

Within these few weeks past, our citizens have been kept in constant terror, by the numerous fires, and different attempts which have been made to create them—the latter seems only to have been prevented by the Divine interposition of Providence. Among the several reports of late attempts, the following has come within our knowledge.

On Friday evening last, about 8 o'clock, Mr. Crowl's family were alarmed by the smell of something burning. On seeking for the cause, one of the family discovered smoke issuing through a small hole in the bottom of the door of Mr. Sanderson's warehouse, in Water-street, and adjoining Mr. Crowl's dwelling, and immediately informed Mr. Crowl thereof, who instantly alarmed Mr. Sanderson's family, and proceeded with a young gentleman who resides with Mr. S. to the rear of the building, and upon opening a window shutter discovered the warehouse to be on fire; but not having fully taken effect, it was soon extinguished, without any material injury. On searching to discover the means by which the fire originated, it was found to have been deposited, by design, at the foot of the stairs, in the cellar, which had taken fire, and the flames were communicating with the first floor, when discovered. Mr. Sanderson having been in the habitual practice of seeing his property secured and his warehouse locked, was convinced that the diabolical act must have been committed by one of his servants, and accordingly, on Saturday morning, had his black boy, from 14 to 16 years old, taken before the mayor, when he confessed the deed, and was committed to jail.

We have been thus particular in noticing the foregoing, to warn the public of the necessity of keeping a strict watch over the actions of their servants, as it is unknown to what degree they might practice their perfidy.—Even servants who are most tenderly used, too often return evil for good—and this, we have good reason to believe, has been the case in the instance just stated.

While on this subject we cannot forbear expressing our approbation of the officers and men of the 27th Regiment, in volunteering their services to patrol the city west of Calvert-street—a vigilance we think worthy the imitation of the citizens generally.—And the admonition we would thus impart, obtains force by the

FIRE
Last evening, about the hour of 10. It originated in a stable on Frederick-street; but the vigilance of our citizens was sufficiently timely to prevent communication to other property, and confine the injury to the stable. It is painful to add, that in this instance, from the information we could collect, we can again recognise the dread work of the villainous incendiary.

To the Editor of the American.
GIVE me leave to call, through the medium of your paper, the attention of the citizens to the projected SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY; an institution, which appears highly entitled to encouragement, and likely, if duly fostered, to be a source of substantial and durable benefit to the community, and especially the indigent classes thereof.

As the plan, which has been published, is long, and all persons are not disposed to devote to it that portion of time, necessary to a full comprehension of its principles, I have taken the liberty to present them to your readers, free from the details of the manner, in which the institution is to be conducted.

If the subscriptions, which may be obtained, shall be sufficient to justify an election of directors, they are to establish a Soup House, or Public Kitchen, in which is to be prepared wholesome, nutritious Soup. Every subscriber is to receive as many tickets, each rated at the prime cost of the soup sufficient for one person, as he may have entitled himself to by his subscription; any person, to whom he may give such a ticket, will be entitled to receive at the soup house, the quantity which it specifies. And others, not having tickets, yet willing to purchase soup, are to be supplied at a moderate price, to be fixed by the directors.

This first object of the institution having been effected, the directors are then, if their funds allow, to provide a building for the reception of raw materials, to be wrought by any poor persons, who may seek employment; for which they are to be allowed a stipulated price. They are to be furnished with soap, and other provisions by the institution, at prices as moderate as possible; and when circumstances will permit, single persons are to be accommodated with lodging in the buildings erected. And if adequate means be obtained, those buildings are to be so augmented, that poor persons, desirous of saving fuel in their own habitations, may bring their work every day to the School of Industry, and do it there; and that accommodation may be afforded to families employed therein, the aid of the institution is even to be extended to persons who are desirous to receive materials, and work them at their own houses. And as the hope of reward sweetens labor, the directors are to confer suitable marks of favor upon meritorious laborers, while they discontinue all idleness and improper conduct.

A third part of the scheme is the purchase of fuel, at favourable seasons, and afterwards of the necessary articles of food and raiment, to be sold again, at reasonable prices, to the labourers, having families, and to other poor persons, who may be properly recommended.

A fourth object is the purchase of books of moral and religious instruction, and also of others, treating of the mechanical arts, principally for the benefit of those employed in the School of Industry.

