5th instant; on that day it was postponed until Monday, the 9th. I do not flatter myself that this important question is out of doubt. I am told that if an absent member of the senate, from the lower country, does not arrive, it will be lost; you will know if he is on his way. The president of the senate, Mr. Ward, has resigned that office; Robert Barnwell, esq. is chosen in his room.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.

We have seen a decree of general Ferrand dated Santo Domingo, 20th Vendemaire, 14th year [11 October, 1805] from which the following extracts are made:

ART. 1. All vessels detained either with clearances direct for the ports occupied by the rebels, or coming from thence with clearances from the Custom-houses, or plausibly suspected of masked clearances in order the better to establish their communications with these rebels, may be carried into the neighboring neutral or allied ports, on condition, however, of proving a lawful cause why they were not carried directly to Santo Domingo or to Havanna; derogating in this respect from our decree of the 13th last Messidor.

The captains general, governors and commandants in these islands who cannot doubt the obligation of every nation to concur in measures which may stifle the rebellion of that of St. Domingo, are requested to authorise the entrance of these vessels into their ports.

ART. XI. A list shall be made by the same magistrate (the president regent of the Imperial audience or court of appeals) of the owners, insurers laders, merchants, dealers, captains, supercargoes, and others connected in commercial relations, or interest with the rebels, and designated in the correspondence and documents deposited as proofs of the offences. At the head of this list shall be inserted the owners and others interested in the vessels stopped in the act, and condemned as such on account of their clearances either direct for rebel ports, or exhibiting proof that they were coming from thence by receipts of the custom-houses, &c. The same operation shall be repeated every month.

Copies of these lists shall be delivered to every cruizer, which carries our letters of marque.

Art. XII. Every vessel whatever, navigating under any flag whatever, on board of which shall be found invoices, bills of lading and other documents having any direct relation to one or more of the persons inserted in the lists directed by the preceding article, shall be provisionally detained without regard to the distance of the territorial sea or place in which she may be met, and shall be carried into port to be there examined. There after the most exact examination, which shall be the competent tribunals, it shall be determined whether there is ground for a confiscation and condemnation, of either the vessel or the whole or the part of the cargo only; without in any case the captured captain being authorised to claim from the capturing cruiser, any indemnity on account of being forced from his course or delay in his voyage. The expence of the procedure shall also be in this case imposed on the captains.

There was an interesting debate on Friday in the senate, on Dr. Logan's bill to suspend commercial intercourse between the United States and St. Domingo. Messrs. Logan and Jackson advocated, and Messrs. S. Smith, Hillhouse, Mitchill and Adams opposed it. The debate became the more interesting from its implication of the general state of our foreign relations, and particularly the late British orders. No sentiment but that of reprobation was uttered, and the necessity of taking bold and commanding ground in defence of our violated rights, was avowed on all hands. The further consideration of the bill was postponed till Monday.—We shall endeavor to publish a sketch of the debate.

Keatinge's Book-store,

164, *Market-street.*

GEORGE KEATINGE has just received the following NEW PLAYS,

MATRIMONY—An opera by James Kenny, author of Raising the Wind.

IL BONDECANI; or the Calip Robbers, by Thomas Dibdin, author of Guilty or Not Guilty.

THE BLIND BARGAIN; or Hear It Out, by F. Reynolds.

THE FIRST FLOOR—by James Cobb, author of A House to be Sold.

Also a great variety of PLAYS, among which are,

Marry or not to Marry,
School for Reform,
Children in the Wood,
Prize, or 2, 5, 3, 8,
Soldiers Daughter,
How to get Married,
Honey Moon,
Gamester,
Mountaineers,
Voice of Nature,
Love Laughs at Locksmiths,
Guilty or not Guilty,
Hunter of the Alps,
Disappointment, or Love of Credulity

Likewise,

A variety of pleasing Books, for the approaching season, among which are, several fit for presents.

