

lue of houses in Annapolis, Frederick, Baltimore, and other towns, yielding an annual rent, the lessors shall be assessed for every twelve pounds of the rent reserved, as for one hundred pounds capital, and in the same proportion for any greater or less sum of the rent reserved, and the lessors shall be assessed in the same manner as lessors of ground rent, and the lessors shall be chargeable with and pay the sum rated to their lessors, and deduct the same out of the rent, and the lessors are in no case to be chargeable but only on the rent by them received.

[To be continued.]

CARTHAGENA, August 30.

ACCORDING to admiral Don Barcelo's report, Algiers is in part destroyed.—Its port, its arsenal, and shipping, are so damaged as to be unfit for service, at least for some time. If the intention of his majesty and his minister is put into execution, of visiting that nest of pirates every year, it will be employing money to far better purpose than in paying the annual tribute which they receive from other nations; and it will be doing good to those same nations for the evil they bring upon us by means of their influence with the states of Barbary, following in this the dictates of a fordid interest, as much mistaken in itself as it is contrary to that politeness and humanity of which they make their boast. They should reflect that to influence pirates and robbers, espouse their cause, and lend them assistance, is equally deserving of detestation, as the commission itself of such crimes.

MADRID, Aug. 5. We are informed the Sieur Snuzza, a Portuguese merchant, settled at Algiers, under the protection of the Dutch consul, hath received orders to leave that city in three days, on pain of being enslaved, with his whole family. His crime is having endeavoured to bring the Algerines to terms of peace and humanity.

COLOGNE, Aug. 30. The first brigade of the Hessian troops which have been in the English service in America, is expected in Germany in the course of next month. We are assured that the whole number of those troops expected to return does not exceed 3000 men. Twelve thousand effective Hessian troops arrived in America in the year 1776, and have been every year augmented by the arrival of fresh recruits. The fertility of the country is a great inducement to numbers of them to remain there.

LISBON, Aug. 29. Letters from America advise, that our merchandises have been very eagerly received by the merchants of Boston, Philadelphia, &c. and are even preferred to all others, which gives great hopes to our speculators.

PARIS, Aug. 30. We are informed by letters from Coromandel, which came by the way of England, that Hyder Ally on his death-bed bequeathed 300,000 rupees, to the commander de Suffrein, which have been paid him by an ambassador sent to him by Tipoo Saib.

HAOUE, Sept. 25. The exchange of the treaty concluded between France, Spain and Portugal, was executed at St. Ildephonse, and at Lisbon, has been published the accession of the latter court to the family compact.

LONDON, September 30.

On Monday evening last the inhabitants of London were struck with the greatest astonishment from a spectacle the most beautifully tremendous of any ever recorded in this or perhaps in any other part of the world. The day had been remarkably hot, and the thermometer had risen several degrees. At half past nine in the evening, the air, which was before rather dark, became instantly illuminated equal to the brightest moon-light, and a fine Aurora Borealis appeared; and in a few seconds a column of fire, of amazing magnitude, passed with an apparent velocity, equal to that of a sky-rocket; and in a curvilinear direction from the north towards the east, and then proceeding southerly, passed over London, keeping its distance from the earth apparently about the height of St. Paul's cathedral. Its passage over London, as it appeared to an observer near Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, commenced at Cold Bath Fields, passing over Holborn, the Temple, and so towards Surry hills. From this column of fire, which appeared to be a flame as vivid as is ever seen in the hottest furnace, other small parts of it, apparently of the diameter of six inches, fell towards the ground, and dissolved in the air while the greater body still maintained its direction as above mentioned, displaying all the prismatic colours of the rainbow. The consternation and panic which this occasioned in the minds of the many thousands who observed it, was very great, and if its course had been very near the earth, it must inevitably have left proofs of its destructive nature, by communicating its flames to the inhabitants; but happily for us it kept that distance, as not to do any mischief (as we at present hear of.) Various are the conjectures as to the nature of this phenomenon! A correspondent offers the following: From its being of a vivid flame, and parts of it falling off its progress, it seems to be very different from those luminous small meteors which are often seen to fall in the air, (as well in hot as cold weather) called by the vulgar "falling stars," on the contrary this appeared to be a real and substantial burning flame, perhaps a kind of fiery bullet discharged from the first breach of some new volcano; and this fiery bullet issuing from a curvilinear chasm made in the earth at its first eruption, and proceeding therefrom with prodigious force, and being from its nature not much more condensed than the circumambient air, maintained that direction until it became absorbed, and lost in the air its projectile force.