A fifth measure to be pursued, as the funds shall enable, is to provide for the instruction of those poor children, who may be sent to the institution, when capable of earning any thing by their labor; also of persons of riper years employed therein, who may require instruction.

Another object provided for, in case of profits made by the institution, is the application of these profits to the relief of such poor, as may not be able to work, and yet not fit objects for the almshouse.

Thus have I stated to you, according to my ideas of the plan, the several objects, to which the public bounty about to be solicited will be applied; and in the order, which the scheme contemplates.—But as soon as the funds will permit the accommodation of persons in the buildings of the institution, the clergy of the several denominations are to be invited to dispense to them religious instruction; and the managers of the Dispensary, to afford to the sick among them, the aid of that excellent charity.

The different sums have been fixed, as contributions, as subscribers may determine, and different privileges are granted according to the subscriptions; and the policy of the latter distinction is, to hold for the greater inducements to liberal contributions, with a view of placing the funds of the institution as much as possible out of the reach of fluctuation.

The tickets to be given to subscribers, are intended to be presented by them to the poor, instead of alms, and thus to procure for them means of supporting nature, instead of furnishing them, as misapplied charity too often does, with power of indulging in vice.

A plan like the preceding promises, in the erection of it, such essential benefits, that I think it unnecessary to say anything more in its commendation; and I trust, that the solicitors in its behalf, will find a rich reward of their labors, in the generosity and promptitude with which their fellow-citizens will answer their application. A FRIEND TO THE POOR.

IMPORTANT—IS TRUE!
Postscript—11 o'clock, A. M.—We stop the press, to mention, that a vessel, (capt. Buffington) arrived at Salem, last evening, from Amsterdam, and which left the Texel about the 22d of Oct. Capt. B. we learn, read in Amsterdam papers, received at the Texel, an account of Bonaparte's having surrounded and taken 30,000 Austrians—but that the papers gave no account of a battle! This arrival, we think, is one or two days latest from the Texel.—The account, if true, is at least very imperfect, if not very doubtful. We nevertheless think it our duty to state the report. (Boston paper.)

A letter from Honduras of September 10, states, that in consequence of a long succession of bad weather, the provision grounds had been so completely destroyed, as to leave the inhabitants in the most wretched state of want for bread and most of the necessary provisions of life. It is also stated at the date of this letter, that not a barrel of flour was to be purchased at Belize. As the prohibition against the admission of flour and provisions from the United States was expected to be immediately taken of, speculations are invited with the assurance that any quantity of logwood may now be taken away; and there is every reason to believe the restrictions hitherto existing with respect to the size of mahogany would be removed.

From *Tonnington*—Capt. Cheever, arrived at Salem from Tonnington, informs, that a very unpleasant discussion has taken place between Mr. Forbes, the American Consul at Hamburg, and the French Minister there, on the subject of the seizure by the French in the Elbe, of the American ship *Niensteden*, which, without any legal condemnation, had been brought to Hamburg and offered for sale. Mr. Forbes had publicly cautioned all persons against purchasing the ship, and had caused legal and quiet possession to be taken by the owner, (a Mr. Kelth, of Alexandria, Vir.) after which a party of French had forcibly dispossessed the rightful owner in the harbor of Hamburg. The affair was thus situated when Captain C. left Hamburg, and the consul had demanded indemnity, or a restoration of the property, of the senate of that city. Captain C. further informs, that the ship *Oneida Chief*, of New-York, (mentioned formerly) 12 hours after leaving the *Eyder*, was cast away on the island of *Nordiny*, and lost, together with several of the people.

The following official article is transmitted to the Editor of the Mercantile Advertiser in a letter from Spain, dated 28th September:
[TRANSLATION.]
The Director General of the Fleet, in his letter of the 25th ult. gives this notice to the Commandant General:
His Excellency the Secretary of State and of the Marine Department communicates the following Decree:

His excellency the minister of the United States, complaining of the late depredations and capture of American vessels by Spanish privateers, gives notice of eleven vessels of his nation having been carried into Algeiras under pretext of having on board English merchandise; His Majesty, thoroughly informed thereof, has been pleased to resolve, that if there has been no other motive for the capture of the said vessels but the one represented by his excellency, they are to be immediately restored, agreeably to the fifteenth article of the treaty with the United States, as the American flag protects the merchandise on board, even though it should be enemies property. But if the motive be of a different nature, his majesty wishes that it should be determined according to law, and with all possible dispatch. I acquaint your excellency therewith by royal order, that notice may be given to the marine officers of the respective departments, requiring them to inform the commandants of all jurisdictions that the fitters out of privateers will be responsible for the injury they may occasion.

