transportation, and the state of the foreign depend on the feation, and the disposition and fiturtion of foreign nations. The tables are entirely in his own hands, and he never purchasta without the expedation of a profit. The fame thing takes place in the importation and file of foreign commodities. Here too he fives the price of the goods fold to the farmer. War, together with its effects, direct or indirect, are always dispassionately weighted by him. He never fails to charge the confumer with an indemnity to himfelf for all thefe risques-lie 5 es sarther; he consolidates them with his capital, and charges a profit on them likewife. It is owing to this, among other circumstances, that war, with all its hazards, is more profitable to the mercantile world than

Further, the tendency of these perils superadded to the ordinary hazards of trade, connected with the enterprising disposition of our merchants and their universal ambition to amass rapid wealth, produces numerous bankruptcies among them, which give birth to an immense accumulation of debts. These confift in furns due by the bankrupts in general to their fellow merchants. A superficial mind would imagine, and fuch is the logic of merchants, that the creditor merchants actually incurred a loss equal to the amount of debts thus due to them. But nothing is so distant from the truth. I very well informed merchant, in fetting his profit on the goods he fells, or determining the price of those he buys, calculates a certain per centage for had debts, which fully exonerates him from all loss on this head. The loss, falling, as it must somewhere, must fall on the farmer and the confumer of foreign commodities, ordinarily united in the fame person, who on this account actually receives less for the products he sells and gives more for those he purchases.

Go the whole round of cause and essent, examine the merchant in all the windings and intricases of his tradic, and you will find him, in the general, rarely, if ever the loler; in no instance perhaps; except where the whole interests of the community, of which he forms a part, are shaken to dissolution. Amidst the ordinary convultions of fociety, he often riots on the diffresses of others, and someties forges his golden cup out of their milesies.

The inference, irrelifitibly deducible from this view of the subject, is that the protection of trade and the fortification of our ports and harbors, is a universal concern, and that the nation, which refules to lavish its treasures for this purpote, must be impressed with the conviction that-fuch a differiement would, on the whole, produce more injury than benefit. I forming this opinion, whether correct or not, and we pretend not to decide this queltion, it is unjust, it is foolish to ascribe to the nation, or those who represent it, motives either local or finitter ... The reatons we have affigued demon-Arate that, however they may be mittaken, they must be sincere.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21, 1806

On Monday a motion was made in the house of delegates, for leave to bring in a bill, entitled " An act to abelish all such parts of the conflitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the Sexate, and the movie of filling up the vacancies in that board." And Meisrs. Watts, Fritby, W. H. Brown, Mitchell and Sudler, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The Thip New Guide, whose ar ival we noticed yesterday, not having been able to get up from the narrows, on account of the flrorg north west wind which prevailed during the whole of the day, we are disappointed in our expectation of receiving London papers, and of giving the premised extracts. It is probab c the will be up in the course of this morning, as the came to anchor yesterday afternoon, when the ebb tide made, at a first distance below the Mercantile Advertiser. marrows.

We have the fatisfaction of confirming the information of the Spanish forces having crossed the Sabine. Advices, dated Ochober the 5th, have been received from General Wilkinson, who was then flationed on this fide of the Sabine. Previously to leaving Nachitoches he had informed Governor Cordero, that in compliance with his duty, he should be obliged to attack he Spanish troops, unless they retired beyond that river. Not having received a satisfactory answer from the Governor, the American army was advanced about twenty miles beyond Natchitoches, when the Spanish forces crossed the Sabine. Propositions of accommodation, sounded on the agreement of the American and Spanish commandants to abstain from occupying a diffrict of country to be defignated, were made by Gen. Wilkinson to Gov. Cordero; to which the latter had replied that he did not consider himself authorised to enter into such a convention without instructions from the Governor General of hexico, to whom he pro mised to write immediately. From the distance of this province an answer can scarcely be expected in less than a month.

