that in his situation he would have acted in the same way—In fine, may it not be said, in the language attributed to a senator of the United States, that—*Wilkinson may be fined and imprisoned, but the nation will thank him.* The handbill follows:

New Orleans, February 20, 1807.

[The following recommendation of a suspension of the WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, in order to arrest *one man*, against whom sufficient proof to support a civil arrest, it seems does not exist, could not appear during the present alarming times, in any print in this city—It is sent on by mail, in order that it may appear where something like Liberty of the Press exists. The people of the United States will perhaps, make those comments on it, which, if made *here*, might subject the author to military arrest, court-martial discipline, a dungeon, or the more dreadful punishment of "deportation."]

MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Representatives,

WE have been officially informed that the "reputed leader of the conspiracy," which has menaced our safety, and disturbed our tranquility, was "in the hands of the civil authority at Natchez;" and it is now confidently reported, (although no official information upon the subject has been received by me) that many of his adherents have also arrived in the Mississippi Territory. Among them are two individuals, who are represented to have evaded by flight from the state of Ohio, that punishment which the law in justice and in mercy, would have awarded against them.

One of the persons I have mentioned, is said to have informed, that, in Supreme Court, propose to a citizen in whose virtue entire confidence may be placed, to join in a plan to bring about a dismemberment of the Union; and after parting, without the advantage which resulted to *the wicked*, from the election of a pirate government on the banks of the Mississippi, & observing that the people were ripe for the measure, he said *this place* would be to go against an armed force to New-Orleans, *to seize the public* and after getting the *[illegible]* for military stores, and the Bank of the city there, to force the country to a separation from the Atlantic States, by operating on its commerce.—In charity to human nature, I cannot suppose that all concerned in this conspiracy were prepared to support objects so horrible.—On the contrary, I am persuaded many have been seduced into the association by artifice and misrepresentations; and to all such I shall be ready to *forgiveness* may be extended.

I cannot, however, disguise from the two houses of assembly, how greatly I regret that the existing laws do not afford adequate means for the prevention of conspiracies so diabolical in nature, for the protection of the parties concerned, and for their punishment. I have recently been advised, (and from a source entitled to credit) of the approach to this city of an agent of the Conspirators.—I am informed of his name, and the route he takes. I have but little doubt as to the object of his mission—And yet I believe it is not in my power to adduce such proof as would justify a civil magistrate in committing him to prison. And should I arrest him upon my own authority, a writ of *habeas corpus* would most probably rescue him from my possession, and he might then be conducted to fulfil the treasonable designs for which he is employed.

A fair, bold, and public trial of the great subject in American politics, would be the best vindication of the general & state governments, by exposing the authors of the conspiracy to the public view, and thus disappointing their hopes. Once, and for ever, the question is fairly against them; I apprehend no permanent misfortune, nor can this territory *in the useful time*, experience, other than a temporary evil. We have recourse to our immediate safety to continue for the present our measures of precaution; and to add one to those already adopted, the expediency of suspending *for a short time*, (and under such restrictions as may be best calculated to protect the innocent) "the privilege of the writ of *Habeas Corpus*," is recommended to your consideration.

Signed, WILLIAM C. C. CLAIBORNE.

New-Orleans, Feb. 20, 1807.

[On receipt of the foregoing message, the House of Representatives thought it advisable to ask the opinion of the courts, and the United States district attorney, as to the constitutionality of the measure—The following answer was returned:]

New-Orleans, Feb. 13th, 1807.

SIR,

In consequence of your letters of yesterday, we have examined the ordinance by which this territory is governed, and unite in the opinion that the legislature thereof has not the power to suspend the writ of Habeas Corpus.

We are, with due respect,
Your most obt. servts.
DEM. A. HALL,
GEO. MATTHEWS, Jr.
WM. SPRIGG,
JAMES BROWN.

John Watkins, Esq. speaker of the House of Representatives.

(The day after the above letter was received, the following resolution was adopted with but three dissenting voices.)

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Territory of Orleans, have examined with attention the Constitution of the United States, and the Ordinance of Congress by which this Territory is governed; and are of opinion that they cannot, without violating the Constitution, suspend under any restrictions whatever, the writ of *habeas corpus*.

