quent allusion has been made to slanders said to be in circulation. Whether they are openly or in whispers they have a form and shape, and might be specified.

If the alternative alluded to in the close of the letter is definitively tendered, it must be accepted; the time, place and manner to be afterwards regulated. should not think it right in the midst of a, Circuit Court to withdraw my services from those who may have confided important interests to me, and expose them to the embarrassment of seeking other counsel, who may not have time to be sufficiently instructed in their cause. shall also want a little time to make affairs.

The following paper, in the hand writing of Gen. Hamilton, was inclosed with his will and some other papers in a packet addressed to one of his executors, which was of course not to have been delivered but in case of the melancholy event that has happened. As it contains his motives and reflections on the causes that have led to this fatal catastrophe it is deemed proper to communicate it to the public.

On my expected interview with Col. Burr, I think it proper to make some remarks explanatory of my conduct, motives and views.

was certainly desirous of avoiding standing of every reader. this interview, for the most cogent rea-

1. My religious and moral principles are strongly opposed to the practice of duelling, and it would ever give me pain to be obliged to shed the blood of a fellow creature in a private combat forbidden by the laws.

24 My wife and children are extremely dear to me, and my life is of the utmost importance to them, in various YICWS.

3. I feel a sense of obligation towards my creditors; who in case of accident to me, by the forced sale of my property, may be in some degree sufferers. did not think myself at liberty as a man of probity, lightly to expose them to this hazard.

4. I am conscious of no ill will to Col Burr, distinct from political opposition, which, as I trust, has proceeded from pure and upright motives.

Lastly, I shall hazard much, and can possibly get nothing by the issue of the

interview. But it was, as I conceive, impossible for me to avoid it. There were intrinsic difficulties in the thing, and artificial embarrassments, from the manner of proceeding on the part of Col. Burr.

Intrinsic, because it is not to be denied, that my animadiversions on the political principles, character and views of Col. Burr, have been extremely severe, and on different occasions, I, in common with many others, have made very unfavorable criticisms on particular instauces of the private conduct of this Gentleman.

In proportion as these impressions were entertained with sincerity and uttered with motives and for purposes, which might appear to me commendable, would be the difficulty (until they could be removed by evidence of their being erroneous,) of explanation or apology. The disavowal required of me by Col. Burr, in a general and indefinite form, was out of my power, if it had really been proper for me to submit to be so questioned; but I was sincerely of opinion, that this could not be, and in this opinion, I was confirmed by that of a very moderate and judicious friend whom I consulted. Besides that Col. Burrappeared to me to assume, in the first in stance a tone unnecessarily peremptory and menacing, and in the second, posi-Mely Offensive. Yet I wished, as far as might be praclicable, to leave a door open to accommodation. This, I think, will be inferred from the written communications made by me and by my direction, and would be confirmed by the conversations between Mr. Van Ness and myself, which arose out of the sub-

I am not sure, whether, under all the circumstances, I did not go further in the attempt to accommodate, than a punctilious delicacy will justify. If so, I hope the motives I have stated will excuse me.

It is not my design, by what I have said to affix any odium on the conduct of Col. Burte in this case-He doubtless' has heard of animadversions of mine which bore very hard upon him; and it is probable that as usual they were .ac. companied with some falsehoods. He may have supposed himself under a necessity of acting as he has done. I hope the grounds of his proceeding have been such as ought to satisfy his own conscience!

I trust, at the same time, that she world will do me, the justice to believe, that I have not censured him on light grounds, nor from unworthy inducements. I certainly have had strong reasons for what I may have said, though it is possible that in some particulars, I may have been influenced by misconstruction or misinformation. It is also my ardent wish that I may have been more mistaken than I think I have been, and that he, by his future conduct, may shew himself, worthy of all confidence blessing to the country.

As well because it is possible that I may have injured Col. Burr, however convinced myself that my opinions and

declarations have been well sounded, asfrom my general principles and temper in relation to similar affairs—I have resolved, if our interview is conducted in the usual manner, and it pleases God to give me the opportunity to reserve and throw away my first fire, and I have thoughts even of reserving my second fire, and thus giving a double opportunity to Col. Burr to pause and to reflective

It is not, however my intention to enter into any explanations on the ground. Apology, from principle I hope, rather than pride, is out of the question.

