

Boston, May 5.

FRENCH FLEET.—Capt. Courty, who arrived at Newburyport on Friday last from Abbeville, informs that on the 14th of March, in lat. 31, 4; long. 21, 40, he was brought to by, and boarded from, a French fleet of eight sail of the line. Two days afterwards in long. 23, 5; fell in with a British fleet of 120 sail of merchantmen, steering W. S. W. The same day was boarded from a French sloop of war.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 8.

The frigate Chesapeake, captain Gordon, will this day drop down below the branch, and will proceed to Hampton-Roads with the brisk fair wind.

An almost miraculous instance of preservation from a watery grave occurred in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, on the evening of the 21st ult. As Matthew Dickenson, of Overton, was looking at his nets on the river Lune near Basil Point, between 8 and 9 o'clock, he thought he heard the sound of oars, and called out but received no answer. The police continued to approach, and he supposed it to proceed from a porpoise, or other large fish; judge of his surprise, when he held up the light which he had in a lantern, on seeing a horse swimming towards him, and nearly exhausted. He shouted to it to cherish, and in a few minutes it reached the shore, when he found a cart body attached to it, in which was the body of a man, whom he was astonished to find alive, and proved to be Mr. James Kirby, of Heynham, farmer.—It appeared, that he had come through Lancaster, with his cart, that afternoon, and had called at Conder Green on his way to his father's at Beck-rham, from whence he was going to fetch some barley. He left the public-house, where some companions had stopped, between 7 and 8 o'clock, being much intoxicated, and got into the cart. On the green he lost his hat, which was found the next morning.—The cart being small, when he laid down it, his head was considerably raised at the fore part.—The horse having no guide, when it got over Conder Bridge, instead of going forwards to Cocker-bridge, turned off towards Clifton, where it had been accustomed sometimes to cross the river, at low water, when fordable. The tide, however, was scarcely let out, and the horse took the river, and must have ram, with the body of the cart, above a quarter of a mile, to the place where Dickenson discovered it, whose light most probably it made for. Kirby was asleep during this time, and awakened by the fisherman, though not to a sense of the imminent danger which he had so providentially escaped from.

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POSTSCRIPT.

FROM PAPERS BY WEDNESDAY'S PACKET.

NEW-YORK, May 9.

LATE AND INTERESTING.

By the arrival this morning of the brig Bedford, at Dunbar, in 39 days from Liverpool, we have received our regular file of London papers to the 27th inst. inclusive. The papers furnish late and interesting intelligence from the continent. A letter from Altona, dated 20th March, states that a continued series of battles were fought from the 26th of January to the 8th of March, in which the Russians were victorious. A letter from Thorn states that the French lost 13,000 men, five generals, 47 pieces of cannon, and 15 eagles.

PHILADELPHIA, May 11.

On Saturday evening last, arrived at the Mansion House Hotel, in this city, General MORRAU, from New-York.

BALTIMORE, May 11.

The following paragraph appears in a Nantz Gazette, of the 3d of February, taken from a Paris paper.

"We are assured, that the government of Spain, the United States, have actually come to a good understanding on all the points which divided them; that the cession of Florida is agreed to; that the mode is fixed; and that nothing remains to be settled but the mode of payment."—
As we were putting our paper to press, captain Courty arrived from Rotterdam, whence he failed on the 23, but unfortunately brought no papers.—He mentions as the report of the day, that Buonaparte was retreating.

[Charleston paper.]

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration on the personal property of EDWARD ROBERTS, late of the aforesaid county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby requested to make them known, and to make immediate payment to—
RACHEL ROBERTS, Administratrix.
May 12, 1807.

Six Cents Reward,

ANAWAY from the subscriber some time early in October last, SARAH WHITE, who was bound to her by the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county; she is about twelve or thirteen years of age; she never will secure the said girl, so that I get her; I shall receive the above reward, and if brought to the subscriber living in Baltimore, all reasonable charges will be paid, by—
MARY A. JONES.
Baltimore, May 13, 1807.

NEW GOODS.

JOSEPH EVANS,

HAS just received from Baltimore, a handsome ASSORTMENT of SPRING GOODS, which he offers for sale at reduced prices for Cash, and on the usual credit to punctual customers.

Those who are indebted to him on open account, are requested to pay the same or close them by note or bond; and those who are indebted by note or bond are requested to discharge the same.

N. B. Tobacco will be received in payment.
May 13, 1807.

NEW GOODS.

Weems and Rawlings,

HAVE just received a large assortment of SPRING GOODS, which are well bought in Philadelphia, and will be sold cheap for cash.
Annapolis, May 13, 1807.

The Commissioners of the Tax

FOR Anne-Arundel county, will meet at the city of Annapolis on the first Monday in June next, and will continue to sit for twenty days thereafter, to hear appeals and make transfers.
May 13, 1807.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are requested to bring them in legally authenticated to Nicholas Brewer, Esquire, register in chancery; and those indebted to the estate to make payment to the said Nicholas Brewer, whom I have authorized to receive the same.
MARY HOWARD, Administratrix.
May 11, 1807.

Public Sale.

By Virtue of an order from the Orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will expose to Public sale the greater part of the personal estate of SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD, late of the county aforesaid, deceased, on Monday the 25th instant, at his late dwelling, in the city of Annapolis:

CONSISTING of a variety of HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN furniture; and on the following day will be sold at the deceased's farm, near Annapolis, all the stock, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs; together with the farming utensils; there are some valuable negroes, men, women and children, which the subscriber will sell either at public or private sale. The foregoing property will be sold on a credit of six months for all sums above twenty dollars; under that, the cash to be paid. Bond with good and sufficient security, will be required, with interest from the day of sale. The sale will commence on each day at ten o'clock, and continue until all is sold.
MARY HOWARD, Administratrix.
May 12th, 1807.

