American.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1805.

The following petition was presented to the legislature of this state at their present session.—It contains some humor which may not be unacceptable to our readers :—

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland now anchored in the city of Annapolis.

The humble petition of poor Jack C***** of the city of Baltimore sheweth to your honors, that your unfortunate petitioner, while ploughing the dominions of old Neptune, having carried rather taught sail, in squally weather, the gales of misfortune blowing hard he over-run his reckoning The watch on deck keeping a bad look out, he was stranded on the shoals of poverty; soon after overhauled and made prisoner by the commander of the press-gang called the sheriff of Baltimore and now lies locked under hatches in limbo to the great grief of his darling Poll, and sweet little crew : who, since his imprisonment, has been on short allowance.—Therefore your petitioner prays, your honors will order the hatches to be unbarred, by an act of insolvency, that his fasts may be cut; he again put to sea on a cruise, in hopes that fortune may prove kind in the distribution of her prize-money, and poor Jack once more enabled to cheer the heart of his darling Poll and her sweet little babes—and your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Captain Riddle, of the ship Pennsylvania arrived at New York, in 92 days from Antwerp, spoke, in lat. 37, off the Hook, the schooner Republican, captain BROWN, from Richmond, for New York, LOADED WITH FLOUR, who inhumanely REFUSED TO SUPPLY HIM WITH ONE BARREL OF FLOUR! being then on very SHORT ALLOWANCE! having only ONE barrel of bread, a SMALL CASK OF WATER and THREE SMALL pieces of beef having on board SIXTEEN MEN!!!

Extract of a letter from Columbia, (S C) dated the 12th ult

Both houses have received each a letter from Thomas Sumter, jun. esq. in which he declines his appointment of lieutenant governor. We have passed a bill to allow Mr Kirk, of Purysburgh, 1200 dollars for his fellow Abraham, and to emancipate him, for his services to the southward.

The ship Shepherdess, Goodfellow, from Nantz, for New-York, having on board General Turreau's lady and suite, has put into Fayal in distress.

A melancholy accident, we understand happened on Tuesday last, near the Allegany Mountain, in this county.

Mr. *Isaac Keepers*, and a certain *Richard Canam*, went into the Woods together, for the purpose of hunting; and after having proceeded some distance on a bear track, Keepers observed to Canam, who then walked before him, he had better stop, and take snow out of the muzzle of his gun, he had got off the bushes. Canam turned round, lowered his piece from his shoulder, and, as Keepers attempted to take it out with his finger, she went off at half cock, which put a period to his existence. Two balls entered below the right ear of the unfortunate Keepers, and came out at the back of his head.

An inquest was held on the body, and made report, he had met with his death by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Mr. Keepers' death is deeply lamented by all those who enjoyed his society, and particularly by his Wife and small Children; to whom it will be an irreparable loss. [*Hunt. Gaz. Dec. 17*]

Mr. James Waldy, late mate of the ship Rosalind, who came passenger on Friday in the sch'r Weazel, from Charleston, informs that the ship Zephyr, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and sch' *Betsey, capt. Hampton, of and from Baltimore, bound to St. Domingo were cast away on the Caicos, and entirely lost*—crew saved, except the cook of the sch'r Betsey. Mr. Waldy likewise informs, that in the bay of Mahaut the French privateer Bonaparte was encountered by three British Letters of Marque, and had a warm engagement with them, in which she was dismasted, but frustrated all attempts at boarding by the superiority of her crew; she was fallen in with next day off Port Mahaut by the English corvette La Brave, and carried into St. John's Antigua. He likewise mentions that upon the 9th November a British ship of 14 guns, belonging to Port Glasgow, was brought into Port Mahaut by a French schooner privateer of 10 guns, after an engagement of two hours and a half. [*N Y Pap.*

The revolutionary mania, which for 16 years has convulsed and distracted Europe has at length reached Spain, where it is said 60000 men in arms threaten the overthrow of the government; report says that the insurgents are headed by French officers, in which case it is presumable the French government are accessories to the rebellion, and only want a pretext to send an army to complete the subjugation of Spain, once the proudest power of Europe. [*ib.*]

On Saturday evening, the 8th ult. a large Barn belonging to Mr. *Brewster*, of Portsmouth, was entirely consumed, together with 15 head of cattle, 17 tons of hay, and many utensils. On the Monday evening following another Barn was burnt, in the same neighbourhood, with a quantity of hay, horses chaises, farming utensils, &c. belonging to Mr *Samuel Sherburne*, and on Monday evening, the 18 ult. another Barn was entirely consumed belonging to said *Sherburne*, with 15 head of cattle, 30 tons of Hay a quantity of flax, &c. From the circumstances attending these fires, it is evident that they were caused by *incendiaries*, and the select men of Portsmouth have offered a reward of 300 dollars for their conviction. Other incendiary attempts have been made in that town, for the discovery of which suitable rewards have been offered.

