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For the Maryland Gazette.

CONVERSATIONS OF MY-

LANDLADY. No. 1. Sho Id any of my readers, as most read ers are apt to do, form their opinion of the work I am about to commence, from the ti tle which it bears, and because it bas some remote resemblance to .. Tales of my Land persuade themselves to believe that belong to the family of Jedediah Cleishbo who wrote the said tales, and tha that, who wrote the said tails, and that, like him, I am about to publish a series of melancholy narratives like "Old Mortality, the Black Dwarf &c" such sage readers will be much disappointed. I am not, in any manner whatever, connected with, related to, the said Jedediah; but in imitati on of him, I will in this my introductory number, give some account of the nature of my undertaking, its origin and its design In order to do this to the satisfaction of my reader, I must introduce to his acquaintance my respectable Landlady, to whom pincipally, he will be indebted for whatever in pally, he will be indebted for whatever in struction or amuser entthese conversations may afford. Her name is Miss Eleanor Oakley, but for brevity's sake she is usually called, in the family, Aunt Nelly She resides in a retired part of the city, in as all but next and comfortable dwelling, delightfully distributed on the magnin of the ground the magnin of the ground. fully situated on the margin of the river She is now approaching to that period of life when the epithet of venerable may with propriety be accorded to her Tradition reets, that in her youth she was distinguished no less for the gracefulness of her man-ners than the beauty of her person, of which some pleasing traces yet remain. From some unknown cause, for I could never prevail upon her to reveal it, she steadfastly rejected all the numero s overtures which we e made to win her from the ocheerless state of celibacy." To a mind richly endowed by nature, she unites the advantages which an excellent education and an-extensive course of useful reading are calculated to confer. She possesses an uncommon de-gree of penetration, and seems to have ob served men and manners with the eye of a philosopher. She also possesses, in an eminent degree, that quality which is said peculiarly to belong to the sex-the reader is aware that I mean curiosity-but her curi osity is always well directed Nothwithstanding her-life is now protracted to a pe-siod to which but few attain, neither her facolties, her spirits, or her constitution, seem to be in any degree impaired. She still mixes in the world, participates in its busiest ambits gayest scenes, and appears to feel a lifely interest in every pass ng event. Owing to the course of her habits, the extensive circle of her acquaintance, and her widity for hearing news, she generally obtains the earliest information of whatever takes place in the moral, the religious. fishionable, or the political world Her famile consists of her orphan niece, Morton, a beautiful girl in the 19th year of her age, two female domestics, a tabby cat, and myself. Of which latter personage, as being the next most important in these conversations. I must now proceed to give some account. Of the earlier events of my life the eader must not expect me to give any information -they must remain involved in As much of my history as may be necessary to the i lustration of the subject shall be given in the progress of these con ve sations - for the present, it must suffice to say, that I am a widower, in the middle age of life My fortune being ample. I have had no occasion to devote my time to any particular occupation or profession Since the melancholy event, which deprived me of the most amiable of women, I have, with the exception of the last five years, led wandering life, coaming through the world, ding, in a change of scene, for that alle viation of my -orrow, which time only could produce In the course of y wanderings, I met with a friend, to whom I expressed dislike of the unsettled mode of life my dislike of the unsettled mode of the which I had been pursuing, and communicated to him the anxiety I felt to locate my self in some priva e family, where I might enjoy the tranquility of domestic scenes, and at the same time be not too much isolated from the world. To this friend I am indebt ed for an introduction to my Landlady, and to his influence it was wing, that she consented to receive meas an inmate of her fa-I have now been a resident in her family for the last five years, and have found it is be a situation in every espect conso-nant to my feelings and my wishes. In the course of this period, my much respected Landlady, whose character I have already partially given, has recounted to me many interes ing narratives, amusing arecodotes, and instructive lessons of morality—the extensiveness of her acquirements, the correctness of her taste, and the richness of her mind, endering her fully competent to the shiect. She has also been frequently indicated of discuss any interesting topics of literature, morality and religion. Maria Bib ton and myself, have usually been her also discuss. o.l. a ditors. Assembled around a cheer-ful fire, of a winter's evening, we have often tre is sed upon the hours usually devoted to sleep, in listening, with delighted admiration, to our agreeable and intelligent hostess tion, to our agreeable and intelligent nostess.

