

not adjust the past differences and claims of the two countries; but postpones that business till peace in Europe. It, however, puts an end to existing hostilities, and provides for an amicable intercourse during the war—as also a mode of determining causes that may occur relative to prizes.

Such a convention may be more eligible at this time, as it precludes the probability of any uneasiness on the part of Great-Britain or the other powers at war.

[Com. Adv.]

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Bennington, Vermont, to his correspondent in this city, dated Nov. 3.

"The choice of electors of president and vice-president for this state, is just decided. The appointment consists of Elijah Dewey, Jonathan Hunt, gen. Chamberlain, and Roswell Hopkins, all decidedly federal."

**PHILADELPHIA, November 10.**

On Wednesday last the legislature of Delaware finished their sitting, by appointing the following gentlemen to be electors of president and vice-president, viz.

Kinsley Johns, Esq; chief justice of the supreme court, for New-Castle county.

Captain Samuel White, for Kent county. And General Nathaniel Mitchell, for Sussex county. All good federalists.

November 11.

The assembly of Albany have chose Samuel Osgood their speaker, and general Armstrong, senator of the United States. The following is the result of the votes for electors of president and vice president, in joint meeting.

Federal.

Ab. Ten Brook,  
Aron Lane,  
Corn. Van Vechter,  
Amos Hall,  
James Cochran,  
Joseph Kirkland,  
Jonathan Hasbrook,  
Peter Silvester,  
John De Witt,  
John M. Smith,  
John Othout,  
Richard Morris,  
Senate—24  
Assembly—19  
Majority in joint ballot for Democratic ticket,—22.

Democratic.

Anthony Lispenard,  
Dr. Isaac Ledyard,  
P. Van Cortland, jun.  
Gilbert Livingston,  
Peter Van Nels,  
Thomas Jenkins,  
Jer. Van Ransselaer,  
Robert Ellis,  
Jacob Ecker,  
John Woodworth,  
James Burt,  
William Floyd.  
Senate—18  
Assembly—64

**CHARLESTON, October 24.**

Captain Littlefield, of the sloop Aurora, left the Havana on the 17th instant—An embargo had existed for 26 days previous to this date, in consequence of three Spanish 74's and a frigate preparing to sail on a cruise: they left Havana a few days before capt. Littlefield; but after being a short time at sea, returned; and in entering the port, one of the ships ran foul of a Baltimore schooner and sunk her. It was expected, when capt. L. sailed, that the embargo would again be laid on the next day. No United States cruisers on the Havana station.

Mr. Michau, the botanist of the French republic, who resided for a number of years in this state in that capacity, we find is not to return here immediately, as the following extract of a letter from his son mentions. The letter is dated in Paris, on the 6th of August last.

"I have to inform you that my father appears to have abandoned absolutely the idea of again seeing Carolina. He has taken a direction entirely opposed to a voyage to that country; and it is with grief I announce to you, that he is to embark on board of one of two vessels, which are destined for the South Seas. This expedition, the object of which is to make new discoveries, has been ordered by the first consul, and the British government has granted passports for it. The national institute has made a selection of learned men who are to accompany it, and my father is one; they are to depart by the 15th September, at the latest, from Havre. Captain Baudin is to command the expedition. It is supposed they will be absent four or five years. My father expects to leave it at the Philippines, where the squadron is to rest."

October 27.

**NATURAL CURIOSITY.**

Doctor Dalcho has in his possession a large live Water-Mockasin snake, upward of three feet in length. What renders this reptile an object of curiosity is, that it has eat nothing since the middle of last June, when it was caught; nor has it been known to have drank more than once during that time. This would excite no surprise in the winter season, as it is known these reptiles remain in a torpid state, immured some depth in the earth, during the cold weather. But to subsist without food for so many months in the summer, without, apparently, impairing its vigour or the virulence of its poison, is certainly a very curious circumstance. It is kept in a large bottle in which it lies coiled up. Last month it shed its skin, which it effected in two days, by rubbing itself against the side of the bottle. Its poison appears to be of the strongest kind. A mouse was killed by it in one minute; and a large water rat, who gave it battle, was killed in five minutes, apparently by poison, as its eyes were considerably protruded from their sockets. It appears equally as vigorous as when it was first caught.

