

MR. FENNO,

I saw several pieces in your papers, published when the citizens were dispersed by the late visitation, on the subject of the Schuylkill Bridge; and a proposal for establishing a village, or villages of retreat from the city, in times of calamity, or in the hot season of the summer, when no others than the common maladies prevailed.

December 17, 1799.

ASULON.

A Retreat from the Yellow Fever.

While the Citizens of Philadelphia are making laudable exertions to protect their City, from the dreadful Invasions of their annual visitant, the yellow fever, it is surprising they do not turn their attention to provide a safe and commodious place of refuge, from the scene of its ravages.

I do not pretend to dictate, or exclusively fix on any particular spot, to which the citizens should pay more attention, than to another. But some such place, or places, should be sought; and every person wishing to contribute to the safety of the citizens, should be indulged with a candid hearing.

Post office would be at hand. Private would establish temporary offices. Schools might be opened during the times of pestilence in the city, or constantly during the heats of summer. This would invite settlers and prevent the interruption of education; which is not a small evil produced by the infection of the city.

Let every one, who chooses to turn his thoughts to the subject, endeavour to fix on a site. Without having a foot of land there, for this village, I have thought of the spot on the West side of Schuylkill, opposite Market-street, on the high grounds, at the junction, or near it, of the Western and Southern roads, leading over the bridge at Market-street.

The passage of the bridge or river, might be easily guarded, to prevent communication, if any deplorable circumstances required it. The very inconvenient and dangerous bridge over the Schuylkill is an objection.—But how shameful is it that a permanent bridge is not built? It is a disgrace to such a city, that this work has been so long neglected. I am told now, that it only waits for subscriptions to the stock of the company, authorized by law to make this erection.

Whether this proposition is or is not well received, it is well intended. If it sets better heads to thinking on some more eligible plan, or to assist in effectuating this, I shall not be mortified if those who do not like it, call me

A PROJECTOR. September 1799.

PUZZLING QUESTIONS.

The 1st section of the 2d article of the Constitution of Pennsylvania says, "The Supreme Executive Power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a Governor."

Who then will be Governor from the 17th to the 20th of the present month?

The third Tuesday of December in the year 1796 was the 20th day of the month, on that day the office of the present Governor, under his last election, commenced, and the Constitution expressly declares, that he shall hold his office during three years from the time, which cannot be if it expires on the 17th.

The 3d Tuesday of December in the present year will be the 17th of the month, and the Constitution is equally explicit that the Governor elect shall hold his office during three years from that time, which cannot be, if it is not to commence until the 20th of the month.

Are we then to have two Governors from the 17th to the 20th of the present month? It seems not, because the Constitution says, "The Supreme Executive Power shall be

vested in a Governor, and of course it cannot be vested in more governors than one. Are we then from this uncertainty and contradiction to be without a Governor from the 17th to the 20th of the month? It seems not, since the Constitution is equally explicit in favour of two of them.

Which of the two shall it then be, the present Governor, or the Governor elect? This question seems to be both puzzling and important.—Puzzling from what has already been said, and important as it concerns the appointing to offices, and the approving and executing of laws.

MARRIED.—Last Evening, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Pennsylvania, DAVID MONTAGU ERSKINE, Esq. son of the Hon. Thomas Erskine, to Miss FANNY CADWALADER, youngest daughter of the late General Cadwalader.

CONGRESS. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 16.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed to enquire whether any and what provision ought to be made for the punishment of such persons as may be discovered in making attempts to alienate the affections of the Indians on our frontiers from the United States, reported "a bill for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes," which was read a first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole on Wednesday.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary, informing the House, that the Senate had passed an act intitled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," and "An act for reviving and continuing suits and proceedings in the circuit court for the district of Pennsylvania," to which they requested the concurrence of the House.

The former was read a first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole for to-morrow. The latter was read a third time and passed. Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Elections to whom were referred the credentials of William Henry Harrison, Esq. a delegate from the N. W. Territory, made a report, which concluded with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That William Henry Harrison, a delegate from the Territory of the United States N. W. of the river Ohio, be admitted to have a seat in this House with the right of debating, but not of voting," which was read a first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole this day, and passed.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported "a bill providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," which was read a first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Thursday next.

