

Robert Wharton, Esq. has been elected mayor of the city of Philadelphia. Joel Barlow is said to be preparing for the press a second edition of his celebrated "Vision of Columbus."

FOR THE AMERICAN.

Mr. PECHIN. MUCH has been said in private circles respecting the appointment of collector of this port; an office, if we may believe the extracts in the Evening Post, is worth 6,000 dollars a year! and of course an office of the second magnitude in the United States: This would entitle the office to be filled by a person of the first title, and every way adequate to the situation; I have heard no person speak of Mr. Christie otherwise than that he was a person that commanded a respectable standing in society, and every way adequate to fill the office of collector, otherwise than a want of knowledge of the citizens of this city, and their mercantile and local concerns; for which information he will have to depend on others until he obtains his knowledge himself. The general opinion is, that a person might have been found within the compass of forty thousand inhabitants, who was a worthy character, with all the essential requisites for the office. In the Evening Post of Wednesday last, the editors have intruded upon their readers, their unasked for opinion of the character of Gabriel Christie, Esq. and the motives which governed the president in this election! How does it happen that these wise editors should undertake to vindicate a person's character which has not yet been called in question? and that they are so well informed of the motives which governed Mr. Jefferson in this appointment? Are they the correspondents of the presidential cabinet? Or is it the fruits of their fertile imaginations? I presume the latter, and thus volunteering their opinion may be for the purpose of paving a road towards a few leaves and fishes, should there be any to spare for a couple of sagacious editors. A pretty compliment they pay the respectable class of merchants and citizens of this city, in comparing them with a school-boy story of a parson and his congregation. By, Messrs. Editors, I am sorry to find an editor in our city, capable of making such a comparison! I would have you to know that the merchants and citizens of this city, have as much discernment and information generally, as in any city or place on the continent, and have as worthy characters, and persons of the highest talents, even without including the editors of the Evening Post! and are not so distracted and blinded in their opinions, but they could have made choice of a person to fill this or any other office in America.

Indeed, Messrs. Wisemongers, your arrogance and ignorance is unbounded. You tell us that "the collectorship belongs exclusively to the district, and not to the city," and pray where is the commerce of our district principally and almost wholly owned? Is it not in Baltimore? Why then do you speak of the district? And you further tell us a person that has borne a part in the formation of laws is well acquainted with them! Here you are again mistaken. Ask a member of congress, on his return home, what laws have been passed in congress, and he will have to refer to his or the newspapers to refresh his memory before he can inform you. I do not however say but Mr. C. may be an exception to this rule.—You say the president appointed Mr. C. because he was a person in whom he could place confidence!!! A fine compliment you pay our citizens—and further you say "we ought to be content, because we have got an honest man, and an accomplished gentleman to preside over this department!" I suppose then this city does not produce honest men or accomplished gentlemen! This, if it was your idea, had been better kept to yourself, as our plain honest citizens will not like such compliments. Another little hint and then I have done with you: Those high officers are ought to be the servants of the people, and are amenable to the people if they do wrong; you, as printers, also are in some measure servants of the people; your paper is to diffuse knowledge and the current information to your patrons to whom you look for support. Do not then my friends, as you regard yourselves, hereafter intrude upon the good understanding of your readers, by filling your columns with your uncommon knowledge, the production of your own office for, perhaps, interested motives; nor have the consummate impudence to ask again "who are the merchants and citizens of Baltimore?" Otherwise you may expect again to hear from other.

To the end of the Alphabet. Extract of a letter, from an officer belonging to the expedition under Gen. Mirando, to his brother in this city, dated the 23d of August, 1806. We arrived here on the 16th inst. all in good health. We left Trinidad the 4th July, in company with the Lilly ship of war, Captain Campbell, who acts

as commodore in the expedition, his majesty's brig Express and Attentive, and the schooner Plover, two gun boats, carrying each a 24 pounder, and an American brig with provisions and our own ship the Lander. The armed vessels under the commodore, were dispatched by Admiral Cochrane to assist us. The Sunday following, about 10 o'clock in the morning, we passed along close to the principal town of the Spanish Island of Margarita. We could easily distinguish the inhabitants coming out of the church to defend the town, supposing our intention was to attack. As we passed along, the Grand Battery in the town fired several shot at us without effect. We kept our course until we arrived off Coche, between Margarita and the Maine, where we came to anchor that day at 3 P. M. and remained there until next day; we then pursued our voyage until the 1st of August, when we arrived in the bay of La Vela de Coro. The Royal city of La Vela de Coro, as the Spaniards call it, is situated in the East part of the bay of that name.

