

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA,

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24.

For the Gazette of the United States.

MR PENNO,

I AM an emigrant from Philadelphia, situated in an inconvenient position, in a poor country, where I can do no business. My mind having been always occupied with my affairs, has now the vacancy and lassitude attendant on those who are not accustomed to be idle. I fought for a proper place in which I could carry on my business, even on a small scale. I went to Germantown, Derby, and many country houses round these villages, &c. but could get no shelter, having lingered in the city too long. I saw a publication in your paper of the 7th instant, signed "A Projector," which, from its signature, I took to be some wild scheme. But on perusing it, I find it well worth the attention of every person, who has his own and the welfare of the city at heart. I had some thoughts of buying in the country, and preferring a farmer's life, of less profits, but more safety, to that I lead in the city. But under a hope that some such place will be established, as that the writer has called Asylum, (which I have been informed, means a place of refuge) I suspended my plan. Having property in the city, left to the mercy of incendiaries, robbers, &c. I should be much happier if I were near, to get frequent intelligence, or to give my assistance in case of need. And, I think, if, instead of being scattered, as the inhabitants of the city now are, at great distances, they were collected, in one or two villages, round and near the city, they might be at hand to prevent additional misfortune; and they would, by being collected so near, overawe those who had bad designs. It would have been a saving to me if I had laid out the money I have spent out of the city, for three seasons of calamity, in running up a small house, which many have done; and they might as well have built near together, as dispersed in so many places. I had, at first, a prejudice against the west side of Schuylkill. But as I find there is a plan for establishing a good bridge, and the fine open country on that side is remarkably healthy, I am now inclined strongly to prefer it. The river is handy for essential purposes; and besides, as that writer says, it may be made a barrier to stop communication. I intend, at any rate, to take a few shares in the bridge stock, which, I think ought to be encouraged as a great outlet from the city; and even as a means of escaping, rather than be kept back by our present or future calamities. However, I don't care where the place of refuge is, if it be so near as to give ready access to our property, in case of need; and yet be out of infection. I don't expect we shall all agree about plan or place. So much the better, as there is room enough; and let every one satisfy himself. I wonder, for my part, that people don't improve the Schuylkill lots on the city side; when we see that those are safe who move on the commons, if they are careful. Yet the hill on the other side ensures, as far as human means go, a healthy retreat; and it is so commanding, that we have the whole city full in our view, and can soon get there if necessary. I think I would now give something handsome, to see the city every day or hour, and be sure all was safe from fire and robbery. It only wants a few enterprising and spirited men to begin, and enough will soon follow, in any good and well digested plan.

It is true, that we are many of us now in difficulties (and so shall continue, if we don't fall on some way of keeping at our business) and cannot undertake any such enterprise, at the present time: But we can turn it in our minds, and prepare against another year. If the sickness does not come, as I pray God it may not, we shall not be sorry that we have a little extra property, which will always be ready and valuable to go to, while others are agitated with doubts and fears, and entirely unprepared.

Until we find out the cause, about which some think one way and some another, we may count upon alarms, if not visitations, every year; till some change in our atmosphere, or some great alteration in our city, takes place. It is idle to conceal it, or crank about the disorder ruining our city, more than other commercial towns. They all have had, and will have it in their turns; though some, at times, are more lucky than others, or more cunning to conceal it. Our luck will come the sooner, if we are prepared to thin the city, at the dangerous season; when even the common summer disorders require country air and change. The building the places of retreat, will find work for many, who would otherwise, in times of calamity, be idle; and so the pestilence, like war, will create, or give a new direction to employment. If our city should, as I have no doubt it will, return to its former healthy state, we need not fear our little property round it, lying a dead weight on us. Many of us will be able to keep it for the health, pleasure and amusement of ourselves and families. And the places of others will always sell or rent, as many will rather choose to live in them, than in the confined alleys and streets, and more expensive tenements in the city. More especially, as many trades and other business can be there carried on as well as in the city; or to or from which it is but a step. I have seen enough of the country to know, that one bred all his life in a city, is not fit for a farmer, and cannot bear the want of his usual society and habits of business. And as to moving from our city to another, which, for a time, is free from disorder, we may, to use an old proverb, get out of the frying pan into the fire; and with ourselves back again, with the money

in our pockets, it has cost us to move, and begin the world over again in a strange place.