Sept. 23. The foreign mails continue to blow the trumpet, and bella! horrida bella! is respiration from Petersburg to Constantinople, and call the world to arms. All Europe wait with anxious expectation for the event, which, if it should unhappily take place, threatens to involve the continental powers in its attendant calamities.

The French expedition, which is going to the South-Sea, is to look out for the island which was discovered by their celebrated circumnavigator, M. Boogainville, in the year 1767, which according to the French chart lays only about forty leagues to the S. W. of the Society Islands, discovered by captain Cook, our English navigator, but which never could be seen by the

Resolution and Endeavour, though they repeatedly sought for it. It has been described as a large island, second only to New-Zeland, and to add to its utility the natives are the most civilized of any on the ocean.

Sept. 24. The pope has indeed lost almost the whole of his pontifical consequence, and is now looked upon as a mere mortal, whose great toe is as liable to the gout, as any alderman within the walls of the city of London. His empty thunders no longer affright, and his bulls are as harmless as the Black Heath jack asses. Queen Elizabeth's reformation opened the eyes of a deluded world, and common sense has since that time been kicking superstitious folly out of the human mind.

S A L E M, December 2.

On Saturday night last, at about eleven o'clock, a small flock of an earthquake was felt in this, and several of the neighbouring towns.

B O S T O N, December 8.

Extra of a letter from Quebec, dated Oct. 23.

"The English inhabitants of this province, (Canada) have petitioned the king and both houses of parliament, for a repeal of the Quebec act; and for a house of assembly.—But no person who receives pay from government has signed it."

Last Saturday night, about ten o'clock, Mr. James Carroll, of this town, was found murdered in his own house. His head and body appeared to have been most inhumanly beaten; and what is most extraordinary, his wife appears to be the horrid perpetrator. She was immediately committed to gaol. A jury of inquest sat on the body of the deceased yesterday, whose verdict was murder.

Dec. 12. 'Tis reported, that a large ship with about 300 souls on board, bound from New-York to Port Roseway, was cast away in a late storm and every one perished.

Last Thursday died in this town, Lady Dinah, aged 93 years, an African queen of the Ebo nation, was kidnapped and brought to this town 56 years ago, the king, her husband, being killed in an engagement with some other nation, and she brought off, leaving two children behind her to lament the loss of a father killed, and a mother sold to an American captain; she was afterwards purchased by captain Adino Bullfinch, and in that family brought up all their children and grand children, with whom she lived as happy as her circumstances would admit, being impaired in her senses from the time of her being sold; in her always appeared a majestic delicacy, but she is now at rest.

—Bubb' christians who boast of liberty!

Last Saturday afternoon, an unhappy dispute having arisen between one Curley and his wife, living in Wing's lane, they came to blows, when he received an unlucky stroke from her, with the heave of an axe, and expired in a few hours after. The jury brought in their verdict murder. The woman is committed to gaol for trial.

W O R C E S T E R, December 10.

The late shock of an earthquake, we learn, was felt along the sea-coast from New-Hampshire to New-York.

P R O V I D E N C E, December 6.

Saturday night last, about eleven o'clock, a slight shock of an earthquake was felt here.—At New-York the shock was more violent, and it is said many people there rose from their beds, and ran into the streets.

Monday evening last, the wind being high, the beacon erected in this town at the commencement of the late war was blown down.—What renders this circumstance remarkable is, that it happened a few hours after the definitive treaty of peace had been published here.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, December 23.

The ship Venus, captain Thomas Lee, is arrived at Salem, from Gibraltar. On the 12th of October, which was the day before captain Lee sailed, the ship Tartar, captain Forrester, belonging to Philadelphia, arrived at Gibraltar from Amsterdam.

R I C H M O N D, December 20.

Extra of a letter from a member of Congress, to his correspondent in this city, a gentleman of the General Assembly, dated Annapolis, December 10th, 1783.

"Your taking up the subject of the Citizen Bill, was, in my judgment, premature, before the recommendations of Congress on that subject had come forth. I am, myself, principled against refugees and British debts. I think the former will make wretched republicans; and to the latter, in my opinion, all just title has been forfeited. But let us see what the faith of America as a nation, and her interest as a people, require, and leaving all prejudices against those people aside, act in conformity thereto.

"Our conduct, or rather the conduct of some very wild and unthinking people, scattered throughout the United States, has hurt us much in the eyes of all Europe, where that article in favour of refugees is considered as very humiliating to Great-Britain, and such as our honour and interest call on us to explain and adhere to liberally."

