The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 24.

Justum et tenacem propositi virum, Non civium arder prava jubentium, Non vultus instantis tyranni, Mente quatit solida.

"THE IMPEACHMENT." A mazuscript Tragedy.

Scene-The Street near the Government House Elsineur.

Enter Frothy Ned, Blinkynic and Smockface. Frotb. The air bites shrewdly -it is very

Blinky. It is a nipping and an eager air. Frotb. What hour now?

Blinky. I think it lacks of twelve.

Smock. No-it is ftruck. Froth. Indeed! I heard it not; perhaps

Thy little joints, which shiv'ring with the cold.

Clink'd like icicles blown against each other,

By the keen north wind. You Raggamuffin, passing near that lamp, Palfy'd my little Smockface with a frown More chilling than the midnight air.

Smock. No-No-indeed I heard it. Blinky. It then draws near the feafon Wherein the Spirit held his wont to walk; Hight Snibbor's Ghost.

(Ligets appear above.) What mean these lights, my friends. Frotb. The man we wish to ruin-He on

His country's hopes-his country's withes

Yet wakes, and studies by his midnight lamp. Blinky. Is it a custom?

Frotb. Ay marry is it; But to my mind, the' I'm not native here, (But in the mance born) it is a custom Better for us, if broke, than in the obser-

His constant study for the public good, Makes all his fees detested, by the virtuous. They ye ere us Traitors, and with swinish

Soil our addition-and indeed it takes From our atchievements, tho' performed at

The pith and marrow of our attribute. Smock. Ah, Ah-look, look, look-(Smock. falls.)

Enter Tingallat, with his face meal'd, a cord round his neck, and an old sail cloth round his shoulders, mimicking the Ghest

Frotb. Damons of darkeft Erebus defend

Be thou a Spirit of Hell, or Mountaineer, Bring ft thou Geneva Drams, or new fill'd

Whisky;
Be all thy duties paid, or Excise cheated.
Thou com's in so detestable a shape That I'll drink with thee .- I'll call thee Snib-

Victim-devoted victim .- Oh answer me ; Let me not burft in ignorance! But tell Why thy dry bones, exalted in the air Have burst their Gibbet? Why the chains With which thy blood stained carcase was encircled

Have ope'd their ponderous and iron links To cast thee down again? What may this

That thou dead corfe, again, like Seaman Revisit'st thus, the land that has disown'd you, Making night hideous. And we, fools of

party,
So horridly to taunt our disposition
With thoughts, indeed congenial to our fouls But far beyond the reaches of our daring.

Say, why is this? Wherefore? What shall we do ? Smock. It beckons you to go away with it, As if, yourself were so much like a skeleton, It, some impartment did defire, to you alone!

Blinky. E'en with one eye, I view its courteous action,

It waves you to an high exalted Gibbet! But do not go with it. Smock. No, by no means.

Froth. It will not speak ; then I will follow it.

Blinky. Do not my friend. Frotb. Why? What should be the fear? I do not fet my life at a pin's fee; And for the Gallows, I've not weight

enough In my whole frame to break a neck, e'en fmall

As that of Smockfage here. Away— It waves me forth again. I'll follow it.

Blinky. What if it tempt you to the flood, my friend ? Froth. I'll change my form, not mind,

and be a Shark. Blinkey. Or to the dreadful fummit of the cliff

That beetles o'er his base into the sea? Froth. Then I'll become what nature

meant me for ---I'll rife on wings, and chatter as a Jack Daw.

Blinky. But should he take some other horrible form Which might deprive your Sovereignty of

reafon And draw you into madness? Think of it: he very place puts toys of desperation

Without more motive, into every brain. Frotb. The place I'm in, has long fince made me giddy,

But as for madness---as for desperation Blinkynie knows full well, we all Are mad and desperate. But see

It waves me still.

Go on---I'll follow thee. (to the Ghost) Blinky. You shall not go, my friend. Paws off---Smock. Be ruled --- You shall not go.

Fresh. My fate cries out--Blinkynic drop your hold,
Or elfe I'll make a Ghost of you, for hold-Smockface is less than half a Ghost al-

Go on, I'll follow thee.

