

the funded debt twenty-five millions and an half of dollars, being the whole which could be paid or purchased within the limits of the law and of our contracts, and have left us in the treasury eight millions and an half of dollars. A portion of this sum may be considered as a commencement of accumulation of the surpluses of revenue, which, after paying the instalment of debt, as they shall become payable, will remain without any specific object. It may partly, indeed, be applied towards completing the defence of the exposed points of our country, on such a scale as shall be adapted to our principles and circumstances. This object is doubtless among the first entitled to attention, in such a state of our finances, and it is one which, whether we have peace or war, will provide security where it is due. Whether what shall remain of this, with the future surpluses, may be usefully applied to purposes already authorized, or more usefully to others requiring new authorities, or how otherwise they shall be disposed of, are questions calling for the notice of congress; unless indeed they shall be superseded by a change in our public relations, now awaiting the determination of others.—Whatever be that determination, it is a great consolation, that it will become known at a moment when the supreme council of the nation is assembled at its post, and ready to give the aids of its wisdom and authority, to whatever course the good of our country shall then call us to pursue.

Matters of minor importance will be the subjects of future communications, and nothing shall be wanting on my part which may give information or dispatch to the proceedings of the legislature in the exercise of their high duties, and at a moment so interesting to the public welfare.

TH: JEFFERSON.

Tuesday, October 27, 1807.

HALIFAX, October 13.

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, William Caton and Mounsey Tinning, two of the unfortunate mutineers who were sentenced to death on the 27th ult., were executed at the fore-yard arm of that ship. Campbell, Bond, Brown, and Denen, alias Mathews, then also sentenced to death, were respited after they had ascended the platform.

BOSTON, October 20.

JOHN MOSS and CHARLES RICHMOND, two Americans, have been tried in Canada, for endeavouring to induce two British sergeants to desert. They were convicted, and sentenced to stand in the pillory one hour, and be imprisoned six months. One of them thanked the spectators for forbearing to ill treat them while in the pillory; upon which a soldier cried out, "fay, then, God save the King, and God bless the Queen," which the prisoner did.

Master Betty, the British Refugee, has finally retired from the stage. He is educating for the church by a respectable clergyman, who is to have 300l. a year for his tuition.

NEW-YORK, October 26.

Capt. Doan, who arrived here yesterday from Bilbao, informs that on the first of September, 40,000 French troops passed through the neighbourhood of Bilbao on their way to Portugal.

PHILADELPHIA, October 30.

Recent advices from Spain state, that the crops of wheat have been very bad; in many parts of that country there has not been more reaped than was sowed. Flour about the last of August at Algieras, 11 dollars and 50 cents per barrel, and rising.

From the registers of deaths in the Russian empire, during the year 1806, it appears that there died in that period one between 145 and 150 years of age, one between 130 and 135, four between 125 and 130, six between 120 and 125, thirty-two between 115 and 120, twenty-six between 110 and 115, eighty-six between 105 and 110, an hundred and thirty-seven between 100 and 105, and eleven hundred and thirty-four between 95 and 100.

NORFOLK, October 26.

Yesterday about one o'clock the French frigate *Cybele* got under weigh from Craney Island, with a strong wind at W. S. W. and proceeded to sea.—She was left by the pilot at 8 o'clock last night, about 6 leagues to the eastward of Cape Henry, going off under a press of sail, at the rate of 11 knots. About an hour after leaving the *Cybele*, spoke a pilot who informed that the British ships were all at sunset about 6 leagues to the southward and eastward of the Cape. The wind shifted to north about midnight, and has been blowing very strong ever since, so that there is every reason to believe the frigate has escaped.

Orders we understand have been sent from the war department, to the different military posts of the United States, directing that all deserters from the service of foreign nations, should be forthwith discharged. At this post several have been discharged.

FREDERICKSBURG, (Vir.) October 27.

Last evening about 7 o'clock, we were again alarmed by that most awful of all sounds, the cry *Fire! Fire!* It proved to be in a large warehouse and stable, owned by capt. Robert Lewis, situated on the back street, about 60 yards to the westward of this office.—Providentially the evening was unusually calm, and the building was consumed without further damage.—Gerard Evans, a free man of colour, has been committed on suspicion of setting the stable on fire.

Annapolis:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1807.

APPOINTMENTS

By the Governor and Council of Maryland, October, 1807.

James Sewell, brigade-major, 1st brigade, Cecil county.