A N N A P O L I S, January 1.

Samuel Torbutt Wright, major John Davidson, and Charles Wallace, Esquires, are chosen members of the honourable Council, in the room of Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Price, and Benjamin Ogles, Esquires, resigned.

On Friday last the General Assembly of this State adjourned, the Senate to the first Monday in November, and the House of Delegates to the first Monday in April next, after having passed the following laws:

1. An act to revive and continue the acts of assembly for regulating the militia, and to empower the governor to call out the militia to suppress insurrections and quiet disturbances.

2. An act to constitute and appoint a select vestry in St. John's parish, in Prince-George's county.

3. An act for the relief of John Galloway, of Baltimore county.

4. An act for the benefit of William Russell, of Great-Britain.

5. An act to authorize and empower David Brown and Henry Wilson, of Baltimore county, executors of

the last will and testament of John Cornthwaite, late of the same county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate therein mentioned.

6. An act to record and make valid a deed of bargain and sale executed by James Raley, and Benjamin Newnam and Mary his wife, to John Moore, of Queen-Anne's county.

7. An act to empower the justices of Baltimore county court to levy a sum of money on the taxable inhabitants for the purposes therein mentioned.

8. An act for the relief of Thomas Bailey, of Baltimore county.

9. A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Mrs. Rebecca Hanfon and Miss Catherine Dulany.

10. An act to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases.

11. An act to lay out and establish a public road leading from William Matthews's mill, in Baltimore county, until it intersects the main road where the old road formerly did.

12. An act to lay out and establish a public road in Baltimore county.

13. An act to empower the vestry of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, to sell and dispose of a part of the negroes belonging to said parish, for the purposes therein mentioned.

14. An act to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county.

15. An act to empower Edward Downes to collect by distress and sale the arrears due for public and county assessments to the late collector of Queen-Anne's county.

16. An act to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Jonathan Plowman, late of Baltimore county, deceased, unadministered by Rebecca Plowman and David Arnold, his executors at the time of their decease, with the will of the said Jonathan Plowman, annexed.

17. An act to raise the supplies for the ensuing year.

18. An act for the relief of the Christian society of people called Nicollites or New Oquakers.

19. An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to unite the free schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties.

20. An act to prevent the raising of swine and geese in the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county.

21. An act to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, jun. to sell the real estate therein mentioned of Joseph Lyon, deceased.

22. An act to enable the commissioners of Baltimore-town to open and widen Hanover lane, in said town.

23. An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water.

24. An act respecting theatrical entertainments.

25. An act respecting the tonnage of vessels.

26. An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in gaols in this state.

27. An act for an addition to George-town, in Montgomery county.

28. An act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the public taxes in Prince-George's county.

29. An act laying a duty on British vessels, and for other purposes.

30. An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

31. An act to settle and pay the civil lists.

32. An act to empower Elizabeth Margaret Littig, Philip Littig, and George Littig, to demise the real estate therein mentioned.

33. An act to empower the justices of Somerset county to levy on the inhabitants of the said county, a sum of money sufficient to erect a bridge over the river Wicomico at the town of Salisbury.

34. An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason.

35. An act to empower Isaac Marshall, of Somerset county, surviving executor of Aaron Tilghman, deceased, to sell certain lands therein mentioned, devised by the said Aaron Tilghman, to be sold for the payment of his debts and legacies.

36. An act to regulate trade and commerce.

37. An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.

38. An act to appoint a trustee in the place of William Wilkinson, of Baltimore county, who is dead.

39. An act to enable Sarah Stokes, wife of Robert Young Stokes, to release her right of dower to certain lots of ground lying in Harford county.

40. A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to appoint an intendant of the revenue.

41. An act to establish a warehouse for the reception and inspection of tobacco at Hamburg, on Wicomico river, in St. Mary's county.

To be SOLD, at the POST-OFFICE.

POCKET BIBLES, Blank books of various sizes, Wafers, black and red wax, Ink stands and chests, Black lead pencils, Gilt letter paper, Pocket books, and Playing cards.

Where may also be had blank bonds, bills of exchange, bills of lading, &c. &c.

TAKEN up as a stray, by William Haslep, living in Anne-Arundel county, on Elk-Ridge, near Spurrier's tavern, a bay horse, about 13 hands high, has a switch tail, hanging mane, no perceivable brand, appears to be old, trots and gallops. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

1 Joseph Selley