

JONATHAN ROBBINS.

During the last winter and the following spring, the affair of Jonathan Robbins, the pirate and murderer, excited a considerable degree of conversation in private circles, and the public mind was constantly agitated by the lies daily published in the Aurora and other Jacobin French Gazettes of this country.

Our readers will recollect that in order to convince the people of America that Robbins was not a native of the town of Danbury, in Connecticut, a certificate was procured from the Selectmen of that town, declaring that no such name as Robbins could be found upon the Records of Danbury, which certificate was published in this Gazette; and this, with the confession of the Murderer at the place of execution, that he was an Irishman, was satisfactory and conclusive with every man not blinded by party.

But the Jacobins were not to be flattered with facts; they still harped upon the old key to a new tune;—for some months they pursued their usual system, one day by dark innuendos and base insinuation, and then by bold and lying assertions; at last, after frequent mention of some important facts respecting that unfortunate citizen, forth come the following Aurora Remarks and subsequent Letter.

From the Aurora of June the 20th. JONATHAN ROBBINS.

During the late session of Congress we were promised some facts concerning this unfortunate citizen; and we hoped to have had them in time for the discussion upon Mr. Livingston's motion.

We have been more successful since, and shall now lay before our readers the information we have obtained literally, as we have obtained it, in a letter addressed by a gentleman residing at Danbury to the Editor of the Aurora.

In the view of national independence—as it relates to our character as a nation—as it relates to the character and independence of our judiciary, it is a matter of utter insignificance, whether Jonathan Robbins was a native of the Irish bog; or of the rough declivities of Connecticut.

Judge Bee himself declared as much from the bench; but he declared it in a sense different from what we conceive to be the law of the land or the law of nations. Judge Bee according to the report published asserted that it made no difference whether Robbins was a British subject or an American citizen, the treaty comprehended both descriptions, and he was delivered up.

We conceive that having a law paramount to every treaty, that is the great charter of the Federal Constitution, to deliver him up, was 1. As a citizen, contrary to the Constitution. 2. As charged with the crime of piracy on the high seas, over which the jurisdiction of all nations is common, it was a violation of law and justice.

The Sedition and Alien Law, together with Roger Griswold's to the bill, securing the Executive power from being usurped, were all submitted to, as guarding against French encroachments, as "meeting the manner of French warfare" and "combating her on her own grounds." But the novelty and the deception have passed away, our citizens feel the weight of the one, and behold with indignation the consequence of the other, and in most cases that can arise, the utility of the third; and feel, and acknowledge the injustice of all. The principles of that forlorn hope of the Anglo-American, Mr. Ross's election bill are not sufficiently known to receive the damnation they justly deserve; and which they ever will receive from every person of penetration and honesty; who is not an advocate for slavery.

The delivery up of Jonathan Robbins, under the 27th article of the British treaty (for the "furtherance of justice" cannot with all its palliation, be palatable to our citizens. On the subject of the certificates from this town, I wish to make a few observations. The gentlemen who wrote those certificates are, I believe, men of common honesty; they are so required here, but assure yourself they are party-men.—In the first place, the records of this town were burnt with the town in the time of the last war. It is not difficult to suppose a man might forget the record of a person whom he could not have thought of in twenty years, when the records where his name must have been deposited, had been reduced to ashes for that length of time, still less is the difficulty in conceiving that he might be born here, but never recorded. There is no impossibility nor improbability, that he belonged to an obscure family, then scarcely known, and now, long since forgotten. Our Selectmen have certified that they never knew a person by that name residing in this town for any length of time, but they now acknowledge a person by the name of Robbins, once laboured somewhere in this neighbourhood, whose age would not altogether disagree with that of Jonathan Robbins the Pirate! But the following is an important and an astonishing fact, a fact which nonplussed many of our certifiers, and which was related to me by one of the number.