I ha been y practice to record whatever
I deemed most interesting or instructive in
her conversation, and my Pop Folio now
abounds with innumerable memoranda on the various topics which have formed the the various topics which have formed the subject of our evening entertainments. These I am about to arrange in something like methodical order, and publish them to the world, in a series of weekly essays, for its amusement as well as my own.

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> They know the popular arts by which the people are influenced The so eneighty of the People is their pretext Their ambition the exciting cause; their own domination, the end These insidious and pretended the end These insidious and pretended friends of the People, plot the rule of Baltimore, and the brindage of the counties, so that the political strength and revenue of the State may be employed for their own uses.

To the Editor of the Maryland Gazette

Mr. Green,
Your paper of Thursday is anxiously inquired for, and the public attention is di rected to the interesting propositions which you state are to be acted on. The people of this county have a very deep intere t in the this county have a very deep intere t in the proposed alterations of the constitution. Under the compact made by the adoption of the state consists, ion, they have enjoyed the right of sending four delegates to the general assembly. They prize it highly, and the still to be convinced, that any evil has

resulted to the state from their enjoyment of b. Whenever the refo m shall edumence, no matter how remote it may be, from this no-datter how remote it may be, from the principle they feet convinced that this inestimable privilege will be sweet away. Now we have an equal, voice with the largest county in the state, in the management of our dome-tic concerns; then the voice of Calvert will not be heard in the moisy and controlling elamour of Ballimore. I wish controuling elamour of Ballimore. I wish you would publish the number of votes ge nerally given in each county, so that dur people, and our delegates, may learn, how ttle we shall be in the new o der of things. Our present delegation, notwithstanding they may be solicitous, as party men, to see more democrats than are now in the gene in increase of their number by giving away the county rights. They have too h estimate of character, ever to subject them selves to be branded as political Esaus, who bartered away their political birth-rights for a mess of democratic pottage. Every change will injure our weight in the politica scale: we have now one voice out of nine teen in choosing the governor, the sende and in the management of the state con The attempted reform will make u will never be thought of in the estimate, and we will be a perfect 0 in the rank of eoun ties-When the change is consummated we may bid "a long farewell to all our great

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To the Editor of the Maryland Gazette.

We are surprised at the information you gave us in Thursday's p per. To what cause is it to be attributed, that Baltimore has had nearly four hundred thousand dol lars of the public money, for such a length of time, and that we should never hear of it! May be they may still want to keep it, as a fund from which they may pay the expe ses of their deputations to Annapol s, to of tain the removal of the seat of government to Baltimore Why do you not publish th there last year to tamper with the delegate about the removal? We ought to know They now find they cannot do it directly, they are therefore determined to do it indi-They want us to commence reform ng the constitution, so that we may cut our Lord' oh Lord' how she would then kick, but we should never get her out But even this saving of the wise man is to he disregarded; they want a governor, who, without any council, shall manage the He is to be elected by general ticket. I might as well say at once, by Baltimore, 'y kingdom to a ducat!" that Toby Stans. little King; that we should have no person but Baltimoreans in office; and Annapolis a Let our delegates from the county and city look to it. The interest of the city, of the county is at stake. "Let them take care they receive no de'riment."