[*Salem paper.*]

BOSTON, December 27.

COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE. *From Marblehead dated on Tuesday last*

This day arrived the schooner Sarotoga, captain N Tucker, 50 days from Bilboa "The unrulinefs in Biscay had subsided, the revolters had lain down their arms and it was expected that Bilboa would be made a King's port. The news of the capture of the Spanish frigates had reached Bilboa—there was no embargo on English vessels at that place It was the opinion of the merchants there, that war would not take place, and that Spain would pay any demand the English should think proper to make

Extract of a letter received at Bilboa by Messrs. Comez and Grandsons dated Marseilles 2 st October, 1804.

"We hear from Genoa, under date the 15th inst that the American squadron, joined by a neapolitan ship of the line, & some frigates have bombarded Tripoli Their victory has been so complete, as to induce the Bashaw of that place, to wish a peace at discretion. The Neapolitans lost not one man; the Americans lost forty men, and six brave officers. We are sorry to add, that amongst the latter, is captain Summers and Lieut. Decator, that burnt the Philadelphia frigate in Tripoli, some months since"

From Cobbett's Political Register of October 20.

SUMMARY OF POLITICS.

VIEWS OF RUSSIA.—About six weeks ago, when the alliance with Russia first became a subject of public discussion, very severe reproaches were dealt upon all those who did not appear to regard it as a measure of much promise. It is probable, that the public, however, will soon adopt this censured opinion The alliance has taken place; and, as yet, no one has been able to point out any way, in which Russia, without the aid of Austria or Prussia, can possibly give to France any thing worthy even of the name of annoyance, except by a co-operation with England in the Mediterranean Such co-operation appears to have begun; but, there is, at present, little hope that it will answer any other purpose than that of gratifying the ambition of Russia at the expence, perhaps, of the Porte, and finally of the great Majority of the British colonies in the east. The public will remember with what exultation Mr. Pitt, during his defence of the ignominious peace of Amiens, dwelt upon the success of our efforts in establishing the republic of the Seven Islands.—"With respect to the Porte," said he, "we have done every thing we were bound to do; nay more, we have compelled the French to the evacuation of Egypt, and have stipulated for the integrity of her dominions." There is another object which we have obtained, and to which I think not so much importance has been given as it deserves; I mean the *establishment of an infant power*, viz. the Republic of the Seven Islands, certainly an acquisition of great importance to this country, *not inferior, perhaps, to the possession of Malta itself.* Now either we must regard this opinion as a thing, at the time, circumstances, delivered merely with a view to effect in the house, just as a counsellor delivers an opinion in pleading a cause; or what must we think of the foresight of the wisdom, of the statesman-like capacity of the person by whom it was delivered? It was this part of Mr Pitt's speech which gave rise to that admired piece of humor which was published soon afterwards, in the first volume of the Register, under the signature of SEPTIMUS, in which the childish folly of the whole affair was pointed out and ridiculed. This far-famed republic, however, is now in the possession of Russia, who is daily strengthening herself in that quarter, to the evident uneasiness of the court of Vienna; and thus, the first advance that we make towards the purchase of Russian assistance, is to give up that establishment, which was of so much importance to this country, as not to be inferior, perhaps, to the possession of Malta itself. At the first blush this will certainly appear to be going very far; but, when we come to consider how great the value of Malta is in the estimation of the present ministers; when we recollect, that, avowedly, they thought the perpetual possession of Malta an object for which, and which alone, it was worth while to renew the war; when we consider this, what must we think of the past compared with the present conduct of Mr Pitt? But where, indeed, shall we, as to any branch of administration, look, in that gentleman's conduct for the steady operation of principles? Where shall we look for any thing more than effects proceeding from the mere fits and starts of necessity or convenience?