☞ *In a few days will be for sale as above,*

Courting or conversation Cards, for the amusement of the youth of both sexes, by the gross, dozen or Single.

The Washington and Jefferson ALMANAC's for sale.

December 21 2aw4w

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.

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American,

AND

COMMERCIAL DAILY ADVERTISER.

WEDNESDAY, *DECEMBER* 25, 1805

At an adjourned meeting of the Solicitors of the School of Industry, at the council chamber, on Monday, the 33d December, 1805—

Whereas the several wards are not generally represented, the Solicitors are respectfully requested to complete the duties of their appointment, and attend an adjourned meeting on *Saturday* next, the 28th instant at the council chamber, at 3 o'clock, P. M. when it is expected they will have completed their subscriptions.

At a meeting of a number of persons residing in the western precints and upper end of the city of Baltimore, held at Chamberlain's tavern, near the new market-house, on Monday evenig, the 23d inst. for the purpose of taking into consideration the utility and propriety of establishing a new fire-company, GEORGE GRUNDY esq. was appointed Chairman, and the following resolutions were assented to:

Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a fire-company in the western precints and upper end of the city of Baltimore.

Resolved, that a committee of eight be appointed to solicit subscriptions from those who are willing to contribute, for the purpose of purchasing an engine and other materials necessary for the completion and establishment of a fire-company.

Resolved, That George Grundy, Adam Welsh, Michael Kimmel, Richard Seabrooks, William Hayward, John Dillon, Peter Little, and Jesse Slingluff, compose the committee aforesaid; and that they make a report of their proceedings to a meeting to be held at the place aforesaid on Monday evening, the 30th instant, at 6 o'clock.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be published in the several newspapers of this city.

By order of the Meeting,
OWEN DORSEY, Sec'ry.

N. B. Those persons who are friendly to the above establishment, and wish to become members of the company, will please to attend at the ensuing meeting.

A correspondent enquires, whether it would not be proper for "the government of the United States, to invite the different Indian Tribes to send an honorary member to the house of Representatives? Would it not tend very much to increase their confidence and hasten their civilization? *(Richmond Enquirer.)*

Philosophical and Mechanical discoveries and improvements.

Mr. Jacob Bouldin of Baltimore, on the 14th instant, presented to the house of Representatives of the United States his petition, stating that he is the author of the following valuable discoveries. If the asserted discoveries can be proved on trial, we may fairly take the lead of Europe, in the arts and sciences. The petition enumerates amongst other things,

Methods for constructing a machine for taking courses, distances, ascents, descents and true altitudes; for opening and extending inland navigation; for making of salt without the use of fuel; for constructing a cultivating machine; for introducing water into cities, &c. and for guarding buildings against the common accidents of fire, and certainly and promptly extinguishing the same; for constructing sea vessels and boats in such a manner as to completely prevent them of springing of leaks or having their buts to start; and also for constructing an apparatus, whereby persons might save themselves in most cases, even after the loss of vessel, boats, &c. and praying that a sufficient sum from the national funds, may be placed in the hands of the executive for the purpose of making fair experiments therein.

(Nat. Int.)

VERONA, where the first rencontre took place between the rival armies in Italy, is about 30 miles from Mantua, and is divided into two towns by the Adige; a line of demarkation on the bridge of Verona was described by a stone with an inscription, denoting that the kingdom of Italy and Austrian Venetia were separated by that line—the town on both sides is now in the hands of the French.

Aurora.

COMMUNICATION.

Extraordinary Phenomena!....A number of persons in Market-street on Thursday last, December 19th, were much surprised at an extraordinary appearance which occurred and continued for a few moments, and which I shall endeavor to describe. The air was perfectly serene, and only a few fleecy clouds detached through the horison; suddenly two bodies of unequal size, dusky, but without any visible shade of difference in their colour, were perceived vibrating as it were along the surface of the earth; they were linked together and though distinct bodies appeared to partake of the same nature.—Several who saw the phenomenon say there was a smell of something, but they do not agree of what, to me it appeared sulphureous, others thought it aromatic, but they all agree with me, that the exterior appearance indicated combustible exhaustion; and though there was no appearance of fire or light about them, there appeared to be some remnant of inflammable matter which had been cooled by the regions through which they had made their transit. It is supposed that they met in the atmosphere by accident, as pummice is seen sometimes floating on the shores of Hecla, and that the laws of gravity brought them into contact and to the earth together—and that they are in fact only the cinders of two exhausted or extinguished meteors.—ib.

