NEW-YORK, December 21.

The following extract of a letter from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to a merchant in this city, dated Nov. 28th is communicated to the editor of the Mercantile Advertiser for publication.

"The trial of the Ocean, capt. Hussey, came on the 13th instant. The ship was liberated, but the whole of the cargo decreed for further proof. Mr. Steward, leading counsel for the claimants, has given us directions as to the kind of proof necessary, and we inclose a copy for your information."

DIRECTIONS.

The claimants must produce the original letter or order, or a notarial copy of it, by virtue of which the goods from Amsterdam were shipped on neutral account, together with all letters of advice and of correspondence, bills of lading and invoices, which concern the shipment, certified by the attestations of clerks or other indifferent persons. This proof should be accompanied by the *test a filacit*, as it is called, of the party himself, swearing to his natural character, and fully stating his right to the property claimed by him, and the funds by which he acquired it. It should conclude with the usual averment, that no enemy of Great Britain has any concern with the goods; that they were at the time of capture, and would be if restored, the sole and exclusive property of the claimant. Copies of letters and papers should be authenticated by a notarial certificate of comparison, and not by the mere verification of the party.

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When a citizen of the United States reflects that the crowded towns and populous counties in which he now resides, or through which he occasionally passes, were but a few years ago, the haunts of savage tribes and beasts of prey, it leads his mind to such a train of enquiry, as ordinary information cannot well satisfy. Our forefathers were persecuted emigrants, fugitives from civil and religious tyranny; they arrived on these shores, colonised the woods, and made the desarts to smile under the hand of active industry. Since that period, however, we may all admire, yet none can recount the unparalleled wonders which the country at large has made, in rivalry with older climes, towards a perfection in all that goes to constitute not only the solid national greatness, but the real happiness of a people. Public ways have been completed, and cities risen up, where, but a few years ago neither the hand of art nor industry could be traced.

These reflections were suggested by the report of a committee of the senate of the United States, (which we this day publish) concerning public roads, to the formation of which there remains unappropriated, subject to the disposal of congress, the sum of 12550 dollars.—The object of the road is to unite more closely, by the ties of intercourse and interest, the Atlantic with the south western parts of the union.

It has long been contemplated by the politician and the speculatist, that the country lying west, north and south-west of the river Ohio, would form a new theatre on which to act, and enlarge both the science of politics and the arts of trade.—The time has at length come, when things hitherto viewed in prospect only, must actually be brought into realization; and, to the editor, it is no small source of gratification, that the city of Baltimore in particular, and the state of Maryland at large, are thought by a committee of that wise body, to be the most happy mean by which to accomplish so desirable an end.

The committee, after giving as nearly as they can be ascertained, the distances as they are now actually travelled, and the nearest straight lines between the several cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, and a point to be intersected on the Ohio, thus proceed—"at present the greatest portion of their [the people of Ohio] trade is with Philadelphia; but it is believed their trade is rapidly increasing with Baltimore, owing to the difference of distance in favor of Baltimore, and to the advantage of boating down the Monongahela river, from the point where the road strikes it, about 70 miles by water and 50 by land, above Pittsburg." Thus we find that, notwithstanding the enterprise of the people of New York, and the unceasing diligence of those of Pennsylvania in their roads and inland navigation, each of whom must be applauded, yet by kind nature, Baltimore is placed in a situation to outstrip them both, with for less expense, as to all the purposes of interior commerce---for the report goes on to say---"The committee have thought it expedient to recommend the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, on the northerly bank of the Potomac and *within the state of Maryland*, to the river Ohio, at the most convenient place between a point on the easterly bank of said river, opposite to Stubenville and the mouth of Grave Creek, which empties into said river Ohio, a little below Wheeling in Virginia. This route will *meet and accommodate the roads leading from Baltimore and the district of Columbia*," &c.

If this bill passes, nothing more is necessary for the state of Maryland to perform, than to so improve her roads from Baltimore to the point of national commencement, as that travellers and merchants may at once see and experience the advantages of combining proximity of situation with goodness of highway.—Baltimore, which already stands third, will then shortly rank as second, (if not first) city in the union. How interesting a prospect to the country at large, and how truly flattering to the people of Maryland in general, and to the citizens of this city in particular!

