more earnest, more original than Tully, and if the periods of the Roman are more majestic than those of the Scotchman, Erskine's is the fault of the English language. Yet he has not Tully's reach of learning, though I suspect, in case of a surprise, Erskine's readiness would extricate him, when the Roman would sink under the weight of his own erudition. He has not the confidence nor the grandeur of Pericles, but he attaches you quicker. Pericles is willing to impose on you, Erskine's first concern is to make friends. While Pericles is throwing the gauntlet, Erskine is on the defensive, watching the moment of doubt or indifference beckoning. Imperative, the one stands erect, and will take nothing which he cannot extort: submissive, the other inclines forward and appeals to impartial justice.

Erskine will suffer nothing on being examined as a man: his profession has not defaced his original features of greatness. When engaged in a weak or unjust cause, he never sacrifices his hardihood of honor, to the views of his client. He says all that ought to be said; yet never commits his own dignity by urging a corrupt principle. You see nothing of the Attorney, Erskine is a counsellor: you see no partizan of petty advantages, Erskine is a gentleman.

He is serious, or witty, at pleasure, and when the occasion offers, and he is disposed to descend, he can, like Roscius, turn off a case in pantomine. Among the thousand actions which are presented, some appear, on trial, to have originated in mirth, and others, in impudence: this Proteus is ready in a moment to throw off the professional buskin and read the sock.

I have followed Erskine to the House of Commons, forming to my mind the attitude of a man, treading empires under his feet, and holding in his hands the destinies of the world. If, in a petty court of law, he could move Heaven in behalf of a poor orphan, or an oppressed widow, surely in presence of the British Parliament, when the fate of nations is depending, the front of opposition must bow beneath his frown, or follow in the wake of his triumphant path. But the moment he enters parliament he disappears. He is only one among five hundred. An Arab would never kill Erskine, unless he caught him in his gown, band and wig;* with these he seems to put off his whole virtue. As a statesman, Erskine is nothing. I do not say he is a great man in a little room; but Erskine, addressing twelve men, in a court of law, and in the British Parliament, addressing the speaker in behalf of the nation, is not the same man. He commences, indeed, on a broad foundation, but ascends, like a pyramid, and either produces an abortion, or attains to the point, and terminates where he should have begun. In parliament, he discovers nothing of that copious precision, that ascending order, that captivating fluency, that earnest conviction, which, at the bar, stamp him Erskine. In parliament, he labors with a harrow through the impediments of politics; now it catches hold of Pitt, then it interferes with a straggling limb of Hawkesbury, now it tears away the skirts of Addington, presently it is to be lifted over the body of Windham. He concludes, and the impressions which he made is already effaced. Adieu.

* *The robes of the judges are faced with ermine.*

† *The English lawyers are dressed, when in court, in a gown, (black) band and tie wig.*

NEW-YORK, Dec. 27.

The armed ships Emperor, and Indostan, sailed yesterday for His *Sable* majesty's dominions, with a fine breeze from N. W.

The memorial of the merchants of this city to Congress was read last evening at the Tontine Coffee house to a crowded and highly respectable meeting of the merchants, called for the purpose, and unanimously approved of. This memorial takes a very extensive view of the situation of the merchants of the United States, in consequence of the late determination of colonial produce by Great-Britain—Of the treatment which our vessels have received from the unlicenced armed vessels of the Belligerent Powers—And of the defencless state of our seaport towns. The memorial is certainly one of the most able productions of the kind we ever read—it expresses in a mild, yet firm and dignified manner, the grievances of an highly injured people, and asks in a tone not easily to be refused, for redress from the government of their country.

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 solicits 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 2 d

American,

AND

COMMERCIAL DAILY ADVERTISER

TUESDAY, *DECEMBER* 31, 1805

The ship Olive, of Baltimore, was left at Liverpool, Nov. 4.

Capt. Taylor, of the Federal Republican, arrived at Newport, from Bonavista, spoke, Nov. 29, in lat. 39, long. 68, ship Emily, Walsh, from Baltimore for Antigua.

A Louisville paper states that a considerable detachment of troops have already been sent to form an establishment near the coast of Santa Fe, and that a large reinforcement is to join them in the spring, which will effectually extend and protect our peltry trade, and open a safe and easy communication with the Dons.