At the time our forces advanced, the militia had joined them, in greater numbers than had been expected, and even beyond the requisitions made; thus affording the most unequivocal demonstration of their fidelity to the United

At the latest dates General Wilkinson had dismissed all the militia, except about one hundred and fifty cavalry, which, with the regular troops, were flationed on the Sabine; the Spaniards being stationed on the further bank. [Nat. Intelligencer.

A very remarkable occurrence has taken place in the western country, the new territory of Michigan exhibits the phenomenon of a banking institution, where the only trade carried on, is a barter of feltry for manufactures.

The Rern of the ship "Concord of Salem," has been seen at sea. The Concord was cast away near Little Egg Harbour, on the Jersey thore, the 33th ult, -and we understand a part of the gin composing her cargo; has since drifted on shore, and has been saved. The ship and the remainder of the cargo have been totally

We are informed (lays the Hartford Mercusy of the s2th inft.) that the prisoners in Newgate, on Saturday se'nnight, attempted to rise on the guard, and to make their escape, they, however, did not succeed. Un the affray, one of the prilioners, a negro, was that through the head, and expired justantly.

By a report made to the Legislature of Vermont, of the flate of the treatury, it appears,

I that the payments for the last year amount to market. The two latter, he is perfeally aware, | 22,762 d'llars 33 cents. The receipts to 28,317 dollars 14 cents-and there is now in the treafury 21,031 dollars and 30 cents."

> The article published in a late Newburyport paper, relating to the loss of the ship Lark, of Salem, at Rio in the straits of Malacca, cannot be correct. There is no ship of that name now in India, belonging to Salem.. It is expested to have been the ship Putnam, captain John Carlton, which thip was attacked by the Malays while lying at Rio, and finally captured by them while captain Carlton was on there, and the particulars of which lois have been fometime known.

FOR THE AMERICAN.

Actuated by the representation of our old Theatrical Censor Crito, I yesterday morning procured the new comedy just published by Mellrs. George Dobbin & Munrhy :- its perusal so much delighted me, as to draw my attendance at the Theatre upon its last performance during this season, and I cannot refrain from expressing the approbation which the manner in which it was exhibited demands. Mr. CUMBERLAND, the author, has given us a decent repail in this new effusion of his pen, and it is one proof of the domestic morality of this city that so many fathers and husbands have listened to the reproofs which "A Hint to Hulbands" conveys, and that such large assemblies have been collected to witness the remorie of a profligate. But the plot of the play has alrea y been told hence it is unnecellary for me to enter upon it. I shall add a few remarks only upon the merits of the performers-

Mr. Wood appears to great advantage in the character of Lord Trantit-his conception of the nobleman's lensations is just-and his display of them natural, unaifected and comport. ing with the dignity of his rank-I would particularize many passages which he delivered with great discrimination and pathos, but none with more correctnel's and effect than his reply to

" Am I so lost to virtue? No; you wrong!

" Awe ftruck, I mark, how strong her pulses

" Even in the arteries of a beardless boy; " How high in energy fublime the lifts

" Your swelling spirit up, and tramples down " My coward conscience grov'ling in the

Lady Transit appeared in all the splendor of elevated virtue, the model of feminine affection, and feminine tenderneis-the look, the manner, the feelings of an injured but forgiving wife | they remained in this state till the end of were all happily mbodied by Ars. Warren to | March and the beginning of April, when give energy to rectitude of life, and to depict the charms of wedded felicity in all their effulgence. In this play Mrs W. has many passages to recite well calculated to diversify the variety and combinations of character which the is so happily calculated to depict-particularly her reply to her father when urging articles of feparation, who fays

" Pshaw! to-morrow! " I hate to-morrow A long sleepless night

" Lies between it and me." Lady ranfit

" Kind Heaven forbid! . The guardian spirit that protects the good

" Will wa ch your couch, and with his balmy hand

" Laid on your aching temples, give you

" Your dreams shall be compos'd of these pure thoughts

" Which only in untroubled bosoms spring,

" Whith the good angel whilpers to the toul " Joys of hereafter, which to th' waking

" Cannot be told by tongue of mortal man. " Go, go - enevolence like yours, my father,

" Will need no rocking."

