American.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1805.

☞ Painful conjectures, as to the cause of Mr. JEREMIAH P. RYAN's absence, have been entertained by his friends, as he has neither been seen nor heard of since the evening of the 20th inst. It has been surmised he has fallen thro' the ice while offering assistance at the fire on Bowley's wharf. Any information of him, will be thankfully received by

SMITH & STEENE.

February 25.

Should the weather continue but a few days, as favorable as it now is, and has been for some days past, we may safely calculate on a quick breaking up of the ice in our harbor, which will again put our long fettered commercial pursuits in motion. The Fleet, which, since the obstruction of navigation, has been accumulating in force, off Annapolis, consisting of upwards of 50 sail, together with other vessels which have since arrived, have been enabled to get up as far as the Fort; and their crews, with others belonging to outward bound vessels, it is expected, will cut a passage this day, so as to enable those bound in to reach our harbor.

We are possessed of a Madrid Gazette of the 14th December (says the Nat. Intelligencer of Friday last) which contains a copy of the Spanish Manifesto, dated on the 12th of the same month respecting the war with Great Britain. It concludes with the King's determination to make war against Great Britain without the usual solemn declarations and publication, inasmuch as the English Cabinet began, and continues the war without declaring it. In general, it charges the latter with a predetermined hostility, and with deceiving Spain, with respect to its views. We shall, perhaps, publish a translation of this important paper in our next.

At a meeting of several committees, appointed by the different Fire Companies, in the city, held at James Bryden's, on the 22d inst.

WALTER SIMPSON was appointed Chairman and JOSEPH TOWNSEND, Secretary.

Each company was represented by the following members viz—

LIBERTY.

Jacob Fite, Edward J. Coale,
George Decker,

UNION.

Walter Simpson, William Norris,
Isaac Tyson, Luke Tiernan,
Samuel Byrnes,

MECHANICAL.

Isaac Burneston, William Ball,
Joseph Townsend, James Calhoun, jun.
Emanuel Kent

FRIENDSHIP.

Peter Diffenderffer, Jonathan Edwards,
Samuel M'Kim, Philip Uhler,
William Pechin,

FEDERAL.

Rossiter Scott, Peter Bond,
Jacob Stansbury.

VIGILANT.

Cumberland Dugan, Andrew Buchanan,

DEPTFORD

Hezekiah Waters, William Trimble,
Samuel Wilson, John Lee.

A memorial to the city council now in session, embracing several objects relative to the better regulation of the different companies, during the time of fire, was prepared, considered and approved, and directed to be signed by the chairman and countersigned by the secretary.

RESOLVED, That *Walter Simpson Isaac Burneston, Samuel M'Kim Cumberland Dugan Jacob Stansbury, George Decker* and *William Trimble* present the same, to the city council, as also to attend the passage of any ordinance that may be passed relative to fires during the present session.

The following resolutions were produced and assented to, viz:

Whereas the operations of the several officers attached to the respective companies, are much obstructed, in not recognizing from the marks of distinction, the officers of the same rank of other companies and whereas a knowledge of each brother *plane-man property-men, &c* immediately recognized by his mark of distinction, would produce a unison of operation, it is

RESOLVED, That this joint committee, do earnestly recommend, our several and respective companies, of which we are members, each to appoint a committee of three to confer and establish a uniformity of badge, or mark of distinction, for the several officers attached to their respective companies—

And whereas there are various classes of officers in some companies, distinct and different from the officers of other companies, and whereas, the several companies, which we now represent, upon the general principles of regulations, are all aiming at the same object and end a uniformity of principles or constitution to govern our actions would tend to a uniformity of operation: it is therefore

RESOLVED, That this joint committee, do further earnestly recommend, our several and respective companies, of which we are members, to take into their serious consideration at their next meeting the propriety of a joint committee of three from each company, being appointed to form one concise and complete constitution, as a fundamental principle, for the government of the several companies.

RESOLVED, That the same be published in the different newspapers of this city with an extract of the proceedings of this meeting.

COMMUNICATION.

