

I have thought proper to give this information to your excellency and the council, that you may determine on the propriety of disposing of the bank stock, belonging to the state, in any manner, at this time. I believe that either a sale or exchange, will be greatly injurious to the state.

I believe the great number of Spanish prizes, with the *Merita*, lately carried into England, will contribute to increase the value of bank stock.

I expect to receive, by the April packet, which will probably arrive in June next, the price of stock, and will inform you. I hope I need offer no other apology to you for the trouble of this letter, but my wish to promote the interest of the state.

I have the honor to be, with great respect & esteem, your excellency's most obedient servant,

SAMUEL CHASE.

Govr. BOWLE.

Mr. PRINTER,

The alarm has been rang, that the transfer of our stock would be clogged by an immense expense, it must therefore be highly gratifying to the public from the foregoing communication, from the executive to be informed that the whole expense incurred in the sale of our funds, only amounts to three pounds and six pence sterling.

The contents of the letter from the late agent Judge Chase, dated 29th April 1805, subsequent to the expiration of his agency, and his receiving a transfer of his commission in stock to a very large amount, must be considered extraordinary, without explanation; it cannot at present admit of other interpretation than that as stock at the time of Mr. Pinkney's leaving England was only at 145 or 146, and it had raised owing to a concurrence of circumstances to 179, the state should not sell out its interest, until the Judge should have disposed of his, inasmuch as the price must be expected to be considerably affected as soon as such a large amount should be thrown into the market as Maryland had to dispose of. There might have been some plausibility in the Judge's officious letter, had he informed the executive that stock had thus immensely risen, and had he detailed circumstances to sanction a belief that it would still rise, and thus point out a manifest advantage to the state, by a delay of the sale. The public are entitled to some explanation of this enigmatical conduct.

Luther Martin, Esq. has resigned the office of Attorney General of this State. JOHN SCOTT, Esq. is confidently spoken of as the person most likely to be appointed his successor in office.

We are informed by a gentleman from Annapolis, that the legislature have invested 40,000 dollars in the Farmer's Bank.

The following petition has been presented to the House of Delegates.

To the hon. Gen. Assembly of Maryland. The memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, respectfully sheweth—

That by an act of Assembly passed in the year 1803, certain alterations were proposed to be made in the law by which the city of Baltimore was incorporated—provided such alterations were approved by the first branch of the City Council, at their succeeding session. It is further respectfully represented, that the propriety of adopting the alterations so proposed, received the consideration of the first branch of the City Council, at the time directed: it was by that branch unanimously thought inadvisable to adopt all the alterations proposed: and as the incorporation had not the privilege of accepting such of them as were desirable, it was resolved that your honorable body should be respectfully petitioned at your present session for the following alterations in the aforesaid charter:—

1st. That the amount of five hundred dollars of assessment within the city, be the qualification of members of the first branch of the City Council, instead of one thousand dollars, at present requisite.

2d. That the amount of one thousand dollars of assessment within the city be the qualification of members of the second branch of the City Council, instead of two thousand dollars, at present requisite.

3d. That the mode of voting, at the city elections, be by ballot, and that such elections commence and close at the same times of the day as the other elections held within this city.

And whereas by the act of incorporation of the city of Baltimore, the Corporation are to provide for the safe keeping & preservation of the standard of weights and measures fixed by Congress, and for the regulating thereby, all weights and measures used within the city and precincts: and inasmuch as Congress have not yet fixed any standard of weights and measures, your petitioners pray, that the Mayor and City Council may have the right of regulating weights and measures by the present standard, until one shall be fixed by Congress; so that much fraud and imposition may be thereby prevented.

It appears to your memorialists, that these alterations would meet the general approbation of the citizens of Baltimore, and the first and second of them remove the inconvenience suffered by some of the wards of the city; and as they appear reasonable in themselves, your memorialists confidently hope that a law will be enacted by your honorable body,

granting the prayer of this petition, By the first branch of the city council, BALTZER SCHAEFFER, President.

By the second branch of the City Council, JAS. CALHOUN, President.

Approved.

THOROUGH SMITH, Mayor of the city of Baltimore

A letter has been received by a merchant in New York, from his correspondent in St. Thomas, dated October 22d, which mentions that the British have raised the blockade of Curacao. A gentleman, who arrived here a few days ago from St. Thomas, confirms the above intelligence, which he received on his passage from Captain Vaughan, of the British frigate Snake, by whom his vessel was boarded the 11th of November.

Captain Congor, arrived at New York, from Madeira, informs, that a British fleet of 100 sail, 10 of which were line of battle ships, transports and merchantmen, with 20,000 troops on board, destined as was supposed for the Cape of Good Hope, left Madeira (where they stopped 3 days) about a week before the Enterprize.

