[illegible]—opposition, to these privateers, by arming merchantmen, was never contemplated when the federalists had power to do so—they ought, surely, to permit others to follow their own policy. Nor can it be said that the detention of our vessels, and their being sent to Halifax, were acts more justifiable than that now complained of on the part of the French. both were alike unjust, tyrannical, and oppressive, but if arming was not recommended by Adams, when we were assailed by the British, and if negociation was preferred then, we can see no reasons for a contrary course now.

The object of the introductory paragraph, which we have copied from Coleman's paper, is to persuade that the *clearance bill* has been passed by a party inimical to the *eastern states*, and indifferent to *Virginia*; we notice it, because the insinuation has been made by the different federal papers, as yet with out any particular contradiction. To shew the fallacy of the insinuation, we subjoin the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill, by the house of representatives.

In favour of the clearance bill.

Messrs. Alston, Alexander, Anderson, Blackledge Bard, Boyd, Bard, Butler, Campbell, Cary, Clopton, Claiborne, Clark, Clay, M Clay, Clopton, Conrad, Crowninshield, Cutts, Dawson, Dickson, Eppes, Eustis, Early, Elliot, Elmer, Epes, Evans, Fowler, Gaillard, Gray, Green, [illegible] Hasbrouck, Hazen, Hillhouse, Hunter, Jackson, Jones, Kennedy, Kittera, Lyon, Lucas, Leib, Lewis, Lyon, M'Creary, Meriwether, Morgan, Morrow, Mott, New, Newton, Olin, Patterson, J Rea, (of Pa) J. Rhea, (of Tenn) Richards, Riker, Root, Sammons, Seaver, Shaw, Smith, Southard, Stanford, Stanton, Thomas, Van Cortland, Van Horne, Varnum, Verplank, Walton, White, Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wharton, Wynns—77.

AGAINST THE BILL.

Messrs. Archer, Bassett, Bedinger, Bennett, Chamberlin, Chittenden, Cook, Cutler, Dana, Davenport, Dennis, Dawson, Goddard, G Griswold, R Griswold, Hastings, Hoge, Hough, Huger, Lewis, Mitchell, Palmer, Plater, Sanford, Smith, Stedman, Taggart, Tenney, Trotter, Trigg, Talmadge, Wadsworth, William —37.

From which it appears, that if, the whole Virginia representatives in congress had voted against the bill, it would nevertheless have been carried by the other states.—From Massachusetts, the greatest commercial district, three members voted for the bill, and two against it; among the terrified were the representatives from Boston and Salem, principal ports. From Pennsylvania, of her twenty members, nine for the bill.—The representatives from the principal commercial cities advised for the passage of the clearance.

From these facts the public will judge whether it is likely, on a reconsideration of the vote 77 to 37, that a majority of the 77 (who to a man voted for it) will, whether the vote passes Virginia, be already preponderating in favour of it.

The following has been handed by captain Florence, of the brig Minerva, arrived at New York, to the editors of the New York Daily Advertiser for publication.

Nassau, December 30, 1804.

CAPT. FLORENCE.

Sir—According to my promise you have herewith my observations on the Gulf Passage, also on the Old Straits of Bahama. It is, to perform me to state, that my own remarks, as well as the information of several pilots, confirm me in a sincere belief that you will find them correct—and if you find them on comparison with those of such of your acquaintance as may have been frequently through those passages, I think it would be of benefit to publish the same on your arrival in America.

I am sir,

Your very obedient servt,

HENRY WOOD.

Observations on the Gulf Passage.

From the current frequently varying in course as well as rapidity, and the eddy currents likewise various and uncertain, the ablest navigators and pilots are frequently deceived after passing the Havanna, and getting up as high as the Pan of Matanzas, from which a departure is generally taken.

Vessels not steering to the eastward sufficiently, run on the reefs and keys that extend along the coast of Florida, and many instances have occurred, when a vessel has struck on a reef, she has been reckoned on the Bahama side; the helm immediately put a starboard, which has evidently proved her destruction.

The incorrectness of the English charts, operate very much to increase the accidents that annually happen in this passage. Roman is esteemed the best, and consequently most in use.—But it is erroneous. To prove this assertion, allow that the west point of Key Sal Bank, the double headed Shot Keys, to be laid down correct in point of longitude; it appears by this chart, that a north course from thence will carry a vessel through the Passage nearly mid channel, but in reality a N. 1-2 E. course will not clear Cape Florida.