1 Voter of Inne-Arundel, and a Property Holder in the City. N. B. Did not the majority in the house of delegates think of these two persons? Do inquire, and let us know. I am sure they did

(To gratify our correspondent, we have enqui ed A story is going the rounds here we do not vouch for the truth of it; such as it is, however, our readers shall have it and if true, it proves that our correspondent has an intimate acquaintance, although rehas an intimate acquaintainee, animo, siding at a distant part of the county, with siding at a distant part of the majority. It is stated, that in the Democratic caucus, a as Governor, with great emphasis, & much apparent pleasure, General Tobia E Stans guished for his honourable and manly feel ings, cried out in a voice of mingled sur prise and indignation, General Hell! Sir!! Editor.] General Hell! Sir!!!

To our Readers.

We invite them to preserve our paper o Thursday, and those which may be issued during the session. The important cocu neats they will contain, will render them during the ensuing summer and tall of es ential advantage. We again invite our on the present crisis of Maryland affairs. The Government, as it has existed since seventy-eight, is to be shaken, and a new or der of things has been got up by the Balti more papers, and their adopt on pressed with all the zeal and talents which charac terizereformers, who expect power, honour, and the means of gratifying their resent. ment, in innovation.

COMMUNICATED.

Legislative Proceedings.

A variety of motions were made to ascertain if the legislature would as usual have a recess during the holidays. Although it was evident, that a majority were inclined to have one, yet a suffici-ent number could not be obtained in favour o any one of the motions that were made. Notwiths: anding the clamour attempted to be excied during the last summer, against the recesses of 1816 and 1817, still a recess will take place this year, and at every session thereafter, during the continuance of the present time of the meeting of the general assembly. The only corrective to be found, is either to return the meeting to the first Monday in November, or to change it till the 1st Monday in January.

The house agreed to adjourn from Thursday until Monday week.

Mr. Worthington reported his bill providing for the election of the hovernor, every three years, by h general ticket.

This project originated and has been enforced during the last summer, by papers edited in Baltimore. They flatter themselves, that from do their duty to the state.

democratic delegates from those counties, having but a thin popula. tion, will consent to gratify their revenge against the federalists, by adopting a constitutional aiteration, the ostensible object of which is, the banishment of them from the political honours of the state, while in fact the sole end it has in view, is the lasting ascendency of Baltimore over the state, and the consequent translation of the seat of government from this city to that place. where the freedom of debate would be destroyed, and the author of every measure, inconsistent with the selfish views of Baltimore, denoun-

Let those delegates pause, and reflect on the pernicious consequenes of the proposed change; let them well weigh the wholes me doctrine inculcated by Esop in his fable of "A Boar and a Horse,"

A boar, wallowing in the water where a horse was going to drink a quarrel ensued upon it. The horse went presently to a man to assist him in his revenge. They agreed upon the terms, and the man im mediately armed himself, and moun ted the horse, who carried him to the boar, and had the satisfaction of seeing his enemy killed before his face. The horse thanked him for his kindness; bu. as he was just about to take his leave, the man said he should have further occasion for him and so ordered him to ne tied up in the stable. The horse came by this time to understand, that his libert; was irretrievably gone, and that he had paid dear for his revenge."

MORAL. Many a man, to avoid a less or a supposed evil, runs blindfold into a greater; and there are others, who to gratify a revengeful humor, lay 43 foundation for repentance all their

Mr. Kell asked leave to bring in a hill providing for the increase of the delegation from the city of Baltimore. Thus our anticipations have been realized. The projects are unfolding, and before the session rises, a broad proposition, to give to each county, a representation according to its population, will be introduced. A single alteration in the constitutional distribution of the elective principle, will open the door to the most destructive innovation. If the power of Baltimore, on the floor of the house of delegates, is enlarged, it will be on the principle of her encreased population; and if that be a fair principle of reform, a reduction of the number of inhabitants in a county, from what they were at the time of the adoption of the constitu tion, will also present considerations for a repeal of the right of Annapolis, and the smaller counties, to send their present number of delegates to the general assembly. If this bill passes, we may cry out,--- "Woe, to this city! Woe to the scat of government! Woe to the people thereof!"

