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# HARTLAND GAZETTE:

U. R. S. D. A. Y. MAY 8, 1788.

February 16.

CXXX BLOW has been already ftruck. No fooner was the declaration of war made A & known in the army, on the 9th of February, than general Devins, com-( ) wandant of the troops in Croatia, comced his operations by the attack on the fortress Dreinick.

the execution of this enterprise was confided to onel Pobarnik, of the regiment of Carlstadt. He summoned the Turks to surrender, with an asance, that if they gave up without resistance, they uld meet with the protection of his imperial ma-To this summons, their only answer was, the charge of their artillery! The colonel made a filiar reply from the mouth of his cannon, with h effect, that the whole place was foon in a blaze, the garrison almost entirely destroyed. n another quarter the Imperial troops have not perienced the same success. Lieutenant-colonel snovick passed the Unna to attack the Turkish tle of Dubiza. In this project he failed, and met

th the loss of a few men.

An official notice was delivered on Sunday the th instant, at 2 P. M. by prince Kaunisz to all the reign ministers at Vienna, that the emperor had and himself obliged to declare war against the urks; and that he hoped, in a cause so good, that the ws and wishes of all Europe would accompany him his endeavours against the enemies of christianity. Couriers were dispatched to Versailles and Petersrg; and, on the 27th of last month, orders were t to baron Herbert, at Constantinople, to declare It is therefore highly probable, that that Innuncio is lodged with the Russian minister in the ven Towers.

The French are so far from relinquishing the orks at Cherburg, that in the course of the last fix eks 1600 hands have been added.

Extract of a letter from Fienna, February 14. War is now declared against the Porte in and the emperor, to shew his martial designs, fent orders into Hungary to oblige every tenth fant to enlift as recruits to augment the army. e same, or some similiar mandate is daily expecthere. The accounts from the Belgic Provinces to favourable as to give the Imperialits full leito provide for war against the Turks."

evolution is expected to take place in that city, , it is supposed, mean to avail themselves of the ment Russia is at war, in order to submit themes to the king of Prussia.

letters from Vienna we learn, that the deparof the emperor for the army was politively fixed the 27th of February.

he same letters mention, that his imperial mawas in treaty to take 12,000 Wurtemburg troops his pay-and that the emperor and the grand of Russia were to have an interview at Lem-, where great preparations were making for their

March 6. By a gentleman who arrived yesterday Germany, we learn, that an account had arat Vienna, of the Imperial troops having inthe important city of Belgrade, which it was ected would make a very powerful relistance.

he empress of Russia has now avowed her intend it as a tributary prince to Russa.

through the Austrian Low-Countries, from

hey are picked up." the ships of a certain tunnage they can get, in or- ed; and it is said two Indians were kand in this at. to convey their troops. The present war with the tack. e will be carried on with efforts of the first mag-

larch 7. The arrival of the Russian fleet in the ons, (which will be as early as circumstances admit, it being the intention of the Czarina to , if it should soon become mild, the squadron be off the Humber the beginning of May.

NEWBURY-PORT, (Massachusetts) April 2.

Information, for the benefit of such vessels as may be destined for Newbury-Port, or otherwise fall into Ipswich-Bay.

Two light-houses have been lately erected on the north end of Plumb-Island, at the entrance of Merrimack river, which are kept constantly lighted from sunset to sunrise.

When any vessel shall fall into this Bay, or shalk be forced in by diffress of weather, and shall make these lights, she may run safely in, over Newbury bar, observing the proper time of tide, and taking care to keep the two lights in one until she get within twice her length of the more, then directing her course by the beech, where is bold water, she may proceed until abreast of the western light-house, where is good and fafe anchorage in three fathoms of

A vessel passing near aboard the rocks off Cape Anne, called the Salvages, and steering N. W. about five leagues, will come up with the bar in about ten fathoms of water—there is good anchorage in twelve fathoms of water about half a league short of the

The light-houses now bear due east and west of each other, and are so constructed as to be moveable; and care will be taken in case the bar shifts, to place them in such a situation as that the foregoing directions will always be a good guide to strangers.

### PHILADELPHIA, April 29.

From the Kentucky Gazette of April 4.

It is with the most tensible concern we announce to the public the capture of three boats, on the number of persons would be induced thereby to in an extraordinary degree by this deeply affecting Onio river." catastrophe: Among the passengers in these boats, it is with great regret we mention Samuel Purviance, Esq; of Baltimore town, Mr. Ridout, of Maryland, Monf. Ragaut, and two other Erench gentlemen, one a mineralist, the bener a bonnist, destined to explore the natural products of this country, a Mr. Pierce, of Maryland, and a Mr. Ferguson, a trader; besides these gentlemen, there was a Mr. Gray Garland Simmons, five other men, and a negro woman. The three French gentlemen and Mr. Pierce, who alone occupied one boat, were attacked on the 26th ultimo; from circumstances we March 4. Our letters from Dantzick advise, that are authorised to conclude that the other boats were taken on the zist, as they passed Limeltone on the that great discontents prevail among the citizens, 19th. The savages had in their possession a flat, in which eight or ten of them gave chace to the French gentlemen, who finding they could not occape, determined to present a white handkercoinf, with other demonstrations of friendship, and surrender without refistance; for this purpose, Mr. Ragaut took post at the stern of the boat, and when the savages had approached very near, he offered his hand, and in return received the barbarians tomahawk; at the same instant the botanist was shot dead, and the mineralist badly wounded; the boat at this time had drifted near the shure, Mr. Pierce, and the surviving French gentleman jumped overboard, and the cur rent being rapid, the lavages patt them, whilit they were butchering and plundering Mr. Ragaut and the other victim. They with difficulty gained the shore, and under cover of the night, made circuit, and fell in with the river below the lagrantere they were, the next day, taken up by a boat, of driving the Turks out of Europe, and of conveyed to the Rapids the day after. These are ing the sovereignty of that part of the Ottoman all the circumstances we have been able to collect on ninions to the grand duke's second son, who is to this melancholy occasion. There remains no doubt that the two boats first mentioned have been capcorrespondent from Flanders writes, "In my tured, as one of them has been taken up at the Rapids, and the other was feen in possession of liels to this place (Oftend) I met with scarce any the savages, but the fate of the captives is uncerg else but recruiting parties beating up for sol- tain -I'wo boats, a few hours in front of Mr. Ras to form new regiments for the emperor's service gaut, under the direction of captain Balliard Smith vermany, whither they are tent in parties of 100, and a Mr. Hinds, were attacked at the same place from the thore, but they returned the fire and ef- aght of this fort." he agents of the empress of Russia are engaging caped without further injury than two horses wound-

