

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12.

Nullum in tenacem propolium vitum, Non civium ardor prava jubentium, Non vultus instantis tyranni, Mente quatit solida.

Full oft by holy feet our ground is trod, Of clerks good plenty here you may espy, A little spare and baggard man of God Is one perhaps you'll mark among the fry; He has a roguish twinkle in his eye— Which, when observ'd, he thinks into his mew, And, straightway, recollects his piety anew.

SOME years since, a certain Essayist, who published his opinions in a village gazette, in the interior of New-Hampshire, assumed the new and perhaps whimsical name of THE LAY PREACHER. Clothed with moral authority, or garb, yet willing to diffuse moral, economical, political and literary sentiments in a popular and commodious form, he imagined, that, without trenching upon the limits of decorum, he might have leave both of the priesthood and the public to comment, in the character of a Layman, upon the didactic and biographical parts of the Bible, and yet adhere to "the form of sound words," and to all the orthodoxy of a bishop. The event demonstrated that the project was not visionary. No stranger to the clergy, in whose order he finds many of his best and literary friends, he has in no instance by them been charged with levity or prophaneness; and, with respect to popular approbation, he has experienced it in a degree, far beyond either his desert, or his expectations. He has had the honor to give rise to a new tribe of weekly essayists, and has been successively followed by an "OCCASIONAL PREACHER," a "MORAL PREACHER," a "GAY PREACHER," an "ITINERANT PREACHER," and lastly, by the "LAY PREACHER of Pennsylvania."

In this numerous family, he does not recognize any relatives, except the gentleman last mentioned, whose productions occasionally adorn this Gazette, and whose genius is of a higher destiny, than the servile track of Imitation. But, without censure of the first of these followers, or compliment to the last, there is now such a confused multitude of these self-created Divines that the Founder of the Sect deems it necessary to identify himself, and, in the capital of the United States, to hang out, as on a sign, a name, by which, as the lawyers say, he may be known and impleaded. He will be pleased, if his old friends will continue to give him friendly greetings, and a candid hearing, and if they will good humouredly apply to him the following passage from DEAN SWIFT.

"All travellers at first incline Where'er they see the fairest sign; And, if they find the chambers neat, And like the liquor and the meat, Will call again, and recommend THE ANGEL INN to every friend. What though the Painting grows decay'd? The house will never lose its trade: Nay, though the treacherous capster Thomas, Hangs a new Angel, two doors from us, As fine as Dauber's hands can make it, In hopes that Strangers may mistake it, We think it both a shame and sin, To QUIT THE THESE OLD ANGEL INN."

If the curiosity of Philadelphia can be kindled, and the patronage of an opulent city be gained, The Lay Preacher proposes shortly to renew his fermenting strain, and, once a week, publish, in the pamphlet-form, his own meditations, together with much and various literature, derived from original writers at home, or from the purist sources abroad. Preparatory to the Prospectus, or the publication of this work, it is proper to exhibit a few specimens to those, who are strangers to the file of its Editor. In this Gazette, and in a few succeeding ones, may be seen a sample of his sermons. Fortunate will it be for their author, if they receive the approbation of the LONDON of America. He will then find himself animated by new hopes, and invigorated to higher exertion.

"And Itai answered the king, and said, As the Lord liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be."

THE book of Samuel is crowded with interesting narratives. The story of the ascendant and defection of Abalom is full of incident, and exhibits a forcible moral. The clergy have ever found, in his revolt and its consequences, a copious theme for grave remark, and pious meditation. STERNE, whose pen was a pencil, has grouped king David and his attendants, in conformation and sorrow, flying over the brook Cedron toward the way of the wilderness. The Lay Preacher, humbly gleaming after such laborers, has picked up one incident picturesque, pathetic, honorable to humanity. A portrait, that has such features, merits an exhibition. From the Cabinet of the Bible then let it be produced; and, if placed in a good light, the rude man, as well as the connoisseur, will style it enchanting.

As a cover for fraud or violence, religious, perhaps more frequently than political pre-

texts, have been employed by the hypocrite of every age. Abalom was too cunning an impostor not to know that a show of piety would be highly operative with his father David. Anxious to fet up the standard of rebellion in Hebron, a city of malcontents, the royal revoler prays that he might be permitted to go thither to pay his vows. The credulous king consents. Abalom is attended with the usual crowd, studious of change and confusion. Some of those counsellors, in whose loyalty the king probably reposed entire confidence, abandon their duty and their sovereign, and follow the fortunes of the usurper. The dark plot thickens. The conspirators increase. The mournful tidings of a son's criminality reach at length the afflicted sire. The baleful cry of treason rang in the palace. The perturbed king urges the necessity of flight. He and his household accordingly flee from the city. Interesting fugitives! You were not the victims of common fear, you were not a disordered rout, on the retreat from a chafing conqueror; you were kind companions, and fellow mourners, and as you ascended together the steep of Mount Olivet let fall "kindly drops, which pity had engendered."