INTERMENTS

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

Consumption,	6
Still born,	3
Worms,	4
Sudden death,	2
Apoplexy,	1
Pleurisy,	1
Palsy,	1
Fits,	1
Adults	11
Children	8
Total	19

We understand that a letter from Boston was received by this morning's mail, which states that a handbill had just been put up at the Coffee-House, announcing that the Prussian army had formed a junction with the Austrians and Russians, and had nearly surrounded Bonaparte and his troops.—The particulars of the handbill are not mentioned.

(N. Y. Com. Adv.)

[The letter to which the above article alludes was written on the morning of Friday, December 20th, and bears the Boston post mark of that day. It was received here on Wednesday. Had a circumstance of such high political magnitude as the junction of Prussia with the armies of Austria and Russia, and the perilous situation into which that junction had placed the Emperor Napoleon, been known in Boston on Friday, it could not, we presume have escaped the vigilance of the editor of the Centinel, whose paper of Saturday is now before us, and is totally silent on the subject.

We believe the report to be at least premature.] *Mar. Adv.*

From Vienna to Munich there are three roads, the two principal of which at this juncture, are those by way of Braunau and Saltzburg. From Vienna to Ens the distance is about 105 English miles; from thence to Braunau on the Inn, the last Imperial town, 105 miles; to Munich, 85; from Ens to Saltzburg, the distance is 100 miles; & from thence to Munich, 84; general Kienmayer has joined the Russians either at Braunau or Saltzburg; if at the latter place assistance might have been sent, if there had been time, to general Mack, by Lasprunck in Tyrol; this place is 60 miles from Fuessen, very strong, and 30 from Kempten, which lies by Isneg and Wangen; from Lindau 45 miles; from Meanmingen 20, and from that place to Ulm, 30 miles. Ulm, by Memmingen to Lindau, is 75 miles, and by Ravensburg, 65; Bregentz is from Lindau, 3 1-4 miles. From Ulm, by Frankfort and Cologne, to Amsterdam, the distance is 410 miles; and by way of Basil to Paris 390 miles. A person may with ease reach Amsterdam in four days, and Paris in three day.

[*Phil. Freeman's Journal*]

Extract of a letter received in Norfolk, from the house of Messrs. Huguet and Dupire, of Barcelona, dated 24th Aug. 1805.

The balance of trade generally throughout the Streights is much in favor of America, whilst their remittances from thence in bills, calculating on par—must leave a heavy loss. Though the present courses of exchange are comparatively high, the dollars remitted in bills, at 90 days, only gives—In London, 4 shillings sterling; Amsterdam, 2 1-4 guilders; Hamburgh, 2 35-56 marco banco; Paris, 5 10 livers tournois. In order to remedy this evil, we have proposed to our government to give orders to the treasuries of Vera Cruz, Carraccas, and the Havanna at 25 per cent loss on the paper, which shall include permission to take specie or colonial produce at the place of payment. The result shall in course be made known to you; we think it probable that in the present exigencies of the state, the proposal will be acceded to.

ANECDOTE.

A CARDINAL of great merit was once so ill as to be given over by his physicians. His domestics, all eager to serve themselves, presented their persons before him, with a box, a trunk, a cabinet, or other moveables, under each of their arms and made their exits severally with a bow.

Meanwhile an ape observing, as he sat by his master's bed, what was going on, spied the cardinal's cap, which he instantly seized, clapped it upon his head, made his bow with infinite archness and solemnity, and then retired as the rest of the household had done.

This humorous imitation had such an effect on the risible faculties of the dying cardinal, that the imposthume, which threatened the life, instantly broke, and his life was happily restored.

SHIP NEWS

Boston, December 22.

Arrived, brig Louisa, captain Mellus, of Columbia, (Maine) 42 days from Liverpool. Sailed in company ship William, captain Hall, of Newburyport, for Boston; and ship Caroline, captain Scott, for Portland. Left ship Annawan, Clark, for Philadelphia; Belvidera, Hathaway, for Charleston, 12th Nov. Alexander, for Norfolk, 12th; Mount Vernon, Goss, for Charleston, 25th.

