

ember 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, and 23, the elements of the orbit were found by the method of La Place, and corrected by the observations Sept. 6, 15, and 23. Perihelion distance 1,052. The mean distance of the earth from the sun being 100,000,000 miles. Time of passing the Perihelion Sept. 6, 1811, at 18h. Greenwich time. Place of the Perihelion counted on the orbit of the Comet, 25. 21 d. Longitude of the ascending node, 41 1/2. Inclination of the orbit to the ecliptic 74. Motion retrograde. These elements will require some corrections, (perhaps 2 or 3 degrees) to be determined when a great number of observations on a longer arc of the orbit shall be made. The observations made early in September were liable to a small error, from the uncertainty of the refraction, the Comet having been observed near the horizon. These elements differ from those of all the Comets whose orbits have been calculated, as may be seen by examining the tables of La Lande and Vincke, or that in Kees's Cyclopaedia under the article "Comet." This Comet is therefore one that has been before unknown to astronomers. Willing to estimate nearly the apparent course of the comet from these elements, I described a circle on a stiff piece of paper, representing the orbit of the earth, and a parabola corresponding to it, for the orbit of the Comet, (similar to fig. 267, vol. 3, edit. 3, La Lande's Astronomy) and marked on the curves the places of those bodies for each day of the present year. A slit being cut through the circle in the direction of the axis of nodes, the parabola was inserted so as to be inclined to the ecliptic by an angle of 74 deg. the point representing the perihelion, being above the plane of the ecliptic, so as to make the angle at the sun by the perihelion and node 57 degrees. By this apparatus, the following estimate of the apparent course of the Comet and its distance from the earth were made.

In the month of Feb. 1811, the Comet was near to the eastern part of the constellation Argos. Its motion was then west, inclining to the north. It passed a few degrees to the eastward of the Great Dog, as its direction then became nearly north, being stationary in longitude in the month of May. It passed near to the eastern part of the Lesser Dog, early in June inclining rather towards the east. On the 16th of July it passed the ascending node in the longitude of about 4 signs 8 degrees and then moved north easterly towards the feet of the Great Bear where it was first seen, after the conjunction with the sun, on the 6th September. On the 5th of October it was near the right hand of Bootes. It will be at its greatest north latitude about the middle of October near the right foot of Hercules, after which it will begin to move towards the ecliptic through the left knee of Hercules, towards the Eagle, the Dolphin, the Water Bearer, &c. It will be near the Eagle about the first of December. It is to be observed that the apparent positions thus roughly estimated are liable to an error of two or three degrees. The orbit of the Comet falls without the earth's orbit.

The distance of the Comet from the earth expressed in parts of the sun's distance from the earth, estimated as 10, were found in February 1811 to be 30, in June when visible at the Cape of Good Hope and at other places south of the equator, 23; on the 6th of Sept. 17. About the middle of the month (October) it will be at its least distance, 13; after which it will increase, and in December it will be about as far distant as in June. In the latter part of January and in February, 1812, the distance will be about 30; the latitude of the Comet will then be small; and as it will be nearly in conjunction with the sun, it will probably then be invisible. The least distance of the Comet from the earth is about 120 millions of miles. The least distance of the Comet from the sun 100 millions of miles. The tail of the Comet has been observed to be 10 or 12 degrees in length, which would make its real length equal to half the distance of the earth from the sun, or 41,000,000 miles.

**The Solar Eclipses.**  
The Eclipse of the Sun of Sept. 17, 1811, was observed by the writer of the above, in Salem, by a 4 feet achromatic telescope and a well regulated time keeper. The beginning was at 0h. 55m. 14 s. and the end at 3h. 59m. 00. 1s. apparent time. Latitude of the place of observation 42 deg. 33 min. 30 sec. N; long 70 deg. 53 min. W. from Greenwich.  
The late Eclipse of the Sun was also observed at Salem, by Mr. Samuel Lambert, about 160 feet west from the Rev. Mr. Bentley's meeting house, in latitude 42 deg. 33 min. 36 sec. N. north estimated longitude 70 deg. 52 min. W. with a good Gregorian reflector; the time was ascertained by one of Barrauld's Chronometers regulated by equal altitudes of the sun for several days before and after the Eclipse.  
Beginning 0h. 55m. 24. 3s. Apparent time  
End 3 59 11. }

### MARYLAND GAZETTE.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

#### OFFICIAL RETURNS.

##### WESTERN SHORE.

Saint-Mary's county—*Raphael Neale, Mary Neale, John R. Plater and Luke Barber.*

Prince-George's—*Francis M. Hall, John Herbert, James Somerville and Henry Collins.*

