

Letters from the fleet off Brest, dated on Monday last, announce that the French fleet in the outer harbour, apparently ready for sea, comprises 22 sail of the line and ten frigates, with several transports. An opinion prevailed in our squadron, that the enemy would take the first favourable opportunity to put to sea.

PARIS, June 23.

Georges has written a letter to the Emperor asking to have his sentence executed as soon as possible, and demanding to have the lives of his fellow-sufferers spared, taking upon himself all their faults. It is said that the Emperor was not displeased with the firmness and frankness expressed in this letter, many, therefore, hope, that even his life will be spared, should he consent to sign his renunciation of his pretended oath of allegiance to Louis XVIII. his family, and successors.

CHARLESTON, August 20.

Extract of a letter from Edisto Island, under date of the 15th inst.

"I am sorry to inform you that the Caterpillars are spreading very fast, they have already eaten nearly the whole of Mrs. C's crop, and are in many other fields; Mr. E's crop I think will be all destroyed in a few days, for they have increased beyond all calculation.

"From this early attack, much mischief is to be apprehended, generally, from this formidable enemy to our Cotton crops, as the rainy season has kept them so backward as to expose most of the pods to the effects of their ravages—planters therefore should be cautious how they contract on the expected proceeds of their present crop, 'tis not likely that the havoc will be confined to the Island for the time between this and the 1st of September sufficient to admit of the Caterpillars extending far back into our country."

With great regret we have to state that one of the most atrocious and premeditated murders was perpetrated in this city yesterday afternoon on the body of Mr. JAMES SHAW, merchant, of this city, by a young man named Richard Dennis, jun. that perhaps has ever been tried before the public.

The circumstances as far as we could collect them last evening, are as follows:—Richard Dennis, sen. keeps the Carolina Coffee House in Tradestreet in this city; on Thursday last Mr. Shaw was there, when Dennis made a demand on him for a small reckoning which he said he owed him; Mr. Shaw told him that he had paid it to the Bar Keeper, that he had discharged; an altercation immediately took place, some blows passed and Dennis was worsted; this irritated Dennis's son to such a height, that he, though a lad of 18 or 19 years of age, called Mr. Shaw, who considering the lad beneath his notice, paid no further attention to the challenge than to give him a kick or two in the market on Friday morning. Mr. Shaw it is said had determined to take no further notice of the affair—Early yesterday morning printed papers, signed Richard Dennis, jun. which stated that Mr. Shaw was a profligate and a coward, were posted up at different corners of the street, which Mr. Shaw pulled down; between two and three o'clock Mr. Shaw dined at a quainter's house; he left the table a little before four o'clock and passed down Tradestreet to go to his business at his counting-house; as he turned out of Tradestreet into Bedon's Alley, on which the Coffee-House forms a corner, it is said he was called through the window; as he turned his face to the hall passage directly through his body; he was only able to retreat a few steps, when he fell on a cellar door and laid in an instant. Some people who saw Mr. Shaw fall rushed into the house and found that it was young Dennis who had discharged the pistol; he was immediately seized and committed to gaol by justice Benthon. Dennis the elder was in the house at the time; on examining him a pair of loaded pistols were found in his pockets. In consequence of this he was also committed.

Mr. Shaw was a native of Maryland—about 35 years of age; and had resided about ten years in this state; during which time he has uniformly supported the character of a worthy, industrious, and peaceable man. He was much respected by mercantile men for his integrity and attention to business.

Wants a situation,

A young Man who can come well recommended, and has knowledge of Mercantile business, would wish to be employed in a general situation. A line addressed to I. S. and left at this office, will be punctually attended to.

American.

BALTIMORE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1864.

A piece, signed with its last evening, signed "Episcopalian," against both the rev. Mr. D. and the "Friends to Plain Truth," cannot appear—The arguments of the writer, urging its publication, are not sufficiently strong to induce us to transgress our determination of yesterday. We wish to promote harmony and brotherly love, and we are not disposed to aid one citizen in lifting the tomahawk against another.

The piece over the signature of "Hypocrite G. D.," presenting new facts about the graceless and unscrupulous Mr. who also attended the "W. D.," and having some allusion to "light bread," "chancellor," &c. as applied to another individual, is a piece of a birth, even in the Rush Light, or Percupine.

