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## FOR THE AMERICAN.

To the Citizens of the Sixth Ward.  
You will recollect, that at the last election held in our ward, the considerable difficulty was experienced, from the small number of voters in our neighborhood, in securing men to represent you in the council of the city. And that the idea generally presented, was, that there was no proportion of good men to be found in our neighborhood, who were willing to give up the small amount of time required for so much duty—resulting in a loss of pay, & in some cases—losses of the day, and damage to us, which it is difficult to conceive, that they could be very great, even filled; and that the expense of paying could be left to the whole of the city in the election of members, under such circumstances. Add to this, that the inhabitants of our neighborhood, were in a majority of the assessors in the neighborhood in our town, and that during the time of our election, when it is not to be denied, a majority of authority officiating was in our town, and attended to the interests of the city, and that in one set of books, which I have seen, where the only assessment on the city, and county of Baltimore, and that too, was inserted in the commissioners, and not in the corporation until by supplement passed two years subsequent of imposing an assessment on real and personal property within the city; that the commissioners instead of imposing an assessment, were given authority to make transcripts from the books of the assessor, acting under the law of 1792. That in the place of assessment, they levied a tax sufficient to answer their purposes from the amount of property already specified, and contained in the aggregate as estimate; it then remains to be decided, whether such transcripts made by the commissioners, acting under a restriction of making any valuation of real and personal property, are properly to be demanded of the assessor's books. It so, then, was the city council correct in vacating the seat of one of its members for our ward, whose city and county assessment collectively, was nearly four times the amount required by law—and whose property within the city was not nearly so very near the qualification required.

## INTERESTING TO MERCHANTS.

NANTZ, September 14, 1805.  
The late conduct of the English towards the Americans by detaining all carrying into England all the American vessels bound to the ports of France and Holland, seems to have been a temporary measure; several vessels under that pretence must have been released and arrived at their destination. The American vessels, the Calloope and Eliza from New York, the Mary from Boston, and the Fells from Charlton, have all just entered our river, after having been visited by the English cruisers. Their cargoes consist of Sugar, Coffee, Cotton, Tobacco, &c. &c. We hasten to import this intelligence for your tranquility."

The above interesting Extract is from a letter received in town last evening, and can vouch for its authenticity. The gentlemen to whom from whom it was written may be known by application to this Office.

[Boston Repertory.]

Extract of a letter from Niagara, dated October 22d, 1805.

Every year for these four past years attended with some melancholy loss on one or other of the two lakes.—Last week a vessel going from Fort Erie to Presque Isle, was lost on the rocks off Point Ebeno, the crew and passengers (supposed seventeen in number) entirely lost, only one of the bodies have been found, a part of the wreck drifted down to the Fort.—Trunks, &c. have been found.—The name of the vessel was the Good Intent. I do not recollect the captain's name. The gale was so violent as to force the others who went out at the same time to return, they all lost their anchors upon casting them above the rapids, three grounded below, the others I believe escaped without any loss. The water was I am told above the black rock. Much salt and other property has been lost."

In the ship William Penn which arrived in Hampton Roads on the 5th instant, came passenger FULWARK SKIPWITH, Esq. consul general for the U.S. at Paris, who reached this city on Friday night. He is on his way to Washington, charged with important communications to the government. On the subject of negotiations with Spain and especially France, Mr. Skipwith has hitherto preserved a studied and prudent silence. The Norfolk papers indeed presume to say, that without any authority from Mr. S. that "no hope of an accommodation of our differences with that nation now remains."

We were disposed to express our own opinion on a subject so completely wrapped up in the mazes of diplomacy, it would be, that very little progress has been made in the negotiation at Madrid since Mr. Monroe left that city, as no minister plenipotentiary has been there since his departure; that the seat of diplomatic skill has been in all probability transferred to Paris; that the original grounds of the negotiation have been altered by new propositions, and that it would not be a subject of great surprise to us if the session of the Floridians had been thrown into the mass of propositions.

With respect to the prospect of peace or war between the late combined powers and France, Mr. Skipwith only remarks that the Austrian minister was in Paris when he left it. (With September 1st) that an army of two hundred thousand Frenchmen were about to take their station on the Rhine under General Berthier, as chief of the staff, from which it was supposed the emperor himself would take command; that was fed the issue, that Messina was in Italy, and another immense army, ready to proceed instantly upon a declaration of war; but that even under these circumstances there was great doubt as to a war with the emperor of Germany.

There will, no doubt be two petitions laid before the legislature, to wit, one for extending the Falls Turnpike, and the other against it; I would therefore solicit the attention of that honorable body to the situation of the two opposite parties; the one, as I before remarked, is only for retaining that property which nature itself seems to have given them, and which they justly claim as their birthright—the other, for depriving them of that right and taking it to themselves; the grand question now is which will, or in justice which ought to be heard.

The honorable ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, late Minister of the United States at the French Court, arrived in Washington on Monday last, and has taken lodgings at the Indian King Tavern.

Washington Federalist.

We have just now been informed, that orders have been given by government for a detachment of marines to be in readiness to proceed to New Orleans without delay. And that the New Orleans station will be guarded by a number of gun boats.

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