

Bellisle Castle to that city, by the nobility and prince's horse guards. Jerome Buonaparte had set out for France, by the way of Madrid; and his lady was a passenger on board the Erin, which came out of Lisbon in company with capt. F. bound for Amsterdam. Accounts had been received at Lisbon of the capture of two valuable Brazil ships off the Isle of Corvo by the Algerine Squadron.

In corroboration of the intelligence brought by capt. Folger, we learn, that capt. Trelethen, arrived at Portsmouth, on Thursday last, from Marseilles, reports, that on the 8th April, about 10 leagues E. of Gibraltar, he passed the Toulon fleet, of 19 sail of vessels, viz. 11 ships of the line, of which 3 were of 80 guns, 6 frigates, and 2 brigs, having on board 7 or 8000 chosen troops, commanded by gen. Lauriston; on the 9th he again passed the fleet in the Gut, then steering W.

NEW-YORK, May 30.

Gun Boat No. 7, which sailed with the frigate John Adams for the Mediterranean, returned to this port yesterday, having sprung her mast on the 21st inst. in lat. 37, long 67.

To the Editor of the Daily Advertiser.

Dissertation of Dr. Leymerie upon the combustion of a woman, called Boyer.

There has fallen into my hands several numbers of the paper entitled *Le Moniteur Universel*. This gazette being recognized as the only official one in France, the facts which it reports should be considered as the most authentic possible.

The following, which I find in the number for January 10, 1805, appears to me capable of fixing the attention not only of your readers, but even of all the people of the United States, for the two-fold reason of the interest it inspires, and the relation it has to the Yellow Fever—A relation, in my opinion, more immediate than one could imagine:

PARIS, 9 Nivose, an. 13.

"The public prints of this week make mention of a burning to which a woman, called Boyer, was a victim; but, from the imperfect details they give of this event, they seem to consider it in the case of ordinary burnings.

"Having been a near witness of this affecting scene, I conceive myself right in regarding it as comparable in every thing to those events of which instances are cited, and to which they have given very improperly the name of *spontaneous combustion*."

"I will content myself by stating the facts, such as they appeared to my eyes. On Wednesday, 3d Nivose, towards noon, having heard that a woman had been found almost entirely reduced to a cinder, although she had no fire in her chamber, but what she kindled in an earthen pot,—I doubted that this woman had been the victim of human combustion, and the investigations I afterwards made very soon confirmed this anticipated opinion. The woman Boyer was aged 68 years, and was so fat that she weighed more than 200 pounds, and according to the greatest number of persons I have questioned, was very much given to drink.

"It is to be remarked that these circumstances have hitherto characterized the phenomenon of human combustion.

"Wishing to be certain of the fact, I went myself to the house where the woman lived. After making every inquiry possible, I learned that many neighbours living on the same floor, and who had retired between 11 and 12 o'clock the preceding night, had heard nothing; that it was not until towards 8 o'clock in the morning that the porter of the house had perceived the disaster under consideration.

"Having entered with him into the chamber of the woman, which contained two beds, and was incumbered with other moveables, I remarked with surprize, that, with the exception of a little table and a commode, none of the articles were damaged by the fire—even the commode was almost entirely preserved; the frame of the window, though hurt by the flame, was not totally destroyed.

"One part of the chamber was swimming with a very fetid liquor; all the moveables, the door, the glass, &c. were covered with a gross foot.

"The remains of the body presented only the pelvis and the right inferior extremity.

"I saw nothing that could belong to the head, to the anterior extremities, to the superior part of the trunk, or to the left inferior extremity.

"I have said that nothing of the matter was perceived at midnight (though the odour of an animal in combustion must, as every body knows, be very fetid and penetrating) and that it was not till 3 o'clock in the morning that the remains of the woman were found, in the state which I have just described. Three hours appear, then, to have sufficed to operate the almost entire destruction of the body of this woman. Can this event be attributed to the simple action of fire? May not one presume that it was caused by the circumstances which constitute the very remarkable case of human combustion? I may safely say that this phenomenon (upon which legitimate medicine has hitherto made no very profound researches) merits all the attention of medical men and physiologists.

"It is this which induced me, Sir, to ask you to insert this letter in one of your next numbers, in order to ascertain, in an authentic manner, a fact more common than is supposed.

