

What a pity that since the world is so bad this Mr. F. who is so wise and benevolent cannot turn into every body, and correct every body's vices and follies—then change from every body into I again, and correct I's own vices and follies.

Philadelphia, TUESDAY, EVENING, June 28, 1796.

MARRIED.—On Saturday Evening last by the Right Reverend Doctor White, JOHN READ, Esq. Attorney at Law, to Miss MEREDITH daughter of SAMUEL MEREDITH, Esq. of this City.

COMMUNICATION.

The Aurora of this morning says, it is "not yet proved that the Mount Vernon is American property." If any of the party concerned either in her capture or any of the steps taken preparatory thereto—any of the owners of the privateer, or its agents, or any other American citizens friends to the peace, neutrality, honor, rights and independence of the United States, know any thing of the fate of the Mount Vernon, where she is carried for adjudication, what progress is made in the trial, whether evidence on the part of the owners (theonus probandi being thrown on them) has been adduced to show that the ship and cargo are American property, and will give information in the premises they will oblige the American public, particularly those who now consider the transaction as an act of piracy, a violation of the neutrality and sovereignty of the United States, and a breach of our treaty with France.

If there was an arrival at New-York on Saturday last from Havre de grace in 23 or 24 days which brought dispatches to the French minister which contained an account of a victory by the French over the Austrians, near the Rhine, and these dispatches were received here on Sunday, and the circumstance was known to many who are in the secrets of the French republic, and this news was circulated at the coffee house and in the streets, and repeated again on Monday with additional corroborating evidence of its authority: It is not fully matured for official annunciation. Time and patience may prepare the public mind for its reception. The Courier Francois of this morning says,

Mais quand cette victoire des Allemands ferait vraie, il s'en faut bien qu'elle soit décisive, ni même consolante pour eux. Il paraît que leur perte est plus considérable que celle des Français, qui n'ont abandonné ni canons, ni poste important. The ARGUS is requested to say whether there has been any suppression of intelligence, or not, as in the case of the Iris.

Extract of a letter from Bermuda, June 14. "Our custom house have entered into a resolution respecting the exportation of coffee and sugar, not allowing the former to be cleared excepting for England, unless 54/4 per cwt. sterling is paid here, and 7/6 for the latter."

The vessel that brought the above, was obliged to reland her cargo, altho' the loading was completed two days before the instructions were given. The Olive Branch, Devereaux, 5 days from Philadelphia for Surinam, was spoke June 6, lat. 34.57 long. 65.

We are informed that in the course of this week the public will be gratified with the first appearance of a young gentleman on the stage of the New Theatre in the character of Montgomery in the Carmelite. Tho' this gentleman has as yet never appeared upon any stage, great hopes are entertained of his success by those who are acquainted with his talents—we can say with confidence that few young men have raised such flattering expectations of future eminence in the Theatrical line as Mr. F—x. It is an unpleasant circumstance for the public that the Theatre has too long been considered merely as a refuge for misfortune without talents, and not as a proper field for the display of genius. In Mr. F—x we are happy to say that his appearance on the stage is the result of choice, and that the inclination of his talents only has induced him to offer himself on this occasion as a candidate for the public approbation. Whilst the citizens of Philadelphia lament the loss of so many celebrated performers which the New Theatre has sustained, and is about to sustain, their own interest would direct the most generous and candid attention to every gentleman who offers himself to supply the necessary succession of actors. The talents of the season will prevent Mr. F—x from appearing a second time before the departure of the company from this city, but should he meet with the encouragement of the public on his first appearance, they will receive ample returns in the course of the next winter for their present favors.—The New Theatre can now boast of few male performers in the tragic department, but the talents of M—n, respectable as they are, can do but little without proper assistance from other performers. In Mr. F—x we trust he will receive an able coadjutor.

On this occasion it is hoped the citizens of Philadelphia will not fail to afford that encouragement to merit for which they have hitherto been so justly distinguished. The approbations of the public must invite the appearance, and insure the exertions of genius. Without the sunshine of their favor the bud can never blossom, or the fruit be matured.

GLEANINGS

From late European papers.

PARIS, April 8.

The supplementary contributions to the forced loan exceed the original amounts imposed on the tax bills; for those, who originally were rated at 6000 livres, are now obliged to pay 50 to 60, or 70, and even 200,000 livres in specie. As these sums surpass the effective property of many merchants, they determined to try the worst, and have their furniture sold by the public. At Bourdeaux the property of several merchants, who would not or could not pay, was confiscated. Gen. Pichegru, who at first declined accepting the appointment of ambassador near the Swedish

Court, has, on the 4th inst. declared his intention to accept. During his command he acted so disinterested, that he was obliged after his resignation, to sell his horses to provide for the necessities of life.

