

COMMUNICATION.

AGREEABLY to the notice given in the Gazette of the 5th inst. concerning the forming a corp of Light Dragoons in Annapolis, about 20 gentlemen met at Mr. Coolidge's tavern, but willing to give an equal opportunity of voting for officers, on the uniform, &c. to a number of others, they proceeded to no further business than electing their captain. It is now intended to meet at the same place on TUESDAY the 4th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing the three remaining officers, and determining on an uniform, which is designed to be as little expensive as possible. Gentlemen, whether in town or in the country, who desire to belong to the troop, are requested to attend on that day, after which no person will be received except through an election by ballot. Those who in the mean-time may be disposed to sign the paper of enrollment will be pleased to call on captain Kilty for that purpose.

IMPORTANT.

On Thursday evening the 4th inst. arrived at Boston, the ship Thomas, capt. Mantor, in 55 days from Palermo, Sicily. The French Toulon and Rochefort squadrons uniting, consisting of a fleet of 18 sail of the line, had arrived at Porto Ferrajo, in the island of Elba, not far from Leghorn. Adm. Collingwood had heard of the situation of the Frenchmen and sailed from Palermo two days before the Thomas, with 16 sail of the line, to blockade them; and the Thomas spoke the fleet after sailing. The French had made no attempt on Sicily. American cargoes were unsafe at Malta and Palermo. The Thomas did not stop at any port on her return. On the 21st of April, capt. Mantor spoke the brig Valence, 21 days from Bourdeaux for New-York. Mr. Williams, a passenger, informed captain M. that the French emperor was at Madrid; that the Prince of Spain had been deposed, his son placed on the throne, and the Prince of Peace sentenced to be beheaded; that all the American vessels and property which had been arrested continued so, and was to remain in that situation till it was known whether the States would or would not declare war against G. Britain. [Boston Palladium.]

FROM LEGHORN.

The ship Augustus, capt. Chever, arrived at Sa-lem the 30th April, in 40 days from Leghorn—two gentlemen who came passengers in her, inform that they had no accounts of the French and Spanish fleets having arrived at Porto Ferrajo—nor was there any true accounts of them; it had been reported that a large fleet had passed Sicily, where bound, unknown. Cape de Gat, fell in with capt. Felt, who failed to go with him, and informed that he fell in with a British Squadron off Majorca, who were watching a large French fleet, at Port Mahon, and had captured several store ships bound to supply them.

Mr. Rittenhouse, late American agent in Holland the transfer of stock, reached this city on Thursday last, and brought dispatches from general Armstrong for our government. Dispatches have also been received within a few days from Mr. Pinkney, by Mr. Erskine from his government; but we have been unable to hear any thing of their contents. [Wash. Fed.]

Two vessels laden with fish, at Bucktown, Maine, and their sails (there being a high wind) and went to sea, about three weeks since, without clearances or papers of any kind, and have not since been heard from!

Napoleon has adopted a very extensive plan for improvement of Paris:—amongst other subjects, the streets between the Caroufel and the Louvre to be pulled down, and another gallery corresponding with the gallery of the Louvre, to be built in an open arcade, leaving in the front of the Thuilleries a parade sufficiently large to exercise an army of 10,000 men. Another new bridge is building over the Seine, from the middle of the Camp de Mars; and several new fountains are erecting, and a new national monument in the cemetery of the Magdalen, and the triumphal arch in the garden of the Tuilleries, commemorative of the victories of Napoleon, are prosecuting with activity. The other national works going forward are a column 150 feet high, in the Place Vendome, to the French arms, an avenue to the Boulevards; a martial temple between the Boulevards St. Honore, to contain the statues of the different generals who have distinguished themselves; on plates of gold, the names of all the officers and men who fell in battle are to be displayed; on plates of silver, the names of those who survived those conflicts; a temple to victory at the barrière of the Camps Elysees, of immense magnitude, a facade to the legislative palace in the pantheon of Genevieve; the quay of Defaix, which is to be faced with a piazza; and the column of Rostock.

Many of the French officers who were employed in Russia and Poland, were early in March ordered to the army in Portugal, from which circumstance it is inferred that a native force is to be raised in that country under French officers.