—The policy of Russia, or at least, the probable and expected policy of Russia has been very clearly and ably developed in an essay lately published in the Morning Chronicle, where, from facts and argument that it would be difficult to controvert, a conclusion is drawn, that the alliance between England and Russia, by favoring the projects of Russia in the Mediterranean and with respect to the Turkish dominions, will naturally tend to add greatly to that jealousy, with which, as was observed in a former Register, Austria has long viewed the ambitious strides of the Russian Emperors. What such a feeling may produce it would be hard to say; but, there surely would be no great room for astonishment, if Austria were to be found, at no distant period, amongst the belligerent enemies of Russia. "How!" some one will say, "Austria assist France!" No: but, Austria may be permitted to endeavor to preserve herself; and, if she be in great danger from the ambition of Russia, and no longer in danger from that of France, there is no reason why her arms should not be directed against the former, though she thereby aid the cause of the latter. There is one reason, indeed, and that is, that, by thus pursuing her own interests her conduct would tend to increase the dangers that threaten England rather than which she ought to side with Russia against France, though at the evident risk of her own existence as a great power; but, this reason, though of cogency irresistible at Lloyd's and the Bank, is unfortunately, of little weight at Vienna, where people are so forward as to think, that they are, by no law, of either God or man, bound to perish for the sake of a nation, some of whose legislators have loudly proclaimed that it is "too honest to have any connexion with continental powers" Whatever effect the alliance between England and Russia, and the consequent increase of Russian influence and power in the Mediterranean, may produce with regard to the sensations and conduct of Austria, it is pretty certain, that that influence and power, if it be suffered to exist in any considerable degree, must, finally, and perhaps, very soon, become extremely dangerous to G. Britain, that is to say upon a supposition that the possession of her colonies in the East-Indies are essential to the support of her power; for what security has that great statesman, lord Harrowby, obtained, that in less than two years, Russia shall not be on the side of France in a war against England? Or, what means has he, in such case, in view to prevent the feeling which Russia is now getting in the Mediterranean, from being employed against our possessions in India? Russia, it is evident, has entered into the alliance upon her own terms; and, from every thing we have yet seen, there is little doubt that she will turn it solely to the purposes of her own aggrandisement. The rumor of her having obtained from our ministers a stipulation for the cession of Malta to her, can hardly be founded in truth; but, it is by no means impossible, that one of her objects is to get possession of that fortress; nor is it at all unlikely, that she may therein succeed and, perhaps, by virtue of a threat, to leave us to sustain the war alone. Malta was, during the last war, the bone of contention between England and Russia. The latter now has reason to expect that circumstances will not permit us to break with her "for such a trifle," as Bonaparte called it. Accession, might too serve Mr. Pitt as a pretext for demanding that peace, which he will soon again find necessary, in order to enable him to "husband our resources against another day of trial"—What, shall we, who have continually been blaming the ministry for not obtaining allies upon the continent, now blame Mr Pitt for having formed an alliance with Russia? No: he is not blamed for having formed an alliance with Russia; and, it is possible, that he may merit praise for it; but if that alliance only serves to unite the arms of Austria with those of France, there can be no doubt that either the forming it, or the terms and management of it, will be a subject of very strong and very just censure An alliance with Russia, to be efficient for our good, can only be subsidiary to an alliance with one, at least, of the other great powers of the continent; in any other way it can, at the present time, scarcely afford us any real aid and may do us a considerable deal of mischief.

SHIPPING NEWS

Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED,

Brig Superb, Norman,	East River
Sch'r Fair Isle, Cruthers,	Washington N. C
Vixen, Allward,	Aux Cayes
Nonpareil, Bishop,	Port au Prince

The sch'r Ceres, Fields, hence, has arrived at Charleston, after a passage of 10 days.

From Dryden's Marine List.

January 3

Arrived. sch'r Mary-Ann Fleetwood, 24 days from Cape Francois—coffee—John and J. Ward—Sailed in co. with Paragon, (arrived) From the violence of the gale, was obliged to cut away her main-mast and sustained considerable damage in sail, rigging, &c.—December 22, during the gale, spoke brig Dean of New-Bedford, from Turks Island laying to.

January 4.

Arrived, schooner Sufan, Burton, 28 days from Marine Martinique—sugars—G. Wood. Left there brig Benjamin & Nancy Hunt, for New York, in 6 days; sloop Dove, Burnham, for do. in 10 days; sch'rs Morning Star, uncertain; Atlantic, Jacobs, condemned as not sea-worthy. Captain B. was on the coast 12 days, during which time he experienced severe gales and lost his fore-sail fore-top-sail-yards, &c. Saw 3 ships and a brig off the Capes beating in. On the 7th December, John Benton, mate of the Sufan, died on board.

