

By this Day's Mail.

From the CENTINEL.

BOSTON, Aug. 14.

The dilapidations of the French Directory, and their agents, in France, have been the cause of much suffering to their "patriotic armies." A gentleman recently from Italy, assures us, that *Falstaff's* ragged regiment could not have excelled in tattered looks, the twelve hundred French who took possession of Leghorn. Besides being, generally, literally *fanfulottes*, and those and stocking-lets, they were so wore down with fatigue when they entered the city, that they threw themselves to rest, on the pavements in the streets.—Yet such was the panic which preceded their approach, that two thousand of the finest *Tuscan* troops grounded their arms to an enemy unable to take them up!

The fermentation attempted by the French Directory, on account of the assassination of their two agents at *Rafadri* has not produced that effect which was hoped:—By calling for *More Money* while they demanded *Vengeance*, the veil was seen through, and indignation was flattened, by the inquiry into former expenditures of unaccounted millions. The following is one of the stimulants used by the Directory, to give a tone to the stomach of the conspirators:—“It is unfortunate that our gallant youth, who thought themselves destined to a career of greater glory, should now have to engage with assassins only; but it was not one of the least glorious labours of *Hercules*, that he was employed in his youthful years, in the extermination of monsters. Before our new *He-cules* can fill up the measure of our glory, they will have the task of delivering the earth of the ferocious banditti who pollute it!” Thus bellows the *Redacteur*.

A London paper of June 5, has the following paragraph:—"The United States, in their opposition to the infamous demands of France, has exhibited an energy of character, which, while it has astonished nations of Europe to a manly and successful opposition to the aggressions of French tyranny."

A scurrilous literary warfare is kept up by *Toussaint* and *Rigaud*, the Chief and Second in Command of the French forces in *St. Domingo*. They denounce each other as guilty of the greatest hypocrisy and treachery.—Possibly, they both speak truth.

We last evening received a *Martinico* Gazette of July 17th—which contains nothing new. The capture of the 10-gun privateer, by the *Ganges*, is mentioned in it.

A QUERY or TWO.

MR. RUSSELL,

I wish to enquire of those wifecakes who are continually harping on the "impending negotiation with France"—where it is carrying on? Who are the Commissioners on the part of France; and in what state it now remains?

QUIDNUNC.

From the COMMERCIAL GAZETTE.

It must afford pleasure to the humane mind, to observe, that the desperate resolution of the contending armies, to give no quarter, has in no instance been put in execution.

We expect *Suwarrow's* orders to the ravagers of Italy will be to the right about, and that they will be obliged to march the quick step to France. We cannot wish them a worse fate, than to share at home the miseries, which they were commissioned to bear to the peaceful clime of Italy; but which are now lowering over France, and must soon fall in heavy retribution on this devoted country.

It must afford an exalted spectacle to see England, firm and exalted above the storm of revolution, which has shaken the world, magnanimous and persevering in the deliverance of its nations from the greatest curse that ever marred their happiness. What ever may have been the clamors against her present minister, when we contemplate him, triumphant over a powerful, obdurate and envious party at home, uniting the various interests, and wielding at pleasure the nations of Europe, we have the strongest evidence of superior abilities, which are rarely to be found in the history of man.—As you were is the word of this commander of monarchs and armies to the wayward kingdoms and republics of Christendom; and we anticipate the time as near at hand, when his orders will be obeyed.

GEORGETOWN, August, 13.

REMARKABLE FACT.

Sometimes in the Spring of 1787 or 88, a young gentleman of this Town, who could not swim, accompanied by one or more of his companions went into the river to bathe; he unfortunately stepped from a bank of sand, beyond his depth, and was drowned. Attempts were immediately made in various ways to obtain the body, by diving after it, fencibles with boat hooks, poles &c. and by dragging a seine; but all of them proved ineffectual. Similar exertions were made next day without success.

A gentleman mentioned, that he had read of the bodies of drowned persons being discovered by means of Quicksilver placed in a quilt and attached to a loaf of warm bread.—This appeared so chimerical a project, that the bystanders ridiculed the idea. He observed that the experiment might easily be made and could do no injury. A quilt was prepared, filled with quicksilver and inserted in a loaf of warm bread.

