

Lard, 15 to 18 do.
Hams, 12 to 15 do.
Mould Candles, 17 to 19 do.
Castile Soap, 22 to 25 do scarce.
Alicaret, 8 to 12 do.
Claret, hhd. 26 to 29 dollars, no sale.
Brandy, 80 to 85 do. first proof, no sale.
Pork, bbl 11 to 13 do.
Beef, 8 to 9 1/2 do.
White sugar, 8 dols. the 100 lb. box.
Brown do. 3 1/4 to 6 dollars the box.
Coffee, 21 to 22 dollars the 100 lb.
Hides, 2 dollars the piece.

Molasses, 7 1/2 bits the five gallons, with 7 dollars for the cask or hoghead. 32 1/2 per cent duty, port charges in proportion, and, in fact, there is a glut of every thing you can mention. I never saw so great sacrifices made in any place. I will mention one in particular: a gentleman from the northern states brought a number of barrels of excellent shad, which was rated at the custom house at 14 dollars the barrel, and 3 1/4 per cent charged thereon, which he sold for one dollar per barrel, & was forced to draw bills to pay the duties. This I had from himself, as well as others. India goods can be bought as cheap as in India, and in fact every thing is a drug.

The best London particular Madeira would not bring 90 dollars the pipe. B. H.

N. B. Our vessels are obliged to sail without certificates of property.

American.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1805.

THE Mail articles, together with N. E. W. and other advertisements will be found in a Supplement, accompanying this day's American.

A letter from Exuma, dated the 29th ult. (says a New Providence paper of the 3d of May) states, that upwards of 100,000 bushels of salt, had been raked there within the last three weeks, and were still raking at all the ponds.

Don Josef de Cabrera, lately imprisoned in Philadelphia, for forging a check on the Bank of Pennsylvania, has been given up by his Catholic Majesty to the laws of Pennsylvania.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Sunnytown, (Pa) to the editor of the READING ADVERTISER, dated May 4, 1805 Translated for the AMERICAN.

A few days ago we witnessed a very dreadful accident. The Powder mills and drying houses of Mr. Daniel Schmidt, distant about one mile from this place were blown up. One of the mills caught fire while working and instantaneously communicated with the other which stood opposite at a very small distance, and the two mills, together with the two drying houses containing about 2,500 wt. of powder, were blown into the air in less than 5 minutes. What adds to this dire calamity, is that several persons lost their lives in the explosion, and several were wounded.

It fortunately happened that at the blowing up of the mills no person was in, but two young men were employed in the drying houses; one of them, about 15 or 16 years of age, in attempting to make his escape was struck on his head, behind the ear, by a piece of wood which killed him instantly. Among the number of persons who came to assist, there was a man named Barger, a carpenter who worked in the neighborhood, this humane, though unfortunate man had the courage to attempt to save his fellow creatures. He endeavored to engage the assembled people to join him in his noble enterprise, and approached the drying house, which was already surrounded by fire, heedless of the warnings of the people. Alas! it was too late—the drying house blew up with a dreadful noise and the unfortunate Barger lost his life and several others were much wounded. His body was shortly after found—it was a shocking sight—all his wearing apparel was consumed excepting his neckcloth and one stocking; his breast was torn to pieces, and his face almost entirely burnt up.

George Weidemeyer had his left arm broken in three places; his shoulder blade torn to pieces; he survived but 15 minutes. Jacob Wagner lost his right leg below the knee, he lingered till yesterday, when kind death released him from his misery. There were many others who were severely wounded and hopes are entertained of the recovery of some. Barger has left a wife and eight children and Wagner a wife and 4 children.

CHEVALIER DE FORONDA,

Consul General from his Catholic Majesty to the United States,

Announces to the Merchants and Traders thereof, his having this day received official information from the Intendant of the Havana, of the admission there of Dry Goods, Liquors and Provisions, in neutral vessels, under similar restrictions as those imposed on the commerce of Spain—observing, as an indispensable circumstance, in order to be admitted to an entry, that such vessels must have their clearances direct for said port.

Consular Office, Philadelphia, May 18.

