

Official directions to admiral Cockburn, during the late war? Why, "to lay waste every town that he might find assailable!" Assertions are not facts, says my Uncle Toby, and the saying is proverbially true. We would not derogate however, from the merit of browbeating the barbarians.—Lord Exmouth has done well; but he would have done better had he omitted political errors in his dispatches, and limited them to a true narration of events.
E. paper.

The projected Meeting to consider the proposition for establishing a COLONY OF FREE BLACKS, took place on Saturday last in this city, according to public Notice. It was numerous and respectable, and its proceedings fraught with interest. As we propose to publish a report of the whole proceedings as early as practicable, we will only here state that the Hon. Henry Clay having been called to the chair, and Thomas Dougherty Esq. being appointed Secretary, the business of the meeting was opened by an address from the chairman. Elias B. Caldwell, Esq. in a speech of considerable length, developed the views of the friends of this project, and offered several resolutions for appointing a committee to draw up and report a Constitution for the Association for appointing a committee to present a memorial to Congress, &c.—which after some remarks from the Hon. John Randolph and Hon. Robert Wright were unanimously adopted. It is scarcely necessary to add that all connexion of this proposition with the emancipation of slaves, present or future, is explicitly disclaimed. No vested rights of any party are proposed to be in the least affected by it, unless beneficially.

Boston, Dec. 21.

LATE FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Arrived at Newport, the brig Chauncy, about 40 days from Gibraltar, with specie, calicoes, and white lead, and 165 seamen, discharged from the U. S. frigate Constellation, under command of Lieut. Smith. Sailed from Gibraltar November 16.

Mr. Highman of Philadelphia, has arrived in the Chauncy, and proceeded for Washington, with dispatches from commanders Chauncy, and Mr. Shaler. He informs us that the U. S. schooner Spark, Captain Nicholson, arrived at Gibraltar about the first week in November; that the Jews sailed for Malaga on the 14th, and that the Washington, 74, Constellation captain Crane, Peacock, Erie and Hornet, were to sail for the same place on the 17th where they were to be met by the U. States, commodore Scaaw, then at Mahon, and proceed thence for Algiers, with the answer, of our government, carried out by the Spark, to the proposition of the Dey. Mr. Shaler was on board the Washington. Capt Gordon, late commander of the Constellation, died at Messina universally regretted.

The American squadron proceeded from Naples to Algiers, which place they left on the 16th Oct. We learn by the officers arrived, that the day has totally refused to ratify the treaty, concluded by commodore Decatur. The Chauncy has brought despatches for government.

THE EDGEWORTHS.

Maria Edgeworth is one of a constellation of female geniuses which now adorns England, and illumines the literary world. She probably holds an equal rank with Jane Taylor, and is second only to Hannah Moore.—We are informed that a brother of her's, named Richard Lovell Edgeworth, (the name also of their father) resided a few years since in Lancaster or Chesterfield district in this state, (South Carolina) and that his widow now lives in Anson county, N. C. He appears to have been an imprudent and dissipated man, whom parental authority could not govern, nor sisterly affection restrain. Several of Maria's letters to him are now in possession of his widow, who is said to be a worthy and amiable woman, in straitened circumstances. This family is more interesting to us, from the circumstance, that Maria Edgeworth is the daughter of the celebrated General Sneyd, (afterwards Mrs. E.) who inspired the unfortunate Major Anderson with a passion which she was not permitted to reward; and which is considered by common fame the cause of his having become a soldier. The fact of this lady's being the mother of Miss Edgeworth, the reader will find authenticated in an appendix note to her admirable treatise on female education, where she corrects an alleged misrepresentation in Miss Seward's monody on the death of Major Andre. Mr. E. founded a town in N. C. at the head of the navigation of the Pedee, which, in honor of Maria's mother, he named Sneydsborough. *Telegraphic.*

DIED.—In Philadelphia on Friday morning last, ALEXANDER J. DALLAS, Esq. Treasurer of the U. States.