In CHANCERY, May 11, 1807.

ORDERED, That the sale made by JOHN LEITCH, trustee for the sale of the real estate of Robert Greenwell, mortgaged to George H. Leigh, shall be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown before the tenth day of July next, provided a copy of this order be inserted three successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette before the 8th day of June next.

The report states, that two tracts of land, in St. Mary's county, called Little Yielding and Perch Hole Marsh, containing together 98 1/2 acres, were sold for 8 dollars per acre.

True copy

Test.

NICHOLAS BREWER, Reg. Cur. Can.

Six Cents Reward,

Including what the law allows.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, state of Maryland, an apprentice to the house carpenter's and joiner's business, named BENJAMIN ATWELL, about 16 years of age. I do hereby forewarn all persons from harbouring the said boy, and all masters of vessels from carrying him off at their peril. The above reward and all reasonable charges paid if brought home.
JOSEPH ATWELL.
May 4, 1807.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. ANN ROBERTS, late of Calvert county, Maryland, deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit them, properly authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of November next, otherwise they may by law be precluded from all benefit thereof, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned living in the aforesaid county and state.
ALEXANDER BROME, Executor of the last will of the deceased.
May 7th, 1807.

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

MEMORY.

SAY, can the man, oppressed by grief, review,
With tranquil eye, the pleasures that he knew
When in content, with love and friendship blest,
Their soft emotions charmed his youthful breast;
And, as he gave each wild idea scope,
Looked to new joy with renovated hope?
Ah, no! his thoughts, with melancholy range,
Trace the progress of the afflictive change,
Adds to the immediate evil he endures,
By strong control each struggling pang secures;
Till, tired and shocked, he turns him in despair;
From things that have been to the things that are.
For what avails it now that once his mind
Was light as air and frolic as the wind,
Alike to sow or to vice unknown,
That every moral solace was his own,
Since, at an altered season, misery gave
Sighs for the past and wishes for the grave?

Down, in yon glade, beside that glassy pool,
There stands, and long has stood, the village school;
Hark! the gay murmurings of the sportive train,
Erased from restraint, that gambol o'er the plain;
Lift their shrill voices, and their bursts of glee,
Will future years recal their ecstasy!
Perhaps some one, hereafter, of the band,
From the brown summit of that jutting land,
Shall eye the well known spot, the self-same scene,
And the thin spire that peeps those groves between;
Shall track the peasant plodding as before;
And the trim house-wife at the cottage door;
Shall hear the pausing bell's pathetic toll,
Born on the gale, announce the parting soul
Of some old friend, who, to his childhood kind,
Prepared the kite and streamed it to the wind;
Some busy dame, for cakes and custards known,
Who gave him credit when his pence were gone;
Some truant ploughboy, who neglected toil,
Or in despite of peril spread the snare.
As through the thicket passed the nighty hare:
Then shall he think on all the woes of life,
His thankless children, or his faithless wife,
His fortune wasted, or his wishful cross,
His tender brother, sister, parents lost,
Till, every object sinking into shade,
He sigh, and call oblivion to his aid!

[MERRY.]

VARIETY.

The following appears as an advertisement, in "The Traveller," (a London paper,) of Feb. 11, 1807.

"LADIES, who have fixed their affections, but have never avowed their prepossession, may be instructed how to obtain their wishes. Any gentleman, who have yet formed a predilection for a lady, may be assisted in obtaining her.—Those who have yet formed no attachment, may have objects pointed out to them, and aided in gaining them, by a lady whose connexions enable her to effect what she undertakes; but she will not use her influence but for persons of unquestionable character.

Apply, or address (post paid) to Mrs. MORRIS, at the bow window, next door to Margaret Chapel, Margaret-street, Cavendish square.

Mrs. MORRIS is not at liberty to refer to those she has served; but whoever applies to her will be convinced that she is employed by persons of high respectability.

EXTRACT.

THE following little anecdote will prove that magnanimity is an inmate of an Irish Cabin.—During the march of a regiment, the honorable captain P—, who had the command of the artillery baggage, observing that one of the peasants, whose horse and car had been pressed for the regiment, did not drive as fast as he ought, went up to him and struck him. The poor fellow shrugged up his shoulders, and observed there was no occasion for a blow, and immediately quickened the pace of the animal. Some time afterwards, the artillery officer, having been out shooting all the morning, entered a cabin, for the purpose of resting himself, where he found the very peasant whom he had struck, at dinner with his wife and family; the man, who was very large and powerfully made, and whose abode was solitary, might have taken fatal revenge upon the officer; instead of which, immediately recognizing him, he chose the best potatoe out of the bowl, and presenting it to his guest, said, "There, your honour, oblige me by tasting a potatoe, and I hope it is a good one; but you should not have struck me; a blow is hard to bear."

[Stranger in Ireland.]

A Parisian artist has obtained a patent for a new invention of a machine for joining the sides of all flexible matter. It is called the devil among the tailors, as he asserts, it will be particularly serviceable in preparing cloathing for the army or navy, as a man can do as much in a given time, with the machine as one hundred knights of the thimble with a needle.
[Paladium.]

A lady near this place can say her uncle is her father, her aunt is her mother, her father is her brother, her mother is her sister, her sister is her niece, and her brother is her nephew.
[Norfolk Ledger.]