Breaks away --- exeunt.

Scene changes - Sea coast and a Gibbet. Re-enter Ghost and Frosby Ned. Frothy Neds' cloaths appearing as if he had tra-velled through the bottom of Cloacina's Temple.

Froth. Whither wilt thou lead me? peak. I'll go no further.

Gbost. Mark me.

Froth. I will. Ghost. The hour is almost come

When I, to fulphurous and tormenting flames Must render up myself. Frotb. Alas poor Ghoft ! Ghost. Pity me not, but lend thy feri-

To what I shall unfold. Frotb. Speak-I am bound to hear. Ghost. So art thou to impeach, when thou shalt bear.

Frotb. What. Ghost. I'm Snibbor's fpirit, Permitted for a time to walk the night, And aid the business of Hell and thee ; And for the day confined to taft in fires, The dread atonement for those deeds of horses Done in my days of nature.

But that I am forbid To tell the fecret of my prison house, I could a tale unfold, whose lightest word Would harrow up thy foul-freeze thy thin

Make thy two eyes, like stars, start from

their spheres,
Thy jetty and pomatum'd locks to part
And each particular hair to stand on end Like quills upon the fretful Porcupine. Frotb. Oh! name not Porcupine-the

very found Shocks my whole frame-pierces my marrow

bones, And fets them all a clattering. Ghost. Well; this eternal blazon must

To ears fo nice as thine-Lift; lift; Oh, lift If ever thou did'st Infurrection love.

Froth. Oh, Mammoth's great historian; Satan's friend!

If ever I did Infurrection love ! Gbost. Last to my foul and most enor-

best they are,
But these most foul, and most unnatural.

Tis given out, that I, in Denmark born, From Danish port, in Danish vessel failing, Was by a press gang taken; borne away From friends and family; and fore'd to fight Against the allies of my native land.

That nobly daring, in propitious hour I hurl'd my proud oppressors to their fate And gave myself to freedom, and my country; And that for this I was deliver'd up To chains and death; fo the whole ear of

Denmark Is by a forged process of my birth Rankly abosed; but know thou gangling

The gang with whom thy Snibbor shipt and fail'd Were his own countrymen.

Froth. Oh my prophetic foul! a Briton? Ghost. Not fo my friend; but from a neighboring ifle

For honor, valour, loyalty renown'd Ierne call'd-yet in her breaft she bears A 'favage race; for blood and murder fan'd Bogtrotters call'd; and of this race am I.

Frotb. And many of them have we here in Denmark. I like the race; and bear them in my heart They're fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils;

Were there more of you? Chost. Ay; many more. And these were all seduced

By thirst of gold, but more by thirst for blood To feize the faip, and murder all the crew. Who would not join the purpose horrible. But soft; methinks I scent the morning air

Maugre the stench, that comes, my friend, from you. Brief let me be. Seated within his cabin Our Captain's custom, after much fatigue, On his secure hours, my comrades stale With fwords and daggers arm'd; whose fa-

tal points Hold fuch an enmity with blood of man thro?

The natural gates and alleys of his body And left him breathlefs; foon befide him lay The loyal band who would not aid our purpose.

Thus were they, sudden, by their comrades hands

Of wealth, of life, of thip at once bereft Cut off, even in the bloffoms of their days Unhousell'd unanointed; unanneal'd

Where many of my clan had found protection My fame purfied me, and on fome rotten

Of public faith, forfooth, and nation's honor The facred faith of treaties, and what not, amely your Snibbor's neck was yielded up To necklace anodyne and gibbet chains-Oh! horrible! Oh horrible, most horrible! If thou hast spunk within thee, bear it not. Let not your servants lord it thus amongst

But fee; the glow worm shews the matin

And gins to pale his ineffectual fire. Impeach; impeach; impeach; remember me Frotb. Oh! what a filthy pickle I am in!

Oh fie ; hold ; let me wipe iny hand, And ye, my breeches, thaw not on the But bear me stiffly up; remember thee;

Aye, thou poor Ghost; long as I hold a In yonder corner hall; remember thee?
Yea; from the table of my memory
I'll wipe away all trivial fond records
That youth and vanity have copied there
And thy commandment all alone shall live

Within the book and volume of my napper Now to my word-It is Impeach; impeach; impeach; remember me.

