

GEORGIA.

SAVANNA, May 16.

The commerce of our port has for sometime past been embarrassed by the presence of the L'Hazard, French privateer, on our coast, cruising between Tybee and Charleston bar. This privateer came into the river about ten days ago with her two prizes, the British ship Rosamond and the American brig Chance, and anchored with them at Cockspur; the latter vessel belonging to Daniel O'Hara, of Charleston, and was made prize of by the L'Hazard off that port in violation of the treaty between France and the United States. In a blow after the above vessels came to an anchor, the two prizes ran aground. In this situation, Mr. O'Hara, who was on board of the brig when taken, but afterwards removed by the privateersmen to the ship Rosamond, swam ashore and came up to town; when he applied to the courts of admiralty for an order to detain the brig, which was granted, and the vessel taken possession of by the marshal of the district. The brig Chance was bound from Jamaica to Charleston, and first captured by a French privateer soon after she sailed—was then recaptured by a British cruiser, from whom she was ransomed by Mr. O'Hara; and again captured off Charleston bar, within the jurisdiction of the United States, by the L'Hazard privateer.

While the L'Hazard lay at Cockspur, her officers behaved with much insolence to some officers that were sent down to make inquiries into the transaction—setting at defiance not only the force of Georgia, but that of the United States; and it is a sorry fact, that such is the crumbling state of Fort Green, though it is but a short time since the United States erected it, and continues garrisoned by its troops, that had it been expedient to punish the insolence of this privateer, the fort, with its embrasures, would have been incompetent to the task, notwithstanding the privateer lay immediately under, and almost in the very mouth of its cannon.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, May 19.

Amendment to the constitution.

Our accounts from Columbia, state, that the legislature of this state has passed a law adopting the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by congress. In the house of representatives it was carried by a majority of 40, the votes being 65 to 25, and in the senate by a majority of 13, the votes being 22 to 9.

COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, May 23.

On board the ketch Intripid at sea, February 17th, 1804.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, that in pursuance of your orders of the 1st inst. to proceed with this ketch off the harbour of Tripoli, there to endeavour to effect the destruction of the United States' late frigate Philadelphia. I arrived there in company with the United States brig Syren, lieutenant commandant Stewart, on the 7th; but owing to the badness of the weather, was unable to effect any thing until last evening when we had a light breeze from the N. E. At 7 o'clock I entered the harbour with the Intripid, the Syren having gained her station without the harbour in a situation to support us in our retreat. At half past 9, laid her alongside the Philadelphia—boarded, and after a short contest carried her. I immediately fired her in the fore rooms, cock pit, and birth deck, and remained on board until the flames had issued from the fore deck-hatch-ways and ports, and before I got from alongside, the fire had communicated to the rigging and tops. Previous to our boarding, they had got their tompons out and hailed several times, but not a gun fired.

The noise occasioned by boarding, and contending for possession (although no fire arms were used) gave a general alarm on shore and on board their cruisers which lay about a cable and a half's length from us, and many large boats filled with men lay around, but from whom we received no annoyance. They commenced a fire on us from all the batteries on shore, but with no other effect than one shot passing thro' our top-gallant sail.

The frigate was motted within half gun shot of the bashaw's castle, and of their principal battery. Two of their cruisers lay within two cables length on their starboard quarter, and their gun-boats within half gun shot on the starboard bow. She had all her guns mounted and loaded, which as they became hot, went off. As she lay with her broadside to the town, I have no doubt but some damage has been done by them. Before I got out of the harbour, her cables had burnt off, and she drifted in under the castle, where she was consumed. I can form no judgment as to the number of men that were on board of her; there were about 20 killed—one large boat full got off, and many leapt into the sea. We have made one prisoner, and I fear from the number of bad wounds he has received, will not recover, although every assistance and comfort has been given him.

I boarded with 60 men and officers, leaving a guard on board the ketch for her defence; and it is with the greatest pleasure I inform you, I had not a man killed in this affair, and but one slightly wounded. Every support that could be given I received from my officers, and as the conduct of each was highly meritorious, I beg leave to enclose you a list of their names. Permit me also, sir, to speak of the brave fellows I have the honour to command, whose coolness and in-

tripidity was such, as I trust will ever characterise the American tars.

