

NEW-YORK, March 18.

LATEST FROM FRANCE.

LAST evening arrived at this port the brig Batavian, Tillittas, in 60 days from Rochelle. She sailed from thence on the 14th of Jan. and on the 16th was captured by the British frigate Comet, and had all her news-papers taken away, which we understand from the captain and passengers were so late as to contain the 19th bulletin from the French grand army in Spain. It stated that the emperor had left Madrid for Portugal on the 3d of January, leaving his brother Joseph in the capacity of governor-general; that the Spaniards were defeated in every direction; and that the British troops were retreating towards the sea shore with the intention of evacuating the country. One of the passengers informs us that a battle had been fought between the French and Spaniards, in which the British army was engaged, who were defeated with the loss of from 15 to 17,000 men.

We are further informed by one of the passengers that Joseph Buonaparte was again named king of Spain at Madrid about the end of Dec. And the emperor had addressed a proclamation to the Spaniards, saying, the Almighty had given him the power to rule in Spain, and that if the Spaniards did not comply with their blood should pay for their disobedience. That if they would not accept of his offer as king, he would take the throne himself, and give him another kingdom; in proclamation he offers a pardon to all Spanish officers (except about four whom he names) that would lay down their arms. Buonaparte had left Madrid, and it was reported that he was on the frontiers of Portugal.

News was received at Rochelle on the 12th of January, that there had been an engagement in Spain, which was said to have taken place about the 18th of December, and in which 15,000 of the English had been killed, and 15,000 taken prisoners—making in the whole exactly the number of English troops in Spain. This story, however, say the passengers in the Batavian, was not even believed in France; and the account was not confirmed on the 14th, the day the vessel sailed.

In the course of a few days previous to the sailing of the Batavian, colonial produce had risen fifteen per cent. at Bourdeaux, in consequence of accounts received from America.

The Batavian brings dispatches for government from our minister Mr. Armstrong.

A letter-bag not having been delivered at the office last evening, and no papers having yet come into our possession, we received the above verbal information as we received it, without knowing to what of credit it is entitled. In the course of the day, it is probable, we shall have it in power to give it confirmation or contradiction.

British prize master on board the Batavian further informs us, that previous to the capture, a British cutter arrived off the coast from England, bringing London news to the 9th or 10th of Jan.; that he was of the 9th which stated that the new constitution to Spain under Sir Arthur Wellesley had been relinquished; but that another constitution, consisting of 12 fail of the line frigates, were sitting out at Portofino for Buenos-Ayres. In these papers no mention was made of the king's indisposition or appointment of a regency. The prize-masters adds, that the French were successful in the possession of Ferrol; and that the British were retreating towards Vigo, where 20 transports and 50 transports were waiting to receive them to England. The French troops were marching along the Spanish sea-coast, and nothing of a battle between the British and English.

[Mercantile Advertiser.]

In addition to the preceding articles, the Batavia Gazette contains the following: Dispatches in the Batavian are from Bourdeaux at Paris. These were given by capt. Bunker by the notorious frigate Comet at Paris, with instructions, that in the vessel being captured by a British frigate, to destroy the dispatches.

Our vessels could not clear out of port without giving bonds not to break the embargo!

The British frigate Comet spoke a cutter from the Toulon, and was informed, that Admiral had fallen in with the Toulon two ships of the line, and sunk two

We received Paris papers to Dec. 27, and French bulletins, Nos. 17, 18 and 19, the last is dated at Madrid, Dec. 18. By them, that no battle had been fought at the entrance of the French army into Spain.

Verbally from Mr. Coquerel, a Frenchman arrived here yesterday in the morning on the 13th of January, a letter received at Rochelle, from an eminent merchant of Bayonne, stating that the British

army, under command of Sir David Baird, said to consist of from 15 to 25,000 men, on the frontiers of Spain and Portugal, had been overtaken by a large French army, who summoned them to surrender, which summons was obeyed without firing a gun; and that the army under gen. Moore was surrounded; that the supreme junta had dispatched a messenger to Buonaparte offering to open a negotiation for peace, but that the emperor Buonaparte would not listen to their overtures. It was also said, that general Castanos had resigned his command, after having disbanded his army. [Mer. Adv.]

We learn from capt. Lindsay, who came home passenger in the Batavian, (and we have heard it before) that the crews of all American vessels detained in France, are imprisoned, and are released only on condition of their entering on board French ships of war. We have seen a letter from a young gentleman of this city, who went out chief mate of the ship Holland Trader, captain Sinclair. He states, he is still in prison at Rochefort and allowed nothing to subsist on but bread and water.