In looking minutely into our files of London and Liverpool papers, which are to the 10th Nov. we find an articie, which appears to have eluded the notice of the New York editors; or at least, we do not recollect to have observed it among their selections. It is contained in a Liverpool paper of the 9th, apparently copied from a London evening paper of the 7th, which is the latest period of the advices by the Neptune.—It says: "Government this day received various dispatches from the Continent, all of them much more satisfactory, than we had reason to expect from the late French accounts. The advantage stated, on the authority of letters of the 22d Oct. from Berlin, to have been gained over the French, was achieved by the Archduke Ferdinand. This is a most important piece of intelligence; for great fears were entertained, that his force had fallen a sacrifice in consequence of General Mack's surrender."

The advantage here alluded to, is given in the same paper, in the following words—"A letter from Berlin, dated October 22, states, that on the 18th, an escort of 600 French Infantry, and 800 cavalry, was attacked by 6000 Austrian cavalry between Nordingen and Dukelobihly and were beat by the superior force, with the loss of about 50 pieces of artillery, and 100 ammunition waggons."

Philadelphia Gaz.

From Nashville we learn, that from gratitude to Col. Burr for his services to the state of Tennessee, a public dinner was given him by the citizens, and among the toasts we find this tribute: "The late Vice President of the United States....may his promptness of decision, impartiality and valedictory address serve as a polar star to his successors, and may all honest Americans never forget such merit."—After the strongest expressions of their friendship, Col. Burr took leave of them in a most affectionate manner.

Petersburgh Intel.

Notice.

The Reverend Doctor Rattoone 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.

☞ *A respectful observance of This Day (CHRISTMAS) will prevent the publication of the American to-morrow.*

SHIP NEWS

Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED,

Sch'r Federal George, Field, Boston

CLEARED,

Ship Sarah, Smith, Algeziras
Sch'r Somerset, Newall, Martinique

From the Merchants' Coffee House Books.

December 24.

Arrived, sch'r Federal George, Field, 12 days from Boston---sundries. Came into the Capes on Saturday evening in company with a ship.

Also, schooner Susan and William, Clarke, from Boston; and another sch'r coastwise.

A Reward of Five Dollars

WILL be given to any person or persons giving satisfactory information, who the author was of a certain "communication" published in the Federal Gazette the 17th and likewise in the American the 19th inst. which declares the strange female Preacher now in this city, not to be a member, or in connection with the society of friends, &c. &c.

It is not my wish to intimate that she "now is, or ever was" a member of said society; for I know she is not—and she uniformly makes such declaration herself, in her public assemblies—but because the 'communication' seems to have an official appearance, and seems to breathe a spirit of persecution: & least it may be conceived by the different religious societies and others of this city, that it was done by the authority or consent of the people called Quakers (who would spurn at such an unchristain proceeding) I positively deny their knowledge of that publication. Therefore it seems necessary to know the very officious author, that he may (if in his power) produce his authority for such an unheard of attempt to do injury to a poor lonelly female. A FRIEND TO ALL PEOPLE.

N. B. The above reward will be paid by the printer, if satisfactory information is given before the proper authority, as above stated; and the money is deposited in the hands of the editor.

December 25 d4t

Sale by Auction.

ON THURSDAY NEXT,

The 26th inst. at 11 o'clock, will be sold on the premises,

A VALUABLE lot of GROUND, on the Hook's-town road, a short distance from the seminary—It fronts one hundred & twelve and a half feet on the road, and extends back 600 feet. There is a two story Frame dwelling house erected on the premises, with a good Garden and a number of fruit Trees. Terms made known at the time and place of sale.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

December 23

Sale by Auction.

