K E E N E, *September* 25.

We hear from Chester, in the state of Vermont, that the rain which fell there last Wednesday evening, in about eight hours, made the greatest flood that has been known for 20 years. Williams's river was so extreme high, that it has cleared the meadows of fence, carried off thousands of weight of flax, a quantity of corn and potatoes, drowned several horned cattle, covered the fields with flood-wood, and the grass ground appears like plowed fields The damage at Chester, is estimated at 500l. At Black-River the inhabitants have sustained considerable damage, but the estimate is not known.

On Wednesday last a severe north-east storm, attended with a large quantity of rain, was experienced in this and the neighbouring towns; which has destroyed a number of fruit trees, and blown down a number of oak and elm trees, near two feet in circumference. A pair of oxen belonging to Daniel Newcomb, Esq; of this town, were killed at Gilsom, by the fall of a tree, and a number of cattle in the adjacent towns met with the same disaster. In some towns travelling was impracticable, on account of the quantity of trees which were on the road.

P O R T S M O U T H, *October* 2.

It is with real pleasure we announce, that the report of the federal convention meets with the greatest approbation in this metropolis. All ranks are highly animated with the pleasing hope, that this glorious structure, supported by thirteen pillars, will speedily be completed.—The patriots who have assisted in the above work, have deserved well of their country—their names shall brighten the annals of America, and their memory be for ever revered, not as the lords and peers, but as the *fathers of America.*

B O S T O N, *October* 8.

We are informed by a gentleman lately arrived from Paris, that by an arret of the council of the king of France, passed the 24th of last May, the PORT LOUIS, in the isle of France, had been declared a free port and opened to the American trade.

The marquis de la Fayette, we are told, intended a visit to America this year—but the expectation of a rupture in Europe, in which his sword will again be wanted in defence of the rights of mankind, in the cause of the Dutch patriots, prevented it. Among other considerations which induce us to wish for a speedy termination to the commotions which now agitate Holland, the desire of seeing in America, a nobleman, the mention of whose illustrious name immediately calls into the mind, without a recapitulation, a series of various and important services rendered by him to our country—is not the least.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, *October* 17.

Accounts from Old Spain say, that advice had been received of the destruction of that ancient American city, Mexico, the pride and glory of this continent, by an earthquake which lasted about eight minutes. It is said that but very small remains of it are left.—This city was situated in an island in a large lake, and was conquered about 260 years ago by Hernando Cortez.—*Worcester Magazine.*

Oct. 19. The Boston Independent Chronicle of the 11th inst. received by yesterday's mail, has the following articles:——

"*Important European intelligence.*

"By letters from France, of the 18th and 24th of August, received by a vessel which arrived at Salem on Tuesday last, we are acquainted of the manner in which the political affairs of Europe are embroiled.

Extract of a letter from France, August 18.

"The disputes in Holland are increasing, and have a most malignant aspect, and will undoubtedly occasion a rupture between France and England. Letters from London of the 10th instant fully confirm it. The people of Brabant are also in a state of high contention with the emperor, who on his return from Cherson, assembled the governor's-general and deputies of the provinces, and during his conferences with them his troops were put in motion towards Brabant. The deputies of the states are suspended from their authority by the emperor, while the inhabitants have abandoned every occupation, and employ themselves wholly in military exercises; even the monks and religious order have changed the gown for the sword; besides that, the hereditary states of Hungary are in arms against the emperor; therefore we have nothing to apprehend from that quarter, he being fully occupied with his own affairs

"England and France are fitting out their fleets, while the king of France is at war with his parliament, occasioned by a land tax, stamp duty, and other alterations in the revenues. The edicts have been published, and the parliament of Paris has refused to enregister them. Repeated remonstrances were made by the king. The parliament protested, and forbid the edicts being carried into execution. They expected to be individually exiled, but what was more extraordinary, they were banished in a body to Troyse in Champaign. The judges, lawyers and clerks, with their wives and children, were obliged to fly with them. All this has produced a violent commotion in this country. The other parliaments in the kingdom will, without doubt, experience the same oppression. This has thrown Paris into great consternation."