Madrid, 5d December, 1865.
Married, last evening, by the reverend Dr. Rattoone, Mr. Thomas Williams, to Miss Ann Reade, both of this city.

A Special Meeting
OF the members composing the DEPT-FORD FIRE COMPANY, is requested at Peck's Hotel, on Monday evening, the 16th instant, at 6 o'clock, on business of great importance to the company. Punctual attendance is particularly required.
By order of the President,
JOS. INLOES, Secretary.
P. S. Persons wishing to become members of the company, are invited to attend.
December 12.

The members of the Mechanical Fire Company are requested to meet at their engine house, the 17th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, without buckets.
This being a special meeting, no tickets will be sent round.
By order of the president,
P. E. THOMAS

SHIP NEWS
Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED.
Ship Louisa, Heys, Amsterdam
Brig Lucy Ann, Cook, Barbados
Sophia, Norman, Amsterdam
Antelope, Gray, Jamaica
Henrietta, McDonald, Halifax
Schr. Brutus, Meader, Gaudaloupe
Hornet, Macy, Jamaica
New-Bethia, Hall, Boston
Boston, Ceily, Boston
Montezuma, Gold, Norfolk
Norfolk, Deagle, do.
Polly, Smith, Boston
Sloop Sally, Lucas, N. York

CLEARED.
Schr Experiment, Murphy, W. Indies
Baltimore, Cushman, St. Jago
From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books.
December 14.

Arrived, Prussian ship Louisa, Heys, 60 days from Amsterdam—ballast—R. Gilmor & Sons.
Schooner Brutus, Meader, 20 days from St. Petre, Guadaloupe—sugars—S. Campbell. Left there, November 20, brig Virginia, Lec, for New York, in ten days; Pearce, Bevans, do. 18 days; Mary, Morrison, Newburyport, 25; Dispatch, Newell, of and for Charleston, if not sold; Vigilant, Presbury, Boston, in 2 days; Sally and Betsy, Ingersoll, at Bay Mahaut, in two days for Boston; William and Martha, (late Holles, dead) at ditto, in 6 days for ditto; schr. Mary, Hardison, for Plymouth, N. C. in 2 days; Greyhound, Holmes, for Baltimore, in 8 days; Amazon, Phillips, do. in 6 days; Aspasia Utt, New-York, 14 days; Maries, Burwell, New-London, 12; Fanny Sewell, Griswold, New-York, 10; Rachel, Woodberry, Beverly, just arrived and sold; brig Cincinnatus, Babson, from Baltimore, for Portland, uncertain.

Passed in the bay, ship Baltimore, Long, from Lisbon, and a schooner bound up.
From a St. Petre Price-current of 20th Nov. Flour very dull at 8 dollars—can be sold for sugars only. Beef 10 dolls. Codfish, 6 dollars. Herrings 5; Mackerel 8; Pork 20; Salmon 12; Rye Meal 5; Corn do. 5; Corn per bbl. 4; Rice 6 per 102 lb. Butter 27 cts. Lard 27; Cheese 28; Mould Candles 27; Spermaceti do. 30; Olive Oil in cases 5 dollars; Fish Oil 44 per gallon; Hoops 55 dollars per 1000; Clayed Sugars 9 dollars; Brown do. 6 50; Cotton 20 dolls. per 103 lbs. Middasses 20 cts. per gallon; Rum 23 1-2 do.
Also, ship Baltimore, Long, 65 days from Lisbon—to Wm. Patterson and Sons.
Also, brig Eagle, Briggs, 18 days from Matanzas—sugar, molasses & rum—Slater and Roy. Left brig Hiram, Moran, of Providence; Union, Ryan, Newburyport; sloop Polly, Freeman, New-York. Nov. 26, off the Double headed shot, was boarded by the Stork, British sloop of war, and treated politely. 28th, spoke brig Enterprise, Skinner, from Jamaica, for Alexandria, had been robbed by a French privateer off the west end of Jamaica, of all her provisions, & supplied her with as much as we could spare.

