

argument, on the part of the House of Representatives, might be enabled to col- late, compare and digest the testimony of ferred.

The counsel for Judge Chafe said they did not ask, though they should not op- pose the delay.

Nothing further being offered, the Pre- sident put the question whether the Senate would retire, which was carried.

It was previously stated by the man- agers and counsel, on enquiry from the chair, that the case would be opened by the managers, replied to by the counsel for Judge Chafe, and closed by the man- agers.

GEORGETOWN, (Col.) February 20.

Yesterday the examination of the testi- mony was finished in the High Court of Impeachment. The pleadings will com- mence this day.

On Friday last we had the pleasure to see our harbor opened and cleared of ice, after having been closed for these two months.

In the afternoon of Monday last, be- tween three and four o'clock, the inhabi- tants of this town were exceedingly alarmed by the cry of fire. One of the houses adjoining the Union Tavern, and occupied by Mr. M. Laughlin for the ac- commodation of part of the numerous boarders, was discovered to be enveloped in smoke, and in a short time the flames burst through the roof and windows, threatening destruction to the whole square. Happily, however, through the timely, vigorous and well directed exer- tions of the citizens, who appeared to vie with each other in rendering every as- sistance to their unfortunate and suffering fellow-citizen, the fire was entirely ex- tinguished; but not before part of the two buildings between the Union and Mr. Rigg's brick house, had been consumed and pulled down. The damage sustained cannot, in our opinion, be over- rated at 3000 dollars. The terror and dismay occasioned by this distressing event can be more easily imagined than describ- ed. We feel pleasure in recording the meritorious services of our fellow-citizens from Washington, who hastened from the city with a promptitude and alacrity that calls for our highest admiration and sin- cerest praise.

We regret too that several of the mem- bers of congress, and their ladies, were driven from their comfortable habitations. The loss sustained by them we expect was considerable, for the confusion and hurry in removing was very great.

On an occasion like the present, we beg leave to suggest the propriety and importance of forming and establishing fire companies in Washington and George Town, for although we cheerfully allow every praise to those who assisted, yet we feel sensible that by a well organized company, the community would experience signal advantage from their uniform and persevering efforts in any similar event.

We understand that the celebration of the anniversary of our illustrious Wash- ington, is frustrated by this unexpected event, almost every article, luxury and elegance prepared for the occasion having been destroyed.

The senate have passed a bill providing for the territory of Orleans a territorial government similar, in most respects, to that in force for the Mississippi territory, and providing for their admission as a state into the union so soon as their free white population shall amount to sixty thousand.

The house have made this bill the order of the day for this day.

NORFOLK, February 14.

Yesterday came on before the fullest bench ever witnessed in this Borough, the trial of the negroes charged with the murder of a captain of a craft, named Amor. The first one tried, named M. ses, belonging to Mrs. Hutchings, of this Borough—He was defended by Messrs Linds and Wirt. Mr. Lindsay defended him on the evidence, and at- tempted to show that he was not guilty of the charge. Mr. Wirt continued the argument, and admitted that although he might have been the cause of the death of the deceased, yet still from the nature of the circumstances, the prisoner was only guilty of manslaughter. We revere- nce professional talents wherever found, and acknowledge we never listened to a more perspicacious or neat argu- ment than was delivered by Mr. Wirt on the occasion; but cannot but lament that they were employed so successfully on such an occasion. There were seven magistrates on the bench; six of them, we are informed, were decidedly of opi- nion that the prisoner was guilty of murder; but the ill-timed clemency of one prevented the culprit from receiving his just reward. Another of those con- cerned met the fate of Moses, and was punished by being burnt in the hand and receiving 39 lashes. We never saw a more crowded audience, or more marked indignation, at the escape of those ruffians from the gallows. We under- stand two or three more are to be tried this day.

COMMUNICATED.

