

December, then darkness and a loud wind, he did not see the serpent on the surface of the water; at the distance of about 100 feet, but apprehensive of being in danger, he immediately rowed off, and his noise alarmed the serpent, and occasioned his motion, which he did with great agility, and which he saw more than 40 feet of him out of water; and he could not mistake him for any other than a strange fish of the sea-kind.

**Testimony of John Somes.**  
That he owns a rope walk on the beach, or cut just above high water, from whence he saw the serpent on the 14th of August, 1817, which is not more than one quarter of a mile from the house. [N. B. The serpent was seen near the water, on the Eastern Point, and directly opposite Ten Pound island, which is not more than one quarter of a mile from the house.]

**Testimony of Samuel Wanson.**  
That on the 14th of August, 1817, he saw the serpent between his house and Ten Pound island, that he saw him with great rapidity from less than from 60 to 70 feet; he saw his head and neck very distinctly, the serpent having the appearance of a snake; he saw him several times afterwards, but not so distinctly as on the 14th, and could be mistaken in the description given of him.

**Testimony of Wm. Rowe.**  
That on the 10th of August, 1817, he was standing near the Cove, which makes up the isthmus of the Neck, saw the serpent and two Snorks come into the Cove, he saw a stone thrown at him; he saw one hundred feet on the water, as he moved rapidly, and frequently put his head out of water, as if to swallow his prey; his head was as broad as a man's head, and he saw several other heads, and not more than 100 feet long; saw him at different times afterwards, and could not be mistaken in his observations. One particular, the 14th of August, he saw him in sight all day, and frequently on the water, and his lumps were to be distinguished; and furthermore, that his sons took one of his sharks which accompanied him into the harbor.

**Testimony of Jonathan Brown.**  
That on the 14th of August, 1817, he was standing at Piper's rocks, he saw the serpent, between the beach and Stage Point; many people with glasses all around the shore looking at him; he saw him move in a semicircle about the rocks, and at times in a straight line; he saw him at about 100 yards distance; when he was near his house, with a compass he took the bearing of his head and tail, removing his station to another set of bearings, and these he calculates him to be 50 feet long; is certain he could have moved during the operation; he had a mark for his head at the point of land in view, which he moved, would have shut the point, which he did not.

**Length of the serpent by projection**  
By log's 123

**Testimony of Wm. Saville.**  
That on the 17th of August, 1817, Sunday afternoon, he was standing near the windmill, when something appeared above the water, from 50 to 60 feet long, in distinct bunches, but soon after being alarmed by the noise on shore it sunk into the water, and he saw no more of it.

**Testimony of Mrs. Rowe.**  
That on the morning of August 14th 1817, she saw the serpent between Rocky Neck and Ten Pound island, from her dwelling house; that he was in rapid motion, and turned suddenly, his head going one way, and his tail the other; his head out of the water very plainly, which seemed to be as large as a horse's head; is confident the serpent was one hundred feet on the surface of the water; saw him at different times after, wearing the same appearance.

**Testimony of Susan Storer.**  
That, about the 10th of August, 1817, being in company with her father, near the shore, by the house, she saw the serpent very plainly; he had frequent opportunities (not less than eight or ten) of seeing the serpent in this harbour, during the month of August, 1817, the first of which was on the 14th of August, he viewed him at least ten or fifteen minutes of said month. My positions on Wind Mill Point and the Cut, near Somes Point were selected as the most favourable to see the serpent, which he was not more than 80 rods distant. I distinctly

**Testimony of Lydia Wanson.**  
That, on the 10th of August, 1817, standing in the house, first saw the serpent between the house, and Ten

at the same time, but less than five, nor exceeding seven bunches above the surface of the water, at office. He moved through the water with great rapidity, in a straight course; he turned instantaneously, bringing the head near the tail, and the distant parts of the body moving in opposite directions at the same time; approached within a few rods of the boats in pursuit of him, when he sunk gradually under, and as gradually came up beyond them. I plainly saw him in these and all the various evolutions which were exhibited that day when he was in motion. I was then persuaded that it was an extraordinary animal of Serpent kind and every appearance confirmed me in this belief. When the young Serpent was taken in September following it confirmed my opinion beyond a doubt; and I have seen nothing since to alter my belief; all extravagant descriptions of him, frightful appearances and wonderful deceptions, said to have been exhibited by him, to the contrary notwithstanding. If a Thunny Fish deceived the expedition which went in pursuit of the Sea Serpent, the capture of the former furnishes no proof that it was what was seen in the year 1817. I feel confident that a school of Thunnies would more resemble the Sea Serpent, than the ripling of a school of Hardheads would the spouting of a whale.

