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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1855.

The mail which arrived from the eastward this morning, (Monday) was unable to bring the portmanteau containing the newspapers. The snow must have rendered the roads almost impassable.

[Fed. Gaz.]

It may be asked by many why the mail [itself] was unable to bring the portmanteau containing the newspapers? From the many aspersions thrown on the post-office establishment by the opposition editors, it must certainly be true, replies one, that it is badly managed; another says, perhaps contractors do not keep their stages in good repair, in consequence of which the driver was "unable to bring the portmanteau." But hold reader, we will explain: the portmanteau was not left behind—There was a failure of the eastern mail which should have arrived at Philadelphia on Sunday morning, and as there were no papers published at Philadelphia last Sunday, we cannot attribute to any other than those causes our not receiving newspapers by Monday's mail.

Fellow-Citizens,

WE, the undersigned visitors of the poor of the city and precincts, take this method of calling your attention for a moment to the business which occasioned our appointment. We had hoped, that as in former winters, a few days assistance would have enabled the indigent and helpless to support themselves thro' the remainder of the inclement season; but the renewal of the cold, in all its severity, and accompanied with every circumstance that can make it bitter to want and disease, urges us thus publicly to come forward, on their behalf, and declare the necessity of doing something more, or suffering the unhappy objects of your commiseration to perish. Anonymous writers in our different gazettes, have already exposted to your view the extreme misery of many, and the general wretchedness of all the poor; and we assure you that in no instance has the picture been too highly colored; description, however glowing, will fail, for it is not in the power of language to convey a full and just idea of their poignant sufferings. We wish here to address the ladies very specially; it is to them we look for aid for the clothing of the women and children. In other cities, a great deal has been effected in this way; and we are not willing to believe that those of our own city will be less attentive to the urgent calls of humanity. The clothes furnished in those places were of the coarsest and least expensive kinds; and these kinds, old as well as new, are now wanting. We call upon all ranks & conditions of people, who have any thing to spare, whether much or a mite, to come forward and unite their efforts for the salvation of the lives of their fellow creatures, which we hesitate not to say, must, from present appearances, depend on their benevolent exertions. We hope this will hereafter be the topic of conversation every where; and we would respectfully suggest the propriety of its becoming, at least, for one sabbath day, the general theme of the pulp.

George Decker, George Ackerman, Jacob Fite, James Baker, Richardson Stuart, Frederick Schaffer, John Norris, George Huff jr, Jesse Hollingsworth, Thomas M'Eldeyry, James Mosher, John Kello, George P. Keports, John Bankson, John Hillen, William Crebs, Baltzer Schaffer, Owen Dorsey, Jacob Myers, Peter Little, Andrew Buchanan, } Purchasers of William Jessop, } Provisions, &c. January 21.

N. B. Donations will be received at Mr. James Clarke's ware-house; at the mayor's office, and at the house of either of the visitors—and those persons who have not contributed to the solicitors in common with their fellow-citizens, are requested to leave such sums as they may please to give at the mayor's office.

By captain Bunbury, who arrived last evening from Annapolis, where he left his vessel, the snow Comet, 29 days from Demerara, we have been favored with the following marine articles: [Fed. Gaz.]

Left at Demerara:—Brigs First Attempt, Anderson, Boston, to sail next day; George, Stanton, Boston, time of sailing unknown; Nabby, Crows, Portland, next day; Conestoga, Blin, New-London, just arrived; Little John, Adams, do. schooners Abigail, Voal, Boston, to sail in 4 days; Farmer, Field, Rhode Island; 15 days; Sperry Baker, Barclay, New York, just arrived; Heclor, Avery, Edenton, ditto; Phebe, Allen, New-London, do.

The brig Phebe, Spencer, New York, sailed in company. Five full of vessels are: stranded to the southward of Cape Hatteras, every soul on board of which perished; among them were the schooner Polly and Peggy, of Norfolk, and a schooner from New York, with 50 passengers. A ship is ashore on Roanoke, one on Hog Island and one at the pitch of the Cape.

Spoke the brig Hunter, from Jeremiah in the bay, and informed that the ship Ardent had been captured by a French privateer.

Also arrived at Annapolis, and lies driven by the ice on Greenbury Point, sch'r Polly and Nancy, Captain Groom, 94 days from Varel.