Baltimore—*Beal Randall, George Harman, Moses Brown and Tobias E. Stansman.*

City of Baltimore—*William Pechin and Lowrey Donaldson.*

Montgomery—*Abraham Jones, John H. Eggt, Edward Owen and Charles E. Eggt.*

Harford—*John Sanders, John Foxworth, John Street and Henry Hall.*

City of Annapolis—*Dr. Dennis Claude and Lewis Duval.*

Frederick—*Joseph Swearingen, Thomas Isaac Shriver, and William Tyler.*

Calvert—*Thomas Reynolds, Richard Calvert, Joseph Ireland and Peter Emery.*

Anne-Arundel—*William H. Marriott, John S. Belt, Archibald Dorsey and Zachariah Duval.*

Washington—*John Bowles, Thomas B. Hall, Doctor William Downey and Charles Boersler.*

Allen—*Thomas Blair, James D. Chesley, Neal Howard and Benjamin Smith.*

Charles—*Thomas Rogerson, George D. Graham, Nicholas Stonestreet and Clement Dorsey.*

##### EASTERN SHORE.

Caroline—*Peter Willis, John Tillotson, Regine P. Bayard and Alamy Jump.*

Somerset—*George W. Jackson, Arnold E. Jones, Esme M. Waller and Henry Long.*

Talbot—*Samuel Stevens, junr. James Fairwright, Samuel Tenant and James Booris.*

Queen-Anne's—*Samuel Burgess, Thomas Emory, Stephen Myers and George Little.*

Dorchester—*Joseph Ennalls, John Smoot, Frederick Bennett and Edward Griffith.*

Cecil—*Thomas W. Veazey, John S. Smith, John Groome, Thomas Williams.*

Worcester—*Thomas N. Williams, E. I. Wilson, Robert J. H. Handy and Little Quinton.*

Kent—*Richard Frisby, William Graves, Frederick Boyer and Jervis Spencer.*

Those in Italic are Federalists.

### THE CITY PURSE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The City Purse of One Hundred Dollars, was run for over the Annapolis course on Thursday last, and won by Mr. Joshua B. Bond's bl. g. Othello, beating Mr. Ridgely's s. f. Indian Queen.

### HYMENEAL.

MARRIED, at Cambridge, (Dorchester county,) on Thursday the 3d inst. by the Rev. Doctor Kemp, Mr. JOHN B. PATTERSON, of Virginia, to the amiable Miss CATHERINE W. GOLDSBOROUGH.  
"The happiest they, the happiest of their kind!  
Whom gentle stars unite—and in one fate  
Their hearts, their fortunes, and their beings  
Blend."  
On Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Ryland, Mr. GEORGE KERBY, of Anne-Arundel county, to Miss REBECCA FOWLER, of this city.

123 clergymen were ferried over to Lambeth, it was said, to petition that a short prayer might be penned and ordered, there being none in the church service on that occasion. Three maids of honour burnt their collections of novels and plays, and sent to the book-sellers to buy each of them a Bible, and Bishop Taylor's Holy living and dying. The run upon the bank was so prodigious, that all hands was employed from morning till night, in discounting notes and handing out specie. On Thursday considerably more than 7000 kept mistresses were legally married, in the face of several congregations. And to crown the whole farce, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, at that time head director of the bank, issued orders to all the fire officers in London, requiring them "to keep a good look out & have a particular eye on the bank of England." [London papers.]

From the Boston Palladium of Friday, October, 11.  
Extract of a letter from Captain Charles Tracy, of the ship New Galen, dated August 22, 1811.

Between Dungeness and Dover, about half past 10 at night, observed a small sail in shore of us, hauling up on our larboard quarter. At a quarter before 11, I perceived the was a three masted lugger, and soon after hailed us in broken English, "Where have you come from?" I answered from Boston. "Are you American?" I answered I am.—They then ordered us to heave too, and instantly began firing musquetry, which they repeated volley after volley, in consequence of which, all the people and the pilot left the deck, with steering sails flying, and our haulyards, sheets and braces cut away by the shot. They then attempted boarding, but missing their grapplings, they shot ahead, and commenced musquetry firing again, making a second attempt, in which they likewise missed; they then got out a small boat, and about 15 men came on board, with cutlasses and pistols, and drove the two mates and myself down the companion way, placing two men over us, and putting out all lights; they then attempted making sail on the ship, but not knowing what to do, with sails flying in all directions, some of the yards braced aback, and some forwards, they found it impossible to get steerage way in the ship. At a quarter past 11, the privateer fired 3 muskets, and they began immediately clearing away the boat from the stern, which I perceived from the cabin windows, and in a few minutes saw the boat full of men leaving the ship, and immediately jumped on deck, found they had left us. At this time a cutter commenced firing on the privateer, and chased her over the coast of France. The confusion they had put the ship in, made it some time before we could get sail upon her, when we bore up, and in about two hours came to in the Downs. The privateer men in the boat soon found her filling with water, (for the plug was out) and instead of going over to the French coast, were obliged to run ashore at Folklone. Seven attempted to swim from the boat, and were drowned; eight got on shore and were made prisoners by the centinel on the beach. The above men were put on board his Britannic majesty's ship Monmouth.

