

Last night Mr. Spintex, our curate, and she had a sharp dispute about these d---d balloons. He said, they were all mere farces, and no real advantage could be drawn from them. This was enough—it gave warning to an alarm which rang half an hour. "The fact invention in the whole world; what a noble fight must it be to see one of them cleaving the skies, and all that sort of thing, as brother Bobb, says." But I can't pretend to follow her through her fancied aerial excursion; suffice it, there was nothing more she wished for on earth than to go up into the air in a balloon, and concluded with bluntly telling Mr. Spintex he was a poor ignorant thing. This nettled the parson, though I believe endued with as much patience as most people. He replied, and the returned. However, in the course of the contest, he happened to retort upon her ignorance—This was too much for a woman to bear: so, after a dreadful volley of verbal bullets, she flung out of the room. Mr. Spintex was equally enraged—Here succeeded a pause for upwards of five minutes—Pray, Mr. Spintex, says I, what is this balloon you make so much noise about; "Your wife is a balloon," said he, and off he went. My wife a balloon, thought I; that's impossible: but recollecting I heard them say it was filled with inflammable air, he did not appear to be so far wrong, for I confess my wife has a little more of it than quantum sufficit, as they say, in her. Here an odd whim popped into my brain. Poor Mr. Spintex forgot he was upon the high ropes as well as my wife. Balloon parsons, exclaimed I to myself, why here's some sense in this; they may now be said literally to shew us the way to heaven. Upon this thought I followed my wife, and communicated it to her, she smiled at it, and we retreated very lovingly to bed together. By the bye I took a fly peep at my wife's garters, but that devil of a fellow, Lunnardi, has not got thither yet.—For God's sake, mention him no more in your papers, otherwise, I am afraid, we shall have balloon bedlams in every part of the country.

SIMON MACSARCASM.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) November 20.

Morris Keaton, who lies in the goal of this town, on his acknowledgment of piracy and murder, is not only exemplary for his penitence and contrition, but has been singularly ample and ingenuous in the confession he made before the magistrates; last Saturday at the court-house. We wish as much could be said in any degree, for his associates.

The pirates now in the goal of this town, adopted the most sanguinary and atrocious system of degradation that is to be paralleled since the days of the infamous Blackbeard. They were under the most solemn engagement to each other, which a spirit of odourate villainy and desperation could suggest, to rob every vessel they could possibly surprise, and murder every soul on board without distinction of age or sex. Happy they met with no other prey than the schooner Friendship, the fate of which has already been fully reported.

Nov 24. We hear from the Mosquito Shore, that the Spaniards in that neighbourhood are so jealous of an English colony being established in the vicinity of their wealth and power, that they are making great preparations to drive the British settlers out of the country, in defiance of the solemn treaty of peace lately concluded between the two nations, and are so little solicitous to cover their designs on this head, that they openly avow their intention of commencing hostilities, with the greatest vigour, on the 19th of March next. At the same time we have the pleasure to learn, through the same channel, that our brave countrymen, whose ancestors have, from time immemorial, been in the habit of chastising the Dons, are, with great composure and diligence, taking the necessary measures to repel force by force, as they have no doubt but that their enemies are sincere and hearty in the threatened visitation.

Nov 27. Before the ship Brilliant left the coast of Africa, several vessels from America had arrived there; the captains of which endeavoured to procure negroes from the British settlements, but the commander of the Grampus man of war on that station, prevented them. They however proceeded to windward of the British settlements, where they had their vessels supplied with a sufficient number of slaves.

The French planters at Hispaniola, we learn, have lately by their agents, procured several distillers from some island, by which means they now make rum on some estates, equal in quality to that made in this island.

NEW-YORK, January 24.

The under-named are the members of the honourable the United States in Congress, now attending in this city:

- New-Hampshire—Mr. Foster, Mr. Long.
- Massachusetts—Mr. Gerry, Mr. Holton, Mr. Partridge, Mr. King.
- Rhode-Island—Mr. Ellery, Mr. Howell.
- Connecticut—Mr. Cooke, Mr. Johnson.
- New-York—Mr. R. R. Livingston, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Platt.
- New-Jersey—Mr. Beatty, Mr. Cadwallader, Mr. Stewart.
- Pennsylvania—Mr. Gardner, Mr. Henry.
- Maryland—Mr. M. Henry.
- Virginia—Mr. R. H. Lee, president, Mr. Mowbray.
- North-Carolina—Mr. Williamson, Mr. Spaight, Mr. Sitgreaves.