Mr. Harrison reported his bill, abolishing the present organization of the senate. It is not to be expected that an alteration so interesting to the future condition of the state, will not undergo an animated and thorough discussion. We shall strive to furnish our readers with the debate on this question.

Mr. Brawner reported a bill to reform the evil which now exists from the unnecessary delay and injustice experied ed by creditors in the recovery of their just claims, by a resort to the court of appeals .-This bill provides, that no security shall be taken by any of the judges who reside out of the judicial district, so as to stay execution; and farther, that upon an appeal from a judgment obtained upon an appeal bond against the original defendant and his securities, judgment shall be affirmed the first term. without any stay in the court above. The reasons which this bill are plain and obvious. Instances have occurred where securities to an appeal bond have been taken, who did not reside in the state of Maryland, and where appeals have gone up to the court above two or three times upon the same cause

Mr. Breckenridge asked for leave to bring in a bill to regulate interest,

This is no longer matter of con jecture, it is now truth Our readers are informed, that Mr. C. Dorsey had brought in a bill providing for the pay ment of the monies arising on sales at auction into the public treasury, and also originated some enquiries respect ing the penitentiary, for doing so he has been most abominably abused by one of the Baltimore papers.—Such will be the fate of those who strive to

the aspertry of party feelings, the and to repeat the law relative to [usury ... Life very sensible and ins telligent manner he explained. In a very short speech; his object. It was to suffer the borrower and lender to make their own contract, in their own way, unrestrained by any legal provisions as to the maximum of interest to be given for the loan .-He gave a short historical account of the laws on this subject, and remarked, amping other things, that writers upon political acconomy had recently given it an interesting examination, and that the intelligent and well informed, now thought it best to leave the question of interest to the subject of individual arrangement. That one of our sister states. recently admitted into the union, and having all the lights on the subject, had provided, by her constitution. that no law should be passed regulating interest. We have no recollection of the city of Baltimore having, for many years, a delegation more efficient than the present.

Saturday. Dec. 19.

PETITIONS. From Owen Robey, of Washingon, for a special act of insolvency. From Otho Taylor, of Harford, to hange his name. From Wm. Gray. son, of Frederick, that a certain deed may be made valid. From the president, directors and company, of the Bank of Westminster, to establish an office in Frederick-town.-From Juliana Cunningham, of Frederick, for a divorce. From David Braker, and Peter Bost, for the sale of certain lands in Frederick county—Severally referred.

On motion of Mr. Forrest, Leave to bring in a bill to empower the several county courts of this state to grant divorces in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Wm. R. Stuart. a message was proposed to the senate, to adjourn from Thursday next until Monday week following, the 4th day of January.

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, the question was put, That the same be so amended as to make the adjournment on Wedn sday next, and meet again on the 28th inst. Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Jenifer, the following was proposed to be added to the message: "Provided, no member who goes home be entitled to receive a per diem during the adjournment."

On motion of Mr. Forrest, the words "go home" were stricken out, and the words "leaves the city" sub-

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said amendment? Determined in the negative, yeas 21, nays 43.

A message was proposed by Mr. Jenifer to adjourn on Wednesday next to the 50th inst. which was negatived-veas 27, nays 36.

It was proposed by Mr. Maulsby to adjourn on Wednesday next until the 29th inst. and negatived.

A message was then proposed by Mr. Kennedy, notifying the senate that the house had determined that no adjournment should take place during the Christmas hollidays, and

Mr. Marriott delivers a report favourable to the memorial of J. T. Chase, esq.-Read.

On motion of Mr. Worthington, a message was proposed to adjourn on Thursday next to Monday the 28t instant.

Monday Dec. 21.

From G. W. T. Wright, George M. Gleaves and Frederick Sudler, o Queen-Anne's, for the sale of the real estate of Susanna Watson, deceased. From the commissioners for building a bridge over Patapsco Falls, that a sum to complete the same may be levied on Baltimore & Anne-Arundel. From John Davidson, and others, of Annapolis, that money paid into the treasury by must have induced him to bring in their father may be refunded to them. From George W. Lynn, of Allgany, that his title to certain lots may be confirmed. From the trustees of the Catholic Congregation of the city of Baltimore, for a lottery to complete their church. From Walter L. Price, messenger to the court of chancery, for a further compensation. Mr. Kell presents a report from

the lottery commissioners. Read.