Words are but wind.—The Federal Gazette was in a puddering rage last evening about the conduct of the Post-Masters on the Western Shore route of this state. "The Federal Gazette (it says) uniformly leaves the post-office at Baltimore in company with the democratic papers—and equally is it certain to arrive *one week after them*, at Piscataway," &c. "This villainy (it continues) is practised by a perjured wretch, *unknown to the government*." And then adds, "If unprincipled men are continued in office *because they are democrats*, their superiors become accomplices in their guilt," &c.

The Gazette ought to point out the "perjured wretch," who is "*unknown* to the government;" but who, being thus "*unknown*," is "continued in office because he is a *democrat*". This is one way of abusing administration——Yet, *words are but wind*—and the words of the Gazette are nothing but a *puff*.

It is lamentable, to be sure, that the Federal Gazette should be stopped in its course—so *intelligent* a vehicle should not be impeded. The folks in "St. Mary's County" could not move a step without it—and it is certainly a most villainous thing for *government* to interfere in these matters—to stop the *federal* Gazette—unpardonable! Stop any other Gazette in the world, and welcome!—

There must, however, be some mistake in this matter:—The fault, we apprehend, lies in the Gazette's going "in *company* with the *democratic* papers." There's the error. Federalism never can keep pace with republicanism. Taken in this light, the cause of delay is easily seen. Besides, the Gazetteer ought to consider that the "democratic papers" do not like to keep such bad "*company*"—and it is ten to one, but what they have, at some of the post-offices, when the mails have been opened, kicked the Gazette out of their presence.

What foreigner, not acquainted with the style of American demagogues, on reading the following passage from the production of a writer in the Norfolk Ledger of the 25th inst. would not think that this country was on the eve of destruction?—

"Some effort is necessary to arouse the dormant, lethargic spirit of the nation to awaken it to a sense of danger, and to call forth the aid [if decid, of course] and exertions of the country, in defence of its *prostrate liberty!* Should I fail in these objects, I shall barely lament it; and *fading with the ruins of my country*, I shall enjoy the *glorious consolation* that I have discharged my duty."

If the writer of the foregoing paragraph is not politically a madman, he must, indeed, be an ignorant knave.

The Boston federal printers are a modest set of gentlemen. One of them, speaking of the approaching election of Mr. Gerry, the Governor of Massachusetts, observes, "The votes of that day are not merely to determine whether his excellency Caleb Strong shall continue the Governor, or be superceded by Mr. Gerry the Democrat—but they are to determine whether federalism or democracy is to prevail——whether virtue or vice shall triumph."

The brig William, Grant, has put into Charleston, in distress, from Jamaica, bound to Havana, having on board 157 prisoners, taken at the capture of Curaçoa.

We are indebted to a gentleman of this city for New-Orleans papers to February 21, inclusive. Two or three articles will be extracted from them for to-morrow's paper.

A letter from a gentleman in Richmond to another in this city, under date of the 26th ult. says, "It is said that colonel Burr had just arrived there from Ireland." (*Gazette.*)

By Captain Douglass received at Norfolk, papers to the 26th inst. inclusive. Captain D. informs, that four British 74's and a frigate continue off the cape.

MARRIED, on Sunday evening by the Rev. Dr. Kurtz, Mr. *[illegible]* to the amiable and accomplished Miss *[illegible]*, both of this city.

MARRIED, on Tuesday the 17th by the revd. Mr. Bowers, Mr. WILLIAM POTTS, Merchant of this place, to Miss SUSAN CONSTABLE, daughter of Colonel William Campbell, of Charles City.

FREDERICKSBURG, (Va.) March 27.

[illegible]

Wheat,	75—78
Flour	5⅝ —
Corn,	53—55
Whiskey,	27—30
Hemp,	48—50.

