

dow or door, or through any room or passage, to the back parts or to the tops of buildings at an hundred yards distance) by which means, except in a very extraordinary case, a fire would be extinguished at its commencement; and this without buckets or the carrying of water; as three or four people will be sufficient to work it.

As we are informed this engine will not be very expensive, if it be found to answer, it may not only be introduced into small towns, but also fixed instead of common pumps (all the purposes of which it is proposed to answer) at plantations, in the country. This engine, if generally introduced throughout our cities, would, with very little trouble, be a mean of keeping our streets cool and free from dust during the hot summer months. Indeed, the invention seems pregnant with so many advantages, that we hope the inventor will meet with every encouragement which his ingenuity and merit deserve.

CHARLESTON, December 19.

On the return of their fellow-citizen, THOMAS PINCKNEY, from his embassy to Great-Britain, the inhabitants assembled along the wharfs to hail him welcome. Fort Johnston complimented the ship with a federal salute; and as she passed the new-street continued along the bay, where the old artillery was drawn up, the compliment was repeated. The ships at the wharfs were thronged, from which frequent huzzas were reiterated.

Mr. Pinckney was landed with his family at Blake's wharf. The carriages waiting for them were no sooner noticed than the impulse of the moment, suggested an honour a novel, as it could not fail to be gratifying. The horses were taken off, and the carriage for his reception made ready to be drawn by the throng, when it appeared that Mr. Pinckney, taking advantage of the delay, occasioned thereby, had walked on. The carriage, however, followed him with celerity, and he soon was pressed to enter it amidst the applauses and congratulations of thousands.

When he alighted at his house a little east of Pinckney-street, he returned his thanks to his fellow-citizens for this testimony of their regard and approbation of his conduct while abroad in the service of his country, in terms that at once strongly evinced his great sensibility, and his gratitude for such an unexampled reception.

He then ran into the arms of his beloved sister; and the clamour of his admirers gradually died away into murmuring wishes, that he might again enjoy domestic peace and happiness.

RICHMOND, January 18.

On the 31st of last month, a lad of about 15 or 16 years of age, on board a sloop at the Seven Mile Reach, went aloft to overhaul the buntline of the top-sail, from which, by some unaccountable accident, he unfortunately fell overboard, and although there was a boat and canoe along side, and the most speedy exertions to recover him were used, yet they proved ineffectual, for he was never seen to rise to the surface of the water.

All that those on board knew of him is, that he agreed to work his passage on board said sloop (the Prudent, captain Whitfield) from Philadelphia to Richmond; that his name was James, his surname not known; that his parents live in the Federal city, probably French, as he spoke that language well; that he has been three or four years to sea, and latterly in a French privateer. He has been heard to say that there were — dollars due to him as prize money, payable by some person in Baltimore, where it is supposed he had a brother-in-law.

This information is given, as well with a view that his parents may become acquainted with his fate, however afflicting, as to enable them to recover such money as he alleged was due to him.

BALTIMORE, January 27.

The printers of the Federal Gazette were yesterday favoured with a number of Hamburg papers to the 18th November, brought by the Anthony Mangin—

The following, from an hasty perusal, appear to be the most prominent articles:

That the Imperialists were making the most vigorous preparations to bombard Hunninguen, and to demolish all the fortifications at that place—That the Austrians had approached so near to Kehl with their batteries as not only to fire into the town; but also into the fortifications of the bridge and on the bridge itself; and that the inhabitants of Kehl had received orders to remove with their effects to Strasburg, as that place would be demolished—That the head quarters of the archduke Charles were at Offenbourg—That it was reported a cessation of arms was about to take place between the Imperialists and French, on the Rhine, that during the armistice a treaty of peace would be set on foot, and that a number of couriers were going backwards and forwards between Paris and Vienna.

On the 16th inst. off Cape Henry, the Anthony Mangin, captain Sanford, was brought to by the British frigate Thetis, captain Cochran, who very politely made an offer to captain S. of provisions, water, and every other article he might stand in need of. When captain Sanford left Bremen, the result of lord Malmesbury's embassy was not known, but the general opinion was, that no peace between England and France would take place this year.