Mr. Samuel Thomas delivers bill to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, by the name of The North and South Branch Bank of Potomac, at Old Town, Allegany county. Ordered to a second read ing on the 6th of January next.

On motion of Mr. Kell, Leave to bring in a bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of governof the city of Baltimere, and to allow Kempsville, and from thencose

itwo additional delegates in Kell delivers the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Wm. R art, the message proposed b relative to an adjournment. considered, and the questing That the house assent to the Resolved in the affirmative 38, nays 29.

Mr. Worthington delivers entitled, A supplement to the establish a bank, and incorp company, to be styled The Westminster. Read.

Mr. Kennedy delivers a relative to the Jews, and a bill tend to the sect of people pro the Jewish religion, the same and privileges that are enjo christians. Read. nristians. Read. On motion of Mr. Brecke

Leave to bring in a bill to i rate the company called The Sable Company, for the pur making allum and copperas.

On motion of Mr. C. Durs dered, that the treasurer of the ern shore furnish this house list of the dehtors to the state ing whether the sums respo due by them are on houd or o counts. judgments or in sui what sheriffs have made their t in the time prescribed by law

On motion by Mr. C. II Leave to bring in a bill for the dy collection of debts due

Tuesday Dec. 22 Mr. Kell presents a memoria the monthly meeting of Frid Baltimore, for a supplement act vesting the property therei tioned in certain trustees for f and benefit of the society of Fr Referred.

PETITIONS.

From sundry inhabitants of roline, to repeal the act to pl the bailiff or constable of I from serving any writ or proce of the limits of said village. sundry inhabitants of Annapol a repeal of so much of the the better protection of slaveho as relates to said city. From S. Piginan, executor of Hanson coe, to be r leased from nine cent. interest on a debt due state by said Briscoe. From beeca Campbell, and Hannah ry, of the city of Baltimore, t

divorced. Severally referred. On mation of Mr. Brawner, to to bring in a bill to prevent unn sary delay by the carrying u appeals and writs of error from

county courts to the court of app Mr. Stephen delivers a bill t peal so much of the act for the ter protection of slaveholders, a lates to the city of Annapolis-t read, passed, and sent to the ser

A message from the senate as ing to the proposition of the h for an adjournment until the 4th

nuary next. Mr. Keller delivers a bill t corporate a company for waki turnpike road from the public sq in Hager's-town, to the tow

Boonsborough. Mr. Worthington delivers to alter, change and abolish parts of the constitution and for government as relate to the ele of the governor and council.

> Wednesday, D c. 23. PETITIONS.

From Robert Downey and ward Cooper, of the city of i more, to be divorced.

Mr. Harrison reports a bill bolish all such parts of the co tution and form of givernmen relate to the time and manne electing the senate and of film

On motion Mr. Hawkins following resolution was read, ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That no member d Legislature, or any of the o attached thereto, shall be all any pay during the recess.

The resolution authorising xecutive to employ counsel, bill to repeal so much of the a encourage the descruction of c as relates to Anne-Arundel cot were received from the senate the s notion of that body.

Mr. Worthington delivers 2 Philemon Griffith, which was sented to and sent to the senat concurrence.

Adjourned.

From the Norfolk Herald, of 16.