This circumstance must certainly account for the loss of vessels whose masters rely on the chart. N. E. or with a scant wind N. E. by N. is the most advisable course, until you are clear of the southern and south east part of the reefs and keys, and well up the passage. Bahama side being generally a weather shore; in case a weather current which sometimes sets through the Santaren Channel, may have carried the vessel farther to windward than reckoned—any danger is easily avoided, the bottom being easily discovered, if any look is kept long before a vessel gets into shoal water, and the color changes.

The tide of flood sets on the Bahama Bank from all parts of the middle, and the ebb sets off from the middle, and to cure of Riding Rocks Cat Keys, Bimunts, &c. runs very rapid.

On approaching the Florida side, the eddy currents and tides setting through the different channels in the reef and inlets, are very variable and frequently extend a greater distance into the gulf, than mariners are aware of, insomuch that the most expert of the Bahama pilots are often deceived in the night.—Generally a strong S. W. eddy prevails, and the transition from the stream to the eddy is sometimes very visible, by causing what those pilots call ripe-rays; at other times it is not to be discovered, a strict look out is about this part particularly recommended, and if beating up on that shore in the night, stand four hours off and on, and when you can come up with the S. E. course of the Florida shore, and on E. S. E. wind, stand off until you have daylight.

From these observations it certainly appears most advisable to make the Cuba shore, and from the Pan of Matanzas, if the wind will permit, to make the double headed Shot Keys or as near to be up towards Rocks, there is no danger here, and if you strike a [illegible] and from thence shape a course following points more to the eastward than laid down by Roman, viz. N. N. E.

A correct description of the reefs will appear manifest, when it is stated, that for several years past, only three vessels have been lost on the Bahama side in a violent weather, and there are several on an average not less than eight vessels lost on the Florida side, most of them run ashore in the night in bad weather and the captains have reckoned themselves on the Bahama side.

A Spanish chart published by order of the king of Spain, and lately issued by his officers, will also on inspection bear corroborative test of observations, as put them in a clear point of view. The last author does not pretend to be correct, a most [illegible] part of Africa, and the reefs which exist from [illegible].

The Marquis Rodney, near 14 miles further north than laid down on Roman.

The Island of Atacos, Grand Bahama, Great Isaacs, and all the Bank, which form the east side of Florida, as far south as Orange Keys, and down full twenty miles on a [illegible] and the opposite side of Florida [illegible].

[illegible] Rocks [illegible] as far to Dominica to the southward of those Rocks, the ship Sarah of Boston was lost in 1802, and it was proved by two quadrants that Roman's Chart which was then on board was erroneous and the cause of the loss of the vessel and supposed to be several leagues.

Lately, the American ship Mary Ellen, capt. Lempriere, on these Rocks; from the description, it must have been near the spot the Sarah was lost; but in keeping to the southward to avoid this danger, be careful and not run into the Bay formed by the Island of Guajaba, Chesterfield Key, and Sugar Key, into those channels, the flood tide sets with amazing rapidity and if a vessel is caught with a north easter in this bay, it will be difficult to beat out of it. Vessels of twelve feet water may anchor under the lee of Sugar Key. To effect an anchorage, a knowledge of the place is necessary.

From the Richmond ENQUIRER.

BANK OF VIRGINIA

On Saturday the following preamble and resolution were read before the house of delegates:—"Whereas it has been suggested, that it would be proper for this general assembly, to instruct the treasurer of this commonwealth as to the principles which should govern him in the vote he is about to give for the state in the election of bank directors:

Be it resolved, that it is unnecessary and inexpedient to give that officer specific instructions as to the manner in which he shall discharge any of the duties of his office.

This resolution was lost. Nays 87—Ayes 64.

The expediency of instructing the treasurer being thus *previously* determined; the following resolution was carried, with the preceding preamble annexed to it:

Whereas it has been, &c. &c. Be it resolved, that the treasurer be and it is hereby instructed to use his utmost influence in the next election of directors of the bank of Virginia, and its branches, to procure a complete preponderance of persons of sound republican principles. Carried Ayes 135—Nays 11.

