

NEW-YORK, December 18.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The ship Alonzo, captain Gibbs, arrived at this port, last evening from London, and furnishes the editor of the Mercantile Advertiser with London papers to the 22d of October, inclusive, and Lloyd's Lists to the 19th. The papers are four days later than any advices previously received, but are almost wholly uninteresting. We have selected the principal articles. The captain of the Alonzo informs us that no Declaration of War had been issued against Spain at the time of his sailing.

It appears, from the prints by this arrival, that the Spanish frigates captured off Cadiz, had arrived at England—but, by our last accounts, no war had been declared, yet the accounts from Madrid stated, that the Spaniards were preparing for hostilities, though they seemed to sigh for an adjustment of the misunderstanding between that Court and Great-Britain.

The probability of a coalition between Russia, Denmark and Sweden, against the usurper of France, was, according to a statement in The Times, daily growing weaker; and his Prussian majesty was determined to do all in his power, to preserve a strict neutrality.

Nothing new had occurred relative to the Invasion. The French were still prepared to make the attempt—and the British ready to receive them.

LONDON, October 20.

Notwithstanding what has been said, an embargo may be considered as having actually taken place in Holland. The Alexandria, and upwards of 20 other vessels which had cleared out for Embden, and other ports, are detained in the Texel, on suspicion of being really destined for this country. It was generally supposed that the Emperor would not declare an absolute embargo (the prelude, we conceive, to confiscation) until he had got the ports of Holland filled with vessels; and, therefore, the orders for the present are only to detain such as are suspected until further notice.—All vessels arriving in the ports of the Batavian republic are examined by what are called Admiralty ships; and those on board of which English produce is found, are detained, and not suffered to land their freight until the government shall have come to a final determination on the subject. These extraordinary measures were first adopted on the 9th instant. Neutral vessels are allowed to enter the Dutch ports unmolested.

Dispatches, it is said, were sent off from the Admiralty on Thursday evening, to the commanders of our squadrons, with fresh orders in respect to any Spanish ships they may fall in with. They are supposed to be of the same firm nature and decided tenor with the recent proceedings.

Cardinals Confalvi, Joseph Doria, Dugnani, Fesh, Caselli and Oppizoni, will accompany the Pope to Paris. The regency during his absence, which will probably be for two months, will be administered by Cardinals Antonelli, Braschi, and Anton Doria.

BALTIMORE, December 22.

Extract of a letter from a mercantile house in Madeira to his correspondent in Norfolk, dated October 29, received by the ship Medway, captain Potts.

"By a vessel arrived here two days ago from Lisbon, we have received the official intelligence of a declaration of war between England and Spain. This you may rely on."

In addition to the above extract, capt. Potts says, that hostilities having commenced between England and Spain was known at Madeira—reports were current that the French had taken possession of the Spanish ships of war at Ferrol, Corunna, &c.—and that they are in daily apprehension of the French taking Madeira.

The ship Industry, arrived here yesterday from Madeira, sailed the 3d of November, and captain Ingraham informs, that two or three days before he sailed, a Portuguese schooner arrived there from Lisbon, with news of war between England and Spain.—N. Y. Gazette.

Fire at St. Thomas.

The schooner Samuel, Dill, 21 days from St. Thomas, has arrived at New-Castle. Captain Dill informs, that on the night of the 23d ult. a fire destroyed the whole of the town of St. Thomas, except five houses—that very little property of any kind was saved. The shipping escaped without injury.

The Knot.

MARRIED, on Thursday evening last, by the rev. Mr. HIGINBOTHOM, Mr. JAMES WILLIAMSON to Miss MARIA TUCK, both of this city.

On Tuesday evening, by the rev. Mr. DUKE, Dr. REVERDY GHISELIN, one of the honourable council of this state, to Miss MARGARET BOWIE, daughter of his excellency the governor.

This GAZETTE, No 3024, completes the year with all our customers.

LOST,

ON Monday evening last, a BREAST-PIN, with "Forget us not" engraved on the back of it. It is supposed to have been dropped in the lane leading from the Stadt-house towards the Chancellors. Whoever will leave it at the store of THOMAS SHAW shall be handsomely rewarded.

December, 1804.

Poet's Corner.

WINTER.

"Sore pinch'd by Wintry winds,
How many sink into the sordid but
Of cheerless Poverty."

BLEAK o'er the plain the winds tremendous blow,
Of purest white the fleecy shower descends;
The ice-arrested stream forgets to flow,
And all its horrors rigorous winter lends.

The prowling wolf his hunger loud proclaims,
From far is heard the savage Panther's cry;
The Bear's loud roaring fills the vast domains,
To sate their fury numerous victims die.

The keenest hunter dares not take the field,
To man the forests are impervious grown;
Save where the Indian bids the climate yield,
And makes the pathless, dreary wilds, his own.

Now ye, who fortunes various gifts enjoy,
Who bask in sunshine of her warmest rays:
Ye whom, nor tempest, cold, nor want annoy,
Whose days glide on in affluence and ease;

Think on the poor, the desitute forlorn,—
Extend your bounty to the wretch distress'd;
Pluck from the tortur'd breast the cank'ring thorn,
By misery pointed, and by care impress'd.

Let not your heart by gaiety mislead,
Be render'd callous to the tale of woe;
But cloath the naked, give the hungry bread,
Forbid the tear of wretchedness to flow.

For oh! the rigors of the year require,
Some fostering hand, the lingering wretch to save:
Leave for a while your mirth, your social fire,
To rescue suffering mortals from the grave.

For know your fortune is the gift of Heaven,
But not by Heaven for you alone design'd:
In trust for generous purposes 'twas given,
And proves a blessing to a generous mind.