On Thursday evening the brig Two Brothers, Captain Anderson, from Verrol, (Holland) out 102 days, and bound to Baltimore, anchored in Hampton Roads being short of provisions.—About seven o'clock the same evening, the Captain, Mr Locker, pilot (belonging to St. Mary's) and two of the hands got into the boat to come to town, but were unfortunately drowned. The first tidings of this melancholy catastrophe was on Saturday, when the boat, their hats, and some of the brig's papers were found. Captain Anderson has left an amiable comfort, and a number of relatives in this state to bewail his untimely loss.

[Norfolk Herald Jan. 15.]

Extract of a letter dated, BORDEAUX, Nov. 12, 1854.

"You will observe by the enclosed price current, that our market has ameliorated for most of the articles therein specified, since we last had the pleasure of addressing you.

"The late rupture between England and Spain will naturally give great extension to the trade of the United States, and render more frequent their relations with this city, for the purpose of procuring silk and other manufactures suitable for the Spanish colonies. The importation of nankeens is prohibited: It is the opinion of some, that in the course of a few months the experience government will annul the decree as it will be found almost impossible to prevent the article being smuggled at the frontiers.

"Owing to the demands from Switzerland, and the encouragement the manufactures receive from government, United States' cottons meet a ready sale, and at advantageous prices. The supply of tobacco is limited; the first two or three cargoes that arrive cannot fail of doing well.

"It is ascertained the claims of Americans, provided for by the treaty, will not amount to the 20 millions appropriated.

We presume you are acquainted that American vessels, accompanied with a certificate from the collectors of the French colonies of having paid the duty on their inward and outward cargoes, will on arrival here, only be subject to the duties levied on goods imported in French bottoms, which is one third less than on foreign. That certificate must specify the various articles, their marks, numbers and weight, and should moreover be legalized by the prefect, &c.—As the vessels must touch at the United States, it would not be amiss to obtain from the French consul a distinct certificate, stating that the vessel had arrived from the French colonies, with a cargo composed of such and such articles, which were not landed, being originally destined for a specified port of France."

PRICES CURRENT AT BORDEAUX, NOVEMBER, 13, 1854.

In Francs and Centimes.

- IMPORTS. Ash, pot qd 57f a 63f—demanded Cocoa, Carracas lb 3 75 a 4—duty 37 50 per qd—scarce and demanded Island, 1 65 a 1 70 Coffee, Martinique and Guadalupe, lb 2 35 a 2 60—duty 37 50 per qd. St. Domingo, 2 30 a 2 57 Bourbon, 2 45 a 2 50—demanded Java, 2 30 a 2 40 Mocha, 2 60 a 2 65 Cotton, Georgia and Carolina, long qd 175f a 250—duty 50c per qd short, 135f 275—brisk Louisiana, 155f a 175—do Indigo, Louisiana, lb 12f a 15—duty. 7 50 per qd—scarce and in demand Carolina, 5f a 12—do Logwood, Spanish cut, qd 30f 34—current sale English cut, 22f a 27—do Pepper, heavy, lb 1 60—duty 30f per qd—quick sale. Light, 1 50—do Sugar, St. Domingo, Martinique, Guadalupe, white clay'd qd 133f a 165—duty 37 50 per qd Brown ditto, 105f a 132—demanded Havana, white clayed, 123f a 165 Brown ditto, 100f a 123 Muffovado, 90f. a 125—duty 22 50 per qd—demanded Tallow, Boston, qd 95f a 100—do Tea, Hyson, lb 7f 7 25—duty 25f per qd Hyson Skin, 3 90 a 4 15 Souchong, 4f. a 4 15 Pair, 5f a 5 50 Camphor, 3 25 a 3 40 Cibo, 3 10 a 3 25 Bobba, 1 1/2 a 1 50 Tobacco, Virginia, qd 120f a 130—duty 50f per qd Carolina and Georgia, 110f a 120 current sale Maryland, yellow, 120f a 130

EXCHANGE

America, 80 days sight, 2 25 per dollar.

Ships wrecked.—During the storm on Wednesday night, the 9th inst. the new brig Laura, Capt. Ward, of New-Haven, bound from St. Thomas home, ran upon the rock called Goose-Island, about 14 miles east of New-Haven light-house, and three quarters of a mile west of Falkland-Island light-

house. We are not sufficiently informed to state the particulars with accuracy, but understand, from one of the owners, that when the brig struck, it was supposed she was several miles to the westward of Falkland-Island, but was deceived in the distance by the glazing of ice which covered the light-house lantern. The last accounts from the wreck, state, that the cargo (2400 bushels of salt) would be lost; that the brig had lost her rudder, was materially damaged in the hull, and it remained doubtful whether it would be practicable to get her off. The vessel and cargo were owned by Painter, Whedon, & Co. and by Capt. Ward.—this is her first voyage.