South-Carolina—Mr. Reid, Mr. Ball, Mr. Pinkney.

Georgia—Mr. Houston.

PHILADELPHIA, January 27.

The Spaniards have now completed a settlement on the island of Tinian, in the Pacific Ocean, long. 140 deg. W. from the meridian of Philadelphia, lat. 16 deg. N. between Manilla, in Asia, and Acapulco, in America: they have built some strong works, and formed a garrison. The frequent expeditions of the English and others have been the cause thereof; so that future circumnavigators will not have the advantage of this little paradise to touch and refresh at, as lord Anson did, in 1742, it being now garrisoned and peopled by the most supercilious and selfish people on earth, and who look upon themselves as masters not only of the Ladrões, but all the other islands in that immense expanse of ocean.

Jan. 28. That no nation can ever be rich or powerful, whose imports exceed their exports, is a fact not to be controverted. It is a melancholy truth that at present our imports far exceed our exports; and should this continue to be the case, cold poverty will soon stare us in the face, and the gaudy trifles we now import from Britain, (which we are foolishly fond of, and for which we pay solid coin) will leave us, and vanish like a vapour before the rising sun. Rags or nakedness must supply their place, and we too late must mourn our folly.

Jan. 31. The brig —, captain Strickland, of this port from the West-Indies, after beating near 40 days on the coast, was obliged to bear away for New Providence, having suffered the greatest distress and hardship from auverse weather and want of provisions.

Feb. 1. To use a mercantile phrase, in this mercantile world, we find that public spirit, and private corruption pass at par in Ireland. The endeavours of the good and wife, seem to lose ground to the chicanery and manoeuvres of corruption and power; the virtue of the former can hardly keep pace with the undermining effects of the latter, and the whole nation remains in equilibrium, awaiting the preponderation of some superior effort to determine which party shall triumph. Rutland is plaudered with panegyric address, by the minions of the court and their dependents; Charlemont also, whose sentiments directly tend to destroy that harmony on which the hopes of Ireland were founded, is addressed "on his manly and constitutional answer," notwithstanding the opposition of the sons of liberty: May the flame which animated the Americans, kindle in the bosom of the Irish and lead them to an effectual opposition of the oppressions of their tyrants, and to a determination to be really free!

Lately died at Chester in England, Bisset, the extraordinary teacher of beasts, birds, and fishes, on his journey with the learned pig. Perhaps no nation has produced so singular a character as Bisset, though in this age of apathy, his merit was but little rewarded. At any former era of time, the man who could assume a command over the dumb creation, and make them act with a docility which went far beyond mere brutal instinct, would have been looked upon as possessed of supernatural powers according to the pagan notions, or burned for a wizard according to the christian system. He first tried his hand on a horse and a dog, who succeeded beyond expectation. Two monkeys were his next pupils, one of which he taught to dance and tumble on the rope, whilst the other held the candle with one paw for his companion, and with the other played the barrel organ; he also instructed them to play several tricks, such as drinking to the company, riding and tumbling on the horse's back, and going through several regular dances with the dog. He taught three young cats to strike their paws in such directions on the dulcimer as to produce several regular tunes, having music books before them, and squaking at the same time, in different keys or notes, first, second, and third, by way of a concert. At the well known cats opera in the Haymarket, he cleared near 1000l.—He procured a leveret, and reared it to beat several marches on the drum with its hind legs until it became a good stout hare. He taught canary birds, linnets, and sparrows, to spell names, &c. He trained six turkey cocks to go regularly through a country dance. In six months he made a turkey to fetch and carry like a dog, and by chalking the floor and blacking its claws, could direct it to trace out any given name of the company. His confidence even induced him to try experiments on the gold fish, which he did not despair of making quite tractable. In sixteen months, he made a pig, the most obstinate and perverse animal in nature, to be under full command, and become as pliant and good natured as a spaniel; it was lately seen by many persons of condition in Dublin to kneel and make his obeisance to the company, &c. Mr. Bisset was born at Perth, in Scotland, about the year 1721, and bred a shoemaker; his widow is now at Belfast with these wonderful animals.

