The subscriber, having presided at the Caucus which last recommended persons as Candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, and having been requested by a number of Members of Congress from various parts of the Union, to notify a time and place for the Members to consult on the propriety of making at this time a nomination for those offices: in conformity to this wish expressed to him, he requests the attendance of such Republican and other members of Congress as may think proper to attend on Saturday evening next, in the hall of the House of Representatives, at at half past 7 o'clock, in the after-

·S. SMITH.

April 4th, 1820.

Phisadelphia, April 3. New Theatre Destroyed. This splendid and costly edifice,

is now nothing but a large pile of smoking ruins. Between 7 and 8 o'crock yesterday evening, it was discovered to be on fire, in the north east angle of the stage, and such was the rapid progress of the flames, that all efforts so save the building were ineffectual. The range of brick buildings west of the Theatre, on Chesnut street, were almost entirely destroyed. Chief Justice Tilzhman's house was several times on fire, but was not materially injured. The Shakespeare buildings were fortunately protected from the flames by a high brick parapet wall, and experienced very little is jury.

The interior of the Theatre being of very light fusible matter, the conflagration was awfully rapid, and presented a scene truly majestic .-The horizon was so powerfully il luminated, that at a d stan e or four failes from the city the smallest print could easily be read. Our readers at a distance may therefore judge of the intensity and violence of the flames.

We have not ascertained how much has been insured on the Theatre-one of the Baltimore offices has 25 thousand dellars. The two brick houses adjoining (the property of the Proprietors of the Theatre) are insured by an office in this city, at 600 dollars.

There cannot be the least doubt of this scene of destruction being the work of vile incendiaries. The Theatre was closed for the season on Monday last, since when, we understand, there has been little or no fire or lights used in it.

Notwithstanding the spectacle was calculated to inspire the stoutest heart with dismay, there were wretches base enough to endeavour to give a wider sweep to the devouring element, by attempting to cut the Hose of the Fire Companies. We understand a man was taken up and is now before the Mayor, who had a knie or other sharp instrument attached to his shoe to effect this diabolical purpose.

Providentially the roofs of the houses were completely covered with a coat of snow, which had fallen during the whole of the day, or we might have had to record one of the greatest visitations this city ever experienced.

We have not learnt whether the Managers (Mess. Warren & Wood) are insured. Their loss in scenery. machinery, chandeliers, and decorations must be serious indeed .-Theiravaluable wardrobe, we understand, was removed a few days since, previous to the company going to Baltimore.

This building which has been the resort of taste, fashion and beauty, was erected in the year 1792, and covered an area of 150 by 90 feet. It consisted of Stock divided into 98 shares, at present held by about forty individuals, who are of course, principal sufferers. To these we have to add Mr. John Stoddard, Mrs. Neale, John Monell, James Burk, John Stratton, Thomas Manning, Printer, and the other occupants of the Shakespeare buildings. Mrs. Neale's loss is peculiarly distressing.

The establishment cost originally one hundred and thirty five thousand dollars; and has in each successive year experienced considerable expensive improvements.

· Washington, April 5.

A motion was made, and agreed to, in the House of Representatives yesterday, which we consider of great interest, as it concerns the character of our national legislation, and as it directly affects the in terest of no inconsiderable portion of the people of the United States. An experience of twelve years has

ens the conviction, that Congress is not the proper tribunal for inyestigating and deciding on the multitude of private claims which are annually presented to them. Too numerous for a bench of judges, each house must rely on its committees. Those who compose the committees, after devoting all their time, with anwearied industry, to the investigation of the cases referred to them, find their reports lie, day after day, perhays unregarded, until the termination of the session puts a term to their existence. The time also devoted by Congress to the investigation of claims is so much taken from the consideration due to great national concerns, which suffer in consequence. We have long thought that claims, depending on the exercise of an equitable jurisdiction, ought to be submitted to the adjudication of a different tribunal, better constituted for this object. The motion of Mr. Fuller is the first attempt, that we know of, that has been made to reach this object; and we should be truly gratified to find it crowned with success.

> Charleston, March 28. EXPLOSION.

An accident, which had nearly terminated fatally to the party immediately concerned, occurred in this city yesterday morning, between 7 and 8 o'clock. A Frenchman named John, by trade a shoemaker, residing in Queen st. near the corner of Church street, had a quantity of 'damaged gunpowder in a keg, which he was endeavouring to dry, and having partially succeeded, was in the act of trying it, by snapping a gun, slighly charged, when a spark dropped into the keg, and that portion of it which was difficiently dry exploded. The report was so loud as to be heard at a considerable distance, and the boards and windows of the house were forced off in all directions by the explosion. The first account which the astonished neighbours obtained from the scene of destruction was, that the head of the unfortunate man was blown entirely off, but upon examination it was ascertained that the injury received was not quite so serious. His hair and whiskers, and the skin on his face and other exposed parts, were however, severely burnt, but his life is not despaired of. There were two or three others in the shop at the moment, but being at a great er distance from the powder, they escaped without much injury.

