

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 4.

[By Particular Desire.]

The following verses written for the 23d of February 1806, by a Lady in Virginia, were enclosed by her friend to a Member of Congress.

HUSHED be the plaintive sigh of private woe— A nation's tears—a world's—unbounded flow!

Oh! Washington! best man to whom was given Here to display the attributes of Heaven!

Whether we view thee on the unanguish'd field, Oppression's scourge—thy country's glorious shield!

Year! first of men! from days of earliest time, New! did thy equal grace this mortal clime!

Numa in gentle arts of peace excell'd And youthful Rome a Father's care beheld!

A Conqueror, Caesar, with'd unbounded power And Alexander o'er mankind to tower—

But let us hark! to God-like mind engaged, No wild ambition in thy bosom rag'd?

Thy radiant virtues to the eternal king,— Attending Myriads join with loud acclaim!

And endless glory crown thy deathless name!

It is certainly a most interesting spectacle for the people of America, to behold their rights and privileges guarded and defended by a Messieurs Duane, Dallas and Cooper,

against the encroachments of about thirty eminent characters, chosen from various quarters of the Union, and associated together for constitutional purposes; many of whom, although of great talents and experience

in our country, and of consequence far below the hauteur, of pre-est convulsiory objects and pursuits—Whilst their antagonists, the above respectable triumvirate, are deeply versed in all the arcana of revolutionary schemes, both foreign and domestic;

they can defy democracy in its embryo, and trace, with astonishing accuracy, its progress through every stage of revolutionary process, until the final explosion, and with the same ease and certainty, whether past, present or to come—nay, 'tis said that one of them has actually invented an ingenious instrument called the Revolutionometer, after the manner of the Pyrometer of Wedgewood,

by which he can determine the state of the public mind on those subjects, with the same precision as Mr. Rittenhouse could have told the state of the atmosphere, or Dr. Rush, the paroxysm of a fever.—What a glorious acquisition to our country is the possession of such State Physicians!

QUACK.

Captain BARRY, in the frigate United States, is arrived in the Delaware; and yesterday afternoon he came himself to this city.

He has brought dispatches from Messrs. Ellsworth and Davis, our Envoys to the French Republic, dated the 10th of February, at Burgos, in Spain. They had received, the day before, a letter from M. Talleyrand, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, covering their passports; expressing impatience for their arrival at Paris, and informing them that the form of their letters of credence (which were addressed to the Executive Directory) would be no obstacle to the opening of negotiations.

The Envoys arrived at Lisbon the 27th of November, and after some detention in the Tagus by contrary winds failed from thence for L'Orient on the 21st Dec. but encountering, for three weeks, violent and adverse winds in their attempts to gain that place, they were at last constrained to make the first safe port in Spain; and they arrived on the 11th of January, at Corunna, whence they dispatched a courier to Paris, for their passports; and at Burgos received an answer, as above mentioned.

[We understand the route from Corunna to France, is by way of Burgos, Victoria, and St. Sebastian, to Bayonne, the nearest French port, and from thence to Paris.]

Mr. Charles Lee, attorney general of the United States, has been appointed one of the commissioners to adjust certain matters between the state of Georgia, and the United States, in room of Samuel Sitgreaves, Esq. gone to England.

Yesterday morning commenced the sitting of the circuit court of the United States, for the district of New-York.

ENERGETIC PATRIOTISM.—The wife of Mr. EDWARD BRADLEY, of East-Haven, was delivered the 12th ult. of three fine children; this industrious matron has given the community nine members at four births; and fifteen in the whole.

NEW YORK, April 4.

Another instance of American gallantry.

