

Foreign Intelligence.

LONDON, November 20. ADMIRALTY OFFICE, Nov. 18.

Copy of a letter from Captain Macnamara, of His Majesty's ship Cerberus, to Admiral Kingmill.

"Cerberus, off St. Andre, Oct. 12, 1799.

SIR,

On the 20th, at 5 P. M. Cape Ortugal bearing S. S. W. or 9 leagues, a fleet was discovered from our mast-head, standing to the S. E. I stood toward them, and at 3 P. M. I hailed one of the leading frigates, and, nearly touching, brought her to action. The enemy now seemed only to wish to join his Squadron to leeward, as he was making sail for that purpose, and his fire was not very brisk. To obviate his intentions, I wore, and engaged him under his lee. At half past 8, his fire was completely silenced; but all my efforts to take possession of him were rendered fruitless, by the rest of his Squadron coming up to support him, which I now found to consist of five frigates and two brigs. On hauling up, to prevent being raked, we nearly fell on board of one of them, and carried away her main top-sail yard. Thus engaged till half past 9 o'clock, the greatest part of that time keeping up a fire on both sides, I was under the mortifying necessity to haul off. I then laid hold of one of their convoys, which I was obliged to let fire to, as the enemy's Squadron was within a mile, standing towards us, ready to support each other. That very zealous officer, Lieut. Stackpole, performed this service in the jolly boat, blowing hard, and in a heavy sea. The Cerberus only suffered in her sails and rigging, and four men wounded; which I attribute to the confusion which a close and steady fire, and an unexpected attack, must have thrown the enemy into. I observed, in the latter part of the action, some of their frigates fired whole broadsides without shot. I have to regret I had not another frigate with me, as in that case, I am confident I should have destroyed the greatest part of the enemy's convoys, and have taken some of their men of war.

I need not say that the officers and ship's company of His Majesty's ship under my command, shewed themselves cool and intrepid men; and though I have not been fortunate enough to take any of the enemy's Squadron, I hope I may be allowed to speak of the able assistance I received from Lieut. Stackpole on the quarter deck, and the spirit and alacrity with which he executed all my orders, during an action in which manoeuvre was so necessary to prevent the enemy from having that advantage over us which so great a superiority must otherwise have given them. The names of the ships compelling the enemy's Squadron, I herewith send you, as given to me by the prisoners taken out of the ship we burned.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JAMES MACNAMARA, Admiral Kingmill, &c. &c.

THE SPANISH SQUADRON.

Table with columns for Ship Name, Guns, and other details. Includes La Ceres, La Nymph, La Diana, L'Emeralda, La Mercedes, L'Artoche, La Belonga.

BRITISH LITERATURE.

Mr. Southey is engaged in a metrical romance on the destruction of the Don Daniel, under the title Thalaba, the destroyer.

Mr. Joseph Cooper Walker is arranging materials for an essay on the revival of the drama in Italy; by way of supplement to his "Historical memoirs on Italian Tragedy."

Major Ouseley's translation of the Mefazek Memlek, a geographical MS, originally written in Arabic, will be forth coming with the new year. It contains curious and accurate descriptions of Persia, Arabia, part of Hindostan, Transoxania, Syria, Egypt, Barbary, and other parts of Africa.

WOMEN AT PARIS.

[From a French Journal.]

Never were women of ton more lightly clothed, and never was white so fashionable. Soap is become so less indispensable than bread. Our fair females are covered with transparent shawls, which float and flutter over their shoulders and upon their bosoms, which are seen through them; with gauze veils, which conceal one half of the face to pique our curiosity, and with robes so light, so loose, so thin, that the wearers seem to be almost naked. In this Sylph's dresses they run from place to place all the morning, noon, and night; one sees nothing but white shades flitting through every street; it is the dresses of the ancient veils; and our women resemble Ifigenia in Aulis on the point of being immolated.