Commodore Truxton has fought and beaten a man of war of 58 guns, Thirty Two Pounders, mounted on two decks, and crowded with men, to the number, it is faid, of fix hundred; with a frigate of 36, 18 pounders, and 300 men, and was prevented only by a stroke of ill-luck, from confummating the distinguished act of gallantry, by the capture of the enemy.

Saturday last being the day appointed by Congress for a general mourning, was ob-ferved in this city, according to the resolu-tion of that body, by orations, culogies, prayers processions, &c.

General Macpherson's legion of volunteer troops in the service of the United States, other I supposed to be of the same descrip-was paraded and marched to the German tion. church in Fourth street, having been joined in procession by the Order of Cincinnati, and the Officers of the Navy and Army.

February second, at 1 P. M. the wind being somewhat fresher, than at the noon preceding, and an appearance of its contin-

Here, after a prayer by the Rev. Doctor Rogers, an Oration was delivered at the ap-pointment of the Cincinnati, by Major W. Jackson, a member of that society.

An Eulogium on the character of General Washington was delivered at the German Lutheran church, before the Freemasons, by the Rev. Dr. Magaw; and one at St. Mary's church, by the Rev. Mr. Carr.

Froth. Murders!

Ghost. Murders, most foul, as in the Master Jonathan Meredith, jun.

most lively evidences of admiration and applaufe. We do not profess to be competent judges on fuch a question, but an higher and far more estimable tribute has been paid by the general voice. Gentlemen of the first attainments in science, concur n deciding this oration to be unrivalled in chaftenels and elegance of composition, as in propriety, beauty, force and harmony of

bly happy.

The Aurora tells us that the diffentions in the Legislature have terminated in blows; and that Doctor Logan has been beaten and laid up by Mr. Fifher.

The National Bankrupt Act, paffed the House of Representatives on Friday, by the cafting voice of the Speaker.

At a late hour last night a fire was discovered in Curtis's Brew-House, (Brewer's Alley) but not till it had got to fuch a part of the building, which was very ex-

[OFFICIAL]

Yesterday morning Lieut Shaw, of the armed schooner Experiment, arrived at That fwift as quickfilver they did course Marcus Hook from a cruise, being dispatched by commodore Truxton, with letters for following are extracts:

United States Ship Constellation,

at sea, Feb. 4, 1800.

On the 30th ult. I left St Christophers with the Consellation, in excellent trim, and stood to windward, in order to gain the

No reckoning made, but fent to their account With all their imperfections on their head. The ship we seiz'd and bore to Whiskerandes. But Heav'n wink'd not on the deed of horror. For coming here into the state of Denmark, Where many of my clan had found proceed in the state of Denmark, Where many of my clan had found proceed in the state of Denmark, where many of my clan had found proceed in the state of Denmark, where many of my clan had found proceed in the state of Denmark, where many of my clan had found proceed in the state of Denmark, where many of my clan had found proceed in the read of Guadaloupe, and at half past 7, A. M. of the day for Jamaica for repairs, &c. Suding it impossible to reach a friendly port in any of the islands to windward.

I should be wanting in common insight. turther paveiculars of that chace and the action after it; I must beg to refer to the extracts from my journal herewith as being the best mode of exhibiting a just and candid account of all our transactions in the late business, which has ended in the almost entire different tire difmantlement of the Constellationthough I trust, to the high reputation of the muster roll I fent to the Secretary of

the American flag.

I have the honor to be, &c. & c.

THOMAS TRUXTON.

Ben. Soddart, Efq. Sec. of the Navy.