Savannah, March 27. This day, at 11 o'clock, Judge Davies, in an eloquent and impressive manner, pronounced sentence of death on the following persons, convicted at the last term of the District Court of the United States in this city, of murder and piracy on the high seas, viz: Ralph Clintock, of the privateer Spartan for piracy on the Danish brig Nordburg, John Furlong, of the privateer Black loke, or Mary of Mobile, for the murder of Capt. Thomas Sandy, of the ship Ann, of Scarbro; David Bower, of the privateer Louisa, for piracy on the ship Asia; and Henry Matthews, of same privateer, for piracy on the ship Thomas Hardy. Bower and Matthews were recommended to the mercy of the President, by the jury. We understand that the court house was much crowded, and that Clintock made a sensible and impressive address, and manifested talents which is truly to be deplored, were not devoted to society and his country-divulging many circumstances attending the capture of the Nordburg.

They are sentenced to be hanged on Friday, the 28th of April next. Clintock it is said, asked an extension of time, for the purpose of affording his friends an opportunity to intercede in his behalf, with the President of the United States; and to prepare a narrative for the public eye, in which he intends to give a full exposition of the whole affair. To this request, the Judge did not

3 of these unhappy cul-1.. prits w. it is to be hoped, check the progre. f that barbarous and impunitive p... , which has so long spread danger and death upon our seas, corrupted of smen, and dishonoured our country.

Detroit, March 3.

IMPORTANT TOUR. We are informed that the Secretary of War has instructed Govern. or Cass to proceed upon an exploring four to the northwestern extremity of Lake Superior, and thence to the heads of the Mississippi, and by the way of Praire du Chien and convinced us, & every day strength- Green Bay to Lake Michigan.

No part of the United States is less known than the country upon this route. We depend, for our information respecting it, almost wholly upon the reports of Indian traders. It is certainly time that: the important geographical and political questions connected with if were satisfactorily solved. It has long been known that large masses of Virgin Copper are to be found on one of the streams that empty into Lake Superior on its southern shore. Those require to be fully examined, and the country should be purchased from the Indians for the benefit of the United States .-Its mineralogical treasures could then be used for important national objects.

We are glad to see that Mr. Calhoun pursues, with zeal and ability, the necessary measures for obtaining a correct knowledge of the re mote sections of our country. He has probably carried into the war department the same opinions which distinguished him in Congress, upon questions of internal improvement. With the practical views of an enlightened statesman, he appears a xious to have our immense unsettled frontiers explored, for purposes of general information, as well as for the accomplishment of objects more immediately connected with his department. An ignorance of the geography of their own country ought not to be the reproach of A. mericans.

We understand that the gentlemen attached to this expedition, will leave here soon after the opening of the navigation, in birch canoes. This mode of conveyance is not only the most economical, but it is also best adupted to the country, and will enable the tourists to explore, in their passage to Lake Superior, the American shore of Lake Huron, which is perhaps, not better known than that of the for-

We are not yet informed who will accompany Governor Cass in his contemplated tour, but if he has the privilege of chosing his assistants, we shall, from a knowledge of his ability and enterprise, be sanguine in the expectation of seeing results from this expedition, both of a scientific and political nature, equal to, if not surpassing even those that will be produced by the one to the Yellow Stone.

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Annapolis, Thursday, April 13.

Our Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of the Severn Cross Roads, are informed that their papers will in future be forwarded to the Post Office lately established at that place, where they are requested to call for them.

Henry Middleton, formerly Governor of South Carolina, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary, and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Russia, in the place of Mr. Campbell, resigned.

University of Maryland. At a commencement held in the of Maryland, on Monday, the 3d day of April, 1820, the degree of Doctor in Physic was conferred upon the following gentlemen, who wrote, and publicly defended, Theses upon the subjects annexed to their names:

Robert Shelmerdine, of Baltimore on Paronychia.

Washington Duvall, D. Columbia

-Hysteria. Edward F. Farish, Virginia-de Epilepsia.

