

He further informs, that some very valuable English prizes, from Europe to the British islands, had been sent into Guadaloupe; and that an English 74 and two frigates lay at the Saints, not far distant from Guadaloupe, who seemed to pay no attention to the depredations committed daily by the French cruizers.

Captain Williams left his vessel and cargo there, and came passenger in a vessel arrived at Norfolk, in 19 days passage.

The day before captain Williams sailed from Basseterre, a boat arrived there with some Frenchmen, who informed that they belonged to a privateer, which a few days before had captured a brig belonging to Portland. Four of the men belonging to the brig were taken on board the privateer. A few days after the American captain with the assistance of some of his crew, retook his vessel after a severe contest, in which several of the privateer's men were compelled to jump overboard. He then hoisted out his boat, ordered the remaining Frenchmen on board, supplied them with bread and water, and sent them a drift. Shortly after their arrival at Basseterre, the privateer to which they belonged, arrived there with the four men above-mentioned. The captain finding that his prize had escaped, beat them in the most cruel and unmerciful manner, and had them impaled immediately, where they remained when captain Williams left Basseterre.

January 30.

A gentleman of this city, just arrived from Charleston, informs, that he there saw a letter addressed to citizen Godard, late chancellor of the French consulate in that city, by citizen Mangourit, dated Paris, November 9. In this letter, citizen Mangourit informs citizen Godard, that he is appointed minister plenipotentiary of the French republic to the United States, and only waits the termination of the conferences with the American commissioners, to set out for the place of his destination. He also requests citizen Godard to proceed to Philadelphia, and there wait his arrival.

M. A.

Don Carlos Martinez De Yrujo, knight of the royal and distinguished order of Charles the third, his Catholic majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

WHEREAS the government of Caracas has opened the ports of said province for the importation in neutral bottoms of certain articles of provisions and dry goods (agreeable to the list deposited with his Catholic majesty's consul-general in this city, and with all other Spanish consuls throughout the United States) under the express condition that the returns of said articles are to be in produce to the said province. Now, therefore, I do hereby give this public notice, in order that such persons as may be inclined to trade to Caracas may avail themselves thereof, informing them, at the same time, that it will absolutely be necessary to be furnished with a passport from me for those vessels which sail from Philadelphia, or from his Catholic majesty's consuls in the other ports of the United States.

Given under my hand in Philadelphia, the 27th day of January, 1798.

(Signed)

DON CARLOS MARTINEZ DE YRUJO.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN consideration of the general utility that would result from the citizens of the United States being enabled to procure, free from expense, an analysis of any ores or mineral substances, "The Chemical Society of Philadelphia," on the 20th of June, 1797, passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED,

"That a committee of five members be appointed, whose business it shall be to notify, in the different papers of the United States, and by circular letters, that they will give an analysis of all minerals which may be sent them."

In conformity to the above resolution we hereby give notice, that we will analyze any mineral which may be sent us, provided it be forwarded free of expense, and accompanied with an account of the place, and situation in which it was found.

Thomas Smith, No. 19, N. 5th st.
James Woodhouse, 23, Cherry st.
Samuel Cooper, 178, S. Front st.
Adam Seybert, 191, N. Second st.
John C. Otto, 37, N. Fourth st.

Committee.

The printers of news-papers throughout the United States are requested to publish the above.

AUGUSTA, January 6.

We learn by Mr. Hill from the neighbourhood of Greensborough, that on Friday the 22d ult. a party of white men crossed the Oconee river about fifteen miles above Fort Fidius, attacked a camp of Indians, killed one and wounded two of them—He who was killed is reported to be one of the commissioners appointed by the Creeks to attend running the line between that nation and the settled parts of this state—Thus from the wanton barbarity of a few individuals, is the peace of the community disturbed, and the rights of humanity grossly violated.

WINCHESTER, January 19.

A gentleman arrived at Lexington, Kentucky, from the Natchez, which place he left the 1st of November, reports, that Mr. Ellicott, captain Pope, and the men under their command, were in good health, that the best harmony prevailed between them and the Spanish officers, but that there was not the least expectation entertained of the boundary line being run during the present winter.

BALTIMORE, February 2.

FRACAS IN CONGRESS.

In the house of representatives on Tuesday last, just before the usual hour of adjournment, while the members were balloting for managers to conduct the impeachment of William Blount, a fracas took place between Mr. Griswold, of Connecticut, and Mr. Lyon, of Vermont, outside of the bar of the house. In consequence of some allusions by Mr. G. to a story lately trumped up to the eastward, that Mr. Lyon had been obliged to wear a wooden sword for cowardice in the field, Mr. Lyon spit in Mr. Griswold's face.

Mr. Sewall shortly after informed the house he had a matter to submit to them, which required a decision before the adjournment, and which he must communicate with closed doors. The galleries were cleared: when, after stating the above circumstance, he moved the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Matthew Lyon, a member of this house, for a violent attack and gross indecency, committed upon the person of Roger Griswold, another member, in the presence of this house, whilst sitting, be, for this disorderly behaviour, expelled therefrom."

The question was taken to agree to the said resolution, and resolved in the affirmative. Yeas 49—Nays 44.

The house determined to discuss the business with open doors, and then it was moved to refer Mr. Sewall's resolution to a committee, to be denominated a committee of privileges, with instruction to inquire into the subject matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the house.

A motion being made and seconded, that the house do come to the following resolution, to wit:

"Resolved, That this house will consider it a high breach of privilege if either of the members shall enter into any personal contest, until a decision of the house shall be had thereon."