We came to anchor on the W. side of the bay, owing to the mistake of the Pilot, in the night, 7 or 8 miles to leeward of the city. We attempted to debark at daylight next morning without success, owing to a strong head wind and a heavy sea. Our disappointment gave the inhabitants an opportunity of carrying away the public & private treasure, which was effectually done. The morning after, we landed to the number of 150, including machines and sailors, and although the town was defended by 15 pieces of artillery, 400 infantry and some cavalry, we drove the enemy from post to post, and in half an hour the city was ours and the Columbian flag hoisted at the principal battery; we had only one man wounded, the Spanish troops were panic struck, and fired at random. The ardor and briskness of the attack quite astonished the Dons; we took 20 of the Indians prisoners, armed with bows and arrows. Our troops had been all the day before camped up in the boat, trying to land, and were so fatigued that they could not overtake the enemy, the most of whom took their road to Coro, 12 miles S. W. of La Vela. We spent the day in debarking more troops and reconnoitering the different roads and environs of the city, and in posting sentinels. About midnight we marched for Coro, with two pieces of light artillery and about two hundred and fifty troops, including sailors and marines. Gen. Miranda hoped to surprise the enemy a break of day, before the King's treasure could be removed, but he was disappointed, for we found an empty city; the inhabitants fled to the mountains with their families, a few old men and women, some negroes and children, and a few tables and chairs only remained. Coro is one of the earliest built cities of Spanish America; it is regularly laid out and well built, every house is almost cannon proof; they are generally built of stone, which they cover with a white plaster, and the roofs are generally of strong heavy tiles; the city is about four miles in circumference. There is a large Cathedral in the centre square of the city, superlily ornamented with gold, it has a number of altars around it, within and over every altar is a niche containing, in colored wax, either Jesus Christ, the Virgin, or some of the Saints. There are several other public buildings for the Religious, among them is an elegant and extensive Convent of Franciscan Friars; it was built by one of the Queens of Spain and presented to those Friars; it is called the Convent of St. Francis; it has fifteen altars magnificently inlaid with gold, and the vaulted roofs over the altars seem to be paved with gold shells; all the Friars, except two, abandoned their Convent—one of them seemed to be deprived of reason, for he took the liberty of flogging himself severely every morning. What I am about to mention would have been related more regularly in a former part of this letter, but I have too little time to think of order and so I will say what occurs as it comes in and out of my memory.

We entered Coro so early in the morning that we could not distinguish friend from enemy, and here a melancholy scene took place: When the advanced guard, which I followed closely with the leading piece of artillery, arrived in the centre square they advanced to the prison, which they supposed was a fortified citadel, or something like it, one of the soldiers imprudently fired at a man at the prison door, whom he took to be one of the enemy, it proved to be one of our men, he was shot dead on the spot; at this moment the prisoners, chanking their chains, cried out through the grates of the prison "Vive Miranda" when the guard without the prison fired a feu de joie; at this time, still dark, the infantry was drawn up on the side of the square opposite to the prison and close in front of the cathedral, the artillery in front of the infantry in the centre of the square; and while we were unbarreasing the mules from the pieces and preparing to fire upon the prison when ordered, the infantry behind us hearing the feu de joie of the advanced guard, believed the place was defended, and without waiting for orders commenced a heavy fire, as they knew not what they wounded the commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Kirkland, they put two musket balls in his head, one of which came out at the arm; he is in a fair way of recovery. They wounded two men at my gun, one close to my right side and the other as close on my left, I had the good fortune to remain unurt