Joseph Sterett, major 5th reg. Baltimore. William Hollingsworth, capt. Daniel N. Robinson, 1st lieut. William Ricketts, 2d do. and John Hall, cornet, of a troop of horse attached to 1st brigade, Cecil.

Nicholas Hyland, of Edward, capt. Freelus Aldridge, lieut. Isaac Foster, ens. 30th regiment, do.

William Griffith, ensign of capt. J. Graham's company, do. do. do.

Burgess Willett, 2d lieutenant, Samuel Clagett, cornet, of Robt. Smith's troop of horse, attached to 7th brigade.

Benjamin Poes, ensign of capt. Joseph Talbott's comp. 19th reg. Caroline.

John Cooper, captain, Garrison Blades, lieut. Andrew Banning, ensign, 19th reg. Caroline county.

Henry Amy, captain, 36th reg. Baltimore county. Felix Connelly, lieut. do. do.

George Sutis, ens. do. do. John Reynolds, capt. do. do.

Charles Wooden, lieut. do. do. John Moak, ensign, do. do.

Bale Randall, capt. do. do. John Owings, lieut. do. do.

William Grimes, ensign, do. do. David L. Rusk, capt. do. do.

Samuel Pierpoint, lieut. do. do. Samuel Baley, ensign, do. do.

Charles Griffin, capt. do. do. William Thorp, lieut. do. do.

Robert Alexander, ens. do. do. Ephraim Hambleton, ens. of capt. G. Teimann's comp. do. do.

Richard J. Jones, captain of a troop of horse attached to 6th brigade, Queen-Anne's county.

Moses Ruth, 1st lieut. William H. D. Courfey, 2d lieut. George Goodwin, cornet.

On Sunday morning last, about 11 o'clock, as one of the barges of L'Eole was coming on shore from the ship, at the mouth of the Dock, and off Mr. Carroll's wharf, a flaw of wind struck her, when she immediately upset, by which accident two of the crew were unfortunately drowned.—The remainder were saved by the exertions of some of our citizens.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman lately resident in China, dated Canton, April 17.

"The affair between the English Company and Chinese government is at length adjusted. After many meetings, chin-chinnings, &c. &c. the Chinese government ordered up, for trial, the 52 sailors, belonging to the Neptune, that were on liberty when the affair happened. This order was complied with on the part of the Company, and about the 25th of March the sailors arrived in Canton, under the protection of a company of marines, from the Lion ship of war. After they had reached Canton the Mandarins intimated that they must be taken inside the city for examination. This was resolutely opposed, and it was finally agreed that the trial should be held in the Company's old factory—the lower part of which was accordingly fitted up, in great style, with yellow and crimson silks, carpets, cushions, chairs, tables, &c. &c. the whole intended to represent the emperor's court. The business now appeared favourable, but was soon shaded by another serious occurrence; the Mandarin who was to sit in awful judgment required, that the Chief of the Company, the Captain of the Lion, and the Commodore of the Company's ships, should not be permitted to fit in his presence during the trial. This was not acceded to, and threats were uttered on the part of the British. The Mandarin was equally obstinate, and the business assumed a very serious aspect. As the Mandarin could not come himself, or send one of high order, he sent one who was willing that the British should sit at their ease in good elbow chairs. Thus arranged, about the 6th instant the trial commenced, and of 52 sailors 11 were selected as the most guilty, and laid over for "further proof." On the 9th, the 11 were again brought up for trial, and two were selected as the guilty persons, who were again laid over for further investigation. On the eleventh the two were again brought forward, one of them adjudged guilty, and ordered to be kept in possession of the Company until the pleasure of the emperor shall be known. The British ships are now loading, and will sail in about a fortnight. What fate awaits the sailor retained is uncertain, but it is probable that the Mandarins would rather touch a few of the Security Merchant's dollars, and keep the affair from the emperor, than retaliate the outrage against their countrymen. In this case, not less than one hundred thousand dollars will be necessary to patch up the affair."

A potatoe of the following weight and dimensions grew in the lot of Mr. John M'Coy, in Carlisle, this season, and was shewn to the editor of the Carlisle Gazette, who recorded it as follows:

Length	5½ inches.
Width	5½ do.
Depth	4
Weight	2 lbs. 2 ounces.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

NEW-YORK.

New-Market, (L. I.) Races.