Some persons then got into a boat and placed the bread on the water so as to be carried by the current in a direction towards the body; when it had floated 10 or 15 yards, it became stationary, and in a short time the body ascended and floated on the top of the water, to the great astonishment of a multitude of spectators. The body had lain under water about 16 or 18 hours.

The experiment above recorded deserves a trial on similar occasions, and might even be the means of restoring life by discovering drowned bodies soon after they have disappeared.

May not this singular phenomenon be accounted for in this simple manner? The bread is carried down by the current till it comes within the sphere of attraction between the body and quicksilver, it is then brought by the same attraction over the body; and the specific gravity of the body being but little greater than that of the water, by the attraction of the Quicksilver, a subsidence of very great specific gravity and proportionate attractions, the body rises to the surface of the water.

CHARLESTON,

Camden August 4.

Messieurs FRENEAU & PAINE.

Gentlemen,

LEST any misrepresentation of a recent transaction, which has taken place in this neighbourhood, should be offered to the public, I beg the favour of you to publish the following, as early as possible.

“Col. Cantez received information, that on Thursday night last, an attempt would be made by a band of ruffians, collected at the Simpons, (brothers to David Simpson, who lately died in the goal of this place, having been convicted of negro-stealing) to rob our old neighbour, William Bonds—they were then to take some of the most valuable horses belonging to the two Messrs. Chelruts; and finally to kill Daniel Carter, the proprietor of David, and to escape over the mountains to where the other brothers are gone. A party was collected, and laid in ambush near the house of Mr. Bonds: about half past ten o'clock two men arrived, knocked, and asked for quarters: on the door being opened, one of them presented a pistol at the old gentleman, and demanded 500l. The party immediately appeared at the door, and ordered them to surrender. One, whose name is Tyler, (but who was not long since committed to the common goal of this place for passing counterfeit money, under the name of Hammond) sprang to the door and attempted to escape; he was immediately seized and ordered again to surrender, having a pistol in his hand; being extremely strong and active, he struggled very much, and appeared to be on the point of killing the gentleman, who had hold of him, and getting loose, when a shot was fired at him, which entered his back near the shoulder; he instantly got free and ran; several guns were immediately discharged from different quarters; he fell, after having proceeded about one hundred and fifty yards.

“Our unfortunate friend, John Brown, was found lying dead, killed by a shot in the neck; but whether by an accidental shot from one of our own party, or from the discharge of a piece from one of the villains on them, we have not been able to ascertain.

“James and Samuel Simpson were taken without resistance the next night; and yesterday were committed to goal. Hammond (or Tyler) died yesterday morning, after making many confession, and finally forgiving them. A more daring and hardy villain I never knew. It appears he came fully determined to murder the old gentleman after having robbed him, to prevent a discovery.

“Mr. D. Carter, one of their intended victims, has no less than ten children, the oldest under thirteen years of age.”

JOHN KERSHAW.

BALTIMORE, August 16.

A second attempt was made the night before last to set on fire the frame house occupied by Mr. J. Aborn, as a hose-store, by placing fire and a quantity of combustibles under the sill of the back door, and was not discovered until the fire was opened in the morning, when the fire was still smoking. Had the flames unfortunately broke out before day, there is no calculating the extent of their ravages; that whole row, from Gay-street to the vendue floor, must inevitably have fallen a sacrifice, as the wind was very strong.

ALEXANDRIA, August 15.

It was stated in the “TIMES” of Tuesday, that the brig Active, capt. Cartwright, and the schr. Betsey, Capt. Emmons, both of this port, had been condemned in the harbour of Kingston, Jamaica, “by our good friends and allies the Brits!” These condemnations, agreeable to the paragraph, took place previous to June 21. It is, however, a well known fact, that both these vessels had arrived safe at that island, had laded their cargoes and proceeded home, having left it on the 6th of July. I am authorized to contradict the statement which appeared in that paper by the owners of these vessels and the shippers. The Editors of the “Times; and district of Columbia Advertiser,” will, no doubt, gratify the public as to the source from which they obtained their information, and their reasons for publishing such a falsehood.

Three Cents Reward.

RUN away from the Subscriber on the evening of the 28th inst. a bound servant GIRL, named Elizabeth Howel, had on and took with her three different changes of garment and money, proud, bold and impudent, a noted liar; any person apprehending her shall be entitled to the above reward—no costs or charges will be paid.