"I have the honour to salute you.

"A. DESMAREST, jun."

*The essays upon human combustion produced by a long abuse of spiritous liquors, published by P. A. L'Air, presents a very curious and well written history of this phenomenon.

CHARLESTON, May 20.

Captain Lanfon, 20 days from Port-Antonio, informs, that the British homeward bound Jamaica fleet, amounting to upwards of 100 sail, under convoy of five ships of the line, several frigates, &c. failed from that place three days before him.

NORFOLK, May 25.

We have it from undoubted authority that capt. Bradley, who was lately displaced from the command of the British frigate Cambrian, on the American station, has got the command of a fine 74 gun ship, one of the Channel fleet!

BALTIMORE, May 29.

Arrived, ship Union, Merrihew, 25 days from Antigua. Left there on the 4th instant, brig Three Brothers, M'Meal, of Baltimore, sent in by the Blanche privateer, commanded by Horger Jennings, of Annapolis, formerly a midshipman on board the Baltimore sloop of war. It is expected the brig will be permitted to sail after giving bond to produce sufficient proof of the property being neutral; schooner Sally, Tyler, of ditto, in the same predicament; brig Sufanna, of Philadelphia, from Liverpool to New-Orleans, recaptured from the French, discharging cargo, for appraisement; and a ship belonging to Portland, from Martinique, brought in by an English ship, discharging, and waiting further proof.

The Knell.

DIED, on Thursday night last, after a severe illness, Miss ELIZABETH CLEMENTS, of this city. —, at Glasgow, in March last, JOHN MURRAY, Esquire, Consul of the United States.

ATTENTION!

THE Members composing the Volunteer Companies of Infantry and Artillery, are requested to take notice, that there will be a meeting of said Companies, on Saturday next, the 8th inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M. The members will take care to appear in full uniform, with arms and accoutrements in soldier-like order.

Postscript.

From Baltimore Papers, received by Wednesday's Packet.

BALTIMORE, June 5.

IMPORTANT!

By captain M'Meal, of the Three Brothers, arrived from Antigua yesterday, we learn, that on the 16th ult. the governor of Antigua had received dispatches from the government of Barbadoes, stating, that the combined Spanish and French fleets, consisting of fifty-two sail, were steering westward from the coast of Europe.

In corroboration of the above an Alexandria paper of Monday last contains the following article:—

"Captain Neal, arrived this morning in 17 days from Porto-Rico, confirms the accounts, via Boston, of the arrival in the West-Indies of the French and Spanish combined fleet, consisting of 19 sail of the line and ten or twelve frigates. A few days before captain Neal failed, a Spanish government brig arrived at Porto-Rico with information of her having failed 18 days in company with them, and left them to windward of Barbadoes."

Captain Drummond, of the brig Fame, in 16 days from Dominico, states, that a frigate belonging to Sir John Orde's Squadron had been dispatched and arrived at Barbadoes, with the news of the Toulon fleet of 19 sail having arrived at Cadiz; that Sir J. O. had put into Gibraltar.—The frigate had 17 days passage.

We are sorry to state that advices are received in this city of a *contagious fever* having again appeared and already made great ravages at Malaga and in other parts of Spain; which threatened calamities more fatal than had afflicted Spain in former years. [Aurora.]

CANTON RACE COURSE.

Yesterday the first day's purse of 300 dollars, was run for over this course by the following horses, viz. Gen. Ridgely's b. m. Lavinia, by the imported Diomed, 5 years old 1 1
Dr. Carpenter's ch. h. Dolar, by Dolar 2 2
Capt. Frazer's g. f. Staunchy, by Messenger, 4 years old 4 3
Mr. Green's b. c. Anti-Democrat, by Ranger, 4 year's old 3 dr. lame.

Public Sale.

Will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on Tuesday, the 16th day of July, at Mr. JOHN GWINN'S tavern, in the city of Annapolis, if not sold before at private sale, of which due notice will be given,

THAT well improved and valuable farm called STEPNEY, late the residence of general John H. Stone, containing eight hundred and thirty-five acres of level fertile land, lying on South river, within three miles of the city of Annapolis. A full description of the improvements and advantages of this beautiful farm are too tedious to enumerate; for collection, variety, and quantity of excellent fruit, it excels any estate in Maryland. Accommodating terms will be held out to a good purchaser or purchasers, and an indisputable title given by the subscriber, on the payment of the money. For further information apply to Mr. S. Sparrow, Queen-Anne, Robert C. Stone, Esquire, in Annapolis, or at West river, to EDWARD HALL.