It would be injustice in me, were I to pass over the important services rendered by M. Salvador, the pilot, on whose good conduct the success of the enterprise in the greatest degree depended.—He gave me entire satisfaction.

I have the honour to be,
With great respect,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) STEPHEN DECATURE, jun.

Commodore Edward Preble,
commanding the United
States squadron in the
Mediterranean.

The following is a list of the officers employed on board the ketch Intripid under my command in boarding and destroying the frigate Philadelphia in the harbour of Tripoli on the 16th instant.

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| James Lawrence, | Lieutenants. |
| Joseph Bainbridge, | |
| Jonathan Tom, | Midshipmen. |
| Lewis Herman,—Surgeon, | |
| Ralph Izard, | belonging to the |
| John Rowe, | Constitution. |
| Charles Morris, | do. |
| Alex. Morris, | do. |
| John Davis, | do. |
| Thomas M'Donough, Enterprize. | |
| Thomas Oakley Anderson, Syren, | |

OFFICIAL.

Extract of a letter from commodore Preble to the secretary of the navy, dated on board the Constitution, Syracuse harbour, February 19, 1804.

"February 12. I received about 20 Maltese sailors and pilots from the island of Malta, which by permission of the governor I ordered to be shipped there. These men I shall want to distribute among our sailers in latteen boats, as they are accustomed to them.

"February 19. A prize to the Nautilus has this moment arrived, captured to the eastward of Tripoli. She is a brig from Malta under English colours, bound to Tripoli, loaded with hemp and spars, ready made sails, bale goods and building stone, and has 9 Tripolines on board."

Extract of a letter to the secretary of the navy from the commanding officer of a detachment of marines sent hence to New-Orleans, dated Havana, April 23, 1804.

"Having but 8 days water on board it was deemed expedient to put in here for an additional supply. The governor has manifested towards us the most friendly dispositions, and has afforded us every accommodation in obtaining the requisite supplies. I have great pleasure in informing you that the governor has lately passed a decree prohibiting the French privateers from bringing American prizes into any of the ports of Cuba."

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, May 28.

The following gentlemen have been duly elected Directors of the Baltimore Water Company, to serve till the first day of May, 1805, viz.

John M'Kim, sen. J. A. Buchanan, Jona. Ellicott, Solomon Etting, John Donnell and William Cooke.

ATROCIOUS MURDER.

On the 6th of March a gentleman was accosted in the street St. Martin, at Paris, by a beautiful little girl, about six years of age. She was covered with rags, and told him that her mother was dying for want, in the fifth floor of a house in the same street, and that for herself, she had not eat a morsel for forty-eight hours. Touched with compassion, the gentleman said he would follow her home, and if he found her story true, relieve her and her mother.—On entering the room, he saw a woman laying on a bed of some straw, instead of a mattress. Her looks and voice seemed to confirm the story of the child. In taking his purse from his pocket it fell down by accident on the floor; stooping to take it up, he saw clearly a man under the bed. Alarmed but without losing his presence of mind, he said—"Good woman, here are four crowns, I have no more upon me, but let your child accompany me home, I will give her twenty more." Instead of returning to his lodgings, he took the child to a police commissary, where after some examination, she acknowledged that the person under the bed was her father, and that within the last fortnight, during which they had lodged in the street St. Martin's, six persons had been stabbed by him, plundered and stripped; that two corpses had been carried out by him after dark, some nights before, and thrown into the river, but that four corpses yet remained in the closet behind the bed. The police commissary, with the gentleman, and some Gens d'Armes, went immediately to the house, but they found nothing but the four corpses in the closet. The man and woman were gone, and have not since been heard of. In consequence of the discovery made by the child, six former lodgings of this cruel couple have been traced, where, according to her report, and several other circumstances within the knowledge of the police, during the last winter, no less than 22 persons of both sexes are supposed to have been murdered by them. It was the custom for the woman, as from gratitude, to take hold of her benefactors' hands, and draw them to her lips as she lay in bed, when the man stole behind and stabbed them through their backs. Madam Murat has taken the child under her protection, and pays for her education.