We wonder much that pieces of such complexion, as those noticed, should be offered for publication, particularly in an anonymous way, after we positively refused them insertion. We believe the ground we took yesterday, will please all genuine friends to true religion, of all parties, and we are therefore resolved to maintain it.

The Ship Margaret, M'Fadon, hence, has arrived at Cape Good Hope.

Below ship Diana, Holbrook, from Liverpool, & schr. Cordelia, Towers, from Bordeaux.

It is perhaps worthy of remark, that the City of Washington has been struck with lightning within the ten last years, 50 or 60 times, while Georgetown has been exempted from a single stroke. On what principles to account for this exemption we know not.

Wash. Fed.

The following important article is from a respectable quarter, and so far coincides with what has before been published, as to be entitled to the utmost credit: [Fed. Gaz.]

Madrid July 6, 1864.

"I take up my pen to inform you, that such is the state of things between the two governments, that there is more than a probability that a war must ensue. In fact, such is the situation of things that one or the other government must recede, and it is on such points that the American government neither can and have declared they never will recede from. Our minister has called for a final answer for Tuesday, and if not favourable, means to demand his passport and quit the country. He is, in fact, making every preparation for his departure. He intends notifying our commercial agents next week of the state of things, if nothing more favorable occurs."

Extract of a letter from Cadix, June 29th.

"Our harvest of grain has been unusually scanty, particularly in Andalusia and Estremadura, in many parts of which, according to the information we have received, the crops have not produced sufficient for their own consumption during the approaching scarcity."

"Seville, the neighborhood of which is the most fertile of the province, furnishes wheat for our own consumption at from 6 to 7 1/2 dolls. the fanique weighing from 90 to 100 lbs and the price advances in proportion as our stores of it decrease. Indian Corn sells at 4 but will soon be at 5 dolls.—Flour is selling on board at 11 1/2 to 12 dolls. clear of all duties."

"I have never known a period amongst us in which those articles offered such great advantages. It will be necessary to lose no time if you intend to make any shipments. It may be expected that the enterprising spirit of your countrymen will not permit so favorable an opportunity for exporting one of your principal productions to escape. Vessels which may arrive early will reap great profits: a great deal will depend upon a competition of this nature."

"The exportation of corn from Sicily, as well as the Barbary States is prohibited."

"Wheat of a large, solid and well filled grain, without any kind of smell, is the kind always preferred. The soft is much less esteemed, and is never used but in times of scarcity like the present: it generally sells from 20 to 30 per cent. less than the other."

"Your vessels should be furnished with a bill of health in due form, certified by the Spanish Consul."

Married on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Bloodgood, Mr. Nathaniel Phillips, to Miss Mary Ann Logan, both of Fell's Point.

The Rev. G. Dashiell will preach on Sunday next in St. Peter's church, the funeral sermon of Mrs. Anna Maria Roboy who departed this life in the 24th year of her age, on Wednesday the 29th instant, after a long and painful illness. Her afflictive relatives enjoy the sweet consoling hope founded on the divine word that their loss is her eternal gain. She lived with a character unimpeached; bore her afflictions with the resignation of a Saint, and in the full assurance of faith, committed her departing spirit into the hands of that adorable Redeemer, who no doubt, ere this, has presented her before God, without spot of sin, unto salvation.

Post Office, Baltimore,

August 22d 1864.

THE public are hereby informed, that the WESTERN MAIL will in future be closed at this office every Monday and Friday at one o'clock, P. M. and the mail for Chamberburg, direct, every Wednesday, at one o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES BURRELL.

August 28

CAMP MEETING.

THE public are hereby informed, that on the 20th of September next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, a Camp Meeting will commence in Baltimore county near general Charles Ridgely's furnace; that gentleman having politely granted privilege of a situation every way suited to the convenience and accommodation of those who may attend; and has also permitted the prudent use of such underwood only as may be necessary. The public are likewise notified, that on no pretence whatever liberty will be allowed to cut down any standing timber, or to use any fence rails, and that no person will be permitted to retail or vend any spirituous liquors on the camp ground.

Those who may attend said meeting, will please to remember, that it will be advisable to provide for themselves and horses.

ENOCH GEORGE,
LAURENCE M'COMBS,
NATHANIEL B. MILLS,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Sen.
DANIEL CHAMBERS.

Baltimore, August 28.

SHIP NEWS

PORT OF BALTIMORE.

ENTERED.

Schr. Two Sisters, Chapps, Wilmington, N. C.