The brig Louisa Wheeden, Rutter, of this port, from Martiniques and schooner Ceres, Field, from this port have arrived at Charleston. The British frigate Cambrian, captain Beresford, has arrived in Hampton Roads.

Boston, December 24.

Arrived, brig Rambler, capt. Gooch, of Wells, from Martinique, 28 days.

December 25

Arrived, brig Two Brothers, Lathrop, 60 days from Rotterdam. Spoke Dec. 7, lat. 39 30, long 59 *ship Comet M'Neil, of Baltimore, 27 days from* N. Orleans for Liverpool; had sprung her fore and main masts in a gale.

New-York, January 1.
Arrived since our last,

Schooner Fair American, Lake, from Richmond.

The pilot boat Thorne, which went down on Sunday last in pursuit of a Spanish brig from St. Jago-de-Cuba, mentioned in our last to have been left at anchor and deserted by the crew in the bay, returned last evening after a fruitless search. The brig drove from her anchorage on Sunday evening and drifted to sea. The Thorne pursued her 40 miles to the eastward of Sandy Hook, and from the mast head could see no hull of her. They were then induced to return from being informed by the mate of the brig who was in the pilot-boat, that the brig leaked very much and that he thought she could not survive; the wind then blowing very hard from W. N. W Off Hog-Island, spoke the sch'r Samuel Clark at anchor, bound to New-York from a southern port. In passing the Hook, they were hailed by a pettiauger at anchor, and informed, that there were 4 sail of vessels ashore at squam beach, and to the southward of it. The captain of the brig Orange, lately wrecked was in the pettiauger.

The brig Gayosso, Hilliard, arrived at Point Petre, Guadaloupe, in 30 days from New York

Cleared, Ships Phillipsburgh, Lessingwell, Jamaica; America, Stitsman, Savannah; American, Wilson, Wilmington, N C; brigs active, Mason, do. Commerce, Price, Sligo; sch'r Polly, Ferris, Newfoundland; Neustra Senora de Pilar, Castillano, Havanna; *Dorothy, Lefort Baltimore*; sloop Dove, Woodward, St. John. N. B.

Carpenters' Society.

☞ *The members composing the Society will please take notice, that a quarterly meeting will be held at Mr Bryden's, Fountain Inn, on* SATURDAY, *the 6th inst. at 6 o clock, P M. By order,*

JOHN READY, Sect.

January 3. 3t

Avis au Francais.

LE CONSUL de France a Baltimore, invite les Francais residant dans l'etat de Maryland, a se presenter au consulat de puis le 7 jusqu'au 10 du present mois inclusivement, pour y prendre communication d'une depeche du ministre des relations exterieures qui les concerne.

Baltimore, le 4 Janvier, 1805. d6t

Pantheon.

THE Baltimore Forensic Society will meet at the Pantheon, on SATURDAY EVENING next, when the following question (which was postponed, last Saturday evening, on account of the inclemency of the weather) will be discussed:

Is it Politic in a Government to encourage Banks?

☞ The president will take the chair at half past 6 o'clock—Admittance 25 cents.

January 3

Battimore county, ss.

I HEREBY Certify, that *Susannah Banks*, wife of William Banks, residing near major Zachariah M'Cubbin's, about 7 miles from the city of Baltimore, this day brought before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, a flea bitten Grey Horse, as a stray—said horse is about 14 and a half hands high, 8 or 9 years old, appears to have been shed all round, but at this time has but one shoe at his near hind foot—trots, paces and canters; has no perceivable mark or brand. Given under my hand and seal, this 19th day of December, 1804. Wm. GOODWIN, junr.

January 4 d4t

Saml. Sower & Saml. Cole

HAVING procured licence as Auctioneers for the Sale of *Books, Prints, Maps, Charts*, &c. &c. offer their service to the public in the line of their profession.

Their stated sales will be every Saturday evening, until further notice, at their auction room and commission store in Light-street, next door to Bryden's coffee house.

Books or any articles in the stationary line received for sale on commission or by auction.

Cash advanced on property committed to them if required.

Their first sale will be held on Saturday evening next, January 5. Catalogues may be had and the books viewed any time during the day. Sale to commence at 6 o'clock.

The public's humble servants,

SOWER & COLE.

January 1 tuwtsa

Sale by Auction.