" Is ithout a shadow of pretence, is true; " And that his treatment justifies the mea-

" That he has bately, cruelly renounc'd me,

" My father diclaves, cannot be denied:

" Yet there is something at my heart, that

" That time and healing leifure be allowed

" To the relapse of virtue, and reminds me, " Lest execution should too closely tread

"" Upon the heels of judgment, I would act " With all the dignity that's due 'o virtue,

" And not forget what charity prescribes. " Let me with candour recollect myself:

" When Transit married me-ah! had I then " Or wit to facinate, or grace to charm,

" Or beauty to surprise? I.o, no, not I; " Nothing beyond the common dole of na-

" To-all her unsophisticated b-nod-" Freshness and health, simplicity of soul,

" And modelly innate; -Such and no better " He found and wedded me; - fuch and no !

" I still continued, and he put me from him " Fut I must not pais over Heartright, Fairford and Dougherty-whill naivete', honetty, simplicity and vistue have any charms we must delight in these characters- r. Kenzie, 'r. Jesterson and Mr. . lissett feemed to be perfectly at home-and what is the beauty of good performance and the fort of a good speaker is, to feel what he delivers. These gentlemen appear-

ed not to be ficitious character, bu' really to be the personages which they had assumed. I is unnecessary to add they were all perfect. I shall now conclude by observing with regret Mr. Cain's extreme impersechnels both with respect to conception and letter of his cha. acter-This was observable throughout, particularly to at the conclusion of the third act when he made an abrupt exit and thereby cut Lady

Transit out of the following beautiful speech. " Ah! if we stay to calculate his merit, " We shall outstay the time to lave his life.

" Treat men as they deserve-make it your

" To deal no more than rigid justice claims, " To your frail fellow creatures,-what be-

" Of those sweet charities that give the soul

" Its conscious soretast of unfaded blis, " Make the day cheerful, and our mighty

" A bed of roses redolent of heaven " I am certain had Mr. Cumberland been in the Theatre he would have indignantly drove him from the stage so that his "bear should not again fliame his leader."

SPECTATOR.

The bridge over the Delaware at Laston was so far completed as to be opened for passengers on the 14th ultimo. Tolls were received on that day for eight hundred and ififty five foot passengers. The bridge is 570 feet in length -from abutment to abutment. The superstructure consists of three spacious arches resting on the abatments and three stone piers, 34 by 40 feet. It is on the same plan with the permanent bridge over the Schuylkill at Philadelphia, and built under the direction of the ingenious artist, Timothy Palmer, of Massachusetts. FIRE

In part of yesterday's impresson, we mentioned the Fire at Brooklyn, which commenced at that place about nine o'clock on Sunday evening; but it was too late for any particulars for yesterday's Gazette. The following accoun we have from Mr. Hicks, inn-keeper, at that

The fire originated in the stable of captain Suydam, which, with the following stables and houses, were laid in ashes-The stable belonging to widow Carpenter-the stable of Mr. George Hicks-a small stable of Mir. Benjamin Cornell -a large two-story dwelling-house and stere of Mr. John Van Nostrandt, on which there was an insurance of 1000/-and the dwelling-house of Mr. William Foster. Here the territic element ceased; but there were several other buildings considerably injured by the fire, and a barn of Nr. Striker's partly pulled down to prevent the farther progrets of destruction. One horse was buint in Mr. Snydam's stable.

Here will arife the natural question, " Ilow did this fire originate?" The answer is interesting and lamentable. It appears that two boys aged about 14, (one of them named Martin, an apprendice to Mr. Burk, hair-dreffer, and the other named William Cornell) were ditpoled to have fime fun, as they termed it, and they knew of nothing at that time that fitted their wickednels to well as to set fire to the town of Brooklyn; but they little dreamt a detector was so near at hand .- Their boys bought a candle, lit it, and proceeded through the streets to put into execution their hellith defign-the one who was carrying the candle was known and observed by John Garrison, Liq. one of the justices of the peace—at that moment the candle fell out of his hand and was extinguished. Mr. Garrison, however, did not then suspect their intentions. They lit the candle a second and third time before they reached Mr. Suvdam's barn; when they pulled off one of the weather boards, and fet tire to the hay. The next morning 'r. Garrison accused Martin, who confessed the faits above stated; when both of the boys were immediately committed to [N. Y. Gatette.]

