

## GREAT FIRE IN TRINIDAD.

A letter from an American gentleman, in Port Spain, Trinidad, to his friend in Boston, dated March 23, 1808, says, "A most distressing calamity has befallen this place.—In the evening of the 24th inst. an alarm of fire was given, which was found to have originated in a building near the centre of the town. In a few minutes the principal part of the town was in flames. The buildings being of wood, and very dry, the fire spread from house to house as if a train of gun powder had been laid to the town, but few buildings are left, and those in the outskirts of the town, where there was little or no property. There is not a single merchant who has not lost his store; the greater part their houses, and many their books and papers. The government-house, custom-house, hospital, jail, &c. are entirely demolished; and gentlemen, who that morning were independent in point of property, are reduced to poverty; and are actually begging a few biscuits of ship-bread and salt-beef, to subsist on. A vast quantity of provisions were consumed. The government lost a great deal as well as individuals. The largest proportion of American property burnt belonged to Boston. A great number of vessels which sailed from the U. S. previous to the embargo, and which arrived after the information of that law reached here, have lost all their cargoes; they having kept them on hand in expectation of great prices. Such is our fate. What we are to do it is impossible to say; our payments for property sold, was to have been in rum and molasses, but as our casks, which we designed for those articles have been consumed in the general conflagration, it will be impossible to get a quarter part of our property home. The governor of the Island has now issued a proclamation, giving license to all neutrals to bring in every article which can afford assistance to the distressed inhabitants; and take in payment any produce of the island, such as coffee, sugar, cocoa, &c.—Those who had sold previous to the fire; however, are excluded from this privilege; and will be suffered to take nothing but rum and molasses."

The Madras Courier of Dec. 16, states that that place has been visited by the most violent storm ever experienced in the Carnatic, since that at Pondicherry in the year 1762. Whole houses, many of them containing their wretched inhabitants, were swept away by the flood, and it is apprehended that some thousands have perished. A native woman, after the storm, raised a pile of wood in a gentleman's coach house, and getting underneath it, with her child, had the desperate resolution to set fire to it; and has burnt herself and her infant to death.

From a London paper of March 24.

Government, this morning, received dispatches from Mr. Rose, brought to Falmouth by the Norton packet, in 23 days passage from America. The particulars have not transpired, but it is generally understood that they are rather pacific. The embargo, however, had not been taken off when the Norton sailed, and private letters state that the differences between the two countries remained in the same state which they had been for sometime. The papers and letters will not be delivered out generally until tomorrow. A set of N. Y. papers, to the 24th of February, was received at LLOYD'S, where they attracted a great crowd, and excited a great sensation. The number of persons who pressed to know their contents was so great, it was found expedient to adopt an extraordinary device; they were posted upon a board stuck at the top of a pole, which was moved slowly through the company, so as to enable them all to catch a passing glance; and thus, as Dr. Johnson said of the burning of a certain northern nation, every one had a mouth full, but none a belly full. As far as an idea could be formed, under such circumstances, the intelligence in these papers is pacific.

A letter from Fayal, (Western Islands,) dated Jan. 30, says, "the British are in full possession of these islands. It is no secret that the English direct every thing, as the French and Spaniards are obliged to quit the island. The French and Spanish consuls have given in their commissions. Mr. Purvis, the British agent, is now occupied in ascertaining as there is no harbour here, if a basin can be formed without too much expense. It is further stated that the commandant general of the Azores has given private directions, that on the appearance of a British vessel, each of these islands should be surrendered on similar terms as Madeira. A public order has also been issued, directing that grain, of which these islands produce large quantities, was, after supplying Madeira, to be shipped to England." [Lon. pap.]

Extract of a letter from a respectable commercial house in Liverpool, to their correspondent in Baltimore, dated March 27th, 1808.

"We are much obliged by the political information you give, and duly note the measures and situation of the country.

"We trust all will be adjusted in a friendly manner, and the same commercial intercourse flow which as hitherto been the case.