How enriched must the East India Company be by the sale of these articles, which are inseparable from the toilets of the fair; for them, art furnishes an eternal spring; for them, the concerts of Paphos and the music of Idalia enchant the ear; in voluptuous indolence they pervade every part of the metropolis, appear at every public place, frequent every theatre, are seen every where, and remain long no where. In their light cars, they fly along the streets, and the

morning dawn only to give the signal or the taste of a new pleasure, an extraordinary spectacle, a dressed ball, or an aërostatic ascension with appropriate music, loud when the balloon begins to mount, diminishing the sound as it ascends, and when it is nearly out of sight, ravishing the soul by notes dying away in the softest cadence, and in murmurs scarcely to be heard. At all these sights these white shades are seen—they pass before our eyes, like the fine figures of a picture; they appear to be without hands, but they speak with their eyes.

What must we think of these dresses, these daily promenades, this assiduous attendance at public places? Our women of ton occupy all the first seats, and we see them again at the illuminations. Does Pachtolus roll his stream through Paris? Who pays for all these pleasures? Does the capital contain more millions than any other city in the world? And are the women of Paris the only ones in the universe who enjoy the privilege of diverting themselves without ceasing, and of never working? To read romances, to dance, to do nothing, are the three rules which they scrupulously observe. The time is past in which their clothes were the works of their hands. Needlework is unknown to them, and they think themselves born for enjoyments renewed without ceasing, and never interrupted.

Among no people, in no time, in no city, have women ever enjoyed such an independence, or devoted themselves to such indolence.

Plato says, in his book upon laws, that the secret of increasing the number of men one half would be to employ women in the same exercises as men. Plato says the beautiful Louisa was a very impertinent fellow.

Is it the revolution that has been the signal of this excessive liberty? Twenty years ago young women would not have stirred a step from home without their mothers; they walked as it were under their wings; their eyes modestly thrown upon the ground. The man whom they dared to look at was the one whom they were permitted to hope or to choose for a husband. Has the revolution changed this subordination? Now they run about morning and evening in full liberty—to dress, to walk, play, laugh, draw cards, dispute about their adores, such are their occupations. No scissars, no thimbles; they know no wound but that inflicted by the arrow of cupid, and those wounds are so slight! Satisfied with having nothing to fear from the confessional, they nurse their children openly, and carry them to the Municipality without fear. There is no public walk in which we do not see children of nearly two years old, playing on the knees of the mother of eighteen. The public place swarms with these innocent creatures, who announce a new regime and the absolute destruction of all former ideas.

Who can calculate the effects of this new system of love, of this new career opened to passion to active ever of itself? What powerful objects of seduction must a ribbon, a hat with flowers, or a robe become, in a city where balls are in a state of permanence, to which girls of twelve years of age are suffered to go often alone? The most improper books get into their hands, the poisonous foam of false philosophy comes from their lips, and debauchery is mistaken for love. Debauchery is erected into a system; and untimely unions can only promise and prepare a weak and feeble generation.

Advertisement for Cape Francois, The Brigantine GEORGE, owned by William Bell, Master.

Advertisement for City of Washington, The Possessors of Obligations or Certificates signed by the subscriber.

Advertisement for Samuel Blodget, December 17.

Advertisement for Richard Oldham, Administrator, January 30.

Advertisement for CLEMENT BIDDLE, February 13.

Advertisement for a Certificate of one Share of the Bank of the United States, No. 29120.

Advertisement for 'Authentic Life of Suworow', 'JUST PUBLISHED, AND FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE, A SKETCH OF THE Life and Character OF PRINCE ALEXANDER SUWOROW RYMNICKSKI, Field-Marshal General in the service of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of all the Russias, WITH The History of his Campaigns. Translated from the German of Frederick Antbing. To which is added, A concise and comprehensive History of His Italian Campaign. By William Cobbett. With an elegant Print-Portrait of that renowned Warrior. [Price 2 1/2 Dollars.] Portrait of Marshal Suworow. Gentlemen desirous of possessing a capital likeness, executed in the first style, of this illustrious Christian Chief-tain, may be furnished with particular proof impressions, at this office, price one Dollar. February 12.