By the schooner Eliza, Captain Fairchild, arrived here yesterday morning from the Havana, we are informed that the ship Nancy, Captain Joy, of Bolton, had just arrived at that port. The Nancy on the 25th of February, in lat. 22, long. 58, fell in with a French privateer, of 14 guns, and full of men. The Nancy mounts 10 sixes, and had 27 men. An engagement was immediately commenced; which continued, off and on, for 24 hours, during which time the privateer made three, most desperate attempts to board the ship, and was actually foul of her for three hours at one time; and though every exertion was made to board her, yet, such was the active bravery of the American tars, that they kept off the enemy with pikes, cutlasses, &c. great numbers of whom fell lifeless from the shrouds and bowsprit on deck and into the ocean. While one part of the Nancy's crew were thus defending themselves, the other was employed in planting shot into the privateer, and, from her shattered condition, there is little doubt of her having gone down, as she was not to be seen in the morning. As their separation was in the night, and as the privateer sails and rigging, as well as those of the ship, were almost all cut away, it renders the improbability of her escape more strong. The privateer must have lost many. The Nancy had one man killed, and four wounded.

This news may be depended on, for the mate of the Eliza noted it from the mouth of Captain Joy.

The trial of LEVI WEEKS, says the Commercial Advertiser, for the Murder of JULIAN ELMORE SANDS, which came on before the court of Oyer and Terminer, on Monday last, ended this morning about half past two o'clock. The vague reports which had been in circulation from the time of her body being discovered, until the hour of trial had irritated the public mind in such a manner as to draw to the place of justice a large concourse of people, and rendered it somewhat difficult at first for the court to proceed to business.

After the examination of the witnesses which occupied two whole days, the council for Mr. Weeks, without a single remark upon the testimony, submitted his case to the charge of the court. Mr. Chief Justice Laing, after commenting on the evidence, delivered to the Jury the unanimous opinion of the Court that Mr. Weeks was not guilty. The Jury, which was as respectable as ever appeared in this city retired, and after appointing a foreman, returned in less than four minutes, a verdict of NOT GUILTY.

It must be a pleasing circumstance to this young man, whose character on the trial appeared irreproachable and uncommonly amiable, and to his respectable connections, that he does not owe his acquittal to the eloquence of counsel, but solely and entirely to the clear and unequivocal proof he produced of his innocence.

After so fair and impartial a trial, it is hoped that those who have entertained any suspicions, which have been very improperly excited on this occasion, will not only divert themselves of them, but that this young man will be fully and completely restored to the standing in society which he has so unfortunately maintained.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, April 2.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from the secretary of the treasury, inclosing a report on the petition of Benjamin Wells, and a counter-petition of the inhabitants of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The report, which is favorable to Mr. Wells, was referred to the committee of claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Bell, made a report, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; which was committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr. Davis called up for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of extending the provisions contained in the act of Congress, passed the 12th April, 1798, relative to allowing compensation to the widows and orphans of the late Col. John Harding, and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

After some debate, the resolution was modified, so as to read, "that a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making further provision by law, for the relief of the widow and orphans of the late Col. John Harding, and the orphan daughter of the late Major Alexander Trueman, and that they report by bill or otherwise."

Mr. Griswold then moved, that the resolution be referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Rutledge objected to this motion. He did not consider this as a claim against the United States, but as an act of justice and humanity required at their hands; and instance the provision made by law for the support of the daughters of the Count De Grasse. In his opinion, meritorious services rendered by the parent, demanded that provision should be made for his children.

Messrs. Bird and Dana also spoke against this reference, and Messrs. Kitchell, Nicholas and Macon in favor of it.

The motion was lost—ayes 30.

The resolution was then agreed to—ayes 57; and a committee of three appointed for the purpose.

Mr. D. Foster from the committee of claims, made a report on the petition of Joshua Johnson, Esq. who prayed compensation for laundry expenses and disbursements by him made while acting as Consul of the United States at the port of London. The report states, the powers vested by law in the Department of State, being competent to the settlement of the accounts of the memorialist, the special inference of the Legislature is unnecessary, and therefore, that the petitioner should have leave to withdraw his petition.

In this report the house concurred. The bill sent from the Senate, for the relief of Jonathan Canfield, was read a first and second time, and committed to the select committee appointed on the subject of caveats and lost certificates.