"Notwithstanding this country has had no imports of grain or flour of the least consequence in the market, for the last six months, yet our prices are moderate, and the stocks large; for all the monied interest that could be brought into the corn trade (and this is no trifle) has failed in raising the prices. The prices of wheat are for the best, 12s. 3d; Baltimore, 11s. 3d. a 11s. 9d; flour, superfine, 45s. a barrel, and dull sale at the latter. Our future prices, in a great measure, depend upon the prospect of our harvest."

## RECEIPT.

THE following method of salting and smoking meat, is employed in Franconia; and which requires only eight and forty hours: a quantity of saltpetre, equal to the common salt that would be required for the meat in the usual way, is dissolved in water. Into this the meat to be smoked is put, and kept over a slow fire for a few hours, till all the water is evaporated: It is then hung up in a thick smoke for 24 hours, when it will be found equal in flavour to the best Hamburg smoked meat, that has been kept several weeks in salt, as red interiorly, and as firm.

[German pap.]

On Wednesday, the 20th ult. Ephraim Libbey, said to be from Gilmanton, in the state of New-Hampshire, was arrested in the woods in the town of Morgan, Orleans county, and committed to gaol in Danville. There were found in his possession, about 20,000 dollars in counterfeit bills on different banks. The prisoner has acknowledged, we are told, that he was employed by a wholesale dealer in this traffic (the person not known) to carry this money to New-Hampshire, for a reward of 100 dollars. Libbey is supposed to be about fifty years old, and the poor ill fated wretch has now his reward in a dungeon.

[North Star.]

Arrived at New-York, schooner Rover, M<sup>r</sup> Lellan, 19 days from St. Croix. Capt. M<sup>r</sup> Lellan informs, that part of St. Croix was burnt, and 150 persons lost their lives.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.

At an election held yesterday, Joseph Parker Norris, Esq. was unanimously chosen president of the bank of Pennsylvania, in the room of Samuel M. Fox, Esq; deceased.

It is asserted, that 91 failures have taken place at New-York, in consequence of the embargo, for the enormous sum of six millions five hundred and five thousand dollars.

[Jackson.]

## ATTENTION!

THE members of the First Volunteer Company of the City of Annapolis, are ordered to parade on TUESDAY, the 17th instant on the State House hill precisely at eight o'clock, A. M. from thence to proceed to meet in battalion with arms and accoutrements in soldier like order. Each member will provide himself with a good suit.

This meeting is called agreeably to law.

By order, JOS. B. BARNES, Sec.

## ATTENTION!

THE Annapolis United Guards are directed to meet in front of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, on TUESDAY the 17th inst. precisely at eight o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of joining the battalion in Carroll's Old Fields—each member will provide himself with six rounds of blank cartridges. Punctual attendance is required, as delinquents will certainly be tried by a court-martial as the law directs.

By order, H. S. HALL, Sec.

## State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel county, Orphans court, May 3, 1808.

ON application by petition, of SOPHIA MERCER, executrix of the last will and testament of RICHARD SPRIGG, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette, one of the Baltimore papers, and the paper at Easton.

JOHN GASSAWAY, Reg. Wills for Anne-Arundel county.

## THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of RICHARD SPRIGG, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the third day of November next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 3d day of May, 1808.

SOPHIA MERCER, Executrix.

## NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to me by bond, note, or open account, will please to take notice, that I shall be in Maryland in the month of June for the purpose of settling my affairs there. The inconvenience attending the leaving of my business in this place, I hope will be considered a sufficient apology for declaring, that all debts not paid in the course of the approaching summer, will be left in the hands of a lawyer for collection.

Those persons having claims against me are requested to prepare their accounts, as I shall call on them.

JEROME PLUMMER.

Alexandria, April 30, 1808.

## NOTICE.

THE creditors of SAMUEL WHITTINGTON, late of Calvert county, deceased, are requested to attend at Mr WAILES'S tavern, in Lower-Marlborough, on Friday, the tenth day of June next, for the purpose of receiving their dividends of the assets in the hands of

WILLIAM WHITTINGTON, Admr.