Whilst noticing the Herald, we cannot silently pass by the following malignant and scandalous passage in one of its columns:---

"Our president's *infamy* shall *not* be "forgotten. *Such* is the *nature* of the "*praises* which the *whole course of his* "*past life*, of *all his acts public and pri*"*vate*, is at every opportunity calculated "to extort from us."

To this pitiful effusion of malice and envy, I deem it sufficient to affix the following---

Extract of a letter written by Gen. Washington, in 1779, to a respectable friend.

"Friends and foes seem now to combine to pull down the goodly fabric we have been hitherto raising, at the expence of so much time, blood, and treasure;---No man who wishes well to the liberties of this country, and desires to see its rights established, can avoid crying out---Where are our *men of abilities?* Why do they not come forth to *save their country?* Let this voice, my dear Sir, call upon you, JEFFERSON, and others."

Vet. Judge Marshall's life of Washington, vol. 4, p. 7, 10.

N. B. If the whole course of Mr. Jefferson's life, public and private, has been *infamous*, what becomes of the *morality* and *veracity* of Gen. Washington?

Republican Advocate.

The leading members of the legislature of Maryland are now busily engaged in maturing a new judicial system in place of the 1st one that has been constitutionally abolished. A committee of the senate have already reported on a bill on the subject, and a committee of the house of delegates are shortly to report another, and a system will be collated from both. Great legal ability will be employed in the formation of the courts.

Md.

Extracts from the journal of the Legislature of Maryland.

According to order, this day proceeded to the second reading of the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the mode of juries, and for establishing regulations of juries, and after making several amendments thereto, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stephen delivered a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the erection of a new court-house for Baltimore county; which was read.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and the bill to continue the act therein mentioned, were severally read the second time and passed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the western precincts of Baltimore.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house postpone the consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of said bill, and, on motion, the question was put, That the following section (confirming the enrolment and arrangement heretofore made) be striken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment.

Leave was given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to establish two additional warehouses in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

INTERMENTS

In the burying grounds of the city and precincts of Baltimore, during the week ending yesterday morning at sunrise:

Consumption	3	
Dropsy	2	
Debility	1	
Hives	1	
Croup	1	
Apoplexy,	1	
Fits	1	
From the country	1	
Adults		8
Children		3
Total		11

COMMODORE PREBBLE, we learn, says the Boston Gazette, has been sent for by express, to repair to Washington; and is now on his journey thither.

List of vessels lying in Salem harbor, on the 18th November:

22 ships,	6200 tons
4 barquer,	900
26 brigs,	3427
14 schooners,	1359
66 vessels, and	11006 tons

11 of the above ships were employed in the India trade.

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Hagerty, Mr. SAMUEL DAVIES, to the amiable Miss SALLY CHALMERS, daughter of the Rev. Mr. John Chalmers.

Notice.

The Reverend Doctor Rattsone will officiate in the Second Presbyterian Church, on Christmas day. Divine Service beginning at the usual hour of 11 o'clock, and after the Sermon a collection will be made.

December 23. d3

A Quarterly Meeting

OF the MARINE SOCIETY will be held at Peck's Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 26th December, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

By order of the President,
JOHN HAMILTON, Sec'ry.

N. B. The members are requested to be punctual in their attendance, as a plan of the utmost advantage to the society will be laid before them.

SHIPPING NEWS

New-York, December 21.

Arrived since our last.

The brig Minerva, Burger, from Bordeaux, via New-London. Spoke, at the mouth of the Cordovan, on the 1st of Nov. the brig Minerva, Salter, from New York for Bordeaux.

The brig Laura, Ward, of New-Haven, in 26 days from St. Pierres, Martinique. Capt. Doane, in a brig, sailed for New-York the day before. Left, sch'r Wealthy Gibert, of Norwich, to sail in a few days for New-York: and sch'r Werter, Barnet, from Barbadoes, touched at Martinique bound to leeward. Spoke Dec. 29, in lat. 31, 12, long. 68, 47, brig Ann, 6 days from New-York, for Honduras. 15th, in lat. 36, 29, long. 71, 1, a ship 72 days from Liverpool *for Baltimore*. 15th in lat. 32, 33, long. 69, 41, *brig Sally, Atkins, 23 days from Trinidad to Baltimore*. 18th, in lat. 33, 8, long. 72, 30, brig Phœnix, Baldwin, 75 days from Hamburg to Salem.