REMARKABLE METEOR.

The Gazette of Dusseldorf speaks of a very remarkable meteor. "On the 19th ult. at 9 in the evening, a large mass of iron fell in one of the streets of our city: this mass when cool, was hard but it was easily broken and emitted a sulphurous smell.—Meteors of this kind are very rare here."

Ingenious invention,---
A young gentleman of this city, about ten days ago shewed the editor the drawing of an apparatus to be attached to a gas-lamp, which being once lighted, supplies itself with the gas at once generating & consuming it---no matter what the substance, coal, or resin, &c. Of its success we have no doubt. We understand he is now constructing one ---
N. Y. COLUMBIA.

THEATRICAL WARE.

A foreign publication states, that in a German advertisement for the sale of the machinery of a theatre, N. B. is added of the following character. "To be sold at the same time, thirty two good substantial old ghosts, with a very fine new devil, a striking likeness of Bonaparte."

A Calf, reared at Stroudwater, near Portland, now nine months old, weighs eight hundred and twenty nine pounds, and girls five feet five inches. It is not remarkable for its size than for its uncommon good proportion and handsome form.--A fair candidate for one of the Brighton Snow premiums.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

BENNER & CAMBRIDGE,

Having this day dissolved by mutual consent, requests all those indebted to said firm, to come forward and settle their respective accounts, on or before the first of March next. Grain of any kind will be received in payment at the market prices, either at Rock Iron Works or at their store in Bellefonte.

PHILIP BENNER,
P. CAMBRIDGE.

Bellefonte, 20th Jan. 1817

N. B. The business will be continued in future in the name of Philip Benner & Co.

TO BE RELEASED,

For one or more years, the farm whereon Henry Snyder now resides, on Fishing Creek, in Walker township, Centre county near to "Washington Iron Works." For terms apply to Wm. McEwen, Esq. or Francis McEwen or the subscriber.

WM PETRIKIN.

Bellefonte, Jan. 23d 1817.

Notice to Farmers.

THE subscriber living one mile from the borough of Bellefonte respectfully gives notice, that he has commenced the business of making

WIND MILLS.

Those disposed to favor him with their custom are requested to give him a call. Their work shall be done at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.

THOMAS MOORE.

Jan. 11, 1817.

N. B. Cash, grain or boards will be taken in payment.

LIST OF CAUSES

FOR trial at January term, 1817, in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county

E. Nichols' Exrs. vs.	G. Knox
W. Tate	A. Reed
Willink & al.	T. Thompson
J. Singer	W. Campbell
J. Miles' Exrs.	G. Miles
J. Wharton	Smith & Hunt
T. Wistar	E. Adams & al.
John Norris	I. & J. Harbison
J. Ash & al.	Cantor & Bear
D. Johnston	W. Smyth
J. Fearon & al.	A. Moore
Dunlop for Smith	G. Lonberger
H. James	J. Hess
M. Huling	W. Keatley.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Mill Hall. January 1, 1816.

Robert Gordon, Hugh Wilson, Joseph Thorndyke, John Mahon, David Brown, Wm Floyd, James Clark, Hugh Quin, Jean Heslet, William Clark, Adam Hipshier, George Leidy, Philip Pinch, Alex. Mahon, Charles Wilson.

NATHAN HARVEY, Post Master.

PAPER MILL.

ANDREW HARPST & SONS,

RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the public in general, that they have rented "Laurel Spring Paper Mill," (near Birmingham, Huntingdon county) from Mr. Charles Cadwallader; where they intend, by the 1st of January next, to commence the Paper-Making business, and carry it on in all its various branches.

From the experience they have had in this business, and by paying strict attention to the same and making good paper, they hope to merit and receive a liberal share of public patronage.

Those who have been customers to the above Mill, will be furnished with Paper in the usual manner; and those merchants and others who have been in the habit of taking in Rags, are respectfully informed that the usual price will be given for the same.

