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THE ALARM.

subject which, for the honor of... would gladly have passed unnot... some splenetic soul given... port that the Citizens generally... great bodily fear by the appearance... Squadron in the Bay. It has... misfortune to this City, since... of war, to have those within it... slightest occasions have excited... caused much trepidation, among... good citizens. Alarms since that... been no uncommon things, for fear... dignified vessels of small dimensions... of the largest size. When it... that the Chesapeake was in a... blockade, every Craft, of what... tion, that happened to pass up... was eyed with the greatest... new fears were excited. In this... it may be easily supposed, that... clearing an uncommon appearance... arly give rise to a variety of... perhaps be productive of "war"... A few days since a small ves... covered a few miles below the city... thought by some to look more than... suspicious, and with the aid of good... of our citizens could make nothing... of her than a Ketch, sent up... from the squadron below. What... the suspicion was, that some per... forming had represented the whole... fleet to be within a short distance... and that an immediate attack might...

Every eye was looking with the... attention for the squadron—and it... the assistance of magnifying glasses... a very lofty dome, a speck became... in the horizon. Upon making this... some mounted their Buoys and... Rosinantes, and down they went... to meet the enemy. Every infan... strengthened the belief that some... attacking; so much so, that some of... ks procured vehicles to remove their... d others began to pack up their... le materials, waiting with solicitation... ment when the city should be bom... this state of trepidation, a gentle... writes to his friend in a neigh... and in the glowing colorings of... n, which is so peculiarly the aff... is fertile genius and poetic imagi... bers our situation as awful—not ex... attack was apprehended, but that... arren's fleet was just off of the... harbour. Flocks crowded to read... and it was confidently believed... riter's report, that Annapolis was... iminent danger. All disquietude... in the evening, and the City exa... ed a state of tranquillity, by the... Ketch coming to anchor in the... improving her national character... been so often and clearly made out... nder from the squadron, was at... covered to be a Yankee schooner... usually laden with New-England... instead of munitions of war. But... come of the speck which appeared... and was auxiliary in producing the... n which for a time agitated the city... know. We sincerely hope, for the... at this gentleman will employ his... than by trumpeting abroad such... reports Persons culpable of such... uly excite the ridicule of others, but... ture serious inconvenience to the ci... ould danger actually threaten, the... such epistolary writers would be of... more value with muskets on their... than in circulating idle rumours to... ly old women and children. This... too ridiculous a subject to be treated... us manner; therefore we will con... viding those who bluster daily about... ce of the foe, at the corners of the... ly in public places, and manufacture... ts of vengeance, to stand there... the event of necessity, and not be... o scamper away like sheep at the... wolf.

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The democrats surely have a wonder... knack of turning every meritorious... tion performed since the commence... ment of the war to their own advan... ge, and pompously assuming all the... credit to themselves. Every gallant... achievement, whether performed by a... federalist or democrat, without hesi... tion is declared to be the immediate... feat of their favouring auspices. But... sooner is a defeat or disaster to the... my announced, than by the strangest... perversion of truth, and in the twink... ing of an eye, the most flaming jaco... bin is transformed into a federalist... and without a shadow of mercy, or the... semblance of a trial, is stigmatized as... a traitor. No matter whether it be from... inefficiency of courage, military skill, or... their incapacity in their favorite gene... rals, that misfortune befalls the army... the effect is the same, and by a kind of... political slight of hand, the poor, unfor... tunate, discarded general, is saddled... upon the federalists. Whenever there... any necessity for subterfuge, they al... ways have one ready at hand. To hear... them declaim on the advantages of a... navy, as now necessary to protect the... rights of a commercial people, a stran... ger to their former professions would... be readily drawn into a belief that no... thing could have ever been nearer their... hearts, or fostered with more care than... the navy had hitherto been.

tion of dollars in building and equipping... an armament for the general govern... ment, immediately a hue and cry is... raised from one end of the country to... the other, about "federal consistency."... Men who have no voice in the measures... of government, who are not treated... with decency in the public councils of... the nation, become all at once charge... able with every disgrace that has been... heaped upon her, without even the pri... vilege of sharing in the occasional tri... umphs of the navy, which it has been... their constant aim to increase and sup... port!! This is modern democracy with... a vengeance.

It would be well for these gentlemen... to retrace their steps, to analyze their... principles; and see how easily contrari... ents (if the expression may be used)... have been amalgamated to suit conve... nience, or enable them, to swim with... the current of any times. Were they... to do this, their mouths must remain... for ever sealed respecting consistency... or inconsistency. Never was such shuf... fling, turning, shifting and twisting... ever before known in any country, not... even in the declining state of the most... absurd despotisms. It is easy to fathom... their designs; and every one who has... had an opportunity of acquiring a know... ledge of the leading characteristics of... modern democracy, and remains yet... uninfected, must turn from it, with dis... gust.—For,

It is "a monster of so frightful mien,
That to be hated, needs but to be seen."