Napoleon has lately fitted up his library in the most tasteful and rather plain than otherwise; it is decorated with marble busts of celebrated characters, amongst which are those of Mr. Fox and lord Nelson.

POSTSCRIPT.

SPAIN.

Captain Lovett, arrived at New-York on the 12th inst. in 36 days from St. Lucar, in Spain. He informs, that the Prince of Peace was beheaded on the 5th of April...that he had been exposed in public, loaded with chains, and that the houses of all his officers were destroyed. Prince Ferdinand was crowned king, and Bonaparte was hourly expected at Madrid with 50,000 troops. The siege of Gibraltar was no more spoken of: St. Lucar was blockaded by 8 or 10 English sail of the line: Provisions very high; flour 15 dollars, and riving.

ENGLAND.

By arrivals at New-York, London prints to the 5th, Glasgow to the 8th, and Dublin to the 9th of April, have been received:—They represent the inhabitants of Lisbon to be in a deplorable situation, and the Russian fleet in the Tagus in great want of supplies—A French army is again said to be assembling on the heights of Boulogne—There had been several reports in London of admiral Sirachan having had an engagement in the Mediterranean with the French squadron, but they were not credited—Dispatches had been received by Mr. Pinkney from gen. Armstrong—The Seine and Italiane French frigates have arrived at L'Orient from Martinique—The Bourbon family are about to proceed to Malta from England.

Mr. NOURSE and lieut. LEWIS, in the Osage, from New-York, have arrived at L'Orient.

The St. Michaels, dispatched by government to Europe, discharged the pilot on the 7th inst. Mr. Purviance is the messenger for England, and Mr. Baker for France.

RACING.

The spring races commenced at Philadelphia on Tuesday the 10th inst. on which day a purse of 1000 dollars was won by gen. Ridgely's Post Boy against Mr. Badger's b. c. Hickory and Mr. Bond's b. c. Bright Phoebus.—The latter was distanced the first heat. Post Boy won the two first heats.

TROTTING MATCH.

A trotting match was lately made in Philadelphia, between a horse of Messrs. Gilpin and Jackson's and another, in which Gilpin and Jackson's horse trotted 20 miles in 77 minutes and won. He went to the 10 mile stone on the Frankfort and Bristol turnpike, and returned. [Phil. pap.]

Various tests have been used to ascertain the existence of litherage in wine. A new and improved test for this important purpose may be made as follows: take a paste of sulphur and filius, put it into a phial, and pour on it a quantity of sulphuric acid. Pass the gas which will arise, through a bent tube, into a bottle of water, which thus impregnated will form the desired test. When poured into wine containing litherage, it will render it black and flakey, and occasion a considerable precipitation. [Paris Argus.]

Private letters recently received from Holland state, that seven of the most eminent merchants at Antwerp, and four at Brussels, had been taken into custody for having violated the decrees recently issued for the prevention of all intercourse with Great-Britain. They are charged with having "contrived, sanctioned, and connived at the admission into the ports under the dominion of France of various goods, the manufacture of England; of having negotiated bills for the payment of such goods, and of having sent money out of the country, contrary to the tenor of the decrees of France." They have been forcibly taken from their families, and sent under a strong escort of gens d'armes to Paris. [Phil. Pap.]

The fortifications at Governor's Island, New-York, progress very rapidly. Between four and five hundred men are constantly employed on the works.

The Knot.

MARRIED, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. JUDD, Mr. SAMUEL MAYNARD, to Miss ANNE CALLAHAN, both of this city.

The Knell.

COMMUNICATED.

Quantula sint hominum corpuscula.

DIED, suddenly—much regretted, at Upper-Marlborough, on the 11th inst. in the 26th year of his age, Doctor SAMUEL HEPBURN.