Advertisement for General Washington's Will, JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE, BY J. ORMROD, No. 41, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia—Price 12 1/2 Cents.

Advertisement for The Will OF GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, To which is annexed, A Schedule of his Property, Directed to be Sold, February 12.

Advertisement for A valuable Estate for sale, IN VIRGINIA.

Advertisement for THE NORWICH LANDS, MILLS, AND APPENDAGES.

Advertisement for THIS ESTATE, situated in the county of Henrico, on Four Mile Creek.

Advertisement for The mill consists of three pair of bur stones for the grinding of wheat, and one pair of stones for grinding of corn.

Advertisement for CONNELLY & Co., Philadelphia, 14th Feb.

Advertisement for Notice is hereby Given, THAT in pursuance of a writ to me directed from the hon. Richard Peters, Judge of the District Court of Pennsylvania.

Advertisement for JOHN HALL, Marshal, Marshal's Office, February 6.

Advertisement for Military Land Warrants.

Advertisement for THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS his services to the holders of Military Land Warrants.

Advertisement for DAVID ROSS, Richmond, February 5.

Advertisement for LOST, ON Thursday the 13th inst. a small Red Morocco POCKET BOOK, with silver clasps.

Advertisement for NICKLIN AND GRIFFITH, HAVE FOR SALE, 10 small chests of Ginghams, 4 ditto of colored Mullinets, 4 bales of St. Bernard Serges, 4 ditto of Cambiats, 10 ditto of colored and white Cambreres, 14 trunks of printed Calicoes.

Advertisement for SALES OF LANDS AND SHARES IN THE Population & Asylum Companies.

Advertisement for LANDS, Where situated, Equinunk, Northampton co. do.

Table listing various lands and shares with columns for Acres, Pounds, and Where situated. Includes Equinunk, Lehawaxen, Buttermilk Falls, Luzerne, etc.

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Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, ON SATURDAY, The 1st of March next, at 6 o'clock in the evening, will be sold by Public Auction at the City Coffee House, the following valuable REAL ESTATE, No. 1. A THREE STORY BRICK HOUSE, WITH extensive three story brick buildings, situated in Front below Pine Street.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, No. 2. A THREE STORY BRICK HOUSE, adjoining the above, being 32 feet 8 inches in front, and 54 feet 6 inches in depth.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, No. 3. A THREE STORY BRICK HOUSE, adjoining the above, the dimensions and plan as the house No. 1, except that the back buildings are only 45 feet in depth.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, No. 4. A LOT OF GROUND, 34 feet 8 inches front, and 37 feet in depth, upon a court leading into Lombard Street.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, No. 5. A LOT OF GROUND, adjoining the above, and of the same dimensions, TWELVE LOTS OF GROUND, situate in Lombard Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets in Delaware, containing each 18 feet front upon Lombard Street, and 120 feet in depth to a 20 feet alley leading into Sixth Street.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, A LOT OF GROUND, containing 114 feet on Lombard Street, and 130 feet on Eighth Street from the Delaware, with the privilege of a 22 feet alley running parallel to Lombard Street.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, A LOT OF GROUND, adjoining the above, containing 168 feet on Lombard Street, and 130 feet in depth to the above-mentioned alley, and with the privilege of the same.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, A LOT OF GROUND, containing 114 feet on Pine Street and 130 feet on Eighth Street from Delaware, with the privilege of a 22 feet alley.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, A LOT OF GROUND, in the District of Southwark, bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at the corner of Thomas Wharton's land on the south side of Carpenter Street.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, ANOTHER LOT OF GROUND, in the District of Southwark bounded as follows: Beginning at the corner of M. Seepae's lot on Moyamensing road.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE, There are two brick tenements two stories high on the above described premises. Plans of the above houses and lots of ground are to be seen at the Office-House.

Advertisement for JOHN CONNELLY, Auctioneer, February 15.

Advertisement for CAUTION, THE Public are cautioned against receiving the Subscribers Note in favor of, and indorsed by Thomas W. Francis, dated yesterday.

Advertisement for SAMUEL MIFFLIN, February 6.