Messrs. EDITORS,

IN compliance with a *long established custom* of *eulogizing every institution* or *practice* which in any manner tends to the *peace* and happiness of the community, however apparent its advantages may be, I have thought proper thus publicly to signify my approbation of the present *happy custom of ringing bells during the night. Some* there are in *deed*, who, *deaf to every argument*, assert that it is useless, improper and troublesome. But no person, I am convinced, who is *open to conviction* can have the least objection to so *entertaining* an amusement.—Do not these *nocturnal* serenades afford an ample proof of our excellence in *music?* Do not they furnish an *inexhaustible source* of conversation in almost every company, which might otherwise prove dull and insipid? And besides, should a fire take place, will not this *incessant din* prevent many useful citizens from *hazarding their limbs* in assisting an unfortunate neighbor, by which means many a *direful accident* is prevented, such as *catching cold, bedaubing cloth &c. &c.* Moreover, should a man in the night happen to find this *everlasting melody* absolutely intolerable, can he not *easily sell his property* and *remove out of the city?* What, Messrs. Editors, would become of our boasted *liberty* if an *arbitrary community* could deprive one or two industrious *citizens* of an *evening's diversion?*

I know, indeed it has been urged that this furious bell-ringing is extremely disagreeable to sick persons, especially those who may chance to be in the purlieus of the Penitentiary cells. *But is this an argument against them?* On the contrary I infer that in this point of view they are eminently useful. I prove it thus—It is well known that *the most nauseous medicines are always the most beneficial to a patient.* And I maintain that bell-ringing is a wholesome prescription, in support of which I produce the two following authorities:

"For some diseases have been found
"To yield to nothing but the *sound*"

FULLER.

"There is in souls a sympathy with *sounds*."

COWPER

Besides all these *arguments in favor* of this *favorite amusement*, I shall adduce a *fact* which, I trust, will put to rest any future murmuring on the subject—a back country waggoner who was highly diverted with the *music of the bells*, was the other day gaping, *en connoisseur*, at the people—while he was in this situation, he was knocked down and trodden under foot by a horse; and in the mean time a bag of turnips was most *genteelly* taken out of his team and *carried off*.

After this, Messrs. Editors, I hope you will do *every thing* in your power to encourage those employed in ringing the bells, to persevere with a firm and steady hand, *in spite of all complaint and opposition*, in that *delightful task*, seeing that it is productive of *so many advantages*.

NIKELA.

From G. Dobbin's Check Book.

Cathedral Church Lottery.

Thirty-Sixth Day's Drawing.

500 tickets drawn this day.

Prize of 200 dollars:

No. 17400

Prizes of 100 dollars:

Nos. 3534 4786 4858 9194 9257 9271.

Prizes of 50 dollars:

Nos. 45[illegible]1 7156 8809 11597 13094 19283 20[illegible]7

Prizes of 25 dollars:

Nos. 335 349 6245 6516 11448 16541 20798.

70 of 20 dollars and 120 of 15 dollars.

Lots of the wheel this day 55 dollars.

Adjourned till Tuesday morning.

From the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

On Wednesday last, a poor black girl, owned by a person at Brooklyn, called (under the pressure of extreme hunger) at a gentleman's house in Pearl-street, to beg a little food. As she entered the house to receive the food she had solicited, she was observed to exhibit symptoms of much pain, and to have something concealed under a handkerchief, which she held to the side of her head. On an examination of the circumstance, it was found, that, among other modes of wreaking vengeance, her master had gratified his brutal feelings by hacking off a part of one ear, and cutting a gash in the other, *through which he suspended a large iron padlock!!* In this situation she was left to endure the agony such a wound must necessarily have occasioned; and in this condition she crossed the ferry, and wandered through the streets, begging for a morsel of bread! As there was no key at hand by which the lock could be opened, nor any other means of releasing her from her misery, this wretched object was conveyed to the Alms-house, where the attendant, by cutting through the rim of the ear, removed the instrument of torture.

[The above account is circumstantially correct. The name of the master of the above slave is already known to the members of the corporation of this city and we hope that they will take the necessary measures to bring him to punishment.]

(Gazette.)

Departed this life, in this city, in the 20th year of her age, after a lingering complaint, Miss ELIZA STICKNEY, of Worcester, Massachusetts

Eliza's gone! the clay cold hand of death
With ruthless force has close her final breath.
Her soul, disclosed, triumphant wing'd its way.
And now exults in realms of endless day.

SHIP NEWS

Port of Baltimore.

From Bryden's Marine List.

February 23.