It will recur to our readers that capt. Sinclair, the commander of the Holland Trader, was also imprisoned in France; and that he made his escape in disguise, got on board the ship Bourdeaux, and arrived sometime since at Philadelphia—and, it is a pleasing reflection, that he is now with his family in this city—for his escape had so incensed the French, that immediately after it was discovered that he had gone off, twelve thousand francs reward was offered by the government for his apprehension! [N. Y. Gaz.]

On Thursday last near 30 vessels cleared at the custom-house, Baltimore, for foreign ports. It is stated that insurance on the above vessels were effected at a rate of from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. premium, and this only against the risk outward.

It is expected the island of Madeira will be made the place of deposit for American goods intended for the British market.

The Pennsylvanians contemplate the immediate erection of a permanent toll bridge over the Susquehanna, at Columbia. This important work, it is said, can easily be accomplished, and that Philadelphia will take 300,000 dollars of the stock.

Thirty-seven American vessels, containing 7781 tons, were at London Dec. 26. Ten of these were laden or otherwise engaged in voyages.

The "Assistance Society," a charitable association in New-York, in one week relieved 780 families, consisting of about 3200 persons.

The legislature of New-Orleans has elected Mr. J. Poydras, delegate to congress, vice Mr. D. Clark. Mr. P. had 20 votes, Mr. Watkins 5. Mr. C. does not appear to have been a candidate.

It is well understood from London, that the reverse of Spanish affairs, and the requisitions of wool by the French in the north-west of Spain, have raised Spanish wool in the London market from 6 to 16 shillings sterling per pound. This is equal to three dollars and fifty cents. At such prices we can make the finest cloth far cheaper in America. There is a tide in our manufactures, which taken with advantage, will carry the Americans to higher fortunes even than foreign commerce. [Demo. Press.]

We understand that the following arrangements have been made at Washington, for fitting out a portion of the navy, agreeably to the act of congress; commodore Rogers, is to command the frigate Constitution; com. Decatur, the United States; capt. Bainbridge, the President; capt. Hull, the Chesapeake; capt. Stewart, the Essex; captain Smith, the John Adams; and capt. Robinson the Wasp. Many new officers have been appointed. Commodore Rogers is to command on the Northern station; com. Decatur on the Southern. [Norfolk Herald.]

Sir Hugh Dalrymple and his officers have been acquitted by the Court of Enquiry, whose opinion has been approved by the king.

Russia is stated to have made propositions for peace to the Turks.

St. John's, Antigua, Feb. 14.

There is, we understand, a late Barbadoes paper in town, which contains the articles of capitulation concluded at the capture of Cayenne. The most prominent features are that Sir Sidney Smith, who it appears co-operated with the Portuguese in the reduction of the place, has undertaken to convey Victor Hughes and his troops to Europe to be regularly exchanged; the French on their part engaging not to serve for a twelve month after such exchange.

TURPENTINE.

A Liverpool price current, of Dec. 10, says, "The cargo, consisting of 400 barrels, brought by the American vessel which broke the embargo, sold at 63s. 3d."

Prices Current at Cadiz, Dec. 6.

Superfine American flour, 9 dolls. per bbl. rice 6 per tierce; Indian corn per heaped fanega (equal to 2 American bushels) 2 1-2; beef 15; pork 20; codfish no sale; tobacco 20 per quintal; bees wax 50 dollars per 106 American pounds; pipe slaves 150 dollars per 1200; barrel do. 45 dollars per ditto; Caracas cocoa 34 dollars per fanega of 110 lbs.; Havana sugars, assorted, 8 1-2 to 10 1-2 per cwt.; sherry wine 22 to 50 per gallon; saffron 8 per lb.; Spanish oil (in jars of 12 1-2 lbs.) olive 45 100 per jar; muscatel rasins and bloom, assorted, 2 1-4 to 2 1-2. The above in hard dollars. Exchange on London 44 1-2 to 45—on America, none.

The Knell.

DIED, on the 10th of January last, on his passage from Charleston, (S. C.) to the Bahama Islands, for the benefit of his health, Dr. JOHN SHAW, Professor of Chymistry in the Medical College of Baltimore, aged 31 years. To the most exalted mental attainments, Dr. Shaw united every social virtue. His widow, oppressed with accumulated woe, an aged parent, and affectionate brothers and sisters, have to deplore his early fate, but the recollection of his excellent virtues will mitigate the severity of their suffering, and reconcile them to the Divine will, in the full confidence that he now enjoys that reward promised to the just. It is a feeble tribute paid to the memory of this beloved and accomplished man, to say, that in his society has lost a valuable member, the profession of medicine a splendid ornament, science a successful votary, virtue and religion a zealous friend and supporter.

"No farther seek his merits to disclose,
"Or draw his traits from their dread abode,
("There they alike in trembling hope repose,
"The bosom of his Father and his God."