In the fitting of the Council of Ancients on the 4th Lecoulteux stated the number of troops now in the service of France to be 800,000 men, and the yearly expences at 1000 millions in specie.

When the decree of the Directory, offering 100 livres payable in refcriptions to any person arreling an emigrant or priest condemned to be exported; was known at Marseilles, numbers of persons were imprisoned and a general alarm spread over that city.

LONDON, April 5.

Extract of the late regulation of a tax on Legacies.

"Every Legacy to a brother or sister to pay 2 p. cent. Those to an uncle, aunt or first cousin 3 p. cent; to a cousin in the second degree 4 p. cent, to more distant relations or strangers 4 p. cent.

"The Executors are to pay these taxes to the Stamp-Officers. Every gift to be considered as a Legacy. If a legacy consists of an annuity, the latter must pay by the quarter according to the calculations annexed to the bill.

"Plate, furniture, &c. are exempted from the tax. Two years are allowed to recover outstanding monies of the deceased. That time being elapsed, the board of Treasury proceeds to the calculation of the deductions and the stamp officers are directed, then to effect an estimate of the estate.—That act constitutes a large volume in folio on account of the very complicated calculations and pieces annexed."

On the arrival of the Spanish Ambassador Marquis del Campo the women of the hall, according to custom repaired to his hotel in order to congratulate him on his safe arrival, by presenting him a nose gay. The minister ordered 25 louis d'ors given them, which they cheerfully accepted.

Monsieur, said one amongst them, we shall always pray God to preserve his Catholic Majesty, your king and you also.

MENTZ, April 5.

Authentic information of the condition of the enemies armies and finances still promise an advantageous peace. The Austrian armies count 90,000 men, the enemy can hardly muster an equal number.

LONDON, March 30.

The French frigate arrived at Portsmouth, proves to be La Bonne Citoyenne, mounting 24 guns and 145 men; she belonged to the Squadron, that sailed on the 4th with a number of troops on board from Rochefort to the Isle of France. She was in company with the frigates la Forte, la Seine, la Regenerée and the brig la Mutine.

BY THIS DAY'S MAILS.

Port of BALTIMORE, June 24.

Yesterday arrived here the ship Lenox, captain John Rice, in 80 days from the Ill of France, laden with coffee and bale goods for Bantalon and Dumas.

April 16, lat. 34. 49, south, low sunset of English Indiamen from Beagal bound to Europe. The commodore, captain Young, sent his boat on board captain Rich, and informed him that they were to call at the Cape of Good Hope, and Saint Helena. April 22, lat. 20, 31, spoke the ship Columbus, of New York, capt. William Pell, from the Isle of France, bound to Hamburg, all well. Capt. Baird, who failed some time since from New York, was on board the Columbus.

May 8, lat. 7. 52, spoke the brig Rose, capt. Manly, from the Ill of France for Philadelphia.

June 15, lat. 30. 14, north, spoke the ship Aitrea, of New York capt. William Morton, from Martinico bound to New York.

Left at the Isle of France. Brig Columbia, capt. Franklin, of Philadelphia, ship Elizabeth, Parle of New York, who had been struck with lightning and lost her masts; several of her men were much hurt.

Ship Belarius, captain George Crowninshield of Salem; ship Industry, capt. Lewis of Philadelphia; a ship from Rhode-Island name unknown, a day or two before capt. Rich failed.

Ship America of Bolton, capt. Woodward, was going to Bourbon and from there to Hamburg.

Same day arrived the Brig Alfred, Cornelius G. Bowler, from Rhode-Island, out ten days. In lat. 39. 50. long. 73. 13, spoke with a schooner, name unknown, Stephen Brown master, from Aux Cayes, bound to Bolton, out twenty five days. Capt. Brown informed that the French and English had a very close engagement at Logan, in which the English were obliged to retreat into Port au Prince, and that their gates with a very great loss of men. In lat. 37. 31, long. 74. 13, spoke with a ship from Jamaica bound to Philadelphia with passengers, and a Bermuda schooner privateer, on a cruize.

Arrived yesterday, in ten days from Cape Francois, the schooner Thetis, Capt. Dickson, with sugar and coffee—John M'Faddon, & Co.

Left at Cape Francois on the 13th inst.

