

Stephen Stewart, of Walpole, (N. H.) has obtained a patent for a new and improved construction of a fire-engine.

On the 1st instant, a mill, at Westfield (Mass.) which was the place of residence of a family, was destroyed by fire. A man, his wife, and two children, perished in the flames. The mill belonged to Messrs. Phelps & Taylor, of Boston.

The celebrated General MIRANDA arrived at Washington City on Friday the 8th inst.

We understand that yesterday morning, a duel was fought between Major Jackson, Editor of the Register, and Daniel W. Cox, Esquire, when the former received a bullet through his jaws.

The following important resolutions have been laid before the Virginia Legislature:

At this important crisis in the affairs of their country, the Legislature of Virginia feel it to be a duty they owe to their constituents, from among whom they have so lately emanated, and whose wishes and opinions they therefore distinctly understand to express the following sentiments:

They have seen with admiration and pleasure in the intercourse of the present administration of the government of the United States with foreign nations, that just, rational, and liberal policy which should ever characterize the acts of a government resting on the will, and maintaining the rights and interests of a free and enlightened people—With real mortification have they discovered that from all nations the same correct and dignified conduct may be looked for in vain. They have observed with indignation the injuries which power and ambition, making the most erroneous calculations of the strength and policy of the United States have inflicted on the fair commerce and immutable rights of our fellow-citizens: With astonishment they have seen the most rational principles in the laws of nations, disregarded and contravened by governments pretending to act on that liberal and enlarged justice which it behoves every enlightened nation to pursue: They have beheld with corroding sensations, Spain evading the most equitable contracts on frivolous pretences, and declining too to enter into a fair adjustment of our differences: They have learned with still more unpleasant feelings, that inroads have been made by the regular officers and soldiers of that government into parts of Orleans and the Mississippi, which had been delivered up to us, and that our citizens have been seized and our property plundered—

Resolved, therefore, that the legislature of Virginia, have the highest confidence in the wisdom, virtue and firmness of the president of the United States and his administration, and that they are ready, whenever they shall direct, to join a contest with any nation that has injured us, and "try which party can do the other the most harm."

A motion was made that the house come to the following resolution:

Whereas this house deem it proper to express the approbation it feels of the conduct of such of the citizens of this Commonwealth as singularize themselves in the service of their country; and that honorary rewards bestowed for gallant exploits, are not only congenial to the spirit of a republican government, but also offer a useful encouragement to the enterprising character of America.

Resolved, therefore, that this house for the above reasons, and in order to express the high sense it entertains of the valor and intrepidity of lieutenant Presly N. O'Bannon, a citizen of this Commonwealth, in executing the orders of his gallant commander, in the attack and capture of Derne, in conjunction with his brave countrymen, and as an honorary reward for his services in the expedition against Tripoli, that the executive of this Commonwealth be requested, and they are hereby requested to have made a sword of the manufacture of Virginia, and a gold medal, one side of which shall be engraved with a description of the achievement in erecting the American standard on the walls of Derne, and the other side with a figure of the Goddess of Liberty, holding in one hand a sword, and pointing with the other towards the battle, with the following motto on the same side:

"Let my votaries be assured of my protection."

And that the executive be requested to take the earliest opportunity which may offer, after the said sword and medal are prepared, of presenting them to lieutenant O'Bannon.

On a motion made, Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

TESTIMONY OF RESPECT.

Frankford, Pa. Dec. 16, 1855. On Saturday last as captain Decatur, jun. passed through this borough to his father's seat at Millside, he was saluted by a discharge of seventeen rounds of cannon and by the ringing of the bells—and notwithstanding the weather was so unpleasant as to prevent the principal inhabitants from meeting him some distance from the borough, as was intended; yet the assemblage of the citizens at Hodgson's and Sullivan's taverns, was general, and every countenance spoke the language of "welcome warrior home," to the man who had so heroically distinguished himself against the enemies of this country.

October 25.—Sailed from Gravesend, the Octavia, Collins, for Charleston. At Liverpool, the Annawon, from Philadelphia. At Milford, the Grand Sachem, Whippy, from the South-Seas. At Malaga, the Franklin from New-York. At Marseilles, the Pyramingo, Shedden, from New-York. At Yarel, the Commerce, Adams, from Virginia.

October 29.—The Atlantic, Rastel, and Richmond, Noble, for Philadelphia, were driven out of the Texel in a gale on the 17th inst. the former went ashore on Zuwell, and the latter lost her masts. At Pool, the Millard, Morgan, from New-York, for Amsterdam. At Cherbourg, the Eagle, from Boston, via England.

Arrived, the American brig Commerce, Mattocks, of New-York, in 33 days from Malaga, for Tomnington—received a supply of provisions, and sailed.

