

one hair's breadth from the spot on which it was first set down—for that

"It was in the Psalms of David writ  
That this wide world should never flit,  
But on the waters snugly sit,  
Most firm and lasting—  
Now were not they bright heads of wit,  
At such contesting?"

But they took a much more effectual method than argument to put an end to the dispute. Being happily possessed of more power in those days than they are now, they got the fellow into their Inquisition, and had he not made an open, public and explicit recantation of his damnable heresy, they would have, in mercy to his soul, lighted it out of his body in a bon fire, and consigned both soul and body to eternal flames. To prevent this catastrophe he renounced his doctrine, and most fervently craved mercy which they most graciously granted upon his submitting to proper penance. Yet it is said the hardened sinner when stepping over the door of the Inquisition, said, in a half whisper; "It moves yet."

Notwithstanding this seasonable correction the whimsical conceit spread over the world, and multitudes pretended to believe that the earth really moves. But in what way it moves they could not agree. Some insisted that it run round in an eddy, or whirlpool—others that, by two opposing and resisting powers which they called centrifugal or centripetal, it was impelled and propelled, and that daily it runs round on its axes, or axeltree I suppose they mean; and that it has another course which it runs round in a circle once every year, and so that it still continues to traverse the same ground daily and yearly and ever will do to the end of time—that it is kept from flying off in a tangent by some certain occult forces which they call gravitation and attraction, or some such mystical powers which neither they themselves nor any body else know any thing about.

Now when such wild, extravagant absurdities as these, and many more of the same kind, should be believed, it will not be surprising if J. H. shall persuade some fools to swallow his Divining Rod. It is not long since we were all very near swallowing the Perpetual Motion, and I should not be surprised to find that some fellow would start up and persuade us that limestone could be changed into a fluid, and peach brandy made out of potatoes.

I am, sir, NO PHILOSOPHER.

*Captain Wright.*—The officer who commanded the lamented expedition against the Chehaw village, was arrested by order of general Jackson, and released by the Court before whom he was brought by *Habeas Corpus*, has been since arrested, by governor Rabun, and was to be tried at Milledgeville.

*Editorial Duties.*—There are few employments more arduous, none requiring a greater share of prudence and firmness, than to conduct with tolerable propriety a public journal. The editor who does justice to the community and to his own conscience, must occasionally give umbrage to individuals, who often mistake the simple discharge of duty for an act of personal enmity. A newspaper conducted with some ability is a powerful engine. Aware of this, exertions are not spared by individuals to inflame the passions, the prejudices and interest of the proprietor on particular topics. At one time he is assailed by the blandishments of flattery, at another by the invective of malice. The artful essay to win by kindness, the lawless and overbearing threaten him with personal injury. To preserve his independence and usefulness, he must have energy enough to brave the violence of the latter, and sufficient discernment to guard against the duplicity of the former: If he be overcome by either, he is undone.

Nat. Register.

The Boston Intelligencer of Saturday states, that Adm. Brion passed St. Kitts on the 28th May, with a squadron of six sail, among them was the ship Emerald, of 24 guns, two brigs and three schooners, with arms and ammunition, for Caraccas.

A gentleman of veracity, lately arrived at Washington City from Edinburg, says that the agents of the South American Patriots recruit in an open manner for men, without interruption, and that they are mustered and marched through the streets for embarkation at Leith; all this is done in the face of day, and under the eye of the British authorities.—Gaz.

*Unhappy Case.*—A person was lately tried in Otsego county, (N. Y.) on a charge of stealing a trunk and 160 dollars in money; and on presumptive evidence alone, was convicted and punished: his proper-

ty was afterwards sold to satisfy the demands of the plaintiff. After the accused had suffered the loss of reputation, liberty and property, a black fellow, who was the actual thief came forward and confessed his guilt!

The N. Y. papers inform, that the ship Foster, from Londonderry, has among other things brought out a Hog which weighs fifteen hundred pounds.

The royal order for the release of Mr. Meade is Spanish all over, and in every line characteristic traits of national character are to be seen. When powerful, she is cruel, bigotted and oppressive; resisted with firmness, abject, mean and humiliated.

The complaint of clamour from newspapers proves how the freedom of the press is feared, and estimated by sovereigns. It may, in truth, be said, that it is "the tyrant's foe, the people's friend."

Nat. Adv.

A letter from major general Jackson, dated at his camp before St. Marks, April 9th, to a gentleman in Kentucky, states as follows:

"In the Muckasuky town, we discovered evidences of hostility for many years; upwards of three hundred scalps were found; about 50 were found suspended on a painted war pole on the square, fresh and of every description, from the tender infant to the aged mother."