The following resolution was then submitted:

Resolved, that in order to maintain the public credit, the treasurer be instructed to support the appointment of ten republicans as directors to manage the affairs of the bank at Richmond; also ten republicans as directors for each of the branch banks at Norfolk and Petersburg, and at least nine republicans as directors for the bank at Fredericksburg.

Carried, Ayes 124—Noes 14.

At a general meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Virginia, at the Bank House, on Monday the 7th inst. the following persons were elected Directors for the ensuing twelve months, viz.

At Richmond.	*Petersburg.*
A. B Venable	Robert Birchett
Benj Hatcher	John Mac Rae
Joseph Gallego	Paul Nash
Samuel Pleasants	James S. Gilliam
John Harvie	Thomas Atkinson
Gervas Storrs	William Clark
Joseph Selden	Archibald Thweatt
†George Tucker	William Bowden
† Gabriel Ruffin	Alexander Brown
† John [illegible] Fontaine	John M Creery
* James F. [illegible]	*Ebenezer Stott
†* [illegible] Rutherfoord	* Robert Colquhoun
†* [illegible]	*Robert Pollok.
†* Joseph Marx.	

Norfolk.	*Fredericksburgh.*
Thomas Newton	D [illegible] Ker
John E. Holt	John Minor
Thos Armistead	H Mercer
Alexander Jordan	Thomas Goodwin
Simon Bedinger	John [illegible]
William Knox	William Stone
[illegible]	Robert Henry
Samuel Boush	Fielding Lucas
Richard [illegible]	John Cal[illegible]
L. W. Tazewell	* Robert Ritchie
* John Scott	* George French
* James Buchanan	*S. Woodson
* Edward Roberts	*Robert Walker

*The names marked thus † are new members and those marked thus * are Friends to*

American.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1805.

On the 19th ult in the House of Representatives of the state of Ohio, leave was given to bring in a bill for establishing *Boundaries* of the counties of *Hamilton, Adams* and *Ross*.

At an early meeting, of the FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY on Monday evening, January, 1805, a *Code of Regulations* and the following members were elected officers of the ensuing year:

John Hackenheimer, *President.*

Peter Dederiff, *Vice President.*

Valentine Schaffer, *Treasurer.*

John [illegible], *Engineer.*

John Weatherburn, *Secretary.*

Mr John Hilen is appointed direct engineer in case of fire.

ASSISTANTS.

John McCormick, James Dukehart,

Balzar [illegible] Valentine Cook,

Arthur Vincent, William Smallwood,

James Hutton, Daniel Dudderiff.

PROPERTY MEN.

John Weatherburn, John Headell,

Peter Dederiffer, Frederick Drill,

John Dickson, Joseph Jenkins jun.

John Shultze, Jacob Myers.

INTERMENTS in the different burying grounds of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia from the 5th to the 12th inst.

Adults - - - - -	29
Children, - - - -	22
Total, - - - -	51

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE.

Joint meeting of both Houses of the Legislature was formally opened last, and the Governor delivered a Speech to them on Friday. The Members from Kent and Sussex refused to organize themselves agreeably to the Constitution and met and their adjournment in November last: which meeting was held in a law form, on an article of the Constitution of the United States and for the special purpose of appointing electors of President and Vice-President.

They could not be a Legislature under the Constitution at this meeting, and of course could not organize themselves as required by our Constitution to enable them to pass laws.

Query Will any of the laws passed under such circumstances be binding on the citizens? Such the enlightened and WISE REACHES: yes, perfect Solomons in Legislation.

[*Argus, January 5.*

Paragraphs from late London papers.

TALLEYRAND proposes to send M OTTO a mission to evasion to the present government of France, as ambassador to the Porte in order to affirm that power is proof of the *Ottoman* influence at the court of France.

Report is very busy respecting the intention of the Corsican to assume the title of Emperor of *Italy*. We have no doubt, however, that the event will prove *It a lie*.

The crime of suicide is so frequent in Paris, that a pamphlet has been lately published in that city, entitled, "*Every Man his own Hangman.*"

ANECDOTE FOR THE CREDULOUS.

In the Memoirs of the Academy of Belles Lettres for the year 1718, we are gravely told that Adam was 123 feet 9 inches high, and Eve 8 feet 9 inches and three quarters; that Noah was twenty feet shorter than Adam and that Abraham was no more than 27 feet high. Moses was reduced to 13 feet, Hercules to 10, Alexander the Great to 6 and Julius Caesar to 5.