Married on Sunday evening last, by the Revd. Dr. Glendy, Mr. Frederick Inshach, to Mrs. Constant M-Cabe, and on Wednesday evening, Mr. James Bissell, to Miss Phoebe Maxwell, all of this city.

Constitution of Vermont.

Agreeably to the constitution, a Council of Censors, consisting of thirteen persons, will be elected by the freemen on the last Wednesday in March next, who are to assemble in this place on the first Wednesday in June, 1805.—Whose duty it will be to inquire, whether the constitution of this state has been preserved inviolate in every part, during the last septennary, or seven year; and whether the legislative and executive branches of the government have performed their duty, as guardians of the people. They are also to enquire, whether the public taxes have been justly laid and collected in all parts of the commonwealth; in what manner the public monies have been disposed of: and whether the laws have been duly executed. For these purposes, they are authorised to send for persons, papers and records; and have power to pass public censures, to order impeachment, and to recommend to the legislature the repealing of such laws as shall appear to them to be unconstitutional. These powers they are to hold during the space of one year from the day of their election. They are also empowered to call a convention, to meet within two years after their sitting, if there appears to them an absolute necessity of amending any article of the constitution." &c. Vermont paper.

SHIP NEWS

Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED, Ship Nymph, Champlin, Hispaniola Severn, Sinclair, Cronstadt New-York, December 3.

Arrived, the ship Illinois, Rogers, from Bourbon, and 75 days from the Isle of France. Passengers, Mr. A. Cabot, and Mr. Wm. Israel, of Philadelphia. Vessels remaining at the Isle of France and Bourbon, September 17, ships Amity, Anson, for New-York in a few days; Ann and Hope, Lang, of Providence, from Batavia, in distress, for Europe in 8 or 10 days; Mary, Balen, of Boston, from Calcutta, for repairs to sail in 10 days; Projector, Carpenter, of New-York, for Bourbon in 5 days; Arctic, Ohrian, of Philadelphia, time of sailing unknown; Eleanor, Brooks, of New-York, do; Jane M-Carty, of Baltimore, from Batavia, at Bourbon; Pigou, Collet, of Philadelphia, from Madagascar; Brutus, Emery, of Newburyport; Dawning, from Sumatra, at Bourbon, to sail shortly; Merchant, Wyser, of New-York, loading at Bourbon, to sail in 5 or 6 days; George Washington, Ferris, from Batavia, in want of repairs, to sail in about 15 days for Philadelphia; Sally, Mix, just arrived from Calcutta; Orion, from Philadelphia, arrived a few days before; Coldstream, Evans, (a prize, purchased by William M-Faden, of Baltimore) to sail soon for America; barque Active, captain Bryant, to sail for Salem in 30 days from Bourbon; brig Two Brothers, Rea, of Salem; and the brig — Lambert, from a sealing voyage.—Sailed from the Isle of France and Bourbon; ships Cora, Billups, from Mocha for Baltimore; Aurora, of Philadelphia, for Mogadore; Alexander, Brown, of Boston, on a sealing voyage; Belle Savage, of do. do. for Batavia; Samuel Elam, Chaplin, of New York, for China; Juliana, Nichols, of Boston, for Madagascar; Liberty, Vickery, of Philadelphia, for Batavia; James and William, Martin, for Portsmouth; Augusta, Sandford, of Baltimore; for Batavia; Egeria, Russell, of Rhode-Island, for do; Mary Ann, Norris, for India; Alknomack, Henry, for Sumatra; Eliza, Smith, for Beverly; Asia, Lovett, for Mocha; Susan, Pulchier, do; David, — of Boston, sailed from Bourbon for Batavia; Laurel, Blackler, from Calcutta, sailed from Bourbon for Salem; brig Rolla, Coffin, of New-York, for the coast and Calcutta; Juliana, Williams, of Gloucester, for Mocha; Nancy, Sherman, of Baltimore, for Batavia; Reward, Williams, from Bourbon for Mocha; and barque