Extract of a letter from the captain of a vessel now at Capis Nicholas Hotel, to his owner in this city, dated December 21.

"I arrived here, the 17th instant, and finding no established conveyance from hence, either to St. Mark's, L'Haye or Port-au-Prince, I engaged a private conveyance, by paying 200 dollars, which I thought it most

for your interest to give, and was to have sailed the evening of the 20th, but on the evening of the same day, I had two of my men pressed on board a man of war lying in this port, by which means I've lost my conveyance. I have been using every means to have my men liberated, but all to no effect. I now wait (like many others of my American brethren) for a conveyance, as it seems there is no possibility of getting into the Bite without one.

The above vessel was navigated with five hands." On the 23d instant, Mr. Wm. Smith, from the committee of ways and means, reported to the house of representatives the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That there be laid an additional duty of half a cent on brown sugar imported.

"Resolved, That there be laid an additional duty of two cents on all bohea tea imported.

"Resolved, That there be laid an additional duty of two and an half per cent. ad valorem, on cotton goods imported, not printed, stained, or coloured."

The resolutions were twice read and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house on Monday next.

Jan. 28. We are informed that the commander of Martinique, the beginning of October, sent a detachment of troops from thence to the island of Les Saintes about ten leagues from Fort Royal, Guadaloupe, where they took a position, and constructed barracks, which is very healthy compared with others in the western Archipelago, and has been agreed on for the purpose of exchanging prisoners captured by the two belligerent powers; it is considered as neutral ground, and no hostilities are carried on by either, but a good disposition prevails, inasmuch as reciprocal accommodation with provisions, &c. is mutually afforded—a circumstance greatly tending to soften the rigours of war.

General Abercrombie was hourly expected in the Arcthusa frigate from England; also a number of German regiments from Hesse Darmstadt, lately taken into the service and pay of Great-Britain. On whose arrival, with other expected reinforcements, a winter campaign would be immediately commenced, but whether in the windward or leeward islands, time must evince.

Jan. 30. A letter received by a merchant in this city from another in Philadelphia, mentions that a fire broke out on Friday morning last, between four and five o'clock, in the house of Mr. Andrew Brown, printer of the Philadelphia Gazette, in Chestnut-street, which consumed his dwelling-house and printing-office, with the whole of their contents—and, what is infinitely more distressing, his wife and four children were burnt to death in the house, and himself so much burnt, as to render it a doubt whether he will survive it!—A gentleman who was passenger in Saturday's stage, informed of the same melancholy circumstance, but no mention is made how the fire was communicated.

Annapolis, February 2.

On Thursday last arrived here the sloop Robert and William, captain Joseph Watts, in 19 days from St. Martin's.

Captain Watts left at St. Martin's the following vessels:

Brig Speedwell, captain Crawford, belonging to Warren, (Rhode Island) vessel and cargo condemned.

Schooner Industry, captain Tinker, of North Carolina, ditto.

Brig Betsey, captain Baker, of Wells, (N. H.) ditto.

Ship ——— captain Bayne, of New-York, from Batavia, worth £ 20,000, ditto.

Ship Isonobia, captain Ebborn, of Providence, worth 2,000,000 livres; on trial.

Sloop Jenny, captain Rogers, from Norfolk, selling her cargo.

Brig Sally, captain Adams, from Wilmington, (Del.) ditto.

The following vessels were lying at St. Bartholomew's when captain Watts sailed:

Brig Vulture, James Bruce, from Bourdeaux, belonging to Salem.

Brig Orion, William Richmond, from Norfolk.

Sloop Aurora, Stephen Jackson, from Providence.

In lat. 25, 00, long. 66, 8, captain Watts spoke the brig Betsey, from Liverpool, bound to North Carolina, and belonging to Bolton.

DELAWARE STATE LEGISLATURE. IN SENATE.

[Extract from the Journal.] Wednesday, January 18.

The following resolution was laid on the table, for the consideration of the senate:

Whereas all governments ought to be formed for the good of the citizens who compose the same, and the right of making, altering or abolishing, any particular form of government, is inherent in the people; and it is declared by the constitution of the United States, that a state may be formed by the junction of two or more states, or parts of states, with the consent of the legislatures of the states concerned, as well as of congress. And whereas, many of the good citizens of this state, apprehend that its territory is too small, and the resources thereof inadequate to the task of supporting a frame of government calculated to promote the happiness and secure the rights and liberties of the good people thereof, without imposing on them a burden exceeding their ability; and it is the opinion of this legislature, that their constituents should be consulted on a subject so important to their general welfare.

