

Foreign Intelligence.

From London papers received at New-York by the ship Hercules.

From the London Gazette, of March 31st, it appears that his royal highness the prince regent has been pleased, in the name and on behalf of his majesty, to approve of *Joel Hart*, esq. as consul at Leith, for the United States.

According to advice from Madrid, the sailing of the expedition from Cadiz has been postponed for three months. The cause of it is stated to augment the force, which is to consist from 12 to 14,000 men. It is conjectured the expedition is to proceed in the first instance to the river Plate, and commence its operations by expelling the Portuguese from Montevideo. A considerable division will then be sent round cape Horn, to support the royalists in Peru.

London, April 2.—Mails from Hamburg and Flanders arrived to-day. An article from Algiers, dated the 27th of February, represents that seat of barbarity and oppression as suffering most severely from the ravages of the plague. We select the following articles from the Hamburg papers:

Hamburg, March 26.—We have received the following letters from Algiers, by way of Marsailles:

Algiers, February 25.—The state of things here becomes worse and more dreadful every day. The plague continues to rage in a terrible manner. This distemper, of which above 50 persons die daily in the city, lasts in general only 24 hours, without any previous indisposition, without having felt any symptoms of the disease; other persons frequently fall victims of death from the infected air, and the use of unwholesome food. The plague also rages in the neighborhood of Algiers, and farther in the interior of the country. To this we may add a mortality among the cattle. Besides these dreadful scourges we have other sufferings.

His highness the Dey causes daily, and without respect to persons, people to be arrested, executed or banished, and graciously seizes on their property.

Every person is so terrified here, the people pretty openly express the wish that some foreign squadron would make its appearance, and some Christian power or other make itself master of this state of pirates.

Of the militia the third part is killed, banished or has deserted; great discontent prevails among the remainder. The Dey, however, increases the number of his body-guard by blacks, and has planted before his castle a strong line of 24 pounders, which command the city.

Several magnificent buildings are erecting for the Dey and his family. In the midst of the general misery, his highness frequently amuses himself with balls, and causes the neighborhood of his palace to resound with music. The unhappy inhabitants, particularly the rich Jews, have been obliged to pay a contribution of 100,000 piastres, and twelve of the most beautiful girls; of the latter, some have, however, ransomed themselves for different sums, from 4000 to 8000 piastres.

The squadron of corsairs which was out lately on a cruise, lies still dismantled in the harbor.

Some of the principal Arabian tribes in the interior of the country are in a state of insurrection, and it is likely that others will follow their example, as the Algerine government is in want of means to reduce them to obedience. May the insurrection extend hither!

Letters from Copenhagen notice a rumor that the English government proposes to purchase from Spain the island of Puerto Rico, for the purpose of ceding it to Denmark, for the cession of Tranquebar, and the other Danish possessions in the East Indies. According to another report, England has offered four millions of dollars for the Danish territories in the East Indies.

Paris, March 29.

The inquiry into the causes of the burning of the Odéon is prosecuted with great activity.—Several persons have been already arrested.

A frightful accident has plunged the inhabitants of Villiers-le-Bel, Seine and Oise, into mourning. On Wednesday, the 25th, between 4 and 5, the workmen were taking down a large bell of 6 milliers* weight. There were present besides the workmen, about 60 persons, attracted by curiosity, and about 40 women in the church. A sudden crack from the arch was heard, and in an instant the church was encumbered with enormous stones, which fell from the height of 80 feet with a horrible crash. The women, in attempting to make their escape, hurt each other, and a number of the inhabitants of the place, attracted by

*The French millier, or thousand weight, is equal to 1311 lbs, 7 oz 19 dwt. Troy weight. The weight of the bell was, consequently, 7869 lbs. 11 oz. 19 dwt. Troy weight.

their cries, on entering the church found 25 of their fellow citizens mortally wounded; 3 of them died in a few minutes after. About fifty persons remained in the bellry, some of them suspended from ropes, and all in a most perilous situation, but by the activity of the citizens, they were all saved. The damage is estimated at 60,000 francs.

London, April 7.

Downing street, April 6.—His Royal Highness, the prince regent, has been pleased, in the name and on behalf of his majesty, to appoint general his grace the Duke of Richmond, &c. K. G. to be captain general and governor in chief of the provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Islands of Prince Edward and Cape Breton.

We are happy to find, from an authentic document, that there has been a great increase this year in the woolen manufactures; in the narrow cloths milled, this increase amounts to 1,582,947 yards, and in broad cloths milled, to 2,422,135 yards. The woolen manufactory has been singularly benefited the last year, by the fashion of the ladies wearing lambs wool shawls, pelisse cloths, and Bath coating cloths.

Preparations are making at Dusseldorf for the reception of the Allied Sovereigns.

From the Lower Rhine, March 22.