Mr. Griswold, from the same committee also reported "a bill supplementary to the act intitled, 'an act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,'" which was read a first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole for to-morrow.

Mr. H. Lee, moved the following resolution which was adopted by the house, viz. "Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary to be made in the Militia Law of the United States."

In prefaceing his motion, gen. Lee said he wished to call the attention of the house to a subject highly interesting to the citizens of the United States, and deserving the serious attention of its legislature. He tho't the system heretofore pursued was radically wrong—and viewed every measure which was not predicated on the wishes of the people, as answering but little effect. He wished to see that system of defence, which growing out of nature, shall enable all men to serve without injuring their families.—The youth of our country should alone be called upon, who would be found sufficiently aequale for its defence. Seventeen and 26 were the ages of which the defenders of our country should consist.—When father and son are arrayed in the same ranks, a wavering must take place, and present an opportunity for an impression from the enemy.—Adjourned.

A Quantity of Dry Goods ARE WANTED.

FOR which real Estate in the Northern Liberties of this city, (a good Stand for Baffins) will be given in payment; the bids is clear and good, and is now for a short time lot, but possession will be given in about six months. Enquire at the Office of this Gazette. December 17

CITY OF WASHINGTON. THE POSSESSORS OF OBLIGATIONS OR CERTIFICATES

signed by the subscriber, or undivided shares or Lots on his purchase within the city of Washington, who have not yet applied for and received their Deeds, are hereby notified, that their several Titles will be duly completed to the order of those who in conformity with the terms of the said Certificates, do make the Payments in full therefor, either to Thomas M. Egan & Co. or to the subscriber at Philadelphia, on or at any time before the 31st day of May next. Samuel Blodget. December 17

A GENTLE APARTMENT To be Let, ready furnished.

To accommodate one or two Gentlemen and their Servants with or without boardings, consisting of a dining room, two bed rooms, dressing room and livery room in a private family. Enquire at No. 235 South Second Street. December 16

NOTICE. ALL persons indebted to the estate of WILLIAM McDONALD, late of the city of Philadelphia, Taylor, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment; and all persons having any demands against the said estate are desired to render their accounts, duly attested, for settlement, to ANN MACDONALD, Administratrix. December 16.

MEDFORD AND WILLIS, Have received since their late Advertisement— 282 Crates Queens Ware, 200 Casks Nails, 6 Trunks Madras Pullicatts, 2 Cases Gloves, 1 Trunk Silk Hosiery, 1 Bale Superfine Broad Cloaths, 16 Bales White, Blue and Green, Kendall 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 D. Ebbes—Leicester, Claud Johnson—Birmingham. Enquire of JOHN DORSEY. December 10.

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.

FOR LONDON, THE SHIP ROEBUCK, Has the greater part of her cargo engaged, and will sail with all expedition. For freight or passage apply to THOMAS or JOHN CLIFFORD. Philadelphia, Dec. 13.

Philadelphia & Lancaster Turnpike Company. December 12, 1799. NOTICE. The Stockholders are to meet at their Office, at 10 o'clock, on Monday the 19th January next, to choose their officers agreeable to law. Wm. GOVETT, Secretary. December 12.

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.

Schuylkill Permanent Bridge. THE STOCKHOLDERS ARE hereby notified, that an Election for a President, twelve Directors and a Treasurer, will be held at their office, No. 23 North Fifth Street, on MONDAY the 6th day of January next, at 10 o'clock. JOHN DORSEY, Secretary pro tem. December 4 1799.

LAWRENCE SECKEL, HAS FOR SALE, At No. 155, Market St. c. Superior London Particular, Madeira, WINES, Old Sherry, Port & Lisbon, Best flavored old Cognac Brandy, Jamaica Spirits and Holland Gin.—By the pipe, quarter cask or gallon. A few Tons of excellent Hay. Nov. 30.

Several Lots of Land To be sold, at the Coffee House, on Tuesday, the 24th December inst. at 6 o'clock, in the evening. PART of that Tract, known by the name of Master's Estate. They are laid out upon roads to communicate with Fourth Street continued and Turner's lane, and contain from 4 to 6 acres. The situations are equal to any around the city for beauty of prospect, convenience of distance, or advantages of future improvements and rise in value. A plan may be seen at the Coffee House, and the conditions will be made known at the time of sale. JOHN CONNELLY, Auctioneer. December 14.