A motion was then made and seconded, to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following words, to wit:

"And that the said Matthew Lyon be considered in custody of the sergeant at arms until the further order of the house."

The yeas and nays were taken upon the above resolution as amended, as follow:

YEAS.

Messrs. Bartlett, Bayard, Coit, Craik, Dana, Dennis, Evans, A. Foiter, D. Foiter, Glen, Goodrich, Gordon, Hartley, Hindman, Imlay, Kittera, Lyman, Machir, I. Parker, Pinckney, Rutledge, Sewall, Shepard, Sitgreaves, N. Smith, Sprague, Thatcher, Thomas, Wadsworth—29.

NAYS.

Messrs. Baer, Baldwin, B. rd, Benton, Blount, Brent, Brooks, Bryan, Bullock, Burges, Cabell, Champlin, Chapman, T. Claiborne, W. C. Claiborne, Clay, Clopton, Cochran, Davis, Dawson, Dent, Elmendorph, Findley, Fowler, J. Freeman, N. Freeman, Gallatin, Gillespie, Gregg, Hanna, Harper, Harrison, Havens, Heiliter, Holmes, Hofmer, Jones, Locke, Macon, Matthews, M'Clenahan, M'Dowell, Milledge, Morris, New, Nicholas, J. Parker, Sinnickson, Skinner, S. Smith, Sprigg, Stanford, Sumpter, Thompson, Tillinghast, A. Trigg, Van Alen, Varnum, Venable, J. Williams, R. Williams—62.

The following gentlemen compose the committee of privilege to whom the above business was referred:

Messrs. Cochran, Dent, Kittera, Isaac Parker, Pinckney, Venable, and Robert Williams.

Arrived at North Point on Saturday last, ship Sophia, captain Wm. Malcolm, from Bremen.

Captain Malcolm left the Wefer on the 27th November; on the first of January, 1798, in lat. 27, 00, N. long. 54, 30, W. spoke a schooner belonging to Rhode Island, captain F. Bawley, who generously supplied captain Malcolm with provisions.—January 22, in lat. 35, 00, N. long. 73, 00, W. spoke a brig from Hamburg, bound to Baltimore, captain Mysick, 28 weeks out, most of his crew sick, and short of provisions, which captain Malcolm could not supply him with, being at that time in a distressed situation himself.

Captain Malcolm informs, that the current report of the day when he left Bremen, was, that two of the American commissioners had been received, and had commenced negotiations; and that the third had departed for England.

The number of inhabitants of North-America have increased, from the year 1790 to 1794, by one million three hundred and twenty-one thousand persons; as appears from a late census. Such an increase is astonishing, but it is the reward the United States have obtained for their prudent neutrality in the wars which have desolated Europe. Calculating the value of each person in a pecuniary view, only at the price of a negro, this is an augmentation of national capital, equal nearly to one hundred million sterling. In the same period of time what has Europe lost, by the folly of her rulers, in present happiness, in the sources of real wealth and power?

February 5.

The Lancaster German paper mentions, that on Thursday the 1st inst. between the hours of two and three in the morning, there was felt in that town and its neighbourhood a severe shock of an earthquake, which continued for several minutes; the shock was accompanied, it is said, with a blaze not unlike the burning of a chimney.

Annapolis, February 8.

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.

ORDERED, That the resolutions passed by the general assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit, be published eight weeks successively, in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria news-papers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-town and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 26, 1797.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798.

Resolved, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the state of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of October next, and that no interest on any certificates heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the said first day of October, 1798, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That such part of the five months pay due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of October, 1798, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same thereafter, but be subject to such appropriation as shall hereafter be declared.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit, of the emission under the act of June, 1780, as may be produced and brought into the treasury, on or before the first day of October next.

Resolved, That if the holders of bills of credit, emitted in virtue of the act of June session, 1780, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not to be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed at the last session of assembly, for limiting the time to the first of July last for bringing in certificates for payment be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Thus endorsed;

By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the 6th time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

By the senate, December 29, 1797: Read the second time and assented to.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, to me directed by the judges of the general court, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on the premises, on the fifteenth day of March next, for READY CASH,

THE following lands, to wit: HENRY'S PARK, Part of CONCLUSION, Part of INVASION, and Part of CUMBERLAND; the whole is supposed to contain five hundred and forty acres, more or less, being the property of WILLIAM RUSSELL, and which went taken to satisfy a judgment obtained by JOHN MOULT against said Russell. The sale will commence at twelve o'clock.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Late sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

February 1, 1798.

An Overseer Wanted.

I WISH to engage an overseer for the remainder of this year, to superintend and manage a small farm. None but a single man who can come well recommended to me for his honesty, sobriety and attention, need apply, but to such an one liberal wages will be given.

A Distillery to be Erected.

I WANT to employ some person who understands planing, and who can build, or will superintend the building of a small though complete distillery for the distillation of grain, to such an one a liberal compensation will be made for his services; the work must be done by contract, and if deemed necessary security will be required, after which the money contracted to be paid will be advanced as it may be wanted. This distillery is to be erected within five miles of this city.

J. H. STONE.

Annapolis, February 6, 1798.

Patowmack Company.

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the PATOWMACK COMPANY are requested to meet at the Union Tavern in George-town, on the second Thursday in February next.—Business of the first importance will be laid before the meeting—it is therefore hoped the Stockholders will generally attend, or send their proxies.

TOBIAS LEAR, President.
JOHN MASON,
JOHN TEMPLEMAN,
JAMES KEITH,
JOSIAH CLAPHAM, } Directors.

Alexandria, January 3, 1798.