On Friday last a detachmen the Princess Anne Militia, con ing of 140 infantry and cavalry, led out by virtue of a warrant f the civil authority, rendesvouse

in forests between that of mes riffians of the southern edge of the in sarch of the gang of miss who have so long kept per of the county in a state of

Themurder of Taggert, following fately after the perpetration Genl other acts of flagrant grand depredation, hastened prement, which ought to have sale at least six months ago, the public peace first required

fercops made a tiresome and Edikerch, until a late hour of when they assembled in et or hood of Pungo Chapel, nothing out any trace of the The next morning they spersed in small parties, to the search. A party of three athe course of the day, fallen griby a white man by the name for who stated he was intimate. or ese of the runaways named figo, and would engage to deliver gisto their power, if they would ent themselves in his house. To in they agreed and were conductby Cos to the upper apartment his cabin, when he went out and resently returned with Mingo, who pprated to be perfectly at home ith Cor, and they drank together sold acquaintaines. It being Cox's beet to overcome Mingo with lior, he took care to ply him with

he desired effect. The black in a very short time. (ktording to the Pungo phrase,) nted warm in the collar, and in a Hoi exultation, stepped out with is muster (a weapon he always unied) and fired a feu-de-ioi, on prount of his escape from the solfirs; he took very good care howner, to reload it again; but Cox torrived to get it in his possession advaceditout of the fellow's reth.

-Car then made a signal which

sight down the three militia men in their coacealment, but in the mempt to secure the black, he drew thek and wounded one of them seerely; and even after they had tied in, he made a violent effort and

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nimed this friend Cox with his eti andinails. Mingo formerly belonged to Mr. In James of Princess Anne, but m sold by that gentleman to a rargia man, from whom he ramam and had been lurking about the sonne of Princess Anne for many mins previous to his capture. His boity and frequent depredations athe farms inithe vicinity of his mang ground; have given rise umany strange stories among the mabitants of that part of the counh, which would furnish out a voime of no small dimensions, and no

little interest. Finding himself fairly entrapped ind without a possibility to escape, begged that rather than he should edelivered up to his master. he night be turned loose and thirty of he soldiers be ordered to fire at him. When questioned whether he had any hand in the murier of Tagan, he answered in the negative, unated that a companion of his and Ned was the murderer: that aper Ackiss offered him \$100 and hed \$100 to do the deed; that he necessarily for tefused, but that Ned consented, & cial; but it w he saw him shoot- Taggart while he should come di was letting his horse drink at a run in the road.

Other interrogatories were put to im respecting his agency in other fiminal transactions, and he conkised that he was the person who kt fire to Mr. Capp's hay stacks, and that he was one of the party the afterwards set the same Mr. Capp's smoke house on fire, and that then Mr. C. came to put it out he ndha companion fired four muslets at him. He also acknowledged hat it was he who fired a musket at Mr. Wm. Land, who in return fired whim and grazed his head.

This fellow is now in Princess inne gaol; a cloud of evidence, we are told is hovering over his devotthead, and the gallows will probaly terminate his career: but no sclosure that he can make (being Icoloured person and a slave) res tting the murder of Taggart, will thet the trial of Ackiss, who stands committed as the instigator of that horrid transaction; and whether the egal evidence against him will a-Mount to a capital conviction, time that said con aust determine. We understand hat a body of the militia are still lept in pursuit of Ned, who Mingo bys has taken up his cruizing ground the neighbourhood of Kempsville may be enquired, why has not strong guard of the militia of Norlot county been called out 12 co Perate miththose of Princess Annel Jon M. Fra

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folk county from North West River many atrocities hav ted by them on the the adjacent coun from a gentleman'r part of the county, months ago, a pon his; who cultivated seeking a stray hor ous swamp, when stumbled uponithe desperadoes, and without being perc He returned home of the discovery, st cime, his determit hishing his day's w to his neighbours a ent number to app tives: He and his then went out to t nutes, when a gun unknown hand, at husband, who rece in his back—he ra at her feet! The gine the scene wi being too painful

> It is stated in t that the coal in th Edwin, lately ari from Halifax, was was entering the caught fire unde place; that the fir charged a blund loaded with four the balls wound cheek; and that a through the cab wound was not d fire in the hold without material

Subscription forbe presented New-York, to Esquire. At a meeting

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