- Ship William, Earl, Charleston
Snow Zephyr, Hilmar, Bolton
Brig Hiram, Leveing, Wilmington
Harriot, Nelson, Baltimore
Speedwell, Preston, Easton (condemned)
Schr. Peter, Shaddock, Bolton
Citizen, Snowhill
Mary, Easton, Philadelphia
Cummings, Snail, Charleston
Mars, Lewis, Wellfleet
Rebecca, Neckeron, Bolton
John, Lewis, Marblehead
Sally, Philadelphia
Sloop Dolphin, Amey, Baltimore
Delight, Warner, Middletown
Brothers, Hugham, Charleston

Two 74's, 5 frigates, and 3 corvettes. The day before capt. D. failed, the republican troops were embarking, with an intention of taking possession of Fort Mifflin.

June 15, was brought to by his Majesty's ship, Leviathan, of 74 guns, and politely dismissed.

Also arrived, schooner Succels, Baldry, in 16 days from Petit Trou, laden with sugar and coffee—Price Current, Coffee, 26 lous. The Captain was boarded off Henenga by 5 British privateers, who examined his papers and dismissed him politely.

Also schooner Betley, Rufus Burr, in 20 days from St. Thomas, laden with rum and sugar.

Left at St. Thomas, schooner Hannah, Phillips, Baltimore; the schooner Beaufort, Conway, Baltimore, failed a few days before capt. B. for St. Domingo—capt. B. confirms the account of the Dutch fleet's arrival at Surinam—1 ship of the line, 4 frigates, 2 sloops, 2 cutters and 2 brigs with 2000 troops. He likewise says that St. Lucia had surrendered by capitulation, after great loss on both sides.

GEORGE-TOWN, June 24.

As a small tribute of public worth—and to testify their entire approbation of the political conduct of that able and honest patriot, Mr. AMES, whose celebrated speech on the question of appropriations, is not more to be admired for its irresistible eloquence, than the excellent system of political morality which it inculcates, the citizens of George-town invited him to a public dinner, on Tuesday last, at the Union Tavern.—The day was spent in the utmost harmony and conviviality.—The following, we understand, is a list of the toasts given on the occasion:

- 1. The United States of America—May Virtue and good sense perpetuate their Union.
2. Congress.
3. The President of the United States.
4. The Republic of France, and all the Republican governments throughout the world.
5. The State of Massachusetts.
6. John Adams.
7. Patrick Henry.
8. General La Fayette—May he soon enjoy in this land of liberty, the freedom he contributed to establish.
9. May talents and integrity be the only passports to posts of distinction in this country.
10. May the people of America possess discernment to distinguish real from pretended patriotism.
11. May no system of politics be tolerated in America, which has not morality for its basis.
12. May perseverance in true policy render foreign influence abortive.
13. The American Fair.

Upon Mr. Ames's retiring. Mr. Ames—May he long continue to deserve well of his country.

NEW-LONDON, June 23.

Arrived, Brig Aurora, S. Wadsworth, of Hartford, in 14 days from Port-a-Paix. Left there, sloop Crisis, Cook, of Norwich, with mules; sloop Scrub, Williams, of Middletown; and a brig from Philadelphia; all carried in by French privateers. It was not pretended to make prizes of them; but their cargoes were taken by the administration at their own price, and due bills given therefor.—Those who go there to trade, and those carried in are all treated alike. Capt. Wadsworth received a due bill for 11,000 livres.

Philadelphia, June 27.

ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

Table with columns: Ship Name, Days, and Port of Origin. Includes Schooner Idle Time, Franklin, Liberty Stillwell, Sloop Sally, Sch'r Ræback, Sloop Cynthia, etc.

CLEARED.

Table with columns: Ship Name, Days, and Destination. Includes Ship Clothier, Ship Adriana, Brig Newton, Sch. Fidelity, etc.

Two inward bound ships, were seen inside the Capes yesterday morning. One has an Eagle head, with a few Dutch passengers; the other appears to be a Portuguese vessel. A brig was seen below, bound up. A brig from Conaves put into Wilmington, this morning.

STOCKS.

Table listing various stocks and exchange rates, including Six per Cent, Three per Cent, 5 1/2 per Cent, etc.

The ingenious author of a "History of the Earth and Animated Nature," concludes his Description of Birds with the ensuing neat and lively sentences.