For the Maryland Gazette.

Now that war has been declared, we... are told that it is the duty of every... good citizen to give to it his support... and approbation. Before it took place... it seems to be admitted that the people... might be allowed to question, if not its... justice, at least its expediency, and to... endeavour by all fair and correct means... to avert its horrors. But a declaration... of hostilities having been made, its en... emies are in duty bound to become its... sworn and everlasting friends, and now... to doubt either the propriety of going... to war, or the wisdom with which it is... conducted, is proof strong and positive... of being in the pay of the enemy.

Men, however, of plain honest minds... who read the constitution, and suppose... that from that alone, they can judge of... the duties which in a state of war the... citizen owes to his country, startle at... this new fangled doctrine.—They cannot... discover in the constitution, and are... therefore loth to admit, that a state of... war is of necessity a state of slavery;... that it abridges any of their political... rights, and more especially takes from... them the invaluable privileges of speak... ing or writing whatever in their consci... ences they believe to be true.

Men of reading and reflection, too... have been taught to believe, that in a... time of war, above all others, the na... tion ought to be awake and watchful—... that wars, in addition to all their hor... rores and calamities, afford the best op... portunities to men fond of power, (and... alas! who is not fond of power?) to en... croach upon the rights of the citizen, and... to convert a free government into a... despotism. With so many officers... obedient to his mandates, and so many... appointments in his gift, it will always... happen that the chief magistrate of this... country will have a host of sycophants... blindly devoted to his views, and the... loud and boisterous supporters of his... administration. No matter how weak... the policy, how wicked the plans of the... "powers that be," the minions of the... court will ever be its advocates, and... with these men any opposition, from... whatever cause it may spring, and how... ever well grounded its complaints, will... be treated as the result of disaffection... to the country.

In every age the patriots who have... endeavoured to rescue their country... from slavery, have been loaded with... abuse, and the abettors of tyranny have... assumed to themselves the title of the... people's exclusive friends. But if this... be the case in the times of peace and... tranquillity, how much more danger to... our liberties is to be apprehended while... the nation is engaged in war. The... passions of the multitude are then art... fully excited by their rulers.—The host... of officers and dependants is greatly in... creased.—Every effort is made (and too... often with success,) to identify the ad... ministration and its plans with the... country, and all opposition with the... cause of the enemy. Whenever this has... happened, the people have prepared for... themselves the chains which are to be... fastened around them.

Those, however, who love their country... better than the wages of its rulers, who... have no view but to preserve its lib... erties, are not to be deterred, by mo... naces and abuse from discharging the... duty which in times of peril and alarm... are due from them to the nation; re... gardless of calumny, they will unde...avour to awaken the people to a sense of... their danger, and whether hooded or not... will continue to warn them of the... fate which awaits them.

Before the patriot can be induced to... join in approbation of this war, he must... be satisfied that it was unavoidable; that... this appeal to arms, this invitation to... slaughter, was urged by the most im... portant motives. Before he can be in... duced to confide in the men who under... take it, he must be satisfied that they are... equal to the conduct of it. To him it... will not be sufficient to be told, that... from the enemy we had received inju... ries which remain unredressed, and... therefore the enemy had no cause to... complain. For a declaration of war, and... all that havoc and destruction which... may follow in its train, its authors and... approvers are responsible to their... country and their God; and awful is... that responsibility if it has not been un... dertaken from the most urgent cause, after... every necessary preparation, and with... every prospect of obtaining by its... benefits sufficient to overbalance all its... calamities.

The evils of this war are already... great, and as yet no benefits have re... sulted to the nation from it. Can any... result, upon which the most sanguine... dare to calculate, compensate the nation... for the sufferings and losses to which it... has already submitted—the distress, the... ruin and butchery of its citizens.—We... are boasting told that Canada will be... ours—that we shall wrest from the... enemy a part of his possessions.—Let... it be remembered, that the prophets... who predicted this, predicted before the... war that the very first campaign would... make us masters of this country. In... their predictions, therefore, what con... fidence is to be placed? Their first... campaign has ended, and has ended... with disgrace to its authors. Instead of... wresting from the enemy his territory, we... find him in possession of our own—... Detroit, heretofore thought of so much... value to us, has been in the peaceable... possession of the British six months, and... in place of marching a competent... force to recover it, the grand armies of... the nation have been amusing themselves... in an attempt to cross over to Queen's... town.

But what if the conquest of Canada... was certain? Let it be supposed, that... our new armies will be led as certainly... to victory as many of them will be... to death—will increase of territory... compensate a free nation, already so... extensive, for the loss of many of its... citizens, or the violation of its commer... cial rights? Will it be any consolation... to our seamen, cruelly impressed into... the British service, to know that their... own government has already made... slaves of a whole country of English... subjects, while at the same time it has... made no advance towards the obtention... of their liberty?