Some public journals assert, that the French minister of police, M. de Caze, has contrived to purchase the manuscript from which the work that appeared in London, under the title of *Manuscrit venu de St. Helene*, was printed. The greatest astonishment was excited on its being found to be the hand writing of a certain person to whom Madame de Staël, whose amanuensis he was, used to dictate; the connection were in Madame de Staël's own hand writing. Bonaparte, to whom it was sent to St. Helena, does not acknowledge it for his work.

THE THIEVES COUNTERSIGN.

The officers of Marlborough street establishment, a few nights back, were deputed to search the house of a known receiver in the parish of St. James, where some stolen property was suspected to be concealed, and accidentally came into possession of the following curious secret:

There is in London a quantity of little iron and rag shops, where it is no uncommon thing to see a sign-board with the words "Bones bought here" painted on it; but until this occasion it was never known that those few words carried an entire different meaning with them. It seems, that in the slang Dictionary "*to bone*" means to steal any thing, and thus the plunder becomes "*bonings*." Wherever the thieves see the above sign-board they immediately make inquiries into its "general character," and when the proprietor is proved to be no "trap," he may be sure of plenty of custom.

A bill before the British parliament to consolidate the import and export duties. At present exports to European countries and to the U. States pay one half per cent. ad. val. To all other parts, even Br. colonies, one per cent. The new law proposes to place them all at three quarters of a per cent. which of course raises those to the U. States.

It is recommended that vessels should only pay the tonnage duty in proportion to the number of tons of freight they may have.

London, April 20.

EXTRAORDINARY FEAT.

Wednesday se'night, a large concourse of fashionables assembled at Marion, the beautiful seat of the earl of Charlemont, near Dublin, to witness a wonderful feat of activity, performed by baron Osset, of the 16th Lancers. One hundred stones were placed at a yard apart, and at one extremity there was a basket; he was to ride to each stone, dismount, and pick it up, return to the basket, again dismount, and drop it into it—making him mount and dismount two hundred times. An hour was the time given, but the task was performed, with ease, in forty five minutes. From the apparent want of training of the rider and his steed, bets were considerably in favor of time—for neither the vigor nor pliability of the one, afterwards so eminently conspicuous, nor the fleetness and steadiness of the other, were at first perceptible. But when, after a few turns, the baron dismounted for the purpose of *scratching his ear with his foot*, while the horse stood quietly "waiting his master's will," any odds were offered on them.

The lord lieutenant and his amiable and lovely countess were present, and at the conclusion, her excellency crowned the herculean baron with a chaplet of evergreens. He wore, on the occasion, a beautiful yellow silk jacket, and lilac head-dress tastefully arranged—light net pantaloons, one boot and one spur. An elegant cold collation was prepared by lord and lady Charlemont.

THE PATRIOT.

To speak his thoughts, is every freeman's right.

MONDAY, JUNE 8.

Appointment by the Governor.

JOHN HAYS, to be a justice of the Peace for district No. 4, composed of the townships of Howard, Walker, Spring and Boggs, Centre county—Vice Matthew Litch, Esq. deceased.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, Made in the neighborhood of Bellefonte, for May 1818. The temperature noted in the morning about sunrise, and in the afternoon generally about three o'clock.

SUNRISE.		3 o'clock.	
Days.	De'ts.	Days.	De'ts.
1	34 rain	77	windy & clear
2	48 fair	70	rain
3	52 rain	54	cloudy
4	37 fair	44	cloudy
5	38 cloudy	52	clear
6	32 light rain	48	light rain
7	38 cloudy	51	showers
8	40 clear	56	light showers
9	39 clear	60	clear
10	42 fair	68	clear
11	60 clear	70	cloudy & rain
12	60 some rain	72	fair
13	53 fair	75	light showers
14	52 fair	68	clear
15	52 cloudy	66	cloudy
16	59 cloudy	56	rain
17	48 rain	57	fair
18	48 rain	54	rain
19	49 rain	57	cloudy
20	50 clear	72	clear
21	50 clear	78	light showers
22	56 clear	78	clear
23	56 cloudy	72	clear
24	48 clear	79	clear
25	61 cloudy	80	clear
26	38 clear	84	clear
27	50 clear	89	a shower
28	61 cloudy & rain	78	clear
29	48 clear	79	clear
30	52 cloudy	68	cloudy & drizzly
31	55 rain	67	rain

Mr. Brindle,

The Merino breed of Sheep having increased very much of late years in this and the adjoining counties, the following directions for preparing the wool for the cards and for carding it, may be useful to many of your readers. The principal objection to this species of wool is that it naps so in carding that it cannot be spun to answer the purpose. If the owners of the wool, and the carders, will pay attention to the following directions and act accordingly, this objection will be removed. The owners should stand by and see their wool carded if they wish it to be well done.

W. P.

Receipt for preparing and carding Merino Wool.