Another letter of the 24th of August says, "The post of this day has brought a confirmation of the above account from Paris, and also of a greater tumult in that city. The court of aids were required to enregister the edicts, and having refused, are banished to Pontise. The count d'Artois, the king's brother, appeared with the guards and the corps of gendarmerie, but were defeated and repulsed. The queen appeared at the opera, with Madame d'Artois, after it was begun; and it being usual to begin again on her appearance, the people clamoured and forbid it; she was obliged to retire, and was followed and insulted by the mob to her palace. The people are all in confusion, and the parliament seem determined not to comply with the demand of the king."

From various accounts, it appears that the hurricane which happened in the West-Indies, on or about the 23d of August last, has done very considerable damage both at sea and on the islands. Its ravages, however, were chiefly confined to Martinico and its neighbourhood, and do not appear to have extended to the more western of the Caribbees.

People in general here (says a letter from Portsmouth) are amazingly taken with the new constitution, and it is allowed by good judges to be one of the best forms of free government ever promulgated. Two of our well-informed men are now preparing speeches the more effectually to recommend it.—I have advised several of my friends, however, to examine this magna charta with their own eyes, and not trust too much to the flow of rhetoric that may be expected.—Oratory can do wonderful things—one of the Athenian sages is reported to have made so moving a speech upon the miseries of human life, that more than half his audience rose from their benches, and went home with a determined resolution to hang themselves before night.

P E T E R S B U R G, *October* 11.

The following atrocious murder was lately committed by a widow woman, on a young man who has since proved to be her only son, and who had been absent from her for many years:—It appears from the circumstances we have been able to collect, that after having served in the army until the troops were disbanded, he had, by his industry and œconomy, collected a sum of money, with which he was desirous of paying his mother a visit, and by his presence and assistance, to render the remainder of her days easy and comfortable. Upon his arrival in the neighbourhood where she lived, it was agreed between him and some of his former acquaintances, that he should personate a travelling stranger in search of quarters for the night, in order to see whether his mother would recollect him, as well as to guard against the effects which so unexpected an interview might have upon her. Accordingly in the evening he applied to her, but to no purpose, until, as his last resource, he informed her, that he had a large sum of money with him, which he did not wish to risk by being on the road at a late hour, or lodging at a public house, and of which he desired she would take charge. At this unfortunate moment, the dæmon avarice appears to have taken full possession of her mind, and to have suggested to her the practicability of making the golden prize her own, by means almost too horrid for recital. She therefore, as if over persuaded, consented to his request; and the evening being spent without any discovery on her part, he was lodged in a room to which she had access; and when in a sleep found from fatigue and security, and unsuspicious of his approaching fate, she murdered him by cutting his throat from ear to ear. The next day his companions, according to their agreement on their first meeting, went to visit him, supposing he had by that time discovered himself to his mother,—but upon inquiring for the young man, she denied that any such person had been there; upon which they declared there had been, and that he was her own son. From a change in her countenance and her still persisting that no person had been there, the young men entertained some suspicions, and insisted on searching the house, which being done, and some traces of blood discovered, they questioned her about the cause of it, and from the horror that appeared to seize her, and her evasive answers, they were so far confirmed in their suspicions of her having murdered her son, that they took her into custody, and she is now waiting her doom. She has since made a confession of the crime, the money recovered, and her sons body has been found where she buried it.

A N N A P O L I S, *November* 1.

About six o'clock, on Tuesday morning last, the stadt-house was discovered to be on fire, occasioned by the fire left in the chimney, which by some means communicated with the floor, and through that into the cellar to a quantity of shavings, but by timely and vigorous exertions it was happily extinguished without much damage.

October 27, 1787.

By virtue of a *venditioni exponas* from Calvert county court, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, on the 2d Thursday in November next, on the premises, for ready cash,

PART of a tract of land called Swinson's Rest, containing 50 acres, more or less, situate in Calvert county, about seven miles from Lower-Marlborough, late the property of Clement Deale; taken at the suit of Fielder Parker.