To those, who, with me, abhorring the practice of duelling may think that some arrangements respecting my own I ought on no account to have added to the number of bad examples, I answer that my relative situation, as well in public as private, enforcing all the considérations which constitute what men of the word denominate honor, imposed on me (as I thought) a peculiar necessity not to decline the call. The ability to be in future useful, whether in resisting mischief or effecting good in those crises of our public affairs, which seem likely to happen, would probably be inseparable from a conformity with public prejudice in this particular.

On the foregoing letters and papers, the Editor will make no comment.—He submits them to the heart and under-

W I L L

In the name of God, Amen. I ALEXANDER HAMILTON, of the city of New-York, Counsellor at Law, do make this my last WILL and TESTA-MENT, as follows :--

FIRST. I appoint John B. Church, Nicholas Fish, and Nathaniel Pendleton, of the city aforesaid, Esquires, to be Executors and trustees of this my will, and I devise to them, their heirs and assigns, as joint tenents and not as tenents in common, all my estate real and personal whatsoever, and wheresoever, upon trust at their discretion, to sell and dispose of the same, at such time and times, in such manner, and upon such terms as they the survivors and survivor shall think fit, and out of the proceeds to pay all the debts which I shall owe at the time of my decease; in whole, if the sund be sufficient, proportionally, if i shall be insufficient, and the residue, if any there shall be, to pay and deliver to my excellent and dear wife ELIZABETH HAMILTON.

Though if it should please God to spare my life I may look for a considerable surplus out of my present property, yet if he should speedily call me to the | County, murdered his wife by fastening | tlemen not attending will have to abide eternal world, a forced sale, as is usual, may possibly render it insufficient to satisty my debt. I pray God that some. thing may remain for the maintenance and education of my dear wife and children. But should it on the contrary happen that there is not enough for the payment of my debts, I entreat my dear | trial. children, if they, or any of them should ever be able to make up the deficiency. I without hesitation commit to their delicacy a wish which is dictated by my own. Though conscious that I have too far sacrificed the interests of my family to public avocations and on this account have the less claim to burthen my children, yet I trust in their magnanimity to appreciate as they ought, this my request. In so unfavourable an event of things, the support of their dear mother, with the most respectful and tender attention, is a duty, all the sacredness of which they will feel. Probably her own patrimonial resources will preserve her from indigence. But in all situations they are charged to bear in mind that she has been to them the most devoted and best of all mothers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand, the -ninth day of July, in the year of of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON. Signed, sealed, published and declared as & for his last will and testament, in our presence who have subscribed the same in his presence, the words John B. Church being above interlined.

DOMINICK F. BLAKE. GRAHAM BURRILL. THEO. B. VALLEAU. New-York, Surrogate's Office, ss.

July 16th, 1804 Alexander Hamilton, deceased, now on terfile in my affice.

SILVANUS MILLER,

Surrogate. SALEM, July 13. FROM FRANCE.

Captain Logan, who arrived at Beverly on Wednesday last from Rochefort, informs, that though the idea of an invasion of England was still agitated, yet that the best informed people had no expectation that it would ever take place; and there are doubtless few in any country but what will concur in that opinion. It was reported that lie English had sunk 18 hulks at the mouth of Boulogne harbor, so as to block up the passage; but this is probably premature, as we do not find the later accounts from England mention it, though it is well known such an expeand esteem, and prove an ornament and dition was planned, and the French had boasted that they would make them the Schr. Cornelia, Allward, foundation of a new mole and protecting; batteries. All the males in Prance over | Ship Mercury, Cary,

arms, and to hold themselves ready for marching orders; and large bodies of troops were filing off from the coast of the cirannel towards Bayonne, and Lisbon was conjectured to be the object of the persons—came into the capes last night, movement.

Captain Logan stopped at the Isle of bay bound up. Aix, at the mouth of the river, where were four sail of the line, waiting an op- hence to Bordeaux, has put into Norfolk portunity to slip round to Brest. About leaky.

the 4th of May, he says, a paper was circulated among this squadron, in form of a petition, that Bonaparte might be proclaimed EMPEROR of the GAULS: which was signed by the admiral, officers and seamen. At the same time it was reported there, that the armies had rejected the proposal for conferring this dignity on the First Consul, and that at their instance Moreau had been set at liberty. To this account of the conduct of the military, we give no credit, as the papers from London, which are as late as the 18th of May, make no mention of it; and Bonaparte would certainly take care to secure their support, before he would attempt to place the crown upon his head. The report, however, is of captain Fletcher. Spoke, in lat. 31, 24, long. some importance, as it indicates an uncasy disposition in the country, and a spirit of opposition to him, which, though manifested now only in reports and wishes, may seize a favorable moment for a more complete gratification. Ages must elapso before his usurpation can be forgotten, and his title be universally considered as legitimate. The Bourhons are numerous; and as long as their blood circulates in the vieas of any living creature, there will not be wanting tother claims to the crown of France, that will endanger the Napolean dynasty.

