

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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### American Intelligence.

Boston, September 2.

THE commissioners appointed to investigate a certain charge against the Princess of Wales, had not reported at the date of our last advices from England. But the general faith in her innocence was unimpaired. One paper says, "she has, with two or three exceptions, as many friends as there are Englishmen and Englishwomen." The person actuated as her paramour, is a Naval Officer of distinction, absent on duty, at the time the investigation was proceeding. A part of the retinue of the Duke of BRUNSWICK, father to the Princess of WALES, had reached England, and the Duke was momentarily expected. Among the conjectures as to his visit, one was that he came to endeavour to compromise the differences between Great-Britain and Prussia; and another that his object was to see that justice was done his daughter. The conduct of the Prince of WALES towards his consort, was universally reprehended.

The British employ vessels with odd names to carry their pacific dispatches to France—the *Basilisk* and *Bloodhound* are among the latest that have gone to the French coast.

September 8.

#### The Tunisian Ambassadors

On Saturday, the ship *Two Brothers*, chartered by government, for the purpose of conveying home his excellency Melli Meli, hoisted the Tunisian flag, and hauled into the stream. We are authorized to state, that the difficulties which have caused this delay are now happily adjusted; and that he will positively sail immediately after the arrival of the remainder of his suite, now at New-York. Mr. Catchcart, who has been charged with the execution of the public business relative to the embassy, will leave town on Wednesday next, for the seat of government.

NEW-YORK, September 8.

#### General Miranda.

Jamaica papers received in this city on Saturday, furnish the following:

KINGSTON, (Jam.) August 12.

By the schooner *Stag*, we learn that general Miranda, in the *Leander*, accompanied with 13 vessels, among which was 1 or 2 ships, had arrived on the coast of South America, and landed near Coro, of which he had got possession, and, by the reports prevalent at the departure of the *Stag* from Aruba, had been successful in several engagements with the Spaniards, and was penetrating into the country.

August 13.

We yesterday mentioned the arrival of the expedition under general Miranda, on the Spanish Main, and his subsequent success; we are now, however, enabled to state the particulars somewhat more accurately. While capt. Eskell was taking in his cargo at Cape St. Roman, on the Spanish coast, an overland dispatch was received there, containing accounts of gen. Miranda having effected a landing at Coro, (which is said to be only 12 hours sail from Aruba) that he had captured it, and was proceeding up the country. It was also asserted, that he was daily joined by the Spaniards, and had several skirmishes with the government forces, in all of which he had been successful. The gentleman who furnished the cargo for the *Stag*, informed the captain of her, that he was obliged to be under arms the next morning at daylight, as every person not found in arms against Miranda, was considered as his accomplice, and instantly executed. Miranda is aided by a British force, but the exact number not ascertained. He has been joined by a British frigate.

By a passenger in the *Comet*, from Nantes, we learn, that it was reported when he left France, that a peace was made with Russia—the island of Corfu given up—Egypt given up to France by the Turks—and a peace talked of.

September 10.

The schooner *Venus*, *Oliver*, in 10 days from Wilmington, N. C. September 2, off the Chesapeake, spoke the British ship of war *Bellona*, and the *Melampus* frigate. These vessels belong to sir Richard Strachan's Squadron.

CHARLESTON, August 30.

Captain Callahan, of the schooner *Camilla*, arrived this morning, and has politely favoured us with Barbadoes papers to the 12th inst. from which we copy the following interesting intelligence:

BRINE-TOWN, (Barb.) August 9.

Yesterday morning sir Richard Strachan arrived in Castle-Bay, from off the Western islands, with his Squadron, consisting of the following ships:

- Cesar
- 80 { R. adm. sir R. Strachan.
- { Capt. Richardson.

- Belleisle, 74 Capt. Hargood.
- Terrible, 74 — Lord Paulet.
- Bellona, 74 — Douglas.
- Audacious, 74 — Gosselin.
- Montague, 74 — Otway.
- Triumph, 74 — Sir T. Hardy.
- Melampus, 36 — Poyntz.
- Decade, 36 — Stuart.

It has been near twelve weeks since this Squadron left Plymouth, in quest of the enemy, and had been cruising with the most indefatigable solicitude for a meeting with prince Jerome, the hopes of sir R. Strachan being particularly directed to that object; in which, unfortunately, there is now a less chance of his being gratified, than had he remained on, the station he has just left.

The arrival of the above Squadron in this country has been in consequence of the communication received from sir Alexander Cochrane, dispatched from hence in the *Flying-Fish* schooner, on the 28th June, which fell in with sir R. Strachan, off the island of St. Michael, on the 24th ultimo, and was sent on from thence to England, while the Squadron, pursuing its course hither, made a passage only of 14 days.

August 12.

By the *Circe* frigate arrived from Tortola, we learn the sailing of the homeward bound trade from thence, on the 3d inst. consisting of 200 sail, under convoy of the *Agamemnon* and *Cerf*. Admiral Cochrane, for their better protection, in the Northumberland, with the *Elephant* and *Canada*, and four frigates, sailed with them, and would see them far to the northward.

Sir Richard Strachan's Squadron sailed from Carlisle-Bay this day. They have been constantly employed since their arrival in receiving stores and provisions, and gave an unexampled instance in watering, having completed 1101 tuns in 72 hours, at Martin-dale's old established tanks. The admiral seemed particularly anxious for the ships to weigh, and visited each ship to hasten them; and it was imagined he had received some intelligence by the *Circe* which occasioned the bustle that has prevailed all the morning.

