

deliver its opinions at the present time; that it was certainly one of the clearest principles of natural justice that a jurymen should come to a trial for life with a perfect freedom from previous impressions; that it was clearly the duty of the court to obtain such men, if it were possible to produce them free from such bias; but that if it were not possible from the very circumstance of the case; if rumors had reached and prepossessed their judgments, still the court was bound to obtain as large a portion of impartiality as possible; that this was not more a principle of natural justice, than a maxim of the common law, which we have inherited from our forefathers; that the same right was secured by the constitution of the U. States, which entitles every man under a criminal prosecution to a fair trial by "an impartial jury." Can it be said however, that any man is an impartial jurymen, who has declared the prisoner to be guilty and to have deserved punishment? If it be said, that he has made up this opinion, but has not heard the testimony; such an excuse only makes the case worse; for if the man has decided upon insufficient testimony, it manifests a bias that completely disqualifies himself from the functions of a jurymen. It is too general a question to ask whether he has any impressions about Col. B. The impressions may be so light, that they do not amount to an opinion of guilt; nor do they go to the extent of believing, that the prisoner deserves capital punishment. With respect to Mr. Bassett's opinion, it was true he had read "The Prospect Before Us;" and he had declared that it was a libel; but Mr. B. had formed no opinion about J. T. Callender's being the author. It was the same principle in the present case. If a jurymen was to declare that the attempt to achieve the dismemberment of the union was treason, it would be no complete disqualification; but it would be the application of that crime to a particular individual—it would be the fixing it on A. B. that would disable him from serving in his case. Let the counsel then proceed with the enquiry.

(To be continued.)

NORFOLK, August 12.

The British ships now in the Bay and off our coast are the Triumph, Leopard, Cleopatra, and Columbine, the first remains generally at anchor in the Bay, the two next are generally at sea, and the latter is in Hampton Roads. It is said (and we believe it) that the Bellona, Ville de Milan, and Melampus, are shortly to be here. It is not we believe, however, intended thereby to add to the force on this station, but to relieve the ships now here, who will shortly want water and fresh provisions.

### American, AND Commercial Daily Advertiser.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1857.

The editor of the New York Commercial Advertiser has confessed that the story about the expression "France has ships and we have seamen," was "originally published in that paper;" and declares that our explanation of the source from whence it was derived contains "not a syllable of truth." We certainly shall not take upon us to contradict a parson so plumply as he has controverted our statement; particularly a parson of such delicate editorial habits as Mr. Lewis, the reputed conductor of the Commercial Advertiser: But this plain truth is self-evident, that if Mr. Lewis publishes an "extract of a letter" anonymously, the veracity of the contents of that extract being denied and the authority questioned, and afterwards he avers it was written as it purports to have been, that such aversment does not give any additional validity to the extract; for it was parson Lewis who first published it, and parson Lewis who afterwards avers it to be founded on good authority, and therefore the extract and the voucher have precisely the same authority; to wit: Parson Lewis. Consequently, the extract of a letter remains exactly in the same predicament it was in before Mr. Lewis's commentary appeared.

What did we say relative to that extract? "We now feel ourselves authorized to say, (we observed) that the first propagator of this foul calumny on the president is an Anglo American merchant." This is true; we were authorized to say so; and our authority is of the most respectable kind. We further stated, that the Anglo-American merchant "broached the story at the house of a notorious English partizan here, and which partizan at the very time gave for a toast—"King George and the British Empire." This is true again; the story was thus broached and the toast so given. The fact, we are solemnly assured, can be established by competent testimony.

What further did we say? We stated that "The Anglo American merchant who first circulated the story went on from this city to New York." This, also, is an unquestionable truth; he did go on to that city. What was the natural inference? Why, as we said before "The probability is, that he there communicated to the anti-republican papers the extract of a letter;" and that he is the very identical gentleman who is falsely represented as residing "near Norfolk, Virginia." We contend that the "probability" is supported by the facts.