The *sch'r Fame, Townsend, in 5 days from Baltimore.*

The *sch'r Dorothy, Upson, in 4 days from Baltimore.*

Boston, December 14.

Arrived, schooner Hermon, Hart, from Gibraltar, via Cracicia, 33 day. Spoke in sight of Fayal, ship Hibernia, Pease, 35 days from Boston, bound to the South Seas. Nov. 6, lat. 30, 33, long. 43, 50, brig Talley, Roberts, 35 days from Bordeaux, for New York. Nov. 10, lat. 42, long. 50, brig Friendship, of Salem, bound to the Westward.

Same day, *brigs Harriot, Lucy and Rover, Carver, from Baltimore, 8 days.* Left the Cape on the 8th inst. in company with sch. Eagle, for Boston.

December 15

Arrived schr. Polly, Manchester, from Richmond, 10 days.

December 16.

Arrived ship Concordia, Bell, from St. Petersburgh, via Salem.

Cleared, ships Suffolk, Thomas, Havana; Wentworth, Gardiner, ditto; Eugene, Hixon, Malaga; Thomas, Morton, Palermo, and a market; Jane, Cowan, Kingston, Jamaica;—brigs Industry, Leach, Surinam; White Oak, Young, West Indies; Tyger, Bartlett, Madeira; Light House, Sawyer, Palermo; schrs. Sidney, Prat, Leghorn; Hunter, Copeland, Demarara.

For Boston.

The good Schooner
POLLY,
NEHEMIAH SMITH, master,
Burthen 85 tons. For passage, or freight of 200 barrels, apply immediately to the master on board, at Smith's dock, or

JOS. SMITH, harbor-master.
December 24 d4t

Holland GIN,

10 pipes of superior flavour.
For Sale by

S. & T. JONES,
Howard-street.
December 24 eo4t

For Sale,

A NEW assortment of SILKS and CAMBRICS, imported from Bordeaux and suitable for the French and Spanish West India markets ALSO,

A quantity of London particular Teneriffe WINE. Enquire at the office of

JOHN BARON.
Near the Theatre.
December 24 eo

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE firm of BROOKE & DILLON, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons who had claims against them are desired to bring them in for settlement—and those indebted to said concern, are requested to come forward immediately, and make payment to either of us, or suits will be brought without respect to persons.

CLEMENT BROOKE,
JOHN DILLON.

The Grocery and Commission business will be continued at the old stand by the subscriber, who has on hand a general assortment of GROCERIES. CLEMENT BROOKE.
December 23 (24) d6t*

Negro Men.

SOME able hardy young NEGRO MEN, to be hired by the month or year. Enquire of Charles Gwinn, County-wharf.
December 24 d4t*

For Sale,

I WILL dispose of at Public sale, on SATURDAY next to the highest bidder, at the marsh market, Robert R. Richardson's note of hand for 52 dollars, which has been twice lodged in the bank for collection, and laid over. Said note was given in payment for Beef.

PETER TESH, butcher.
December 24 d4t*

Book Auction.

THIS EVENING,

The 24th instant at 6 o'clock, at our auction room and commission store, No. 3, Light-street, next door to the Coffee House, will commence the sale of

A LARGE AND GENERAL COLLECTION OF

BOOKS,

To be sold without reserve.
☞ Sale to commence at 6 o'clock.
Catalogues may be had, and the books viewed any time during the day.

SOWER & S. COLE, Auct'rs.
December 24

Sale by Auction.

THIS MORNING,

The 24th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the auction room at the head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of

A VARIETY OF DRY GOODS,
Consisting of
Broad cloths, Cassimeres, Irish Linen, Russia Sheetings, &c. &c.

And for account of the underwriters.
5 bales damaged German Linen.

