

The New York Commercial Advertiser furnished the American yesterday with several articles relative to the late grand operations of the French and allied forces, copied, as headed, "From the London Courier of Dec. 19."

The cannon from the fortress of Brunne annoyed the allies greatly, in a flat country; they made a grand movement to deprive the French of that advantage; the French seized upon a favorable opportunity during this movement to attack the centre of the allies, which they did with great impetuosity, directing their whole strength upon that quarter.

The news of the result of the 2d had been rapidly spread over the Continent by the French, and represented as a complete & decisive victory. A State's Gazette of the 14th has been received here, stating that General Brure had read on the parade at the Hague, dispatches stating the French to have gained a complete victory, having taken from the allies all their artillery, and killed, wounded or made prisoners, 40,000 men—that among the latter was the Grand Duke Constantine.

Such are the accounts which will be circulated in the countries enslaved by France, for some time; but now let us look at a very different picture, by which we will find that the reports of Mr. Kaye, the messenger, were well founded, and that the Admiralty bulletin, which of course contained only a candid account of the advices received from the Naval Officers of the Adamant and Pierce, were not so far from the truth as we at first feared, though still they may have been a little exaggerated.

By captain Gold's packet, arrived yesterday morning, we received Norfolk papers of the 15th inst. from which the annexed articles are extracted.

Norfolk, February 15. We have been favoured with the St. Christopher Gazette of the 21st of January, received by the schooner Virginia Anna, Captain Sampson.

Certain advices had been received in the West Indies that the BREST FLEET, were at sea. It seems that to the number of eighteen sail of the line, and in the absence of Admiral Cornwallis, they put to sea about the beginning of December. One of the British cruising ships on the 15th of December, in lat. 40, long. 10, fell in with this fleet steering W. S. W. From this course it appeared to be destined for the West Indies, their arrival was not known at St. Kitts on the 21st of January, nor at Guadaloupe on the 16th of that month.

The circumstance of being so near to the coast of Portugal, is rather against the probability of this fleet being bound to the West Indies, this might, however, have been occasioned by head winds. It appears that as late as the 25th of December, that the fleet had not passed Cape St. Vincents.

We have the pleasure to state that advices received from Porto Rico, from an agent employed by those concerned, that the brig Catharine and cargo have been restored to him, together with the sch'r. Iris and cargo. The proceedings in both cases being liberal, and honourable to the French tribunals.

At a meeting of the citizens of Norfolk and Portsmouth, assembled in consequence of the crisis to which the differences between this country and Great Britain have advanced, Luke Wheeler, Esq. was called to the chair.

Resolved unanimously, That a committee be appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the sentiments of our citizens in relation to Great Britain, and that this committee consist of William Wirt, Littleton W. Tazewell, Robert B. Taylor, Moses Myers, William Pennock, Theoderick Armistead and John Granberry, Esqrs., who after a short retirement reported the following resolutions, which were read and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, as the opinion of this meeting, That the law of nations founded on the eternal happiness of equal and reciprocal justice, and on the consent of nations cannot be abrogated or altered at the mere will and pleasure of any one nation. Resolved, as the opinion of this meeting, That Great Britain in the selection and adoption of her maritime regulations, appears to make but a single enquiry, and that is whether those regulations be conducive to her interest, totally regardless whether they encroach or not on the rights of other nations equally sovereign and independent with herself.

the law of nations, are not conventional terms; and that a measure, although highly expedient for her, although calculated to produce the effect of a general blockade on the nation with which she is at war, although tending to constrain to her own ports the commerce of neutrals, and to give her a monopoly of the commerce of the world, may, nevertheless, be a direct and palpable breach of national law, and an invasion of the rights, the independence, and sovereignty of the nation.

Resolved, as the opinion of this meeting. That, of this description, is that principle generated in the British cabinet, which imposes a new restraint on the commerce of nations; which closes against them the ports of a belligerent, although such ports be avowedly free from blockade, although neutral vessels contain no article of contraband, and although the nation to which such ports belong, open them and invite the commerce of neutrals.

Resolved, That Great Britain, by impressing our citizens into her service, and compelling them to fight her battles, and to contribute to the capture and plunder of their own countrymen; by her various abuses of the law of blockade; by the new principle which she has prescribed as a part of the law of nations, and by which she effectually blockades the whole of every nation with which she is at war; by all these restraints and oppressions imposed and practised by her, on the liberty of our citizens, the freedom of our commerce and the sovereignty of our nation, hath given evidences of a hostile temper towards the United States, so strong in the opinion of this meeting, it is expedient for our government to adopt such measures as to their wisdom may seem best calculated to assert and maintain our right, and to redress the injuries we have sustained.