The proper way for Mr. Lewis to convince the public of the authenticity of his letter, would have been to produce authority by name: We then should have been enabled to judge, more accurately,

the veracity of both writer and publisher; but instead of doing that, the parson (very cunningly indeed) says, "If Mr. Jefferson never uttered the declarations attributed to him, let him promptly and explicitly deny the allegation." This is too hackneyed a way of begging off for Mr. Lewis to gain any credit by it. It is a safe method, we acknowledge, if it be tenaciously adhered to; for the parson is well assured that the president will never stoop to notice anonymous charges or calumnies. Why did not Mr. Jefferson "promptly and explicitly deny the allegations" respecting Black Sal, Gabriel Jones, and a thousand other tales invented against him? Simply, because the scribblers who propagated them were too contemptible for regard. Left to their vile destiny, such miscreants have always found their level in the world without the president's interference: And surely, after having passed by in silence Callender, Tom Turner, Luther Martin, and others of that cast, Mr. Jefferson is not to be driven from the dignified attitude he has assumed by the swaggering punchinello challenge of Master Lewis.

It was a remark of Lord Mansfield, "that if a single syllable from his pen could at once confute an anonymous defamer, he would not gratify him with the word." We have no predilection for the character or principles of Mansfield, but in this sentiment we deem him to have been correct. When a man elevated in life descends to notice the fatherless defamation that is aimed at him, he only increases the tribe of libellers, for every whipster will then have a push at him, because there is consequence to be derived from his notice. Parson Lewis seems perfectly aware of the importance he would acquire from Mr. Jefferson's attentions.

As the parson originally published the letter, he is no evidence at all in the case. The man who can propagate a calumny will not fail to vouch for it afterwards. He is, therefore, not to be credited unless he produces other testimony less interested.

By several arrivals at New York, it would appear that the British sloop of war Squirrel has taken her station on the Banks of Newfoundland, and is engaged in the friendly vocation of detaining neutral vessels and breaking open their letters. The seal of a letter, which by honorable men is considered more sacred than bolts, bars or locks, is violated by English officers without the least compunction.

Capt. Allen, of the ship Citizen, arrived at New York in 48 days from Amsterdam, reports that on the 29th of June below the straits of Dover, he passed through an English fleet of 70 sail, under convoy of a 74 and 2 frigates—also a fleet of 15 sail of the line, bound up channel. *Quere.* Is this the main body of the expedition bound to the Baltic?

The southern mail of yesterday furnished us with a large batch of newspapers; among others those of Richmond, by which we are enabled to proceed in detailing the progress of Burr's trial.

From the Alexandria Advertiser we learn the cause why the papers have been delayed. There have been heavy rains in that direction.

The bridge at Colchester has been carried away by a fresh—as likewise the bridge at Occoquan, and the dams at the latter place have been injured. The mill-dams at Dumfries have also been broken, and it is feared intelligence from other quarters will not prove more favorable.

With respect to the trial of Burr, the following picture is justified by the details in our possession, and which we shall lay before our readers with all possible expedition.

Extract of a letter from Richmond, July 10, 1857.

This day Burr's trial actually commenced, but when it will be terminated Heaven only can tell; because the Judge seems to have settled it as a rule, that any previous bias acknowledged shall be a disqualification—a curious canvass has ensued, and out of twenty-five jurors called, one only has been admitted; (some are turned out for adjudication, to be condemned of course)—24 have declared they believed Burr meditated a treasonable enterprise, a plurality acknowledge that they had believed he ought to be hung, and I am told some said he ought in their opinion to be hung off hand—the integrity of the patriot has here overstepped the limits of prudence, discretion and propriety—some of the jurors have availed themselves in the expression of their opinions to arraign the conduct of certain Burrites in the vicinity, who from the devoted friends of Hamilton have become the ardent active friends of his murderer—the canvass is proceeding & may be finished by 10 o'clock. What then? It will be too late to find Talemans; and tomorrow the farce will recommence for the formation of a panel.

