

panied by a brig commanded by Buonaparte's younger brother.

An article from Amsterdam, of the 12th ult. states that the expedition to Louisiana is definitively suspended, by order of the first consul, and the troops have begun to embark.

Official intelligence of the surrender of the Cape of Good Hope was received in London, on the 22d April.

The ship John Morgan, Howard (on board of which Mr. King, our ambassador at the court of St. James's has taken his passage) was to sail for N. York in 3 days after the Iris.

A London paper of the 8th ult. observes:—"We have already laid before our readers the manly resolutions made by Mr. Rois, in the senate of the United States, relative to the free navigation of the Mississippi.—They have produced the deepest impression throughout America." [Here follow Mr. Rois's introductory speech to his resolutions, of which several London editors speak in very suitable terms, as well as of several others of the minority, on their very spirited conduct on the occlusion of the port of New-Orleans.]

The arrival of the ship Iris, at New-York, has put us in possession of advices to the 23d of April.

The important question of war remained undetermined on the date of these accounts. Letters of April 18, say,—"Affairs are quite in a state of suspense. The final answer, however, which is to decide whether peace shall be continued or war renewed, will be known before long, as a special messenger is now in Paris, sent by this country, to know the issue. Active preparations are still going on to meet the event of war. Stocks are daily fluctuating but continue low. This, however, is a false indication of political concerns. How can we pretend to make the stocks a criterion for our judgment, when it is notoriously known, that the smile of the French minister has elevated them one day, and that on the next day they have been depressed by his lowering cloudy countenance."

May 28.

A passenger in the ship Iris, arrived at N. York from Liverpool, informs, that the arrival of Mr. Monroe in France, was announced in a London paper of about the 25th of April.

Capt. Folger, arrived there also, informs, that he left Havre-de-Grace on the 12th April, and that Mr. Monroe, our ambassador to France and Spain, was landed from the Richmond two or three days before he sailed, in good health.

The United States frigate Constitution, now lying in Boston harbour, is ordered to be fitted for sea immediately. She will be commanded by captain PREBLE.

A maritime expedition is fitting out at Petersburg in Russia, at the expence of a company of American merchants, and it is to proceed from the Cape of Good Hope to Kamschatka. It has for its object to establish an exchange between the productions of Siberia and those of China.

#### BALTIMORE, May 25. MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE!

About three weeks since the dwelling-house of the reverend Afa Dunham, at Shamokin, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, accidentally took fire and was entirely consumed with its contents. The fire was discovered by Mr. Dunham and his wife about midnight, when it had arrived at such head as to render an immediate escape necessary for the preservation of life. Mrs. Dunham, however, urged by the impulse of maternal affection, immediately re-entered the house to save, if possible, an aged mother who slept in a lower room. After much exertion in the attempt, and succeeding in removing her parent from the room where she slept, Mrs. Dunham was forced to abandon it; the flames having cut off her retreat by the door, she resorted to one of the lower windows, where she was extricated from the devouring element, though not till it had so far affected her life, as to render its duration but a few days of extreme distress. In the upper story of the house were two young men, nephews to Mrs. Dunham—the eldest about twenty and the youngest about thirteen years of age. Being awakened by their uncle, they were urged to attempt to force off the weather-boarding as the only way to escape; the youngest soon exhausted in the attempt and overcome by the heat of the fire, resigned himself to his fate; his brother, however, finally succeeded in forcing his way through by placing a pillow on his head and running with great violence against the weather-boarding; he fell to the ground very much burnt, and survived the catastrophe about ten days. Of the five persons that were in the house when the fire took place Mr. Dunham is now the only survivor. A scene of more extreme distress has seldom occurred than the one here exhibited. Mrs. Dunham and her nephew were burnt in a manner too shocking to relate.—In the most deplorable situation, they were compelled to wait a long time exposed to the cold of the night before any assistance or relief could be procured. [Gaz. U. S.]

May 26.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Havana, to his friend in Charleston, dated April 13.

"DEAR SIR,

"A schooner belonging to the French republic, has just arrived from Cape Francois, brings accounts of the arrival of 10,000 troops at St. Domingo, with a letter from Buonaparte, mentioning his having sent that number, and also one million of livres, to his chere freres, general Rochambeau—adding that his glory, as well as the honour of the general himself, depended on the conquest of that island; and

that he would send him soon after, 20,000 more men, and one million of livres monthly, in aid of that glorious purpose, with orders that any further sums of money that might be wanting, should be particularly supplied from the treasury of his good ally the king of Spain, at the Havanna.

"A vessel has arrived from New-Orleans which spoke in the mouth of the Mississippi, the 1st division of general Victor's fleet, with 5000 men on board, destined to take possession of that province. The prefect had been at New-Orleans some weeks before; and the marquis of Casa Calvo, who had been commissioned by the governor and captain-general of this island, in order to deliver formal possession of that country to France, some time ago, in consequence of the information just mentioned, sails to-morrow for New-Orleans; so that I am afraid the good intentions of the Kentuckians have been frustrated by the vigilance of the first consul.

"A great number of fire arms have been found concealed in the Spanish territory, not far from New-Orleans; and several persons have been taken up; but the general opinion is, that they have been carried there from the U. States."

The writer of a letter from London, the evening of the 6th April, gives it as his opinion that war between England and France, is certainly approaching and that the event cannot possibly be very remote.

May 27.

A letter was received on Wednesday, by a gentleman in this town, from the captain of one of the American vessels chartered by the French government to carry troops to Louisiana, dated at Rotterdam, April 5.—The writer observes, "We have had on our troops on board these three weeks, but dare not go to sea, because an English squadron is laying in wait for us. I cannot conjecture when we shall sail. The French say they will pay us demurrage; but I have my fears on the subject. The wages and provisions will require all the freight money. We are truly in a very disagreeable situation.