October 21.—Arrived, the ship Cicer, from New-York for Amsterdam, detained. The Dillon French brig, lately captured, is to be immediately prepared at Deal for service.

October 26.—Arrived, the Industry, Robinson, from New-York, for Rotterdam; and Mountaineer, Shensstone, from Zante. From the violent storms the present week, we fear much damage is done at sea.

Arrived, ship Hannah, from Boston, for Amsterdam; and Diana, French, from New-York, both detained—the latter liberated.

Cleared, ships Charlotte, Lowder, Limerick; Martha, St. venon, Sligo; sloop Adventure, Town, Norfolk.

Schooner Hazard, Williams, hence, at Smarra.

List of vessels spoken by Captain Gaul of the ship Martha—On the 5th of July, in the river Hoogly, brig Orient, Bray, of Madras, out 149 days, all well—12th March, in the Straits of Sunda, passed the ship Gung, 5, of this port, from the Isle of France, bound to Canton all well—also, a ship supposed to be the Rebecca, McKeever, of this port, for Batavia.

Arrived, brig Rauter, captain Moore, 60 days from New-Castle, (Eng.) Spoke ship Charleston, of New-York, 45 days from Liverpool. Ship Hero, of Bittern, 72 days from Liverpool, bound to Boston, and had bore up for the West-Indies.

The schooner Telemachus, of this port, was carried into the Havana about 13 months since by a pirate. The American consul demanded the vessel and cargo, as the vessel capturing had no commission. This the Spanish government refused, but referred the matter to the tribunal at St. Domingo, who have decided that the capture was illegal, as the vessel had no commission; but that the proceeds of the Telemachus and cargo belonged to the French nation, as the Telemachus was coming from Jamaica, a brigand port. The proceeds had been accordingly delivered to the agent of the French government.

Arrive, ship Canawa, Oakes, Boyer, 13 days; Henrietta, Nickels, ditto, 12; brig South Carolina, Cox, Campachy, 30; schooner Tryall, Barker, Ezuma, 15.

Cleared, ship Mississippi, Monies, Liverpool.

Captain Cox left at Campachy, brig Sally, Masterman of this port, sail in 3 weeks; brig Success, Brum, of New York, captured on her passage from Jamaica, and condemned; schooner Two Brothers, Jordan, of Edenton, also captured on her passage from Jamaica, and condemned without a trial; and the schooner Sea Horse, formerly of this port. The ship Citizen, of New Orleans having sailed from Campachy for Havana was followed out of this port by a Spanish privateer, captured and brought back; she was afterwards cut out of the port by an English privateer.—One reason assigned by the Spaniards for the capture and condemnation of American vessels is, because we speak the same language with the English. The ship Eliza, Claiborne, for Philadelphia, sailed in company with captain Cox, captains Masservey, Jordan and Brum, are passengers in the South Carolina.

Cleared, ship Diana, Grant, Africa.

Captain Micks, of the sloop Amell, from Barracoa and Ezuma, informs that a short time before he left the former place, the French privateer Superb, captain Dominique, arrived there with the loss of fifty of her men, killed and wounded in the engagement with the sloop of war Petrel, of this port.

Captain Anderson left at St. Augustine, schooner Comet, of Baltimore, captain Fish, to sail for this port on the first instant; and schooner Crassus, of New York, put into that port in distress, on her passage from Havanna for Georgia. The French privateer Kitty, arrived at Augustine on the 21st ult. from Havanna, with 21,000 dollars for the Spanish government, and sailed again on a cruise—another vessel was shortly expected with 60,000 dollars. The cargo and guns of the prize ship Eetherly had been landed, and a battery erected with the latter, on the banks of the river St. Marys.

Arrived, the Hannah, Connel, from N. Orleans; Belvidere, Hathaway, Boston; Joseph, Jamison, Portland; and Fame, Wiscasset.—Sailed, October 24, Rover, Swain, for New-Orleans; and Birmingham for Maryland—Advertised, Neptune, Stanton; Hannah, Connel; Cato, Snow; and Br. brig Forth, Beale, all for New-York—Joseph, Jamison; and Carolina, Scott, for Portland—William, Hale; and Louisiana, Millus, for Boston—Olive, Richards, for Baltimore—S. Carolina, Saintford, for New-Orleans—Mount Vernon, and Fame, for Charleston—For Charter, the American ship Belvidere, and brig Algor.