[The above letter was written, it seems, before the whole of the jurors were canvassed. Out of 48 subpoenaed only 4 were elected to serve.]

The answer of the President to Captain THORNDIKE CHASE, Chairman of the meeting of Mariners at this port, who lately proffered their services to the government, shall certainly appear to-morrow.

Vansville Resolutions, &c. to-morrow.

### Port of Baltimore.

From the Merchants' Coffee House Book.

August 16.

Arrived, sch'r Sufam and William, Luce, from Bolton, on sugar and Goodhue.

Also, sch'r Comet, Gage, 21 days from Martinique—sugar and coffee—Briscoe and Partridge. Left, brig Eliza Ann, for Baltimore, near day; brig Henry, Butler, of Norfolk, for Baltimore, in 10 days; sch'r Thomas, just arrived from Baltimore; sch'r Snaky, Collins, for Wilmington, (Del.) in 20 days; brig Sam, for New York, sailed today before 10; the ship Black Point, spoke brig Adams, from

Philadelphia for St. Thomas; was boarded by a British sloop of war, broke open all letters.

Also, ship Rebecca, Wyse, 127 days from Batavia—sugar and coffee. S. Smith and Buchanan. August 1, lat. 35, long. 63, spoke sch'r Harmony, Reed from New York, for the West Indies, all well.

Also, sch'r Nymph, Moreton, 20 days from Pointe a Pitre (Goad)—sugar. William Patterson and Sons. Left brig Chance, Monserat, for Baltimore, 25th July; brig Cyrus, Cousell, do. 27th; sch'r Betsy, Chase, for New York, in 8 days; Charles and Lewis, Kain, do. 4 days; brig Peggy, Teubner, do. in 20; sch'r Louisiana, Daws, do. same day; Akros, Selby, do. in 5; Julia Ann, do. just arrived; Mary, Alice, do. in 8; St. Tammany, do. 14; Warhawk, do. in 4; Ann Louisa, Andre, do. in 5; ship Commerce, Webb, do. uncertain; Elizabeth, Boroden, do. do.; brig Henry, Barrow, Baltimore, just arrived; Hunter, Eaton, Portland, do.; ship Mary, Wilson, for Boston, 12 Admiral Cochrane and a frigate were off Basterre. Two days before the Nymph sailed, the French privateer brig Gen. Enouf, sent in an English privateer built sch'r from Nova Scotia, with him, for Barbados. Was boarded twice on the passage by British cruisers, detained a short time.

Ship William Taylor, Hitchcock, of Baltimore, arrived at Amsterdam June 16. June 14, lat. 16, N. long. 22, W. was spoke ship William Bingham, 28 days from Baltimore for Canton, all well.

Arrived at Norfolk (V.) sch'r Ann, Williams, from Wilmington (D.) bound to St. Bartholomews, out 16 days, having put into that port in a leaky condition, making at least three feet water per hour.

Spoke, in lat. 35, long. 68, 30, schooner Ethel Allen, captain Holmes, from Baltimore, 6 days out, bound to Barbadoes, all well.

Captain White, arrived at Charlestown, on the 27th ult. in lat. 27 1/2, long. 74, spoke sch'r Blossom, Adams, of Baltimore, 12 days from New-Orleans for Vera Cruz.

List of vessels left at, Bordeaux by capt. Skiddy, of the brig Stephen, arrived at New York in 43 days from that place.