Georgetown, Ropes, of Salem, for Batavia. While the Illinois lay in port, several American vessels were sent away, amongst them the ship Merchant, of New York; and the brig Amphitrite, of Philadelphia. In lat. 20, 21, long. 56, 30, spoke the schooner Susannah, Archer, 17 days from Salem, for Martinique. In lat. 29, 30, long. 76, spoke the ship Bellona, Hamilton, of New York, had been out 57 days from Palermo, and on a daily allowance of a pound of beef. The British fleet, consisting of the Tremendous, Commodore Osborn, of 74 guns; Grampus, Barker, of 50 guns; Pitt, Vorking, of 40 guns; and Terpsichore, Bathurst, of 36 guns, arrived off the Isle of France the 4th of June; and sailed the 13th of August. Before their departure, the Pitt cruized off Bourbon; during which time she cut out of the Roads, the French ship Fulleret, of and for Marseilles, with about 600 bags of coffee on board. Most of the neutral vessels were allowed to go in and come out unmolested. Several American vessels had been, during the cruize, forbidden going in, and some were ordered for Bourbon; the cause of which was unknown. This had only happened to vessels from India or Europe with cargo. Vessels direct from America meet with no detention.—The great number of vessels that have arrived at the Isle of France with cargoes within this year, have caused a complete stagnation in business.—It is with great difficulty a cargo of any kind can be disposed of, particularly at that moment, as it was hazardous to sell on credit even to persons who were supposed safe at any other time. Two and a half and 3 p. ct. a month discount was given on the best paper in the Island.—It is supposed, that the quantity of wine, beef, pork, flour, &c. now at the Isle of France, is sufficient for the consumption of the two islands for at least one year; in consequence of which, most of the vessels that have arrived there have made ruinous voyages, & compelled to seek elsewhere for cargoes, produce being scarce and very dear. Several prizes have been lately brought in, but their cargoes mostly consisted of rice, excepting one or two with tea, &c. which, together with the ships, had been purchased on speculation, and held at an extravagant rate.—It was expected, that an attack would be soon made on the Isle of France by the British, under the command of Sir Edward Pellew, as a number of country ships had been purchased at Bombay and Calcutta for that purpose. The ship Enterprize, Congar, in 50 days from Madeira. Sailed in co. brig Saunders, Singleton, for Philadelphia, via Teneriffe. Left at Madeira, the Numa, Waterman, to sail next day for New York. Nov. 27, in lat. 34, long. 74, spoke the brig Susannah, 12 days from Havana for Philadelphia. Captain Congar met going in, a Boston brig from Bordeaux. The ship Brutus, Pendergrast, of New York, in 11 days from Norfolk, put in in distress, having sprung a leak, on the 26th Nov. in lat. 36, 46, long. 71, in a gale from N. W. The Brutus, was bound to Nantz, laden with tobacco. On the 29th ultimo she spoke ship Mohawk, Peck, 30 hours from New York for Guadaloupe. The sch'r Union, Taylor, of Providence, in 67 days from Ayamonte, (Spain.) Left no American vessels. Left at Cadiz, brig Hudson, Bailey, of New York, was condemned at Cadiz, and had appealed to the Court of Madrid, and was expected to be cleared; brig Peggy, Richardson, of Norfolk, had entered contrary to the rules of the blockade—had discharged her crew, but not her cargo. Cadiz was very healthy. Spoke Nov. 9, in lat. 27, 56, N. long. 55, W. brig Antelope, Williams, of Norwich, 12 days out from New London, 50 head of cattle on deck, bound to Martinico, all well. Capt. Williams, humanely supplied them with one barrel bread, 4 bushels potatoes, and a cask water—at that time being 45 days out, was very short of all kinds of provisions, and on very short allowance. Nov. 11, in lat. 39, 17, N. long. 58, 30, spoke the brig Hope, of Gloucester, 9 days out from Washington N. C. bound to Martinico, the captain of which informed that one of his men had hurt himself badly. Experienced very severe weather on the coast. Schooner Ruby, Boyer, in 3 days from Norfolk. Off Point Comfort, spoke ship Julien, from Liverpool, bound in, 59 days passage. Schooner Polly, from Swansbury, N. C. Schooner Betsey Matilda, from Washington, N. C. Sch'r Swan, from Swansbury, N. C. The sch'r Minerva, Bird, in 3 days from Philadelphia. The sloop Sisters, Johnson, from Norfolk. The sloop Eagle, Slack, from Plymouth, N. C. Cleared—Ships New-York Packet, Dunnett, Bristol; Stranger, Waterman, Jamaica; brigs Perseverance, Sellick; Kitty, Hutchins, St. Thomas; sch'r Feby and Phoebe, Wright, Digby. Below last night, two sch'rs. Wind light from West.

William and Jarrett Bull, HAVING formed a connexion in business, they take the liberty of informing city and country friends, that a complete assortment of GROCERIES and LIQUORS, will be constantly kept on hand, at the corner of Howard and Fayette-streets, where they are determined to use every effort to please, both as to the variety and quality of their articles—and they tender an assurance, that their terms shall ever be liberally accommodated, to the wishes and convenience of their friends and customers whose commands, in their line, are respectfully solicited—and if offered, they shall be duly estimated, and honored by them with a strict regard to fidelity, punctuality and dispatch. Dec. 6 2aw8t*

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All which they offer for Sale at the most reduced prices. N. B. They will transact any business on commission committed to their charge. December 6 d4t-2aw6t-law10t