This, however, is all conjecture, although some accounts have been received in town through other channels, that Almantz's Squadron, which we lately stated was expected at Martinique, is momentarily looked for there, advices having been received by Villibet of their having left Toulon on the 20th June, for the purpose of forming a junction with Willaumez off the coast of America, as they insinuate. (no doubt as a stratagem to mislead our cruisers) although there is much reason to believe, that not only Almantz is expected at Martinique but the return of Willaumez also; it being understood here, that moorings have been laid down in Fort Royal Bay for a large fleet, and a general requisition of bread imposed on the bakers, and considerable depots of provisions formed for them.

Under the circumstance even of these Squadrons being united, which would then form a fleet of 13 sail of the line, we could not desire any thing more than that sir Richard Strachan's highly disciplined Squadron, (for we never saw a finer one in these seas) should fall in with them, clear of any chance of their escaping into port; for we may fairly calculate, that the result would be that of his at least doubling his own force, by the capture of an equal number of theirs, and probably the destruction of the whole.

September 2.

#### From the Coffee-House Books of last evening:

The schooner *Pocotaligo Packet*, capt. Stites, anchored off the fort this evening, in 6 days from Long Island. Captain Stites has brought in with him two seamen, belonging to a British ship, one of the last homeward-bound fleet of Jamaica merchantmen, who inform, that almost the whole fleet, consisting of one hundred and fifty sail, have been dispersed and lost in the late gale. Several of the ships were seen to founder, with the whole of their crews. One of the ships was towed two days by capt. Stites, when they fell in with a British sloop of war, who impressed all the British sailors and burnt the ship. Two days since, capt. S. fell in with the brig *Ann*, capt. Corry, from this port for Havanna, totally dismasted.

NORFOLK, September 8.

The Fleets. Our coast it is probable, will be the scene of a great naval enterprise, as the British fleet as well as the French, are now near us. On Saturday evening the *Melampus* frigate, one of the fleet of sir R. Strachan, anchored in Hampton-Roads. This fleet is composed of the

- Cesar, 84 guns
- Audacious, 74
- Belleisle, 74
- Bellona, 74
- Montague, 74
- Terrible, 74
- Triumph, 74

Melampus and another frigate.

It appears that sir R. Strachan, having heard in the West-Indies, that admiral Willaumez was on the coast of America, and probably knowing the route which sir John B. Warren had taken, he lost no time in seeking the French fleet, and it is surprising how they have missed. That the fleet of admiral Willaumez, and the Squadron of commodore L'Hermite, or parts of both, were on the coast there can be not the least doubt.

The *Patriot* of 74 guns and the *Valereuse* frigate, belonging to admiral Willaumez's fleet are in port, the former at Annapolis and the latter in the Delaware. The *Cybele* frigate belonging to commodore L'Hermite's Squadron, is in this port.

The following is a list of the French force:

- The *Regulus*, 80 guns
- Foudroyant*, 80
- Veteran*, 80
- Majestic*, 74
- Eole*, 74 (at Annapolis)
- Impetueux*, 74
- Patriot*, 74 (at Annapolis)
- President*, 44
- Valereuse*, 46 (in the Del.)
- Cybele*, 44 (at Norfolk.)

September 9.

In addition to the melancholy accounts, already published, the *Edenton Gazette* says, that there are many vessels ashore and wrecked, to the westward of the Swash, at Shell-Castle, and along Occracock.

Arrived, sloop *Venus*, Bouff, 23 days from Martinique. August 24, in lat. 30, long. 74, 45, spoke an English ship, one of the Jamaica fleet, informed capt. B. that the convoy had been dispersed by the late gale; that several had foundered, and a number had lost their spars. On Friday, in sight of land and to the southward of Currituck, captain Bouff saw two men of war; he was informed from a Baltimore pilot boat, that an 80 gun ship was off Cape-Henry, the same day.

ALEXANDRIA, September 12.

Mr. SNOWDEN, If you think it will be of service to the community, you are at liberty to publish the following extract of a letter from Charleston, dated the 2d instant.

"There will be three or four men from Charleston to Alexandria with 30 or 40 thousand dollars of notes of the consul of the Batavian Republic; but I would have you to be cautious of them if any should be offered to you, for they are good for nothing."

GEORGE-TOWN, September 10.

Dispatches have been, it is said, brought from France and Spain, by a late arrival.—The contents have not transpired, but the conjecture is, that they are not of an agreeable complexion.

The secretary of war is absent on a visit to Monticello.

BALTIMORE, September 8.

The British frigate *Melampus*, left Hampton-Roads on Wednesday last.

A late London paper says, "We learn from private correspondence, that the emperor of Germany is not so beaten down as to concur in all the changes, the total subversion we should rather call it, which Buonaparte meditates in the German empire. He has had the courage to protest against the election of cardinal Fesch, as co-adjutor to the arch-chancellor of the empire."

Accounts from Trinidad state, that gen. Miranda has assumed the title of "general in chief of the armies of Columbia."

September 11.

Letters from Boston mention the arrival there on the 6th inst. of the ship *Sally-Ann*, in 37 days from Liverpool. A letter from a respectable commercial house in Liverpool to another in this city, dated July 26, says, "We have only time to accompany the enclosed price current with the information, that the British parliament is prorogued, and it is officially announced in the speech on that occasion, that our government is engaged in discussions with a view to the restoration of peace on just and honourable terms, but that the success will depend on a corresponding disposition on the part of France."

The fishing boats of Lowestoff and Yarmouth were unusually successful in the course of last week; by the former as many mackerel were caught in one night, as sold in the morning upon the beach for £.1260. The first hundred fold this season fetched £.8, but they were afterwards sold for 5s. per 100. Several boats, with a part of those lately caught, were immediately dispatched to Hull; and on Friday last the mackerel were sold there as low as three half-pence each.

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