Arrived, brig Maria, Murphy, 102 days from Batavia—coffee and sugar—Hollins and M'Blair. Left there, November 7th, ship China, M'Pherson, of Philadelphia, to sail in December; Benjamin Franklin, Wicks, of Philadelphia, to sail 17th of November, for Europe; no other Americans failed in co. but ship Manhattan, Lucker for New York and Union, Jacobs, for Philadelphia. The Ann, Server, for Baltimore, sailed 30th October; the Liberty, Vickery, of Philadelphia, failed for Muscat 20th October; the Maryland, Vickham, of New York, sailed for the Isle of France 25th October, had lost both her mates and the captain sick; the Washington, Skillings, of Boston, failed for Manilla 27th October. Spoke nothing on the passage.

February 24.

By a letter received in town from a sailor that was on board the Ardent, we learn, that the ship was captured the 10th January by a French privateer and ordered to Guadloupe; that he and 7 men of the crew were put on board a brig bound to Newburyport, and had arrived at the Vineyard.

New-York, February 19.

Arrived since our last,

Sloop Dispatch, Captain Sherwood, in 60 days from Newbern N. C. with naval stores. The Fabius, from Bordeaux, was last in the ice off Hart Island.

At the quarantine dock, Staten Island, the schooner Lætitia, Tice, of and for Philadelphia, in 15 days from New-Orleans. Captain Tice left Staten Island yesterday morning for Philadelphia, having previously sent us the following:—Left at New Orleans, the ship Lewis William, and brig Union, both of Philadelphia. The schooner Adelaide, Buell, was to sail in a few days for New York. The brig Friends Adventure, Folger, sailed from New Orleans, for New York on the 26th of January. Passed several sail in the river bound up. The passengers in the Lætitia were landed on Saturday last at the entrance of the Delaware, (where she left an anchor and cable) and proceeded for Philadelphia. Captain T. lost two of his hands on the passage. Spoke nothing, but saw several vessels on the coast. The Lætitia will remain at Staten Island till orders come on from Philadelphia.

The ship Fanny, Galloway, for Canton, passed the Straits of Sunda the 6th September in 97 days from New York. The Severn, Cowman; and Triton, Blakeman, both from New York, had not passed the Straits.

Cleared, ships Leander, Ricard, Port-au Prince; West Point Paddock, Nantz; Andromache, Hickle, Jamaica; brigs Sally, Cottle, Liverpool; Lavinia, Brown, Newry; sloop Venus, Smith, Charleston.

Philadelphia Dec. 22.

The vessels that left Mud Fort on Wednesday last, reached Marcus Hook yesterday morning—they proceeded down, but owing to the great quantity of drifting ice, they were obliged to put back and reached the piers with difficulty.

Alexandria, February 21.

The ship Alexandria, captain Weson, from Rotterdam, is in the river together with some smaller vessels.

Charleston, February 7.

Arrived, sloop Akerly, Sturgis, Norfolk, 14 days.

Cleared, ships Rising States, Bragdon, Cowes and a market; Marcella, Lawson, Wilmington N. C. brig George Washington, Young, New York

On the 28th ult. in 7 fathoms water, in lat. 38, 50. captain Sturgis fell in with the wreck of a ship, her tops in the water, and about 6 feet of her lower masts out of the water. Captain S. took from the wreck a topsail yard and part of two of her topsails.

On the 1st instant, in lat. 32, 54. long 78, in ten fathoms, spoke ship Betsy, from Portland, for Charleston.

For sale

THE time of a stout, likely, young Dutch Lad—he has about three years and a half to serve; is sober and honest, and sold for want of employment. Enquire of the printers.

February 19 eo6t

Sale by Auction.

THIS MORNING,

The 25th inst. at 11 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,

21 hhds. sugar
18 pipes Bordeaux brandy
4 hhds. Madeira wine
10 puncheons 4th proof Jamaica rum
30 bags coffee
5 serons indigo
A few crates Queensware, &c.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL, auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.

THIS EVENING,

The 25th inst. at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold on the premises,

A vacant LOT, on the west side of Commerce-street, below Pratt-street, subject to £35, per annum rent—54 feet on Commerce street, and running back to the water—belonging to the estate of Alexander W. Davy, deceased.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL, auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 25th inst. at 12 o'clock, at our auction room, at the head of Frederick-street dock will be sold on a credit of 90 days, for approved indorsed notes,

About 3000 bushels damaged WHEAT, for account of the underwriters

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auct'rs.