Interesting and important experim nt in the culture of wheat. On the 8th of Aug. 1804, a gentleman named Miller, took a plant of whe t which had been, sown in the beginning of June, and divided it into eighteen parts, and putting them into, the ground, let them r. main therein till the latter end of September, wh n he again took them up sub-dividing th m in 67 parts or roots, replanted them; the plants were a third time taken up, separated into 500 roots, and again replaced in the garden. - Farly in the season, Mr. Millar reased ais little harvest, and found that by this process, a single grain had produced twenty-one thousand one hundred und nine cers, containing five hundred and seventy thousand grains, measuring 3 p.cks and 3 quarters and weighing 57 lbs.

[London paper.

While the English have been alarmed by the consequences of the African slave trade, and the whole world discovers in the comparative progress of American settlements, the ill policy of a Colony in which the slaves are the greater number in the population, the English have not been without expedients to correct or remove the evils which arise from the slave trade. Capt. Beaver, who conducted the latended settlement upon the island Baismo, on the western coast of Africa, and who received from the Lord Mayor ol London, in 1794, as the Chairman of the Bulamo association, a gold medal as a testimeny to his firmness and enterprise, has lately given to the public an account of this adventure. --- From his account appears, that nine thousand pounds sterling were collected by the association, and 275 persons were embirked, of whom 122 were women and children. The grants were made to such settlers as should continue for two years. In May 1792, they reached the island, but in their defenceless state, many of them fell into the h. d. of the natives. In July, the greater part returned, but Capt. Beaver remained with a company of 90 persons, at Bulamo. In November, his number as reduced to 28, and of these, others returned, so that in November, 1793, he was left with only one companion, and then he quitted the island.

Among the causes of this ill success, it was not among the least, that the company was not chosen from famalies that could endure the dangers & hardships of a new settlement, bui from such persons as were soon discouraged, and inadequate to all expedients which belong to industry and perseverence. Salem Reg.

From the Massachusette Spy.

[EXTRACT.]

THE VICE-PRESIDENT TURNED TRAITOR!

An article in the Alexandria Expositor (a paper printed within seven or eight miles from the seat of government) states, (as a mere rumor, however) that a warrant has issued for the apprehension of Col. BURR, on a Charge of HIGH TREASON!! We do not vouch for the authenticity of this rumor, but state certain facts, for the truth of which we do vouch, and which go very far to prove the rumor is well

When Gen. Eaton was at Washington, last winter, he was introduced to Col. Burr, who was then at the seat of government. Having learnt the bold, adventurous, and enterprising character; of this hero; believing him to be a mere soldier of fortune, and that like himself, he was ready to engage in any cause, cither good or bad, which promised a haryest of military glory-Burg proposed to him that he should join his desperate fortunes—go with him to the Mississippi him, as commander in chief—creet the

standard of rebellion against the government of the United States-sever the Union, and establish a distinct and independent government, to be composed of all the states west of the Alleghany mountains:!! Such was the general. project, the minuate details of which were particularly stated. General Eaton was struck with horror, and stood aghast at the proposal. He soon afterwards, in the true spirit of patriotism, communicated the conversation to the President of the United States, who treated it with perfect indifference. Recent occurrences in the Western territory (such as the building of boats on the Ohio, and a variety of movements, indicating a spirtt of revolt) have drawn the attention of the government to that quarter of the Union.