Extracts from Lloyd's List. October 22.—The Ann, of New-York, from Virginia for Bordeaux, with 520 hhd. tobacco, and 45 bales cotton, was met at sea on the 3d instant, by the Diana from Jamaica for Bristol, a wreck. The captain and crew were taken on board the Diana, after being 3 days on the wreck. The Eagle, Thompson, from Dublin for New-York, has received damage in Dublin Bay. Arrived at Dartmouth, the Neptunus, Segelkin, from Havanna. At Liverpool, the Mount-Vernon, from Massachusetts; Nanny, Kelloch, Charleston. At Dover, the Diana, French, from New-York for Amsterdam, detained. At Deal, the Aberdeens, Morgan, from Virginia. At Dublin, the Benjamin and Nancy, from Virginia; At Cork, the Globe, Flanders, from Virginia; At Tomnington, the Ann & Jane, Smith, from Philadelphia.

RAISINS. FIFTY BOXES FRESH RAISINS, Just received for sale by BIGELOW & PROUD. December 19 ddt

For Sale, 3000 bushels Liverpool blown SALT 1000 bushels old CORN in store 2 seroons JESUIT BARK A few barrels apples Also, A general assortment of Groceries JOSHUA & GEO. WARD. No. 101, Bowly's wharf. d3c0st December 19

A Card MR. HAYDEN, SURGEON DENTIST, having necessarily been absent a few weeks, respectfully informs the citizens of Baltimore (and those in particular who have called during his absence) that he has returned, and will be happy to meet the application of those who wish his assistance, at No. 46, Chatham-street. December 19 e0st

Six Cents Reward. RAN AWAY from the subscriber, a mulatto boy, named GEORGE. He is about 14 years of age. The above reward, but no charges paid if brought home. SARAH BRAYTON. All persons are forewarned from harboring or carrying off said boy at their peril. December 19 ddt

Lottery Intelligence. THE Precincts Market House Lottery commenced drawing on Tuesday last, at the house of Mr. David Fulton, Globe Inn, Market-street, and later drawing twenty five tickets, adjourned till Tuesday next, the 24th inst. at 5 o'clock, P. M. By order of the managers, SAM'L VINCENT } Clerks. SAM'L COLE } Who have for sale whole, half and quarter tickets in said lottery. December 19 ddt

Politic Society. THE Society met, according to notice, when the following question was offered for discussion "Which is the most prolific source of the progress of deism: rational enquiry, depraved appetite, or the abuse of christianity?" After a debate, the further discussion was postponed to Saturday evening next. 1st Which is the most prolific source of the progress of Deism, rational enquiry, depraved appetite, or the abuse of christianity? 2. Is calumny less cruel or criminal than murder? 3. Is the Physician a more useful member of Society than the Lawyer? Debate to commence at half past 6 o'clock—Price of admittance 12 1-2 cents. Dec. 19

NOTICE To the creditors, and debtors to the estate late of William Lee Forman, deceased. BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' court of Baltimore county, the Administrators of that estate are requested to give notice to the creditors who have not yet proved their accounts against the said estate, to prove and exhibit the same according to law: Therefore all persons having such claims, are hereby notified to exhibit the same, on or before the 23th day of February, 1855; otherwise they may be by law excluded the benefit of a dividend of that estate, intended to be made immediately afterwards.

The persons indebted to the said estate will please to pay the money due by them, immediately, at the office of William Hollins, No. 25, Water-street, or suits must be commenced to recover the same. Dated Dec. 13, 1855. JOSEPH SPEAR, WILLIAM HOLLINS, } Adm'rs. December 19 2aw67

New Grocery-Store. JACOB BRANDT & Co. 56, Market-street, 4 doors above Gay-street. HAVE just opened an extensive and complete assortment of GROCERIES, of the very best quality, selected with the greatest care and attention, and on the best terms, calculated for supplying both families and country merchants. Amongst which are, Madeira Sherry } WINES Lisbon and Teneriffe } Do } SUGARS Lump } Brown and } Rum Old Jamaica } Antigua and } Brandy Cognac } Bordeaux and } Peach } Imperial } Hyson } Young Hyson and } TAES Hyson Skin } Castile } White } Brown and } SOAP Shaving } Ten years old Accomac Peach Brandy, real cider Vinegar, Holland Gin; Goshen Cheese, nicely colored; cannon and battle Powder; patent Shot, assorted; Rice, pearl and country Barley, Cabiness and common chewing Tobacco, Havanna Segars, Fruits in Brandy, Olives, Capers and Anchovies, London Mustard, black Pepper, Pimento, Ginger, indigo and fig Blue, fresh Raisins, Nutmegs, Mace, Cloves, Cinnamon, black Currants, Oranges, Limes, Pine-Apples, Cranberries, Sweet Oil, Columbia Playing Cards, Brushes assorted, Black-Balls, Saltpetre, Copperas, Alum, Rhinestone, Glimmer Salt, oil Claret in cases of 1 dozen each, Serrinacci Oil, Hamilton's Snuff, mould Candles, 4, 5, 6, and 8 to the pound, of Sampson's brand; spermaceti and dipt Candles, wrapping Paper, Twine, &c. &c. All which they offer for Sale at the most reduced prices. N. B. They will transact any business on commission committed to their charge. December 6 d4L2aw67-12y10c