On making enquiry, after the receipt of the Secretary's request, they found that a person of the name of Robbins was then residing in the boundaries of New-York state, but near those of this town. This person they visited, and the information they obtained was, "that he once had a brother by the name of Jonathan Robbins, that he had been absent some years, and he concluded dead, as he had not heard from him for a great length of time, that he believed if his brother was alive, he was about thirty-three years old!"

[Thus terminated the letter received by the Aurora man, and the reader shall soon learn by whom it was composed. A more awful written letter, or a more villainous attempt to mislead the People of America, and to destroy all confidence in the integrity of Government, was never engendered even in the wicked brain of a Jacobin. The author of the above infernal letter, which went to wound the peace of three of our most worthy patriots, the President, Timothy Pickens, and Judge Bee, was one SAMUEL MORSE, publisher of a Jacobin paper in Danbury, to whom Duane wrote on the subject, and received the above in reply. Whether the ghost of Robbins haunted this man, or whether the stings of guilty conscience has worked repentance for the diabolical attempt to injure three virtuous men and to deceive his fellow citizens, we will not pretend to say, but certain it is, that he has endeavoured to expiate his foul crime by the following recantation, which seems to partake of contrition for the horrid act.]

From the Sun of Liberty, of Aug. 20. Danbury, August 15 1800. TO THE PUBLIC

Since writing my observations contained in a letter to the editor of the Aurora, dated the 1st, and republished in my paper No 4—and the address to the gentlemen of the town of Danbury, who signed the certificate, concerning Jonathan Robbins, I have become convinced, from further examination of the subject, that the said Jonathan Robbins was not a native of this town, nor ever resided here—and that the gentleman who so certified were not only honest and candid in giving such certificate, but certified the truth. The said publications in the aforesaid papers must therefore be considered as erroneous and incorrect.

My intention in publishing the observation in the aforesaid papers were not to reflect on the characters of those gentlemen who certified, but the inaccuracies therein contained originated from mistake, SAMUEL MORSE. Those Printers in the United States who have printed the aforesaid publications are requested to publish the above. [There is an infernal scheme laid open to full view.—If the Jacobin printers, and those who believed them, have the most distant conception of honesty or justice, they will cease their clamours, and never more open their lips against men whom they have so deeply injured.]

Paddy Duane is eternally prating about the patriotism of '76. We should be glad to hear from this vile foreign conceit where he was in '76? We believe if the Drum major of the British 33d regiment could be found, he might tell us where this Irish lad was on the day of the battle of Germantown.

For the Gazette of the UNITED STATES.

WHEN man, puff'd up by follies blaf, Ascends to pow'rs top-galant-mast, 'Tis just to tell the inflated soul He pass'd up through the lubber hole.

M-K—S AND THE PICTURE DEALER.

A late Chief Judge, a noted sinner One day determin'd, after dinner, To stroll among the mob, and try To found his popularity. Whether the man had drank that day Of Nantz or Cognac, I can't say But port Miss Reason—faucy Jade; Whilper'd, retire, M-K—S, to bed; Vain was the advice, it was officious too, For what has reason with a fo: to do? Out struts our knight in deep disguise To hide him from all prying eyes. His hat, and cane, and wig laid by, Wisdom forsook his naked eye. In short to make description brief, His grace look'd like a Judge, than Thief; Thus strangely, robes of office alter A man, by nature form'd to tie a halter. Long midst the mob he's much delighted To hear his praise oft times recited. When out roar'd one with flammering voice Here—he's Liberty and M-K—S my boys, Ah, quoth his grace, I'm much in vogue, I fain would hug that greazy rogue, Should fortune smile on my Election That man shall have my benefaction For sure he is possid'd of learning A man of wonderful discerning

A man of wonderful discerning Hold—let me see, What shall he be A Judge—oh yes a Judge I'll make him And then perhaps he'll have my bacon Should justice charge me with oppression When to the Throne I get accession Our Knight now journey'd on apace When in a print Shop, lo, his face Appear'd now quoth his Honor, now I'll know What praise my Portrait will bestow Into the room He enter'd foun