The ship Thomas, Turner; brigs Hercules, Weeks; Northern Liberties, Mafert; and had just arrived from New York. The brig Fame, Perry, belonging to Jacob Barker, had just arrived from St. Sebastians Three days ago, spoke the sch'r Hope, Stanton, from Liverpool for New York. Left ship Ceres, Green, for New York, in 8 days; Alkomack, Mann, of New York, discharging; Margaret, Myrick, for do. in 8; Illinois, Church do. in ten; Jenny, Myers, of do. uncertain; brigs William, Tell, lackway, for do. in 12; Stanton, Taylor, of do. discharging; sch'r Kitty-Ann, Crocker, of do. discharging; ship Morning Star, Hopkins, of Bolton ship Jefferson, Godrich, do. uncertain; Swan, Ross, do. to fall in 4 days for New York; Young Edward, Gibbons, do. uncertain; Ranger, Fauling, do. do; Nancy, Cole, do. do; Salem, Clark, do. do; sch'r Sally-Ann, Hulley, do. at quarantine; ship Sultana, Crosby, of Portsmouth, for Philadelphia, in 15; Grand Turk, Baris, do. uncertain; brig Perseverance, do. do; ship Samaritan, Parille, of Newburport, for New York, in 15; brig Mary, Young, of Providence, discharging; ship Lovely Matilda, O'Conner, of Philadelphia, at quarantine; brig Molly, Norris, do. for do. in 10; Lydia, Webb, do. discharging; brig Ann Elizabeth, Skinner, of Norfolk, for Baltimore, in 10; Brunswick, Campbell, of Charlestown, for do. in 8; Report, Canter, do. do.; Fame, Perry, from St. Sebastians, just arrived.

The British sloop of war Squirrel boarded the ship Hale on (arrived at New York in 70 days from Amsterdam) on the Banks of Newfoundland and put on board 3 passengers, which had been taken out of the ship Jane, Samins, from Bordeaux for New York, which vessel they had ordered to seize; they had also ordered for Halifax, a brig from New-Orleans for New York, with a number of Spaniards on board.

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### Sale by Auction.

On FID Y, The 21st instant, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold on the premises for cash,

A large and valuable piece of GROUND, about half a mile from Griffith's Bridge, on the Old road to York, fronting thereon about 70 feet, adjoining the residence of Mr. Piper, and running east near 300 feet to his Rope Walk. On the said Lot, is a two story Frame Dwelling House, Kitchen, &c. A large proportion of the Ground is highly manured and in cultivation for a kitchen garden, and contains a choice collection of Fruit Trees, &c.

The premises will be shown by the proprietor, Mr. William Hooper, who resides thereon, and as he means to remove his family very soon, to the western country, possession will be given to the purchaser in a short time after the sale.

THOMAS CHASE, Auc'r.

August 18

### Sale by Auction.

On TUESDAY, The 1st September, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, will positively be sold, on the premises, on terms which will be made known, at time of sale,

A three story Brick DWELLING-HOUSE, on Market Space, No. 25, near the Fish Market, with a two story Brick Kitchen. The above property is well calculated for a Tavern, Boarding House or Retail Store.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auc'ts.

August 18

### For New Orleans,

The Brig ADHERBAL,

Capt. Daniel M'Neal

Her freight being all engaged, she will sail on Saturday next—For passage only apply to the captain on board at Cole's wharf, Fell's Point, or

HENRY THOMPSON.

August 18 ddt

### For New-Orleans,

The Schooner PRESIDENT,

Captain Hall;

Lying in Frederick-street dock. For freight or passage apply to the captain on board, or to

JOHN CLARK,

No 8, Howard-street.

N. B. She will positively sail the 23d inst.

August 18 ddt

### Corsica Wine, &c.

JUST RECEIVED FOR SALE,

10 pipes Corsica Wine,

14 chests Young Hyson Tea,

20 cases of Port Wine, of a superior quality.

On hand,

300 barrels No 1 and 2, Boston Beef,

500 half barrels Meas and No. 1, ditto,

100 cases Sweet Oil entitled to debenture,

300 boxes Mould Candles, small sizes,

100 do Spermaceti ditto,

250 do Brown Soap,

50 do Lisbon Lemons,

50 do Shelled Almonds } entitled to de-

60 bales Soft Shelled ditto } benture.