At the same time and place, a Rhode Island packet ran on, bilged and sunk; the passengers (24 persons) and hands saved. We are informed that one of the passengers in this vessel lost 4000 dollars in bank bills, contained in his trunk, which lay under a quantity of other articles in the fore-peak.

Same time and place, 2 other vessels ran on, but by whom they were owned or their fate, we have not learnt.—In addition to these, there were two vessels, which had reached within a few rods of the rock, and in a few moments more must have struck, were it not that Capt. Ward hailed them, when they wore ship, and barely escaped the fate of their comrades.

Since preparing the above for press, we further learn, by a gentleman from Goose-Island, that after heaving over-board a part of the brig's cargo, and otherwise lightening her, she was got off, and is now in Sachem's Head harbor, near Guilford.—The injury to the vessel, though very considerable, is not so great as was apprehended. The Rhode-Island vessel is we understand, the Washington of Newport, and, as before stated, will probably be lost, as she is bilged and full of water. Six or seven of her passengers (ladies) were at the light-house on Falkland-Island. The other two vessels, which struck about the same time with the Laura, had been got off with little injury; one was a schooner belonging to Killingsworth.

The singular circumstance of these vessels being shipwrecked at the same time, and at a place where an occurrence of this kind has not happened for many years before, is supposed to have been occasioned, as already mentioned in the case of the brig; but that they should all have been so deceived by the light, and in their distance from it, as to pursue exactly the same dangerous track, when a few rods variation from it would have saved them, is very extraordinary. New-Haven pap.

Died, on Sunday morning last, in about the 60th year of her age, Mrs. FRANCES PRESTMAN, consort of George Prestman, esq. of this city. Her remains were deposited in the Baptist burial ground of which church she has been a respectable member for many years.

To have lived many years, and to have lived them all usefully, has been the fortunate lot of this amiable lady. Long, long will her memory be dear to all who knew her—long will her loss be deeply regretted by many who can never forget the happiness she diffused so liberally around her. Kind and affectionate in her disposition, no envious passion ever entered to disturb her peace of mind. Unambitious of worldly gain or vain parade, her whole affections centered in doing good to others. Her philanthropy was of that genuine description which, without the glowing exterior of refinement, sought out its object, and without seeming to be seen, effectually gave relief. On her death bed, to which she was confined nearly four weeks, she was calm, resigned and cheerful—not a murmur escaped her lips—her death was as the sweetest sleep. Such has been her life—how glorious must have been her happy change from time to a never ending eternity.

From G. Dobbin's Check & Co.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL CHURCH LOTTERY.

TWENTY-THIRD PA'S DRAWING.

- 300 Tickets drawn this day. Prizes of 200 dollars. Nos. 6353-10224. Prize of 100 dollars: Nos. 698 1204 1883 14072 14347. Prizes of 50 dollars: Nos. 5943 9390 12869. Prizes of 25 dollars: Nos. 19663. Prizes of 20 dollars: Nos. 2495 560 888 1474 2418 2805 3240 3446 3576 4357 4794 4910 5393 5735 6978 7071 7701 8316 10377 11214 12197 12903 13367 14134 14790 19113 15399 15884 18789 16838 17158 17949 19392 19666 19911. And 57 of 16 dollars. Gain of the wheel this day, 330 dollars.—Total gain, 10575 dollars. Adjourned till Thursday next, at 10 o'clock.

Extract of a letter from Calif. to a gentleman in Boston, dated Nov. 24, 1854. "The scarcity of grain in Iowa, and it will probably maintain nearly the present prices through the winter. The following statement will convey an idea of the comparative diminution of the crops in this vicinity. "The bishop of Seville collected his tithes in the year 1822, on 326,000 fanegas of wheat, which was not more than sufficient for consumption 1803, on 181,000; great scarcity. 1824, on 56,700, famine. "The people in some parts of the interior are in a state of insurrection. At one village they have hung their corregidor, having been three days without bread. "The sickness is nearly at an end in Malaga and Gibraltar, it has decreased here, the deaths are now from 16 to 24 daily, of all diseases, including those who die in hospital."

SHIP NEWS

Newport, (R. I.) January 11. Arrived, ship Agenora, Burdick, Charleston; sloops Polly, Justin, New York; George, Potter, Richmond, via New Bedford.