From the Portland Gazette.  
EXTRAORDINARY PRODUCTIONS.  
Mr. Shirely,

The Boston papers have lately been teeming with the wonderful productions of the earth during the last season. To evince that our eastern soil is not, by any means inferior to their's, I would furnish you with a few Remarkable facts, which came under my immediate observation.

A gentleman, in this vicinity, planted a field of about an acre with potatoes. While walking, one morning, in this field, he was surprised by a wonderful buzzing which appeared to proceed from among the potatoe vines. He applied his ear to the ground and distinctly heard the potatoe whispering to each other, "Lie further; don't crowd so." On uncovering a hill he found, that although there had been but one potatoe thrown into each hill, and the hills had been situated at least 3 feet apart, there was not room in the field for the number which had been produced, and that they had been elbowing and fighting each other until there was scarcely one potatoe with a whole skin.

On a farm near this town was raised from a single clover seed two and a half tons of Herds grass, each spike of which measured 1 inch diameter. On examining the cavities of the spikes they were found to be rifle barrels, and each spike to contain an ounce ball with the usual charge of powder.

A Merino ewe in this place was safely delivered of two lambs, weighing one 52 the other 64 lbs. What is very remarkable immediately after their birth they spoke the Portuguese language to perfection. It is said that the owner intends to keep them as instructors of that language: and it is supposed that he will clear money enough from them to pay the debts of Great-Britain. Separate Speculators in ovibus Merinorum.  
From a single bean which was dropped by accident in a garden in this town they brought

ed a very stiff stem, on the summit of which grew a large earthen pot filled with baked beans and a very sizeable piece of pork in the middle of it.

If any one doubts the above statements they may be satisfied of their truth by calling on — FACT.

### From the Frederick-Town Herald.

GEN. WILKINSON'S TRIAL.  
The Court Martial is still in session—but if more witnesses do not arrive, it is probable that the business will be brought to a close in two or three weeks. All of the witnesses that have attended are examined, and an immense mass of testimony collected by the different committees of congress, has been offered to the court. All of this testimony we understand, Gen. Wilkinson contended should be read. So that all of the proofs relative to any of the charges will be fairly before the court. We are informed that very few if any more witnesses are expected to attend, and that the court will probably terminate in the time above mentioned.

### From the Port Folio.

You will undoubtedly smile, Mr. Editor, when you are informed that your correspondent is communing with you on a subject of which he is totally ignorant. I attended, sir, the exhibition of the academy of fine arts, and was pleased and delighted with the charming varieties of light and shadow which the pencil presented. I was led from thence to reflect on the delicacy and importance of an art that could arrest a thing so subtle and transitory as a sunbeam, and make it shine and sparkle for ages yet to come. I was delighted to think that forms of matter, possessing such tenuity as rays of light, of a nature so subtle, that they form the boundary lines between substance and space, were capable of being so disposed as to have all the permanence of a marble statue. We are taught, not only by inspiration, but by the evidence of our own senses and perceptions, that the life of man is as fugitive and as precarious as a shadow. Yet we have lived to see the day when this shadow outlives the man, and we behold his face written in fun-beams when his body is mouldering in the dust. We become acquainted with forms of existence we have never seen, and have conceptions as vivid and distinct as those who have enjoyed their society and converse. I was therefore induced to look upon painting as the link that connected the living and the dead. I considered that the body literally vanished into a shade, & that this shade possessed a longevity far beyond the body. I was again led to reflect, that these phanoms, when evoked by the pencil, bid defiance to the king of terrors, and deprived even the grave of that portion of its triumph over men, which it derived from oblivion.

In the midst of these sensations mine eyes alighted on the portrait of Washington Irving, Esq. from (as I understood) the pencil of Mr. Jarvis. Now, sir, wherefore it was I am unable to say; but so it was that this portrait delighted me. It could not be because the likeness was accurate, for the original I had never seen; neither could this result from motives of private regard to the painter, for his name at that time I did not know, and with him, at the present time, I am not acquainted. Of this art I know nothing, and my pleasure could not, of course, arise from any critical investigation of the painter's merits. But, sir, if Mr. Jarvis will consider it as a compliment to his pencil to be informed that a stranger was delighted with his piece, without being able to tell wherefore, and who fairly avows his incompetence to the analysis of his own feelings, I frankly confess myself that one.