Though it might be expected that those, immediately about the person of David, whose affections he could easily engage, or whose obedience he could sternly require, would be the partners of his flight, yet in such a dubious hour, the strangers at Jerusalem, the wealthy, the politic, the timid would keep aloof, till more tranquil times should come round again.

But Itai, the Gittite, had such a warm heart, that he never balanced in his cautious head the pros and cons of this selfish philosophy. This man did not linger a moment on the bank of the brook to consider the hazard he ran, or the probability that he should lose his head, if Abalom's banners proved victorious. The time serving Shimei made many a syllogism, in this prudent logic; Itai's process of reasoning was more summary; for "he passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him."

Though a kingdom and a child's affections were fast fading away before the sight of David, and we might easily suppose him absorbed in his calamities, he was not so sunk in the trance of woe, not to remark the prompt fidelity of Itai. But such zeal, at such a season, and from such a quarter, appeared enigmatical—"Wherefore goest thou also with us? For thou art a stranger, and also an exile. Whereas thou comest but yesterday. Should I this day make thee go up and down with us? Seeing I go whither I may. Return thou and take back thy brethren: Mercy and truth be with thee."

Dr. CAMPBELL censure the paraphrastic style, and the Lay Preacher is averse to verbosity. The above address of the king is so tersely expressed, that a little expansion, though diminishing the force, may add to the perspicuity of the passage.

Is it possible, Itai, that you are one of my unfortunate associates? How can you leave the delights of a city, for the way of the wilderness, and prefer danger with me to future honours from Abalom? You are a stranger, how comest thou then for Jerusalem? You have been an exile, whence then thy nationality. Return thou good; but deluded man; why shouldst thou wander with David and tempt perdition. I am here desolate and despaired; soon, perhaps, to perish by the steel, or, still sharper, the ingratitude of a child. I desperately fly, I know not where. But let not thy rash loyalty trace my perplexed paths. For thy zeal receive—my heart. But leave me, and make thy peace with the usurper. May Mercy plead with him thy forgiveness. May Truth attest thy virtue.

To so noble a friend and faithful follower such a remonstrance would add constancy. Tell Itai of danger and he half unheathes his sword. He prefers hazardous allegiance to criminal submission, and would rather, with bare and bleeding feet go up the ascent of Olivet, than be captain of the host at seditious Hebron.

Survey, my readers, this grand historical picture, designed by a great master—a prophet. It is more glowing than the canvases of RUBENS, more sublime than the cartoons of RAPHAEL.—It is the portrait of a Friend in adversity.

THE LAY PREACHER. APPOINTMENT—BY AUTHORITY. John Hall, Esq. Marshal of the district of Pennsylvania, vice William Nichols, Esq. resigned. Wilson, C. Nichols, Esq. of Virginia, is elected Senator in the Congress of the United States, in the room of Henry Tazewell, Esq. deceased. Married, on Sunday evening last, Mr. Peter Hagner, to Miss Nicholas, daughter of the late Major Samuel Nicholas.

President's Replication to the Senate. Gentlemen of the Senate, I THANK you for this Address. I wish you all possible success and satisfaction in your deliberations on the means which have a tendency to promote and extend our national interests and happiness—and I assure you, that in all your measures, directed to those great objects, you may at all times rely with the highest confidence on my cordial co-operation. The praise of the Senate so judiciously conferred on the promptitude and zeal of the troops, called to suppress the insurrection, as it falls from so high authority, must make a deep impression, both as a terror to the disobedient and an encouragement to such as do well. JOHN ADAMS. United States, December 10, 1799.

To the House. Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

THIS very respectful Address from the Representatives of the people of the United States, at their first assembly, after a fresh election, under the strong impression of the public opinion and national sense, at this interesting and singular crisis of our public affairs, has excited my sensibility and receives my sincere and grateful acknowledgments.

As long as we can maintain with harmony and affection, the honor of our country, consistently with its peace, externally and internally, while that is attainable, or in war, when that becomes necessary—assert its real independence and sovereignty, and support the constitutional energies and dignity of its government—we may be perfectly sure under the smiles of Divine Providence, that we shall effectually promote and extend our national interests and happiness.

The applause of the Senate and House of Representatives, so justly bestowed upon the volunteers and militia, for their zealous and active co-operation with the judicial power, which has restored order and submission to the laws, as it comes with peculiar weight and propriety from the legislature, cannot fail to have an extensive and permanent effect, for the support of government, upon all those ingenious minds, who receive delight from the approving and animating voice of their country.

JOHN ADAMS. United States, December 10, 1799.