May 21, 1805.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted for officers fees for the two last years, that unless they make payment by the 10th of August they will be executed for the same, without respect to persons.

JASPER E. TILLY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

June 3, 1805.

Taxes must be paid.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing the citizens of Anne-Arundel county, that he shall himself, or by deputy, call in the course of a very short time on all those indebted for their taxes, when he hopes they will be prepared to settle, otherwise he must, though very disagreeable, enforce payment as the law directs, and as he himself may sustain great injury by delay, it is hoped and expected that this notice will be attended to, as it most assuredly will be by him; it will be considered a favour if persons who may find it convenient, will call at LEWIS DUVALL'S store, Annapolis, and pay their accounts.

ZACH. DUVALL, Jun. Co. Col.

Will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on Monday the 17th of June, at Mr. EDWARD HALL'S quarter, where Mr. Ezekiel Phelps's lately resided, at 12 o'clock, for cash,

TWO negro lads, Dick and Jack, taken as the property of Martha and Edward Hall, to satisfy sundry officers fees.

HENRY HOWARD, Late Sheriff.

May 29, 1805.

By virtue of a decree of the honourable the high court of chancery, will be SOLD, on Monday the twenty-fourth of June next, on the premises, if fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter, for ready money, the following tracts or parcels of land, all lying adjoining each other, about two miles from Elk-Ridge Landing, in Anne-Arundel county, viz. YOUNG'S LOCUST PLAINS, containing 150 acres, HENDERSON'S MEADOWS, containing 105 acres, and ADAMSON TO SAMPSON, containing 102 acres. The sale to commence at 12 o'clock, A. M. Good and sufficient titles will be made on the ratification of the sale by the chancellor, and the payment of the purchase money. The above lands are well wooded with hickory, oak, and yellow pine.

JOHN WELCH, Trustee.

May 27, 1805.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT seven years of the time of a likely active negro man, about seventeen years of age. Inquire of the Printers.

Anne-Arundel County Court,

APRIL TERM, 1805.

SINGLETON WARFIELD, an insolvent debtor of Anne-Arundel county, having applied, by petition, in writing, to Anne-Arundel county court, praying the benefit of an act for the benefit of insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and four, and a schedule of his property, and a list of creditors, on oath, as by the said act is required, being annexed to his said petition; and the said Singleton Warfield being under an arrest upon mesne process for debts due before the passage of the said act, and having proved to the satisfaction of the said court that he had resided in the state of Maryland the two last years preceding the passage of the said act.—It is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the said Singleton Warfield appear before the said court, at the court-house, in the city of Annapolis, on the twenty-fourth day of September next, then and there to produce to said court, the assent, in writing, of creditors holding two thirds of the amount of his debts, and to answer such interrogatories as may be proposed to him by his creditors, and that the said day be and it is hereby appointed the time for said creditors to appear and recommend a trustee for their benefit, and that the said Singleton Warfield give them notice of the passage of this order, by causing a copy of it to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette once in each of the next twelve successive weeks.

Signed by order,

NICH: HARWOOD, Clk.

Anne-Arundel County Court.

May 31, 1805.

A Public Sale.

Will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, to the highest bidder, at 12 o'clock, on Thursday the 20th of June next, if fair, if not, the first fair day,

EIGHT or ten likely NEGROES, (most of whom are young, and several of them have been accustomed to wait in the house,) on a credit of six months, the purchaser giving bond, with approved security, on interest, from the date.

JOSEPH KENT, Administrator of

DANIEL KENT.

Lower-Marlborough, May 20, 1805.

By virtue of a deed of trust from THOMAS M. SIMPSON to the subscriber, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on Tuesday the 25th day of June next, on the premises,

PART of a tract of LAND, lying and being in Charles county, near Newport; this land is remarkably level, and the soil equal to any in that neighbourhood. The terms will be made known on the day of sale, and a title given, when the purchase money is paid, by JOSEPH GREEN.

May 15, 1805.