Therefore Resolved,

By the senate and house of representatives of the State of Delaware, That the citizens in the several

counties throughout this state, are hereby recommended, at the general election of representatives on the first Tuesday of October next, to declare their opinions of the present form of government of this state, by voting also by ballot for or against a dissolution of the same, as they shall severally choose to do—and if thereupon it shall appear that a majority of all the citizens voting for representatives, have voted in favour of a dissolution of the present form of government—

then the next legislature of this state shall take such measures as to their wisdom shall seem proper, for obtaining the consent of the legislatures of Maryland and Virginia, and of congress, for uniting their territories on the east side of the Chesapeake Bay, with the territories of this state, so that the whole peninsula may form one entire state, under such frame of government and name, as shall be agreed upon by the representatives of all the territories, in general convention met; or the consent of the legislature of Pennsylvania, or of Maryland, and of congress, in such manner as shall seem most proper, and best calculated to promote the only end of all legitimate government—the rights, liberties, and happiness of the people.

Saturday, January 21.

Having resumed the consideration of the foregoing resolution, and on the question to adopt the same, it was carried in the affirmative, with only one dissenting voice, and sent to the house of representatives for concurrence.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Mr. JOHN HAMMOND, son of CHARLES, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to exhibit them, legally authenticated, and those who are indebted to said estate, either by bond, note, or book account, are requested to make immediate payment, to

REZIN HAMMOND, son of CHARLES, Administrator of the aforesaid JOHN HAMMOND.

February 1, 1797.

ABSCONDED from his service, in March last, an apprentice land called JACOB HUDSON, about five feet high, and well made; his clothing cannot be ascertained as he carried away sundry articles. A REWARD of SIX PENCE, and a LARGE COUNTRY POTATOE is offered to any one who will apprehend and put into confinement the aforesaid apprentice, so that his master gets him again.

RICHARD CHILTON.

Calvert county, January 14, 1797.

THE creditors of STEPHEN STEWARD, senior, and STEPHEN STEWARD, junior, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are once more requested to produce their claims, properly authenticated, to PHILIP B. KEY, of Annapolis, or to the subscriber, on or before the 26th day of January next, and to appear at Mr. WHARFE'S tavern on that day, in person, or by attorney, to receive their dividends, and enable the subscriber to close the settlement of said estates.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, Administrator.

Annapolis, December 19, 1796.

To be SOLD, on the 8th day of February, 1797, if fair, if not the first fair day about one mile below Calvert county court-house,

THIRTEEN NEGROES, consisting of men, women, and children, for cash, or bond with approved security.

HENRY GRAY.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 4th day of October last, a negro woman named POLLY, but passes by the name of POLLY BUTLER, about twenty-two years old, well grown, and has a pleasant countenance; had on when she went away a white mullin jacket and petticoat, and a coarse wool hat; she has been seen in Annapolis; has a pass, which reads thus, "Permit the bearer Polly to pass and repass, in order to provide herself a master," signed by "William Tawneyhill." Any person taking up said negro, on securing her in gaol, so that I get her again, shall receive TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS REWARD, and if brought home all reasonable charges, paid by

ADAM YOUNG.

Montgomery county.

NOTICE is hereby given, that we shall make application to the next Charles county court, for a commission to mark and bound the three following tracts of land, situated in the said county, viz. FRIENDSHIP, RUN AT A VENTURE, and LAUREL BRANCH, as also our particular parts of the said lands, pursuant to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands.

THOMAS H MARSHALL,
THOMAS MARSHALL,
PHILIP I. FORD,
JOSIAS B. FORD,
PHILIP STEWART,
ANNE TARVIN,
MARY LANCASTER,
JOSEPH HERD.

Charles county, January 10, 1797.

For S. A. L. E.

A Likely MULATTO WOMAN, who is a good plain Cook, Washer and Ironer. Inquire at the Printing Office.