New-York, December 28.

Arrived since our last.

Arrived, the new ship Cheney, capt. Cheney, owner, from Hudson.

The British brig Hope, Butterfield, in 36 days from Kingston, Jam. Sailed in co. with a fleet of 44 sail, and parted from them 10 days since, in lat. 25, long. 74. The British brig Lark, for Philadelphia, and a Kingston schooner for New-York, were in the fleet.

The brig Washington, Ledet, (mentioned before) in 92 days from Bordeaux. Nov. 16, in lat. 35, 30, long. 68, 30, spoke the brig Nonpareil, Fleming, 5 days from N. Y. for Jamaica. Dec. 7, in lat. 37, 30. long. 66, 30, the brig Hiram, Billings, of Harwhich, 4 days from New-London for Berbice—had lost a man (John Law) overboard. Dec. 5, in lat. 36. long. 68, the ship Sally, Rowe, of Bath, 5 days from Boston for Charleston. —Same day, the ship Jane and Maria, Lawrence, 4 days from N. York for the Coast of Africa. Dec. 7, the ship Rachel, Bunker, 76 days from St. Petersburg for Salem. Captain Ledet was supplied handsomely with several articles which he wanted, by the brig Hiram, and the ships Sally, and Rachel.

The brig Minerva, Barker, in 70 days from Bordeaux. Oct. 14, in lat. 45, long. 3, 30, spoke the schooner Hannah, 25 days from Boston for Bordeaux. Nov. 13, in lat. 36, 30, long. 12, the ship Perseverance, 10 days from Boston for Barcelona. Dec. 1, spoke a brig 5 days from Boston for Guadaloupe.

The brig Venus, Morris, in 29 days from the City of St. Domingo. Left ship Mary of Charleston; brig Sally, Banker, of New York; and a Rhode-Island sloop.

The brig Canton, Wheeler, in 9 days from Savannah, and 6 to the Hook.

The schooner Adela, Auten, of Philadelphia, in 13 days from Havanna. The brig Rajah, Smith, sailed 6 hours before; and the ship Aurora, Fairchilds, in co. for New-York. December 23, off Chincoteague Shoals, spoke the schooner Eliza, 13 days from New York for Richmond.

The schooner Three Friends, Hawes, from Richmond, and 48 hours from the Capes.

The British sloop Cato, Darrell, in 14 days from Bermuda. The schooner Hunter, Sloat, from New York, for Martinique, was lost at Bermuda—crew saved. December 21, in lat. 37, 8. long. 74, 26, spoke the schooner William, Taylor, from Boston for Charleston.

The sloop Independence, Steelman, of Philadelphia, from North Carolina.

Cleared, brig Juliana, Gale, Naples; sch'r Elizabeth, Benner, St. Thomas.

For Sale,

TWO COWS, with young CALVES, just from Pennsylvania, by Thomas Stansbury, opposite the Hay-Scales, Old-Town.

Dec. 31 d4t*

For Sale,

THE one half, or the whole (as may suit the purchaser) of a PEW, in the Rev. Mr. Glendy's meeting house, in a good situation. Enquire at this office.

Dec. 31 eo4t

Dividend.

THE President and Directors of the Union Bank of Maryland, have this day declared a Dividend of four per cent on the capital stock thereof, for the half year, ending the 31st inst. and the same will be paid to the Stockholders, or their representatives, on or after Wednesday, the 1st January 1806.

By order of the Board

R. HIGINBOTHAM, Cashier.

Dec. 31 d12t

Mayor's Office,

December 28, 1805.

WHEREAS, the evil custom of firing guns on the eve of the year, has been heretofore practised by many idle and indiscreet persons, in direct violation of one of the ordinances of the city of Baltimore, and to the great annoyance of the citizens thereof; I do therefore hereby especially enjoin the city constables, and the city watchmen, to be active and vigilant in detecting and apprehending all persons committing so wilful a breach of law, and the citizens of Baltimore are earnestly requested, to afford their assistance to the public officers, in order that all such offenders against the law, the peace and good order of the city, may be brought to punishment.

THOROWGOOD SMITH, Mayor.

December 31 2t

For Sale.