*Schuylkill Bank Notes.*—A very extensive scheme of forgery appears to be in operation as respects the notes of the Schuylkill bank. It consists in altering the denomination of the note. I have now before me what was a FIVE dollar note of this bank, but which note now appears to be a FIFTY dollar note. Wherever in the original note, the word or figure expressing the amount occurred, and in the note lying on my desk it occurs no less than six times, the word or figure is discharged by some chemical process and the figures "50" or the word "fifty" is printed in the place. I say printed, because it is manifest that the alterations have been printed on the note from a copper-plate engraved for the purpose.

As these forgeries are executed with great neatness and accuracy, and as the signatures are genuine and the whole of the rest of the engraving is from the plate of the bank; I think it a duty to the public, to caution them and to point out such appearances as may distinguish the genuine from the forged notes.

On the face of the forged note, wherever alterations have been made, the paper appears of a whiter hue than any other part of the note. On turning over the note, it may be distinctly seen that wherever the alterations have been made there is a deeper impression than on any other part of the note. There is also an oily appearance on the back where the alterations have been made.

These are all the distinguishing traits which are observable, at least to my eye, in the forged note before me.—D. Press.

The Norfolk Herald of the 15th inst. states that the President had received letters from Washington, requiring his speedy return. The President has been every where received in a manner at once respectful and affectionate. Such ever be the reward of a long life devoted to patriotism.

ibid.

*Pensacola.*—We understand that an express has arrived at Washington city, with dispatches from the commandant at Pensacola, to the Spanish Embassy. It is rumored; that the despatches advise the minister of the capture of the town and fort of Pensacola by general Jackson; that it was there presumed that war had been declared by the United States, against Spain, and in consequence of this presumption the commandant had issued a proclamation. Since the execution of Arbuthnot, &c. particularly since the arrival of the express, the conferences between the Spanish and British embassies were more frequent, and of longer duration than heretofore. It is believed that the return of the president of the United States, is in consequence of these circumstances and conjectures.

We look with anxiety for official dispatches from general Jackson, in relation to the storming of Pensacola. We are the more anxious, as reports are industriously circulated of the American troops having suffered severely in the assault.

*From Gibraltar.*—Our correspondent, under date of May 6th, writes as follows: "There is a great stir among the politicians to-day. An English frigate and a sloop of war arrived here yesterday from England, having sailed in one hour after receiving their orders. The frigate had

two sets of sealed orders; one to be opened when she arrived off Cape St. Vincent, the other on her arrival in a certain part of the Mediterranean, for which she sails to-morrow. The sloop is ordered to keep in company with her. A great mystery truly!—A meeting of the 'Holy Alliance,' takes place soon—remember that!"

Norfolk Herald.

*Minister to Russia.*—The national Intelligencer of Tuesday states, that Mr. Campbell, our minister to Russia, is now at the seat of government, awaiting only the president's return, to take his departure for Boston, where he is to embark in the frigate Guerrier for St. Petersburg.

The President of the United States returned to the city this morning from his trip to Norfolk. He landed at the Potomac bridge, and walked to the executive mansion, apparently in excellent health.

Wash. C. Gaz.

*From the South.*—Arrived at Tybee yesterday morning, the United States' schr. Lynx, lieutenant commandant John R. Madison. Captain John H. Elton, formerly of the Saranac, came passenger in her. We are happy to see among us this gallant and distinguished officer. We understand, captain E. had some time since requested to be released from his command, which has been granted, and he is now on his way to the north. Captain Dallas, who went through this city a week since, had arrived at St. Mary's and has taken command of the Saranac. We presume it is the intention of captain Elton, to resume the command in the course of a few months—he has had some active and arduous duties to perform; and we wish him a speedy restoration of health.

The United States' ship John Adams commodore Henly, was to sail for New-York in a few days, to change her armament. Capt. Dallas, with the Saranac, Prometheus, Finch, Lynx, Madison and gun vessel 168 remain on the station.

We learn that a duel took place last week at Fernandina between lieutenant Samuel W. Downing and lieutenant Dulaney of the marines. The latter was severely wounded and the ball still remained near the back bone.

An affray took place at St. Mary's in which several of the officers of the army and navy with a number of citizens were engaged. Col. Hopkins, and several others were wounded. We have not learnt the origin of the dispute, neither do we know any of the particulars of this unpleasant rencontre.

Extract to the Editors.

"Fernandina, June 2, 1818.