80 bags Pimento,

8 pipes Holland Gin,

5 ditto old Cogniac Brandy,

20 ditto Bordeaux ditto,

10 hds N. E. Rum,

20 tons Canpeachy Logwood,

Russia and British Canvas, Wool and Cotton Cards, &c.

NATH. F. WILLIAMS,

No. 15, Bowly's wharf.

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### The subscriber offers for sale,

10 hds New Orleans Sugar

10 chests Young Hyson Tea

Sherry, Madeira, Lisbon, Port, and Malaga

Wines

French Brandy

Holland Gin

Jamaica Spirits

Old Peach Brandy

Coarse and fine Salt

All of the above are of the first quality.

Loaf, Lump and Pea Sugar, calculated for family use or private boarding houses

20,000 wt. best Brown Soap

20 boxes of 4, 5, & 6 Mould Candles

12 boxes Mill Spanish Sigars,

12 baskets East India Sugar Candy

Almonds, Raisins, &c.

All of which will be sold wholesale or retail, on the most accommodating terms.

Together with 1000 wt. Shoe Thread, and 1 piece nice Scarlet Cloth,

At No. 13, corner of Charles and Pratt streets.

OWEN M'MANUS.

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### The Woman's Friend.

KENT & BEATTY'S PATENT WASHING MACHINE.

THE Public have often been amused with an account of curious inventions and ingenious contrivances, few of which have ever answered the intended purpose. This Machine, called the Woman's Friend, wants only a trial to convince the public, that the defects attending others are entirely removed in this. No part of this Machine is liable to swell with the water so as to hinder the action in the least degree. The proprietors think it unnecessary to incur expensive advertisements, as those inclined to purchase a labor-saving machine, will immediately apply at Mrs. Davidson's, No. 1, Market-street, near the bridge. This much admired washing machine has been used at Alexandria in the families of the following gentlemen, and highly approved of; and at their request we publish their names; those gentlemen thinking this machine superior to any thing of the kind ever offered to the public. The ladies in particular are requested to call at Mrs. Davidson's, where a machine stands for public inspection.

KENT & BEATTY.

Erza Kinsey, James Kennedy, Anthony Rodes, Andrew Barthe, Isaac M'Lean, John Hodskin, Samuel Wattersley, Richard Horwell.

Aug. 18 ddtf

### LOST,

A NOTE drawn by Luke Tieman, for 500 dollars, at sixty days, dated the 13th inst. in favor of J. L. La Reintrie. The finder shall be rewarded on leaving it with the subscriber at the Union Bank of Maryland.

J. L. LA REINTRIE.

August 18 ddt

### For Sale,

AN elegant GIG and two HORSES, one of which is accustomed to, and well broke to the Cartage. They will be disposed of together or separately as will best suit the purchaser. Apply at the City Tavern.

August 18 ddt

### Swords, Epaulés

Swords of different sizes, suit Horsemen's Sword Blades, Silver Epaulés, Brast Plates, Boatswains Calls, &c. For sale by

CHARLES L. GILT, in Silk

Who mounts Swords, in Silk Gilt, of the newest Patterns.

August 18

### Teneriffe Wine, &c.

20 pipes Cargo Teneriffe Wine

28 qr casks Sherry Wine, D

2 pipes Bordeaux Brandy,

13 hds. Clay's Sugar,

3200 lbs. Green Coffee,

600 pieces Burr Stones For sale by

JOHN F. 95,

August 18

### Last Notice

A final settlement of the estate of Cotton, deceased, will be made on the 19th instant, and a dividend those who have claims, and vouchers properly authenticated, scriber, at Mr. Thomas Mare

9, Bowly's wharf. Those who make their claim, on or before be precluded from receiving a

estate.

WILLIAM B. COTT

August 18

### Impressments

JOHN GREEN, born on the Maryland, and WILLIAM H. between Philadelphia and the S been impressed and are now det of the British sloop of war Fe brig Express, belonging to Adm squadron on the West-India sta