Let the rulers of this land answer it... to their country—let those who blindly... advocate the war, answer it to their... consciences, are we justified by the acts... of violence and outrage of which the... commanders of British vessels have been... guilty, in waging war against, and... reducing to subjection the people of... Canada? What benefit can possibly result... to us from the conquest of the innocent... and peaceable inhabitants of an adjoining... territory? It is to no purpose to say... they are our enemies, because they will... ask who made them so? Was it not our... own act? Have we any evidence of... their enmity except that which a decla... ration of war issued by ourselves fur... nishes? Have we a right by any law... human or divine to subdue a people who... have never done us wrong, or wished... us ill, because we have thought proper... to declare them our enemies, not only... without their consent but against their... interests and wishes? Do the wrongs... which we have received from the mother... country give us a right to wreak our... vengeance upon the colonies? Is this, in... truth, to be a war not in defence of... our rights, but of wanton aggression... upon our neighbours—not to benefit our... selves, but to destroy them?—A state... of hostility by which nothing is to be... gained, but merely an experiment which... can do the other most harm. It is true... that a nation may sometimes be author... ized to carry its arms into an unoffend... ing province of its enemy.—But let it... be remembered, that this can only be... in its own defence, and not for purposes... of plunder and conquest. With all our... pretended abhorrence for monarchies... and crowned heads, we seem quite ready... to copy them in their crimes, and to... attempt whatever in the wantonness of... power they have committed. Because, for... the sake of aggrandizement or plunder, they... have been accustomed to carry war... and destruction into the territories of... their neighbors, it seems to be thought... that the same right must belong to... us, and that our republican president... is at full liberty to be guilty of the... same enormities. It is entirely forgot... ten, that in governments which sup... pose the governors to be every thing, and... the people nothing, it is for that very... reason, that the life of the subject is... at the entire disposal of his prince, and... may be sacrificed whenever his pleasure... or ambition shall require the sacrifice.—We... profess ourselves to be the champions... of liberty, and equal rights, and proclaim that every nation... has a right to live under whatever gov... ernment it may choose, and yet we claim... a right to reduce to our own dominion... men against whom we have no complaint, unless we choose to complain... that the Canadians will not turn traitors... and accept of the terms kindly offered... to them by the great general Hull. The... supporters of war are bound to show... by argument and not by abuse, that

we are really able to make slaves of... the Canadians; and further, that we... have a right to do it.—Having done... this, they must also prove to us that the... conquest of Canada is worth all of the... blood and treasure it will cost us.—Un... til they have satisfactorily established... all this, they cannot ask to be aided in... this war of their making by the yeas... manry of the country.

Let them farther remember, that... some proof may reasonably be asked... of their sincerity. Do they really... believe this to be a just and necessary... war? If they do, patriotism requires... that they should make some sacrifices... towards its prosecution. It is a circum... stance which affords no evidence of their... sincerity, that they seem the most re... luctant people in the nation to give any... real aid. If they are required to be... come soldiers (and soldiers are certainly... wanted) why it is more convenient... to remain at home, though they think... it most strange that the people will not... take the bounty money.

A FREEMAN.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 27.
Copy of a letter from Brig. Gen. Win... chester, now a prisoner of war, to... the Secretary of War.

Malden, Jan. 23d, 1813.
SIR—A detachment from the left... wing of the North-Western Army, under... my command, at French-Town on the... River Raisin, was attacked on the... 22d inst. by a force greatly superior... in number; aided by several pieces of... artillery. The action commenced at... the dawn of day; the piket guards were... driven in; and a heavy fire opened on... the whole line, by which a part thereof... was thrown into disorder; and, being... ordered to retire a small distance, in... order to form on more advantageous... ground, I found the enemy doubling our... left flank with force and rapidity.

A destructive fire was sustained... for some time; at length borne down... by numbers, the few of us that re... mained with the party that retired... from the lines submitted. The re... mainder of our force, in number about... four hundred, continued to defend... themselves with great gallantry in... an unequal contest against small arms... and artillery, until I was brought in... as a prisoner to that part of the field... occupied by the enemy.

At this latter place, I understood... that our troops were defending them... selves in a state of desperation, and... was informed by the commanding officer... of the enemy, that he would afford... them an opportunity of surrendering... themselves prisoners of war; to which I... acceded. I was the more ready to... make the surrender from being assured, that... unless done quickly, the buildings ad... jacent would be immediately set on... fire and that no responsibility would... be taken for the conduct of the savages... who were then assembled in great numbers.