It is a tender and melancholy duty for surviving associates to drop a tear over the grave, and to draw a true, though unimbellished likeness, of departed worth, which may serve to keep its merits in remembrance. The contemplation of moral excellence affords the most pleasing and instructive exercise to the rational mind, and the wise and virtuous have ever dwelt with delight on the meritorious dispositions of their fellow men...In this generous meditation we instantly recognize our late beloved friend, and with the most lively recollection we acknowledge the virtues of his heart, open to every noble sympathy, unsurpassed in filial piety and fraternal affection...His friends are witnesses to the sensibility of an undisciplined soul, and approve the tenor of a short life without a stain. The writer of these lines knew him from his infancy. Few young men possessed more virtues...if he had abilities they were known only to himself and his God.

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HERALD.

MR. MARSCHALK,

A Lady, who had seen General WASHINGTON a year or two before his death, lately painted a very tolerable likeness from recollection of his features. The enclosed lines were written below the portrait; and if they have the effect of calling the thoughts of one citizen from petty and intestine broils, to the memory of a man whose whole life was employed only for the welfare of America; they will usefully fill a corner of your paper. October 13th, 1807.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Clarum et venerabile nomen,  
Gentibus.....

WHERE swift Scioto's crystal waters glide,  
Through plains remote from ocean's swelling tide,  
Where broad Patowmack's slowly rolling wave  
The seats of freedom and of empire lave,  
Where crowded Thames unnumber'd navies boasts,  
That waft her commerce to a thousand coasts;  
From pole to pole, where'er the name is heard,  
Illustrious WASHINGTON shall be rever'd.

TO SPRING.

HOW pleasing to the eye, that long has view'd  
The wintry storms, is thy return again!  
For all that we enjoy, all present good,  
Is heighten'd by the thoughts of former pain:  
The early flowers that deck the breast of spring,  
The joyful smile that gentle nature wears,  
Give more delight than splendid riches bring,  
To the sad heart, that's doom'd to ceaseless cares.  
Now bloom the fields; the groves with songs are gay,  
And all creation love and joy pervade;  
But time will soon consign them to decay,  
And all their hues, with all their pride, will fade.

ANECDOTE OF DR. JOHNSON.

DR. JOHNSON was one day in company with a very talkative lady, of whom he appeared to take very little notice—She, in pique, said to him, "why, doctor, I believe you prefer the company of men, to that of the ladies." "Madam," replied he, "I am very fond of the company of the ladies—I like their beauty—I like their delicacy—I like their vivacity—and I like their SILENCE."

Laws of Maryland.

A FEW copies of the Laws passed last session may be had at the Printing-Office. Price 1 dollar.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY give notice, that I mean to apply, on the second Monday in August next, to some one judge of Anne-Arundel county court, for the benefit of the law for the relief of insolvent debtors.

RICHARD ARNOLD.

May 14, 1808. 12/7/6

FARMER,

WILL stand this season, to cover mares, at Newington Rope Walk, near the city of Annapolis, on Mondays and Tuesdays in each week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Mr. Augustine Sewell's, and on Fridays and Saturdays at Mr. Linthicum's store, near Mr. O. Williams's, on the head of South river, at four dollars, or one and a half barrels of corn, payable the first day of November next; three dollars and fifty cents cash, sent with each mare, will be received in lieu. Farmer is out of the dam of Post Boy, his sire by Nebuchadnezzar, is in high order, full sixteen hands high, six years old in May next; his colts are allowed by judges, in point of size, shape and activity, to be equal to any bred in Anne-Arundel county, either for draught or saddle.

The season will commence on Monday the eleventh of April, at the Rope Walk.

HENRY JOHNSON.

March 28, 1808. 1/2/6

NOTICE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Annapolis generally, and those in particular who favour him with the tuition of their children, that unable to meet with a suitable assistant in whom he could confide, he must lessen the number of his scholars, and advance his price for tuition. Confident that the present is not an adequate compensation for his constant exertions in, and attention and confinement to, the duties of his school, he will not, from and after the 1st day of June next, receive, or continue under his tuition any scholar for less than the sum of ten shillings a month, said sum to be punctually paid at the expiration of the month for each, or such scholar suspended from school till payment is made.

Those indebted to him for past tuition are requested to pay off their accounts on or before the above date, as any longer indulgence will not be given.

JOHN W. CARROLL.

May 17, 1808. 10/2/6

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