On Friday afternoon two persons by the name of Jonathan Neal, and Polly his wife, were publicly whipped in Washington, on suspicion of having stolen a pocket book, and other things. They were tried before Ralph H. French, Esq. a justice of the peace, and by a jury of twelve men, and were acquitted by the justice [proceeding, it is said, to prevent the fatal consequences of a mob] they are now said to be in Salem jail to take their trial at the Superior Judicial Court on the 4th Tuesday of April next. The bills passed by them and found in their possession are, tens of the Rhode Island Union Bank, viz. twos altered to tens, which are masterly well executed, and twenty dollar ones. Of the Exeter, N. H. bank, five dollars, viz. one altered to a fiver, which is the only bill of this denomination in the Union Bank, fours viz. ones altered to fours.

These are very easily detected by the four lines passing transversely across the ones, the original remaining perfectly conspicuous; and in the body of the bill the one may easily be read in the four. All of which bills, particularly the parts thereof which have been altered, savour very highly of the spirits of turpentine.

INTERMENTS in the burying-grounds of the city and precincts of Baltimore during the week, ending yesterday morning at sunrise:—

Consumption,	4
Fits,	3
Pleurisy,	2
Stillborn,	1
Drowned,	1
Croup,	1
Dropsy,	1
Whooping-cough,	1
Disease unknown,	1
Adults,	6
Children,	9
Total,	15

A company is established at *Middletown*, (*Connecticut.*) to carry on the whale and codfishery.

Two men (Lakin and Wright,) were last week committed to the goal at *Castine*, charged with passing bills knowing them to be counterfeit.

From the Philadelphia D. Advertiser.

MR. POULSON,

It is individual excellence which, in the aggregate, gives the tone to national character, and every tribute to merit paid to a fellow citizen must be pleasing to our national pride.

Our medical schools have arrived to a decree of perfection perhaps equal or superior to any in the world, owing to the genius of their professors.

It is with a great degree of pleasure I have learned that a gold medal has been sent by the Queen of Etruria, accompanied with a highly complimentary letter, to Dr. Benjamin Rush, Professor of the institutes of medicine and clynical practice in the University of Pennsylvania, after the perusal of his works.

On the one side of his medal is a likeness of the Queen of Etruria, holding by the hand her infant son, and on the reverse these words—"To the most deserving."

This information cannot fail of being highly gratifying to the numerous pupils of this worthy and ingenious Father in Medicine.—The simplicity yet profundity of whose medical tenets have so greatly assisted in laying the basis of their professional knowledge and of their skill in its application to practice. K.

A Gold Watch was Found

ON Thursday evening. Apply at this office.
March 31 d4t*

Marine Intelligence.

Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED,

Ship Fair American, Harding, New-Orleans
Schr Susan & William, Luce, Boston
Norfolk, Douglas, Norfolk

CLEARED,

Brig Eliza Vickery, Vickery, Havanna
Schr Mary-Ann, Dickerson, St. Bartholomews

The Little Mary, Waters, of Baltimore, was to sail from Havanna about the 15th instant; as was the Sally, Young, of this port.

The Two Brothers, Burns, of Baltimore, clear for this port on the 20th instant from Washington, N. C.

Sloop Benjamin, Travers, for Baltimore, arrived at Charleston March 19.

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books.

March 3.

The ship Robert, M'Culloch, hence, has arrived at Bordeaux.

The schooner Mary-Ann, of Baltimore, was left at Curaçoa on the 26th ultimo, to sail for Savannah in two days.

The schooner Entertainment, from Jamaica for Baltimore, was spoken off Mariguana Reef, on the 11th ult.

From Boston.

The ship Jenny, capt. W. Dove, has arrived at the Navy-yard, in 82 days from Isle of France. The Bourbon *Left*, at the former, Dec. 11 Spencer Weeks, for Baltimore, in 14 days; Neptune, Robbins, do repairing; Eliza Sawyer, for Boston, in 4 weeks, repairing; Eliza Cross, for Sumatra, put in for repairs; Carolina, of Philadelphia, just arrived. The Union, Oxnard left Bourbon Dec. 17, for the Isle of France; spoke Dec. 23, off Bourbon, barque Pompey, Allen, 15 days from Salem, off Bourbon Jan. 8 lat. 3. S. lon. 83. E. the Augusta, Swain, from Nantucket, a whaling voyage, had 1600 bbls. oil. Mar. 17, long. from W. Indies for Boston.