"A friend of mine has just arrived from St. Augustine, who informs me that an American sloop had come into that port from Musquito—the captain states that he was boarded by two patriot privateers and robbed by them of all the property on board. A report is current here, that a force has landed at Musquito, but from what I can find out I believe it to be a gang of Africans, whom some patriotic Americans at Augustine have gone, it is said, to drive away!! It is certain that the governor of Augustine has sent off the deputation of Indians with good advice to make peace as soon as they can."

A gentleman who came passenger in the sloop Hudson, arrived at Wilmington, N. Carolina; on the 13th inst. from Port au Prince, informs, that the Island of St. Domingo is surrounded with Carthaginian privateers, who indiscriminately board and rob vessels of all nations that may fall in their way. An English brig had recently been robbed of goods to the amount of 3000 pounds sterling; and a brig under Swedish colors of half her cargo.

President Boyer had fitted out a brig and schr. which have been in pursuit of them for some time. A corvette sailed three days previous to the Hudson, on the same expedition.

Pittsfield, (Mass.) June 19.

REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE.

The blood of the mad dog, mentioned in our last, which was killed in the chamber of a house in the Shaker Village judged to be about a quart, was taken up and buried about four feet from a large pear tree, in full bloom and very thrifty. The third day after the tree was completely wilted to the highest branches; and it continues to wither as fast as if it were cut down. In digging the hole, some of the small roots were cut off, which enabled the poison to mingle with the sap, and convey its deadly influence into every part of the tree.

The Salem Gazette of Friday says—Our Minister, (Mr. Sumpter, from whom Capt. Holman brought dispatches for government) had, just before his sailing, received letters from the U. S. ship Ontario, capt. Sinclair; they were brought by an English vessel from that quarter.

## TAKE NOTICE.

THE Store Books, Notes, &c. of the late firm of John Keen and Joseph B. Shugert, are left in the hands of John Patton, Esq. of Ferguson township, for collection.

All those indebted to the said firm will save costs by calling and settling up their accounts. The partnership having been dissolved, no longer indulgence will be given.

John Keen.

June 30, 1818.

## Dissolution of Partnership.

THE partnership heretofore existing between John Miles and Joseph Miles, Ironmasters, trading under the firm of John and Joseph Miles, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons having demands against the said firm, are requested to present their accounts for settlement, and those indebted to make payment to Joseph Miles, who alone is authorized to settle the business of said firm, and who will conduct the business hereafter.

John Miles,  
Joseph Miles.

Milesburg Works,  
June 27, 1818.

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## LETTERS

REMAINING in the Post Office, Bellefonte, Pa. July 1, 1818.

A.	Mary Lewis
Philip Antes	Robert Lipton
Robert Anderson	John Long
B.	M.
Samuel Beard, 2	James Mitchel
John Barr	Joseph M. Kibben
William Beard	John Morris
Philip Benner, 2	Neal M. Caullin
C.	John Miller
Frederick Crumrain	John M. Calmont
Roland Curtin	Margaret M. Clelland
Archibald Cary	William M. Colough
Eli Cadwallader	Fimly Moore
Richard Cary	Wm. M. Kibben
Ellis Chickering	Rudolph Mulholland
D.	Mary M. Clelland
Henry Delargy	Col. T. M. Pherson
John Davidson	Andrew M. Kee, 3
Joseph Davidson	Michael Mees.
James Drips	N.
Henry Dougherty 2	James Newell
F.	O.
James Fruburn	Nathaniel Orr
David Fulton, 2	Mary Osterwelder
John Flegle	P.
Jacob Flegle	Edward Purdue, 2
John Fulton	Henry Petrikin
Mary Felton	Charity Packer
Susan Fagunders	William Petrikin
G.	Jane Patton
Polly Goodfellow	R.
Adam Gray	Sophia Roddin
Richard Gunsallis	Daniel Richards
H.	Fury Rothrock
William Haworth	S.
R. C. Hamilton, 3	Seth Sayer
George Helman	Thomas A. Smith
John Helman	Paulser Sellers
Jacob Helman	Uriah Slack
James Hall	T.
Samuel Houser	Thomason Thomas
I.	Jane Tumbleson
Henry Ischowerf	U.
John Irwin	Joseph Updegraff, 2
J.	William Underwood
Henry James	W.
John Jemison	Charles Wilson
Mrs. Jemison	James Watson
K.	Jacob Wolf
Adam Kauffer	David Wiland
L.	Joseph White
Samuel L. Le	Y.
Amos Lewis	Daniel Yodder

R. T. Stewart, P. M.

## Adjourned Court.

AN adjourned court will be held for the counties of Centre and Clearfield, at the court house in the borough of Bellefonte, on the first Monday of July next.

By the Court,

John Rankin,

Prothonotary.

Bellefonte, May 2, 1818.