Mr. Sewall, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Thomas Burling and others, John Collier and others, and Cato West and others, of the Mississippi territory, made report in part, which was ordered for Monday next.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their secretary, notifying that the Senate have passed a bill for the relief of Jonathan Canfield, to which they request the concurrence of this house.

Mr. D. Foster, from the committee of claims, made report on the petition of John M. Vickar, who prayed compensation for a quantity of rum appropriated for public use in the year 1775. The report states, that the assitant commissary general gave his private obligation for the rum in question, took a receipt, and has been allowed therefore in the settlement of his account with the United States; that though he may not have paid his obligation, it was a transaction between the parties interested, in which the United States ought not to interfere, and that the petition ought not to be granted.

Thursday, April 3.

Mr. Rutledge obtained leave of absence from the services of the house for three days. On motion of Mr. Harper, the house came to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report by bill or otherwise, whether any and what further provisions are necessary to be made relative to sales of real estates in satisfaction of judgments against persons indebted thereto.

Mr. Harper, from the committee of ways and means, brought in a bill, making appropriation for the military establishment of the United States, in the year 1806—which was committed for Monday next.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the better government of the navy, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose—Mr. Harper in the chair.

After making sundry amendments to the committee report, and on the question shall the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Randolph moved for a commitment of the bill, on the ground that some of its provisions were unconstitutional.

After some observations from Mr. Parker, the motion was negatived—and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. D. Foster, from the committee of claims, made a report on the petition of Benjamin Stites, of the County of Hamilton, in the N. W. territory, who prayed for payment for two several parcels of corn sold and delivered to the quarter-master-general in the year 1795. This petition was supported by the affidavit of the said Benjamin Stites, the petitioner, who made oath before Judge Symmes that he had never received payment for the said corn. On application at the treasury department, the committee report, that they found he had been paid, and had given a receipt for the money, within three days after the delivery of the corn.—The committee therefore, recommended that the petition should be rejected.—In this report the house concurred.

Adjourned.

NEW THEATRE.

The Drama of the CASTLE SPECTRE having been acted on Wednesday evening, with an uncommon degree of approbation, and the most distinguished approbation, and the most distinguished applause, will be repeated this evening.

Olmond, Mr. Cooper—Angela, Mrs. Merry.

Act 1st. A superb Gothic Hall, arched roof, enriched with ancient sculpture.

Act 2d. A Grand Armoury, with piles of armour, arranged as in the tower of London; Banners, &c. A Gothic Chamber on the top of a tower, over the river Conway, from a high window, over which Percy leaps, and is caught by fishermen below.

Act 3d. A view of the river Conway at sun set, and view of Conway Castle at a distance. A Gothic State Bed Chamber, ornamented with ancient portraits.

Act 4th. An oratory of a Chapel, transparent windows illuminated, &c.

Act 5th. A distant view of Conway Castle by moon light. A Gloomy Subterraneous Dungeon and Cavern, excavated roof, &c.

SIX ships are now discharging their rich cargoes from the East-Indies, at our wharves, and 12 others are daily expected from the same quarter, with cargoes of equal value.

NOTICE.

A stated meeting of the American Philosophical Society, will be held, at their Hall, this evening (4th inst.) at 6 o'clock.

Samuel H. Smith, Sec'y.

April 4.

Gazette Marine List.

Port of Philadelphia.

ARRIVED.

Ship Jean, M'Pherson, Canton, 144

Ship Sally, Smith, Norfolk, 144

Schr. Lovely Lass, Fell, North Carolina, 8

Olive, O'Neal, Norton, do, 8

Sloop Sea Flower, Burk, George-town, 120

Ship New Jersey, Rolfe, Canton, 120

Schr. Affey, Dale, Edenton, N. C. 8

Betty, Hollon, Carlton, Charleston 8

Mars, Douglass, Virginia, 8

Sloop Maria, Burrows, New-London, 8

Genet, Smith, Nassau, 8

Jersey Blue, Hill, New-York, 8

Federal, Davis, North Carolina, 6

Frigate United States, Commodore Barry, and a brig, name unknown, came to at Chester this morning.