WILLIAM ALLEIN, sheriff.

Alexander Wooddrop Davey,

Hath again open a BROKER'S-OFFICE, at the north-west corner of South and Water-streets, Baltimore-Town.

He has now for SALE or BARTER,

HOUSES, lots, plantations, merchandise, Morris's notes, ground-rents, pasture lots, furniture, carriages, feather beds, certificates, do. receiveable in taxes, back lands, bonds, notes, bills of exchange, post notes, vessels, fustic, final certificates, and every kind of mechanical work heretofore made in this state, which he will engage shall be equal to any made, and not, as too often is the case, just finished to please the eye, without being sufficiently good and lasting as when not sold at public sale.—He is often employed to purchase the above articles and all kinds of country produce.

He requests all persons sending to him descriptions of lands, vessels, or other property to sell, that they give true description, this will save expence to him, give encouragement to people to ride to see said property at a distance, and give him credit in his office.

October 27, 1787.

WANTED,

AN honest, sober, careful, industrious blacksmith. Good encouragement will be given to such a one, by

NICHOLAS WORTHINGTON.

Maryland, Jones's Falls, Baltimore, October 26, 1787.

PETERS AND CO.

INFORM their friends and the public, that they are now ready to deliver STRONG TABLE and SMALL BEER, from their brewery.

Merchants and captains may be supplied with beer for ships-use, the same in quality as brewed in England.

As every attention will be paid to the quality of the beer made at the brewery, none will be delivered but in casks, branded, PETERS and CO. who flatter themselves, with giving satisfaction and meeting encouragement.

Wanted a malster at the above brewery, who has been brought up to the pale-malting business in England.

October 27, 1787.

ON the petition of Joseph Hall, of Montgomery county, to the chancellor, praying the benefit of the act of assembly, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, notice is hereby given to the creditors of the said petitioner, that the tenth day of December next is appointed for a meeting of the said creditors, at the chancery office in the city of Annapolis, and that a trustee or trustees, will be appointed on that day, on their behalf, according to the directions of the said act; and it is ordered that this notice be published six weeks in the Maryland Gazette.

Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD, Reg. Cur. Can.

FINDING it altogether out of my power at present to discharge the several claims now against me, I hereby give this public notice to all whom it may concern, that I intend to prefer a petition to the next sitting court of Charles county, soliciting the benefit of an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

SAMUEL ASHCOM.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Elizabeth Dulany, wife of Walter Dulany, Esq; proposes to petition the honourable general assembly at their next session, for restitution of certain confiscated property of her former husband, Lloyd Dulany, remaining unsold, and for compensation for other of his property confiscated and sold.

One Hundred Pounds Reward.

Port-Tobacco, October 24, 1787.

THE inhabitants of Port-Tobacco, reflecting with horror on the attempt made to destroy the town on Tuesday night the 16th instant, by setting fire to the store of the subscribers—do offer the above reward for discovering and convicting the perpetrator of that infernal act—and any accomplice becoming states evidence, shall receive the reward on conviction of his associates.

NICHOLAS and VALENTINE PEERS.

October 27, 1787.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of John Brown, deceased, are desired to present them to the subscriber at Vienna, in Dorchester county, on the first Monday in April next.

JOHN HENRY, administrator.

October 22, 1787.

TO BE SOLD at the late dwelling house of Doctor John Sprigg, deceased, on Monday the 26th day of November next, for ready cash,

A VARIETY of household furniture, horses, three pair of broke mules, cattle, sheep and hogs.

Also, to be sold, for cash, tobacco, credit, or any kind of public securities at their passing value, a number of full blooded horses, mares, colts and fillies.

RICHARD SPRIGG.

October 10, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber, being unable to discharge his debts, means to apply to the justices of Talbot county court, at their next March term, for the benefit of the act respecting insolvent debtors.

JOHN COLSTON.