On Monday evening last, Mr. WILLIAM WATSON, in the 26th year of his age.

POSTAGE.

THOSE persons who have their Letters and Papers charged at this Office, are requested to take notice, that I am obliged to settle with the Post-Master General at the end of every quarter, viz. the first of January, April, July and October, and unless the postage is regularly paid I cannot charge it hereafter, particularly to those who have neglected to discharge their accounts.

S. GREEN, D. P. M.
Annapolis, March 20, 1809.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of JOHN GWINN, Esquire, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, are required to produce them, legally authenticated; those indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment.

TH: HARRIS, Jun. Adm'r.
March 14, 1809.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of WILLIAM H. BROWN, late of Saint-Mary's county, deceased, are required to produce them to the subscriber, legally authenticated, on or before the 25th day of September next, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate; those indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment to

JAMES FORREST, Adm'r.
Leonard-town, March 18, 1809.

SALE.

WHEREAS a negro man calling himself JACK OFFER, was committed to my custody on the 20th day of January last, and no one has appeared claiming the said negro—Notice is hereby given, that he will be exposed to Public Sale, on MONDAY, the 10th day of April next, at Anne-Arundel County Gaol, in the city of Annapolis. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Terms Cash.

J. MCENEY, Sheriff
A. A. County.
March 20, 1809.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

THAT the subscribers have obtained from the orphans court of Prince-George's county, letters of administration on the estate of THOMAS WOODWARD, late of the county aforesaid, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, properly authenticated, and those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to

ABRAHAM B. WOODWARD,
PAMELIA WOODWARD
March 20, 1809.

HONEST POLITICIAN.

A FEW copies of the HONEST POLITICIAN for sale at this office.

PUBLIC

By virtue of a decree from the Court of Chancery, will be sold at the dwelling of P. West river, on Tuesday April next, at 11 o'clock the first fair day thereafter

ALL the personal property of PHILIP J. THOMAS, number of valuable Negr Sheep and Hogs, also a hold and Kitchen Furniture assortment of Books.

The terms of sale are, above property shall be raised the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, the residue on a credit of 12 months, the purchaser giving proved security, to the satisfaction of the purchaser from the day of sale.

The above property is due John F. Mercer, Serial John Thomas.

THO: SELL

March 18, 1809.

PUBLIC SA

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Chancery of the subscriber will sell, at 11 o'clock THURSDAY, the 20th of March next, on the premises,

TWO well improved lots of property of RICHARD GEORGE, situate in the town of North George's county. The improvements consist of two dwelling convenient out-houses, well accommodation of small farm

The terms of sale are, the purchaser to pay cash, or by note, on or before the next, the full amount of the purchase money.

After the confirmation of the chancellor the trustee will execute a charter or purchase all the interest, of the said Richard (the aforesaid property).

This property is sold to satisfy a debt due from the said Richard Thomas Contee.

ROB. BOY

March 20, 1809.

PUBLIC SA

The subscriber, in virtue of a decree of the Court of Chancery, will sell, the following property of William Hammond, to wit:—

HAMMOND'S RETREAT, containing, in the whole, about 100 acres of land situate on the Severn river, in Anne-Arundel county, will be divided into two lots.

Lot No. 1 will contain 97 acres, improvements thereon are a fine dwelling-house, an overseer's house, a stable, with several other out-houses, a mill and saw mill in tolera about one third of the land rest in wood, partly well timbered.

Lot No. 2 will contain 3 acres, improvements a frame dwelling kitchen, and several out buildings, half of the land is cleared.

Also two islands at the head of the river, containing two acres.

Also a tract of land called the Resurveyed, situate on the river Severn, and adjoining the land of col Manadier, and containing a large proportion of which is in wood.

Also a small tract called Bacon's, containing 15 1/2 acres, situate adjoining the land of Mr. Frederick county.

A more particular description unnecessary, for those inclined will examine and judge for themselves to enable them to do this, plans will be deposited at the tavern of Gambrill, adjoining Hammond's survey. The sale will be on Tuesday the 20th of April next, at 11 o'clock. The terms are one fifth of the purchase money on the day of sale, the balance thereof by the chancellor in 4 equal annual payments, from the day of sale.

And the subscriber will, on the 20th of April next, at the tavern of Glover, expose, in the city of Baltimore, the following property to public sale, on the same terms as above mentioned, the reversionary interest of William Hammond held in three lots adjoining said city, now under one of £. 9, one of £. 7 10, and one of £. 20. A particular description given on the day of sale.

BASIE BROWN

March 17, 1809.

The Editors of the Federal and the American, at Baltimore, the National Intelligencer, Mr. Smith's paper at Easton, and insert the above in their papers four-times, and send their account post-master at Annapolis.