LEXINGTON, July 3.

Dr. Hunter of Philadelphia arrived in this town on Saturday last, on his way to Natckez, where he is to be joined by Mr. Dunbar of the Mississippi Territory; both of whom are commissioned by the President, to ascend Red river to its source; to take the latitude and longitude of the various rivers which enter it, with their courses so far as they can be ascertained; to examine the minerals, &c. of the country through which they pass—then to proceed to the head of the Arkansas, and descend that river, making the same observations, enquiries, &c. and to transmit the result of their enquiries to the President. They will be provided with a barge, a party of men, and the necessary instruments and apparatus to facilitate their enqui-

Esq-Iliving near Washington, in Mason business of importance to them. Genhis stirrup leather round her neck, and then cutting her throat in a most shocking manner, leaving the knife sticking in her throat. He had for several days shewn symptoms of insanity. On the 19th he was brought before the Examining court, who sent him to a further

American.

BALTIMORE FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1804.

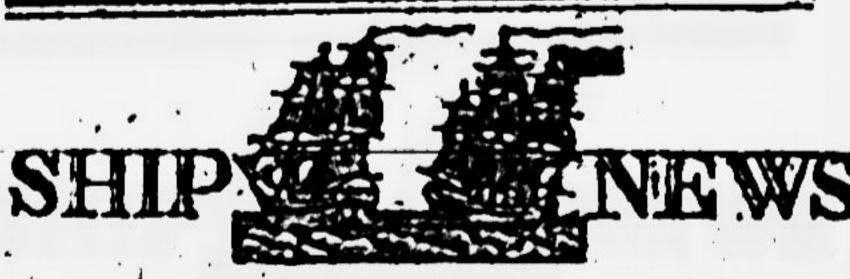
A gentleman of this city has received letter from his brother at Augusta, Geo. mentioning that a disturbance had taken place with the blacks, but their designs being-timely discovered, were prevented from doing any injury. Several of the ringleaders had been executed. Great confusion prevailed among the inhabitants, who are kept under arms night and day.

(New York paper.)

COUNTERFEIT BANK NOTES.

On-Saturday last two men, one named Alcorn, and the other Irwin, were taken up in this town, for passing counterfeit notes, of the Branch Bank of the United States. They were 50 dollar and 100 dollar notes, payable in New York, Baltimore, Charleston and Savannah. The quality of the paper, and the execution of the notes, are much superior to any that have before been offered in this state, some of the best judges having been imposed upon. Nay it is said that some of the same emission of notes have been taken at the Philadelphia and Baltimere I do hereby certify the preceding to | banks. Alcorn attempted to pass counbe a true copy of the original will of terfeit bank notes in Lexington last win-(Frankf. (Kent.) Herald.)

> A respectable mercantile house in this city (says a Philadelphia paper) recently received one thousand dollars in counterfeit notes, which the two persons above mentioned had imposed upon a merchant of Kentucky. Soon after the notes had been forwarded for this city, the real characters of those persons became known, and the property; for which the notes had been given, was immediately arrest-



PORT OF BALTIMORE.

ENTERED, Norfolk 15 years of age were required to bear Brig Belvidere, White, Embden

From BATDEN'S MARINE LIST.

July 19. .Arrived, schooner Federal George, Field, from Boston-sundries, sundry passed a ship, brig and schooner in the

The ship Independence, M'Connell,

New York, July 17. Arrived since our last,

Brig Julian, Rogers, in 20 days from Surinam. Lest, June 25, schooner Abigail, Grant, to sail in 10 days f r Boston; schooner Falcon, Kenison, for do. in 2 days; schooner Sally, Lurkin, for Newburyport next day; Three Brothers, Parsons, for do. in 10; Success, for Gloucester, in 4; Charles, Fletcher, for Philadelphia; Thomas, Webb, of Portland; Chance, Wallace, New Haven, in 14 days; ships Swift, Murphy, for New York, in 15 days; Nancy, Quirk, for do. in 12; Jersey, Bowman, New York, discharging; Leonora, Baft, for Boston; brigs Neptune, Cross, for Portland in 3; Industry, Prail, for Boston; Jane. Duckendors, of Bristol, for New-York in 2 days; Minerva, Harding, for New-York in 14 days; and a brig from Boston or Newburyport, just arrived at Braam's Point, 69, brig Hector, Harding, 12 days from New-York, for Jamaica.