N. B. She had 2 years and 9 months to serve DANIEL FITZPATRICK. Goshen Township, Chester County, July 29. August 6. 3awit

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA,

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19.

PRICES OF STOCKS.

PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 19.

Six per Cent.	35/6
Deferred 6 per Cent.	14/4
Three per Cent.	37/4
BANK United States,	35
— North America,	43 to 47
— Pennsylvania,	34
Insurance comp N. A. shares 17 1/2	
— Pennsylvania, shares, 27 to 28	
2 per Cent Stock—funded—par to 1 per cent adv.	
Do. Scrip with the 6th instalments } below par	
Do. the 5th and 6th instalments } } below par	
East-India Company of N. A. par.	
Land Warrants, 30 dolls. per 100 acres.	

[OFFICIAL]

Extract of a letter from an American, resident at Surinam, dated July 11, 1799, received in Philadelphia, August 17th.

“I think it ought to be publicly known, that this market is glutted to such a degree with almost every article of life, that cargoes are selling at great loss; say from 30 to 50 per cent: and produce is very high; coffee at 9 1/2 to 10 stivers; cotton 17 to 18; and scarcely any to be found even at those prices. So that to the merchant, it is undoubtedly better that his property should be taken, than that it should come into this port.”

Extract of a letter from Commodore Truxton, to a merchant in New-York.

“U. S. Ship Constellation, August 15th 1799.

“I send up by express, Mr. Carr, my clerk, and must request you will give your aid in purchasing for my private account all the articles per list annexed, and that they be sent on board the Constellation in the shortest time possible.

“You no doubt know that I have resigned my commission in the navy, and the cause of my having done so. The Secretary, has, however, returned it to me, with a request that I will proceed after the French 44 gun frigate seen by the Norfolk, in the event of capt. Barron's not arriving before the ship is ready for sea; and this I have consented to do—for no personal injury which I feel will ever make me less zealous in punishing the insults and wrongs done to my country whenever an opportunity of this sort presents itself. I had landed all my baggage, &c. and not expecting to go out in the ship provided no new stores—the few I have ordered will be sufficient for the short cruise contemplated; indeed I may meet Baron between this and Sandy Hook, if he should not arrive before—at all events I quit the ship on my return (for it is impossible I can serve under the present arrangement of rank)—but what a glorious event it would be, if in the mean time I should meet another of the Monsieur frigates, and how gratifying at this moment would it be to my mind.

“Yours sincerely, &c.”

Governor Davie, of North-Carolina, has been appointed by the President of the United States, an Envoy Extraordinary to the French Republic, vice Patrick Henry, Esq. deceased.

Mr. Davie and Mr. Ellsworth, it is expected, will fall for France in all the month of September, the stipulated “assurances” having been received.

Abraham R. Ellery, Esq. of Newport, Rhode-Island, is appointed Assistant Adjutant General of the army of the United States.

A few days since, passed through this City, on his way to Princeton, for the purpose of entering his son at the College of that place, General WILLIAM WASHINGTON, of S. Carolina.

The Insurgent frigate lay at anchor along side the United States, in Hampton Road, the 7th August.

Capt Smith arrived at Newburyport from Surinam, informs, the day after he sailed, saw a ship to leeward having a flop in tow, which he supposed to be the Portsmouth, with a privateer flop which had sailed from Surinam.

The brig “Columbia of Portsmouth,” taken up as a deserted ship, and carried into Bermuda, has been libelled there, and the salvors allowed 60 per cent for protecting and conducting her into port.

Brigs Franklin, Morris, of Wilmington (Del.) and Nancy, Auenburgh, from Vera Cruz, are captured by the French schr. Buonaparte, of 11 guns, manned with 4 Frenchmen and 88 Spaniards, and sent into Campeachy; cargoes valued at 240,000 dollars.

Just arrived from Bremen.

AND FOR SALE, BY THE SUBSCRIBERS, Platillas Royales, Britannias, Rouans, Bielsfield Linens, in small packages fit for exportation, and entitled to Foreign drawback.

Also, on Hand, Old Brandy, 4th proof, Barcelona do Ruffia Horse-hair, curled and uncurled, Do. Deck Nail-roads, American Steel, and a small quantity of Guatimala Indigo.

Isaac Hazlehurst & Son. August 15. 2aw

To the Board of Health.