THIS MORNING,

The 5th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the vendue warehouse at the corner of Second and Frederick streets, will commence the sale of

AN elegant collection of Silver Plate Plated Ware, &c. which will positively be sold without reserve to price, consisting of the following articles, viz:

Lot 1 a 5	five elegant bread baskets	
6 a 9	four do cake do	
10 a 13	four do fruit do	
14 a 18	five pair bottle stands	
19 a 23	five candlesticks with branches	
24 a 34	eleven pair table candlesticks	
35 a 36	two pair do patent screw	
37 a 38	two pair do. patent slides	
39 a 40	two pair chamber candlesticks	
41 a 47	silver gravey spoons, butter ladles and tea spoons	
48	one plated egg stand with rich cut glass	
49 a 53	ten pair elegant salts with rich cut glass	
54 a 58	six sets castors, with 6, 7 and 8 cruets, some with silver pots	
59 a 64	coffee pots, with plated silver gaderoons and tea pots to match	
65 a 66	two cream pots	
67 a 72	six soup ladles, with silver edges	
73 a 78	six Britannia metal castors, with plated tops	
79 a 87	nine do. tea pots	
88 a 89	two do. coffee pots	
90 a 95	six pair chamber candlesticks and brackets	
96 a 97	two pair salts, with blue glass	
98 a 101	four pair double bottle castors, morocco, with plated rims	
102	two pair Britannia metal do	
103 a 105	eleven tankards and cans	
106 a 114	nine cards of plated forks spoons, knives, cheese scoops, &c	
116 a 125	twelve pr plated table candlesticks	
127 a 132	six pair brackets	
133 a 154	twenty two pair do. with patent slides	
155 a 157	three excellent time pieces	

A number of glass lamps, marble ornaments, tea caddies, tea boards, and 36 silver watches, &c. &c.

THOS CHASE, auct'r

Sale by Auction.

ON MONDAY.

The 7th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the auction room, at the head of Gay street dock, will commence the sale of

A VARIETY OF DRY GOODS,

After which at 12 o'clock,

33 hhds Muscovado sugar
11 do clayed do.
16 pipes Bordeaux brandy
6 seroons best indigo
31 bags coffee
40 boxes fresh prunes
34 do. Havanna segars, &c.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL, auct'rs.

January 5

Fell's Point Dancing Assembly.

THE NEXT BALL

Will take place on TUESDAY NEXT, 8th instant, in Colonel O'Donnel's House, *Thames-street.* For tickets of admittance, apply as usual.

January 5 d3t

The Members

OF the Mechanical Fire Company, are requested to attend a General Meeting, on *Monday Evening next*, at 6 o'clock, at Bryden's Inn.

By order,

J CALHOUN, junr. sec'ry.

January 5 d3t

Notice.

THE Members of the Union Fire Company, are requested to attend their annual stated meeting, THIS EVENING, at 6 o'clock, at the Globe Inn formerly Peter Wyant's.

By order,

J. W. WILSON, sec'ry.

January 5

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE partnership which has heretofore existed between the subscribers, under the firm of *John Small & Company*, is this day dissolved by mutual consent—All persons who are indebted to said firm, are requested to make payment to John Small, and those that have claims will please to call on him for settlement.

ISRAEL PEIRCE,
JOHN SMALL.

January 4 (5) d4t

The subscribers

Have entered into Co partnership under the firm of *Small & Savage*, and will conduct the DRY GOODS business, at 75, Baltimore street, where they have on hand a general assortment of GOODS.

JOHN SMALL,
SEVERN E SAVAGE.

January 5 d12t

New Bake House.

THE subscriber has taken the late stand of Mr. Daniel Evans, No. 61, Frederick street, where he has opened a BAKE HOUSE for Baking Loaf, Pilot and Ship Bread, Biscuits, Crackers, and all kinds of Cakes. He will also attend particularly to the Baking of Meats, &c. for private families—from his experience in his line of business, he is convinced, that the public need only try his skill, to entitle him a generous patronage.

N. BRITTAU.

☞ A Journeyman and an Apprentice wanted.

January 3 d6t aawtm

20 Dollars Reward.

GOT away from a boy, as he was bringing him from water, on the night of the 6th ultimo, a bright sorrel HORSE, 6 years old, between 14 and 15 hands high, he has a small star with white saddle spots, he is branded on his shoulder, but the letters are not known, has on a saddle, bridle and martingale, the saddle had plated stirrups, the bits plated, and the saddler's name William Michael, Frederick-town. Cover the flap of the saddle.

The above reward will be given to any person that will leave such information at Mr Peter Wyant's stable, as will enable the owner to get said horse again.

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