Sale by Auction.

THIS MORNING,

The 31st instant, at half past 12 o'clock, at the auction room at the corner of Frederick-street dock, will be sold,

A Variety of Dry Goods;

Consisting of

2 bales Hessians,
3 do. Brown Rolls,
2 boxes Dowlas,
2 do. Listadoes,
1 bale Baftas,
2 bales Osnaburgs,
1 box Bolticks,
1 do. Estoppades,
2 do. Bretagnes,
2 do. Book Linen,
1 trunk Cotton Hose,
1 case Bed Bunts,
1 box White Rolls, &c.

And at 12 o'clock,

125 hhds. Muscovado Sugar, 70 of which are first quality New Orleans,
1 2 bags and 15 barrels Green Coffee,
24 pipes 4th proof Bordeaux Brandy,
50 barrels Clayed Sugar,
21 chests Young Hyson Tea,
14 do. Souchong, and
A quantity of old Copper, Iron Hoops, &c.

And at private sale,

400 boxes White sugar,
50 boxes Brown do.
20,000 wt. Cocoa, &c.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 31st instant, immediately after the sale of the property on York-street, there will be offered for sale on the premises,

A LOT OF GROUND with all the improvements thereon, fronting 50 feet on Dulany-st. and 120 feet on Harford-street, subject to an annual ground rent to Col. John Stricker. A part of the premises has lately been occupied as a grocery store, &c.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 31st inst. at half past 12 o'clock, will be sold at the premises, on terms which will then be made known,

A LOT of GROUND on the east side of Jones's-Falls, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, fronting 56 feet on the south side of York-street, and running south to Salisbury-street, which property is subject to an annual rent to Mr. Robert Welsh, and was assigned by Thomas Hanna, 25th day July, 1805, to Trustees, for the purpose therein mentioned.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.

Sale by Auction.

On WEDNESDAY NEXT,

The 1st of April, at 12 o'clock, at Baker's wharf, Fell's Point, on 3, 6 and 9 months credit, for approved indorsed paper,

The Ship
ERIN,

With all her materials, as she lately arrived from the East Indies, burthen 213 tons per register, was launched in the month of March, 1804, built of the best materials, the principal part of her frame being Locust and red cedar, copper fastened and coppered to the bends, and sails remarkably fast. Her inventory may be seen at our auction room, head of Frederick-street dock.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.
march 27

Sale by Auction.

By order of the Orphans' Court, will be sold on This Day, the 31st inst. at half past 10 o'clock, on Hampstead Hill, at the late residence of Charles Myers, deceased,

A variety of HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.

Wants a Situation,

IN a Wholesale and Retail Grocery Store, a YOUNG MAN who has a knowledge of the business; writes a fair hand and can produce satisfactory recommendations—or would engage to go assistant supercargo to the East or West Indies; the former would be preferred. A line addressed to A. B. and left at the office of the American will be duly attended to.
march 31 eo4t

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

At half past 12 o'clock, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will be sold, on a credit of 6 and 9 months, for approved indorsed negotiable notes,

The Schooner
NANCY WHITE,

As she arrived from sea, burthen about 650 barrels, and 18 months old.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.
march 31

Sale by Auction.

Will be sold at our sale This Morning,

1 cask Tapes,
2 trunks Umbrellas,
ditto
16 hhds. first quality Antigua Sugar.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.
March 31

Sale by Auction.

On WEDNESDAY,

The 1st of April, at half past 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, will be sold, if not disposed of before, at the auction store of Frederick-street dock, on the following sale,

The CARGO of the ship Eliza,

Consisting of

53 pipes } very fine quality
29 half pipes, } PORT WINE, direct
122 qr. casks } from Oporto.

81 bales Prime Upland COTTON.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.
march 31

Sale by Auction.

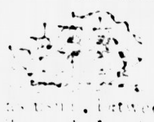
ON TUESDAY,

The second of April, at half past 10 o'clock, at the auction store of Frederick-street dock,

The entire CARGO of the Fair American, consisting of

[illegible] hhds. of New Orleans SUGAR, sold to [illegible] THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.
March 31

Lundontown Packet.