Pray, Sir, inform me what's the price Of that profile that looks so nice? Ten Guineas was the man's reply Ten guineas! Why Sir that's too high And what's the one on other side? The price the same, the man reply'd Ten Guineas each, quoth he & sigh'd; Yes, Sir, they're in such great demand The world of copies will that price command Indeed! And what's the one with fine blue eyes? With long tail'd wig, and face so wise, Wife! Quoth the man with anger filling Sir, if you buy the other two, take Six of them for nothing.

*The lubber Hole is the place through which lubbers ascend to the topmast—true bred Seamen never use it, and despise those who pass thro' it. †Pointing to a profile of George Washington. ‡Portrait of the President. §His own!!!

Every Printer in the United States who has the least pretension to common honesty and justice, ought to publish Samuel Morse's acknowledgment; he appears sensible of the enormity of his crime, and with a view to expiate it, he requests the insertion of his publication.

A letter from St. Thomas's, dated Aug. 24, states the following prices—tobacco, 5 dols; flour, 14, 25; gin, 6 dols. a cask; brandy, 9 dols. demijohn; claret, 5 dols doz; porter, 3 dols; mould candles, 22 cents; soap, 14 cents; herring, 5 dols 25; bottled mustard 143 doz.; butter, 20 cents; lard, 18; cheese, 15; suiff, per lb 30 cents; refined sugar, 30 cents; onions, 10 dols; codfish, 5 dols; rum, 2d. pr 64 cents—Provisions are very high and scarce.

From the Halifax, (N.S.) Journal of September 4.

Extract of a letter from Sydney. Cape Breton, dated 29th July, 1800.

"Last Saturday died at his house near Sydney, in this island David Mathews, Esq. formerly Mayor of the city of New York, and late attorney general of this island. His death appears to have been the effect of a broken spirit, occasioned by the many unjust sufferings which he has sustained during the last twelve months. Nowithstanding the oppressive means taken to depreciate his virtue and his character, his memory will ever be held dear and much respected by all who had the happiness of his acquaintance. He was a most cheerful and instructive companion, a sincere and faithful friend, and a most tender and affectionate consort; he was charitable, humane and hospitable to a fault. If he had any foibles (and few men are without them) they were the offspring of a candid and openncss of manners, and a liberal unsuspecting disposition: his judgment was clear and accurate in the administration of the laws and constitution of the British Colonies. He had resided fifteen years in this island highly and justly esteemed by every man of sense and respectability in his country. His funeral gave the fullest proof how much he was beloved and esteemed by all the inhabitants. All persons who had heard of his death flocked to the melancholy scene, and testified the deep sorrow and affliction at their great loss: even the Indians attended and expressed their grief in a most affecting and impressive manner, and in terms of strong and acute sensibility lamented the death of their common father and constant friend."

Gazette Marine List. PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

Arrived at the fo: Ship Atlantic, Waters, Madras [Left it 12th April Sugar and dry goods; India Co. Schir. Thomas, Donnell Havana [Left it 2d September Saguas; J. Boufgert Hetty, M'Kinly, Savannah [Left it on the 2d instant Rice and tobacco; M. Keely Fallow Deer, Gilbert, Edenton [Left it 15th instant Tar and turpentine; to —

British August Packet, with the mail for New York, has arrived at Halifax.

Ship Hercules, Breath, 5 months from Batavia, has arrived at New York—lost her main and fore top masts and all her guns in the gale of the 8th inst.

Ship Aurora, Collet, of and for this port from London, 49 days out, put into Charleston the 10th inst in distress, having lost her main and fore top masts in a gale of wind off the Capes of Delaware the 3d inst. The brig Hope, Captain Anderson, of Philadelphia, arrived at Charleston, on the 9th instant, from St. Thomas's, she had been captured by the French and plundered of 1,400 dollars cash—600 dollars worth of goods, and had the crew of the sloop Hiram of New York, who had been captured by the same privateer, put on board.