From what passed at the trial of the Negroes yesterday, it appears evident that in indictments for the crime of murder, the negro has a chance of acquittal far superior to the white man in the state of Virginia—for the law, although it does not allow the negro a trial by ju-

ry, yet makes the unanimous consent of the Magistrates necessary for his con- demnation—so that, suppose eight Ma- gistrates on the bench, one dissenting voice acquits the criminal—Suppose on the contrary, twelve Jurymen assem- bled to give a verdict, and that one or two, or even three, are against the con- demnation, yet if the rest of the jury are firm in their opinions, it rarely happens but that the will of so inconsiderable a minority is made to bend. Eight or eleven men will not yield to the obstin- cy or ill timed mercy of one. These Negroes, Citizens, will soon be abroad again—be a med and be warned, and if the law will not reach the murderer be- cause he is black, let us (individually) be prepared against the midnight assault of unpunished assassins.

American.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1835.

It affords peculiar pleasure, to have it in our power to state, that our navigation, from a short distance below the fort, is perfectly clear of ice. For two days past, the gloom, occasioned by a long and severe winter, and the stagnation of business, was a little dissipated, by the cheering appearance of a number of balls and signal flags exhibited at the Observatory, for different ves- sels below. And if the present mild winter should continue but a few days, the fact of our harbor will soon be released from the burthen with which the horrors of winter have covered it; and we may venture to calculate on a quick revivification of the long suspended trade and commerce of our city.

COMMUNICATION.

An elegant dinner was given on Wed- nesday last at Evan's tavern, by the merchants of this city to William Pinckney etq. here one of the commissioners of the United States under the British treaty.

It was attended by about one hundred gentlemen including the clergy, the mayor of the city, officers of the customs and military officers, foreign consuls and strangers of distinction, who were invited on the occasion.

This testimony of respect for a citizen whose private virtues and public services render him worthy of general esteem was concurred in by all parties.

The following toasts were drank after dinner:

1. The president.
2. The memory of the great and illustrious Washington.
3. The nations of the world in amity with the United States.
4. The governor and state of Mary- land.
5. Mr. Pinckney, our late commissioner and his colleagues.

Here Mr. Pinckney rose and addressed the company to the following purpose—

It is perhaps unnecessary that I should attempt to express, and I am sure it is im- possible that I should do so in adequate terms, the lively sensibility with which I receive the distinguished honor which this most respectable company has just conferred upon my estimable colleagues in office and myself—but I ought to say, and I feel what I truly say on my heart, that there is no man who should be fortunate enough to be placed in a situa- tion to render service to his fellow citizen, that would not think himself greatly overpaid by the kind and liberal testi- monies, which I have uniformly received since my return to my native country, of the good opinions, and I hope, I may add, the esteem of those who are best able to estimate my public and private conduct. That good opinion that esteem, so grate- ful to myself as an individual, will not I venture to hope, be unproductive of good effects to the society to which I am at- tached. Believing myself to be in pos- session of these, it is not I think likely that I should at any future period neglect the only means by which I am conscious they are to be preserved. For my col- leagues, I beg leave to offer to this com- pany the acknowledgments which they themselves would delight to offer, if they were present—And for myself I offer a wish, dictated by my head as well as my heart, that the prosperity of the city of Baltimore may in all times to come, be equal to the generous and enterprising spirit which characterizes its inhabitants.

6. The ministers, and other public functionaries of the United States abroad.

7. Commodore Preble and the navy of the United States.

8. General Wilkinson and the army of the United States.

9. The memory of our brave officers and seamen who fell in the late attacks upon Tripoli.

10. Our unfortunate brethren in captiv- ity; may they soon be restored to their country and friends.

11. The commerce of the United States.

12. Agriculture and manufactures; may the wisdom of our legislators be di- rected to the internal improvement of our country.

13. The rights of neutral nations; may powers at war respect, and our gov- ernment never surrender them.

14. The people of Louisiana; may their union with the United States prove a blessing to themselves and add to the general security and happiness.

15. The American fair.

16. May ingratitude to the servants of the public, never be the reproach of the American people.

17. May party considerations give way to the public good.

By Mr. Pinckney—The city and trade of Baltimore.

T. A. Emmett, late of Ireland, and Pierpont Edwards, late of Connecticut, having obtained permission, have com- menced the practice of law in the city of New York.

