

considered as a French colony, and its inhabitants as French subjects; while on the other hand, the claimants maintained that the island of Haytiens were the open and avowed enemies of France—that though Great Britain had not acknowledged them as an independent state, yet from a former treaty entered into with them by general Maitland, and from another lately attempted by governor Nugent, it was evidently her intention not to consider them as enemies; and in point of fact, that France really was the common enemy of both countries.

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Cleared, schrs. Potomack, Tucker, Ezuma; Little William Underwood, New Orleans; sloop Sela, Parrott, St. Mary's.

The Mary and Susan, captain Fisher, with a mail for Great Britain, sailed yesterday for Crooked Island.—The sloop Tamer went under convoy of the Mary and Susan.

Kingston, (Jam.) February 2. La France sloop, the hon. Captain Murray, arrived on Saturday evening from a cruise, with a Dutch sch'r cut out of Aruba by her boat, and four Spanish schooners, with wood, cocoa, hides, and corn, detained off Curacao.

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The American brig Victory, Robinson, from St. Domingo bound to Charleston, with Mahogany, put into Port Royal the same day being leaky.

Le Gaelan brig arrived on Thursday from a cruise, under charge of the First Lieutenant. It gives us much concern to state that, a few evenings previous to her arrival, Captain Templer and his Purser, having gone on board another vessel, missed the brig on their return from her, in a sudden squall, and have not, with the boat's crew, been since heard of.

The reports circulating yesterday, turn out to be without foundation, and have vanished into thin air. That respecting the capture of the City of St. Domingo, was an anticipation of the New York papers, received this morning, and proves to be at least premature. They relate that captain Boyer, arrived at the port in 12 days from Cape Francois; confirms the horrid butchery of the men, women and children at St. Jago, by the Blacks, and that it was the general opinion when he sailed, that they would also succeed against the City of St. Domingo, as it was supposed, from reports already made on the place, the inhabitants were unprepared to receive them.

The report of the French landing in Scotland was brought by a sailor, belonging to the ship Imperial, from this port, lately sold at Liverpool, who it appears, has so had a recollection, that he cannot tell when he left England! He came by the way of Norfolk.

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The axle-tree of a stage broke yesterday morning, opposite Light Street, as the stage was coming down Market Street; by which accident a poor unfortunate drayman, who had just commenced driving it, had one of his legs broken.

[Ibid.]

Married on the evening of the 4th inst., Doctor ARCHER, to Miss MARY STUMP.

## SHIP NEWS

New York, April 8. Arrived on Saturday, the brig Sally, Masterton, in 40 days from Malaga (and passed in sight of Madeira the first of March). Left at Malaga, February 24, for Boston in a few days; brig Eels, for Philadelphia in 10 days; brig Joseph Woodward, of Charleston, to sail in 5 days for Leghorn; and sch'r. of Boston, just arrived from Leghorn. Arrived yesterday, ship Samuel Jackson, Quibber, in 43 days from Cadiz. Left ship John Victory, for Norfolk in 6 days; ship Thomas Perry, of New York, for Canton; ship Orlando, of do. for Malaga; schooner Forces Brothers; Gould, New York; to sail the 25th Feb. or Malaga; and schooner from Philadelphia at quarantine. Sailed in do. brig Thomas, M'Millan, for New York, to touch at Teneriffe; brig Washington, Davis, for Boston; ship Commerce, Congdon, of New York, for Malaga. The ship William and Mary, sailed the 22d of February for New York. An English squadron of 4 sail of the line, 3 frigates and a cutter, still blockaded Cadiz. They endorsed the register of all neutrals they fell in with bound in. On a register of a vessel which arrived at Cadiz, the following was endorsed on it. "Cadiz is declared in a state of blockade by his Britannic Majesty's squadron; all vessels bound thence, except in ballast, will be detained. Ship Osiris, Saunders, in 38 days from Curacao. Left no Americans. Two British frigates still blockaded the port. Off the Isle of Pines, Captain Saunders spoke the British ship L'Hercule, of 74 guns—also three Spanish ships prizes to the frigate La Pique, cruising off Havana. Ship Hero, Rea, in 37 days from Bonavista. The only American vessel there, was the schooner Fair Play, of N. York. Brig Mountaineer, Rogers, in 14 days from St. Croix. Left ship Friendship, Little; brig Sarah Ann, Sampson; Industry, Wheeler; schooner Lyon, Shellen, all of New York; the brig Georgia, Burnham, and brig Eliza, Pendleton, for New York. Passengers, John Addoms, Esq. of Plattsburg, Mr. John O'Farrell, and Mr. Heylegar. Brig Mary Norton, in 30 days from Havana. Left the ships Ocean, Clapp, in 10 days for Portland; Ann, Domeson, of Rhode Island; Rhode Island, Eddy, of do. in 4 days; Tyre, Mathewson, do. Polly, Harris, of Boston; Lydia, Stevenson, of do.—Brigs Sally, Barr, of New York, in 4 days for New Orleans; Eliza, Burr, of New York, just arrived; America, of Charleston, just arrived with flour; Polly, Newell, of Boston; Tryal, White, in 4 days for Rhode Island. —, Brown, of do. Maria, Barnard, of Charleston; Ploughboy, Rice, of do; and sch'r. Dash, Fisher, of Charleston. Met, going up, schooner Thomas, of New York, from Jamaica via Savannah. March 22, in lat. 28, long. 67, 30, spoke brig Washington, Slocum, 48 days from Malaga for Charleston. Off Havana, was boarded by a British sloop of war treated politely.

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