The sloop Hercules, Talman, of Philadelphia, was captured the same hour with the above, and the crew put on board the Hope, but the Captain sent to Porto Rico, for speaking roughly,—the mate and a boy of another vessel were also put on board.

The ship Friendship, Ward, of Philadelphia, was spoke July 24, off the North West Buoy, Orms Head bearing S. West five leagues, thirty-eight days out from Liverpool.

From the Log-Book of the Schooner Jane, captain Toby.

Sailed from the Havana the 7th instant. Left there the following Philadelphia vessels. Ship Galen, Smith, to sail in 14 days. Brig Ruth & Mary, Silby, 1 do. Gayoso, Griffin, 1 do.

A sloop and schooner, names unknown. We were brought to near the Moro Castle by his Majesty's ship Thunderer, of 74 guns. She had on board capt. Daniel Allen, of the schooner Polly of Newport, 26 days from Providence. The Thunderer took part of the Polly's cargo, for which they paid him his own price; after which they permitted him to enter the port.

On the 20th, in lat. 36, 10, longitude 74, 50, fell in with the brig Eliza of New York. Captain Bunker, from Savannah, out 21 days. The Eliza was upset of C. Hatteras, on the 15th and totally dismasted, with the loss of two men upwards of ninety bales of cotton, one cable, and all her water, and was in a wretched situation, when she fortunately fell in with a Swedish sloop from Leghorn, bound to Baltimore. The Swede supplied him with spars and sails, and assisted him in getting up a jury mast, after which he took the Eliza in tow for two days; when the Jane fell in with the Eliza, the latter was in great want of provisions and water, which capt. Toby supplied him with. There were several gentlemen passengers on board the brig Eliza, all of whom went on board the Swede for Baltimore. It was Captain Bunker's intention to proceed to New York.

In the Jane came passenger Captain Mersey, formerly of the ship Charlotte, of New York, bound to the Havana, who was captured on the 16th August, north side of Cuba, by the French privateer schooner Gorham, of eight guns, and 105 men, from Guadeloupe; at the time of the Charlotte's capture, there was another privateer in sight. The ship was carried into Neuwitas, where several other American vessels have been carried in and sold without any manner of trial. The same privateer has since captured a Providence privateer schooner of six guns and forty-five men.

NEW-YORK, September 25.

The brig Sir John Wentworth, Captain Jones arrived yesterday in 10 days from Halifax. A gentleman who came passenger handed us a file of Halifax papers to the 12th inst. and a list of vessels captured (in addition to the one we published in our last) which he received from the American Consul there.

List of American vessels captured and sent into the port of Halifax, since the first of August last. August 8. Sloop Little Charlotte, Walter Cornell, prize to the privateer Earl of Dublin, cargo sugar, condemned. 11. Ship Abigail, Peleg Remington, prize to the St. Albans, cargo of sugar, tobacco, &c. cleared. 15. Sch. Farmer, Wm. Richards, prize to the Cleopatra, cargo of fl ur, &c. not tried.

18. Brig Berkeley, Prince, Snow, prize to the Earl of Dublin, cargo of gin, &c. not tried. 19. Brig Apollo, Enoch Lee, prize to the Pheasant, not tried. 21. Sch. Diana, Wm. Cozzens, prize to the Cleopatra, not tried.

The ship Hercules, Capt. Hearsh, five months from Batavia, is below.

A Danish sloop, and an English brig from the West-Indies are below.

Yesterday arrived ship Ann, Lee, 9 days Liverpool, Aug. 9, lat 55, 37, long 13, 00, spoke ship Almy, Snow, 10 days out from Liverpool to Baltimore, Aug. 22, lat 47, 25, long 33, 40, spoke brig Ranger, Waters, from Baltimore to Falmouth and a market. Sept. 13 lat 41, 13, long 60, 20 spoke ship Lydia, 5 days out from Nantucket, on a whaling voyage.