**REMARKS.**  
The foregoing in addition to the testimony taken last year, by the Luncheon society, one would suppose was enough to satisfy any reasonable person of there having been seen in Gloucester harbour, by numerous respectable witnesses, a strange fish of the Serpent kind, from 50 to 120 feet long; and any person, having once brought themselves to believe in the existence of such an animal, as herein described, cannot readily admit a fish, quite common, and but nine feet long, to take place of the serpent in their imaginations. We have no tradition of there having been any such species of Serpent before in our waters, as the above witnesses describe; but the Horse Mackerel or Abicore, had been repeatedly seen during the summer of the last and present year; and no doubt many people when viewing the wake of this fish at a distance have mistaken it for the Serpent; but a clear and discriminate observation would readily show the difference between the agitation of the water, and a real substance.

**WILLIAM FERSON.**  
Gloucester, Oct. 10, 1818.

**Testimony of Joseph Proctor.**  
That, on the 14th of August, 1817, while standing with others, on Stage Head, saw the serpent, measuring, as he believes, from 60 to 80 feet as plain out of water as a horse; saw him not only while still, but in motion; saw him repeatedly at different times, with the same appearances of humps, and at times rapidly in motion.

**Testimony of Capt. Davidson.**  
That, on the 14th of August, 1817, he was standing near the Wind Mill on the Serpent, with a good glass, he saw him 60 to 70 feet plain out of the water; is certain what he saw was the substance on the surface, and not the wake of any fish.

**Testimony of Miss A. Trask.**  
That, on the 14th of August, 1817, while standing at the Wind Mill, with a good glass, she saw the serpent on the water; seemed like a log kegs tied together; shortly after he disappeared and came up again at a great distance.

**Testimony of Mrs. More.**  
That on the 14th of August, 1817, while crossing the Cut, without any previous knowledge of their being Serpent in our waters, she saw a strange animal close to Piper's rocks, and was so alarmed, that she trembled like a leaf, that he was very near, and could have not been more than 100 feet, plainly visible; saw him turn and swim off in quick motion.

**Testimony of Wm. Ferson, Esq. Deputy Collector of Gloucester.**  
I had frequent opportunities (not less than eight or ten) of seeing the Sea Serpent in this harbour, during the month of August, 1817, the first of which was on the 14th of August, I viewed him at least ten or fifteen minutes of said month. My positions on Wind Mill Point and the Cut, near Somes Point were selected as the most favourable to see the Serpent, which he was not more than 80 rods distant. I distinctly

**Let the Friends of Humanity be on the look out.**  
The following letter addressed by a very respectable gentleman, a member of the legislature of New Jersey, to a respectable clergyman in this city, shews that a high handed

force has been committed, in that State, and that the perpetrators are now probably in Maryland, waiting their prey. We hope the officers of justice and the friends of humanity will be on the look out, & will examine strictly every drove of slaves passing through the State; and when this drove from New Jersey is discovered, effectual means will be taken to secure to them their rights, and to bring the villains who have kidnapped them to justice. We have the law declaring them free.

New-Brunswick, Nov. 7, 1818.  
Dear Sir,  
I am here on my way home from attending the Legislature, which have passed a bill to stop the inhuman traffic in coloured persons from this state, of which bill I enclose a copy. There were 14 or 15 of these unhappy blacks at South Amboy, which the villains could not get off by water in time to escape the new law, but having notice of it, (I learn here) they took them in waggons on the night of the 5th inst. across the state toward Pennsylvania, with a view to get them to Maryland. I cannot now give as particular information on this subject, as I could wish when I get home I shall probably be able to do so, but I thought it best to advise you of the fact immediately, that you might communicate it to the Protection Society, who will of course look out for the persons concerned.  
You will observe by the law enclosed that those blacks are FREE. Any certificates they may have under the late act of 1812, are void, as the act is repealed. I make no apology for the trouble to you for I know none is necessary.

From the Delaware Watchman, Nov. 11.  
Letters received in this vicinity, from the squadron in the Mediterranean, state that Madam Ney, the widow of the ill-fated Marshal Ney, and the Duchesse de St. Leu, late Queen of Holland, and wife of Louis Bonaparte, have taken residences in the vicinity of Leghorn, at Montenero, and have visited commodore Stewart's ship the Franklin.