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ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, May 31, 1804.

LITTLE respect having been paid to his former notice, the subscriber again earnestly calls on all persons indebted to him for their respective balances. He hopes to be excused, should inattention to this request oblige him to resort to compulsory measures, which necessity will compel him to pursue.

FREDERICK GREEN.

WE are authorized to say that Mr. BARUCH FOWLER will serve in the legislature, if elected by his fellow-citizens of Anne-Arundel county one of their representatives at the next election.

Considerable injury has been sustained by the hail storm of last week in different parts of this state, and in the lower parts of the state of Delaware whole fields of grain have been cut down, and farms laid desolate.

The votes for governor of the state of New-Hampshire, (says a late Boston paper,) have all been received and counted—his excellency JOHN T. GILMAN is re-elected.

OFFICIAL.

As a testimonial of the president's high opinion of the gallant conduct of lieut. Decatur, in taking and destroying the frigate Philadelphia, a commission to him as captain in the navy has been duly issued, and will without delay be transmitted to commodore Preble, to be presented to him.

A Caution against resorting to Trees in Thunder Storms.

While John Kyger (a young man) and Henry Webber (a lad) were cording wood at Salem creek in Mannington township, New-Jersey, on the evening of Tuesday last, a tremendous storm arose, which induced them to take shelter under a tree—in a few minutes a flash of lightning struck the tree, by which the former was instantly killed, and the latter so much hurt that his life is despaired of.—An aged and afflicted father is left to lament the loss of a dutiful and industrious son, by whose labour he was principally supported.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

NEW-YORK, Saturday Noon.

"Arrived, brig Young Edward, Irwin, of Boston, 44 days from Bordeaux. Sailed 14th April, and brings advices, that Buonaparte remained in Paris; that nothing decisive had taken place with respect to the fate of Moreau; that Georges had died in prison supposed to be by poison, administered with his own hand, in the very teeth of that divine religion of which he professed himself a champion; that no important movements had been made on the frontiers by the army; that the preparations for invasion had been interrupted in a small degree by the conspiracy, but was beginning to go on with the usual rapidity, and that the general state of France predicts a change of government; no other news."

Yesterday afternoon, we boarded near the Point, the barque Packet, captain Hamburg, in 40 days from Amsterdam.—We had hoped to obtain late accounts from Europe by her, but unfortunately the captain brought no papers. Verbal accounts by the vessel to the 14th ult. state, that the British kept a strict blockade off the Texel, but treated neutrals very politely; that the preparations for invasion were still going on, but that the Dutch did not seem to relish the idea much. A corvet brig of 14 guns was cut out of the Vlie on the night of the 4th April, by some boats from the English fleet, and the Dutch captain killed whilst defending his vessel.

Forty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Annapolis, on the 27th of last month, a negro man named SAM, about five feet two or three inches high, a likely well made fellow, and complexion when spoken to, the fore finger of the left hand generally carries a little crooked, occasioned by the first joint of said finger being stiff, and the end of the finger he carries pointing across the other fingers had on when he went away, a fearnought coat, red under jacket, striped country cloth breeches, nabrig shirt, and old felt hat; the said negro was detected in being concerned in breaking open a house, in company, as is supposed, with a negro by the name of NATHAN BOON, or BOOBY, who was free by Mr. David Weems, which said Nathan in the neighbourhood at the time of the detection of the breaking open said house, and is supposed to have gone off to the state of Pennsylvania, and came with him said negro Sam, and will travel under the protection of the pass given him, said Nathan David Weems. Whoever takes up said negro SAM, and secures him in any gaol, so that his master him again, shall receive TEN DOLLARS reward if taken, above ten miles from home, TWENTY DOLLARS, and if out of the state the above reward, including what the law allows, paid by ROBERT LUSK.

May 2, 1804.

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