Sloop B-tsy, Bogardus, Charleston

Hein, Mitchell, Nantucket

Schr. Vixen, Allward, St. Thomas

Eagle, Fairfax, Dumfries

From BRADEN'S MARINE LIST.

AUGUST 31.

Arrived schr. Fanny, Glover, 25 days from Demerara and 19 from Barbadoes.—Bahia.—The master. Left at Demerara schr. Susan, Burton, to sail next day for Baltimore, and a number of northern vessels. At Barbadoes, ship Hunt of Alexandria to sail the 11th inst. for Guadeloupe; schr. M. Kinzie, for do. next day; brig Rebecca Burtis of do. and Ann, of Portsmouth to sail in 8 days; schr. Patience, Bunt of do. just arrived and several other vessels bound to Leeward for a market; all kind of provisions a dear. Flour 8 dollars and no demand. 13th inst. Off Guadeloupe, spoke the schr. Nancy from Alexandria bound in. 27th, lat. 23, long. 74, spoke brig Sally Todd from Baltimore to St. Domingo.

On board the Fanny, is capt. Fingan, late of schr. E. za, of Baltimore, bound to Demerara, who in a gale of wind upset and filled. In this condition they remained 3 days, when they were taken off by capt. Fosset of the sloop Sally of Bristol, to Barbadoes where they arrived 8 days before the Fanny sailed. Also, brig Samuel J. Cartwell, 18 days from St. Pierre, Martinique—clayed sugar—Isaac Mc Kim.

Left the following vessels—

Brig Clothier, Jefford, New York, to sail in 5 days; brig Cyrus, Johnson, do. do. brig President Jefferson, Town, do. same day; brig Susan, Hide, do. 15 days; brig Little Cherub, Huchings, Portsmouth 12; brig America, Miller, Kenne-bunk 7; brig Equator, Gold, Boston 17; schr. Four Friends, Hamden, Hartford 10; schr. Lydia & Polly, Bacon, Boston 20; schr. John Harris, Boston 10; schr. William Stave, Beverly, 21; schr. Betsey, Little, Philadelphia 10; schr. Fair Lady, Sawyer, Portland 20; schr. Amelia, Matthews, N. York 2; schr. Henry, Goodrich, do. 10; schr. Betsey, Clothier, do. 10; sloop Washington, Cane, Boston 4; sloop Hope, Stokett, N. York 15; sloop Julia, Summers, Gloucester 10; sloop Wasp, Daily, New York 6; several others; no Baltimore vessels. No news of any kind.

Boston August 23.

Arrived, ship John & James Wildrage, Bengal. Sailed from Sanger Roads, March 10, (after an embargo of a month) with a fleet of twenty-three sail, among which was the Ganges, Calcutta, of Philadelphia, and Lydia, Smith, Boston.—March 6, passed Sanger Roads, the Asia, Leavitt, 147 days from Philadelphia for Calcutta.—Left there, the Lucia, Towne, Salem; St. Cuthbert, Brown, Portsmouth; both to sail in a few days. In the Bay of Bengal was boarded by a French corvette. Spoke, in lat. 17, 36, N. long. 44, W. ship Alexander, of Liverpool, from the coast, for Savannah.—In lat. 28, 10, long 57, was boarded by a French Martinique privateer, and informed that she had captured several American vessels bound to St. Domingo, among which was an armed brig of Salem, loaded with flour. August 22, 16 leagues E. by S. of Cape Ann, a brig from Salem for the Isle of France.—Same day, E. by N. of highland C. Cod, ship Triumph, of Salem.

Also, via quarantine, brig Industry, Beals, Serinam, 32 days. Left, ship Leona, Rust, of Boston, to sail in 10

days; brig Atalanta, stimpson, for do. not discharged.—spoke, July 22, lat. 82, long 57, 45, schr. Federal, Norton, from Portland, had been struck by a hurricane, and lost his bowsprit and part of his deck load; she was bound to Dominque, and was 36 days out; July 30, was brought to by a British sloop of war, and permitted to pass, without being boarded.—Aug. 6, was boarded by a French privateer, and treated politely.

New York, August 26.

Cleared, brig Spring, Reid, Newfoundland; Phebe, Spencer, Demerara.

Arrived since our last.