We are authorised, by Mr. Harvey, to say, that the following account of the fire on Bowly's wharf, that appeared in the Federal Gazette of last evening, is correct—except that his boy, for some time past, has not kept ashes in the wa- re house occupied by him; that his books were not in the house, and that no property was lost except some papers of no material consequence; thirty nine hogheads of tobacco which was on consignment, and flour on storage.

ANOTHER AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE!

After the fortunate escape from fire which our city has hitherto experienced during a severe and tedious winter, we began to indulge the hope that no alarm from that destructive element would shortly disturb our midnight slumbers or by waste the property of our citizens. But last night dissipated those expectations, and exposed our city again to the ravages of a fire, which wanted nothing but wind from any point of the compass to render it even far more destructive. than the memorable fire which took place in its vicinity in 1799; since, under the favorable circumstance of damp roofs and still weather, the amount of property destroyed is very great.

The first alarm of the fire was about one o'clock, when those who arrived earliest at the scene, discovered it to have made great head in the ware house of Mr. Harvey, No. 83 Bowly's wharf, and on being given open the front door found the whole interior of the first floor with its valuable contents enveloped in the flames which issued out as the door opened and repelled those who attempt- ed to enter. The joists and floor of the second story, were at the same moment so completely in a blaze as to render it beyond the reach of human efforts to rescue any thing from ruin, so that we have the painful task to say that every article consisting of a large quantity of flour and tobacco, belonging to a num- ber of persons principally on storage, and even the books and papers of Mr. Harvey, fell victims to the devouring element.

From No. 83, the flames quickly ex- tended to No. 85, on the one side, occu- pied by Mr. Solomon Betts, merchant, and on the other side, to No. 81, occu- pied by a Mr. Davidson, as a tavern. Mr. Betts's store was filled with a large quantity of flour and wheat; but what was most of it was lost, cannot yet be as- certained—though it must be consid- erable, notwithstanding a great deal was rescued, by the exertions of the citizens from the tumbling ruins. To the friends of Mr. Betts and one or two other hold- ers of the produce destroyed, it is a con- solation that their loss, as individuals, will be trifling, as they had prudently insured their property, about six weeks ago, to a much greater amount than has probably been destroyed.

Mr. Davidson saved nearly all his fur- niture; but the house he occupied, owned, we understand, by the widow Ram- say, is completely ruined, except the brick work; and the other two, belong- ing the one to Mr. Gittings, and the other to Mr. D. Moore, flour inspectors, have, with the same exception, been completely incinerated. None of these houses, we believe, were insured.

To the citizens at large (with some disgraceful exceptions) and to the fire companies in particular, too much praise cannot be given for their persevering ex- ertions on this occasion—exertions, which the inflammability of surrounding objects, snatched from the flames, suffi- ciently testify, and which nothing but the utmost human efforts could have saved from a fire which had assumed all the terrors of a sweeping conflagration be- fore it was encountered by the skill and zeal of the fire companies; and though the loss is very great, still the wonder, under the circumstances of the case, is, that it was not far greater.

The lassitude brought on by extin- guishing the fire in Granby street, stated in yesterday's paper, and by the labori- ous exertions at that on Bowly's wharf, induced the citizens and fire companies to retire to rest before they had suffi- ciently subdued the enemy in the latter place; and about 8 o'clock another alarm of FIRE was echoed through the streets. The tobacco in Mr. Harvey's store con- tained a quantity of latent smothered fire, which about the above hour, blazed out afresh, and communicating to a frame building on the rear of the adjoining ta- vern, assumed a very threatening aspect, but an engine being soon put in motion, it was got under without further mischief. Thus in the space of about 20 hours, our city was four times alarmed and called to exertion by the progress of this destruc- tive depredator. How the last alarm ori- ginated is easily accounted for; but in what manner the three former began, whether from accident, negligence or de- sign, remains to be decided, though to the disgrace of human nature, those in

Granby street, appear to be the work of one or more infernal incendiaries: Mr. Mordy, who occupies the premises, on which the stable was destroyed on Wed- nesday morning, authorises us to say that the hostler had neither that morning nor any other, made use of a lighted pipe in the stable; but that the fire had evidently been kindled wickedly and designedly at or under the door; and that some person [probably the same,] with like villainous intention, had committed the same act on Mr. Wheatley's stable on the same lot, as the flames emanated at and proceeded from the loft window.