Captain Potter informs, that on the 29th ult. 20 miles S. E. of Rhode Island light, in co. with the ship Agenora, saw a sloop standing for the light; that the sloop, while speaking the ship, carried away the head of her mast; in this situation captain P. went to her relief. She proved to be the Harmony, Hawes, from Baltimore for Providence; and notwithstanding his advice to the captain and crew to stay by their vessel, (she being in excellent order otherwise, and having sufficient of her mast standing to make sail) they persisted in leaving her; he accordingly took them on board his vessel, but being short of provisions, put the captain and mate on board the Agenora. Last night information was received that she had drifted on shore near Gay Head, and that the keeper of the light was taking out her cargo, which is valuable, she being perfectly tight, and no water in her.

Kingston, (Jam.) December 20.

Arrived, ship John, Gorton, Norfolk; sch'r. Rover, M'Callan, Portland. Sailed, brig B. S. E. Chisfield, Baltimore. The sch'r. Lucy Ann, Butler, from Baltimore to Barroaca, taken by a French privateer and retaken by His majesty's sch'r. Gipsy, arrived yesterday.

Boston, January 13.

This day arrived, the following vessels, last from the Vineyard, which place they left yesterday; some of them have been detained for 3 weeks.—The whole fleet consisted of 38 sail, for different ports.—At this port:—the ship Diana, Noble, Rotterdam; sch'r. Hunter, Taylor, Demerara; brig Sally, Atkins, Isle of May; sch'r. Independent, Drinkwater, Honduras; sch'r. Eagle, Baxter, Martinique; brigs Harmony, Hall, Alexandria; Katy, do. sch'r. Mason's Daughter, Richmond; sloop Caroline, do. schooner Phoenix, Jumper, Norfolk; sch'r. Federal George, Field, Baltimore; and Diana, Ellen, do. The Lucy, West, from Havana, and Four Sisters, Whitmarsh, from Demerara, and several others, were in sight at sunset.

The ship Venus, capt. Matchet, arrived at the Vineyard, on Friday night last, from Sumatra, for this port.

New-York, January 18.

Arrived since our last, Spanish brig El San Lorenzo, captain Don Lewis Jose Lastique, in 27 days from Havana. [This brig was bound to Baltimore, and made several unsuccessful attempts to get in there and Philadelphia, and lost off the Delaware her anchors and cables, and received considerable injury in her sails.]

Brig President Jefferson, Towne, of Kennebeck, in 32 days from Martinique. Left ship George Washington, Porter, to sail in 12 days for New York; schooner Montserat, Medor, to sail in 10 days for Baltimore; and schooner Columbia, under way; barque Harper, Saunders, of Salem, just arrived; brig Nancy, Woodbury, of Salem, waiting for a cargo; and brig Leopard, Barker, to sail in 15 days for Salem. Spoke, January 2, in lat. 34, 30, long. 70, the schooner Federal Republican, of Chatlam, 30 days from Boston for Charleston, and supplied her with water January 7, in lat. 36, long. 68, the sloop Cyrus, 23 days from Havana for Norfolk, had been on half allowance 5 days, and her sails torn. January 13, the brig John, 40 days from the Isle of May, for Newburyport.

Brig John, Bain, in 24 days from St. Pierre's, Martinique. Left brig Richmond, Roach, ditto; Jane, Stevenson, barque Hope, do. ditto; Salem, just arrived; Benjamin, Lander, do. do. December 26, saw an English frigate, having in tow a large French polacre, from Martinique, which had captured, and was steering for Antigua; Captain B. lost a cable and anchor in extricating himself from the ice, last night.

Norfolk, January 13.

Arrived, the brig Albert, captain Webb, from Antigua.—Left there, (sch'r.) Hannah, Shanks, of Frederickburg, to sail for Martinique in 8 days; Greyhound, Guards of Baltimore; just arrived from Guadeloupe; ship Honora, Conn, of Philadelphia.

Ship Active, Statebury, of do. from Bourdeaux bound to New Orleans, left

in for trial, supposed to have French property on board.

Brigs Sally and Jenny, Garduer, from Philadelphia; Norton, of New York; Prudence Hunt, of Rhode Island; Wilson, of North Carolina.

Sch'r Ann, Bunce, of Hartford, from Guadalupe for Martinique, sent in for trial.

Sch'r Catherine Sheberd, Northgometry, from this port bound to Martinique, was sent in for trial, and liberated—had failed for Martinique.

