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Maryland Gazette.
ANNAPOLIS
Thursday, April 8, 1850.
HYMENEAL.
Married, on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. T. B. Dorsey, Mr. LEVI COLE, by Miss ELIZABETH SIMMONS.
An election took place in this city on Monday last, for the Common Council, which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:
James Hunter, Washington G. Tucker, Jeremiah L. Boyd, Brice B. Brewer, Henry Hobbs, George Schwarz, Philip Clayton.
Speculation has been very busy since Monday last, in relation to an extraordinary report or explosion which was heard in the air on the morning of that day. It occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock, and was heard in every direction around us from which we have since received intelligence, to the extent of many miles. Some of our accounts represent the noise as that of the rushing of many mighty waters, preceded by a sharp whizzing and followed by a deep rumbling that seemed to die away far in the South—others represent it as like that of the distant discharge of cannon at short intervals, for two or three minutes; closing with a volley of musketry—others again, as that of the falling of some heavy body in the upper parts of their houses—whilst some compare it to continual peals of distant thunder. And those who were out at the time and had an opportunity of observing horses, cattle, &c. concur in stating that they manifested more than usual alarm. The Heavens were at the time calm and clear, with the exception of a few small disconnected clouds in the south east. *Hagerstown, (Md.) Torch Light.*
[The explosion mentioned in the above paragraph, was distinctly heard in this city. *Md. Gaz.*]

ROYAL ILLUSTRATED.
THE LATE QUEEN OF PORTUGAL.
The vortex of coarse animal pleasures, in which Don Miguel had lately been immersed, did not lead us to expect that his royal mother was on the bed of death. The Queen expired on the 7th inst. while her favourite son, the only child for whom she ever evinced any fondness, Don Miguel, was planning a grand hunting expedition. Her Majesty was born the 25th April, 1775, exactly nine years and six months before her brother Ferdinand 7th. At ten years old she was married to the late King of Portugal, then eight years older than herself. The royal infants did not unite until the lady was fifteen years of age; and Doña Pedro the eldest son, was born in 1793, when the mother was aged 25. She had eight children, two sons and six daughters. The Queen was not the offspring of Godday, and she was supposed by some to be really the child of the late King of Spain. She was educated in all the moral and political virtues of the court of Madrid, and imbibed the best examples amidst which she was nurtured. Few of the royal marriages of Europe have been more unhappy than this, and it would be painful even to advert to what has transpired upon the subject. The contests between Don Miguel and his mother, had, even recently, been carried to very dreadful extremes. Her principles were arbitrary to absolutism, her temper violent to insubordination, and whilst her mind was sullied by the blackest traits of superstition, her habits were little calculated to insure a long or a healthy existence. The sixth daughter and youngest child of this royal mania, Doña Anna, aged 23, was at the death-bed scene, with her brother, Don Miguel. The decease of this mischievous character will have a beneficial effect upon Portugal. She was the nucleus of all the political crimes and intellectual pollutions of the country.
The following details of the Queen Dowager's last hours are given by a foreign Journal:—When the late Queen of Portugal, shortly before her dissolution, was pressed by one of her confidants to receive the last rites of religion, she replied: "Do you imagine I am already at my extremity? He had previously ordered that Azevedo, her physician, should not be allowed to approach her any more, for having given at second-hand the same advice. She retained her faculties and self-possession to the last; in proof of which she wrote several letters, written by Lord Bessford, to be brought to her and consigned to the flames before her eyes. The correspondence of another Englishman, under the name of Major Dods-well, met with a similar fate.
From the Brooklyn (L. I.) Star.
ELOPEMENT.
Much excitement and amusement, was exhibited at the ferry, in this village, on Monday afternoon last, which was occasioned by the following circumstance. A hackney coach, with a man and woman entered the ferry-boat, on N. York side, Brooklyn. A man also entered just as the boat started off, who proceeded to the carriage, and in presence of the people claimed the lady as his wife, who was running away with a Frenchman. He started the man out of the carriage and took his place, and commanded the driver to stop at the ferry, tavern of Cock & Collins. He wished to apprehend the Frenchman, but he was afraid to leave his wife, and the man started off, followed by the mob. The husband refused to pay the hackman, whom he censured for carrying off the runaway. "My dear did you contract with this driver?" said the affectionate fellow. "No my dear, I did not," was the equally affectionate reply. The driver was discharged, and another procured, and the lady with her hand boxes taken in, to be transported back to New-York.
On the 16th January last, a woman died at St. Martin-sur-Escailion, in France, at the age of 104, when, when she was upwards of 60, a young man married in order to escape the conscription, counting, it is said, upon a much earlier release from the bonds of matrimony.

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