BALTIMORE, December 10. By the arrival of Capt. Foster, from St. Jago, in 20 days, we are favoured with the following:

On the 5th November, the Boston Frigate, capt. Little, chased on shore a French Ship called the Egyptian, mounting 40 brass guns, and carrying 250 men, and on the 7th, took a small lugger, with swivels and muskets, carrying 30 men.

NORFOLK, Dec. 3. THE LAUNCH. Yesterday at half past one o'clock, in the presence of a great concourse of people; was safely launched into her element the United States frigate Chesapeake, of 44 guns, commanded by Samuel Barron Esq.

Every preparation was made for launching this ship the preceding day, but the tallow on her ways being frozen, and the weather extremely cold, the contractor, Mr. Fox, after having knocked away her shores, and the blocks being removed from under her, finding she started and went a few feet but slowly, thought it most prudent to secure the ship and wait a more favorable opportunity (especially as she had to go over some new made ground) which yesterday presented, when at the critical moment she glided into six fathom water.

The Chesapeake's keel was laid on the 10th day of December last; 265 working days only have been taken to complete her, and the number of carpenters that received full pay has never exceed twenty. As to the mould, strength and beauty, of this frigate, we shall not be afraid to have even the eye of prejudice to pass on them its judgment.

Gazette Marine List. Port of Philadelphia.

Table with columns for ARRIVED, DEPARTED, and CLEARED, listing ship names, captains, and destinations.

Ship Old Tom, Morton, Londonderry; Harry, Boyd, South America; Brig Sally, Mason, do; Abigail, Knox, Cork & Waterford; Scher. Dick, Richards, P. Republicain; Dolphin, Peckham, Charleston; Franklin, Grinnett, Alexandria; Sloop Morning Star, Denny, Newport; Captain Parker arrived yesterday from St. Kitts, informs, that on his passage out, off the island of Nevis, he was boarded by a boat from the United States brig Pickering, the crew of which informed, that the Pickering had the same afternoon captured a French privateer schooner, of 18 nine and six pounders, which she had sent for St. Bartholomews.

The crew of the boat further informed, capt. P. that the Pickering had lost three men in the action, and that the first broadside from her had killed twenty of the privateer's crew. Ship Dispatch, Bennets, for Batavia, went to sea on Wednesday last. Ship Thomas Chalkley, Kenners, has arrived at Surinam, from Demarara. The following vessels went to sea on Monday last, viz.

Ships Belvidere, Rofs, for London; Margers, Hawley, Batavia; Wm. Penn, Volans, do. Liberty, Corran, do. and South Carolina, Garman, for Charleston; brigs F. Hebe, Brewton, for St. Croix; Molly, Harding, Rio de la Plata, Nancy, Wood, Jamaica; Maria, Woodward, La Guira. On Monday the ship Charlotte, Cowperthwait, for Norfolk; brigs Flora, Ciewell, for Cape Francois; sch. Eliza, Odlin, do. and sch. Elizabeth, Hughes, do. under convoy of the United States brig, Augusta, captain M. Elroy.

PRICES OF STOCKS. PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 9.

Table listing prices for various stocks including Bank of America, Pennsylvania, and others.

COURSE OF EXCHANGE. London, 51 at 30 days; 50 at 60 & 90 days; Amsterdam, 35 37 & 100 per florin; Hamburg 30 23 & 100 per Mark Banco.

WASHINGTON LOTTERY, NUMBER 11. List of Blanks and Prizes. Drawing No. 190.

Large table listing lottery numbers and prizes, including columns for numbers and prize amounts.

A YOUNG MAN. ACQUAINTED with the West-India trade, wishes to be employed as a Supercargo. He will engage on moderate terms. Satisfactory recommendation will be produced.

A line directed to A. B. left at the Printing Office will be immediately attended to. December 12.

Philadelphia & Lancaster Turnpike Company. December 12 1799.

NOTICE. THE Stockholders are to meet at their Office, at 10 o'clock, on Monday the 13th January next, to choose their officers agreeable to law. Wm. GOVETT, Secretary. December 12. m&f.4w.

Insurance Company of North America. THE STOCKHOLDERS ARE hereby informed that a Stated Meeting of the Company will be held at their Office on the 14th day of January next (being the second Tuesday in the month) for the election of twenty-five Directors for the ensuing year. EBEN HAZARD, Secretary. December 12. m&th.114J.

MADEIRA WINE. THE Subscriber, has just received a quantity of HILL'S First Quality London Particular Wine, in Pipes, Hds. and Quarter Casks. GIDION HILL WELLS. Philadelphia, Nov. 12. 31w21m.

Publ. Notice. IS Herby Given, that I have applied by petition to the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland county, for the benefit of the sd. of Assembly made for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, passeth the fourth day of April, 1798, and the said Court have appointed the first Monday of January next at the Court House in the borough of Carlisle a hearing of me and my creditors, at which time and place they may attend if they think proper. ANDREW CULBERTSON. December 6. 2aw14J.