Sch'r Lady Wallington, Riddick, failed for this port the 15th ultimo.

Also, sch'r Maria, captain Holmes 20 days from Kingston, Jam.

Ship Juno, captain Cowper, 42 days from Montego Bay, Jam.

British ship Tobago, captain Dunn, 37 days from Ja raica.

Sch'r Iris, captain Pearson, 14 days from St. Pierre's, Martinique. Left there—the ship George Washington, Porter, for New York—brigs Richmond, Roach, Salem; Leopard, Barker, Baltimore; Traveller, Miller, Salem; Aurora, Allen, New York; Agnero, Vantantrup, do—schooners Plough' Boy, Calf, Norfolk; Two Sisters, Jones, do; Neptune, Webb, New York; Hannah Bartley, do; Kitty, Taylor, Philadelphia; and many others, not known.

Entered, brig Traveller, Wright, Newburyport; sch'r Molly, Dennis, Salem; sloops Lydia, Potter, Providence; Priscilla, Cole, Warren; Jefferson, Burroughs, New York.

Cleared, ship Yorkshire, Lee, Jamaica; sch'r's Mercury, Smith, West Indies; Jefferson, Woodward, New York.

In addition to the distressing accounts of losses on the coast already mentioned, we are concerned to add the following.

Brig Courier, captain Doggett, from Basseterre, Guadalupe, was call away on Patriman's Island, near Hog Island, on the night of the 3d inst.—Vessel and cargo totally lost—crew saved.

The Spanish brig Nostra Signora del Carmen, captain Emanuel Rodrigues, from St. Jago de Cuba, bound to Philadelphia, was cast away in the night of the 18th ult. near Cape Look Out Shoals.—The vessel has drifted to Ocracoke Bar the cargo (molasses and hides) is partly saved—one passenger and three seamen were drowned.

A Counting-Room, With a Cellar underneath, a short distance from the Custom House, to Rent—Apply at this office. January 23 d

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of Books by Auction.

THIS EVENING, At the 7th instant, at our auction room, next door to Bryden's coffee-house, will be exposed to sale, A large collection of BOOKS, English, German and French, both new and second-hand. As this extra sale has been called to enable us to close accounts with a number of invoices committed to us, great bargains may be expected. The whole to be sold without reserve. SOWER & S. COLE, auctioneers. N. B. Continuation of the sale of the Invoice of London Books, on Thursday and Saturday next as usual. January 23

REMOVAL.

William Ryland HAS REMOVED from No. 102 to 145, Market-street, opposite the Bank of Baltimore.—Where he offers for sale, A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF HARDWARE, CUTLERY, PLATED AND COMMON SADDLERY, JAPANNED AND BRASS WARE, FOWLING-PICCS & FIRE-ARMS. Also, An assortment of low priced JEWELRY. January 23

Baltimore Insurance Company.

THE President and Directors have this day declared a dividend of twelve and a half per cent, on the capital stock of the said company, for the last six months, which will be paid to the stockholders, or their legal representatives, on or after Monday, the 11th February next—until which time the transfer book will be closed. By order of the Board, W. M. G. COCHRAN, Secy. January 23 (23)

Robert Cary Long.

RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he intends to decline the Lumber business as soon as the year, for which the yard he occupies was taken, expires; in the mean time, the Stock on hand will be disposed of on reasonable terms, either by himself or Mr. Samuel Martin, who is fully authorized to collect the debts, those in arrears are requested to make speedy payment, particularly those whose accounts are of long standing. R. C. Long will continue his trade as usual. January 23

Public Sale.

By virtue of a deed in trust from James B. Rice, and others, as in the advertisement, will be sold at public sale, on WEDNESDAY the 11th day of February next, at twelve o'clock, the following tract of land, to-wit: A certain tract of land, situated in the township of New Castle, in the county of Baltimore, and known as the PART OF THE TRACT OF LAND called "DORR'S" with its appurtenances, containing about thirty acres, more or less, about a mile from the city of Baltimore. There is on the above tract an excellent spring of water, about 100 feet high, of wood land, and about the same quantity of meadow ground. Any person desiring to purchase the above land, may do so by applying to Mr. John M. Hill, at New Castle, or to Mr. James B. Rice, at Baltimore, before the time of sale, or at the time of the sale, at the residence of Mr. James B. Rice, at New Castle, Md. CORNELLUS W. RICE, Auctioneer. January 23