(Patriot.)

The ladies of the village of Troy in the state of New-York, have formed an association for the benevolent purpose of assisting indigent women and children. They contemplate not only the relief of their bodily necessities, but extend their beneficence to the cultivation of their minds in the rudiments of education and the principles of virtue and religion.

#### Annapolis, June 2.

In COUNCIL, ANNAPOLIS, May 28, 1803.

ORDERED, That the bill entitled, An act to alter, change, and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, together with an extract from the journals of the senate relative thereto, be published for the information of the people, once a week, for the space of three weeks, in the American, Telegraphic, the National Intelligencer, Maryland Gazette, Bartgis's paper, at Frederick-town, Mr. Smith's paper, at Ealton, and Mr. Grieves's paper, at Hagar's-town.

By order,

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk.

An ACT to alter, change, and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the ——— day of ———, the senate of this state shall consist and be composed of twenty members, one member to be chosen from each of the several counties of this state, and one member from the city of Baltimore; and that the senators shall be elected for four years by the electors in the several counties, and in the city of Baltimore, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, at the same time, in the same manner, and at the same places, where they shall vote for members of the house of delegates.

And be it enacted, That no person shall be a senator who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years, and been a resident of the state four years next before his election, and the last year thereof a resident of the county or city for which he shall be elected, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this state, and having in the state real and personal property above the value of ——— dollars.

And be it enacted, That immediately after the senators shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided by lot into four classes; the seats of the senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year, of the second class at the expiration of the second year, of the third class at the expiration of the third year, and of the fourth class at the expiration of the fourth year, so that one fourth may be chosen every year; and if the seat of any senator shall become vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, a warrant of election shall issue by the president of the senate for the election of another in his place, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as warrants of election are issued by the speaker of the house of delegates, to supply vacancies in that body; and any senator who may be elected to fill a vacancy shall hold his seat so long as the person in whose place he is elected might have done if no vacancy had happened.

And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new

election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendment of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing in the said constitution and form of government to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it enacted, That the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sections of the constitution and form of government, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, repealed and abolished on the confirmation hereof.

#### REFERRED.

On motion, ORDERED, That the governor and council cause the bill, entitled, An act to alter, change, and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, to be inserted in such of the news-papers of this state as to them may appear best calculated to communicate the same to the people of the state.

J. B. DUCKETT, clk. Senate.

#### NOTICE.

THE subscriber hath obtained from the orphan court of Anne-Arundel county, and State of Maryland, letters testamentary on the estate of JAMES DISNEY, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are warned to exhibit them, legally authenticated, and all those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, to

JAMES N. WEEMS, Executor.

N. B. The subscriber has for sale, sundry valuable stock, which will be sold at private sale, consisting of horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, &c. among which are two three valuable high bred mares and geldings, one of which is surpassed by none for the road.

J. N. W.

Annapolis, June 2, 1803.

In CHANCERY, May 31, 1803.

ON application to the chancellor, by petition in writing, of SETH HYATT, of Prince George's county, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at the last session, on the terms therein mentioned, and a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, so far as he can ascertain the same, on oath, being annexed to his petition, and the chancellor being satisfied, by competent testimony, that the said Seth Hyatt had resided in the State of Maryland the two last years preceding the passage of the said act; it is therefore adjudged and ordered, that the said Seth Hyatt, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted three times in the Maryland Gazette before the 25th day of June next, give notice to his creditors to appear in the chancery-office, at ten o'clock, on the 18th day of July next, for the purpose of recommending some person to be trustee for their benefit, on the said Hyatt's then and there taking the oath by the said act prescribed for delivering up his property.

Tell. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,  
Reg. Cur. Can. 1803/7/3

#### Twenty Dollars Reward,

FOR apprehending and delivering to me, or committing to prison in Annapolis, so that I get him again, a young negro man named TOM, about twenty-five years of age, a black fellow, middle sized, and is one that attempted some time ago to get free, and who at that time called himself Tom Joice. The above reward will be paid on his delivery to me, or on being committed to prison in Annapolis, so that I get him again.

BENNETT DARNALL.  
May 28, 1803. 1803/7/6

Charles county, fc.

HEREBY certify, that JOHN BARTIN HAGAN on this day brought before me, as a stray, a bay mare COLT, supposed to be about two years old, and about twelve hands three inches high, neither dock'd or branded, her right hind foot is white, and some white appears to be above her hoofs or her fore feet, no other notable mark appears. Given under my hand, this 5th day of May, 1803.

IGNATIUS MIDDLETON.

The above stray filley came to my plantation in the month of October last, and hath continued with my stock ever since. The owner is hereby requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away agreeable to law.

JOHN B. HAGAN.  
May 5, 1803. 1803/7/6

#### Forty Dollars Reward,

FOR apprehending and securing negro SAM; he is about twenty-five or twenty-six years of age, of a dark complexion, and upwards of five feet high, very stout made, and had on a felt hat, nearly new, a short round blue jacket, and a pair of new ticklenburg trousers, fringed at the bottom. He made his escape in the month of May, 1802, and very likely has changed his cloathing; he is said to resort a negro quarter of Mr. Brice Worthington's, where his father lives, and at other times at Mr. John Chew Thomas's, where he formerly had a wife: Whoever takes up and secures him in gaol, so that I get him again shall receive the above reward, paid by

STEPHEN BEARD, Junr.  
1803