Also, brig Neptune, Haynes, 29 days from city of St. Domingo—mahogany, logwood, &c.—M. Walton. Left sloop George, for Baltimore to sail next day for the coast to load; brig Sally, of Portsmouth N. H. for New-York. Dec. 16, lat. 24, long. 74, spoke brig Enterprise, Skinner, from Jamaica for Alexandria, out 40 days, supplied her with provisions.

By the Hornet, from Nassau, we received from our correspondent our file of the Royal Gazette & Bahama Advertiser, from which we have extracted the following marine articles:—
NASSAU, November 22.
Cleared, brig William, Hubble, New York.

The ship Andromache, captain Heckles, belonging to Thomas Buchanan of New York from Savannah-la-Mar to New York, in a heavy squall on the 6th inst. at 10 A. M. got ashore on Maticumba reef, Florida, and after remaining there 3 days, was discovered by the wreckers, who have saved the principal part of the cargo, 408 puncheons of rum, and 5 puncheons of molasses, with the cables and part of the rigging and sails. The principal part of the cargo was shipped on account of the owner (Mr. Buchanan) and the rest on account of James Watson, junr. J. F. Robertson, Robert Dickey, Moulton and Livingston, and Hoyl and Tow.
The Danish brig Dorothea, captain B. C. Boyasan, (owner) was fallen in with on the 10th of November, about four miles from the shore, by the Alexandrine, McKis; Sarah Ann, Baldwin, and George and Ophelia, Greenleaf.—The Dorothea, it appears belongs to St. Thomas, had arrived at Matanzas and was proceeding to the port she belonged when detained.—A few days after the captors took possession of the brig, she got on shore to the leeward of the N. W. Passage, where she lay on her beam ends twelve or fourteen hours—and to get her off, were obliged to throw overboard 57 boxes of sugar.—The Dorothea arrived here yesterday.

The brig Lioness, captain Carson, (belonging to Henry Willy, of New York) with 364 boxes of sugar, from Matanzas, for New York, was taken possession of on the 27th of October, by captain Baldwin, of the Sarah Ann, and captain Greenleaf, of the George and Ophelia, and ordered for this port.—She has not arrived here.
November 23.
The brig Sally, captain Barry, belonging to William and Joseph Bell, and Joseph Watson, of Philadelphia, from the Havana with 500 boxes of sugar, and 350 hides, detained by the privateer schooner Viper, arrived here yesterday.
The schooner Sally, captain Van Allen, belonging to William and Joseph Minurn of New York, with 350 boxes of sugar, detained by the same privateer, arrived here the same day.

The captain and supercargo of the brig, and captain of the schooner, suppose the above vessels will be released.

APPLES.
JUST arrived, a few barrels of PIPPINS, warranted sound and the barrels quite full, for sale by FRANCIS JOHNNOT, ddt
December 16

A Brick Yard to Rent.
THAT commodious large BRICK YARD, lately occupied by Josiah Brown. For terms apply to JOHN M'DONOGH, ddt
Dec. 16

To Let,
A THREE story brick HOUSE, No. 41, Albenarle street. Immediate possession will be given. Apply at No. 107, Bond-street, Fell's-Point, or at Edward Woodyear's, Esq. two doors from said house, or to the printer hereof.
December 16 d
Just landing and for sale
By the Subscribers,
2800 bushels Turks Island SALT,
30 hds. prime James River Tobacco & 28 bales Cotton.
ARMSTRONG & DUNN, No. 24 Chesapeake.
N. B. They daily expect a few pipes first quality Holland GIN.
December 16 ddt

ADVERTISEMENT.
THE late proprietor of the stage No. 71, thinks it a duty incumbent on him to inform the public that he has been in the habit of driving the afore said stage, and that no such extortion ever was practised by him as alluded to in Saturday's American, nor was there any opportunity of so doing, unless on Wednesday the 11th inst. when it was drove by Benjamin Holland, who never drove it but the said day, and now drives No. 41.
R. STORRY, ddt
December 16

ADVERTISEMENT.
AS the present proprietor of stage No. 71, I deem it incumbent on me to state that the printer of the American has informed me that the author of Z. has declared that it was on Wednesday night last that the imposition was practised, which he complained of.—As BEN JAMIS HOLLAND drove the stage that night; it consequently follows, that he alone deserves all the disgrace and odium of the shameful transaction, and none can or ought to attach to either the stage No. 71, or to the late or present proprietor.
And here, as a proprietor, I would join Z. in wishing, that as far as practicable, a due and proper rate of Stage fare were established by authority, to avoid villainous imposition on the one hand, and shameful undermining on the other.
JOHN MUSKETT, ddt
December 16