Also, schooner Fox, Fowler, in 11 days from St Croix. July 9, in lat. 23, long. 60, spoke the brig Two Brothers, 3 days from New-York, for Jamaica. Left, brig Sally, Burr, last from Bartholomews. Passenger, Mr. Powell, Philadelphia.

Also, sloop Nancy, Bowie, in 29 days from Kingston, Jam. Sailed in co sch'r Elizabeth, Heliand, and the British schooner Musquito, both for New-York-Passengers, Mr. Redman and captain Tiffany, late of the sch'r Favorite, of New-York.

Arrived on Sunday, sloop Sally, Warner, from | sage, apply to St. Thomas. Left, schooner Sukey and Pelly, Cahoon, for Philadelphia, July 2; schooners Aspasia, Brown, of New York; William, Stedditord, of and for do; and schooner Amphitrite, of do. fer St. Domingo, in 8 or 10 days July 3, lat. 32, was boarded by the Lily sloop of war, treated politely, and put on board two Frenchmen, whom they had taken a few days before from Martinique for New York.

The brig Franklin, Newell, from Berbice and St. Thomas is in the Sound, and will be down the first wind.

Came up from quarantine, brig Sally, Lovett, irom Surinam. Below, ship Sally, of Charleston, from ----. Signals, for 2 schooners—one of which is the

British sch'r Musquito, from Jamaica.

There was also a brig in the offing. Cleared, ships Allegany, Miller, London; Columbus, Cornell, Cadiz and Malaga; brig Factor, Briggs, Lisbon and a market; sloop Little Jack, Seely, Curraçoa.

The Creditors

OF JOHN GRAHAM are requested to meet the Trustees on Monday next, at On the 8th ult. Robert B. Morton, 7 o'clock P. Mr. at Mr. Bryden's, on by the decision of a majority present. July 18. wism

NOTE.

THE editors of newspapers in the Atlantic states who have been requested to advertise the " Valuable Plantation for sale in Louisiana," on the 20th of August next, are informed that the sale of said plantation is postponed till the 20th of October next, and they are respectfully requested to publish this note once, and alter the advertisement accordingly, and continue it once a week till the 20th September ensuing.

July 20

CONCERT Garden of Illumination.

BY PERMISSION.

The ladies and gentlemen, and public in general, are most respectfully informed that on account of the inclemency of the weather, the entertainments announced for yesterday evening, were unavoidably postponed till THIS EVEN-ING, at the Rural Felicity or Siege of York Gardens .- Kept by T. Leaman.

Just Published, And for sale, by Mesers. Warner & Hanna, and

Mr. Samuel Butler. PANDLETON'S MEDICAL ALPHABET. This is a concise view of the fundamental principles of the Medical science, in which the inconsistencies, noticed by opponents to the popular system, are explained away by a judicious modification of the theory. The morals of Dr. Darwin and Dr. Brown, author of Elementa Medicina) are frequently mentioned, and sometimes opposed t but it is presumed, that however the epinions of Dr. P. may be appreciated by the Medical world, the genius and ingenuity

displayed in his little pamphlet, cannot fail to

command their admiration.

July 20

Ten Dollars Reward AN away from the office of the Western Star, on the night between the 4ta and 5th inst. an indented apprentice to the Printing business, named WILESAM JOHNSTON, between 18 and 19 years of age, about & feet 8 or 9 inches high; ratherslender make, short black hair and dark complexion, had on and took with him a brown coat with pearl buttons, nankeen pantaloons, white waistcost, and a good hathe had also with him a French made watch, with a twisted gold-wire chain. The above reward will be given for securing him in any jail, so that I may get him him again; or reasonable charges

and all captains or masters of vestels are warned at their peril against carrying away sald 'ap-EDWARD COLE. Lewistown, (Pa.) June 19. (J. 20)

if brought home. All persons are hereby cau-

tioned against harboring or trusting said boy-

To Rent,

CONVENIENT two-story Brick House in Pitt-street, Old Town, now in the tenure of Captain Rutter-a remarkable healthy situation and excellent water very convenient. Possession can be had on the first of August next. Apply to

PETER CASSAT, No. 229, Baltimore-street.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

At four o'cinet, at the auction room, at the beal of Frederick-street dock, will be said A tract of I.AND, called 'Sewall's Relief'containing 30 acres more or less, lying in Baltimore county, within three miles of th main branch of the Patapsco river, (as already advertised by Mr. William Stuart, trustee-for tha cale of the real extate of Dr. David Ross, deceased:) The terms of sale, which will be very accommodating, will be made known at the time of sale.