I own I cannot take leave of this most beautiful part of the creation without reluctance. These splendid inhabitants of the air possess all those qualities that can soothe the heart and cheer the fancy; the brightest colours, the roundest forms, the most active manners, and the sweetest music. In sending the imagination in pursuit of these, in following

them to the chirping grove, the screaming precipice, or the glassy deep, the mind naturally left the sense of its own situation, and, attentive to their little sports, almost forgets the task of descending them. Innocently to amuse the imagination in this dream of life is wisdom; and nothing is sicker than, by furnishing mental employment, keeps us for a while in oblivion of those stronger passions that lead to evil. But every rank and state of mankind may find something to imitate in those delightful longings, and we may not only enjoy the time, but mend our lives by the contemplation. Let a their courage in defence of their young, and their assiduity in incubation, the coward may learn to be brave and the rash to be patient. The inviolable attachment of some to their companions may be lessons of fidelity, and the constant tenderness of others, be a monitor to the incontinent. Even those that are tyrants by nature never spread capricious destruction; and, unlike man, never inflict pain but when urged by necessity.

There were in the last war an Irishman and Welchman, who, in besieging a city, went into a tent to drink; when, as Cut splutter hers nails was heaving up the pitcher; a cannon ball split off his head the Jack and all. "By Jafus," cries Paddy, "the beer is split."

AUTHENTIC.

We are informed that orders have been transmitted by Lord Dorchester to the officers commanding at the several British forts within the limits of the United States for their evacuation; and that duplicates thereof were delivered to Captain Lewis, who arrived in this city yesterday evening from Quebec.

Mr. FRANCIS, (Of the New Theatre)

TAKES this opportunity of returning thanks to his scholars and to the public. Mr. Francis intends, on his return from Maryland, to open a public academy for dancing, upon a plan entirely new. He flatters himself that his attention to his pupils hitherto renders any promises of conducting his future schemes on the most liberal and strict terms, of propriety, totally unnecessary.

TO LET,

Ready furnished, for three or four months, certain, A GENTLE three story brick house, No. 70, North Eighth-street. For terms enquire of Mr. Francis as above. June 28. dtf.

Advertisement for Harriet, The American Ship, Thomas W. Norman, Commander. A remarkable fine, fast-sailing ship, with excellent accommodations for passengers. A considerable part of her cargo is engaged and ready to go on board, and is expected to fall in 10 days. For freight or passage, apply to the captain on board, the lower side of Walnut-street wharf, or to Peter Kubr. June 28. \$10

New Theatre. Last week this season of the company's performing.

On WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 29, Will be presented, a Tragedy, called The CARMELITE. Montgomery, By a Young Gentleman, (Being his first appearance on any Stage.) End of the Tragedy. A Concerto on the French Horn, By Monsieur ROSIER, being his first performance in this country. To which will be added, the Comedy of The Mock Doctor; OR, THE DUMB LADY CUR'D. On Friday will be performed The DESERTED DAUGHTER. Mr. WELLS, Box-Book-Keeper's Night will be on Saturday.

PROPOSALS FOR PUBLISHING BY SUBSCRIPTION, A Plan of the City of Washington, By THOMAS FREEMAN, Surveyor of the territory of Columbia and City of Washington. CONDITIONS.

- I. This Plan shall be an elegant and correct Copperplate impression, of about four feet square, wherein will be accurately delineated the natural state of the ground contained within the lines of the city—pines, valleys, rising grounds, springs, runs, creeks, &c. with the lines of the grand avenues, streets, squares, public appropriations for walks, gardens, as now correctly laid out and permanently established—the river Potomak, and Eastern Branch, opposite the city—the channels, coasts, harbours and foundings of the same, as taken by order of the Board of Commissioners.
II. On the sides of the Plan shall be represented a beautiful elevation of the President's House and the Capitol.
III. To render the drawing still more intelligible and useful, it shall be accompanied by a Pamphlet, containing all the laws of the general and particular governments, respecting the location and establishment of the city—the orders and regulations of the Board of Commissioners, approved by the President of the United States, respecting the purchase and improvement of lots therein—a particular description of the city and adjacent country—of the river Potomak, with the productions, state of cultivation, commerce, population, &c. of the country through which that vast river flows.
IV. This work will be published under the sanction of the Commissioners of the City, and shall meet with their full approbation before it appears in public; and Mr. FREEMAN pledges himself to make it as accurate useful and entertaining as possible.
V. The price to subscribers, 5 Dollars, to be paid on reception of the Plan and Pamphlet.
VI. Subscriptions will be taken at the Surveyor's office, in the city; Mr. Rice's Bookstore in Baltimore and Philadelphia; and at the principal Bookstores on the Continent. June 17. 2211 W

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away from the subscriber living near Church Hill, Queen Anns County in the State of Maryland about the first of January last, a black negro man, named Sam, about thirty years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has a crooked finger on one hand, and one leg and foot smaller than the other, somewhat round shouldered, his clothing unknown. Any person who will secure or bring said fellow home, so that I may get him again shall have the above reward with reasonable charges. WILLIAM JACOBS. June 4. *lawm.