TO-MORROW,

Thursday, the 26th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the vendue-warehouse, at the corner of Second and Frederick-streets, will begin the sale of several invoices of

DRY GOODS,

Which are ordered to be closed with the present year.

And at 12 o'clock,

The groceries, &c. among which are,

31 hhds. } Trinidad SUGAR,
7 barrels }
41 boxes white Havanna do.
A few bags of the 1st quality green Coffee
10 puncheons 5th proof Rum, entitled to drawback,
10 pipes excellent Port Wine
13 do. Lisbon do.
A few hhds. Molasses &
9 pipes French Brandy, &c.

THOS. CHASE, Auct'r

December 25

Sale by Auction.

On FRIDAY,

The 27th inst. at 12 o'clock, at the auction room at the head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of

67 hhds Sugar
21 hhds & } Prime green Coffee
201 bags }
19 puncheons Antigua Rum
100 casks excellent claret,
100 tierces Rice

Also,

The cargo of the brig Antelope, consisting of,
80,000 lbs. coffee,
100,000 lbs of Cocoa
10 tons Logwood

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct's.

Dec. 25

Schultze & Vogeler,

HAVE imported per the ship Severn, James Sinclair, master, from St. Petersburg,

132 tons best clean Hemp.

December 25 d24t

Thomas Hanna,

Bowly's-wharf,

HAS JUST RECEIVED AND OFFERS FOR SALE,

2000 bushels prime wheat
3310 do. Bran

Also on hand:

6 casks old Madeira Wine,

Which may be had on a liberal credit.

December 25 d4t

A N A C T,

Granting additional compensation to the Harbor Master of the port of Baltimore.

Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly, that the compensation now granted to the Harbor Master of the Port of Baltimore is an insufficient remuneration for his attention, and services in that capacity; and whereas it is reasonable that foreign vessels coming into said port for the purpose of commerce, should contribute their proportion of an additional allowance in conformity to the usages of our sister states and foreign nations.

Therefore, be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that it shall, and may be lawful for the Harbor Master of the said port, to ask, demand and receive of and from the capt. or commander of every foreign vessel coming into the said port for the purposes of trade and commerce, the sum of Five Dollars, as an additional compensation to the said harbor master for his care and deligence in the regulation of said harbor, and providing a proper station for said vessels. And be it enacted that in case of refusal or delay in making such payment, it shall and may be lawful for the said Harbor Master, to sue for, and receive the same before single magistrate, as small debts out of court are now recovered.

True Copy CHARLES GIBSON,
Committee Clerk.

Dec. 25 d6t.

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

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 harty 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

Holland GIN,

10 pipes of superior flavour.

For Sale by

S. & T. JONES,
Howard-street.

Rum, Wine, Fruit, Segars, Oil and Cloves.

THE subscribers have just received, 200 boxes fresh Malaga Raisins: 15 hhds. 4th proof Jamaica Rum, good flavor; 20 do. Antigua do; 100 boxes fresh Prunes; 200,000 first chop Havanna Segars, whole and half boxes; 30 casks real winter-strained Spermaceti Oil; 2000lbs. soft Almonds; 1500 lbs. India Cloves; 100 lbs. Fresh Nutmegs; 100 lbs. Fresh Citron; 1000 lbs. Filberts; 50 cases Flask Oil, fresh and in good condition; 10 pipes and half pipes Madeira wine.—For sale by

JACOB & WM. NORRIS.

☞ WHO have on hand, 15 pipes Cogniac Brandy, 4th proof; 20 bls. old Peach Brandy; 100 boxes Sampson's family Candles; 50 boxes Strait's Oil, twelve bottles each; 103 boxes Goshen Cheese; 50 cases Bordeaux Pickles, assorted; with a general assortment of GROCERIES, selected for the consumption of families.

