

# American.

BALTIMORE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1804.

"A NATIVE MECHANIC," in reply to SENIOR, shall appear to-morrow.

"A TRUE REPUBLICAN," altho' his communication proposes both political interests, shall be given on Wednesday.

"A VOTER" "ATTICUS," and others shall receive occasional insertions.

"MICHAEL DANG," is informed that his production is a *her un-intelligible*, and of course cannot appear.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

Messrs. Printers,

As a democratic republican, and as a friend to the ward meetings, which are proposed to be held this evening, I take the liberty of recommending a plan for appointing conferees in the several wards, which will insure regularity, and produce that union of efforts, which can alone give success to the republican candidates.

In the first place I would propose, that we attend at 8 o'clock, at our usual places for holding elections, every one prepared with his ballot, containing the names of the two citizens in the ward, in whom each voter can best confide, as conferees. Before the votes are taken, appoint 2 judges and a secretary; let the former receive the votes, and the latter note the name of each citizen who may vote. After the votes are all given, let the judges canvass the same, and see them properly reported by the secretary.

It is respectfully suggested, that if the foregoing plan is pursued, the true sense of the wards will be obtained in an unflustered and fair way, and all chance for confusion and disgraceful disputation among neighbors, may be dispensed with.

Conferees thus appointed to form a ticket, will secure approbation, and be supported by all genuine friends to the administration, who regard principle more than men. For my part, to preserve unanimity I shall vote for a ticket thus formed, whether my favorites are on it or not. Over me, pettiness and selfishness, shall have no power.

### A FRIEND TO SYSTEM.

N.B. At the meeting, it is proposed, that the voice of every superior character, will be required—Let it be remembered, that democratic republicans are called to attend.

The interests of justice & prius us to meeting, will enable them to exert in the support of proper persons.

### To the Editors.

GENTLEMEN,

The suggestions recently made in the American, recommending Ward Meetings for the purpose of affording an interchange of sentiment on the republican, relative to the approaching election, are generally considered as not only proper, but indispensable. The number of Candidates is an additional reason why the business ought to be attended to.

Ward meetings, it is proposed, will therefore take place THIS EVENING, the 26th instant, agreeably to notice. At the meetings, each ward will appoint two members to meet a general conference—which meeting will select, by ballot, from the candidates proposed, such characters as they may approve, and announce the designation, so made, to the public. As Baltimore city and county are both included in one Congressional district, it is to be hoped that the districts in the county will appoint conferees to attend the general meeting. It is to be hoped that all the real friends of representative government will unite on the present occasion—that they will sacrifice all personal animosities and local interests, at the altar of public good, and manifest to the world that they are not insensible of the blessings of a free and virtuous government. Nothing is wanting but a little attention; our cause is good and we have strength and numbers to support it. Let suitable characters be designated—let the proper arrangements be made, and on the first Monday in October, let us but speak the word, and the enemies of the constitution, of the general government and of equal justice, shall be vanquished.

### NUMBERS.

Died, on Wednesday morning last, at Annapolis, JAMES WHETCROFT, in the 80th year of his age.

The following Circular Letter may be useful information to the Mercantile world:

EXBEN, July 6, 1804.

SIR,  
We have the honor to confirm our circular letter of the 1st of March; and can to day state with certainty that the French Consul commanded to act at Meppen has been recalled by his government, and set out on his departure on Sunday last, after having taken a polite and friendly leave of the magistracy here.

The following advice from Meppen, dated the 2d inst. has also been received here by an express.

The French commandant has received orders to leave this town, and the whole territory of Acreberg, the day after to-morrow: All goods may now pass free, except warlike stores, the conveyance of which continues forbidden by the government here.

This intelligence has caused the most pleasing sensation here; and we can further add, that no other French consul will come hither; but that the conveyance by Meppen will in future be as unimportant as it was before the occupying of that place by the French troops.

This favorable change induces us to hope that your consignments to Germany will greatly increase; and we avail

ourselves of this opportunity again to offer you our services, assuring you that we shall always feel the greatest pleasure in being able to give you proof of our sincere desire to serve you.

We remain with the greatest esteem,  
YAN SPANNER & CO.

It may be judged of what consequence the capture of Surinam is to the English, when letters from Paramaribo, to a respectable banking house at Amsterdam, say, that at the arrival of the English in that colony, it contained coffee enough to load 800, and sugar enough to fill 4000 large West Indian barrels, not including other productions, as cotton, rum, &c.

**ATLANTIC BALL.**—The famous zeronaut, Blanchard, is now at Marsilles, where in a balloon of new composition, he has, with success made his sixtieth ascension. Citizen Lalande has calculated, that if Blanchard had travelled, in one single journey the whole space he has in all his ascensions run through, he might not only have been able to give us news concerning the inhabitants in the moon, but even had it in his power to fraternize with those in the planet of Jupiter. Blan hard's present Balloon is of that extent, that it can without danger ascend with nine persons, no heavier than himself, which was proved on the 6th July, when four young ladies and four young gentlemen ascended with him, and danced a quadrille in the air, 1500 feet from the earth; an event which never before had taken place.