Resolved, That we have an unshaken confidence in the wisdom and firmness of our national councils; and that we will with our lives and fortunes support whatever measures they may take to maintain the honor and independence of our nation inviolate. Resolved, That the chairman be instructed to transmit the said resolutions to Thomas Newton, Jun. Esq. our representative in Congress, to be by him laid before that body.

LUKE WHEELER, Chairman.

The U. States Frigate JOHN ADAMS under my command, on her passage from the Mediterranean towards the Chesapeake, was compelled through necessity to place all hands on half allowance of bread per day. October 8th, 1805, in lat. 27, 19, long. 66, 17, W. at 1 A. M. fell in with and spoke the brig Commerce, of Alexandria, John Harper, master, (owner Robert Young and co.) Lieut. Edward N. Cox, of said frigate, boarded with orders to get supplies of bread or flour. The note of captain Harper is as follows: John Harper, brig Commerce, of Alexandria, out 20 days, no papers, I can let you have what quantity of bread you may want at a reasonable price, the bread is in bags, one bag containing a barrel, Mr. Fish, Potomack Pilot. In consequence I ordered Mr. John Carr, Pursuer, on board the brig to get the needed supplies, and on his return, as we had no specie on board, much to my astonishment capt. Harper peremptorily refused to take government bills at sight, and at his own price of ten and a half dollars per barrel for his bread.

The foregoing plain statement of facts, is given to shew the world the inhumanity of a man, who thus refused to relieve a crew of 265 Americans, the greater part of whom had been nearly three years absent fighting their country's battles. JOHN SHAW. Norfolk, Feb. 7.

Captain King left Montevideo on the 25th of November, at which time no news had reached that place of the British having taken Buenos Ayres.

Accounts via Havana, as late from Buenos Ayres as the beginning of Dec. do not mention any thing of a British squadron. [A. Y. Gaz.]

From the Charleston Courier of the 12th inst.

The United States sloop of war Hornet being under general orders to proceed to New York, the gallant captain Chauncey, no sooner heard that a French privateer was off our bar, than he got his vessel in immediate readiness, and put to sea yesterday morning. This is no more than every one who knows that brave officer, would have expected from him. His conduct on shore while in this city, left an impression in his favour on every mind; and we feel no hesitation to predict, that his conduct on the element to which his services are appropriated, will do honor to the flag under which he commands; and contribute, whenever occasion shall offer to the glory of his country.

The merchants of this city have laid before the President a very able Petition, praying for the recal of GENERAL ARMISTEAD, our Minister at the Court of St. Cloud. The merchants merit applause for this judicious and spirited measure. In the case of Nicklin & Griffith the conduct of General Armstrong was every thing that it ought not to be. We hope and trust that he will be recalled. (American Citizen)

Died on Tuesday evening last, in the fourteenth year of her age, ELIZABETH LOUISA SMITH, the amiable daughter of the Secretary of the Navy. Seldom have the last days of so young a person, been accompanied with such manifestations of general solicitude. By the charms of beauty, by the soft endearments of a gentle disposition, and by the pleasing influence of the finest female accomplishments she had acquired the affectionate regards of all who knew her. And, alas! a correspondent sensation of deep sorrow has been excited by the mournful event of her death.

Her sorrowful parents have the additional affliction of lamenting the loss of a beautiful boy of three years of age, who died a few days since, and who, the week preceding his death, had left Washington in the full bloom of health.

Died at Sandisfield, (Mass.) January 17, 1866, Mr. JOSEPH WENTWORTH, aged 52 years. He took supper and went to bed as well as usual; his companion was waked at 2 o'clock by an unusual breathing, and had only time to get a light and see him breathe his last. He died in full health and spirits without a struggle or groan. He has left a widow and 7 children to lament the loss of a kind husband and tender parent.

SHIP NEWS Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED. Schr. Federal George, Field, Boston Montezuma, Gold, Norfolk Fame, Warren, New-York

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books. February 20. Arrived sch'r Federal George, Field from Boston. Also, a sch'r from New-York, and one from Boston. Also, sch'r Julian, Carlton, from Newburyport—salt and Plaster Paris—Falls and Brown.

