

# MARYLAND GAZETTE

T H U R S D A Y, D E C E M B E R 4, 1800.

BOSTON, November 17.

### IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

ON Saturday anchored in Nantasket Roads, the United States frigate Boston, George Little, Esq; commander, with her prize, the French national corvette Le Berceau, commanded by citizen Louis Andre Senes, captured on the 12th October, in lat. 22, 50, N. long. 51, W. after an action of one hour and 40 minutes. Le Berceau mounts 22 French nine, and 2 twelve-pounders on one deck; and had on board at the commencement of the action 230 men. Her loss was 35 killed and a number wounded. The force of the Boston is 24 twelve and 6 nine-pounders, and 230 men. The names of the killed and wounded on board the Boston, are, William Ford, John Higgins, Matthias Jafey, and William M'Kee, killed; Mr. Samuel Young, purser, Thomas Hartley, and Nathaniel Dill, wounded, since dead; and Mr. J. M. Haswell, midshipman, George Groom, Gavin Wilkinshaw, Francis Rice, John Runlett, Francis Francis, John Alford, and John Collins, wounded and likely to recover. The prize lost all three of her masts, and was very much disabled. The Boston is much injured in her masts, spars, rigging and sails, which obliged captain Little to return from his cruise to refit. We are informed captain Little has expressed in strong terms his approbation of the conduct of his officers and crew, during the action; and considered that it would be unjust to the commander of Le Berceau, not to state that he gallantly defended his ship as long as she was capable of making a defence.

Le Berceau had been out from Cayenne, 25 days, during which she had plundered two American vessels, and made prize of one. On a former cruise, she had captured several American, and a great number of Portuguese ships from Brazil.

A variety of circumstances renders this capture of more importance than appears at the first blush.—Le Berceau is considered as one of the fastest sailing corvettes in the French navy; she served as a look-out vessel to the French fleet for 18 months; has frequently been chased by the British cruisers, and was never overtaken before; she has been very successful in capturing British, Portuguese and American vessels; and was bound this cruise to intercept the American Indiaman, and South-American ships. Capt. Senes has been post-captain in the French navy for many years; and was a midshipman in count d'Estaing's fleet, in this harbour. He has been in several engagements, and is esteemed a brave and intelligent officer.

The Berceau lost in the engagement her first lieutenant, boatswains, master gunner, and pilot, besides common men.

The Boston expended upwards 2700 wt. of powder, above 1500 round shot, besides double that number of chain, double headed, and grape, during the action.

The prize is now commanded by lieutenant Haswell, first lieutenant of the Boston.

The corvette measures 120 feet upon her gun deck, and nearly the width of the Boston.

Capt. Senes, and a commissioner who was in Le Berceau, after being on board the Boston 15 days, were, at their request, permitted to go to Barbadoes on parole; they took passage in a vessel bound to that place.

### PROVIDENCE, November 10.

Yesterday town-meetings were held throughout the state, for the choice of electors for president and vice-president of the United States. The votes in this town at the close of the poll, stood as follow:

- For the Federal ticket 512
- Anti-Federal 56
- Cranston, 15 majority for the Anti-Federal ticket.
- Johnston, 6 for do.
- Smithfield, 6 majority for do.
- Gloucester, 19 majority for do.
- N. Providence, 34 majority for Federal ticket.
- B. Greenwich, 8 majority for Federal ticket.
- Warwick, 7 majority for do.
- Covenry, 113 Federal, 13 Anti-Federal.
- Scituate, 150 majority for Anti-Federal ticket.
- Foster, 71 majority for do.
- Cumberland, 39 majority for Federal ticket.
- Barrington, 35 Federal, none Anti-Federal ticket.

### NEW-YORK, November 21.

In a London paper of the 29th September last, we find the following advertisement:

### PENNA DUPLEX.

By his majesty's royal letters patent, the newly invented machine for writing with TWO PENS, producing at the same instant TWO ORIGINALS, according to the common mode of writing is offered to the commercial, legal and literary world, as well as to all persons desirous of preserving authentic records of their correspondence, statements, compositions, &c.

This invention, which is reduced to a practice both easy and free from every defect, has been sanctioned by the patronage of some of the most distinguished characters in the kingdom and of several foreign ambassadors. Many persons; who have been obliged to have recourse to the copying or rather pressing machine, have experienced the most complete satisfaction in the use of the DOUBLE WRITER. The trouble and inconvenience attending the former, are totally superseded by the latter, which is so justly formed that there can be no mistake in its use, and constructed with such mechanical exactness and solidity, as to preclude the necessity of all repair. By this machine, on the merits of which alone the patentee rests his pretensions to general encouragement, the merchant and trader, those concerned in the various departments of the public service, gentlemen of almost every description in the law, and all persons engaged in an extensive and important correspondence, will be enabled not only to save the great trouble and expence, but also to avoid the possibility of inaccuracy, to which the best copyists are too frequently liable.

The Double Writer will be found peculiarly useful in copying drawings; and to gentlemen who travel it must be more valuable in point of accuracy and secrecy than the most able and confidential amanuensis. The execution of the machine is so exactly minute, as to render it impossible to discover the slightest difference in a hair stroke, or in the marks of punctuation. The space occupied by the machine is very trifling, as it is contained in a small sized portable writing desk.

Manufactured and sold only by J. H. Farthing, No. 43, Cornhill, London, pocket-book-maker, and portable writing desk manufacturer, wholesale, and for exportation.

November 26.

A letter received in town yesterday from Providence, R. I. states, that out of 550 votes for electors of president and vice-president, at that place, 500 were for the Federal ticket, and that at Newport, the Anti-Federal ticket had a majority of 6.—It further states, that there is but little doubt of the Federal ticket being carried throughout the state.