GENTLEMEN, IT is not to be wondered that stragglers from the vessels lying at quarantine should escape to the city or the Jersey shore, when doctor Ruff, and some other physicians of Philadelphia, have had the effrontery to publish that the quarantine law is an useless burden on commerce, and ought to be repealed. One of these medical gentry has gone so far as to assert, that the people of London, Amsterdam, and other large trading cities of Europe, do not owe their preservation from the plague to their quarantine laws, but to their superior cleanliness.

The writer who is capable of publishing so daring a falsehood as this, in order to establish a favorite opinion, would not boggle at any thing: it is not want of charity to suppose that such a man would depopulate half the city of Philadelphia, by the yellow fever, if he could but establish the doctrine of its domestic origination. This he knows is impossible, while the quarantine law is strictly executed, and therefore he is perpetually endeavoring to sap its authority, as well as that of the Board of Health. But, be assured Gentlemen, it is the general belief of all your fellow-citizens, whose heads have not been turned by a moon-struck physician, that the pestilence, called the yellow fever, is an imported disorder.

To you therefore they look, under Providence, for preservation from its desolating contagion: the law has clothed you with ample power; and they are ready to support you, at all risks, in the faithful discharge of your duty. If I am able to judge, from their conversation, they would think it a light matter, if nothing else will do, to hang a pilot, a captain, a sailor, or a physician, on the Wind-mill Island, in terror, rather than suffer the quarantine to be violated with impunity:—and I am really apprehensive that nothing short of a severe example will be sufficient to guard the law or our lives against the united attacks of medical and commercial speculators.

It is reported, and some people are alarmed by the rumour, that a few cases of the fever have appeared, within a day or two, at a Sailor-house in Almondi-street. You will doubtless think proper to enquire into the report, and, if you discover it to be well founded, order the patients to be instantly removed to the Hospital, and the house to be completely cleaned. A spark may be easily quenched. Should they recover under the humane and skilful treatment of the Institution, which is very probable; and they are persons who have violated the quarantine law, by coming clandestinely to the city, let them be punished with the utmost rigor of the law, as well as the keeper of the house who received them. Should a debauched Governor, or a stupid bench of Justices attempt to rescue them from your hands, publish the case to your fellow citizens—and if they will not support you, which I can hardly suppose, the case is without a remedy; and all you have to do is to give them up in toto, to the buffetsings of Satan, or to the lance of Doctor Sangrado.

A CITIZEN.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

At a very numerous and respectable meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of Delaware, held at the Black-Horse Tavern, in the township of Middleton, the 17th day of August, 1799.

It was unanimously resolved,

That we will support JAMES ROSS, of Pittsburgh, with our votes and interest at the ensuing election, as Governor of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That in order to obtain this desirable object, a Committee, consisting of four or more persons, be appointed in each Township to assist in promoting his election.

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence of this County be requested to prepare and forward a Circular Letter to each Member of the Township Committees, earnestly desiring them to use their utmost exertions by all fair and honorable means to promote the election of James Ross of Pittsburgh to the office of Governor of this Commonwealth.

Mr. John Wall, Mr. Jesse Sharpless, and Michael Keppel, Esq. the Committee appointed by a meeting held at Danwoody's in Philadelphia on the 13th instant, for the purpose of representing to this meeting their determination to support Joseph Ball as Senator, and to desire our co-operation therein were introduced to the Chairman, and having declared the purpose of their mission, it was unanimously resolved,

That we will support, at the ensuing election, by our interest and votes, JOSEPH BALL as a Senator of this State, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Benjamin R. Morgan, Esq.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and published in the Philadelphia Newspapers.

HUGH LLOYD, Chairman. BENJAMIN H. SMITH, Secretary.

DIED,—At Pavia, Lazarus Spallanzani of Reggio, a celebrated natural historian.

At Gottingen, George Ch. Lichtenberg, Esq. Professor of Philosophy in that University.

At Paris, Ch. Borda, aged 64, an eminent mathematician, and one of the authors of the new French system of weights and measures.

In England, Mr. John Furniss, eldest son of Capt R. Furniss, of Portsmouth, N. H.

He fell gallantly on board the *Wolver*, a British ship of war, Capt. Portlock, severely wounded, most honorably received in a desperate action with the force of the universe, and survived but a few days. His brave commander, and many of his British companions, also perished in the manly conflict of honor and virtue against vice and infamy.