February 25

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 25th instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M. at Bryden's Coffee House will be sold, on 3, 6 and 9 months credit, for approved endorsed negociable notes,

The fast sailing Ship

MARYLAND,

Burthen per register 460 tons; she was built at Fell's Point 4 years ago, under the inspection of several gentlemen appointed for that purpose, and has been lately fitted in Europe, where no pains or expence was spared to make her compleat.....she is copper fastened, and has been newly coppered with thirty four and thirty six ounce best English copper, and that so high, when she is deep loaded, to be even with the water. This ship is calculated in a superior manner for an Indiaman, carrying her boats, camboses, and 18 guns if required, under a light spare deck; her cables, one suit of sails, and principal materials were all new when she left Europe.

Indeed, she is in complete order to receive a cargo and may be sent to any part of the world, without any additional expence, except victualing and manning. Those persons disposed to purchase, are requested to have her closely visited prior to the day of sale; she lays at Captain Stiles's wharf, Fell's Point. Her inventory may be seen at our auction room.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY auct'r.

Sale by Auction.

TO-MORROW,

The 25th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the auction room at the head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of

A VARIETY OF DRY GOODS.

After which at 12 o'clock,

25 hhds. sugar
11 pipes brandy
6 puncheons rum, &c.

ALSO,

1 pair French Burr Mill Stones, 6 feet
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VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auct'rs.

February 25

The creditors

Of JOHN GRAHAM are requested to meet at Mr James Bryden's, on Wednesday, the 27th inst at 7 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of making a final settlement of his affairs

February 25 d3t

For Sale or Rent,

A NEW story Brick HOUSE, with two rooms on a floor, and a Kitchen. It is in Eutaw street, in the vicinity of as good water as the city affords, and pleasantly situated for the accommodation of a private family. For terms, which will be moderate, apply at the corner of Eutaw and Conway-streets

JOHN HIGNAT.

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Thorndick Chase,

Has just imported per the ship Mary, from London,

SUPERFINE Cloth and Cassimeres, Flannel and baizes, sail and seine Twine, white lead in oil. Also, a few bales blue and scarlet superfine and second Cloths and Cassimeres, suitable for the St. Domingo market—which he offers for sale on moderate terms at 39, Thames-street, Fell's Point.

november 9 eo

German Linens.

WE have imported by the ship Hamilton, from Varel,

200 pieces Platillas
100 ditto Creas a la Morlaix
500 ditto Bretagnes
50 ditto Rouans
150 ditto Bielfeld Shirting Linens
16 bales Brown Hempen

Which we offer for sale on the usual credit, or in barter for coffee.

KENTER & VON HARTEN.

February 13 eo8t

To Let,

For one or more years,

A Lot of Ground containing two acres, inclosed with post and rail with a large commodious new frame house thereon, consisting of six rooms, beside garret, four of them having fire places; with a good kitchen, and well of excellent water; adjoining the road to the fort, near the powder magazine, and late the property of Mr Edmund Custis.

Also, a new two-story frame House on Montgomery-street, Federal Hill. Either will be let very low to good tenants, and immediate possession given by

JOHN & JAMES HUGHES.

december 25 eo

A House-Keeper.

WANTED a sober, orderly woman, capable of Cooking and managing a small family. Apply at Mont Pelier, to

ISAAC VAN BIBBER.

February 22 w&f6t

A FEW HOGSHEADS OF

Best quality MOLASSES,

For sale at the DISTILLERY, near Market-street bridge.

January 9 eo

To Rent,

A convenient two-story HOUSE, in Hanover street, calculated for a genteel family.

Also, two WAREHOUSES at the head of the basin, suitable for storing any kind of merchandize. For terms apply to William Jolly, 28, Calvert street, or to the subscriber, at 14, Cheapside.

JOHN JOLLY.

January 24

REMOVAL.

William Ryland

HAS REMOVED from No 192 to 143, 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 WARES,
FOWLING PIECES & PISTOLS.

Also,

An assortment of low-priced JEWELRY.