October 28.

Captain Hall, from Alicante, informs, that a large army of Spaniards, said to be under the direction of general Berthier, was to enter Portugal; the request to permit a French army to cross through Spain to Portugal, having been refused.

In the Straits, captain Hall was brought to by four French gun-boats, which upon being assured that he was unarmed, dismissed him without boarding. He

was also boarded by the noted sea rover Love, who took some poultry and wine from him.

**ALEXANDRIA, November 4.**

It behooves every friend to virtue to contribute his influence, to the complete suppression of gaming. The consequences attendant upon this vile practice every now and then shock the ear of humanity. A quarrel at a gaming table, often ends in a duel, and sometimes in murder. A melancholy instance of the latter happened in this town on Saturday night last.

A man, by the name of John Longden (a cooper) sat down to play cards in company with several others. The whole company soon became inflamed with liquor: a quarrel ensued, which, after some time, terminated in Longden's receiving a wound from a knife which has since ended his existence. The knife penetrated the abdomen, about two inches below, and on the right side of the umbilicus. The intestinal canal was perforated in three places and slightly wounded in two. A considerable portion of the intestines protruded through the external wound; in it only one wound was discoverable; this was secured: but dissection after death exposed the latent mischief. The blood vessels of the intestines which were divided, poured out a great quantity of blood. As the man sunk under the loss of blood in the space of twenty hours, not a doubt remains, but that his death was the effect of the injury sustained by the wound.

Look at this ye practitioners of vice, and blush for the consequences!—A jury of inquest have found a verdict of WILFUL MURDER.

**GEORGE-TOWN, November 11.**

**A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.**

On Saturday evening the citizens of Washington and George town were alarmed by the cry of fire, it broke out in a handsome three story building, the property of Mr. Joseph Hodgson, occupied by the war department.

The fire caught in a room on the second floor, and raged with such violence as to render it impracticable to extinguish it. The papers in the lower story only were saved.

The loss to the war office is, in some respects, irreparable. Most of the papers of the accountant's office were saved. Mr. Hodgson's loss is more than 4000 dollars.

The adjoining house, built by Mr. Jonathan Jackson, also fell a prey to the devouring flames. There was a scene of grief and terror which affected every feeling heart. Mr. Jackson after several weeks illness died that afternoon about three o'clock—In less than four hours after this afflicting, this heart rending scene, the family are alarmed with the cry of fire, the corpse is hastily removed, and the widow and children are hurried out of their house which can no longer be a home for them. Thus in one day are they deprived of a husband and father whose active industry, while living, afforded them a competent support, and a valuable house, which would have preserved them from want, is rendered of no value.

**BALTIMORE, November 10.**

Luneville, the appointed seat of negotiation between France and Austria, is a considerable town in Lorraine, 12 miles S. E. of Nanci, and 62 W. of Strasburg. The dukes formerly held their court at this place.

A letter from Xeres, in the neighbourhood of Cadiz, states, that 1875 persons had died in Cadiz in 17 days, that 30,000 had deserted the city, and 3000 were sick. The population is about 80,000. Five days generally terminates the disease, two days of which the patient is seized with a delirium and black vomit, and if a copious perspiration does not succeed, death is the consequence; sometimes they recover, but a relapse is fatal. There had been no rain for 70 days, which occasioned a great foulness in their shores and streets. Some persons are of opinion that the disease has been imported from Tangiers, others from America.

November 11.

General William Butler is elected member of congress for Ninety-Six district, S. C. by a majority of 893 votes.

**Annapolis, November 20.**

On Wednesday the 12th instant, a commencement for conferring degrees in St. John's college, was held in the college hall; before a very large and respectable audience, consisting of the honourable the legislature of the State, and the ladies and gentlemen of the city.