December 17 2aw6w

Abner Tucker,

Now on a tour for his health,

Respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Baltimore, that he has brought with him

A MODEL IN WOOD,

OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF

JERUSALEM,

THIS ingenious piece of machanism, so universally admired by every person who has seen and heard it explained, is laid out on a scale of *sixteen* by *nine* feet. The LECTURE upon it is long, and calculated to impress the mind with a solemn awe of the Deity, while we see before our eyes the trial and crucifiction of our Divine Saviour.

Those who wish to examine it will do well to improve the present opportunity, by calling at No, 8, Market-space, where they will be admitted for the moderate sum of 25 cents, children for half price. He can with confidence invite all, and particularly the religious of every denomination to attend his Lectures.

Among other objects worthy of notice, are the seven mountains in the vicinity of the city and several species of fruit on trees, six feet high.

He informs the citizens, that his hours of exhibition are from 10 o'clock in the morning, until 10 at night.

Dec. 23 d8t

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has opened shop at No. 92, Market-street, one door below his former shop, and in the store formerly occupied by Messrs. CALHOUN & LAMMOT, where he will execute with punctuality and dispatch, his business, in the most approved stile, and silicits the patronage of the public, his friends and former customers. Fashionable goods suitable to the season, kept on hand and will be disposed of on accommodating terms, by

BENJAMIN YOE, Taylor.

To Let,

THE one half the store, at present occupied by the subscriber, and a large dry cellar, together or separate. They may be had for a term of years at a moderate rent. Apply as above B. Y.

December 9 d

Robinson & Sprigg,

No. 88, Dugan's wharf,

HAVE FOR SALE,

2000 bushels coarse and fine Salt
100 barrels Herring, in fine shipping order
12 pipes old 4th proof and well flavoured Cogniac Brandy
12 puncheons 3d and 4th proof old and well flavoured West India Rum,
10 barrels old Peach Brandy
20 do do Apple do
Real Holland Gin, Cherry Bounce
Anniseed Cordials and Country Rum
Teas of the latest importations
Brown and Loaf Sugar, Coffee, Pepper
Chocolate, Candles, Goshen Cheese
Powder and Shot of all sizes, Demijohns
Gin Cases, Castings, Earthen Ware, &c.

And as usual,

A constant supply of good family FLOUR. Stores of all kinds put up for shipping at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.

Nov. 23 w&s10t

This is to give Notice,

THAT the Subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Baltimore county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of THOMAS HAMILTON, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased; all persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at or before the eighth day of May next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 6th day of November, 1805.

DAVID ARMOUR, } Executors.
JOHN LIGGAT, }

Nov. 7 eo6w

HORSE SHOEING.

Suman and Lamb,

RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the public, that they have commenced a Shoeing shop on a large scale, at their old stand, at the sign of the Golden Horse Shoe, between Peters's and the lower bridge, opposite James Clark's large warehouse, where Horses will be Shod in the neatest and best manner. Also, they would undertake the Shoeing of a number of horses by the year. Also, at their store, No. 56, Cumberland Row, where the public may be supplied with all kinds of Edge Tools, of their own manufactory—Besides a general assortment of redsy made hinges, of all descriptions, with every other article in the Black-smith line.

December 10 2aw8t

To the Voters

Of the City and County of Baltimore.

GENTLEMEN,

BEING solicited by many friends, both in the city and county, to offer myself a candidate for the Office of *SHERIFF*. I have taken the liberty of soliciting your suffrages at the ensuing election, as I conceive myself qualified (from long experience as assistant to the present and two preceding sheriffs) to discharge the important duties attached to that office.—My engagements will continue to prevent a personal application to each individual, whose approbation I am ambitious to possess; but if correctness, diligence, and every degree of humanity, consistent with the interest due to an indulgent public, are becoming requisites.—I hope the want of a personal interview will be no material objection against the [illegible]

Public's humble servant,
JOHN HUNTER.

August 8