—, on the 6th inst. on board the United States Frigate; at Hampton Road, Mr. Cook, Maller's Mate. His remains were interred on the afternoon of the 7th, with customary honors.

Gazette Marine List.

New-York, August 17.

By arrivals yesterday. Yesterday arrived here the ship William and Henry, capt. Perkins, from the Bay of Honduras, which he left on the 4th July—mahogany and log-wood to Mr. Armstrong. When capt. P. left the bay, apprehensions were entertained of an attack from the Spaniards, and were in preparation to receive them, having lately erected fortifications of considerable magnitude on St. George's key. July 21, in lat. 19, long. 80, spoke a Danish brig from Hamburg, bound to the Havanna.

August 7, spoke the ship Jano, from New-York, bound to Virginia, in lat. 28, long. 74.

Same day, brig Industry, capt. Logan, left the bay of Honduras 22d July—same cargo.

Left at Honduras, the ship Grand Turk and brig Thomas, both for this port; brig Dispatch for Boston; schr. —, Hastings, for do. schr. Eliza, for Newburyport; the ship Niagara for London, and several others.

Off the Martyrs Reef, spoke the frigate Melceger, capt. Ogle, on a cruise who treated us politely. Off the Floridas, Aug. 10, parted from the Pomona, of N. Hampshire, from Jamaica.

On the outward bound passage, was boarded by the frigate Trent—and the Hannibal, partly disabled, and was treated with great civility.

By the Industry we learn, that the alarm respecting an attack from the Spaniards, had subsided.—They had lately received a reinforcement of British troops, which, with the additional fortifications, rendered them more secure in case of an attack.

Ten Dollars Reward.

STRAYED or conveyed on Thursday night last from off the premises, about 2 1/2 miles from Philadelphia, on the Ridge road, a handsome dark bay HORSE in good condition, about 14 hands high, with black legs, black mane and bushy black tail, cut straight at the end; has several long scratches on his back, occasioned by playing in the fields. Whoever can give information of him so that the owner may have him again, shall receive the above reward by applying at

No. 26, south Fifth Street. Philadelphia, August 19. 5

For SALE,

The new Schooner VICTORY, William Holmes, master.

NOW lying at Chestnut Street wharf burthen 60 tons: if applied for on or before Tuesday next; if not sold then, she will take in Freight for New-York, and proceed immediately. For terms, apply to the Captain on board, of

GEORGE W. LMLAY, No. 18, Dock Street. August 19. dat

For Sale or Charter,

THE BRIG SALLY & BETSEY, Burthen, 1200 Barrels.

Who have for sale 60 boxes white and brown Havana Sugars, 700 Hopheads Claved do, 1200 Bushels S. M. in salt. Claret in casks, Bourdeaux Brandy, 1st and 2nd proof, sweet oil in bottles and flasks. August 19. dsw

WILL BE LANDED,

(IN TWO OR THREE DAYS) At Beck's wharf, near Market Street.

THE CARGO Of the Schooner SALLY, from Montego-Bay, Jamaica, consisting of Sugar, Molasses, Limes, &c.

FOR SALE BY ISAAC HARVEY, jun. August 18. dwt

Thirty Dollars Reward.

DESERTED from the encampment near Bristol on Sunday night the 2d inst. an enlisted soldier named ADAM FRAZER, born in Pennsylvania, aged 35 years, 5 feet 7 inches high, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, has a scar in his shoulder, his head partly bald; much addicted to liquor, and when intoxicated is turbulent and troublesome.—Had on when he went away his military clothing. He has heretofore deserted from Fort Pitt, has the marks of a villain written on his countenance.

Also Deserted on Thursday the 8th inst. from a recruiting party stationed at Newtown, two men enlisted at Northtown, the 1st inst. the one named JOHN WILSON, born in Ireland, aged 24 years, 5 feet 10 inches high; fair complexion, blue eyes, long brown hair, much freckled in the face; had on a pair of thick felt overalls and yellow vest. Whoever shall take up said deserters and return them to Head Quarters at Bristol, Bucks county, State of Pennsylvania, or shall secure them in any Jail shall receive the above reward, and for either of them the reward of ten dollars.

BENJAMIN GIBBS, jun. Captain, 10th U.S. regiment. Bristol, August 10. 25