Occurrences on board the United States Ship Constellation, of 38 gnns, under my com mand, Feb. 1, 1800,

Throughout thefe twenty-four hours, very unfettled weather, kept on our tacks beating up under Guadaloupe, and at half past 7, A. M. the road of Bassatere bearing East, 5 leagues distant saw a sail in the S. E. standing to the S. W which from her situation, I at first took for a large ship from Martinico, and hoisted English colours on giving chace by way of inducement, for her to come down and speak me, which would have faved us a long chace to leeward, off my intended cruizing ground; but finding the did not attempt to alter her courfe, I examined her more minutely, as we approached her, and discovered that she was heavy French frigate, mounting at least 4 guns. I immediately gave orders for ne yards &c. to be flung with chains, topfaiisheets, &c. stoppered, and the ship cleared; and every thing prepared for action, and hauled down the English colours. At noon the wind became light, and I observed the chace, that we had before been gaining fast on, held way with us, but I was determined to continue the pursuit, though the running to the leeward I was convinced would be attended with many ferious difad-vantages, especially if the object of my wish-

were not gratified. Paffed two schooners standing to the orthward, one of them shewed American colours, and was a merchant veffel, and the

preceding, and an appearance of its continuance, our prospect of bringing the enemy to action began again to brighten, as I perceived we were coming up with the chase fast, and every inch of canvass being set that could be of service, except the bog reefs, which I kept in the top fails, in case of the chace finding an escape from our thunder impracticable, should haul on a wind and give us fair battle; but this did Mary's church, by the Rev. Mr. Carr.

A pertinent Oration, was very elequently pronounced in the afternson, before the Washington Society, (a juvenile affociation) by Master Jonathan Meredith, jun.

Major Jackson's oration occupied an hour and twenty minutes in the delivery. The President of the United States, the Vice-President, Members of the Sepate. President of the United States, the Vice-President, Members of the Senate, and Members of the House of Representatives; His Excellency Robert Liston, Esq. Mini theu necessary, I fent my principle aid de Camp, Mr. Vandyke, to the different officers of the Telenipotentiary of His Britannic Majest, and Smockface rais'd, yelep'd ty, and several other gentlemen of the Diplomatic Corps, honored the occasion with their presence.

President of the United States, the Vice-President, Members of the Senate, and Members of the House of Representatives; His Excellency Robert Liston, Esq. Mini theu necessary, I fent my principle aid de camp, Mr. Vandyke, to the different officers commanding divisions on the main bat. their presence.

Wouldst thou not stir in this. Now hear. directly into the hull of the enemy, and load principally with two round shot and now and then with a round shot and a stand of grape, &c. to encourage the men at their quarters; to cause or suffer no noise or confusion whatever; but to load and fire as fast as possible when it could be done with certain effect. These orders being given, in a few moments I gained a position on his weather quarter, that enabled us effectually to return his falute; and thus a close and, The delivery of the orator was remarka- as sharp an action as ever was fought between two frigates, commenced and continued until within a few minutes of I A. M. when the enemys fire was completely fi-

lenced, and he was again theering off. It was at this moment that I confidered him as my prize, and was trimming in the best manner I could my much shattered fails; when I found the main mast was totally unsupported by riggirg, every shroud being Jonath shot away, and some of them in several pla-red leg; ces;—that even stoppers were useless, and could not be applied with effect. I then gave orders for the officers to send the men up from the gun deck, to endeavour to thigh; fecure it, in order that we might get along height as to baffle all endeavours to fave any fide of the enemy again as foon as possible; but every effort was in vain, for the main mast went over the side in a few ninutes af-The horrour of the scene was heightened ter, and carried with it the top men, among by the tottering walls which fell before fever whom was an amiable young gentleman who died.

eral perfons who were flanding near them commanded the main top, Mr. James Jarwere able to make their escape: two men vis, son of James Jarvis, Esq. of New York. were loft in the ruins, and several very bad- It seems this young gentleman was apprizly wounded. A stable and several houses ed of the mast going in a few minutes by an which had escaped the ravages of the sire a old seaman; but he had already so much few nights fince, (for it happened not fifty of the principle of an officer ingrafted on yards from the former) were very much da- his mind, not to leave his quarters on any account, that he told the man if the maft went they must go with it, which was the cafe, and only one of them was faved.

I regret much his lofs, as a premiting officer and amiable young man, as well as on account of a long intimacy that has sublisted between his father and myself; but have the Secretary of the Navy; from which the great satisfaction in finding I have lost no other, and only 2 or 3 flightly wounded, out of 39 killed and wounded, 14 of the former and 25 of the latter.