Not being much used to writing, except on business, I don't know whether any thing I have laid in of consequence enough to be printed. It will at least shew my opinion and wishes, and of many others in my situation. I have seen several who like the plan very much. They think it is better to form some system to enable us rather "to bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of."

AN EX-CITIZEN.

Octorara, Sept. 15, 1799.

Lancaster, Sept. 20, 1799.

WE have been informed, that the Aurora contains, in the shape of a letter from Lancaster, that the Friends of Mr. Ross are all chop-fallen, on account of a meeting of M'Kean's Friends in this borough; and that M'Kean will have a majority in this county. The design of this falsehood is obviously to keep up the spirits of their party; and to depress others who may not know the truth. That meeting was, however, not half as large as is stated, and consisted, chiefly, of characters, who have no influence beyond their own vote; a great part of it was collected among the poorer class of people, in the outskirts of this town. Be assured, that the federal pulse beats high here, and that, without any question, the majority for Mr. Ross will be decisive, and very large.

MR. PENNO,

IT is with much pleasure I learn that Mr. TIMOTHY PAXSON is proposed as a suitable character for a member of the Common Council, in the place of the late Mr. George Pennock. I am the more gratified at this recommendation, as it proves that merit, however modest and retired, cannot long escape the public eye; and, I am bold to say, few characters can be found that will so generally meet the approbation of the citizens at large, as this gentleman. His qualifications for the office cannot be doubted by those who have the least acquaintance with him, and his extraordinary services as a member of the Board of Health, during the fever of 1793, give him a strong claim to the gratitude of his fellow-citizens.

A Friend to Merit.

AT a meeting of the committees of the Lower District in the county of Montgomery, together with a large number of respectable inhabitants, convened on public notice, at the house of John Moor, in Abington township, on the 21st of September, 1799, for the purpose of agreeing upon a ticket for the ensuing election, the following persons were unanimously agreed upon:

- Governor, James Rois, of Pittsburgh.
Senator, Zebulon Potts.
Assembly, C. dwallader Evans, Henry Pawling, Benjamin Brooks, Henry Switzer.
Commissioner, John Roberts, Esquire.

Resolved, That the above ticket be recommended to our fellow-citizens of this county, for their support at the ensuing election, and that the same be published in the North-west Gazette, and in one or more papers in the city of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

THOMAS SHORMAKER, Chairman. WILLIAM M'CALLA, jun. Secretary.

M'KEAN.

To the Editor of the York Herald.

SIR, Please to insert the following letter, and oblige your's, &c. J. C.

To the Honourable THOMAS M'KEAN, Esq. Doct' of Laws, Chief Justice of the State of Pennsylvania, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, I scarcely thought it possible among the vicissitudes of human affairs, that I should have to address you through the channel of a Newspaper; but it seems the period has arrived, when it has become necessary for me, in order to contradict the vile slander that has been propagated, and the odium attempted to be thrown upon me, by those who I presume, act by your authority; I mean certain Addressers of the Public in this place, that have, through the medium of your friend Solomon Myer's press, among other things stated, "Another charge is, that M'Kean should have said, that York county was a Tory county; but the truth is, Mr. N'Kean never either expressed or entertained such an opinion. It is the fabrication of party men, and circulated with a view, to prejudice the people of York county against our Republican candidates."

Whether the above charge is true, and the assertion of your friends untrue, I leave you and the public to determine, when I solemnly declare, that you, at the house of John Watson, Esq. in Millin county, in the presence of the honorable Edward Shippen and Edward Shippen Esqs. did assert, without any previous provocation, "that the people of York supported the British Corporal, and were a pack of damn'd Tories;" and I replied they were "as good Whigs as your Honor," &c. At another time, at Hartley's Tavern, near Bedford, in the presence of a Mr. Shields, you said "the members of Assembly from York county, were damn'd fools, and that you could not get them to

do what you wanted?" to which I replied that was the reason the county sent such men, for was it known that you had any influence over them, they never would be elected. At another time, I heard you say "York was a Tory county;" and I then replied it was not, nor would I suffer such slander. I have also heard you say, that every word of the letter written by Mr. Jefferson, to M'Kean, was true; and that "General Washin ton, had done great deal of good during the Revolution, by a great deal of mischief since that period."