Same day arrived, brig Sir John Wentworth, Jones, 10 days from Halifax with fish. Inform that a British Packet was to fail from there for N. York in two days.

Same day arrived, four Habella, Donnell, in distress. She failed from Biddeford, in the district of Maine bound to Bermuda with oars, spars, fish, &c. and on the 10th of September, in latitude 33, 00, longitude 67, 00, met with a heavy gale of wind, in which he lost all his deck load, fore-sail, gib, flying jip and main top-sail, and otherwise damaged, which compelled him to come to this port. September 19, longitude 70, 30, schooner Jolly Green, of East Had-dam, five days out bound to Bermuda. Lat 37, 52, longitude 70, 00, spoke brig Juno, Roxbu g, seven days from Liverpool bound to New York, who informed that in longitude 67 he fell in with eight hog-heads of tobacco afloat.

NORFOLK, September 18.

Capt. Triltram Butler, arrived here on Tuesday from Alexandria, informs, that on Monday, Rappahannock bearing SSE, distant 6 miles, he fell in with a sloop bottom upwards; she appeared to be about 28 or 30 tons, had a new boom, not painted; her main-mast had washed away; her boat (which was drifting at a short distance from her) appeared to have been made out of a single tree, was also bottom upwards; it is feared that all on board must have perished.

Arrived in Hampton Roads brig Lydia, Miles, 53 days from Liverpool, bound to Hobs-Hole, (Tappahannock), spoke brig Sarah, from Newburyport to Liverpool, out 28 days.

July 26, spoke brig Industry, of Newbury Port; Northampton, from Liverpool, to New-Port, R. I. out 4 days, lat 52 50, long. 5.

August 10 in lat 47 42 long 20 30 spoke ship Minerva, from Norfolk, out 15 days. Sept. 5 in lat 43 54 long 54 spoke brig Sophia, V. lantine, from Newbury-Port, to Liverpool, out 7 days.

NOTICE To the PILOTS of the Bay and River Delaware.

THAT agreeably to Directions of the Board of Health that they "bring the vessels to, which they may have charge of, before the Lazaretto, after the first of next month as heretofore, until otherwise directed.

NATHAN FALCONER. Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia. Warden's Office, Sept. 22, 1800.

George Davis, No. 319, High-Street. HAS JUST RECEIVED,

Per Adriana from London, A few Trunks and Cases of 4 4, 7-8 & 3-4

Irish Linens, AND Gentlemen's, Youths, and Boys, Fine BLACK HATS,

Which he will sell on moderate terms, at a reasonable credit. September 24 mwf3w.

An Invoice of Playing Cards.

SUPERFINE Columbian, Harry the VIIIth, and Merry-Andrew Playing Cards, for sale cheap for cash—Apply at this Office. September 13.

The following work may perhaps appear from its Title as only necessary to the Gentlemen of the Bar.—The whole trading world are interested in the knowledge of its contents. It is replete with information to the Man of Business; and the Merchant, the Underwriter, the Sea Captain, &c. &c. will find themselves particularly and immediately concerned in the knowledge it affords.

JUST PUBLISHED, And to be sold by James HANCOCK, No. 106, South side of Market Street, PART II.

(which concludes the First Volume) of REPORTS OF CASES, Argued and determined in the High Court of Admiralty, (Great Britain) Commencing with the JUDGMENTS of

Right Hon. Sir William Scott, Michaelmas Term, 1798, By CHR. ROBINSON, L.L.D. Advocate. At the same place may be had PART I.

These REPORTS will be continued regularly as they come to hand. Sept. 18 th. s. & s. a.

Journeymen Pressmen.

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AN APPRENTICE WANTED, At the Office of the Gazette of the United States. July 6