The wool ought to be washed before it is shorn off the sheep's back. To clean the wool of the yolk, take equal quantities of urine and water; heat the mixture in a large kettle, so that you can scarcely bear your hand in it, and keep it that hot over a slow fire; put as much of the wool in as you can stir conveniently: keep stirring it with a stick for 10 or 15 minutes; then take it out and let it drain, putting a fresh quantity in the kettle, stirring as before. When it has well drained put it into a basket; set the basket in a tub, and place them under a spout of clear running water, stirring the wool until it is clean; then spread it out on some clean place to dry. When it is completely dry, oil it with neat's foot oil, or sweet oil, in proportion of one pint to eight pounds of wool: the carder ought to card the finest common wool for some time previous to carding Merino wool; it will not do to card it after coarse wool; and if the cards are not good it will spoil the wool. Weak lye or soap suds, will do to clean the wool, but makes it harsh.

The Connecticut Legislature

Met at Hartford, May 14, 1818. Gideon Tomlinson was chosen Speaker, and Elisha Phelps and Samuel A. Foot Clerks, of the House; all Republicans.

Governor Wolcott and Lieut. governor Ingersoll appear to have been re-elected, with but little opposition: and a republican council: Every branch of the government is therefore republican.

William Cobbett has offered himself to the freemen of Coventry, as a candidate to represent that city in Parliament.

The ship Plato, from Bremen, with Mr. PINKNEY and family on board, is now coming up the river.

Balt. Patriot.

From the Democratic Press.

St. Thomas, April 30, 1818.

"I have just seen the Gazette de Carraque, which gives the official account of an engagement on the 17th instant, at Baul, near St. Carlos, between Bolivar and the royal general Morales, in which the latter it is said, has gained a complete victory over Bolivar—he says that the independents lost 400 men killed and 150 prisoners.

Amongst the killed of Bolivar's army, are stated to be brigadier general Pedro Leon Torres, the chief of the staff, "Santader," colonels F. Caliado, Salon and Maurice, lieutenant colonel Pinango, (nephew of Bolivar,) Silvester Palacios, Manfredo Bercolari, majors Joseph Francisco and Juan de Dios Morales, the aid-de-camp to Bolivar, Florencio Tobar, the surgeon Sebastian Olivares, and many others.

The Spaniards have also suffered much, agreeable to their own statement. Amongst their killed, they mention colonel Raphael Lepoz. They state that they have also taken 400 muskets, 30,500 cartridges, 400 lances, 30 cargoes ammunition, 300 horses, and all the camp equipage, &c. Bolivar's papers, hat and coats, &c.

It is also reported that the independent general Marino is dead."

Philadelphia, May 23, 1818.

Embarked yesterday in the steam boat at Fort Mifflin for Detroit and Mickinaw, a detachment of about two hundred recruits of the first battalion artillery, under the command of captain Farley, U. S. corps artillery.

William R. Swift, esq. of the house of Adams and Swift, Baltimore, has been appointed Portuguese consul for that district, in place of S. Cary, esq. resigned.

A physician has been exiled from Prussia and from all the Austrian states, on the charge of assisting at MASONIC LODGES which are prohibited in that empire with the greatest severity.

The South American deputy from Buenos Ayres, Don Manuel Aguirre, arrived at the seat of government.

Inviting offer.—A person in the jail of Hull, has published a notice, that if the man who committed the offence for which he is imprisoned, will come and confess the same he shall be handsomely rewarded.

A kidnapper by the name of Jernigard, has been sentenced to suffer death in Wayne county, North Carolina.

Rotation.—New York has 27 members of congress—it appears that only three of the present members are re-elected—and the most of the present members were not of the last congress. This is not the effect of any political change.

SEA SERPENT.

Under the article of SEA SNAKE, in Rees' Cyclopaedia, is the following paragraph, which I would thank you to publish.

"Bishop Pontopiddan* mentions (in his History of Norway, Vol. I. page 195, &c.) a sea snake of a very prodigious size; for the particulars of its dimensions, &c. we must refer to the testimonies which he has recorded." These animals some of which are said to be no less than six hundred feet long, are dangerous to navigators, as they throw themselves over vessels of some hundred tons burthen and sink them to the bottom by their weight. The preservative against them is castor, the smell of which they are said to avoid. The bishop apprehends that this creature which inhabits the North Sea, is the leviathan mentioned in the Scriptures—Isaiah, xxvii. 1.—Job, xxvi. 13. Salem Gaz.

On Monday, came on the trial of John Murphy, before his honor Judge Rush, charged with having willfully and of malice aforethought, murdered Daniel Jones, a resident in the county of Philadelphia. The case excited considerable interest, and the avenues to the court room were completely blocked up during the whole course of the trial. About 7 o'clock, P. M. the jury retired, and after a short time returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

Yesterday the prisoner, Murphy, was brought up before the court to receive his sentence. The judge, after some prefatory observations, sentenced him to eighteen years imprisonment in the penitentiary. Centinel.

* Bishop Pontopiddan seems, by the notice of him in the Cyclopaedia, to have been a distinguished historian and divine, died in Denmark 1714.