Those who wish for further information, respecting your assertions, and conduct, at the times and places above mentioned, have an opportunity of satisfying themselves, by applying to the gentlemen whose names with reluctance, I have been thus publicly obliged to mention; and as to the other assertions, if necessary, I am willing to make oath of. I am sorry that you and those whom I have above alluded to, have made it necessary for me, thus publicly, to state the facts; and the consequences that may arise therefrom, you and them will know to whose account they ought to be placed.

With a hope that you may not be elected Governor, and a wish that you may remain in the station you now hold, I am, Sir, your most obedient, JOHN CLARK. York, Sept. 13, 1799.

HENRY FYE READ, Esq. one of the Commissioners under the sixth article of the treaty of amity, commerce and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States, failed for England in the last Packet.

It is said, and (though not given from authority) we believe it to be true, that the Board of Commissioners at London, under the 17th article of the treaty, have broken up, and the American Commissioners have embarked for this country.

Dr. AMOS WINDSHIP, M. B. and member of the Medical Society of London, is appointed a Surgeon in the navy of the United States.

PORTLAND, Sept. 9.

The District Court of Maine was opened last Tuesday at Pawtucketborough. At this court, the ship Mac of Boston, was libelled and condemned for a breach of the laws of the United States against the slave trade.

It appeared from the evidence, that this ship was loaded and prepared at Boston, in the month of November last, for a voyage to Africa; that the crew were deceived as to the nature of the voyage, they having shipped for, and really stopped they were bound to the Cape de Verde. About four weeks after they were at sea, the captain, whose name is John Boit, belonging to the state of Rhode Island, informed them for the first time, that they would see Africa before they saw any other land.

Two hundred and seventy persons of both sexes, were received on board the ship on the coast; and two hundred and twenty of them, safely landed and advantageously sold at the Havana; the other fifty having died on their passage.

The record of these facts, will remain an eternal monument of disgrace to mankind. A savage, who had not abjured both nature and its God, would shrink with horror at this complicated tale of crime and misery. What then shall we say of a Christian, a Bostonian, who accumulates his wealth by this detestable and infernal traffic! The altitudinal (tho' not the indignation) of the humane will subside, when they are told that this ship was owned, loaded and sent upon this execrable voyage, by an "exclusive party," a bawler for Liberty, Equality, and the Rights of Man!

HUDSON, September 17.

A gentleman, a few days since, favoured us with the perusal of a letter of a recent date, which contained the following account of a number of homeward bound American vessels.

On the 30th of August, arrived the Ship Renown, Capt. Coffin, at Nantucket, with a cargo of 1400 barrels of oil. Capt. Coffin left the Coast of Chili on the 9th of May last. On the 20th of April and 2d of May, he spoke the following vessels belonging to Nantucket, whose cargoes consist principally of spermæti and whale Oil, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Barrels of Sper. Whale. Includes Ship Commerce, Gardner, 1100 200; Hector, Worth, 800 200; Hope, Giles, 1100 200; Caesar, Swain, 1000 200; Alliance, Bernard, 900 200; Ruby, Myrick, 800 200; Favorite, Folger, 250; William, Coffin, 650 50; Leo, Allen, 100; Juliana, Aldridge, 1300; Olive-branch, Paddock, 1100 100; Trial, Starbuck, 500.

Vessels belonging to New- Bedford, spoken May 9, 1799.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Barrels of Sper. Whale. Includes Ship Bedford, Barney, 900 200; Wareham, Clark, 1150 150; Franklin, Tuckerman, 400; Maria, Paddock, 100; Rebecca, Gardner, 100; Vessels belonging to Hudson, Ship Oswego, Clark, 1100 100; American Hero, Pitts, 600 100.

Total quantity of Oil 16950 Barrels, 15050 of Spermæti and 1900 Whale.

BALTIMORE, September 20.

Commercial Information. A letter from Savanna, of 5th inst. mentions, that the British, in order to prevent the French and Spaniards from facilitating their trade under neutral, and confining them to their own colours, and in order the nearer

to determine the neutrals by their colours, that from the first of October next, none but vessels built by the country—the colours of which they bear, will be considered as neutrals—those vessels already under neutral colours are exempted, but will be narrowly examined."

NEW-YORK, September 23.

12 deaths were reported at the Health-Office for the 24 hours ending Saturday at 12 o'clock.