FOR SALE, A strong, hearty Young Negro Man, About 24 years of age, Is of a good disposition and is accustomed to all kinds of House Work and is an excellent Washer. For further particulars enquire at No. 239, Market Street. December 13.

A YOUNG MAN ACCOINTED 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.

JOSEPH D. DRINKER DEGS leave to inform his friends and the public that he has taken into partnership DANIEL BARTOW. Their Mercantile Concerns will, in consequence, be conducted under the firm of DRINKER AND BARTOW. Who have just imported, per the West Point, arrived at New York, the Amiable Creole, and other late arrivals at this port from Hamburg, A VARIETY OF GERMAN GOODS, Consisting of the following Articles, viz. Tucklenburghs, Creas, a la Morhaix, Dowlas, 3-4, 7-8, 4-4 & 8-8ths wide Flanders Sheetings, Silesia ditto, Rouan ditto, Brown and white Flatillas, Britanias, Weigarnige Linens, 7-8 & 4-4 Silesia Sheetings, assorted, Diaper and Dimack Taule Cloths, Clouting Diapers, Diaper Zwillich, Oil Cloths, Glass Tumblers, Quarts, Pints and Half Pints, &c. &c. Also, For the Extra from London, Russia Sheetings, Ravens Duck, Men, Women and Children's Welsh yarn Hoft.

All which they offer for sale at their Store, No. 61 North Front Street, either by the package or smaller quantity, at the most reasonable rates, for cash or notes at short date. November 20.

The Subscribers HAVE for sale at their Store, No. 5, Chestnut street, the following articles, viz. Russia Hemp and Duck, First quality, Bolton do. no. 1 and 2, A small invoice of well assorted cordage, First and fourth proof Brandy, in pipses, Madeira Wine in pipes and half pipes, Claret in cases, New England Rum in hhd's, Winter strained, Spermaceti Oil and Candles, and a few quarter chests of Hyson Tea, of a superior quality, latest importation. JOSEPH ANTHONY & Co. November 16.

MATTHEW MCCONNELL Having opened an Office in Chestnut street, (A few doors above Fourth) At No. 141, AND again commenced the Business of Notary public, in the various kinds of Public Stock, Bills of Exchange, &c. &c. Engages to do every thing in his power to give satisfaction to those who may think proper to employ him. He means to confine his transactions to the Agency and Commission line, in all such business as is common to the profession. The purchase and sale of Houses and Lots in and near the City will be attended to, and also of Lands, when that business again revives. November 10.

THE SUBSCRIBER Having explored the Land laid off for satisfying the Warrants due to the Officers and Soldiers who served in the war between the United States and Great Britain, PROPOSES to locate Warrants to the best advantage, on being allowed a reasonable compensation. He will attend at Philadelphia at the time of locating; and as not less than 4000 acres can be registered or located, will receive any number of warrants less than that amount, and class them with others so as to make up the quantity required. The subscriber proposes also to attend on the land immediately after locating, and show any section in which he may be employed. Letters or warrants addressed to Alexander Addison, Esq. Pittsburgh, until the 31st day of January next, or to the subscriber at Washington, Pennsylvania, any time previous to the 17th Dec. and from that day until the 15th day of February next, at the Post Office, Philadelphia, will be attended to. December 4.

Wm. MCLUNEY, cotj. WILLIAM SHEAFF HAS FOR SALE, At No. 168, High Street, wholesale & retail, FIRST QUALITY Madeira of the vintages of '92 to '97 WINES, Oll Sherry, Port and Lisbon First and fourth proof old Cognac Brandy, Jamaica Spirits. ALSO, A few Tons of Upland and Meadow Hay, December 2.

TWO TRUNKS PRINTED COTTONS, Suted to the West India Market, and entitled to drawback—For sale by GEORGE WILLIAMS, No. 103, High Street. ALSO, Nine hundred pair of American strong made SHOES, together with sundry other articles. Dec. 4.

FOR SALE, SEVERAL VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS, Near the corner of Arch and Ninth Streets. ALSO, To be Sold or Let, A number of excellent Pasture Lots, On the Wilkeson road, about half a mile from the city. Enquire at No. 30 North Sixth Street. November 15.