General Eaton has been requested to certify in writing the substance of the proposal made to him by Colonel Burr. This, we are assured, from unquestionable authority, has been actually done; and upon this, it is probable, the charge of High Treason is founded. We are much inclined to believe, therefore, warrant has issued, and pray to God this; taken on moderate freight. Apply to modern Catilme may be apprehended, and suffer the punishment due to his

AVERAGE PRICE OF STOCKS-this week. 8 per cents, 96 2 97 1-2 Louisiana, do, none at market U. S. ank Stock, Maryland do. altimore do. Union Fank of Maryland do. 58 a 59 Mechanics' Bank, Alexandria Bank do. no fales Columbia do. Potomac do. Baltimore Insurance Shares, Maryland none at market Marine Chefapeake Water Stock,

Port of Baltimore.

CL. ARLD, Ship Fame, Long, Soh'r Five Sisters, Bates,

Liverpool Guadaloupe

Philadelphia, November 19. Arrived, brig Freelove, Childs, Charleston, 16 days. Cleared, flip Camilla, Warden, Madeira; Sufquehannah, Blackeston, Calcutta; schooner Lucretia, Lick, Portland; floop Regulator,

Hay, Havanna. Charleston, November 8. Arrived, ships Susan, Stevens, Liverpool, 62 days; Octavia, Collins, London, 52; Sally, Warting, Dublin, 58; Cornelia, Port, London, 52; brigs Letty & Sally, Puller, Lordeaux, 52; Hercules Courtney, Phillips, Newport, 7; Limess, Dove, Baltimore and Norfolk, 7; Three Apprentices, Graves, Havanna, 14; Ichconers Antelope, Morehouse, do. 14, in distrels bound to New York; Doris, Devenport, Africa, 61; SLAVES.

The brig Caliope, Records; schooner Connecticut, Moorhouse, from New York : and a large ship, were coming in last evening. Several other veilels were off the bar.

Wanted to Rent,

HOUSE suitable for a small family. If situated in the neighbourhood of the Marsh Market it will be prefered. Apply to the printer. Nov. 21

Notice. HE subscriber, living in Earl Township, Lancaster county, state of Pennsylvania, eight miles from Lancaster, offers his services

or the business of MILL-STONE CUTTING;

Which he will engage to procure of the best kind of COROLLCIO STONES, on the lowest terms and shortest notice. He flatters himself, from a long experience and practice in that business, to be able to render general satisfaction to those who may favor him with their custom in that line. DAVID GOOD.

Nov. 21

This is to give notice, THAT the subscriber, of the city of Baltimore, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Baltimore County, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Jonathan Beard, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the first-day of June next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate; and all persons in any manner indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber. Given under my hand this 31st day of November, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and six.

JOHN HARGROVE, Adm'r. Nov. 21 2aw4t

5 Dollars Reward.

TO AN AWAY from the subscriber, on Sun-It day, the 17th inst. two apprentice boys, viz one by the name of BILL HINEMAN, about 17 years of age, but small; short curly red hair, and much freekled in the face, and very rinkly. Had on when he went off, a round-about jacket and trowsers of drab cloth: two waist coats; a fur hat; and new shoes and stockings. The other by the name of Abraham Here, about 15 years of age; sandy colored hair, and is a well made fellow i had on when he went off a round about jacket and trowsers of drab cloth; an old wool hat and new shoes; two shirts and an old waist coat. The above reward and all reasonable charges

paid, if brought home. .N. B. All masters of vessels and others are hereby forewarned carrying off or harboring the above apprentices, as the law will be put, in force against such. HENRY WILLEY.

Nov. 21

Boarding.

A NUMBER of Gentlemen may be, accommodated with Genteel Boarding, at the comer of Calvert and Bank-streets, it immediate application is made

Sale by Auction.

This Morning, The 21st instant, at 11 o'clock, at the late rest dence of Robert Purviance, decrased, in Gaystreet, will be sold, by order of the Orphane

A VARIETY OF Househo'd and Kitchen FURNITURE.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Aust're. For Bremen. The fine fast-sailing Bremen Ship

Capt. I C. Kulenkamp, has a considerable part of her cargo engaged. For freight, S. SMITH & BUCHANAN,

D. L. THOMAS, Ship Broken Nov. 21

JOHN BOLTE, Ship Broker.