New-York, February 17. ARRIVED. The ship Louisiana, Polor, in 6 days from Savannah. The ship Horatio, Berryman, in 4 days from Norfolk (here she put in from Honduras.) The brig Callope, Record, in 6 days from Charleston.

The brig New-York, Rogers, in 58 days from Bordeaux. Left ship Catharine, Butler, of New-Orleans; ship Ulysses, Simonds, of New-Orleans loaded for do.; ship Francis, Davis, for New-York, in 8 days; ship Independence, Hunter, for do. in 10; ship Arcturius, Main, of do. coppering; Mary-Ann, Burk, of do. discharging; brig George, Kennedy, for do. in 20; ship Ohio, Hall for do. in 8; brig Bellarius, of do. just arrived from England; ship Phillipsburg, of ditto, for New-Orleans, discharging; ship Fabius, Norris, of Philadelphia, loading; ships Jane, Bliss, of do. do. Lewis William, Hartwell, of do. do. Thomas, Jones, ditto, in a few days for N. Orleans; brig Kitty, Booth, of New-York; brig Eliza Haley, Howard, of Plymouth, ready for sea; ship Hugh, Johnson, of Boston, for Spain; brig Vigilant, of do. just arrived from England; ship Jane, of Petersburg, just arrived; ship Providence, of Philadelphia, just arrived from New-Orleans; ship Garland, Snow, of Boston, just arrived; brig Sally and Betsy, Fuller, from Charleston, do. brig Hope, from Charleston, ditto. Below, in quarantine, ship John and Francis, Bass, from Charleston; ship Sheffield, Cowper, of New-York, from Norfolk; and another ship, unknown. The ship Robert, Driscoll, of Philadelphia, from Baltimore, with Passengers, left Pollino, on the 11th December, for Bordeaux.

The brig Frances-Ann, Frederick King, in 82 days from Montevideo (river of Plate.) Left ship Superb, Lombardi, fr. Boston; Orozombo, Brewster, from Philadelphia; George and Mary, Hewitt, fr. R. Island; Febius, Deconvon, from New York, and the schooner Magnet, Braizer, from ditto. January 31, in lat. 23, 45, long 60, spoke schooner Jersey, Swain, 14 days from Philadelphia for St. Thomas, dismasted in lat 33, long. 67, supplied him with a yawl. Feb. 4, in lat. 24, 38, long. 64, 30, spoke brig Orejo, 9 days from New Haven, for St. Croix.—Captain King informs, that the following British vessels had been recently captured and sent into that port, by the privateers L'Orient, of 20 guns, and the Queen of 22 guns, viz.

The ships Active, of twenty guns, and 45 men; Clarentine, 22 guns, 50 men and 245 slaves; Roebuck, 16 guns, 50 men, and 291 slaves; and brig William, 14 guns, and 35 men—total 72 guns, 180 men, and 549 slaves. Captured by the Queen, ships Nelly, 22 guns, 62 men and 19 slaves; Elizabeth, 26 guns, 56 men, 131 slaves; Sisters, 24 guns, 58 men, and 31 slaves; and Sarah, 14 guns, 36 men, and 164 slaves; total 112 guns, 269 men; 537 slaves. The above vessels were considered very valuable, some of them having dry goods on board. Captain King further informs, that just before he sailed, a Spanish frigate was lost on English bank, in the river of Plate, and 500 persons perished.

The brig Joseph Gay, of Boston, in 16 days from Havana. Left the ship Alert, Brush, for Boston, in 30 days; ship Suffolk, for do. in 15; Lydia, for do. in 15; ship Experiment, of do. uncertain; brig Orlando, of do. do.; brig Jones, for do. in 15 days; ship Eleanor, Doan, for N. York, in 15; brig Atlantic, for Philadelphia, in 5; ship Andromache, for New York; brig Hiram, for Norfolk, in 5; brig Fame for Rhode Island, in 10; brig Swift Allen, just arrived, from Newport; schooner Eliza Vickery, Tuck,

from Philadelphia, do; schooner Jack, from Gloucester, do. The brig Aristides, from New York, had not sailed. The brig Wealtha-Anh, Sydleman, in 21 days from St. Pierre, Martinique.—Left January 21, ship Plato, Howland, of New York; brig Fair Manhattan, do.; brig Tryphenia, Myers, of Philadelphia; Jane, Wickes, do; brig Molly, Wheelen, for do. to sail next day; brig Edward, of Portland; Sophrona, for Boston; sch'r. Martha Washington, for New York; schooner Hiram, do; brig Charles Williams; schooner Paragon, of New London; schooner Success, of Portsmouth; Henry, of Edenton; Rufus, of Savannah; at Morant Bay, sch'r. Fox, of New York, for New London, sloop Traveller do.