The present *fashionable criterion* for judging of the moral and intellectual qualities of a man is not his countenance, but his *dress*. There goes a *sly close dog*, says one, his hands are always in his *pockets*. That's an *open hearted generous fellow*, says another, he *never buttons his waistcoat*.

Died—A few days ago, a negro man, named Jack, the property of colonel William Chambers, of Middletown township, Penn) aged about ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN YEARS.

Departed this life, on Friday the 23d of November last, at Mount Vernon plantation, in South Carolina, Mr. WILLIAM MINOR, sen. formerly of Centreville, (the store Chester Mill) in Queen Annes county, state of Maryland, and for the last eighteen years a resident of the state of South Carolina—aged 66 years.

From G. Dobbin's Check Book.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL CHURCH LOTTERY.

NINETEENTH DAY'S DRAWING.

200 Tickets were drawn yesterday.

Prize of 500 dollars;

No 8641

Prize of 200 dollars;

No. 9203

Prizes of 100 dollars:

Nos. 12417 17231 20293

Prizes of 50 dollars:

Nos. 5924 12655 13630

Prizes of 25 dollars:

Nos. 6417 10761 12390 13689

Prizes of 20 dollars:

Nos 137 1065 1429 2143 2927 3601 3915 4829 4920 5378 7437 8543 9437 10589 10875 11120 13068 13766 14237 14119 15869 18389

Loss of the wheel this day, 260 dollars—Total gain 9370 dollars.

Adjourned till Thursday next at 10 o'clock, on which day the *first drawn blank* will be entitled to 500 dollars.

Whole Tickets, and a *few* Quarters only, may be had at the Telegraph Printing-Office No. 6, Baltimore-street

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January 16 aw10t†

Advertisement.

THE subscriber offers his services to the public in the translation of the French and Spanish languages into English, or either of them into the other.

He is to be met with, on application, at the office of Mr Jacob F. Levy.

January 16 eo1t†

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This work will be printed in one quarto volume containing upwards of 1000 pages, on a fine wove paper, and a beautiful, new, American type.

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Those who subscribe for ten copies or obtain ten subscribers, and become answerable for the payment, shall be entitled to one copy gratis.

N. B A list of subscribers names will be added to the work.

January 15

FOR SALE,

A young Girl,

About 14 years of age, a good waiter. Apply to the printers.

January 15 4t

☞ Notice.

ALL persons are desired to take notice, that Mr. ROBERT THOMPSON, (my late collector for the city) is not authorised to collect any monies for me, on any account whatsoever, from the date hereof. THO BAILEY,

Shff and Col. of Baltimore county.

January 11 [17] 4t

Public Exhibition.

MR. LAWRENCE begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally that his scholars' Exhibition will be on the 18th inst at Mr. Bryden's Assembly room. After the exhibition a GRAND BALL will take place. Tickets of admission One Dollar, having the privilege of introducing one or two ladies—to be had at Mr Bryden's coffee room.

☞ The exhibition will commence at half past 6 and finish after 8 o' clock.

The Exhibition will begin

1st, with an English College Hornpipe, by a boy a scholar of mr. Lawrence

2d, a Solo, by a young lady, with the newest steps

3d, another Solo, by a young lady

4th, *Un pas de deux*, by 2 young persons, &c.

The Ball will be opened with an English hornpipe, by mr. Lawrence.

january 11 d

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LEMMON & CAMPBELL.

January 14 d10t 2aw2m

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december 21

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A PART of that very valuable tract of LAND, formerly the property and residence of John Mercer Porter, deceased—situated in Baltimore county, in Back river neck, and about 14 miles from the city—containing 240 acres of strong fertile land, a great part of which is in a high state of cultivation; 14 acres in excellent timothy meadow, and about 20 acres more may be added at a very small expence.—The improvements are of wood, lately erected, and such as would suit for farm houses—The part in wood, which is at least equal to the support of the place, abounds in lofty white oaks, interspersed with hickory. This property will be sold part for cash, and part for credit or bartered for approved property in the city of Baltimore. It is presumed a purchaser will view the premises, therefore it is unnecessary to give any further description of them. Peregrine Porter, adjacant to the premises, will shew them, and treat for the sale thereof—or, if more convenient to purchasers, apply to

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