With respect to the origin of the more destructive fire on Bowly's wharf this morning, no discriminative marks are left to shew how or where it first began. Mr. Harvey's servant is said to have stood away some hot ashes in a barrel, which is supposed to have taken fire. It did not proceed from this source, it must be attributed to some incendiary also; for Mr. Harvey paid particular attention himself to the fire on the hearth, and had it well secured previously to leaving the store. At all events a red- doubled vigilance is necessary, especial- ly while several wild beasts in human form have late been turned loose upon us from the wheelbarrow, and one has already been detected in his attempt to plunder, as well as to secret himself in a store till the family was wrapped in slumber, when he would very probably have added the crime of an incendiary to that of the robber. [Fed Gas.]

We have been informed that Hugh H. Brackenridge has resigned his situation as one of the judges of the supreme court of this state. [Aurora.]

From G. Dobbin's Check-Book.

Cathedral Church Lottery.

Thirty Fourth Days Drawing.

500 tickets drawn this day.

Prize of 1000 dollars:

No. 4417.

Prizes of 100 dollars:

Nov. 4877 6747 8035 11737 13628 16452.

Prizes of 50 dollars:

Nov. 9094 9865 9266 12347 18431 963 5711 380 13452 9260.

Prizes of 25 dollars:

Nos. 6462 10572 11663 15564.

64 of 20 dollars and 105 of 15 dollars.

Loss of the wheel this day 55 d. la.

Adjourned till Saturday morning.

The creditors

Of the late PARKIN & McKENNA are requested to meet at James Bryden's, on FRIDAY EVENING next, at 6 o'clock. It is hoped the Creditors will all attend, as an unprecedented attempt is about to be made to deprive them of their lawful and just claims.

February 21 d2t

NOTICE.

The committee appointed from the several fire companies will please attend an adjourned meeting on Friday next, at James Bryden's, at 7 o'clock, when the commit- tee appointed by them will report.

February 21.

SHIP NEWS

Norfolk, February 14.
Arrived, ship Six Sisters, Gorton, 64 days from Cork, Ballast, bound to Balti- more.

Ship Jenny, Ward, 38 days from Cadiz

Ship Rebecca, Frazer, of this port, was condemned at Cadiz as unfit for sea.

Vessels left at Cadiz:

Ships Julia, Vickery, Norfolk; Tom-

—, Portland, Riba and Betsy, Ri-

chardson, Norfolk; Patty, Phi-

ladelphia; Reward, Newbury-

port; Samuel Johnson, Tomb-

stone; Washington, Curtis, Portsmouth;

Neptune, Stanton, New-York; Felicia J-

ones, Philadelphia; Merchant, Lord,

New-York; Toby, do. brig Julia,

Wilbar, do. Rose, Taylor, do. Canton,

Fowler, do.

The ship —, Langdon, of N. York,

had arrived here days before.

Drove on shore from their anchor.

Big Betsy, of New York, Fowler;

vestel and cargo of salt lost, having been

to sea and put back in distress.

Brig —, Woods, of New-York, cap-

peeled to be got off.

An American brig drove on shore and

lost, and fifteen sail of different nations,

names not recollectd.

United States brig Scourge, of 14 guns,

Lieut. Izard, prize to the Syren, 83 days

from Palermo.—Commodore Barron was

confined by indisposition at Syracuse, the

President had sailed two days before the

Scourge for Tripoli, which was blockad-

ed by the Constellation and Nautilus;

the John Adams was to sail for America

port, and Protegrees, Fverit, from Lon- don for C'y Point.

A Wet Nurse

WANTS a situation—Enquire of the pri- nters February 22 d4t

A Negro Woman for Sale.

She is a good plain Cook, washe and ironer —has no children with her, and has about 8 years to serve. Enquire of the printers. February 22 e4t

A smart Negro Girl,

ABOUT 12 years of age, for Sale. Apply at No. 30 Queen street, Fell's Point. February 22 d8t

A House-Keeper.