The frigate United States, Commodore Barry, spoke 10 days since, a British privateer, the captain of which informed commodore Barry, that 2 days previous he had spoken a ship from Canton, for New-York, which informed that they had, a few days before, parted with the ship America, Sims, of and for Philadelphia, from Canton.

The New Jersey sailed from Canton, the 24th of November last, in company with the ship Indus Budd, of and for New-York, and parted, all well, through the Straits of Sunda.

Left at Canton, the ship America, Sims; and Canton, Dale, of and for this port, to sail in a few days. The ship Ariel, Coats, of and for this port sailed 14 days and the ship Jean, M'Pherson, do. 21 days before the New-Jersey. The ship Sampson from New-York had not arrived. Several other American vessels were left at Canton.

In lat. 22, N. long. 57, W the New-Jersey recaptured the sloop Federal George, Hulley, of and from New-York, for St. Bartholomews, and ordered her for her destination; the privateer was in fight during the changing of the crews, and was afterwards chased by the New Jersey, but night coming on lost sight of her.

The privateer chased by the New-Jersey had captured (previous to the Federal George) the barque Mars, Berry, of and for this port, from St. Ubes.

Ship Industry, Rudd, from Canton to New-York, which failed from thence in company with the New-Jersey, was spoke off the Capes a few days since.

Captain M'Pherson failed from Canton on the 7th November. Spoke in the Straits of Malacca, the Virginia of 50 guns and the Diomedea of 44 guns, British vessels of war destined for the Straits of Sunda.—On the 1st of April spoke the ship Adventure, of Hudson, from Nassau, bound to New-York.

Extract from the Log Book of the ship New Jersey.

Two ships (name unknown) were seen going up to Canton the 25th November.—Ship Ediza, of and for Bolton, from Canton, failed in company with the ship Ariel, Coats, for Philadelphia. At Canton (with several other American vessels) on the 24th November the ship Resource, —, of and for Bolton, and ship Mary, —, for New York, to sail soon.—The privateer which captured the Mars, Berry, of this port, had previously taken five American vessels, and was supposed to have had on board 50 American prisoners.—Among the captured vessels, was the brig Hunter, Coffin, of N. York; which vessel the Captain of the privateer returned to the American Captain, put several Americans on board with very little provisions, and informed Captain Coffin, he might make the first port he could.

CLEARED.

Ship George, M'Collom, Amsterdam

Perfectione, Williamson, Calcutta

Good Friends, Early, Havannah

Brig Hiram, Sherer, St. Thomas

De Vrede, Krugery, Hanburg

New York, April 4.

The schooner Guitava, Sacket, of St. Bartholomews, arrived here yesterday in 21 days, very leaky. In lat. 24, was boarded by the sloop of war Ratler, and well treated. In lat. 36, 30, long 73, fell in with the wrecked schooner Eleanor, Howland, from Fredericksburg to Demarara—Took off Captain Howland and six people—the second mate and supercargo died the twenty seventh ultimo, three days after the vessel was wrecked.

spoke the schooner Sufannah, from Wilmington to Jamaica. Off Barbuda was boarded by the Bull Dog, and treated gentlemanly.

The barque Pallas, Patterton, has arrived at Nassau from Cork.

The Royal Fubler arrived at Halifax 9 days from this port.

Yesterday morning arrived here the brig Fair American, in 93 days from London—with ballast and dry goods. In lat. 23, 26, long. 57, boarded the schooner, Murgue, Smith, from New London to Martinique—third day out, upset in a gale—lost all the awning, all his top-timbers in the fore-board went, with 19 head of oxen, sheep, fowls, cut a cable off the quarter deck, split the clove-reeled foretop-sail jib, and head of the square-sail. Left her in a distressed situation. March 12, in lat. 26, 32, long. 66, spoke the schooner Sally, Barthelet of Plymouth.

Boston March 26.