After which at 12 o'clock,
37 hhds. Muscovado sugar
118 boxes white and brown Havanna sugar
19 puncheons Jamaica Rum.
343 bags best green coffee
100 gross corks
1 case vials, &c.

And for account of the underwriters,
Part of a Cable.

Also,
The cargo of the brig Antelope, consisting of,
80,000 lbs. coffee, and
100,000 lbs of Cocoa of an excellent quality.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct's.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This-Morning,
1 bale blue Guineas,
100 tierces Rice, &
16 counting house grates.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.
December 24

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This-Day,
72 hhds. excellent Coffee.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs
December 24

Sale by Auction.

Is just received by the last packets, and will be sold TO-MORROW, Tuesday the 24th, at 12 o'clock, at the vendue warehouse, at the corner of second and Frederick-streets, without reserve, for cash,

400 pieces CALLICOES, &
50 pieces beautiful superfine CLOTHS, blues, blacks and dark browns.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.
December 23.

Christmas Day.

WEDNESDAY next being christmas day the Bank of Maryland will be shut, for which reason it is requested that all Notes intended for discount, may be lodged in the bank on Monday, to lay before a special meeting of the directors, on Tuesday, when it is expected that the Bills and Notes due on Wednesday, will be paid, and for which purpose the discounts obtained may be drawn on.

By order, R. WILSON.
December 21 d3t

Education.

Baltimore Academy,

Tammany-street.

THE parents of the youth, at this institution, & the public are respectfully informed that on Monday and Tuesday, the 23d & 24th inst. will be held an examination of the different departments in the Seminary. The classical school will be examined on Monday; and the English and mathematical on Tuesday.

On the evening of each day, commencing at 6 o'clock, the youth will deliver a variety of exercises in elocution. The parents will receive tickets of admission previous to the exhibition.

The principal of the Academy takes this occasion of informing the public, that the different departments have lately been filled with the ablest tutors that liberal salaries could procure; and who are ready to be responsible for their respective charges, not only to their employer, but the public.

The Mathematical School is under the tuition of Mr. John Dickson Craig, a gentleman highly recommended for capacity and experience, especially in the higher mathematics & natural philosophy.

The primary or introductory school is taught by Mr. John Craig, A. M who lately graduated at the university of Glasgow, and produces the most respectable credentials of those qualifications, moral and literary, which should characterise the instructor of youth.

Besides these, there are two junior ushers; and a French tutor, of respectable character and qualifications, is constantly engaged in instructing such as wish to acquire that language.

It is presumed that, to those who may take the trouble to make impartial enquiry, it will appear, that there is no Seminary in this city, or the state, where more highly sanctioned means can be afforded for acquiring a liberal & comprehensive course of literary instruction.

The principal has expended two thousand five hundred dollars on accommodations and apparatus. Exclusive of his own labours, the acquisition of the most respectable talents, together with contingent expences, amount to upwards of two thousand dollars per annum, and consequently must require respectable support; but it is resolved that the number of pupils, at no one time, shall exceed twenty five for each instructor. Parents, who can without prejudice, make allowance for diversity of genius or capacity in youth, and have patience to wait the effects of system and discipline, steadily and zealously pursued, shall not be disappointed.

The liberal and enlightened citizens of Baltimore whose munificence hath already blessed so many *very distant* Seminaries, it is hoped, cannot fail to encourage the exertions of an individual, in behalf of their *own youth*, more especially when it is considered, that the terms are regulated by that principle, without which, no public Seminary can be entitled to public countenance in a free country, *i.e.* NOT PLACED BEYOND THE REACH OF THE GREAT BODY OF THE COMMUNITY. SAML. KNOX.

Academy, Baltimore,
December 20, 1805,
December 21

PRINTING
IN THE
JOB LINE,
Executed neatly at the Office of the
AMERICAN.
☞ Custom-House and other Blanks, kept constantly for Sale.

Six Cents Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 14th inst. a servant girl about eight or nine years of age, thick and strong made, with a red head and masculine look. Had on when she went away: a dark linsy jacket and coat, bare head and feet. She was bound to me by the name of SARAH M'KAN: whoever takes her up and returns her to me, at William Owings's mills, in Baltimore county, shall have the above reward, but no charges paid.