Henry Haw, D. Columbia- Teta-Benjamin Winwood, Baltimore-

Modus Operan. of Med. Samuel H. Jennings, jr. Baltimore

-Hepatitis. Robert Goldsborough, Maryland -Cynanche Trachealis. William L. Lambeth, Virginia-

Hereditary Diathesis. Charles L. Gardiner, Maryland

-External application of Tartarized Antimony.
Alfred W. H. Elwes, Pennsylva-

J. H. H. Penn, Maryland-Cynanche Trachealis. Thomas Blake, Maryland-Hepa-

Joseph Garnet, Virginia-Dysen-

The Atmosphere. phalalgia.

medico frigoris.

John D. Middleton, Marylandlepatitis.

Edward H. Birchett, Virginia-Hydrothorax. John T. P. Yeargain, S. Carolina

-Scrofula. James Robertson, Maryland-Digestion.

Robert Dorsey, do-Enteritis. James Duke, do-Cynanche Tra-

Samuel L. P. Roberts, Baltimore -An attempt to ascertain the cause of extensive inflammation in wounded cavities.

chealis.

Michael King, Virginia-on Conception.

Daniel Scott, Maryland-Asth-

Daniel Hook, Georgia-Materia Medica. The degree of Batchelor in Phy-

sic was conferred on George W. Bærstler, of Maryland. The Honorary degree of Doctor n Physic was conferred on Thomas

McKean Hall, of Philadelphia. The degree of Doctor in Divinity was conferred on the Rev. William E. Wyatt, of Baltimore.

*To this gentleman was adjudged the medal for having written the best Latin thesis. Balt. paper.

From the Liverpool Mercury of March S.

Inquest on Richard Smithers. On Friday morning the following nquest was summoned by Pyall, the besidle of Mary-le-bonesparish, to enquire how that unfortunate man came by his death.

The jury assembled at 4 o'clock. at the Horse and Groom Tavern, John Street, corner of Cato street, before Thomas Sterling, Esq. coroner for Middlesex; and, after being empannelled and sworn, they took a view of the corps- of the deceased. which lay in an ante-room upon a table; it had been opened and sewed up again.

Mr. J. W. Fisher, a surgeon .- I was called upon this day to view the body of the deceased; I found a wound on the right breast, between the 5th and 6th rib; it was about two inches and a quarter in width superficially, and about twelve inches in depth: I have opened the body, in order to discover the direction and extent of the injury. The upper surface of the right lobe of the liver was wounded by the instrument which inflicted the wound; it passed into the chest, and penetrated the right ventricle of the heart, and into the left lobe of the lungs. The wound was given by sort. an instrument, which was sharp as well as pointed, and was the cause of death.

George Thomas Joseph Ruthven sworn-I am an officer belonging to the public office, Bow street. On Wednesday evening, about half past eight, I was directed by Mr. Birnie, who is a magistrate of the Bow street office, to go into Cato street in consequence of a number of men being assembled there.

Coroner-Was there any information given as to the cause of these men being assembled? Ruthven-They met for treason-

able purposes. Coroner-How do you know?

Ruthven-Mr. Stafford told me

Coroner-Was a warrant grant-Ruthven-Yes, by Mr. Baker, but

I have not got it. Coroner-What did you find upon entering the place?

Ruthven then described what had occurred on his entering the stable, as stated before.

Witness-When I got to the top of the ladder, I observed a kind of a table or carpenter's bench, and a number of arms on it. Thistlewood was on the right hand side of the table. I know Thistlewood very well. I have followed him for days and nights together.

By a juryman-How many, persons do you think were assembled? Witness-I think about 24 or 25.

Witness went on-They were different sorts of arms on the table: a variety of pistols and swords .-They looked as if they were sorted out. They were handing them about, as if they were giving or distributing them to each other. Foreman-You say Thistlewood

was one of them?

Witness-Thistlewood was one.

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long time you say!
Witness-I knew him I knew my father, quines, could not be mistakes

Juryman—How did my of ics get out?
Witness—I cannot arch

it; many of them went out.

Vitness, proceeded 11 in doubt whatever as to theid.

Thistlewood. As soon as in that three or four of the puntup, I said aloud, "We are seize their arms," I did this the people who we were, as I said this, they each took they could from the table, as they could from the table. tired to the farther partofth Thistlewood, being near a decleads into a little closet of a coach house, retired into thin He was not further from the coach house to the little room than I so of the little roomsthan I am that gentleman who is writing (pointing to a gentleman who writing within about four C witness.) There were can that little room: how they there I cannot tell. The party appeared at that time to armed. This tlewood, as here had a sword in his hand, which moved in a menacing way, to the officers off. He was room.

the officers off. He was not n ing with it, but moving his arm to as if to give a stab. The swort peared bright. As we approxe he retired; and Smithers, who within a space of me to the re stepped forward with his staff: T tlewood immediately stabled I and he fell on me. A paid then fired. I know not by wh I saw the swords of the pany. rected against the candles, a were immediately put out. The wood stabbed the decessed is right side, as he approached, was within the little room, & the forward his arm to strike the ble I saw the sword he carried. It bright, and glutered. I did not the hilt. It was a long blade, the feet and a half or four feet long. appeared straight, but he wave such a way, that my eyes mighth

me, being stabbed in the right i and I standing to his left. I co not at the moment tell whether appeared to be much injured. falling, he said, "Oh Lord! Oh God, I ain undone!" I believe ti were his words, or something of:

By a Juryman-Did Thistlere draw the weapon out of his b immediately?