Arrived, Schr. Dolphin, Mudge, Trinidad, 27 days, via Gloucester. Spoke Schr. Hope, of Newbury-Port, going into Trinidad.

March 28. Arrived Schr. New Adventure, Cobb, Southampton, 49 days; Schr. Rosamon, Sprague, Cape Francois, 48; Ship Criticism, Chafe, Batavia, 150 days; Ship Industry, Nickels, Barbadoes, 40; Packet, Stephens, Antigua, 54 days.

Last evening, arrived ship Sarah Atkins, Surinam, 43 days. It has been very sickly there this season. American produce low. Left brig Fame, Fisher; Schr. Rauger; Walker, and brig Aucubra, Blake, of Boston; Schr. Roger Williams of Providence, and 2 of a others. Feb. 28, lat. 23 21, long. 62, spoke the schooner, from N. York, 10 days out for Cape Francois; the captain informed, he had on board a crew taken from a wreck, blowing hard could get no particulars.—Three vessels were ashore on Bariflabile Bay, one a Schr. from the Havannah.

Yesterday, arrived in the road, the ship Osiris Capt. Redman from Liverpool, left from Ireland, in 74 days. In lat. 50 1-2; long 9 1-2; the Osiris was captured by the French privateer Grandville, of St. Maloes, mounting 24 guns.—The pica-roon put on board, Lieut. prize master, and 7 men, and ordered the ship for France, leaving aboard Capt. Redman, and five others. After being in possession 31 days Capt. R. and people rose on the Frenchman, killed the Lieutenant, retook the vessel, and carried her into Belfast; where the prisoners were landed, and from thence the Osiris sailed the 12th January. The Osiris is owned at Kennebeck, and was originally bound to New-York.

The John Adams, Capt. Tolman, and the Bolton Packet, Trott, were at Cork Jan. 13.

NEW THEATRE.

This evening, April 4.

Will be presented, a celebrated Drama, (acted here but once) in five acts, called

THE CASTLE SPECTRE.

Olmond, Mr. Cooper—Angela, Mrs. Merry.

To which will be added, a favorite Farce, in two acts, called

THE SPOILED CHILD.

Box, one Dollar, Pit, three quarters of a dollar, and Gallery half a dollar.

CHINA GOODS.

Imported in the ship New Jersey, from Canton, and for sale by Archibald McColl, No. 187 South Second Street,

White and Yellow Nankeens, Imperial, Hyfon, Young Hyfon, Hyfon skin, Bohes and Souchoag Tens, Black Satins and Lutestrings, Hair Ribbon, Cassia, and Rheubarb in chests, Sugar in boxes and bags.

ALSO ON HAND.

A small assortment of China ware, and a few Hds Prime Jamaica Sugars.

April 4. dtf

MAP OF NEW JERSEY.

A PLAN of a Company for procuring an accurate Map of New Jersey, may be seen at the Book Store of Mr. Dobson, by whom subscriptions are received.

The Company have been incorporated by a late act of the Legislature of that State, and more than 1200 shares have already been subscribed for.

April 4. dtf

NOTICE.

THE Members of the Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from loss by fire, are hereby notified, that an Election will be held at the Court House in High Street, on the 14th instant, between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, in order to choose twelve directors and a treasurer, for the ensuing year.

By order of the Directors.

CALEB CARMALT, Clerk. Philadelphia, 4th month, 3d. dtmf

COUNTRY SEAT.

TO be let that Country Seat, known by the name of Par-celle, situate near the upper ferry on the east side of Schuylkill two and an half miles from the Court house; it contains about 10 acres of land, a beautiful house and garden, with a large barn, coach house and stables.

Please to enquire at the office No. 96 Arch St. April 4. dtf

To be Sold or Rented.

THAT large three story HOUSE, No. 44, Pine Street, occupied by John Nixon, Esq.—For terms apply at No. 42, next door.

March 26. dtf

To be Rented.

AND furnished possession given, if required, a new two story Brick House and Kitchen, about 14 miles from Philadelphia, on the great road to Newtown. Enquire of the Printer, march 27. dtf