The Schooner
THE FARMER,
Capt. [illegible]

WILL regularly sail every week, between this city, Beaufort Port and Lundontown—All those having goods to ship, may rest assured that they will be duly attended to, and forwarded to the ports of destination, where the captain will receive and deliver them. Inquire of the captain on board, or the subscribers.

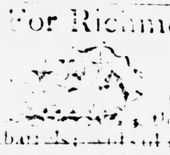
Freight or passage will be taken for any quantity of all descriptions of produce.

FOR SALE,

A quantity of NEW-SPRING HAMS, prime and delicious for breakfast. Also, Fresh Pork and bacon. Also, a quantity of Cheese, together with a general assortment of GROCERIES.

S. G. ALBERS.
March 31 [illegible]

For Richmond or Philadelphia,



The schr
REPUBLICAN,

Of Frenchtown; burthen from [illegible] to one hundred and fifty barrels, and of extra fine sailing. For freight or passage apply to

SAML. C. PATRICK,
22, Cheapside.
march 31 d4t

For Charter,

The ship
MARGARET,

Burthen 260 barrels, or 500 hhds. will be ready to receive a cargo in 2 days. For terms apply to

JAMES BLAYS.

FOR LONDON,

The ship
LEMINGTON,

Having [illegible] a long, [illegible] part of her cargo [illegible] about 500 barrels will be taken on freight if immediate application is made as above. She will sail about the 8th of April.

Wanted also for sale,

3,000 bush. Liverpool fine stoved Salt, and about 700 empty Gin cases.

m c 31 d12t

Wanted to Charter,

A VESSEL

Of from 120 to 140 tons burthen, from the West Indies. Apply at No. 51, Bowly's wharf, to

FITCH HALL, Jun.
march 31 d

Nathaniel F. Williams,

No. 15, Bowly's wharf.

HAS received per the schooner Susan and William, captain Luce, from Boston—for sale,

100 boxes *fresh* Muscatel and Bloom Raisins.

In Store,

150 barrels Boston Beef—Mess, No. 1 & 2,
50 do *fat* Mackerel,
20 qr. casks Sherry Wine, of a superior quality,
20 pipes Cogniac and Bordeaux Brandy,
60 pieces Ravens Duck,
400 boxes Mould Candles, Hill's brand, 4, 5, 6 and 8 to the pound,
100 do. Spermaceti do.
400 do. Brown Soap,
50 casks Raisins,
80 bundles Sheathing paper,
6,000 Cheese of a good quality.

march 31 eo4t

LOST,

A DEBENTURE, No. 258, to Wm. Woods, dated 7th March, 1805, payable 29th December, 1805, for thirty dollars and sixty-one cents. The finder is requested to return it to W. WOODS.
march 31 d6w

Sale Postponed.

THE sale of D. C. Stewart's Property, advertised for Wednesday next, is unavoidably postponed until Wednesday, the 22d day of April.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.
march 31 d4t

WANTED,

AN ELDERLY WOMAN, to cook in a small family—to such as can come well recommended, good wages will be given. Enquire of the printer.
march 31 d4t

Farmers' Bank of Maryland,

March 24th, 1807.

THE President and Directors of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, have declared a dividend of four and a half per cent on the stock of the said bank, for the last six months, ending the 31st inst.—said dividend will be paid on or after Monday, the sixth of April, to stockholders at the Western Shore, at the bank in Annapolis, and to those stockholders on the Eastern Shore, at the Branch Bank at Easton, upon their application, or on the exhibition of powers of attorney, or by correct simple orders.

By order,
JONA. PINKNEY, Cashier.
march 31 [illegible]

John Buffum,

No. 84, BOWLY'S WHARF,

Has received per Susan and William, captain Luce, from Boston,

[illegible] hhds New-England RUM
1[illegible] boxes Sampson's Mould CANDLES
5 do. Spermaceti do.
3[illegible] do. first quality CODFISH
4 tons clean Russian HEMP.

March 31 d6t

For Sale,

BY WILLIAM MERRILL,

On board the schooner Patuxent, lying at Bowly's wharf,

50 hhds. N. E. RUM
6 do. W. I. do.
6 pipes American GIN
25 hhds. white CODFISH
1 boxes do. do.
[illegible] Oars
2 Yard Bars.