**OUR NAVAL OFFICERS ABROAD.**  
We published in the Watchman of the 14th ult. an article under the Paris head, to which the following extract of a letter is a satisfactory reply. The article in question purporting to be a letter from Livourna (the Italian for Leghorn) and contained some statements relative to the conduct of the officers of our squadron, which were by no means calculated to do them honor. It was our belief at the time, that it was a fabrication, invented by envy and malice, to sully the character of our navy, and the following letter from a gentleman, whom we know to be a person of character and talents, confirm the opinion. The calumny having had a wide circulation, justice demands the refutation should be equally extensive.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman intally, to his friend in this vicinity, dated Aug. 22.  
"You will probably shortly see published in the American papers, an extract of a letter from Leghorn to some person in Paris, which has appeared in a Paris paper, and which says, that the American squadron was lying in Leghorn roads; and that the officers had plenty of money and spent it freely; that they had taken country seats near the city, and were enjoying themselves very highly; that they had celebrated the anniversary of independence in great style—that after dinner the officers got very gay and threw over board all their plate, &c."—If all this is believed at home, our countrymen must entertain but a very poor opinion of the character and demeanor of their officers abroad; but the truth is, as I understand, that there are a great many Englishmen in Leghorn, who endeavour to injure the character of the American navy officers as much as possible, nor do they hesitate to write falsehoods to further their views. The whole of the above may be explained in a few words. The officers expend probably greater sums in Leghorn than in any port of the Mediterranean, in the purchase of Marble, jewellery, &c. all of which are produced of a much better quality and at a lower rate than in any other port. Many of them have orders from their friends at home, consequently they make a good many purchases. With respect to country houses none have been taken but the hospital, between which and the

**W. Murdoch,**  
Respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has just established himself in the  
**Watch & Clockmaking**  
business in Church street, in the stand nearly opposite Mr. Hanford's, where he intends carrying it out in all its various branches. He has on hand a general assortment of Tea and Table Spoons.  
He also informs the public that he intends keeping a complete assortment of  
**Fruit, Confectionary, &c.**  
and that he still continues to manufacture & sell all kinds of  
**Mineral Water.**  
Annapolis, Nov. 12, 1818.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT.**  
Mr. Rodney has laid before the President a long and very interesting report upon the subject of his late mission to the Rio de La Plata, accompanied by a very able note advocating the justice and expediency of acknowledging the independence of the United Provinces of La Plata. In adopting this manly course, Mr. Rodney has realized the expectations of his friends, and met the wishes of a large majority of the nation. He now stands before the country as an open, honourable and consistent statesman, and a firm, undeviating advocate of the rights of man. Disdaining to splutter in a double sense, when great and important interests are at stake, he has advocated with sincerity, a measure sanctioned by the dictates of his judgment and the feelings of his heart. In so doing we repeat our belief, that he will be supported by the suffrages of the nation, whose generous feelings in favour of the patriot cause, will derive additional force from the sanction conferred upon it by the able report to which we have referred.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
This is to give notice,  
That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county hath obtained from the orphan's court of said county, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Sellman, deceased. All persons who have claims against said estate, are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, & all those who are in any manner indebted to the estate to make payment to  
SUSANNA SELLMAN, Adm'x.  
Nov. 19, 1818.

**Public Sale.**  
By virtue of an order from the orphan's court of Anne Arundel county, will be offered at public sale, on Tuesday the 1st of December next, at the late dwelling of John Jacob, deceased, near Rock Creek, on Magdoy river, The Personal Estate  
of said Jacob, consisting of Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, Corn, Fodder, &c. Terms of sale—a credit of six months will be given for all sums over twenty dollars, the purchaser giving bond, with good and sufficient security, with interest from the day of sale; under that sum the Cash to be paid. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.  
FRANCIS HANCOCK, Adm'x.  
Nov. 12, 1818.

**J. Sheppard,**  
Merchant Tailor,  
Impressed with a sense of the liberal encouragement he has received, expresses his gratitude to his patrons, and solicits a continuance of their favour, which no exertion on his part shall be wanting to requite. He at the same time informs them, that he has now, and will constantly keep, for their accommodation, a handsome supply of  
**Made Cloathes,**  
of every kind and quality, fit for the various seasons; and that he will receive in a few days an assortment of first chop  
**Cloths, Cassimeres, &c.**  
which he will make up, or sell in unmade patterns, as may best suit customers, on terms as convenient to them as any one of his profession in this city. His shop is at the lower end of Corn-Hill and Fleet-streets, and is in the same building, formerly occupied by Mr. Thomas Brown.  
J. SHEPPARD also keeps in an apartment under the same roof a supply of the best  
**Porter, Ale & Beer.**  
Annapolis, Oct. 29, 1818.

**BLANKS**  
For Sale at this Office.  
Declarations on Promissory Notes, and bills of exchange against Drawer, first, second, and third Endorser, in assumption generally.  
Debt on Bond and Single Bill, Common Bonds, Appeal do.  
Tobacco Notes, &c. &c.  
June 11.

**Notice is hereby given,**  
That the subscriber has obtained from the orphan's court of Anne Arundel county, letters of administration on the personal estate of John Bassford, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement, and those indebted to make immediate payment  
HENRY BASSFORD, Adm'x.  
November 5, 1818