Schuylkill Permain Bridge. THE STOCKHOLDERS ARE hereby notified, that an Election for a President, twelve Directors and a Treasurer, will be held at their office, N. 23 North Fifth Street, on MONDAY the 6th day of January next, at 10 o'clock. JOHN DORSEY, Secretary pro tem. December 4, 1799. 2aw16E.

MEDFORD AND WILLIS, Have received, since their late Advertisement—

- 282 Crates Queens Ware, 200 Calks-Nails, 6 Trunks-Madras Pullicatte, 2 Cafes Cloves, 1 Trunk Silk Hosiery, 1 Bale Superfine Broad Cloaths, 16 Bales White, Blue and Green, Kendal Cottons, 10 Bales Bocking Baize, ON HAND, 2 Bales Spotted and Green Rugs, 1 Trunk Scarlet Cardinals, 2 Bales Sail Canvas, 5 Trunks Gingham, 11 Tons Petersburg Hemp.

* * * Orders, remittances or communications for the following Houses, for whom Medford and Willis are agents, may still pass through their medium, viz. John and Robert Holt and Co.—Rochdale, William Dobbs—Leicester, Claud Johnson—Birmingham.

Enquire of JOHN DORSEY. December 10. 3aw8w.

THE REV. ROBERT ANDREWS Has opened a SCHOOL No. 110, Walnut Street, IN WHICH

YOUNG GENTLEMEN will be instructed by him in the different branches of Classical and Polite Literature, viz. the English, Latin and Greek Languages, History, Antiquities, Geography, the Use of the Globes, Arithmetic, and the Practical Branches of the Mathematics. Unquestionable testimonials can be given of Mr. A.'s experience and qualifications as a Teacher. November 7. w&fif.

FOR SALE, By SIMON WALKER, No. 78 Walnut Street,

ENGLISH PORTER and Brown Stout, in casks of 6 dozen each, Tin Plates, Sheet, bar and pig Lead, Cannon with carriages complete, 4, 6, 9 and 12 pounders, Shot, round, double headed and cannister, Iron Crow Bars, Cutlass, boarding Files, Muskets and Pistols, Rough Brimstone, Cream of Tartar, Porter, Wine and Claret Bottles, Six Invoices of Earthen Ware, each about thirty crates, assorted, White and red Lead, yellow and black Paint, and Spanish Brown, Russian Brilles, Hardware and Sadlery, assorted in casks, An Invoice of German Platillas and Britannias. December 3. ec6w.

One hundred Pipes and quarter Casks Wine Vinegar, London Porter in Casks of 6 and 8 Doz. Brown Stout do. do. Spanish Segars in Boxes, Dried Peaches in Barrels.

FOR SALE, By BENJAMIN W. MORRIS, WHO HAS A Commodious Warehouse, In Pear Street, To let by the Month or Year. November 29. 12teod.

Fifty Barrels Pippin Apples, In good order for shipping, AND A few Barrels Dried Peaches FOR SALE, At the corner of Dock and Pear Street. December 4. d6t.

LAWRENCE SECKEL, HAS FOR SALE, At No. 15 1/2, Market-Street,

Superior London Particular, Madeira, } WINES, Old Sherry, Port & Lisbon, } Best flavored old Coniac Brandy, Jamaica Spirits and Holland Gin. By the pipe, quarter cask or gallon. ALSO, A few Tons of excellent Hay. Nov. 30. d1w-c02w.

WILLIAM SHEAFF HAS FOR SALE, At No. 168 High Street, wholesale & retail, FIRST QUALITY

Madiera of the vintages of '92 to '97 } WINES, Old Sherry, Port and Lisbon, } First and second proof old Coniac Brandy, Jamaica Spirits. ALSO, A few Tons of Upland and Meadow Hay. December 2. d6t.

WILLIAM HUDSON, No. 8 Chesnut Street,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friend and the public, that he has received by the late arrivals from Europe, in addition to his former Stock, A complete Assortment of Goods, which are now opening, suitable for the approaching season; Amongst which are—

- Superfine Cloths and Callimere, Double milled Drab Cloths, Superfine Nap Cloths, assorted colors, Blue and Drap Plains, Swansdowns and Swanskins, Drapery, Balfes, assorted colors, Blue, green, white and spotted Bockings, Blue and grey Coatings, Scarfs, white, red and yellow Flannels, Velvets, Thickets, Corduroys, and fancy Goods. Striped elastic Cloths and Coatings, Fancy Marcellines Waistcoatings, Mens' and Womens' fine worsted Hosi, do. do. worsted Gloves and Mitts. Mens' Socks, Calimancoes, Durants & Joans Spinnings, 6 Bales of Rose Blankets, completely assorted, by the bale, &c. &c. Nov. 6. d6pt.