March 31 d4t*

NOTICE.

THE members of the *Baltimore Equitable Society for Insuring Houses from loss by fire*, are hereby notified that a general meeting for the purpose of electing Directors will be held on the 6th day of the ensuing month, at James Carson's, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing Directors and a Treasurer for twenty the ensuing year.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOSEPH TOWNSEND, Sec'ry.
March 31 d7t

Fair Ladies and Gentlemen, Belles and Beaux of the City of Baltimore.

Shall I address you in a pathetic or a laughing way?——Raise your eyes weep showers, or your sides crack with pleasing distention? And pray for what? Why to tell you the truth—have taken into my head to issue Proposals for publishing—what?—by the Board of Mahomet in shape

A LITTLE SATURDAY'S REPAST,

Under the title of

SPECTACLES.

And having prescribed the course, I was at a loss how to begin my prospectus. So many have gone before me—so many have gone on Sundays, followed by some igneus fatuus—so many have failed—that by all these is beautiful and serene, I had determined to ask yourselves how I shall address you? And believe me, Madam, or Sir, or Miss, or Master, this is a matter of serious consequence—for if your worships or your ladyships should happen to be in an ill humor, and my proposals should then come lounging across you, you might perchance send them to Old Nick. And again, if they should unluckily reach you in the fashion of a greybeard upon a go-cart, and you should be in "merry mood," you might laugh my gravity to scorn, and ask me carrier of parcels, like our wags with the country men, "when I should come down!"

Thus you see I am in a dilemma——However, *SPECTACLES* the thing *shall* be called, say what you can, and I will try the experiment of peeping through them at your purses for TWO DOLLARS PER ANNUM——*Cheap* as Plutus's dog, by half! The wonders that may be seen through them will exceed all description——the best what is remarkable, they will suit all sorts of people—you are an old—short sighted and long sighted——It shall consist——et cetera.——

But remember, as you go along—I am as serious as a moping Philosopher in this proposition——

It shall contain——in one word——

Every thing that is amusing——It shall contain——foreign news, domestic news, literary news, and all sorts of news——Biography, Topography——and all the ographies——Battles, murders, jokes, sermons, plays, *bon-mots*, love ditties, and witticisms!——but above all—quizzes!——yes, those beautiful, quizzical, fanciful, whimsical, nonsensical quizzes, which will cure the spleen, set you all a-gog and roaring with their fun and frolic——

"*You are welcome to try it before you buy it*"—

This was the elegant motto which a schoolmaster of mine put upon his ink-bottles——and a very honest one it was——

So shall it be with my commodity—you shall try on the *Spectacles* before you pay for them; that is, my dear friends, you are not to pay one maravedi in advance, but just fifty American Cents of the United States currency per quarter—and after reading my first number, if you are not pleased and tickled, nay and instructed to boot, why, by the honor of a valiant Spaniard you may throw the four pages out of your window, and kick my Mercury out of doors.——

Now, by the way, my noble reader, is not this a droll fashion of writing a prospectus? upon my soul it is! But one must produce something out of the hackneied way, you know, and therefore I have attacked you in this zig-zag method, just as the painters describe their lightning——

To be serious—I mean in fact, to publish a weekly little sheet, containing four pages of letter-press, for which I intend to make you pay TWO DOLLARS PER ANNUM, QUARTERLY. It will have, like a mince pye, a spice of many things——I make sure that you will subscribe; for who would not give two dollars per year, to be pleased once a week, and instructed into the bargain——

Yet who is to be the conductor of the *Spectacles!* A tough question, by the valor of my ancestors——

But I'll tell you good folks—I am an old soldier with a wooden leg and weak eyes—a light purse—and a light heart——I am now retired from fighting, and mean to divert my old age in manufacturing *Spectacles* to suit all sorts and sizes of people—So you that are for encouraging me, say aye—those who refuse to patronize say no.——

☞ *A person will in a few days wait upon you for your names, &c. &c.*

Subscriptions will be received at the different Bookstores.
march 31 d4t