they have sacrificed such multitudes of their fellow-creatures, may sometimes require them to relax their cruelty.

SMALL TALK.

COMMUNICATION.

Necessary qualifications for a Chief Magistrate.

He should be a man of known sobriety; of strict public and domestic virtue; a professor of religion; of political sagacity and integrity; and beside an extensive legal knowledge, he should understand the nobler science of government and the art of war.

For he who will habitually become muddled every day after, and frequently before dinner, would be a dangerous depository of supreme authority. Might we not justly apprehend, that in the few fields hour of intoxication or inebrious gaiety, a fatal blow would be given to the honor and the interests of the commonwealth?

In his own house at least he ought to wear the breeches; for that man who cannot rule over his family, is unqualified to govern a state; beside, if the grey mare were to be the better horse, we should in fact live under a petticoat tyranny.

If he is the correspondent and friend of notorious traitors, he can possess neither religious nor civil honesty.

His political principles should be in harmony with those of the government over him; for in the complex federalism of our system, one wheel becoming rusty, or moving on a wrong axis will, if not destroyed, interrupt the motion of the whole works.

He does not understand government, if he perverts the laws to party purposes—Such a man therefore, is unworthy the honors, dignities, and emoluments of a chief magistrate.

By express from New-York, information is received of the recovery of the mail belonging to the Chesterfield packet. The letters have sustained but little injury from the water.

DREADFUL FIRE!

"A letter from Norfolk, (Virginia) dated the 25th ult. says, 'The night before last, a fire took place here, which consumed between 60 and 70 houses. The hand of Providence was with us or the whole town would have been destroyed.'"

Died yesterday morning, after a short illness, Mr James Kulson; the public are invited to his funeral, from his late dwelling, No. 100, Market-street at three o'clock this afternoon.

Port of Philadelphia,

ARRIVED, Sch's Liberty, Buskirk, N. York.

By Authority.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.

CAVALRY.

CAPTAINS, Charles F. Mercer, Virginia, James Burn, South Carolina.

INFANTRY.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS, Nathan Rice, Massachusetts, Richard Hunnewell, Ditto.

MAJOR, William Jones, Massachusetts.

CAPTAINS.

Phineas Ashmun, Massachusetts, Joseph Pierce, Junr, Ditto, Arthur Lithgow, Ditto, Jonathan Andrews, Rhode-Island, George Woodward, Vermont, Philip Cortland, New-York, Walter K. Cole, New-Jersey, James Read, Pennsylvania, Benjamin Gibbs, Junr, Ditto, James Ashman, Ditto, Valentine Brothers, Maryland, John W. Hackett, Ditto, Jonathan Hodgson, Ditto, Nathaniel Henry, Virginia.

LIEUTENANTS.

Benjamin Beale, Junr, Massachusetts, Charles P. Phelps, Ditto, Edmund Soper, Ditto, Daniel Bissell, Vermont, Isaac Putnam, Ditto, James Smith, New-York, Richard Baldwin, Ditto, George M. Ogden, New-Jersey, Thomas Swearinger, Pennsylvania, Cromwell Pierce, Ditto, Henry Westcott, Ditto, Nelson Wade, Ditto, Lewis Howard, Ditto, James Battel, Delaware, William Savin, Maryland, Charles Clemmets, Ditto, Van Bernet, Virginia, Felix Wilton, Ditto.

ANSIGNS.

Seth Barrister, Massachusetts, Samuel Winter Church, Ditto, Christopher Whipple, Rhode-Island, John W. Brownson, Vermont, William Morrow, Pennsylvania, Jabez Caldwell, Delaware, John Adlum, Maryland, Edward Ford, Ditto, Charles M'Callister, Virginia, John Heiskell, Ditto, Marcus Combs, Ditto, Willis Wells, Junr, Ditto.

New Theatre.

NEVER PERFORMED HERE.

THIS EVENING (MARCH 6.) Will be presented, a celebrated COMEDY, (in three acts) called

DUPPLICITY;

Or, THE MASK'D FRIEND. Written by the author of the Road to Ruin, &c. and performed at Covent Garden Theatre with distinguished applause.

End of the Comedy, a Ballet Dance, composed by Mr. Byrnes, called THE DRUNKEN PROVENCAL;

Or, The Savior's Return. To which will be added, a Comedy, (in three acts) called

THE MAN OF QUALITY;

Or, A Trip to Scarborough. Another new Comedy, is in rehearsal and will be speedily produced.

Volunteer Grenadiers.

THIS Corps is ordered to assemble at the house of Mr. Ogden, in Chestnut Street, on Friday evening next, at 7 o'clock, on business of importance.

By command, G. K. HARRISON, 1st Sergeant.

March 6.

Attention Cavalry.

The Volunteer Troop of Cavalry, is ordered to meet at Ogden's Tavern Chestnut-street on Friday Evening at 7 o'clock, there being several Members to Elect, and other business of importance to discuss.

JAMES SIMMONS.

march 6.

FOR SALE, BY THE SUBSCRIBERS, The Cargo of the Ship Asia, Capt. Meneke, from Batavia.

Consisting of COFFEE and SUGAR.

William Sanjona, J. C. & S. W. Fisher, Mordecai Lewis.

march 6.

An Elegant situation for a Country Seat.

To be sold at public auction at the Merchants' Coffee house on Friday the 15th inst. at 6 o'clock (if not previously disposed of at private sale).

A LOT of GROUND on the Germantown road, distant from the city between 2 and 3 miles, adjoining the plantation of Joseph P. Morris, Esq. containing 10 acres and 25 perches more or less: the beautifully situated, and commands a very extensive prospect. The terms of sale will be cash.

For further particulars apply to THOMAS GREEVES, or ISAAC W. MORRIS.

march 6.

Philadelphia, March 1799. PROPOSAL, By THOMAS DOBSON,

At the Stone House, No. 41, South Second street, for furnishing by subscription

ENCYCLOPEDIA; OR A DICTIONARY

OF ARTS, 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,

COMPREHENSIVE THE History, Theory, and Practice, of each, according to the Latest Discoveries and Improvements; and full Explanations given of various Detached parts of Knowledge, whether relating to Natural and Artificial Objects, or to matters Ecclesiastical, Civil, Military, Commercial, &c. Including Elucidations of the most important Topics relative to Religion, Morals, Manners, and the Oeconomy 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, both at home and abroad; the MS. Lectures of eminent Professors on different Sciences; and a variety of original Materials, furnished by an extensive Correspondence.

The Publisher having been solicited to furnish sets of this valuable and important work by one volume at a time, which by dividing the payments, might make the acquisition of the work more convenient to purchasers, proposes to dispose of the few remaining copies on the following

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Complete Sets may be had as above, or bound in various manners.

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