against a shower of balls that whistled about my ears for some minutes. After remaining four or five days at Coro, endeavoring in vain to persuade the inhabitants to return to the city, we returned to La Vela, where we waited some days for news from our friends in the interior; not receiving any, and most of the ships being in want of water, we embarked and came here to supply ourselves. In the mean time General Miranda dispatched two vessels, one to Admiral Cochrane on the windward station, at Barbadoes, and another to Admiral Dacres on the leeward station at Jamaica, to inform them of our proceedings, and I believe to obtain some troops, the general having previously heard, as I learned, that the Duke of Kent had arrived with 10,000 troops at Jamaica, a part of which are destined to assist us. We have recently received information that one of Miranda's friends has a corps of 2000 men ready to join us; that Miranda is a favorite toast at Porto Cavallo, when the king's partisans are not present; that songs favorable to Miranda have been composed on the occasion, and are frequently sung in the different towns of the provinces of Carracass, the birth place of our General. We have also heard with great pleasure, that all the prisoners they took from us in April last, are in good health, and kindly treated in the city of St. Leon de Carracass. We have heard that the officers were hung, and the men sent to the mines at Vera Cruz. We might have believed it, did we not know the weakness of the Spanish forces in that quarter. The fact is, they could have executed every prisoner without remorse, were it not that they feared, and with reason too, instant retaliation, and that from the hands of their own citizens. We expect in a few days to hear from Admirals Cochrane and Dacres in the most favorable way, and then to leave this island for a part of the Maine, more convenient and near to our Spanish friends than La Vela or Coro. From all the various information we have obtained, there is now I think, no doubt of the success of Miranda, at least in the province of Carracass, which is one of the most rich and valuable of all the provinces in Spanish America. The frigate Galatia has just joined us—the Osprey is expected too every hour, besides some other vessels. Since we arrived here a fever has appeared among the crew of our ship; one man died last evening, and there are about 50 now sick.

Port of Baltimore. ENTERED, Sch'r Vigilant, Sloat, Curraoa, New-York, October 21. Arrived, the ship Enterpriz, Congar, in 30 days from Bristol. Sailed from King Road, August 30. Spoke, September 9, in lat. 49, long. 15, ship Mercury, Hodge, 11 days from Liverpool, for Boston. 25th, lat. 46, long. 40, ship Caledonia, 34 days from Liverpool for New York.

The brig Nancy, from the Straits, via Salem, 11 days. Left at Alicante, sch'r Angler, Pags, to sail in 5 days. Spoke off Malaga, July 31, brig Concord, Randolph, 48 days from Teceira, for New York. August 31, lat. 42, 43, ship Jane, Paterson, 45 days from New Orleans, for Bordeaux. September 8, lat. 52, 50, long. 47, 30, brig Daniel & Frederick, Webb, 30 days from Rochfort, for Philadelphia. 13th, lat. 43, 16, long. 46, ship William, Payne, 16 days from Baltimore, for Cowes. 16th, lat. 42, 57, long. 53, 26, ship Eclipse, Katts, 14 days from Philadelphia, for Hamburg. 22d, ship Horace, 45 days from Hamburg, for Philadelphia. 23d, lat. 42, 46, long. 58, 25, ship United States, 15 days from Virginia, for London.

The brig Paragon, Howland, from Marseilles, for New York, is ashore about five miles to the southward of the Highlands. Lighters have been dispatched to her. The schooner Venus, Oliver, which arrived at Wilmington, N. C. on the 6th inst. from this port, about ninety miles to the northward of Cape Look Out Shoals, in fifty fathoms water, fell in with the wreck of a schooner all under water, except part of her quarter deck, and on her beam-ends, both masts along side with the sails hoisted to them—She appeared quite new, had on her stern "Valentine," but could not see of what place—had a short quarter deck, and a circle painted black on it, and deep waist—there was a signal pole, hoisted and a piece of canvas on it, but no person on board. On her quarter deck was an umbrella and appearances of the crew trying to save themselves, some boards and the tiller being lashed together. She appeared to be 90 or 100 tons burthen.

Wilmington, (N. C.) October 7. The brig Esperanza, Williams, arrived here on the 24th ult. 30 days from Lucca, Jamaica. Came through the gulph passage in company with the ship Jersey, Graham, of Philadelphia, and sch'r Iris and Hunter, for Portland. Spoke on the 6th Sept. off Colorado Rocks, sch'r Aguiers, 16 days from Baltimore, bound to Peru-Cruz. Saw several wrecks and parts of wrecks off the Bahamas. The brig Hiram, Cullum, from Wilmington (N. C.) bound to Falmouth, was on the ninth July stranded on the N. N. W. point of the North or Blue-Caicos. The cargo was saved, but the vessel totally lost.

Mechanics' Bank Stock. A Few Shares may be had if speedy application is made to the printer hereof. October 24. Doctor Read, At the late residence of Dr. Dunkel, No. 17, South Howard-street. RESPECTFULLY offers his services in the practice of Physic and Surgery to the citizens of Baltimore and its vicinity. Oct. 24. 1806.