16 deaths were reported at the Health-Office for the 24 hours ending yesterday at 12 o'clock.

In one of the addresses to the French Councils, with respect to the measures of the late Directory, we find this strong expression: "Our sufferings and miseries are written with letters of fire, on lines of blood, in every part of France."

Gazette Marine List.

Port of Philadelphia.

ARRIVED,

Ship Wilmington, Blair, Hamburg 84. Sailed from thence 1st July, therefore brings no news; spoke several British armed vessels, met with no interruption.

Ship Hope, Hattie, from Cadiz, in 56 days. (cartel) is at the Point.

Ship Liberty, Miller, from River la Plata, is at New-Castle.

A ship, name unknown, from St. Ubes, is below, and several others, also unknown.

Capt. Hattie has politely favoured us with the following correct list of American vessels left at Cadiz.

American vessels at Cadiz, June and July, 1799.

Ship Hope, Hattie, taken, condemned, bro't in cartel for Philadelphia. Ruins, Holland of New-York, taken and condemned.

Commerce, Gardner, Baltimore, do. Ann, Robinson, do. do. Francis & Mary, Howland, do. do. Brig Robertson, Wakefield, Norfolk, do. Ship Barbara, Clark, Boston, do. Ardent, Smith, Baltimore, do. Captain killed in battle.

Mary Ann, Adams, New-York; twice taken.

Schr. Determined Rover, safe and ready for New-York, sailed 29th July.

Ship Washington, Packwood, New-York, Liberty, Pollard, do.

Brig Franklin, Watson, do. Hind, Ropes Salem.

Commerce, Bowers, Charleston. Betsey, Lowering, Barcelona and Charleston.

Ceres, Norris, Philadelphia.

Schr. Eliza, Myers, late Israel, now Long, of Baltimore, not determined.

Ship Sally, Indicot, West-Indies and Salem, Superior, Cunningham, Philadelphia.

Brig Sukey, Stuart, Salem.

Sally Bell, Philadelphia.

Ceres, Curt., Portsmouth, N. N. Union, Noury, New-York.

Abigail, Marchalk, do.

Ship Canton, Coffey, Charleston.

Schooner Mary Ann, White, Boston; brig-Philadelphia; do. Angle, Young, Carl iton.

Sailed 29th July, ship Ardent, Israel, at Algiers, for Cadiz, and Baltimore.

SALEM, September 17.

List of vessels at the Cape July 20.

Captain Jonathan Lovett, arrived at Beverly in 20 days from Cape Francois, has favoured us with the following list:—ships Eliza, Manize, Newburyport; Amity, Remington, Philadelphia; Betsey, Kelly, New-York; brig Peggy, Bais, Newport.

Defiance, Mavize, Saannah; Rebecca, Harding, New-York; Mary-Ann, Kubu, Philadelphia for Havannah; Bellona, Harding, New-York; James, Whedon, New-Haven; James, Jemmy, Philadelphia, Charlotte, Steer, Providence; Mercury, Hamond, Philadelphia; Liberty, Low, Gloucester; Alexander and Sally, Wigate, Newburyport; schooners Eagle, Sprague, Boston, to sail in five days; Lydia, Wheelwright, Boston; Lewis, ditto; Fishhawk, Cook, Sa cam; Trial, Tate, ditto; Hope, Grant, ditto; Hannah, Buffington, ditto; John, Hooper, Marblehead; Hawk, Lovett, Beverly; Richard and Edward, Giles, Marblehead; Relief, Bartlett, Newburyport; Juno, Morrison ditto; Betsey and Jenny, Mason, Kennabunk, for Jamaica; Eagle, Cambden; William, Norton, Hollow II; Minerva, Barber, New-London; Hannah, Tappan, Newburyport; Tuterrell, Malletton, New-York; Dispatch Hudson, ditto, for Havanna; George, Duntou, Philadelphia; Henry Budden, ditto; Evelina, Rubb, Baltimore; Hope, Williams, ditto; Atlantic, West, ditto; Phillis, Greenough, ditto; Two Brothers, ditto; Julian, Shaw, ditto; Sally Hinsen, Charleston; Calatea, Paine, ditto; Peace & Plenty, Thompson, Newbern, for Jamaica; Harriot, Torry, ditto; Little Gabriel, Eveston, North Carolina; Volunteer, Preble, Frederickburg; sloops New-York Pa ket, Shaw, Newport, Lydia, Fry, Charleston; Friendship, Thomas, Beaufort; Hercules, Reynolds, Baltimore; Anna, Kitchevens, New-Haven; Martha, Charleston, s. c. Happy Couple, —.