Ship Ann, Cott, in 54 days from Hull. Left there, ship Fair American, Flowers; ship Sally, Law, for Philadelphia; ship Atlantic, Chew, for Baltimore; ship Collden, Packwood, for Newcastle and Gibraltar; ship Enterprise, Conger, for New York; ship Paragon, Byron, for N. York; ship Port Mary, Collins, of Charleston, for London. August 15, lat. 43, long. 52 30, spoke ship William and Jane, Hall, out 15 days from New York, for Beaufort. August 13, lat. 43 51, long 50, spoke brig Lovina, Potter, out 43 days from Gottenburgh, for Rhode Island. August 22, lat. 39 30, long. 70, spoke ship Rhoda, Sandford, out 8 days from West Point, on a whaling voyage. Next day spoke schr. Sally, Latham; and brig—Walle, both out 24 hours from New London, for the West Indies. Passengers, Mr. John Byron and Mr. M. Kinzie Beverly. The Leander pressed two passengers.

Brig Polly, Dennison, in 42 days from Lisbon, via Portland in 8 days. Left there, ship Performance, for New York, in 30 days; and two other ships for do. Flour 9 1/2 dollars.

Philadelphia, August 29.

Arrived, brig Nancy & Katy, Cushing, Petersburg, 60 days.

Arrived at the Lazaretto.

Ship America, (British) Crout, Kingston, Jamaica; brig Nancy, (British) M'Carthy, do; Lark, More, do.

Cleared, brig Lydia, Shirliff, Havana; schr. Liberty, Sweetzer, Charleston; Fair American, Simpson, New York; sloop Unity, Ricketts, Petersburg, Va.

August 30.

Arrived at the Lazaretto.

Brig Polly, Lingo, Jamaica; Ruth and Mary, Russel, Bonavista; Betsey, Wallace, Charleston; schooner John, Jewitt, Martinique; Seahorse, Griffing, Darien; ship Amiable, Rinker, Liverpool; and a hermaphrodite brig.

Charleston, August 21.

Captain M'Laughlin left Kingston with the Jamaica fleet, consisting of 108 sail of merchantmen, bound to different parts of England, under the convoy of the Elephant, of 74 guns; and the Urania and another frigate. One of the fleet got ashore on Cape Antonio, at the west end of Cuba; she was called the Grant, of London. Captain M'Laughlin thinks as the weather was fine and a King's brig was sent to her assistance, that she may have gotten off by throwing some of her cargo overboard; she had on board 600 hogsh-heads of sugar. Captain M'Laughlin left the fleet on Friday evening last, it was then standing to the eastward.

A schooner called the Nimrod, of Baltimore, captain Farland, was taken on her voyage home from St. Jago, by a French privateer; was retaken and carried to Jamaica, where, after paying a salvage, was discharged and sailed in the above fleet for Baltimore.

A Turtle,

Weighing 191 lbs. will be Dressed for Diner at 2 o'clock on Monday, the 3d September, at the INDIAN QUEEN TAVERN.

September 1

Green Copperas.

THE subscriber has on hand, 10 hhd. excellent Green Copperas, which will be disposed of on accommodating terms.

September 1

JACOB NORRIS.

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The Rev. Mr. Sinclair

Proposes to undertake the instruction of a small select number of pupils. Those who wish to profit by his endeavors will please to apply to him at Mrs. Hunter's, Great York-street, for further information.

September 1

Irish Linen.

Twenty-four boxes of 7-8 and 4-4 wide, low priced IRISH LINENS, are just received by the ship Mechanic, from Dublin. Apply to

September 1

J. C. WHITE & SONS,

East-street.

John Latour,

Off for Sale on a liberal credit, 40 casks claret, entitled to drawback

A few boxes do.

Cogniac brandy, 4 h and 2d proof

Havana cigars

Green Coffee

Pepper

Young hyson tea

Old hyson do

Imperial do. and

36 logs mahogany, from St. Domingo, about ten thousand feet

Also,

Tickenburg, first quality

Listadoe

Russia sheetings

Bourbon gurnalls

Eneetia

Hafas

160 pieces Bandannas, well proportioned in color

Irish linen.

TO BE LET.

A new three-story brick HOUSE in Calvert-street, below the court house—where a quantity of fashionable FURNITURE will be disposed of on reasonable terms.

September 1

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Sale by Auction.

THURSDAY.

The 1st September, next, at 4 o'clock, on the premises, will be sold.