JOHN HASLAN.
December 24 d4t*

Payson & Smith,

HAVE just received & offer for sale at No. 75, Bowly's-wharf,
30 quarter casks Sherry Wine } Of excellent
40 quarter casks Malaga Wine } quality.
December 20 d6t

Jamaica Rum.

50 puncheons just received per Walker's packet, and offered for Sale low, if taken from the wharf.

Also on hand,
Linseed Oil, entitled to debenture
Muscovado Sugar
Teneriffe Wine
Virginia Tobacco, re-inspected here.

Apply to JOHN RANDALL,
95 Bowly's wharf.
Dec. 21 d4teo4t

Herrings & Codfish.

WILL be landed on Monday, from on board the schooner Argo, captain Hubbard, from New York,
100 barrels HERRINGS
10 hhds COD FISH
For sale by
ALEXANDER WEBSTER & Co.
No. 1, *Commerce-street.*
December 21 d4t*

212, 540, Acres of Land,

In the following counties in Virginia, for sale or Barter, viz:—

35,000 in Bath,
70,000 in Patrick,
57,000 in Wythe,
50,000 in ditto,
540 in Botetourt.

Proper surveys have recently been made thereon, and the titles are indisputable.

Any part or the whole may be had a great bargain, by applying to

JOHN STICKNEY.
December 21 d2t1a2w

Geo. C. Muller,

Two doors below the Custom-House,

HAS received by the last arrivals, and on hand from former importations,

2000	pieces	Britagnes
600	do.	Platillas
600	do.	Bonton, No. 2
650	do.	Check & Stripes
150	do.	Listados
100	do.	Creas a la morlaix
200	do.	Rouans
1000	do.	Estopillas unis
300	do.	Cholets
400	do.	Bedticks

1 box Bielfield Linen
38 bales Osnaburgs
Ticklenburgs, & Hessians, &c.
Which he offers for sale, on the usual terms.
Dec. 21 d12t

Notice.

THE subscriber of the city of Baltimore, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Baltimore county, letters of administration on the estate of CHARLES RIDGELEY, late of said city, deceased. All persons having claims, and those indebted to said deceased are requested to exhibit the same, with vouchers to

JOSEPH YOUNG, Administrator.
Nov. 25 eo8t

John Stickney,

Has for sale, No. 1, Pratt-street,

A GENERAL assortment of WINDOW GLASS and PAINTS. Also a few elegant glasses for Prints, 42 by 32 inches.

Charts of the American and other coasts, day and night Spy Glasses, Compasses, &c.

LIKEWISE,

Black and Bright Varnish, Spirits Turpentine, Rosin, Neats Foot, Boiled Linseed, Spermaceti and Lamp Oil, and

A few boxes Cotton Cards, from No. 5 to 10
50 boxes small Nova Scotia Herrings
A few do. best Cod-fish, Mackarel, &c. on very low terms.
Nov. 29 eo2t-law2t

RESIN POOL,

BOOT-MAKER,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and customers that, having been so unfortunate as to be burnt out, at his former stand in South-street, he has removed his shop to No. 6, same street, and next door but one below Doctor Aitkins', where he has on hand, a good assortment of Back Strap and Cossack Boots, which, owing to the exertion of his fellow citizens, he has been enabled, with some of his other effects, to preserve. Particular attention will be paid to measure work; also orders from the country or for exportation will be executed with dispatch.

He returns his sincere thanks to his former customers for the liberal share of patronage they have afforded him and hopes to continue to receive it, so long as his disposition to please may merit. To those in arrears, a bare hint, he thinks sufficient to convince them the propriety there would be in the immediate discharge of their accounts, as the loss he has sustained by the aforementioned calamity has been of considerable magnitude.

December 9 eo12t

Raisins and Segars.

JUST received and for sale, at No. 64, Market-street, 50 boxes fresh Malaga RAISINS, 500 wt. soft ALMONDS, 1000 wt. fresh PHILBERTS, 100 half boxes first chop SEGARS, 20 pipes Cognac BRANDY, 4th proof JACOB & WM. NORRIS.
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