NEW-YORK, September 23.

ARRIVED, 56 days. B. Packet Marquis of Kildare, Reading, Falmouth.

Brig Mary, Howard, St. Sebastians 54.

Schr. June, Thomas, Virginia 6.

Schr. Lucky Owners Delight, and brig Louisa, are arrived at Surinam.

Ships Farmer and Manchester, have arrived at St. Sebastians from Philadelphia.

Saturday arrived the British Packet Marquis of Kildare, 51 days from Falmouth, and 4 from Halifax; failed from Falmouth on the 25th July.

Same day (Schr. Peggy, 50 days from St. Sebastians.

Lat. 44, 33, long 23, 40, spoke a brig from Philadelphia bound to Hamburgh, 24 days out.

Left there.

Brig Friendship, Watts, of and for Philad. Tryphenia, Fullerton, do. do.

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Sophia, —, New-York. Schr. Betsey, Briggs, New-London.

Left in Port Passage. Ship Farmer, Gibbon, Philadelphia. Manchester, Clay, do.

Schr. Alert, captain Parker, from Porto-Rico in 18 days, in ballast. There are out of said port four or five French privateers picking up all the Americans they meet with.

A French (schr. called the Venus, captain Love, mounting 8 guns, had taken an hermaphrodite brig, captain Bowne, from New-London with horses on deck. On board the said schooner the captain and most of the crew were Americans. Spoke the 19th inst. the brig Neutrality from Jamaica, out twenty-four days.

The ship Oswego of Hudson, captain Clark, from the coast of Chili, 1300 barrels oil—August 6. Spoke the Atlantic, of Philadelphia, captain Watts, 34 days from Madeira bound to Calcutta, all well, in long. 34, west, lat. 9, 10, September 15, spoke the sloop Mary of Bolton, in lat. 39, long. 65, 10, six days out, all well, bound to Dominico.

Brig Neutrality, capt. Cunningham, in 30 days from Jamaica. Left there brig Charleston, Packet, captain Warman, for Charleston; brig Eliza, Penay, for New-York, and ship —, captain Palmer, to fail in a few days for New-Port.

The schooner Peggys, in 50 days from St. Sebastians; left there, schooner, Elizabeth, Stevenson, and sloop Sophia, of New-York; schr. Betsey, Briggs, of New-London; brig Tryphenia, Fullerton, sloop Sukey, Franklin, and brig Friendship, Watts, of Philadelphia. Left in Port Passage. Ship Manchester, Cox, and Farmer, Gibbon, both from Philadelphia. In lat. 44, 33, long. 23, 40, spoke brig Donetta, from Philadelphia, bound to Hamburgh, out 24 days.

Ship Cornwall, Champion, 54 days from Liverpool, cargo coals. Spoke ships Kitty and Sophia, (letters of marque) for Jamaica, bound to Liverpool.

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The above list comprehends all the burials from the City and Liberties of every disease By order of the Board of Health.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Health Officer.

CITY HOSPITAL.

ADMITTED. Hannah Edwards, from No. 6 Dock st. Patrick Higgins, 5th st. Mayomensing st. Edward Vaughan, Corner of Shippen & Crab st.

Mary Rankin, Small st. Mayomensing. Edward M'Donnell, Christian, near 2d st. Elizabeth Wildgoofe, South st. bet. 5th & 6th st.

Henry Caldwell, Catherine st. below 2d st. DIED. Betsey M'Glaughlin, ill 3 days previous to admission.

James Mackey, ill 4 do. do. James M' Mullen, ill 5 do. do.

Interred the last 24 hours, in the PUBLIC GROUND.

- 1 Child from the Alms-House. 1 Child No. 17, Walnut Street. 1 Woman, No. 1, G-rays alley. 1 Man From the City Tavern. 3 From the Hospital.

7 Total. Remaining in the Hospital 71, of whom 32 are convalescents, and eleven children who were admitted in good health.

PETER HELM, Steward.