On Tuesday the following horses entered, and started for the first day's purse 250 dolrs. Mr. Terhune's horse, *Tippo Sultan*, Mr. Hughes's horse *Sir Solomon*, Mr. Cornell's horse *Alfred*, and Mr. Cook's three year old colt *Hamiltonian*; *Sir Solomon* against the field at starting being the most usual bet. The following is the order in which they came in.

	1st heat.	2d heat.
Tippo Sultan, bay stud,	1	1
Sir Solomon, bay stud,	4	2
Alfred, bay gelding,	3	3
Hamiltonian,	2	drawn.

The purse was won very easy by *Tippo Sultan* in time, first heat, 8m. 35s. second heat, 8m. 19s.

Second day the following entered—gen. Col. mare *Miller's Damsel*, Mr. Hughes's horse *Soldier*, Mr. Jones's horse *Don Quixote*, Mr. Smith's horse *Bobtail*, and Mr. Cornell's horse *Drone*. At starting four to one on *Miller's Damsel* against the field. They came in as follows:

	1st heat.	2d heat.
Miller's Damsel, gray mare,	1	1
Soldier, bay gelding,	5	2
Don Quixote, bay stud,	2	drawn.
Bobtail, bay mare,	4	do.
Drone, bay stud,	3	do.

Time first heat 6m. 9s. second 6m. 2s.—Although the mare was so decidedly the favourite that few would take four to one upon the field against her, the event shewed, that it was not by any means such a hollow thing as the knowing ones supposed; she only won the second heat by a head. *Soldier* acquired much credit.

HARLEM RACE COURSE.

A match race, for 1000 dollars aside, was on the 13th ult. run over the course at Harlem, between Mr. Bond's horse *First Consul* and Mr. Terhune's *Tippo Sultan*. At starting the odds were in favour of *First Consul* 20 to 15—after the first heat, the bets were even.—*Tippo Sultan* came off victor winning both heats. There was a very numerous and fashionable concourse of people on the ground.

An example to Corn-planters.

I have seen two letters from Mr. Joshua De Laplane, of Double-Pipe-Creek, in this county, to gentlemen in this town—both of which were written but a few days since, and give an account of a most extraordinary fecundity of 4½ acres of his land that had last spring been put in corn, which I have been told of—to wit: The first acre produced 122½ bushels the second, 113½ bushels—the remainder of the 4½ acres measured 224 bushels. So that 459½ bushels of corn have been produced on 4½ acres of land in Frederick county, at one crop, by the industry and agricultural skill of Mr. De Laplane.

Mr. De Laplane mentions in one of the letters that had not some of the ground in planting had been so wet, he had no doubt but that each acre would have yielded him as much as the first.

[Fred. Town Volunteer.]

COPENHAGEN.

From a Philadelphia paper of October 30.

Yesterday arrived the ship *Neptune*, capt. Jeffrey, 60 days from Petersburg. On the 4th of Sept. she stopped at Ellineur, and sailed from thence the 10th of this place he still found in the hands of the Danes, who did duty at the castle, though they supposed should Copenhagen fall, they should be obliged to submit also.—Here he learned that Copenhagen had held out, and was determined so to do, to the last extremity.—That the British had opened their batteries for 8 or ten days previous to his being there; that they cannonaded but little; there was but little firing in the day; but through the night they kept up a continual bombardment: that they had several times fet the town of Copenhagen on fire, which was as often extinguished; that the night before he sailed (being that of the 4th) the British had again fet the town on fire, which seemed to burn furiously as long as capt. J. was in sight. In the found he saw about 400 fail of vessels, viz. men of war, transports, and vessels detained by the British. He did not understand that the British had made any attempts on Copenhagen by sea, but depended altogether on the land troops. One British frigate approaching near the Crown Batteries, was obliged to surrender to the Danes.

Captain Jeffrey left Petersburg the latter end of August; while there, he neither heard nor saw anything like war about to commence with England, has been reported; but the British vessels, of which there were a great number at Cronstadt, and the British merchants seemed to be carrying on their business in every respect as peaceably as formerly. The Russians blame the English for leading them into war, and say they lost above 100,000 men in it for no purpose.

Considerable remittances have been recently sent to the U. S. from England, for the purchase of pitch, tar, turpentine, rosin, hemp, canvas, some iron, boards and spars, masts and yards. [Aurora]

The editor of the *Aurora* asserts that Jenkins Ford, under which name one of the men stolen from the Chesapeake by Humphreys was hung at Halifax not long ago, is now residing in the state of Pennsylvania.