

A certain prelate who gave umbrage at court has been lately put out of the way; he is sent to Barcelona to preside over some religious society.

The minister Saavedra mends very slowly—he is still at the Escorial. Mr. d'Urquijo who discharges his functions provisionally, displays talents far above his years, and appears to possess the good graces of their majesties.

#### NEW-YORK, February 12.

Important and interesting to the city of New-York in particular, and to the state in general.

The following resolution was introduced into the senate on the 2d inst. by Dewitt Clinton, Esq;

State of New-York, in Senate, February 23 1799.

Whereas the great and alarming injury which has resulted to the city of New-York in particular, and to the state in general, from the prevalence of a pestilential disease, renders it incumbent on the legislature to interpose every mean in their power, to guard against a return of this calamity; therefore,

Resolved,

(If the honourable the assembly concur herein) that a joint committee of both houses be appointed to consider and report to the legislature, the means proper and necessary to be adopted for the prevention of pestilential diseases in this state; and in case of such concurrence, that Messrs. Clinton, Gold, Van Vechten, and Tillotson, be of the said committee on the part of the senate,

By order,

ABRAHAM B. BANCHER, Clk.

In Assembly, February 2, 1799.

Resolved,

That the House do concur with the hon. the senate in the said preceding resolution, and that Messrs. Burr, Comstock, Bill, Dodge, Henry, Adams and Reynolds, be of the said committee on the part of the house.

JAMES VAN INGEN, Clk.

February 14.

Yesterday arrived ship Liberty, captain Fitzpatrick, 57 days from Tennessee, informs us, that a declaration of war, by Spain, against France, was daily expected—that a few days before he sailed, a Spanish frigate arrived there from Old Spain, with intelligence that they were making great preparations for war, and had raised, in addition to their standing army, upwards of 20,000 men. The day captain F. sailed, a French privateer got under way, but was brought to again by the forts.

February 19.

An important resolution has passed the house of assembly of this state that the four great districts of the state should be subdivided into as many districts as there are senators, 53 to 40. A still more important one was carried 56 to 39. That the people should elect in districts, the electors of president and vice-president, instead of a committee appointed by both houses of a legislature as heretofore.

February 20.

We are indebted to captain Waddle, of the brig Apollo, arrived yesterday from Cadiz, which place he left the 31st of December last, for the following sketch.

Lord St. Vincents fleet had disappeared off Cadiz some time previous to her sailing, in consequence of which, seven sail of Spanish ships of war, with several regiments of troops, and a French frigate, which had been laying two years in that port, availed themselves of the opportunity and proceeded to sea. It was said they were bound to Surinam.

The English fleet were seen from the Spanish towers to enter the Straits.—They were supposed from the badness of the weather to be going to Gibraltar to rendezvous, from whence, in a short time they would return to their former station.

There were several small French privateer boats in the harbour of Cadiz. The fear of being taken by the English cruizers prevented their molesting the outward bound American vessels, from that port, but they still continue their depredations from the neighbouring Spanish ports, Algeiras, Ceuta &c.

About five leagues from Cadiz, captain Waddell saw two 74 gun ships laying to.

#### PHILADELPHIA, February 16.

Brig Mercury, Khun, is below.

The above brig sailed from St. Thomas's under convoy of the Ganges sloop of war, captain Tingey, with several others bound to the continent.

The Ganges since she left this port, has been cruising in the neighbourhood of Cape Francois. She repaired to St. Thomas's for ballast, and has returned to her station.

During her cruise the Ganges fell in with the Surprise British frigate of 36 guns, captain Phillips, who lent a boat with an officer on board, to demand of captain Tingey whether he had any British subjects on board the Ganges, and, if so, that they might be delivered up, and whether his men were supplied with provisions. The officer also demanded a sight of captain Tingey's commission.

Captain Tingey answered, that he knew his men only as Americans, that the American flag was a sufficient protection for any person on board of his ship, and that if the commander of the frigate would persist in demanding a sight of his commission, he was determined, although he did not doubt his holding one, that he should first shew his own.