### HARRISBURG, November 24.

#### EARTHQUAKE.

On Thursday morning last, the 20th November, inst. two shocks of an earthquake were sensibly felt by the inhabitants of this town and neighbourhood. The first, took place about 15 minutes before 5 o'clock, and lasted about 40 seconds; in some houses, the effects were more visible than in others—the knockers on some of the doors, rapped as though they were moved by hands; and in one dwelling, a set of china was shaken from a table and broke to pieces. The fright occasioned many of the inhabitants to rise from their beds.

The second shock took place 5 minutes after 5 o'clock, and lasted about half a minute; was not so severe as the other, but was also very sensibly felt in almost every dwelling. In both instances, a rumbling noise, accompanied the trembling of the earth.

### PHILADELPHIA, November 24.

#### EARTHQUAKES.

Lancaster, November 22.

"In the course of the two last days we have been visited by several alarming earthquakes. The rumours as to the number and violence of these convulsions, have not yet been reduced to certainty by the public opinion. We believe the first appearance was on Wednesday morning, about 5 o'clock, which 'seemed like the murmurs of distant winds.' A few minutes before six on the same morning, we had the most violent shock. It continued for about 50 seconds, agitated every thing, and was in sound like the rumbling of many carriages over a stone pavement. Yesterday morning, shortly before two o'clock, there was a shock nearly as violent. In the interval, and since, four or five more trivial agitations have taken place. We reserve particulars and observations 'till our next publication."

We learn by a gentleman from Wilmington (Delaware,) that on Thursday morning, about four o'clock, a slight shock of an earthquake was felt in that town. From highly respectable and concurring testimony, we are induced to believe, that our city also experienced a slight shock on Wednesday morning, between five and six o'clock.

November 26.

The report mentioned some days ago, stating that the French white inhabitants in St. Domingo had been ordered off by the blacks, we believe is without any authentic foundation. The report is thought to have originated from this circumstance:—A vessel arrived some time ago from Dieppe in France with a number of planters on board, principally of the southern part of the island, who had been the creatures of the infamous Jacobin general Rigaud. The government of St. Domingo, fearful of renewing the

scenes of blood and desolation from which they have lately been relieved, would not permit the disorganizers to land. It was expected that they would steer for the hospitable shores of America.

In a former paper we stated, that the house of representatives had amended the amendments of the senate to the electoral bill, and that the senate had, on Friday last negated those amendments.

On Saturday morning the house of representatives met at the usual hour, and, after transacting some ordinary business, the following resolution was moved by Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

"Resolved, that this house will not recede from its amendments to the amendments of the senate on the bill, entitled, 'An act for effectuating, on the behalf of this state, the constitutional injunction, that each state shall appoint electors of a president and vice-president of the United States.'"

After a few observations on the question of order, the question on the resolution was put, and carried in the affirmative—Yeas 54—Nays 22.—

The clerk of the house immediately carried the resolution to the senate, and a copy of the bill.

The senate, after receiving this communication, adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

The house of representatives having refused to accede to the amendments of the senate, the bill is, of course, lost.

We are informed, that nothing further has been done in this business.

[The following is a very droll specimen of Yankee wit. It has actually appeared in a Providence paper, and if the groceries of this Rhode-Island jester be as high flavoured as his humour, he deserves a daily crowd of customers.] [Wags' Gaz.]

### TO BE SOLD BY

#### NICHOLAS BRANCH,

At his refectory, west end of the bridge Providence,

#### SOLID ARGUMENTS,

CONSISTING OF

Bread, butter, cheese, ham, eggs, salmon, neats-tongue, &c. ready cooked.

#### AGITATIONS,

Cider, vinegar, salt, pickles, sweet-oil, &c.

#### GRIEVANCES,

Pepper-sauce, mustard, black pepper, Cayenne, &c.

#### PUNISHMENTS,

Wine, brandy, gin, spirits, bitters, Porter, &c.

#### SUPERFLUITIES,

Snuff, tobacco and segars.

N. B. Any of the above articles to be exchanged for

#### NECESSARIES, viz.

French crowns, Spanish dollars, pistareens, cents, mills, or bank bills.

#### CREDIT GIVEN FOR

#### PAYMENTS,

30, 60 and 90 seconds, or as long as a man can hold his breath

#### RUDIMENTS, Gratis, viz.

*These indebted for  
Must not be  
Nor think it a  
If they should meet  
For calling for such  
And supposing it not  
To make immediate*

Arguments,  
Agitated,  
Grievance,  
Punishment,  
Superfluities,  
Necessary,  
Payment.

### PETERSBURG, November 14.

Upon the receipt of the news in this town on Tuesday last, that a treaty between this country and France had been signed by the commissioners of the two governments, the price of tobacco experienced a very sudden rise, and sold in the course of the day for 24s. cash—and 26 to 28s. at 60 and 90 days credit. The day before it was dull at 21s.

### BALTIMORE, November 26.

Extract of a letter from Charleston, S. C. received by the ship Sophia, to a respectable mercantile gentleman in this city, dated November 11. [Copied from the original, by the editor of the New-York Gazette.]

"Our attention has, for some time past, been taken up with politics—great exertions have been made on both sides; but in the city, and all the lower parts of the state, and in part of the upper country, the federalists, contrary to expectation; have had a complete triumph; and the consequence, in the opinion of our best informed men; will be, that Adams and Pinckney will have all the votes in the state.—You would be surprised to hear the alteration that has taken place of late in the sentiments of our most sensible and influential men—they are all strong federalists, and Adams' men."

November 17.

The earthquake which was felt at Lancaster, Wilmington, &c. and of which an account was published yesterday, was felt here about the same time, though as it is not unusual to hear a similar noise in the city,