WANTED a sober, orderly woman, capa- ble of Cooking and managing a small fam- ily. Apply at Mont Pelier, to ISAAC VAN BIBBER. February 22 w4f6t

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Mrs. ELIZABETH VVANKS, late of this city, deceased, are requested to make immediate pa- yment, to the subscriber; and all those having claims against her, are requested to leave them with the subscriber, passed by the orphan's court. WALTER JENKINS, adm'r. February 21 f4m6t

Notice is hereby given,

THAT Baltimore County Court will meet at the court house of said county on Monday, the 25th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M. to hear and de- termine on the petitions of James Jeffrey and Joseph Woods, now in custody.

The court will then proceed agreeably to the provision of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at the last session of the general assembly, to discharge the persons of said prisoners, without requiring bond for their personal appearance at the final hearings, unless cause be shown to the contrary, of which the creditors are hereby warned.

Signed by order WM. GIBSON, clerk.

February 22 d3t

Notice

THE subscribers have obtained, from the orphan's court of Baltimore county, let- ters of Administration on the estate of Thomas Mortimer, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased; all persons, therefore, who are indebted to the said estate, are requested to make immediate payment and those who have any claims will exhibit them properly authenticated for settle- ment.

THOMAS MORTIMER, Junr. FOSTER MAYNARD. February 22 l44t

For Freight or Charter,

The Schooner PRIMROSE, Now in the River, burthen a- bout 400 barrels.

For sale on board said schooner, 100 boxes fresh Muscatel and Bloom Raisins 1500 wt. new Milch-hesse, and 15 bbls. Northern Rum.

Apply to JOHN STICKNEY, No. 6, Water-street. d2t e4t

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And for sale at all the principal book stores in this city.

[Price 3-16ths of a Dollar.]

A SERMON,

ON THE SECOND ADVENT OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

AND ON THE GENERAL OR LAST JUDGMENT;

Delivered the 25th December, 1804, before both Houses of Congress, at the Capitol in the City of Washington,

BY JOHN HARGROVE, Minister of the New Jerusalem Church, Baltimore.

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

February 20 e4t

Government Security!

NEW-YORK LOTTERY,

No III. FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LITERATURE

Begins Drawing on the Eighth of April next.

25 000 DOLLARS,

10 000 DOLLARS,

5,000 DOLLARS,

HIGHEST PRIZES.

The scheme contains 33 000 tickets, of which 9913 are prizes—less than two and a half blanks to a prize. Deduction 15 per cent.

At the session of the Legislature of the state of New York, on Monday, the 12th of Novem- ber, 1804, a resolution was passed by the senate, and was concurred in by the House of the Assembly, that the drawing of the said Lottery be post- poned until the SECOND MONDAY in APRIL next, in consequence of the defalcation of one of the managers, and that the Legislature will GUARANTEE the PAYMENT of ALL the PRIZES in said Lottery.

TICKETS,

HALVES, QUARTERS AND SIXTHS, are to be had at

G. & R. Waite's

PERMANENT LOTTERY OFFICES;

Nos 64, & 38, MAINEN LANE,

At the following Prices,

Whole Tickets, dis. 7 50 | Quarters, 2

Halves, 3 87 | Eighths, 1 12

But, as the tickets and shares have met with such an extraordinary rapid sale, throughout every part of the United States, they will speedily advance in price.

Distant adventurers, by enclosing Bank Notes of any description, (but Branch Bank would be preferred), may have tickets forward- ed them by post to any part of the Union, by G. & R. WAITE, with the utmost punctuality, and the earliest intelligence sent of their success —CASII advanced for prizes as soon as drawn —or warranted undrawn Tickets exchanged for Prizes during the drawing.

For the satisfaction of adventurers in Balti- more and its vicinity, the Manager's Official List will be forwarded to the printers of this paper, as soon as possible after the drawing, where any gentleman can examine his own number. Letters (post paid) duly attended to.

N. York, Nov 23 (30) d:

Removal.

Mrs. SAY, MIDWIFE, has removed from the lower end of Water-street, to Fish market-street, opposite Mr. Beckley's Lumber Yard.

February 21 d4t