Witness-That I don't know, instantly a pistol was fired, and lights were put out.

Witness in continuation-I moment Smithers fell, somebody the room where Thistlewood cried out, "kill the b-rs! th them down stairs." I also tri "aye, kill them," that they me mistake me for a friend. To mistake me for a friend. were nine persons taken that if I was not present at the appreciation of them. While I was set ing two of them, the rest werek son and Blackburn, I proceeded secure the others. They were a conveyed to Bow street, and an wards to the house of correction Juryman—Do you know any of persons that escaped, besides Th

lewood? Witness -No, I do not. Jurymad-What took place if

Smithers fell? Witness - When the priton were secured by the soldiers, I into the loft, and saw Smither into the loft, and saw Smitter, ing on his face. This was a 20 minutes or half an hour, the entrance had been made. It were hand grenades and arms in the control of the co about the room. I had no time fore to pay attention to Smith A man below stairs endeavoured escape from the door; he had a retolin his hand. I called out to cure that man." When I did so that do not the hand are mand attempted to a second to the se the pistol at Captain Fitzelares I caught hold of him; and the st geant coming up. I desired him, take the piscol. The man fired is struck the sergeant's coat with the buller.

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Witness—Certainly. I believe the said before; for days together. He stood by the side of the table, handing arms about.

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mission. The large grenade for teen or fifteen pounds.

[a] Iryman—Could you reognife those who offered his-bisides Thistlewood? No person but Thistleoffered violence before the st were put out. There were se found in the room, about dozen of weapons, which reed a sort of bayonet. The apatt had not a socket like a Thave also a dozen of sticks afor the purpose of being fitthose bavonets.

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1 Juryman-Are your positive edentity of Thiselewood. iness-l'am most positive; I no nesitation on the subject. wman-Woat was the offence red against the people?

the charge was for mile assembling; but for what as I cannot say. I cannot especific words of the war-It was given to me in the aty Mr. Bernie, and has been in the hands of Mr. Baker, mnzistrate.

pryman said, he wished to put egon to Ruthven, the officer, ethe verdict was pronounced; Mr. Pyal, the summoning offistate that Ruthven had gone notwithstanding his particuquest that he should remain. Coroner wished to know ther any of the jury required an mment of the inquest; if they he would willingly attend to request. The jury unanimousclared that they were satisfied, mought in a verdict of Wilful deragainst Arthur Thistlewood, im Davidson, James Ings, rks Cooper, Richard Tidd, John ument, John Charles Strange, ard Blackburn, James Wilson, Gilchrist, and others unknown. per arreas live subsequently a place. Well Hall, a tailor, of employment, suspected of be-

me of the principals in the conacy. Five rrants were isten Thursday, for the appreon of persons said to be conaed in this horrible business. A art, name : Simmons, living with espectable family in Seymour t, was arrested and committed othill fields prison. he discovery of the infamous whes and their intended diabo-

act, is next to a miracle, as we mes newspaper) have it from authority that a man called at Earl of Harrowby's house, in wener square, on Wednesday g, between eleven and twelve ock, and enquired of the porter enoble Earl was thome. The streplied in the negative. The appeared very anxious to see ship, but the porter did not him any hopes as he refused to his business; the man, however, d the necessity of seeing his dship, without loss of time; and ength he observed, that if he did itting in his chair in the hall orrow. This observation as-led the porter, and induced him eleve that the man had some-ted a serious and alarming nato communicate to the noble the then told him that his who told in yet, but that his prize, a law in which he was most likely to the mouth of the mout him, and described his groom the livery he wore, &c. The hastened to the park, and distred the groom, as described the porter, halled him, and asked if the gentle pan before was the of Harrowby. The groom red in the affirmative. The man atold him, that the wanted, and in the affirmative. The man a told him, that the wanted and at speak with his Lordship. The on informed his boble master, a immediately stopped his horse. The man then presented a letter to twich the Earl opened & reademan having informed him that had a deal more to communicately. Lordibly dismounted, and walk-aid taked with the man for some

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