A valuable LOT of GROUND, on the turnpike road, adjoining the property of Mr. West, above the Seminary, fronting 40 feet and running back about 200 feet to a 20 feet alley; the whole under a complete fence, with all the improvements thereon, consisting of a well finished and story brick dwelling house, brick kitchen, a well of good water in the yard—a garden handsomely laid off in fruit walks and planted with a variety of the best fruit trees. The premises are at present occupied by Mr. Christian Zell. Possession of which can be given immediately if required, and which will be shown to any person desirous of purchasing, by Jacob Miller, butcher, living at the head of Market-street.

Terms of Sale.

1000 dollars cash, residue on 6 months credit for approved endorse & negotiable notes.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auc'rs.

Sale by Auction.

THURSDAY.

The 1st September, at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon will be sold by auction, at Mr. Walker's tavern, near the York turnpike gate, on terms which will then be made known.

About 65 acres of LAND, lying on the east side of the turnpike road, and a small distance therefrom, adjoining the land of General Smith, and the seas of Messrs. John Hollins, Thomas Peters, David Brown and Christopher Walker. The 65 acres are divided into ten lots, containing from 4 1/2 to 7 1/2 acres each, several of which are handsome situations for country seats and horse lots so elevated are excellent ground and well calculated for gardens, &c.

A plot may be seen on application to Mr. Bouldin (the city surveyor) and those inclined to view the land previous to the sale, will find it at each division line and the number of the lot marked thereon.

Sale by Auction.

ON MONDAY.

The 3d inst. at 12 o'clock, at the head of Smith's dock will be sold, on 6 and 90 days credit.

The new fast sailing pilot boat built schooner

ANTELOPE,

As she arrived from sea. Her inventory will be shown at the time of sale.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL, auc'rs.

September 1.

For sale, on a credit

Of 2 1/2 and 6 months.

The Schooner

CORNELIA,

Lying at the head of Chesapeake side dock, in complete order to receive a cargo. Enquire at 2, Chesapeake.

September 1

Biscuit Baking.

WILLIAM EVANS respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has rented the Bake-House and implements lately occupied by Mr. John Evans, No. 64 South street, where he purposes carrying on the Biscuit Baking business in an extensive and satisfactory manner. It will be his particular study to have a constant and various supply of the best Biscuit for merchants, captains of vessels and others.

N. H. Wm. Evans has served a regular apprenticeship to the business, and carried it on for some years past.

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BY PERMISSION.

Miscellaneous Concert,

In the Garden of Illumination.

On Monday Evening September 3,

Will be presented a Humorous Entertainment between a Country Cobbler, called

Doctor Last,

And a personage, the resemblance of the

Devil upon two sticks.

They meet, a conversation takes place—Emanuel Last, with a song, called the

Physical Snob, Mr. Durang.

SINGING. by Mrs. Coffin

A Ballad Dance, called

THE JEALOUS HUSBAND

Or, The Scheming Milliner.

In which are several characteristic Dances—

A Song and Dialogue, called

Alle M'Gilloch, or her Child Teddy.

The whole to conclude with

A Musical Ballad called,

FURRY SCURRY

OR, THE CLOWN IN THE SUDS.

Tickets one quarter of a dollar.

Mr. Leaman means to give a benefit night to masters C. Durang and A. Durang, and miss Durang; and has fixed it on Thursday evening next.

September 1

For sale,

THREE LOTS in Havre de Grace, Nos. 167, 158 and 149, adjoining each other, bounded as follows—south on Congress-street 200 feet, west on Union-street 180 feet, and east on Lodge-ally 180 feet. These streets are each 12 feet wide, and the alley 20 feet wide—the premises are planted with fine well grown Lombardy poplars—The whole enclosed under good fences and laid out in a garden under high cultivation. The lots are to be found almost every kind of garden fruit and flowers. The improvements are a large convenient dwelling house, three rooms on a floor; a good large kitchen with a piazza, in which are two good well constructed pantries; a pump near the door; every necessary building, such as office or study, wash house, outhouse, coach house, stable with stalls for 6 horses; a large granary, &c. The house fronts the south, and is within 500 feet of the river. Also, six unimproved LOTS, well situated, each containing 1200 feet; four of them are adjoining each other; the other two are corner lots. For terms apply to Mr. Wm. Jolley, Baltimore, or to the subscribers.

BENEDICT ED. DAVY,

Havre de Grace, August 31