

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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B A G D A D, June 17.

IRMA DUNA, the famous pirate who has long infested the Persian Gulf, has surprised the island of Kar...

VIENNA, Aug 10. The repairs of the damage occasioned by the late overfalling of the Vienna, and other small rivers in our neighbourhood, will certainly cost a great deal of money, time and labour.

L O N D O N, August 16.

They write from Gibraltar the 27th ult. that they are preparing at Mogadore, Tetuan, and other ports of the emperor of Morocco, a large naval force, supposed to be destined against the Spaniards...

Mr. Joseph Binns, of this town, whose natural genius for sciences, assisted by years of intense study and application, has discovered a certain method in the structure of balloons, which will astonish the scientific part of the world.

Yesterday the 9th instant, this gentleman, accompanied by Messrs. Newmarch and Frobisher, of the same place, eminent for their mathematical knowledge and calculation, ascended from the Beacon Hill, a prodigious eminence in this neighbourhood...

This philosophical phenomenon ascertains the force from the immediate and remote powers of electricity; and from the same machinery, Mr. Binns can supply the exhausted gaz, and raise it higher and lower at pleasure.

Every thing is in confusion at Utrecht; the burghers seem resolute, and the magistracy determined: this may be attended with terrible consequences to the continuation, if the neighbouring cities do not interpose as mediators.

A correspondent in Paris assures us, that a Spaniard has walked across the river Seine three times below the bridge of Neuilly; he was equipped with boots, and they only sunk about one foot into the water.

The Duc de Chartres, a peer of the blood royal in France, has brought over his son, a youth of eighteen years of age, to complete his studies at the university of Oxford.

A very extraordinary case happened on Saturday last in the city. A blackboy had received five shillings in his pocket as his wages, and going into a public house, in Trinity lane, to have a glass of gin, laid the bag of halfpence on the bar, but on going away mistook it, and suspected a woman who had just gone away, after having likewise had a glass of gin.

room; overjoyed, perhaps, at the recovery of his money, he drank to intoxication on Sunday, and on Monday fell from a scaffold into the street, and was killed.

Aug 20. One of the principal reasons which broke off the commercial arrangements, that had for some time been settling at Paris between Great Britain and France, was respecting the produce of the French West-India islands being admitted into the British dominions on a small duty.

A merchant in the city has received a letter from Amsterdam, which says, that their trade to Spain is for the present almost at a stand, on account of the number of Barbary armed vessels cruising in the Mediterranean.

Extract of a letter from Leghorn, July 21. We just now learn of a remarkable convulsion in the state of Venice. The doge has been seized in his palace; several members of the lower senators imprisoned, and a sort of intimation of the spiritual council.

Aug 23. A partial change in the cabinet is now essential, and will soon take place; they cannot go on without it. In the mean time no plan is formed as yet with regard to their further proceeding in the Irish business.

The ministry having given up the Irish propositions which passed the British parliament, but unexpectedly met with so much opposition in Ireland, some other scheme must be thought of for regulating the commercial intercourse between the two countries.

Thursday three capital houses in the city were obliged to stop payment, on account of the remittances from America not arriving according to promise, for goods sent to that country.

Aug 23. A letter from an English gentleman at Bombay, dated March 5 1785, "We received intelligence that 3000 troops arrived the middle of January last, at the island of Mauritius, from Old France; and it is not to be doubted but the restless spirit of Tippu Saib will soon find them employment."

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NEW-YORK, October 21. M. De Bellecombe, who was lately recalled from the government of St. Domingo, is, we hear, to succeed the late M. De Eully in the chief command of the French possessions in the East-Indies.

The French are very industrious in erecting new fortifications, and repairing old ones, in all their West-India islands, and the English ambassador's abetting

himself from the court of Versailles, makes things put on an equivocal appearance.

We are informed, by a letter from one of the principal houses in Cadiz, dated in August, that in consequence of the truce between Spain and the regency of Algiers, a number of Algerine corsairs were expelled on a cruise; that the Portuguese had sent out several ships of war in pursuit of them, and it is believed the corsairs have returned up the straits without doing much damage.

Oct. 24. By letters received on Friday last from London, we are informed, that the King and council of Great-Britain have exhibited an instance of commercial amity towards America, which will be productive of much encouragement to the ship building, and advantage to the navigation of this country. By this order, the produce of the United States continues to be exempted from the foreign duties that are paid by all the other powers that send their products to England, provided it shall be imported in ships built and owned in America, and navigated by three fourths American seamen, and in British ships navigated according to law.

PHILADELPHIA, October 29.

Extract of a letter from Nashville, dated July 21, 1785. We have enjoyed a most uninterrupted quiet from the Indians this summer, the inhabitants are moving out of their forts, and sitting on their plantations through the country, so that we hope shortly that our settlements will enjoy flourishing state.

Last month I suppose you heard that the principal chief of the Chickasaws was as high up as the Great island; he seems to be a very intelligent and noble spirited man; he has a surprising knowledge of the cause of the late revolution, and the nature of the American government, and talks very feelingly of our growing power, and the danger his people are in of having this country wrested from them.

He is urgent in soliciting a trade down the Tennessee, and says he will protect it from the plundering parties of the Cherokees: a small essay will be made, if it succeeds well, it will be an inducement for the merchants on James river to embark again. It is certain, that the Tennessee is the nearest and best communication between the eastern navigation and the Mississippi. One matter I am doubtful will interrupt our pleasing prospect of trade, a private company of gentlemen seem to be driving at a project to purchase the great bend of Tennessee, that is to say, what may fall out to be touch of the claim of North-Carolina; the Chickasaws and Creek Indians are said to be much averse to this proposal, but we are told the Georgian assembly countenance it, and the principal men in both North-Carolina and Virginia are members of the company.

How unfortunate it is for America, that neither her treasury can be supplied, nor the bulk of her citizens benefited, by the fruits of the labour, and danger of her patriot sons!

A letter from a lady on the method of fixing the volatility of mercury or quicksilver.

I have promised, Monsieur Baron, to make you acquainted with such occurrences as might result from the chymical experiments with which I fill up my leisure hours, if they should at any time deserve your attention. I lose not a moment to inform you, that I have at this instant made a discovery, which, in my humble opinion, is equally interesting to the public at large, and the lovers of arts and sciences in particular; that which had baffled every former attempt, the fixation of, or imparting solidity to quicksilver, has been effected by the hands of a weak woman. Yes, sir, I have irrevocably fixed mercury.—I have rendered it as fusible as fusion, as any other metallic substance. After its being fixed, I expose it to the fiercest fire, nor does it return (as was asserted by several connoisseurs, before my experiment) any share of its volatility, the principle of which I effectually destroy. I have remarked, on the contrary, its being to completely fixed, that the oftener it undergoes the action, the more it condenses,