The sch'r. Mehitabe, Smith, of Middletown, in 22 days from Point-Petre, Guadaloupe, and 13 days since he passed St. Thomas. Left captains Brown, Speck, and Howland, all to sail in 5 days for New-York. February 9, spoke the brig Delight, 77 days from the Isle of France for Boston.

The schooner Betsy Fulshire, Hitchcocks, in 31 days from Curracoa. Left schooners Penguin, Fair Play, Hannah Bartley, and Franklin, Jones, all of New York; sch'r. Ann Eliza, and brig Louisa, McNamara, of Alexandria; sch'r. Sukey and Peggy, of Philadelphia. January 27, in the Mona Passage, was boarded by a French 84, and a 50 gun ship, in co. with one of a 110 guns, waiting for ten sail more, hourly expected. The 84 had upwards of 1000 troops on board, said their destination was Jamaica; had in tow the sch'r. James Lenox, from N. Haven for Jamaica, which vessel they had in their possession 7 days, in order to prevent the communication of intelligence of them. Philadelphia, Feb. 18.

Captain Michaels, from Hamburg, (whose arrival we mentioned in our last) further informs, that he left there the 8th December, the ship Mercury, Brown, for Baltimore; ship Northern Liberties, Poland, of and for Charleston; ship Eliza, Risburgh, of Boston, for Philadelphia; and brig Aurora, Stevens, of and for Boston, all to sail in one or two weeks. On the 9th of January, he met going up the Elbe, within about fifty miles of Hamburg a brig belonging to Boston, from Malaga, just released from quarantine.

Ground-Plaster Paris, FOR SALE, AT the Plaster-Mill of the subscribers, at the corner of Franklin and Paca-streets, near the new market, and the road leading to Reister's-Town.

ALSO, PLASTER IN THE STONE. A constant and regular supply will be kept by KENT & BROWNE. February 20. TS2aw20r

Lard, Pork & Salmon. THOMAS MAREAN

HAS just received, for sale, at No. 15, Bowly's wharf, 100 kegs first quality LARD 20 barrels Mess PORK 50 kegs SALMON ON HAND, 200 qr. casks Malaga Wine, entitled to de-benture 125 boxes Mould Candles 50 do. Spermaceti do. 50 barrels Boston No. 1. and 2 Beef 30 do New York Prime Pork February 20. db*

In the Press, And will be published in the course of a few days (price not exceeding 25 cents) MEMOIRS OF THE

Life of Lord Nelson; Containing particular accounts of all his Victories, interspersed with occasional remarks. Feb. 20. d4t

ANSWER TO "WAR IN DISGUISE."

ANDERSON and JEFFERS respectfully inform the public, that they have put to press, and will shortly publish, "An Answer to War in Disguise," from the pen of one of the ablest writers in this country. Anderson & Jeffers have also, in order to gratify the wishes of the public, now in press, a cheap edition of "War in Disguise," which will be ready for sale in a few days. February 20. d6t

Nautical Almanacs, FOR 1866 AND 1867. REQUISITE Tables, Heath's latest Charts, brass Dividers, Gunter's box-wood Scales, brass Dividers, seamen's journals, cargo-books, Hamilton Moore's system of Navigation, coasting pilot, with a general variety of Stationary and Books.

Now received and offered for sale on the lowest terms, by the subscribers WARNER & HANNA. N. B. A few copies yet on hand of the Merchants' Memorial, January 20. co4t

A Canoe, TWENTY feet long, built of white pine, has been taken up drift, and lodged with the subscriber, which the owner can have again, on paying charges and proving property, on application to BENJAMIN WATTS, Head of Bear Creek, Patuxent Neck. February 20. d4*

Papers Lost. AT THE FIRE in South-street, which destroyed Mr. Ayles' house, sundry PAPERS WERE LOST, in removal, from one of the houses in Commerce-street. As they are of importance to their owner, it is hoped that any person who may have them in his possession, will lodge them with the printer hereof. A satisfactory reward will be given. February 20. co4t

Sale by Auction. THIS DAY, The 20th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the Vendue Warehouse, corner of Second & Frederick-streets, will commence the sale of A Variety of DRY GOODS, and an Invoice of PLATED WARE, &c.