For Fredericksburg (Virg.) The fine Schooner LORAN, A regular packet, will positively sail in a few days—For freight or passage to any part of the Rappahannock, apply to Messrs. A. and R. Boughan, or to BENJAMIN KEENE, d4t.

For Savannah (G.) The fast sailing Ship HANNAH, Captain Burthen about 150 tons, lying at Desper's wharf; she will be in complete order to receive a cargo in two days, and expected to sail about 21 November. For freight (which will be taken on low terms) or passage, apply to ISAIAH MANKIN, 69, Smith's wharf.

For New-York, The Schooner HARMONY, A. Lockman, master; A regular trader; has fine accommodations for passengers. A considerable part of her cargo being already engaged, she is expected to sail in a few days. For freight or passage, apply to the master on board, at Smith's wharf, or to ISAIAH MANKIN, Who has just received, 10 pipes Holland Gin, 1 bale coarse Cloths, 1 ditto Kerseys, 1 ditto Rose Blankets.

Cogniac Brandy, Holland Gin, Mackerel, Salmon, Glauber Salts, Colfish, Imperial and Young Hyson Tea, Tongues and Sounds, cider Vinegar, &c. Also, Gurrals, Baftas, Gillies and Cotton Cambricks. October 24.

Literary and Commercial Seminary. REMOVAL. ENCOURAGED by the success that has attended his plan of tuition, the subscriber has, for the greater convenience of his pupils, removed to the commodious and central situation, No. 174, Market-street, nearly opposite the Union Bank, where he will continue, assiduously to cultivate in the youth committed to his care, those principles of conduct and well-directed habits of industry, so necessary to form the scholar, the man of business and the gentleman. WILLIAM NIND, October 24.

Philadelphia Beer. THE Subscriber informs his friends and former customers, that he has just received from Philadelphia, a quantity of Pepper's best DRAUGHT BEER; and that he keeps, as usual, the best of Liquors. N. B. Good accommodations for genteel Boarders and Lodgers. JOHN HERBERT, 36, Market-square. October 24.

United States' Mail Stages. THE public are respectfully informed that the NEW LINE, "The Poor Man's Line" of mail stages from Baltimore to Washington, (as contracted for and established by Solomon Myer, under the full authority, meaning and intention, to be incorporated in the general law from Maine to Georgia, under all the advantages and profits which one contraction derives from the other by the just and special management of the post-master-general) has performed its route with punctuality, success, and under patronage from its commencement, notwithstanding all the disadvantages of false alarms, a bulky opposition, and the absence of the post-master-general.

The public are further informed, that Solomon Myer, has, in the whole of the establishment, taken into partnership Charles J. Myer, of the city of Baltimore, and the arrangement in future will be from Myer's hotel and stage office at Baltimore, to Myer's hotel and stage office at Washington. They will also pay particular attention to passengers from and to Mr. Bryden's, Mr. Faget's French Coffee House, South Gay-street, the Hausaetic Hotel, North Gay-street, Mr. Froct's, at Washington, and Mr. Simins' at George town; and will wait on passengers at either of these places agreeably to the address left at the stage offices. The proprietors flatter themselves that they will in a few days be able to extend the line from Washington to Alexandria twice a day, for the special accommodation of the citizens of those places; and also those who may wish to travel from Baltimore to Alexandria in one day. The best drivers in the U. States are in their employment, and the strictest attention will be paid to baggage and the accommodation of passengers, by SOLOMON MYER, CH: J. MYER, October 24.

The Polyhymnian Society. WILL meet on Saturday next, October 25th, at 7 o'clock in the evening at Mr. Bourne's Academy, No. 76, Bond-street, Fell's Point; when the following question will be discussed: Are you justified in marrying, without the consent of their Parents? Those Ladies and Gentlemen who are disposed to honor the society with their presence, are respectfully invited to attend. Freedom of speech is allowed to all. W. L. NICOLI, Secry. P. S. Tickets of admission at 12, 1-2 cents each to be had at the door. October 23.