Prove yourselves worthy of the sacred trust:
From dire oppression rescue the opprest;
Relieve your fellow creatures, 'tis but just,
And you in blessing will be ever blest.

Doctor FENDALL,
OPERATOR UPON TEETH,

HAS arrived in this city, where he means to practice amongst his former friends and customers, and the inhabitants of the vicinage, and may be seen, and consulted, at Mr. CATON'S, at any time. The sooner applications are made to the doctor the better, as his stay in Annapolis will be but for a short time.

The Doctor still sells his celebrated Columbian Antiscorbutic Dentifrice, for preserving the teeth, gums, sockets, &c.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Annapolis, Ealton, and the neighbouring country, or whom it may concern, that he intends to send for a few patent FORTEPIANOS, with additional keys, made by Astor. As they will be of the very best workmanship, and the keys longer in tune than any yet heard of, inasmuch that I have them sometimes in perfect good tune after coming from London. It is supposed that gentlemen who wish to purchase will reflect upon it. They will be offered for the same price as in Philadelphia, and old instruments taken in exchange. One of them, which I keep at the Ladies Academy, will be sold extremely low; also some good violins, one German flute, and a collection of sonatas and new songs, by

FR. AUG. WAGLER, Musician.

Annapolis, December 26, 1804.

CHARLES COUNTY COURT,
March Term, 1804.

IN EQUITY.

Henry Roberts, complainant,

against

Lydia Robey, widow, and William Robey, Thomas Robey, Prior Robey, John Robey, and Mary Robey, heirs of William Robey, defendants.

THE object of the bill filed in this cause is to obtain a deed for a tract of land, called Robey's Purchase, or The Water-Melon Patch, lying and being in Charles county, and containing fifteen acres, which the said Henry Roberts purchased of the said William Robey, in his life-time, and for the due and legal conveyance of which the said William Robey passed his bond to the said Henry Roberts. It appearing to the court, by the return of the sheriff of Charles county, that three of the defendants, to wit: William, Thomas and Prior, are not to be found in his bailiwick, and it also appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the said Thomas and Prior are not inhabitants of the state of Maryland; it is thereupon ordered, that the complainant, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, and continued therein for six successive weeks before the second Monday in February next, another copy to be left at the usual place or places of abode of the said absent defendants, before leaving this state, and one other copy to be set up at the door of the courthouse of Charles county, give notice of this application, and of the substance and object of the bill, that the absent defendants may be warned to appear in this court in person, or by solicitor, on or before the said second Monday in February next, to shew cause, if any they have, wherefore a decree should not be passed as prayed.

A true copy,

JOHN BARNES, Clerk.

raise a sum of money for opening a road from Liberty-town through New-Market to Hyatt's-town, severally endorsed, "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed; the resolution in favour of Rebecca Stuart, endorsed, "dissent from;" and a bill, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, a petition from Elijah Humphreys, of Somerset county, a petition from Peter Myers, of Frederick county, a petition from James B. Sullivan, of Dorchester county, a petition from Nathan Harrington and William Marsh Catrop, of Talbot county, a petition from Samuel Moale, of the city of Baltimore, and a petition from William M. Bevans, of Worcester county, were read and referred.

Mr. J. Bayly delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the election of the governor by the people, and to abolish all those parts of the constitution and form of government which relate to the council to the governor, and the time and manner of electing the governor, and for other purposes; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill have a second reading on Saturday the 29th instant.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain land certificates; which was read.

Mr. J. Bayly, from the committee on the petition of James B. Sullivan, delivers a report, in his favour; which was read.

A petition from John Dorsey, and others, of Anne-Arundel county, was read and referred.

The amendments to the bill to improve and repair the streets in Frederick-town, were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The following resolution was propounded to the house and read.

Resolved, That the treasurers of the western and eastern shores respectively be and they are hereby directed, not to deposit in any bank any specie which hath been received in the treasury, nor to exchange, directly or indirectly, for the notes of any other bank, such specie or notes as may be received in the treasury of either shore, unless under the direction of the legislature.

The bill to enlarge further the powers of the trustees of the poor, and the supplement to the act for the regulation of Denton, in Caroline county, and the bill to prevent the erection of booths within one mile of any methodist meeting-house in Talbot county during quarterly meeting, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A committee was elected by ballot to prepare a bill to provide for the election of the justices of the levy courts by the people; &c.

Mr. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body; which was read.

Mr. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to examine, survey and lay out, the road therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Clarke delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, &c. which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the sale of certain lots of land lying westward of Fort Cumberland.

Mr. Farnham delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Doyle, of Charles county; which was read.

A petition from Jasper E. Tilly, was read and referred.

The bill respecting certain lots of land westward of Fort Cumberland, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. Bayly delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting the acknowledgment of deeds, as amended; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill relative to stray black cattle, and a bill to authorise commissioners to change the place of holding the election in the third election district in Somerset county.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

NEW-YORK, December 18.

This morning before 4 o'clock, a fire commenced in a frame building in Front-street, near the coffee-house, which was not got under before forty valuable stores and dwelling-houses were destroyed. Much property is lost—a million of dollars would not repair the damage. It unfortunately happened that the wind blew violently from the N. W. which rendered it impossible to arrest the progress of the devouring element, until all was swept before it, from the south side of Water-street to the river.

A letter from Madeira, of the 28th of October, says, "We have this day heard of a declaration of war by Great-Britain against Spain."

The forensic eloquence and patriotism of Mr. ERKING, have long been the boast of England. His talents have excited admiration, and his independence the esteem of all ranks and parties, and a Mr. Cant, of Leicestershire, lately deceased, has left him no less than 23,000l. (nearly a hundred thousand dollars) for his animated and noble defence of Hornebooke, the greatest disciple of liberty in that country in the year 1794.—Inquirer.