List of Letters

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| Griffen Attwell | John Fisher |
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| John Bennett | Jeremiah Frazier |
| Moses Bloodgood | Virginie Faure |
| John Brown | John Fow |
| Mrs. Benteen | Anne Forrester |
| John M. Barrett | |
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| Allen Bourn | Joseph Gurwood |
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| Elizabeth Burch | Mary Gratton |
| M. Buckley | Fanny George |
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| Sam. Busby | |
| W. J. Browne | P. Hewet |
| Henry Boggess | Wm. Hamilton |
| Thomas Burton | John Hambleton |
| John M. Barrister | Margret Haire |
| Wm. Bull | Elizabeth Hayes |
| Thomas Bayly | Daniel Harragan |
| Hugh Borofa | John Higlon |
| Henry Boeman | Maj. David Hopkins |
| | John R. Holliday |
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| Henry Drury | Rev. Jesse Lee |
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| Cap. John Davis | L. S. Leilwife |
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| Henry Douglass | Joseph S. Lynch |
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| Thomas Miles | Jannet Smith |
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| Doct. Edward H. Rownds | John Wareham |
| | John Williams |
| Wm. Rofe | Joshua Wilfife |
| Joshua Reynolds | Mary Wilfon |
| Capt. Elisha E. Ruf-fell | Phil p. Wiltemger |
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| Mary Rofs | Rachell Wooden |
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| Mathew Stewart | John Yates |
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DISTRICT OF MARYLAND—TO WIT: BE it Remembered, That on the eleventh day of February, in the twenty-ninth year of the independence of the United States of America, John B. Colvin, of the said district, hath deposited in this office the title of a book, the right whereof he claims as author, in the following words, to wit:

A Magistrate's Guide, AND CITIZEN'S COUNSELLOR

A Digested Abstract of those Laws of the state of Maryland most necessary to be known and most useful in common transactions of life Interpersed with a variety of Practical Forms & Precedents, For the use of Justices of the Peace and others.

BY JOHN B. COLVIN. In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts and Books, to the authors or proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned."

PHILIP MOORE, Clk. D. C. To the Citizens of Maryland. THE above work has been for some time past in the press, and in considerable forwardness, and will be published with all possible expedition.

It is a maxim which has been long established, that "ignorance of the law excuseth no man;" and the reason of it is obvious: For if ignorance of the law were admitted as a just plea, laws would be without force, and consequently useless. As it is out of the power of our government to promulgate its laws in such a way as to communicate them to every individual of the community, it is necessary for every man to furnish himself with the means of information to a degree sufficient to enable him to discharge the duties of his station as a citizen of a free state.— This is what he owes to his country. To himself he owes more. It is every man's interest to be acquainted with the laws of his own government sufficiently to enable him to avoid the shoals and quicksands of legal controversy, on which ignorance of the law might throw him, and occasion the wreck of his fortune, and, perhaps, of his happiness like-wise. It is not only every man's interest, but it is every man's duty to his family to endeavor to understand enough of the acts of assembly and of the forms and proceedings in the administration of justice, to enable him to preserve his estate in a legal way, transact in a proper manner the business of life according to rule, to be able to recover his debts; and he ought to know the relative duties of one citizen to another.

The above work is an attempt to convey to the people of Maryland in as concise a manner as possible, correct knowledge of the provisions of those acts of assembly which are most necessary to be known and understood by the citizens of the state at large, together with some common law principles which are in force in Maryland. Matters that relate to accounts, and the evidence of debts, to administration of the estates of deceased persons, apprentices, articles of agreement, assignments, attachments, arrests, bonds, bail, bills, bastardy, conveyancing, contracts, contracts, dowers, deeds, distresses, executions, escape, evidence, felony, forgery, gaming, goul, go-ler, guardians, homicide indictment, information, judgment, jurors, (and their duties,) justices of the peace, larceny, lewdness, libel, misdemeanor, nuisance, oaths, pardon, perjury, poignancy, the poor, presentment, prison-breaking, rape, recognizance, rescue, riot, robbery, fear, warrants, sheriff, (his duties) slander, surety for the peace, slaves, treason, vagrants, warrant, wills, and a variety of other things, which it would be extremely tedious to detail here at large, will be contained in this work. Besides laying down the law under each head, forms and precedents will be introduced for the information of magistrates and others. These will consist of precepts used by justices of the peace in the discharge of the duties of their station, and copies of all manner of instruments of writing used in bargaining, selling, and conveying every species of property, agreeably to the laws of Maryland. Under the head of accounts particular care has been taken to arrange all the evidence of debts, the manner and form of proof; and under the head of administration, the compiler has been careful to insert every thing that can be serviceable to executors and administrators. A very correct copy of a will is laid down, and the number of witnesses and manner of proving it explained, with respect to real and personal property. Marking and bounding lands has occupied much attention, and the law and method of proceeding, together with the returns of commissioners are correctly stated. In short, whatever can be of service to the magistrate or to the citizen, has been carefully considered, and inserted in the book. The justices of the peace will be extremely valuable, and to the people at large of great benefit.