Sale by Auction. This Day, The 24th instant, at 11 o'clock, at our auction room, near of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of A variety of Dry Goods; Consisting of 3 bales cotton and wool-sted Hosiery, 1 do. Flushing, 1 do. Coating, 1 do. Cloth, 2 do. Flannel, 1 case Hunters Coril, 1 do. Shawls, 2 do. Calico, 1 do. Table Cloths, &c. &c. VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

Sale by Auction. TO-MORROW MORNING, The 25th instant, at 11 o'clock at the venue warehouse, at the corner of Second and Frederick-streets, will commence the sale of A HANDSOME COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Consisting of Mahogany Side Boards, Dining and Card Tables, Bureaus, Book Cases, and Ladies' Secretaries, Breakfast and Tea Tables, Looking Glasses, Mahogany Bedsteads, and Feather Beds, Prints in Gilt Frames, Fire Screens, And Irons, Fenders, and Fire Grates, &c. Also, A very elegant Coach and Coachee. And at 12 o'clock, for account of those concerned, 42 barrels Beef, 80 ditto Shad and Herrings, 35 ditto of Ship Bread & Crackers, 9 casks Holland Butter. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'rs. October 24.

Wants a Situation. IN a wholesale or retail dry goods or grocery store, a Young MAN, well acquainted with business—can have unquestionable recommendations. A line left with the editor of the American, will be duly attended to. October 24.

A Billiard Keeper Wanted. A PERSON who can come well recommended, for sobriety, industry and attention for the above situation may be supplied with a place by applying at the corner of Gay and East-streets. October 24.

To be Sold or Rented, A COMMODIOUS two story new Brick HOUSE, with large and convenient back buildings, situated in Lexington-street, two doors from Howard street. There is a good dry cellar underneath the front house, and a jump of excellent water within a few paces of the door. It would be superfluous to enlarge on the eligibility or healthiness of the situation, as it is not surpassed in either of these respects, by any house in this city. To a person disposed to rent or purchase, the terms shall be liberal and accommodating. Application to be made to EBENEZER and THOMAS FINLEY, or to DENNIS M'HENRY, Conawago street. October 24.

Baltimore Theatre. (Second night this season of The Honey Moon.) THIS EVENING, October 24, Will be performed, a Favorite Comedy, in 5 acts, called The Honey Moon. Duke of Aranza—Mr. Wood. Count Montalban—Mr. Cone. Rolando—Mr. Jefferson. Balthazar—Mr. Warren. Lampedo—Mr. Francis. Campillo—Mr. Taylor. Lopez—Mr. Durang. Jaques—Mr. Bray. Servants, Rustics, &c.—Messrs. Durang, Sanderson, Seymour, &c. Juliana, (with the Song, "At the front of a Cottage")—Mrs. Warren. Volante—Mrs. Woodham. Zamora—Mrs. Wood. Hostess—Mrs. Cunningham. Female Rustics—Mrs. Durang, Miss Hunt, Miss Mullen, &c. Act Fourth concludes with a new country dance, by the characters. With the original music—The dance composed by Mr. Francis. To which will be added, a Musical Farce, in 3 acts, called

Fontainebleau; OR OUR WAY IN FRANCE. Sir John Bull—Mr. Warren. Squire Tallio—Mr. Francis. Henry—Mr. Woodham. With the celebrated Battle Song, composed by Shield. Lackland—Mr. Jefferson. Colnel Epauler—Mr. Bailey. Lapoche—Mr. Blisset. Robin—Mr. Sanderson. Walter—Mr. Durang. Post Boy—Master Harris. Celia—Miss Hunt. Lady Bull—Mrs. Francis. Miss Dolly Bull—Mrs. Woodham. Mrs. Casey—Mrs. Cunningham. THE public are respectfully informed, that the Third Night this Season of CINDERELLA, or THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER, will be on Saturday evening, when it will be performed as a first piece, that the Ladies and gentlemen of the city may have an opportunity of gratifying their Children, without keeping them up at a late hour. THE last new Comedy of THE DE-LINQUENT, or SEEING COMPANY, will be repeated in the course of the ensuing week. October 24.

Susquehanna Canal Company. THE proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal, are requested to attend the formal meeting of the company, at Bryden's Inn, in the city of Baltimore, on MONDAY, the 27th day of October instant, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon. By order of the governor and directors, S. STERETT, Secretary. October 22.

In addition to the Old Established Lines. An Accommodated Stage for the City, Washington and George Town, will leave the India Queen, Baltimore, at 11 o'clock. A Merry Quack, Baltimore, returning to the City, will leave the City, at 11 o'clock, at 11 o'clock, at 11 o'clock.