### NOTICE.

THERE having been a small Cask of Snuff brought down by captain E. Smithers from Baltimore, and delivered here, marked with the letters H. C. No. 13, and not having ordered any, and being informed there has gone been sent, I hereby request the owner to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away.

HENRY CHILDS.  
Friendship, Octo-  
ber 15, 1811.

### In Chancery,

October 21, 1811.  
ORDERED, that the report of Thomas Woodfield, trustee for the sale of the real estate of Joshua Hall, of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown before the 20th day of December next, provided a copy of this order be inserted once in each of three successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette before the 20th day of November next.

The report states a tract of land called Abington, containing fifty-two acres more or less, sold for \$12 per acre.  
True copy,  
Test. NICH. BREWER,  
Reg. Cur. Can.

### B. CURRAN,

Has now on hand, and offers for sale, the following Articles, purchased on the best Terms at Philadelphia and Baltimore, viz—

- Superfine Cloths and Cassimers, Fine do. do.
- Berlin and Bedford Cords, Velvets and Corduroys, Fashionable Waistcoating, Bombazetts and bombazeens, Bath Coating and Kersy Moleskin, Irish Linens and Cotton Shirting, Furniture, and other Calicoes, Cambric Muslins, and Dimities, India Jackonet Muslins, Mul-mul and Scotch do. Shawls of various kinds, India & British Muslins & Handkerchiefs, A good assortment of White and Red Flannels,
- Flag and Spotted Bandana Handkerchiefs, Cotton Checks and Stripes, Silk and Cotton Umbrellas, Suspenders of different kinds, White Satin and Florence Silk, Black and White Italian Crape, Cross-barred and Black India Silks, Black India Satin & Florentine, Men's Worsted, Cotton & Silk Stockings, Women's Silk and Cotton do. An assortment of Artificial Flowers, Ribbons and Galoons, assorted, Ladies Long, Short, Kid, & Beaver Gloves, Men's Beaver and white Silk Gloves, White and Black Lace Sleeves, 5-4 6-4 7-4 8-4 & 10-4 Cotton Diaper and Table Cloths,
- Sewing Cotton, Thread and Needles, Paper, Ink Powder and Quills, Bed Ticking, White Cotton and Sheeting, And a variety of other articles in the dry good line, not enumerated, all of which will be sold low for cash, and as usual to punctual customers.

Corn-Hill Street, Anna-  
polis, Oct. 21, 1811.

### Public Vendue.

ON Tuesday the 29th instant, at ten o'clock, at Queen-Anne, will commence the sale, at public vendue, of the stock of goods of the late deceased Mr. Charles D. Hodges, consisting of a variety of valuable and saleable articles, comprising a general assortment. The goods will be sold in small lots, or by the piece, in such manner as to accommodate planters and farmers, as well as merchants, who may be disposed to purchase.

The terms of sale will be, for all sums of fifty dollars, and upwards, the purchasers to give notes, with good security, payable in six months—for sums under fifty dollars cash must be paid.

ELIZA HODGES, } Adminis-  
THOMAS HODGES, } trators.  
REZIN ESTEP,  
Oct. 21, 1811.

### In Chancery,

October 17, 1811.  
ORDERED, that the sale made by William G. D. Worthington, trustee for the sale of the real estate of Alexander Contee, deceased, shall be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown before the 21st day of December next, provided a copy of this order be inserted three successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette before the twenty-first day of November next.

The report states the amount of the sale to be \$7005  
True copy,  
Test.  
NICH. BREWER,  
Reg. Cur. Can.

### NOTICE

THAT the Levy Court of Anne-Arundel county will meet on Thursday the 28th of November next, in the city of Annapolis, to adjust and settle the accounts of the inspectors of Tobacco, and supervisors of the public roads in said county.

By order,  
WM. S. GREEN, Clk.  
L. C. A. A. C.  
Oct. 21, 1811. 3w.

### Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the court of chancery of the state of Maryland, the subscriber will sell, at Public Sale, on the premises, on Tuesday, the third day of December next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A PART of the dwelling plantation of Thomas Cowman, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. The terms of sale are, that the purchaser or purchasers shall give bond, with approved security, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest thereon, within one year from the day of sale.

THOMAS H. HALL, Trustee.  
Oct. 17, 1811.

### A Carriage for sale.

Enquire at this office.  
Oct. 17, 1811.