A VERY likely, good negro GIRL, for the term of 20 yeas; she is now twelve years of age. Apply at this office, or to James Clayland, at the sign of Liberty and Commerce, in water-street, near the Custom-House.

Dec. 31 eo4t

Sale by Auction.

THIS-MORNING,

The 31st 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, Coatings,
3 cases Irish Linen
1 do. 4-4 India Buff Shawls
1 do. Book Handkerchiefs and 6-4 Flush Shawls
1 do. Dimities, Russia Sheetings, &c.

And at 12 o'clock,

49 hhds. Muscovado Sugar
9 hhds. and 169 bags Coffee
33 boxes Havanna Sugar
21 puncheons Rum
Brandy, Gin, &c. &c.

Also,

The Schooner

CONCORD,

With all her materials as she arrived from sea, burthen about 600 barrels.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auc'ts.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

Immediately after the sale of the schr. Concord, will be sold the Bermudian built sloop

LILY,

coppered and copper-fastened, with all her materials as she arrived from sea; burthen about 900 barrels, and sails remarkably fast.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auc's.

Dec. 31

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 31st inst. at 12 o'clock, at the auction room, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will be sold, on 4 months credit,

The Ship

HARRIOT,

Lying at Stoddart's-wharf, Fell's-Point, burthen about 182 tons, with all the materials as she arrived from sea, she was built of the best materials, sails fast, is extremely well found, and may be sent to sea without any additional expence; her inventory may be seen at the auction room.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs

For Boston,

The sloop

MARGARET,

CAPT. EDES,

Burthen 600 barrels, will sail in 5 days. For Freight or passage, apply to

JOHN BUFFUM,

No. 84, Bowly's-wharf.

Dec. 31 d4t

For Freight,

The staunch built schooner

MARY,

Cranston Evans, master,

Lying at Boyly's-wharf; burthen 86 tons; would take freight for any port in the United States, and would be ready to take on board by the 6th of January. For terms apply to the master on board, or

JOSEPH SMITH, Harbor master.

Dec. 31 d5t*

For Boston,

The Schooner

FRIENDSHIP,

CAPT. SNOW,

Having one half her cargo already engaged, will sail in a few days. For Freight or passage, apply to the master on board at Smith-wharf, or to

ISAIAH MANKIN.

Dec 31 d4t

For Petersburg or Richmond,

The Schooner

MINERVA,

CAPT. PRICE,

Lying at Bowly's wharf. For freight or passage, apply to Alexander and James Fulton, or the master on board.

Dec. 31 d6t

Irish Linens, &c.

ALEXANDER BROWN & SON

Have just received per ship Birmingham, a general assortment of

4-4 and 7-8 Linen
Dowlas &
Brown Holland } Entitled to drawback.

N. B. Part of the above are very fine

Dec. 31 d6teo6t

Mrs. Lytton

HAS removed from No. 3, Calvert-street, to No. 118, Market-street, where she has in addition to her former stock, an elegant assortment of

Millinery & Fancy Goods,

AMONG WHICH ARE,

Suffiee Chambray Gauzes, colored do. embroidered; Paris Net Gauze; Tinselled do; Spangles; Gauze Handkerchiefs; Bullions Silk Handkerchiefs, with Satin Borders; Damask Silk Shawls of extra size; Silk Plush Sleeves; silk and colored trimmings to suit the latest fashions, Ladies Velvet Pocket Books; Military Feathers, &c.

Dec. 31 d6t

Three Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on Sunday evening, an apprentice to the coopering business, named MICHAEL NEWLIN, about 17 years of age, 5 feet high; his face very much freckled; and has black hair. Had on a brown round about jacket, and blue trowsers. The above reward will be given if brought home.

PAUL PLACIDE,

Frederick-street.

N B. Captains of vessels and others are forewarned from harboring or carrying said boy off at their peril. P. P.

Dec. 31 d4t*

A FEW COPIES OF THE

Magistrate's Guide;

AND

CITIZEN'S COUNSELLOR:

BEING a digested Abstract of those Laws of the State of *Maryland* most necessary to be known, and most useful in common transactions of life. Interspersed with a variety of Practical Forms and Precedents, for the use of Justices of the Peace and others.—Just received, and for sale at this office.