For Amiterdam,

Nov. 21

The fine new copper fastened . Ship POWHATAN.

Captain Thomas N. Norman.

Will begin to load next week, Ship POWHATAN. and sail with all possibl. dispatch ; part of her cargo being engaged, the remainder will be

Tin and Pewter Manufactory NORTH-S REET, Old Town, near th LY Hay-Scales, Baltimore; where more be had all kinds of manufactured TIN, bor- Japanned and plain-siso, a complete assortment 55 of PEWTER. Any person may be supplied with every article in the above line, of the best 134 i workmanship, and on reasonable terms. The highest price given for old Pewter, or exchange GEORGE LIGHTNER. ed for new.

> it to their advantage by calling as above. Nov. 21 enit

T Country merchants, and others, will find

George W. Field, No. 157 1-2, BALTIMORE-STREET,

HAS FOR SALE, by the package or piece, AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF

Merchandize, Amongst which are, Blankets, Rose, Duffle | Pin, and Point, Threads, Flannels, red, white, | Hosiery, Silk, Cotton and yellow, and Worsted,

Cloths, fine and super-Irish Linen, 7-8 and 4.4, some very fine, Plains, blue, drab an l Platilias, mixed, Drogheda Linens, Baize, Dimities. Coatings, Bennett's Cords.

Hunter's ditto.

Moleskins,

Baftas;

Fancy Prints,

Mamoodies,

President's ditto,

Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Silk and Les-Laces and Edgings, Silk Shawls & Veib Long Lawns, Flushings, &c.

Madras H'ckfe, &c.

Mohair Plush, INDIA GOODS. Gurralis, Cosseas, Sannalis, Lutestrings, Taffaties, Mysapore Chintz, Senshawa. Checks, Sewing Silk,

The above goods will be sold at the usual credit, or very low for cash. C. W. F. has received invoices of sundry goods from England, which are now landing in Philadelphia, and will be forwarded to this

city, without delay. November 15

Notice.

THE partnership heretofore existing under the firm of Bird & Thomas, expired on the 10th September last. The subscriber only is authorised to receive money, and to settle all matters relating to said concern. WM. C. BIRD.

Nov. 20

William Wilson & Sons Have for sale, received by the Diana, and other late arrivate,

Irish Linens and Lawns, Rose Blankets, in small bales, Checks, Tickens, Ticklenburgs, Rouans,

Brown Platilias and Rolls, Holland and Irish Canvas, Japanned Ware, Cruet Frames, Nails and Spikes. Copper Bolts and Spikes, and 120 boxes Tin. October 22 d5teo10

Was taken up as a Stray, a SOW PIG, that has been about my stre this two months past; the Pig is black and white, no ear marks. The owner is requested to come prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

SOLOMON RICHARDS, Black-smith, Oli-Town. Nov. 15

Notice.

WHITE DOG, with some black and fol-I low spots, is missing from the schooner Agenoria, laying at Frederick-street dock. A reward of Two Dollars will be given for him dead or alive, if returned on board of the baid schooner. Nov. 15

Wanted to Purchase, A NEGRO WOMAN who is a good Cook, Washer and Ironer-For one that can come

well commended, a liberal price will be given. A Negro Girl, from 12 to 15 years of age: A. J. THOMAS,

No. 21, Chatham-street. Nov. 17

John H. Browning & Co. No. 35, Fell's-street, Fell's Paint,

TYAVE imported in the ships Fame and · Globe, from Liverpool, part of their Fall Assortment of Hardware, Cuttlery, &c. &c.

And expect by the Diana the residue which will make their assortment extension and complete, all of which they will sell at a small. advance, for cash or acceptances in town,-Their triends in the city and comity are myled to give them a call, as they fatter them cires: they will be able to give entire satisfaction to those who will hence them with thefefrienchhim