Sale by Auction.

July 20

ON TUESDAY,

The 7th August, at 13 o'clock, at our anction room, bead of Erederick-street dock.

THAT valiuable Property, as advertised by Williams & Wilson, and particularly described by them, called Selby Mills, containing 330 acres of land, with all the buildings and improvements thereon. The property may be examined previous to the sale, on application to Stephen Cook, living at the mills. The terms of sale will be one fourth the purchase money cash; one fourth on a short credit for approved indorsed notes, and the remainder in five equal annual payments, with interest from the day of sale. A plat of the property may be seen at our

audion room. VAN WYCK & DORSEY, aud'rs. July 18

For Boston, The good Schooner SALLY BARKER, Gaptain Gepe'and. Will sail in a few days-400

barrels will be taken on moderate freight, if immediate application is made. For freight or pas-

COFFIN & PRICHARD, Who have just received per the above schooner, and

offer for sale, 65 tons Plaister Paris, of an excellent quality

10 h ds. N. E. Rum 50 boxes fresh Raisins

25 ditto Chocolate Codfish in boxes

A few barrels Boston Bay Mackarel Giauber Salts, in barrels and kegs. July 20 dit coit

Will positively be Sold, For each, on the premises, at 12 o'clock, on Wed-

nesday, the 25th instant. That valuable HOUSE and LOT of 3 acres of Land, adjoining Captain William Burton's Lot, on the road to the Fort, and within a mile of Raltimore. The house is new and neatly finished, has 7 good rooms and a cellar under a part; there is also a good kitchen and well of excellent water near the house, and the lot well inclosed with post and rail, and set in clover. &c. The situation has broved very healthy to a family that has lived two years in the small house and is a very pleasant and convenient retreat for the warm season, and is well situated for a tavern. An indisputable title will be given for the said lot.

EDMD. CUSTIS. July 20

To be Let,

A HANDSOME three-story brick Dwelling HOUSE, in St. Paul's-street, a few doors above the Post-office, now in the tenure of Wm. H. Winder, esqr. l'ossession may be had in a few days. For particulars enquire of

JAMES MOSHER, New Church-street.

A small three-story House, on the same street, convenient for a small family. The rent will be low. Enquire as above.

The Subscribers

ID ESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the public, they will commence the business of general audioniers, under the firm of WOOD-YEAR & SAYRE, on Friday the 20th inst.

Influenced with the hope that the strictest attention to business, and the interests of their employers, will entitle them to a share of public support-Solicit the attention of those who may favor them with their commands as early as may be convenient, previous to the above date. on which day their first sale, for WET and DRY GOODS, will commence at the audions room, formerly occupied by E. Woodyear, at 10 o'clock.

E. WOODYEAR, I B. SAYRE.

J. B. Sayre also returns his thanks to his friends and the public for their liberal support -acquaints them that from a wish to forward their interest in the wholesale line, he shall discontinue his night sales until the first of October. Any persons having demands on the same will please take due notice. July 14

Bolting Cloths.

THE subscribers have just received per the L ship Aurora, captain Bowles, from Amsterdam, the following goods, which they offer. for sale on the usual terms-2 cases of BOLTING CLOTHS, of a suc

perior quality. 1 case, containing 50 dox, fine and course; ready made Linen SHIRTS, well adapted for

the West Indies. SPERRY & BARNES.

July 14

WDLATILLAS and other Silesia linent, and disper table sloths Castlle and white soap, in boxes Refined roll brimstone, in do. Ralsins and figs; in drpms; and casks

Corrants and dates, in small casks Almonds in barrels, shelled an unskelled A few sacks muts: Spunges, washed and unwashed Red Turkey cetton thread

A few packages of German ironmongery and A few casks brandy and Istria whie it And the following DROGS, fresh, and expected to

be of abe first meality ? ! !! Vermillion, quicks liver, and antimony in casks Sublimate of precipitals and lawest intectify Tripoli and Alexandria sentia, and cream tar-

Gums, dragast, sac and aspaltime in calks Cantharldes and opium the balcorin do Manna in flakes, and maddes
Imported per Paragon, from Trieste, and of

july 11

fered for sale on very liberal terms, at the store EISBLEN & HORNE Next door to the Custom House