Dec. 30

Book Auction,

THIS EVENING,

The 31st instant, will commence the sale of,

AN EXTENSIVE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF

BOOKS,

Consisting of several thousand volumes; being the whole stock in trade of Mr. John Rice, late Book-seller of this city

The sale will be adjourned from night to night, Sunday's excepted, until the whole is disposed of.

Purchasers to the amount of $50 and upwards, will be entitled to two months, and for $100 and upwards, 3 months credit.

The whole to be sold without reserve.

Catalogues to be had at the place of sale.

Every night's sale will commence at 6 o'clock.

SOWER & S. COLE, Auct'rs.

December 31

To Bookselier's & Stationers.

IN the course of the sales of this evening will be sold on 60 and 90 days (in proportion to the amount purchased) a large invoice of

Blank Books,

of different sizes; the whole of which are made of the best materials.

SOWER & S. COLE, Auct'rs.

Dec. 31 1t

Sale by Auction.

At 12 o'clock on THURSDAY, the 2d of January, 1806,

A LOT OF GROUND on the Hooks-Town Turnpike Road, a short distance beyond the Seminary, containing upwards of two acres of Land, fronting 1122 feet on the Turnpike road, and running back 600 feet, whereon is erected a two story Frame House, and an excellent Garden, containing the best of fruit trees, shrubs, &c. together with a good pump, and spring of excellent water.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

December 31

Sale by Auction.

On FRIDAY,

The 3d January, at 12 o'clock, will be sold at the Premises, on terms which will then be made known,

A LARGE and valuable piece of GROUND, in that part of the city, called Old Town, fronting on Jones's-street 120 1-2 feet; on a part of which is erected a large and convenient two story brick dwelling HOUSE, kitchen and other improvements suitable thereto, formerly owned by Mr Thomas Constable, and now occupied by Mr. Fisher. The house and other improvements with a suitable portion of ground, will compose one lot; and the unimproved part is intended to be divided into 3 or 4 lots, as may be most agreeable to those who may be inclined to purchase.

THOS. CHASE, Auct'r

Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Spalding,

JUST arrived from London, respectfully acquaint the ladies of Baltimore, that they have commenced the

Millinery Business,

In an extensive manner, at No. 1, Sharp-street, and are now opening a large assortment of the most fashionable articles, with which they will constantly be supplied.

They flatter themselves, that from their experience and practice in the metropolis of England, they will be enabled to execute any commands they may be favored with, in the most fashionable and satisfactory stile.

December 28 d

To the Ladies of Baltimore.

No. 38, Market-street.

MRS. PERRY, intending to leave this city in the course of a few days, will commence on THIS-DAY disposing of her valuable collection of ready-made child-bed linen, consisting of the most fashionable robes, dresses, caps, &c. the whole of which will be offered considerably under the first cost; ladies wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity, will do well by an early application, as the whole must be disposed of in the ensuing week.

☞ N. B. Some elegant lace veils, much cheaper than can be found in the city of Baltimore; Also, some white thread lace, and gentlemen's fine ready made shirts.

The store now occupied by Mrs. Perry will be rented for her time on very low terms.

Dec. 30 d4t*

New School,

Pratt-street, nearly opposite the inspecting warehouse,

WILL open on THURSDAY, the 2d of January, for the instruction of youth, in *Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Navigation, Surveying, Geography & Drawing.* It is proposed to limit the number to 25; those parents who may intrust the education of their children to the subscriber may rest assured that the most unwearied attention will be paid to their morals and improvement.

AN EVENING SCHOOL.

JOHN ORCHARD.

December 28 eo4t

☞ A Hat

WAS Lost amongst the croud last evening at the fire—Any person who may have picked up the same, will be liberally rewarded on leaving it at this office.

December 30 3t

A Journeyman Baker

WANTED who can be well recommended. Apply to the printer.

December 30 d4t*

William Merryman

INFORMS his friends and the voters of the city and county at large, he continues to solicit their patronage for the office of Sheriff, at the ensuing election.

December 5 2aw

PRINTING

IN THE

JOB LINE,

Executed neatly at the Office of the AMERICAN.

☞ Custom House and other Blanks kept constantly for Sale.