In this critical situation, being... desirous to preserve the lives of a... number of our brave fellows, who still... held out, I sent a flag to them, and... agreed with the commanding officer... of the enemy, that they should be... surrendered prisoners of war, on condition... of being protected from the savages, allowed... to retain their private property, and having... their side arms returned to them. It is... impossible for me to ascertain with... certainty the loss we have sustained... in this action, from the impracticability... of knowing the number who have... made their escape.

Thirty-five officers and about four... hundred and eighty-seven non-com... missioned officers and privates are... prisoners of war. A list of the names... of the officers is herewith enclosed... to you. Our loss in killed is considerable.

that still less censure is deserved by... the troops I had the honor of commanding... With the exception of that portion... of our force which was thrown into... disorder, no troops have ever behaved... with more determined intrepidity.

I have the honor to be, with high... respect, your obedient servant,
JAMES WINCHESTER,
Brig. Gen. U. S. Army,
Hon. Secretary of War.

A list of officers taken at French-Town Jan. 22d, 1813.

James Winchester, Brig. Gen.
William Lewis, Lieut. Colonel
James Overton, jun. Aid-de-Camp
George Madison, Major
James Garrard, jun. B. Inspector
John McCalla, Adjutant
Pollard Keen, Quarter-Master
John Todd, Surgeon.

CAPTAINS:
Richard Hightower, John Hamilton,
Bland W. Ballard, Saml. L. Williams,
Coalman Cholier, Uriah Sabrie,
Henry James, Richard Bledsoe,
Joseph Kelly.

LIEUTENANTS:
Caleb Holder, Ashton Ganard,
Byran Rule, Wm. Moore,
Wm. M. McGuire, John Higgins.

ENSIGNS:
Lynden Comstock, James Mundy,
Wm. O. Butler, James Herron,
Thomas Chin, Wm. Nash,
Jos. Harrow, Jos. Mooring,
John W. Nash, Wm. Fleet,
John Botts, George Cardwell.

Total 35, prisoners at Malden.
The Indians have still a few prisoners... in their possession, which I have reason... to hope will be given up to Colonel... Proctor at Sandwich.

JAMES WINCHESTER,
Brig. Gen. U. S. Army.

Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the high court... of chancery, of Maryland, will be... exposed to Public Sale, on Tuesday... the 30th inst. if fair, if not the next... fair day thereafter, on the premises,

ALL the right, title and interest, of... the heirs of Richard Ward, deceased, in... and to the following tracts or parcels... of land, to wit: Good Luck, part of... His Lordship's Favour, and part of... Clare's Hundreds, or such parts thereof... of, whereof Richard Ward died seized... This land lies in Calvert county, on the... head waters of Fishing creek, within... one mile of the bay, contains about 138... acres, with a great proportion of excellent... meadow land already prepared, and... much more may be made at a small... expense. There are on this land a... good comfortable dwelling-house, and... every other necessary out-house, a... good tobacco-house, and an excellent... apple orchard, with a great proportion... of woodland and some valuable timber, particularly ash. Those inclined to... purchase are invited to view the premises... The terms of sale are, that the purchaser... or purchasers shall give bond with... security, to be approved by the trustee, for... the payment of the purchase money, with... interest, within twelve months from... the day of sale, and on the ratification... of the sale by the chancellor and on... the payment of the whole purchase... money, and not before, the trustee will... convey to the purchaser or purchasers, his... her or their heirs, the land to him, her... or them sold, free and clear from all... claims whatever of the heirs of the said... Richard Ward, deceased, and of each... and every of them.

PETER EMERSON, Trustee.
March 4, 1813.

The subscriber

WANTS TO PURCHASE
100 Good Locust Posts,
not less than 7 feet long, to square... 5 inches at the smallest end; likewise... 400 Sawn Chesnut Rails
3 inches by 4 and 10 feet long. A liberal... price will be given for them delivered... at Annapolis.
JOHN SHAW.
March 4, 1813.

City Bank of Baltimore.

Books for receiving subscriptions for... stock in the City Bank of Baltimore, will... be opened for 1200 shares for Calvert... county, on the first Monday in April, at... Prince-Frederick-town, in said county.
March 4.

NOTICE.

To Owners and Shippers of Tobacco... from Taylor's Landing Ware-House.
The outage on each hoghead is one... dollar for the first year, and four cents... per month on each hoghead till demanded;... therefore, it is expected that the outage... and rent will be sent with the notes... (and orders when demanded,) as no hoghead... will be delivered without the charges... being paid.

DAVID STUART, Inspector... at Taylor's Landing ware-house.
N. B. I will sell at private sale four... valuable YOUNG NEGROES, three... men and a girl, the eldest man 20; the... youngest 13. For terms apply to the... subscriber living near Queen Anne's... Anne Arundel county.
D. S.
March 4.