Dec. 26, 1816

Bear Skins.

The subscriber wishes to purchase and will give cash for a quantity of bear skins. \$ ddles. Harness, Bridles &c. made at the shortest notice, and for sale as usual.

George Test.

Bellefonte, July 30, 1816.

Wanted immediately, 1

or 2 Journeymen Tailors, to whom good wages and constant employment will be given by

Samuel Baird.

BELLEFONTE, July 10, 1816

The Spread Eagle, Square and Compass.

William T. Brown,

(Of Milton)

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public in general, that he has taken that old stand, the

STONE TAVERN

in Aaronsburg, formerly occupied by Samuel Miles, where he hopes by prompt attention, good liquore and stabling, to meet with a share of public patronage.

AARONSBURG, April 4

A PROCLAMATION:

NOTICE

is hereby given.

THAT a Court of Common Pleas General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Orphan's Court, for the counties of Centre and Clearfield, will be held at the Court House in the borough of Bellefonte on Monday the 27th day of this inst. at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, of which the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, and Constables within said counties, will take notice, that they be then and there in their proper persons, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done, and all Suiters, Jurors and Witnesses, are also requested to be and attend at said court, and not depart without leave.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte this 12th day of January, 1817.

William Alexander,

SHERIFF

SHERIFF SALES.

BY virtue of a writ of *Venditioni Expositio*, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Bellefonte on Monday the 27th inst. a certain tract of land containing 200 acres, be the same more or less, situate in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, with the improvements and appurtenances, adjoining lands of Abram Whitmore, Sansom and others. Seized and taken in execution as the property of William Hanna, and to be sold by

Wm. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.

ALSO,

BY virtue of a writ of *Venditioni Expositio*, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the same time and place, a certain tract of lot of ground, containing sixteen acres, be the same more or less, with the improvements and appurtenances, situate in Ferguson township, Centre county, adjoining lands of Samuel McCormick, Samuel Maxwell and others. Seized and taken in execution as the property of John Graham, and to be sold by

Wm. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.

ALSO,

BY adjournment, will be exposed to public sale at the same time and place, on a writ of *alias Lavan Facias*, a certain tract or parcel of land, called "Plain Field," situate and being in the township of Nippinoc, now Miles township, and county of Centre, containing four hundred and sixteen acres and an half, with the usual allowance of expenses for roads, with the appurtenances and improvements, adjoining lands of J. Jackson and Co. Seized and taken in execution as the property of John Helman, dec. and to be sold by

Wm. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.

ALSO,

BY virtue of an alias writ of *Venditioni Expositio*, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the same time and place, a certain Lot or piece of ground with the improvements and appurtenances, situate in the borough of Bellefonte, in the said county of Centre, on the north side of Bishop street, at 1 known to be Lot No. 83, in the general plan of said borough. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Hugh Gallagher, and to be sold by

Wm. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.

ALSO,

BY virtue of a writ of *Lavan Facias*, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the same time and place, four adjoining lots, or pieces of ground, situate in the borough of Bellefonte, in Centre county aforesaid, containing in all two hundred and thirty feet in front, or breadth, on Alleghany street, and extending two hundred and twenty feet upon an alley, and known to be Lots, Nos. 153, 154, 155 and 156, in the general plan of said town. Seized and taken in execution with the appurtenances and improvements as the property of Jesse Cookson, and to be sold by

Wm. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.

Bellefonte, Jan. 11, 1816.

ALSO,

BY virtue of a writ of *Venditioni Expositio*, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the same time and place, the one moiety or undivided half part of a certain tract or parcel of land, containing one hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less, with the appurtenances, now in the possession of Andrew Hunter and John Etter, situate in Ferguson township, Centre county adjoining lands of Joseph Miles and Company, John Mitchell and others. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Clemson Whitehill and Samuel Miles, and to be sold by

Wm. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.