> As foon as the mainmail went, every effort was made to clear the wreck from the ship as soon as possible, which was effected in about an hour. It being impossible to purfue the enemy, and as her fecurity was

I should be wanting in common justice, was I to omit here to journalize the steady attention to order, and the great exertion and bravery of all my officers, scamen and marines, in this action, many of whom I had fufficiently tried before on a similar occasion, and all their names are recorded in the Navy, dated the 19th December last figued by myfelf.

All hands employed at repairing the da-mages sustained in the action, so far as to get the ship into Jamaica as soon as possi-

THOMAS TRUXTON.

In Officer on board the Confellation, has for-warded the foll wing Address which was de inered by the brave TRUXTON, to his Officers and Crew, on the 2d Febru-

Public thanks though but a fmall tribute nevertheles justly due to feamen, and foldiers, who have manifested their zeal, activity and bravery so conspicuously in support of the honor and dignity of their country's Flag, as the crew of the Confletation of 38 guns did last evening in an engagement of near five hours, with a French National frigate of 54 guns or upwards (corrying much heavier metal) in which the enemy was completely beaten, and would have become their prize, had the damages fullained in making the first efforts to get along fide of her, together with the loss of the mainmast, main topmast, main top gal'ant mast, mizen topmast, and several other spars, which also went over the side at the moment of her sheering off, together with the dismantled state of the ship otherwife made a further pursuit impracticable. As the commander, therefore, I feel infinite fatisfaction, in returning my thanks to the officers of every description, scamen, marines, and others, for the gallan ry they displayed on this occasion, which under a beneficent Providence, has enabled me to add another laurel to the American character on the records of the Navy, and you may be assured gentlemen, seamen and soldirs, that you shall be properly noticed to the President of the United States, and fuch of you as have been unfortunately wounded and furvive, will no death their misfortunes I regret, I shall state with pleasure their just claims to the government, in order that they may have that protection and care taken of them which is provided by a grateful country for those that the fortune of war has been unkind to.
THOMAS TRUXTON.

United States Ship Conftellation, February 2 1800.

LIST

Of officers and men wounded and miffing by the action of the 1st February, 1800, on board the United States ship Constellation. of 38 gnns, THOMAS TRUXTON, Esq. Commander, with a French National ship of 54 guns.

Mr. James Jarvis, Midshipman, miffin who was in the main-top, went over board

William Lightfoot, John Robinson, John Smith, Thomas Stevenson, old do. John Williams. John Wilfon, James Foster, Emanuel Manna; Robert Smith, Emmanuel Drift, William Powel, old Joseph Grower, Christopher M'Cormick, Mid. Mr. A. Shirly, 2d lieutenant, flight

wound in the leg;
Mr. P. C. Wederstrandt, midshipman, flight wound in the head;
Mr. — Warren, Midshipman, slight wound in the head; Mr. - Comerford, mafter's mate, flight

wound in the head; Josiah Mighland, quarter gunner, shot through the back; James Rodgers, ferjeant of marines, flight wound on the arm;

Jonathau Bell, fail-maker's mate, fractu-John Hoxfe, feaman, arm shot off, and wounded in the fide ;

William Mufgrove, seaman, fractured James Carter, feaman, wounded in the

thigh and in the fide; Ephraim Jabins, seaman, wounded in the Benjamin Bradford, feaman, arm fhot off,

Antonio Poyntz, scamen, flight wound on the head : Edward Hallman, feaman, flight wound in the arm and knee;

George Matthews, old feaman, fractured John Logan, old seamen, fractured leg; thigh; Thomas Fitzgerald, old feaman, gluteus maximus muscle, badly wounded; Charles Lewis, old seaman, shot through

John Baptist, boy, leg shot off; Philip Smith, boy, wound in the back of

Cader Branton, marine, wound in the the neck :

William Small, marine, fot thro' the thigh;

William Howell, old scaman, flight wound George Carfon, marine, that thro' the in the thigh;

ISAAC HENRY, Surgeon.