At 12 o'clock, 51 hhds. Muscovado & caved SUGAR, 47 barrels, entitled to a drawback 40 boxes white Havana Sugar 120 boxes Lemons and Oranges, in excellent order Also on a liberal credit, The remainder of the Lisbon, and Port-Wine, &c. which were not landed in time for the sale on Saturday last. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r. N. B. A Negro GIRL about 12 years of age, will be sold, about half past 11 o'clock, on terms which will then be made known. T. H.

Sale by Auction. WILL be added to the sale This Day, at 12 o'clock, 145 bags of the first quality Green Coffee. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r. February 20.

Sale by Auction. THIS MORNING, The 20th instants, at 11 o'clock, at the premises, on the east side of Aisquith-street, to the north of the residence of Thomas M. Elderry, egg- and near Bridge-street extended, will be sold on terms that will then be made known, A Lot, 60 feet front and 120 feet deep, with the improvements thereon, being two new two story FRAME HOUSES, with neat well finished back buildings. They occupy about one half of the lot which is subject to a ground rent of 60 dollars per annum—those desirous of purchasing may view the property by applying on the premises, it is in the occupation of Thomas Poe. LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs. February 20.

New landing and will be sold at the auction room, head of Gay-street dock, on Friday, the 21st inst. at 11 o'clock, 68 hhds. first quality Surinam SUGAR 55 do. do. MOLASSES LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct'rs. February 20.

Well worth the attention of the CURIOUS IN PAINTING. Will be sold by auction, This Evening, without any reserve, Thirty-five most elegant PORTRAITS, by the most eminent artists; brought to this country by a gentleman who is lately arrived from Italy; many of which are very valuable, some have been painted at least three hundred years. In this collection is the portrait of Peter the 1st, Henry the 4th of France, and also that of the famous Fontenille, &c. SOWER & S. COLE, Auct'rs. February 20.

For Bremen, The fast-sailing well-conditioned Ship COMMERCE. Two-thirds of her cargo engaged, the remainder will be taken on freight if immediate application is made. She has excellent accommodations for passengers.—For freight or passage apply to Jacob Adams, or JOHN BOLTE, Ship-Braker. February 20. d4t

For Freight or Charter, The New-York fast-sailing Schooner F. A. M. E. William Wormon, Master—burthen 650 barrels—will take freight to the West Indies or any part of the United States, if immediate application is made to Charles Coffin, No. 13, Bowly's wharf, or to the Master on board at said wharf. February 20. d4t

Salmon, Codfish, &c. Just received per schooner Federal George, captain Field, from Boston, 30 barrels Salmon, 146 kegs do. 35 do. Tongues and Sounds. ON HAND, 80 hhds. Maryland and Virginia Tobacco 30 kegs Richmond Manufactured do. 250 boxes Codfish, in nice shipping order 4000 lbs. Glauber Salts 150 kegs Tongues and Sounds New York prime Pork and Beef Cider, Vinegar, common Brandy, &c. Which are offered for sale by ISAIAH MANKIN, 69, Smith's wharf. Exchange on Boston, for sale as above, Feb. 20. d

To Let, THAT valuable Stand, situated between Liberty and Howard-streets, a Two-Story Brick HOUSE and LOT, with a two-story back Kitchen, No. 254, Baltimore-street, present occupied by Mr. Adam Fonderden. For terms apply at the corner of Eutaw and Baltimore-streets. N. B. Possession may be had the 1st of March. ALEXR. GALLAGHER, co4t

Varnish & Naval Stores MANUFACTURED and for sale by JOHN STICKNEY, No. 1, Pratt-street. VIZ: Black Varnish of a peculiar manufactory, warranted not to settle or change its color Bright Varnish Spirits Turpentine, & Rosin, all of the best quality and on very low terms. ALSO, Boiled Linseed, Spermaceti, Neats Foot, Castor and Sweet Oil, Venetian Red, Yellow Ochre, White Lead, Lamp Black, Spanish White, Ground Verdigrise, Window Glass, Picture Glass 3/4 by 40 inches, Putty, Glue, Paint Brushes, Permanent Ink, &c. LIKewise, New England Wild Cherry Brandy Fine and coarse Salt, and A general assortment of Groceries, Ship Chandlery, &c. February 20. d4e1aw2