Ship Philipburgh, Leislingw., in 66 days from Crowsford. August 20, at 47, 8, long. 58, 50, was boarded by a French corvette of 18 guns, from Cayenne for Nan z.

Ship Brothers, Gault, in 38 days from Cork. August 26, in 49, long. 21, spoke the Long Poly and Nancy, 30 days from Baltimore for Liverpool. In long. 12, was boarded by the British frigate La Loire, after a 24 hours chase. Passengers, J. Appleby, J. Leader, Mrs. Mary and Willam Blackburn.

Ship Manchester, H-4, in 47 days from Liverpool. Passengers, Messrs. Okill, W. T. T. Sc. Cheld, Bridge, Buckley, Lawton and Hirst. August 15, in lat. 41, 14, captain Hall, was boarded by a French frigate and captured by her.

Ship Halycon, Rossiter, in 47 days from Bristol. Passengers, W. McGinn, and 34 in the steerage.

Brig Lucifer, Rallion, in 74 days from Boston.

Courtesy, the schr. Success, H-17, of New London, in 56 days from Liverpool, with some merchandise to Roger & Hawks, of Baltimore. July 27, in the British Channel, was boarded by captain Reid, of the ship Missouri, of Parade guns, from Bavaria and the Isle of France, taken and sent to Plymouth by a British ship. Four, and detained. On the 28th, was captured by guns, to board a British citizen in a galleon, detained 3 hours and treated very unmercifully. August 3d, in lat. 48, long. 6, spoke the ship Bird of Naples, 12 days from Amsterdam for Baltimore, with passengers.

Schr. Little Rebecca, Cart, in 13 days from Alexandria.

**IMPORTANT DECISION.**  
We regret that we have it not in our power, at this time to present our renders with a more full and satisfactory detail of this important trial and decision; we however shall endeavor to procure it hereafter; the particulars which have been communicated to us we now present.

The schr. Sarah of this port, was captured by a French privateer on her passage from S. Domingo to this place, in the month of April last, having on board a cargo of coffee to the value of about 20,000 dollars.

The vessel was carried into a port in the island of Cuba, where the captors disposed of vessel and cargo, the latter was shipped in another vessel and sent to Charleston. A variety of circumstances satisfied the supposition of the Sarah that there was no condemnation of vessel or cargo: in consequence of which, measures were taken to arrest the cargo upon its arrival in Charleston; and a suit was instituted in the court of the United States for the district of South Carolina. On the 1st of this month the cause came on, and after a very learned and long argument, the court pronounced in favor of the plaintiffs, the former owners, on account of the property not having been condemned before sale to the defendant, the present owner—and ordered restitution of the coffee, or payment at an appraised value, and costs.

[Norfolk Public Ledger.]

A late London paper in speaking of the late unhappy duel between General HAMILTON and Colonel BURR, observes:—"The mind is shocked at the circumstance of the second Magistrate of a country having been guilty of such a violation of the law, and of his having been countenanced and assisted by a Judge, whose paramount duty it is to cause the laws to be obeyed, and to punish those who disobey them."

**REFUBLICAN COUNTY MEETING.**

At a meeting of Republican citizens from the county and precincts held at Mr. Gorsuch's, on Monday the 17th instant, it was determined to support the following gentlemen as members of the

General Assembly.

TOBIAS E. STANSBURY,

ALEXIS LEMMON,

MOSES BROWN,

GEO. HARRYMAN.

and for Congress.

NICHOLAS R. MOORE, and

WILLIAM MAC CREEERY.

September 18, 1804.

### The Partnership

OF Compton and Nicholson is this day dissolved by mutual consent; all persons having

claims against said firm, are requested to render them to Christopher Nicholson for settlement;

and those indebted to said firm, are requested to make payment to him, he being fully authorized to settle the transactions of said concern.

CHRISTOPHER NICHOLSON,

Wm. H. COMPTON.

Christopher Nicholson

Respectfully informs his Countrymen and the public in general, that he will open his old store, and Shoe manufactory at the old stand, No. 5, South-street, where he always will supply them in the most fashionable style.

September 28, 1804.

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August 15, spoke the ship General Wilkinsen, from N. Orleans, for Bordeaux.

August 18, spoke the big Julia, from Provence for France, Abraham Williams, Master.

August 23, spoke scatt. Harmony, Adm'r. 31 days from Lisbon, for Boston. July 10 left a Gunboat for Malacca.

New-York September 20.

Arrived since our last,

The ship Montebello, Kingston, in 68

days from Liverpool. Passengers, Mr.

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