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For Sale, 116 hhd's Martinique clayed SUGAR, just landed from schooner Gool Intent. Apply to IEMUEL TAYLOR, or VON KAPFF & BRUNE. Dec. 6 d4t

For Amsterdam, The fine new Ship HOPE. Captain Henry Dashiell; About three fourths of her cargo being already engaged, the remainder will be taken at moderate freight, Apply to NATHAN LEVERING, or JOHN BOLTE, Ship Broker. Dec. 6 cu

For Boston, The Schooner R A V E N, Capt. Sawyer, For freight, apply on board at Frederick street dock, or to BIGELOW & PROUD. Dec. 6 d4t

A Young Woman WITH a fresh breast of milk, wishes a situation at Wet Nurse. She can produce the best recommendations. Apply at the office. Dec. 6 d6t*

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Sale by Auction. THIS DAY, The 6th inst., at 11 o'clock, at the Dwelling House in Church-street, at the back of the Court House, lately occupied by Mr. Richard Nicols, will commence the sale of A variety of handsome HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, consisting of Mahogany Tables, Looking Glasses, Side Boards, Chests of Drawers, Chairs, Carpets, Bedsteads, Beds and Bedding, Toilet Tables, a suit of Window Curtains, Glass and Earthen Ware, &c. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.

Sale by Auction. THIS DAY, The 6th inst. at 12 o'clock, on the premises, will be sold, THAT large and commodious three story brick HOUSE, and LOT of GROUND, No. 5, Fell's-street, Fell's-Point, adjoining the rope store of Mr. James Chambers, fronting thereon 23 feet, and running back 100 feet to a 15 feet alley, with a two story frame HOUSE thereon; the whole in the tenure of Messrs. Edward Daies and Wm. Slater, at about 400 dollars per annum; the situation is excellent by reason of Fell's-Point, for a Tavern, Ship Chandlery or Grocery Store. Terms of sale will be 6, 12, 18 and 24 months credit for approved endorsed notes. Immediately after, That large and commodious two story brick HOUSE and LOT of GROUND, No. 30, Fleet street, Fell's-Point, fronting thereon 20 feet, and 60 feet deep, with kitchen and back buildings of brick, on 3, 6, 9 and 12 months credit, for approved endorsed notes. JOSEPH CLARKE, Auct'r.

Sale by Auction. TO-MORROW, The 7th inst., at 12 o'clock, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will be sold, The Schooner CONCORD, As she arrived from sea, burthen about 600 barrels. Terms will be made known at time of sale. VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs. December 5.

Sale by Auction. TO-MORROW, The 7th inst. at 12 o'clock, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will be sold, on a credit of 4 and 6 months, for approved endorsed negotiable notes, The Schooner VIRGINIA, As she arrived from sea, burthen between 5 and 600 barrels, will found, and may be sent to sea with a small expence—her inventory may be seen on board. VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs. December 5.

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Sale by Auction. On SATURDAY, The 7th inst., at 11 o'clock, will be sold, at the premises, on terms which will then be made known, A valuable piece of GROUND on South-st., fronting thereon 30 feet, and extending back to a 10 feet alley, being the property where the two frame houses were erected, that were burnt on Sunday evening last. The ground is subject to an annual rent, the particulars thereof will be made known at the time of sale. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r. December 5

For Sale, At No. 2, Calvert-street, 2 tons yellow ochre inches wide 30 galls. Japan varnish 1 do patent black 50 do copal do 1000 lbs. lampblack 30 do amber do for coaches 100 do ground verdigrase 25 do transparent spirit varnish 300 gross Lisbon corks 25 do brown do 150 lbs. quick silver 25 do plated top 500 do Printing Ink 200 lbs. plated top 50 tin toll 10 to 24" per Lined oil raw and prepared, black and bright varnish and spirits of turpentine. Window and print glass, 20 by 16, 24 by 20, 30 by 24, 32 by 24, 36 by 26

Silvered strips of glass for show cases, 2 to 7 inches wide, and a quantity of currant painters. These articles with the residue of the subscriber's stock of looking-glasses, glass-panes, looking glass plates, and a few elegant prints will be sold very low for cash or approved paper. Any person wishing to purchase the whole may have for the principal part a liberal credit, and have also on reasonable terms, two complete paint mills, with cast iron wheels, a leaded cistern, contains 1500 galls. one cedar do. 5 to 600 galls. and 4 tin do. 25 to 40 galls. each; a silbering table 60 inches by 38, and about 1000 lbs. lead weights, with diamond measures, scales and weights, &c. for conducting the looking glass, and colour business on an extensive scale. A Glass, who is an Assent man, and perfectly understands his business, may have good wages paid every week, and steady employ for three months, by JOHN McILWEE, December 24, 1805

Ferguson's Packet will sail for Norfolk This Morning.