January 23 eo

For sale or Lease,

A LOT of GROUND, 66 feet front by 286 deep, with all the improvements thereon, situated on the Georgetown road, about one third of a mile from this city. The improvements are a frame dwelling, with a kitchen and smoke house, together with a milk house, which is supplied with good water from a pump; and an extensive frame building, 120 feet by 30, which could be readily, with small expence, applied to a brewery, distillery, &c.—Also, a good productive garden neatly railed in.

ALSO,

A quantity of utensils for a waxmanufactory, consisting of copper boilers, large tubs, tins, scale beams, weights, &c. Apply to

ISAAC CAUSTEN,

Columbian Inn, Baltimore-street.

August 20 1aw

Wanted Immediately,

TWO or three Journeymen Coppersmiths and a Journeyman Blacksmith, to whom liberal wages will be given by

CHRISTOPHER RABORG & SON,

Who have on hand and continue to manufacture at their manufactory, 11, Water-street,

Stills of every size and description, with or without pewter crane necks and worms; brew coppers; hatters', dye, wash and fish kettles—stew, sauce, and preserving pans, &c. &c. with a general and extensive assortment of tin wares

LIKEWISE,

Brass andirons, fenders, shovels and tongs, of the newest and most approved patterns; composition bolts and spikes, rudder bands, sheathing nails, pump chambers and mill brasses and every other article in the above branches of business, the whole of which will be sold as low, and warranted equal to any in the city.

N. B. An APPRENTICE will be taken to the Brass-foundering business.

july 11 d4t 2aw

A great Bargain for sale.

THE subscribers are authorised to offer at private sale, on liberal terms, that very valuable LOT of LAND lying near the Ferry Branch, in Baltimore county, containing about 41 1-2 acres, being part of a tract of land called Upton Court.

This lot is of excellent quality, and agreeably situated on the road from Baltimore to the Ferry, binding on a creek and the river Patapsco, and has a beautiful view of the harbor and city.

It is well calculated for an agreeable country retreat and has the advantage of some wood, and an excellent spring of water. It is also well adapted for a pasture lot, the soil being rich and well suited for timothy or clover. A plat may be seen & the terms made known on application at our vendue store.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL.

January 14 d10t 2aw2m

Simon Wilmer's Defence.

Will be Published, and for Sale, on Monday, the 18th instant, at the *Book store of Vincent & Isaac Bonsal*, No. 192, Market-street, *Sower & S. Gale's* auction room, next door to Bryden's coffee house, Light-street; *Warner & Hanna's* book-store, corner of Market and Gay-streets; *Nathaniel Knight's* book-store, Fell's Point, and not elsewhere in Baltimore,—Price 50 cents, containing 108 pages,

A

Defence of Simon Wilmer.

"*Curst Cows, short horns, great Jove has wisely given,*
Lest they may hurt the chosen ones of Heaven."

ADVERTISEMENT,

I sincerely regret that my finances are so far *below par at present*, that I cannot defray the expences of my pamphlet of defence, against the malicious charges which have *obliquized* my character for several months past; and I must therefore bear the mortification of offering it for sale.

It is to be recollected, my friends and fellow-citizens, that the style is dictated by *feelings* without a critical reference to orthography, and as it has been composed no faster than the printers have furnished me with proof sheets, I hope to escape unfriendly remarks. The manuscript pamphlet I have so long promised for public perusal, is entirely superceded by this which contains fact and misfortune—that was composed merely to gratify the spleen of the moment!

And I now presume to recommend my volume of painful events to the husband who loves his wife, and then let him contrast happiness with misery.

To the father who has sons maturing to manhood, in order to fortify the expanding mind against the shifts and hypocricy of *great little mankind*

To the religious, whose piety is at war with the snares of Satan.

To the merchant, whose negociations for the convenience of *friendship* subject him to the suspicion of forgery

To the mechanic, whose labors are unrewarded, by the frozen put off 'call again.'

To the shaver who exerts usury in violation of divine and human laws.

And lastly, to my brother victims to shavery in order to know that *Moses* have got the monies, but that law was favorable to the christian distress.

The public's obedient servant,

SIMON WILMER.

P. S. If my language against any of my persecutors is considered rash by my readers, I must invite them to embrace those feelings, which have naturally resulted from the most painful scenes, that persecution ever created against a fellow man. S. W.

February 16, 4.