The vice principal opened the business of the day with a solemn prayer to the Supreme Being, after which the candidates proceeded with the public exercises in the following manner:

1. A Latin salutatory oration, by Mr. Richard Brown, of Virginia.
  2. An oration on the character of a good citizen, by Mr. Robert C. Stone, of Maryland.
  3. An oration on the modern philosophy, by Mr. Walter Fernandez, of Maryland.
  4. An oration on the advantages to be derived from the study of history, by Mr. James Boyle, of Maryland.
  5. An oration on ridicule, as the test of truth, by Mr. John Sanders, of Maryland.
  6. An oration on party spirit, by Mr. Philip Thomas, of Maryland.
- The degree of Bachelor of Arts was then conferred by the principal on Messrs. Richard Brown, Robert

C. Stone, Walter Fernandez, James Boyle, John Sanders, Phillip Thomas, and Thomas Rogers—Messrs. James S. Grant and Thomas Dorsey, who were prevented from attending the commencement with their class, were also admitted to the same degree.

At the same time, Messrs. Charles Alexander, Thomas Chase, John B. Duckett, John C. Herbert, John J. Titchedy, Richard Harwood, William Cooke, Robert H. Goldsborough, Francis Key, Daniel Murray, John Shaw and Carlisle F. Whiting, alumni of St. John's college, were admitted to the degree of master of arts.

7. Valedictory oration by Mr. Thomas Rogers, of Maryland.

The principal then closed the business of the commencement with a short address to the graduates respecting their future conduct in life, and concluded by commending them to the care of the Almighty Governor of the Universe.

The following are the only returns of the election for electors of president and vice-president, that have yet been received by the governor and council.

	Third district.	
George Murdock	2084, John Tyler	1724.
	Fifth district.	
Gabriel Duvall	2379, Jeremiah T. Chase	774.
	Sixth district.	
Nicholas R. Moore	1640, Samuel C. Hunt	245.
	Seventh district.	
John Gilpin	1031, Philip Thomas	742.
	Eighth district.	
Peregrine Spencer	1022, Thomas J. Bullitt	491.

THE subscriber hereby forewarns all persons from hunting, or trespassing in any manner whatever, on HILL'S DELIGHT, near Annapolis, as he is determined to put the law in force against all such offenders.

JOSEPH LEONARD.

November 11, 1800.

**NOTICE.**

I INTEND to apply to the next March court, of St. Mary's county, for a commission to issue to mark and bound two tracts of land, called NOTLEY HALL and NEIGHBOURHOOD, lying in said county, agreeably to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands.

JOSEPH HALL.

Montgomery county, November 17, 1800.

**NOTICE.**

Will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on Monday the 15th day of December next, for READY CASH, if fair, if not the first fair day, and continue until all is sold,

ALL the property of Charles Mankin, of Charles county, consisting of three LOTS, lying in Charles-town, commonly called Port-Tobacco, adjoining the court-house square, whereon stands two very good boarded houses, one of which rents for one hundred and fifty pounds per year, the other for twenty-five pounds per year; three other lots in said town, lying on the Point, adjoining each other, which afford a most beautiful view of the creek and warehouses; also about one hundred acres of swamp land, covered with timber of all kinds, a deal of which is calculated for ship building; also a number of country born slaves, of all ages and sizes, men, women, boys and girls, horses, black cattle, and household furniture. This property is sold to discharge my just debts, &c. &c. Those who may think proper to purchase may be assured to receive good titles to the whole or any part, on the payment of the cash. A note from Charles Wallace, Esq; in Annapolis, or William Cooke, Esq; in Baltimore-town, will be taken in discharge of any purchase that may be made.

CHARLES MANKIN.

November 3, 1800.

**NOTICE.**

IN consequence of a series of commercial letters which prudence could neither foresee nor prevent I shall apply to the next general assembly of Maryland for a special act of insolvency.

JOHN ATKINS BURFORD.

October 4, 1800.

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS JUSTICE.

THE COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE will sit every day, during the present session, from nine o'clock in the morning and three in the evening.

By order,  
RICHARD K. WATTS, Clk.

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

THE COMMITTEE of CLAIMS will sit every day during the present session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order,  
A. GOLDBER, Clk.

NOTICE is hereby given to persons indebted for taxes in Allegany county, that Mr. John Smith, now in the city of Annapolis, is authorized to receive them, and if not paid by the 25th instant, the lands will be advertised and sold for the payment thereof, agreeably to law.

WILLIAM M'MAHON, Collector of Allegany county.

November 5, 1800.