It has often been contended that in a free government every citizen has a right to participate equally in the offices of the state. To this proposition I have always assented; but at the same time I have uniformly thought there was another right not altogether unimportant; which is, that the community have a right to expect that every citizen should be qualified for the office which he fills. These two rights should go hand in hand. There is no office in the gift of our state executive of more importance or which may be more easily abused than that of a justice of the peace; and it not only requires a man of strong and good sense to fill it properly, but one somewhat acquainted with the fundamental principles of law in general, and with our local laws in particular: A knowledge of the latter in some degree, is, in fact, indispensably requisite: But as justices of the peace are generally and very properly appointed from among the honest and independent part of the citizens of the several counties, whose thoughts have been too much to other pursuits in common, but who, nevertheless, have sound understandings, it is not to be expected that they can at once dive into the huge quarto volumes of Kilty's compilation and drag thence the pith and marrow of the acts of assembly, and at the same time learn the form and manner of issuing innumerable precepts required by their official duty. Hence the great necessity for a work embracing all these particulars in a small compass, so as to form a complete Guide and Counsellor. The duties of jurors have been stated with precision; and as every man is liable to serve the public in that capacity, that topic alone will render the book of general utility. Although I have thus copiously dwelt upon the advantages and merits of this work, I by no means conceive that it will

be free from some few imperfections; nor do I arrogate to myself the sole merit of collecting the forms and precedents together. It is my only means of doing justice to the truth in this particular to my vanity. I have had very able assistance from a few well informed friends, whose disinterested services have been of incalculable use to me; and without which, indeed, I should have found myself at a great loss for those numerous practical forms which the work will contain, amounting in the whole to more than two hundred. It would take an individual years, perhaps, to gather so large a collection, and they might as left be incorrect: Whereas the above book will furnish the whole at once, and in a proper form.

The following letter from judge Duval, (to whom the first eighty pages of the work had been submitted after coming from the press) will convey some idea of the merits of the book—

Washington, December 27, 1804.

Sir, I have received your letter inclosing eighty pages of a work prepared by you, in which you have begun a digest of those parts of the laws of Maryland which more frequently occur in the common transactions of life, and which are therefore deemed the most useful.

I have perused it and have no hesitation in pronouncing the utility of such a work. The law appears to be carefully abstracted, and the forms well chosen. It will be found useful to magistrates and to the people in general, and merits their patronage. It is adapted more particularly to the information of those who have not the means of purchasing, and the leisure to examine our laws at large. In a free government, the laws cannot be too extensively circulated; and he who adds to the diffusion of a knowledge of them, contributes to increase the comforts and happiness of society, and deserves their encouragement and support.

I am, with respect and esteem,
Your obedient servant,
G. GUVALL.

Mr. John B. Colvin.

Wishing to make the book cheap, the terms will be as follow, to wit:

I. It will be printed with a good type on good paper, and contain above 300 pages Octavo—Price 50 cts.

II. It will be neatly bound and lettered.

III. The price will be a dollar to subscribers, and 2 dollars 50 cents to non-subscribers. No money required till the work is delivered.

IV. Persons procuring eleven subscribers, and becoming answerable for the money, shall receive a twelfth copy gratis.

The acts of assembly, up to the close of the last session, will be attended to.
JOHN B. COLVIN.
Frederick Town, March 11, 1805.

Subscriptions received for the above at this office, and by the different book-sellers of the city of Baltimore.

May 23. 1805

Notice is hereby given,

To all persons whom it may or may concern,

THAT NATHAN C. NEWTON, an insolvent debtor, of Somerset county, included in an act of assembly, passed at the last session of the general assembly, of Maryland, entitled "an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and that he has made application to the county court of Somerset county, offering to surrender up all his property for the benefit of his creditors and praying a discharge, agreeably to the directions of the said act, and the said court have appointed the third day of September next, for a compliance with the provision of the said act; all persons who have an interest in the premises or any objection to make to the discharge of the said Nathan C. Newton, on the conditions in the said act mentioned, are requested to appear before the said court, on the said third day of September—The above or-der to be inserted once a week, for three weeks, in some newspaper of Baltimore, three months before the third of September.

Test, WM. DONE, C. L.
Somerset County Court,
Law 3^o

may 23

LADIES'

Leghorn Straw Bonnets.

An Elegant Assortment, constantly for Sale at
ROBERT DUNN'S
Whole Sale and Retail Millinery Store,
No. 34, MARKET-STREET.

Bonnets Pressed.
April 18

Campbell & Ritchie,

HAVE received by the late arrivals from London and Liverpool, A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
Spring Goods,
Among which are,
A few packages of fine BLUE CLOTHS;
BRITISH OZNABURGS, twilled SACKING
& IRISH LINENS, entitled to drawback.
may 14

Armour & Jenkins,

No. 52, South-street,
HAVE received by the ship Fame from Liverpool, their spring assortment of
Saddlery
AND COACH HARNESS FURNITURE.

All kinds of plated, polished, Waxed and brass articles in that line; saddles, trees, girths, whips, &c. All of which they will sell at reduced prices, for cash.
may 17

No. Campbell White & Sons,

Have Just Received for Sale
20 quarter casks Sherry Wine
27 puncheons strong 4th proof Jamaica Rum
20 bbls. first quality Jamaica Sugar.
April 17