GINSENG
OF a excellent quality, for sale by HENRY THOMPSON, No. 33, South-street.
December 3

Sale by Auction.
THIS DAY,
The 16th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the auction room at the head of Gay-street dock, will commence the sale of
DRY GOODS,
Amongst which are,
1 bale broad cloth
1 case of Dowls
1 do. shawls
1 do. fancy cords, &c. &c.
After which at 12 o'clock,
27 hds. Muscovado Sugar
48 chests hyson skin tea
68 tierces of Rice
23 casks of excellent claret, entitled to drawback.
18 cases Martinique noyau
At private sale
40,000 lbs. of Caracas Cocoa
LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.
THIS DAY,
The 16th inst. immediately after the sale of groceries, at half past 12 o'clock, will be sold, on O'Donnell's-wharf, on Frederick-street dock, by order of the executors of the late, Mr. O'Donnell,
Two lots of LUMBER
9 to 10,000 best TILES
15 kegs Paints, writing desk, chairs, &c. &c.
LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.
Will be added to our sale THIS-MORNING,
1 case Creas
And on account of the under-writers,
5 bales of Hessian
5 barrels of Beef
A caboose, &c. &c.
LEMMON & CAMPBELL Auct'rs.
December 16

Sale by Auction.
Will be added to our sale This Morning,
19 hds. choice St. Croix Sugar.
LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs.
December 16

Sale by Auction.
TO-MORROW MORNING,
The 17th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the auction room at the head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of
A VARIETY OF DRY GOODS,
Consisting of
4 cases Irish Linen
2 do. brown Holland
1 trunk Fancy goods
6 bales Russia Sheetting
2 do. Broad Cloths
1 trunk Printed Marseilles
Cloths, Cassimeres, &c.
And at 12 o'clock,
134 boxes white sugar
17 hds. clayed sugar
13 pipes brandy
15 pipes Holland gin
13 casks red lead
50 gro. corks
20,000 lb. excellent Porto Rico Tobacco, &c.
VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.
December 16

Cape Madeira Wine, Constantia and Tamarinds,
JUST RECEIVED, via Norfolk, from the Cape of Good Hope,
58 leaguers } Cape Madeira } Entitled to
8 hogheads } ra wine } drawback and
12 do. choice Constantia } suited to the
14 tierces Tamarinds } Dutch market.
Which are offered for sale on accommodative terms, by
HUGH THOMPSON, d
December 16

To mechanics, tradesmen and others.
THE leisure hours of a gentleman, residing in an office will be devoted to Posting of Books and drawing off accounts, &c. for mechanics, tradesmen and others. The greatest secrecy and care will be taken of books or papers committed to his charge. A moderate compensation only will be required, and every attention paid to neatness and dispatch. Enquire of the printer.
December 16 d

Notice.
THE creditors of JOHN OSBORN, late of Fell's-Point, deceased, are directed to call at the subscribers dwelling, No. 14, Allisanta-street, on Wednesday next, between the hours of 9 in the morning, and 4 in the afternoon, and receive their dividend of assets, as adjusted by the court. Those who fail to attend, will be excluded.
REBECCA OSBORN, Adm'x
December 16

For Sale,
At No. 2, Calvert-street,
2 tons yellow ochre
1 do Spanish brown
1 do patent black
1000 lbs. lampblack
100 do ground verdigrise
300 gross Lisben corks
150 lbs. quick silver
500 do. Printing ink
50 tin foil 10 to 22
Lined oil raw and prepared, black and bright varnish and spirits of turpentine.
Windows and print glass,
20 by 16, 24 by 20, 30 by 24, 33 by 24, 36 by 26
Silvered strips of glass for show cases, 2 to 7 inches wide, and a quantity of curriers' polishers. These articles with the residue of the subscriber's stock of looking glasses, mirrors, 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 gall. one cedar do. 5 to 600 gall. and 4 tin do. 25 to 50 gall. each; a silvring table 60 inches by 36; and about 1000 lbs. lead weights, with German measures, scales and weights, and for conducting the looking glass, and colour business on an extensive scale.
A Glass, who is an American, and perfectly understands his business, may have wages paid every week, and steady employment for three months, by
JOHN MELWELL
December 16