May 4, 1808.

## Poet's Corner.

### SELECTED.

#### DEPARTED FRIENDS.

OF those who trod life's early vale,  
Hail'd life's first beams, and breath'd its morning gale;  
In all the verdant paths of joyous youth,  
Ere Error's mists were yet dispell'd by Truth,  
How many now, alas! I hail no more!  
Their sun soon set! their busy day soon o'er!  
Of mortal hope we gain the lofty brow;  
But ah! how chang'd the prospect from below!  
Still spreads the scene beneath the opening skies,  
New prospects glitter, and new objects rise!  
But death's tumultuous torrent rolls between,  
Forbids our steps, and parts the gaudy scene.  
Friends of my youth! who are no longer found,  
Ere half of life had run its busy round,  
Left in this vale of tears, I dropt for you,  
From the full heart, compassion's softest dew:  
Too full, tho' sorrow's baleful waters glide,  
Yet must I aid the sympathetic tide.  
I saw ye warm with all of fancy's fires,  
With all that health or ardent youth inspires!  
Strong as the new fleg'd eagle, child of spring,  
I saw ye gaily plume the lully wing;  
Then upward rush with new-born vigour gay,  
To chase light pleasure through the realms of day;  
Soon, soon ye vanish'd, like the morning shade,  
Or evening clouds in shifting hues array'd,  
And stole the rays of gladness from my mind,  
A loitering weary traveller left behind;  
Left in the vale of tears, unfit to go  
To search eternal bliss thro' ways of woe.  
Friends of my youth, perhaps now hov'ring near,  
Your gentle spirits whisper in my ear,  
Some heaven-born sounds, and all my paths attend;  
My errors left, and my steps befriended;  
Still grant your aid, and more as years increase,  
Smooth all my transient storms with evening peace.

### HUMAN LIFE.

THE faint glimmering of the pale faced moon on the troubled billows of the ocean, are not so fleeting and inconspicuous as the fortune and condition of the human life. We one day bask in the sunshine of prosperity, and the next too often roll in anguish on the thorny bed of adversity and affliction. To be neither too fond of prosperity, nor too much afraid of adversity, is one of the most useful lessons we have to learn and practise in the extensive commerce of this world.

## Anne-Arundel County,

April 8, 1808.

APPLICATION having been made to the subscriber, in the recess of Anne-Arundel county court, by the petition, in writing, of EDWARD STEWART, said county, praying for the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, on the terms mentioned in the said act, a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his said petition, and the subscriber being satisfied, by competent testimony, that the said Edward Stewart has resided the two preceding years within the state of Maryland, prior to the passage of the said act, and the said Edward Stewart, at the time of presenting his petition, having produced, in writing, the assent of so many of his creditors, as have due to them the amount of two-thirds of the debts due by him at the time of preferring his said petition; it is thereupon ordered and adjudged, that the said Edward Stewart, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette weekly, for three months successively, before the first day of September next, give notice to his creditors to appear before the judges of Anne-Arundel county court, on the third Monday in September next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, on the said Edward Stewart then and there taking the oath prescribed by the said act for delivering up his property.

RICHARD H. HARWOOD, one of the associate judges for the third judicial district of Maryland.

## Anne-Arundel County,

May 7, 1808.

APPLICATION having been made to me, one of the associate judges of the third judicial district of Maryland, in the recess of Calvert county court, by the petition, in writing, of FIELDER RIDGWAY, of Calvert county, praying for the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms mentioned in said acts, a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them being annexed to his said petition, and the subscriber being satisfied, by competent testimony, that the said Fielder Ridgway has resided the two last preceding years within the state of Maryland; it is ordered by the subscriber, that the said Fielder Ridgway, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, weekly for three months successively, before the first Monday in October next, give notice to his creditors to appear before the judges of Calvert county court, at the court-house in said county, on the second Monday in October next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, on the said Fielder Ridgway then and there taking the oath prescribed by the said act for delivering up his property.

RICHARD H. HARWOOD, one of the associate judges for the third judicial district of Maryland.