ALL persons that have claims against the estate of Basil Brooke, late of Charles county, deceased, are requested to bring them in, they may be paid, as far as there are assets left by the said deceased, and those that are indebted are desired to pay off their respective accounts without delay.

JOSEPH BROOKE, administrator of the deceased with the will annexed.

February 1, 1785.

THE part of CHEW'S FARM, in Washington county, upon Patowmack river, about eight miles from Hager's town, and containing upwards of eight hundred acres of rich limestone land, which was advertised a few weeks ago in this paper, will be laid off in lots of one or two hundred acres, as they best suit those inclined to purchase, and offered by public auction, on the 25th instant, if fair, if not the next fair day; one sixth of the purchase money must be paid when deeds of conveyance are delivered, and the remainder in two, three, and four years from the day of sale, which will take place upon the premises.

PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.

FOR SALE,

For cash, certificates issued under the act to adjust the debts due from this state, or on credit,

THE plantation of the subscriber, lying on the north side of Severn river, in Anne-Arundel county, containing about 600 acres. It lies on Severn river, about four miles from the city of Annapolis; the improvements are, a very good framed dwelling house, 30 odd feet by 16, two stories high, two rooms on each floor with fire places in all of them, and a cellar bricked up under the whole; a log kitchen, a quarter 24 by 12, built this last fall, with a brick chimney; a framed barn, 30 by 25, with sheds 12 feet wide on the sides, and on one end, raised on brick pillars, about two feet from the ground, the whole floored close, and covered with 18 inch cypress shingles, there is a granary above; two small orchards, with some good fruit; milk and hen houses, and a tolerable stable.

JAMES BRICE.

February 9, 1785.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, on Monday the 21st instant, at the late dwelling plantation of Ralph Basil, deceased, in Anne-Arundel county, near Queen-Anne,

SEVERAL horses, stock of cattle and hogs; household furniture, and plantation utensils. All persons indebted to the estate of the late Ralph Basil are desired to make immediate payment, and all those who have claims against the same are requested to send them legally attested.

ELIZABETH BASIL, administratrix.

February 10, 1785.

WHEREAS, by an act of the general assembly of Maryland, held at the city of Annapolis, in November 1784, George Shipley, junior, was appointed guardian and trustee of the person and property of George Shipley, senior; and whereas, by the said act, the chancellor was empowered to remove the trustee, in case of misfeasance in his office, and to nominate another in his place, but was not directed, in case of the death of the said George Shipley, junior, to make another appointment; This is therefore to notify to all whom it may concern, that the subscriber intends presenting a petition to the next general assembly, praying them to enlarge the powers of the chancellor in this behalf, and by a supplement to the said law enable him to nominate a trustee in the place of the said George Shipley, junior, who is since dead.

TALCO SHIPLEY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Tuesday the 8th of February next will be sold, at public vendue, one moiety of the schooner JOLLY TALK, and her tackle, now lying in Annapolis harbour, late the property of James Robinson, jun. deceased, the sale to be held on board the said schooner, at Logan's wharf, at ten o'clock. She will carry thirty two hogheads of tobacco under her deck. All persons having any claims against the estate of the said James Robinson, jun. deceased, are hereby requested to bring them in, that they may be adjusted; and all those indebted are requested to make payment to

JAMES ROBINSON, sen. administrator.

Annapolis, January 18, 1785.

THIS is to inform my debtors, that I am in great want of money, and necessity will oblige me to put the law in force against those who do not make payment before the 10th day of February next.

JOSEPH BREWER.

Annapolis, January 26, 1785.

FOR SALE,

FIFTY acres of good level wood land, on Rhode river, in Anne-Arundel county. For terms apply to THOMAS HARWOOD, in Annapolis.

Maryland, January 20, 1785.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, A SKILFUL architect, who can be well recommended, with a sufficient number of hands, to build a genteel country villa the ensuing summer; some money will be advanced, also bricks and lime, &c. will be furnished. A letter directed to the subscriber, in Prince-George's county, near Upper Marlborough, will be duly attended to.

ROBERT DARNALL.