For Sale, AN active and likely negro BOY, about 12 years old, free from all manner of vice & a remarkable good house servant for his years. Enquire of the printer. Dec. 17 69

Book Auction. THIS EVENING, The 19th instant at 6 o'clock, at our auction rooms and commission store, No. 3, Light-street, next door to the Coffee House, will be sold without reserve, A great variety of new and second hand BOOKS. Sale to commence at 6 o'clock. SOWER & S. COLE, Auct'rs. N. B. On this occasion catalogues will not be printed. December 19.

Sale by Auction. THIS-MORNING, Immediately after the sale of the cable at Waters' wharf, about half past 10 o'clock, at the wharf near the fountain, will be sold, The SCOW, OARS, & Pieces of TIMBER Belonging to the estate of the late Mr. O'Donnell, that were omitted to be sold yesterday. LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs. December 19

Sale by Auction. This Morning the 19th inst. at 10 o'clock precisely, at Waters' wharf, Fell's-Point, will be sold on account of the underwriters, A valuable 13 1-2 inch CABLE 120 fathoms long and almost new. LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs.

Sale by Auction. THIS DAY, At 10 o'clock precisely, at the vendue warehouse, at the corner of Second and Frederick-streets, will begin the sale of DRY GOODS, Amongst which are, 4 bales ticklenburgs 1 do. Downass 1 do. Superfine Cloths 2 do. Coatings and blue Plains 2 boxes Irish Linens 3 cases cotton and worsted Hosiery Calicoes, Dimities, Bed-Ticking, &c. Also 6 months credit, 1 case containing 40 pieces rich striped suitings, entitled to a drawback. And at 12 o'clock, 40 hhd. } Of excellent Trinidad Sugar 25 barrels } 25 boxes Havanna white do. 34 do. } 23 pipes Madeira, Teneriffe and Lisbon wine 10 pipes old port } A few punches old rum Cogniac and other Brandy 50 boxes best Spanish Segars A small quantity of the best English Cheese 16 boxes Fish put up for the West India market. THOS. CHASE, Auct'rs. Also for private sale, 150 boxes of the first quality brown Havanna Sugar. 125 boxes white do. T. C.

Sale by Auction, Will be added to the sale this Morning, for account of the underwriters, 10 cases fine PLATILLAS, & 14 boxes BRETAGNES And in addition to the groceries at 12 o'clock, 18 hhd. St. Croix Sugar AND A few barrels choice green Coffee THOMAS CHASE, Auct'rs. December 19

Notice is hereby given, That on THURSDAY the 19th inst. will be sold by Public Auction, on the premises, (weather permitting, if not on the next fair day) upon terms that will then be made known, at 11 o'clock, ALL those three new two story BRICK HOUSES and lots of GROUND adjoining the estate and residence of Mr. JONAS S. HOUSE, situate on Paca and Mulberry streets, one of which houses (that Mr. Jacob Moore, painter, lived in) has a garden lot attached to it, that would admit the building of a good corner house upon. There is a pump of the best water on the Premises, and the houses have good dry cellars. The New Market, through the centre of which Paca-street runs, makes this property of increasing value; greater improvements are now making in the neighborhood than in any part of Baltimore at this time. LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs. December 14

Sale by Auction. ON FRIDAY NEXT, The 20th instant, at 11 o'clock, will be sold, no the premises, All that valuable piece of ground near Chapel-Hill, to the East of Charles-street, which has been advertised by Messrs. Michael Diefendierfer, Hoffman & Decker, and is now laid off into 9 lots, five of which front about 28 feet, each on St. Paul's-street, and extends North to a twelve feet alley, three do. front on St. Paul's Lane 28 feet, and runs West 138 1-2 feet, to a twenty feet alley, each commands a beautiful prospect, and the rapid and elegant improvements in the neighborhood, added to the very healthy situation, must certainly rank the lots in equal value with any about the city. A plot may be seen at the vendue office, and the terms of payment will be made known at the time of sale. THOS. CHASE, Auct'rs. Dec. 17.

Isaac M'Pherso HAS FOR SALE, A GOOD assortment of B O L T O N G M E L L S T O N E S, of the first quality—B U R R M E L L S T O N E S, of different sizes, from 4 1/2 to 6 feet in diameter. A quantity of B U R R - P I E C E S, just received, all which will be sold on account of the estate at his mill-stone manufactory, in Fayette-street, Baltimore. December 3