> Extract of a letter from colonel Isaac Sherman, a surveyor appointed by the state of Connecticut to assist in surveying the western lands, addressed to his excellency governor Huntington, dated December 31, 1787.

of the Turkish dominions) depends upon the March last, which I received in New York, a day acquainting his honour the governor, and the hother. If the frosty season should continue very on two before I left that city for the western waters. nourable the executive, of their conduct. He kopes they cannot be here before fune: on the other Immediately on my arrival in Pittsburgh, I wrote to their example will be followed by every party who you on the several subjects required, and have since are fortunate enough to fall in with our savage enemy. been informed that my letter did not come to hand,

The face of the country from Pittsburgh for near 300 miles down the Ohio, is generally mountainous 20 or 30 miles from the river. That part of the country reserved by Connecticut state begins north of the termination of those high ridges of mountains, and is agreeably varied with plains, interfected by rivers and rivulets, and adorned with gentle eminences, covered with various kinds of trees; the cultivation of the hills is by no means difficult; they would produce grafs and the culmiferous plants; the rich uplands and intervales are exceeding proper for the cultivation of Indian corn. hemp and tobacco.

From the best information I could obtain, and was very folicitous in my inquiries, there is not a better tract of land of the same extent in the western territories of the United States; excepting that on the waters of Wabash, Illinois and Missisppi rivers -for a grazing country, it will not be inferior to any; it is well watered, includes plenty of iron ore, stone coal, and a number of valuable salt springs. There are several good harbours on Lake Erie; that at the mouth of the Cayahoga is an excellent one, and floops of 60 tuns burthen loaded may aicend this river 30 miles.

"Were I to indulge my opinion, a settlement at the mouth, or near the head of the navigation of the Cayahoga river, would raise the price of the lands, give security to the intermediate parts of the country, promote its population, and increase the number of purchasers.

" If the state would give proper encouragement therefore, there is every probability that a fuffic Ohio, near the Big Miami, by the savages. Fami- grate and establish a settlement at either of those liarized as we have been for several weeks past to places. The sources of the Cayahoga and Muskinmurder and robbery, at almost every point of our gum rivers are adjacent, and by them is an easy frontiers, the sympathy of all ranks has been excited communication with the waters of Lake Brie and the

## AUGUSTA, March 22.

Extract of a letter from Wood's Fort, on Williamson's

Swamp, Washington county, dated March 14, 1788. "On the 12th instant a party of the savages were discovered at the plantation of Mr. Sikes, about a mile on the south side of Williamson's Swamp, by the barking of the dogs, about two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Sikes went over the fence to fee what they were barking at, when he was fired at by a party of Indians, and received three balls in his arm, shoulder and hip; he then returned over the fence to his house, and as he was going in received another shot, which broke his leg; the party also fired at Mrs. Sikes as she stood at the door. Mr. Sikes, notwithstanding his wounds, now prepared to defend his wife and four children, but the savages did not attempt the house. A young man, from a neighbouring family, hearing the report of the guns, came to the house, and finding Mr. Sikes in that situation, went to the fort for assistance; he returned again, immediately with one Allen Spurlock, who placed Mr. Sikes on a bed in his fledge, with one of his daughters, about 9 years old, his wife's fifter. about 16 years old, walking, and Mrs. Sikes on horseback, with one child before and one behind her, and proceeded towards the fort, (the young man having gone into the fwamp to bring off another family;) but before they reached it they were fired on by the Indians, who had come in their tear; upon which they all run and left Mr. Sikes, and in attempting to gain the fort, the young woman and Allen Spurlock were shot and scalped. The little girl, carrying a bottle of rum in her hand, begged the favages to accept of it, and to fpare her life; but they d-d ber and her rum, and faid they wanted her scalp; upon which they knocked her down and scalped her. They then pursued Mrs. Sines, who. with her children, munt have fallen into their hands, had not major Wood come to her affiliance. The little girl came to the fort about half an hour afterwards, and feems likely to recover. The next day the same or another party of Indians passed within

#### SAVANNA, March 20. Extrast from BRIGADE ORDERS, dated 18th March.

"The general requests colonel Maxwell to prefent his warmen thanks to Green, Harvey, King, Waggoner and Corker, the five brave men of his regiment, who so gailantly engaged to superior a number of Indians, over the Alatamaha, on the 6th ine a powerful division as soon as possible on the . " I was honoured with your letter of the zad of stant, and to assure them, he will make a point of JOHN DUCAS, Aid de-Camp."