The British officer then returned to his ship. Captain Tingey, after having ordered his men to their quarters, communicated to them his determination, which was received with three cheers. A boat shortly after returned from the frigate, with a polite message

from captain Phillips, by his surgeon, apologizing for the misunderstanding which had taken place, and requesting a supply of medicine, which was complied with, and the business ended.

February 20.

On Monday last the president of the United States sent a message to the senate, in which he informed that body, that it had been and still was his determination to adhere to his former declaration of not sending another minister to France, unless he had assurances of his being received as became the representative of a great, free, powerful and independent nation; but that as he had now received those assurances from the French minister, through Mr. Vans Murray, our minister at the Hague, he had nominated that gentleman on the part of the United States. The president further mentioned in his message, that his instructions to Mr. Murray should be, not to leave Holland until he received unequivocal assurances that he would be properly received, and that a minister equal in dignity was appointed on the part of the Directory, to settle the existing differences and conclude a treaty.

The following memorandum is from captain Bainbridge of the Retaliation.

"On the 5th January I waited on general Desfourneaux; during the conversation I then had with him, he informed me that affairs had been amicably settled between America and France. On inquiring on the grounds of this information, he said Dr. Logan had arrived in America, and had terminated the dispute between the two countries. I observed to Desfourneaux that I did not believe Dr. Logan was authorized by our government to act in any official capacity in France. He said no, he was not from the government, but was a deputy from the people.—A sufficient evidence on his behalf that our government and people are divided.

"He mentions in his letter to the President, that he has sent home the Americans made prisoners previous to his arrival. I declare that great numbers of them continued to be made prisoners after his arrival, and that every vessel that was brought into the island of Guadeloupe previous to my departure on the 18th January, was condemned, vessel and cargo, except one from New-Bedford, bound to Surinam, the trial of which was not decided.

WM. BAINBRIDGE."

Philadelphia, February 18, 1799.

#### LEGISLATURE of MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, February 11.

In the Senate, on Friday last, the committee to whom was referred the report of the joint committee, in answer to the disorganizing resolutions of Virginia and Kentucky, made their report, which contained additional reasons in support of the alien and sedition laws of the United States. These reasons were adopted by way of amendment to the original report; and on the question, "shall the original report pass, as now amended?" The yeas and nays were as follows: Yeas. hon. Messrs. Phillips, Bridge, Sexton, Fowler, Danc, Thompson, Cambell, Thayer, T. Davis, Reed, Bullard, Long, Fellow, Towne, Jones, Hayward, D. Davis, Dwight, Norris, Bingham, Thatcher, Hunt, Taft, Bigelow, Hale, Dummer and Coffin.

Nays, Messrs. Bacon and Wells.

In justice to the hon. Mr. Wells, it must be observed, that he was not opposed to the spirit of the measure; but objected to the propriety of the following sentence in the report.

"This legislature are persuaded that the decision of all cases arising under the constitution of the United States, and the construction of the constitution, and of the laws made in pursuance thereof, are exclusively vested by the people in the judicial courts of the United States."

On Saturday it was moved to reconsider the report, and the subsequent amendment of the above sentence was proposed, viz.

That this legislature are persuaded that the decision of cases in law and equity, arising under the constitution of the United States, and the construction of all laws made, in pursuance thereof, are exclusively vested by the people in the judicial courts of the United States.

With this amendment, the question was again called, and passed, with but one dissentient—Mr. Bacon standing alone in the negative.

February 21.

We have received some late French papers, by which the aspect of European affairs appears more pacific.

It appears that the French army on the confines of Suabia had taken possession of Trickthal without any opposition from the Austrians.

General Jourdon has arrived at Rastadt with a splendid suit. On the same day the general Chateauf Randon, arrived at the same place with a single aid-de-camp. That city was crowded with persons of distinction in the political world, which rendered the opinion very generally held that a few days would decide upon an actual continental peace or the active renewal of hostilities.

#### BALTIMORE, February 23.

As one of the ferry boats at Havre-de-Grace, was crossing the ferry a few days ago, with 4 negroes, and a white gentleman with his horse, it was suddenly struck by a squall, when about the middle of the river, and upset. The gentleman and one of the negroes saved themselves by getting on the bottom of the boat, from which perilous situation they were relieved by a boat from the shore; but the remaining three unfortunate negroes were drowned. The horse swam safely to shore.

#### NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of the rev. WALTER HANSON HARRISON, of Charles county, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same, legally authenticated, and those indebted to make speedy payment, to

WILLIAM G. ADAMS, Executor.  
Nanjemoy, Charles county.

In CHANCERY, February 21, 1799.

EDWARD PYE, an insolvent, of Charles county, makes application as a trader, by petition to the chancellor, in writing, praying the benefit of an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors; there is annexed to his petition a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, on oath, as by the said act is required; the chancellor is satisfied, by competent testimony, that he is at this time, and was at the time of passing that act, a citizen of this state, and of the United States; it is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that he appear before the chancellor, in the chancery office, on the 23d day of September next, for the purpose of taking the oath by the said act required, in presence of his creditors, and that, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted once in each of three successive weeks, before the 23d day of March next, in the Maryland Gazette, he give notice to his creditors to attend on the said 23d day of September next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to lodge with the chancellor, within six months from the time of the last publication, (if they shall think fit) their dissent to his being admitted to the benefit of the said act.

Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,  
Reg. Cur. Can.

WAS committed to my custody, on the 8th instant, a negro man who calls himself BILL, and then said he belonged to JOHN CROMPTON, of St. Mary's county, Maryland, since which acknowledges his right master is GEORGE HILL, living on the South Branch, Virginia, and was sold to him by MATTHEW CROMPTON; he is about 5 feet 6 inches high, trait made, with a small scar over his right eye; his clothing is an old hat, an old pair of gray trousers, old straw shirt, and a clouded nankeen jacket, much worn. His master is desired to come and take him away, or he will be sold for his prison fees and other expenses according to law.

THOMAS A. DYSON, Sheriff of  
Charles county.

February 16, 1799.

ON the 30th of January last was committed to my custody, as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself INACEY, and says he is the property of Benjamin Mackall, of Montgomery county; the aforesaid negro is about five feet eight or nine inches high, well made, his clothing is an old blue cloth jacket, gray trousers, and yarn stockings. His master is requested to come and pay charges, and take him away, or he will be sold agreeable to law, for his prison fees.

RICHARD IRELAND, Jun. Sheriff of  
Calvert county.

February 11, 1799.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons that hath any claims or demands against the estate of Mr. THOMAS COALE, late of Anne-Arendel county, that they bring them in, properly authenticated, on or by the tenth day of April next, to receive a dividend of the personal estate, if necessary.

SARAH COALE, Surviving executrix.  
Elk-Ridge, February 14, 1799.

#### NOTICE.

THE subscriber intends to petition Charles county court, at March term next, for a commission to mark and bound a tract of land called FORTUNE'S RETREAT, lying in Zachiah Swamp, in Charles county.

EDWARD EDELEN.

February 12, 1799.

TAKEN up as a stray by the subscriber, living in Prince-George's county, near the city of Washington, a brown HORSE, about thirteen hands high, has four white feet, a blaze in his forehead, a small snip on his nose, a full switch tail, shed all round, and appears to be about ten years old, no perceivable artificial marks. The owner is requested to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

RICHARD SPALDING.

February 8, 1799.

I DO hereby make known to all those it may any way interest, that I have this day, as agent for FINDLAY, HOPKIRKS, and Co. of the city of Glasgow, merchants, appointed ME. FRANCIS B. FRANKLIN, jun. of Charles county, to recover, by every means in his power, and with the utmost expedition, all monies, or other effects, due to the said company, at their late stores at Port-Tobacco and Leonardtown, heretofore under the management of Mr. Matthew Blair.

GAB. WOOD.

Port-Tobacco, February 1, 1799.

#### WANTED,

A FEW copies of the laws passed at November session, 1785; also one copy of the proceedings of the house of delegates of February session, and two of June session, 1777; one of October, 1778; one of March, 1779; and one of March, 1780; for which a liberal price will be given by the printers heretof.