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REFLECTIONS ON THE FORTIFICATIONS AND DEFENCE OF THE SEA PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. (Concluded.)

After as close a view of this question as can be expected from a man unskilled in naval affairs, I have formed the conclusion, that next to a superior navy, floating batteries will be found more effectual to the protection of our sea ports, and should therefore be preferred; but I speak with exception to long tide water rivers and narrow channels, because they may be commanded by fixed batteries and cheveaux de frize, yet cannot be secured by them against blockade.

In determining on the size, form and construction of such floating batteries, regard must be had to the services to be performed, and after due experiment, the best models may be adopted for tide water, and uniform currents, for bays and harbors, narrow, wide, open, or sheltered from particular winds.

The extent of our bays and inlets, the capacities of our harbors, and the waterapproaches to our great cities, have de-

termined my judgment in favor of these vessels, calculated to be impelled with velocity, by the more powerful combinations of oars and sails, to enable them to make rapid transitions, and to take any requisite station with promptitude. In equipping armies, and manning these

ressels, provision should be made to prevent their being boarded by light barges, and with submission, I would recommend that they should carry battering pieces of the largest calibre, and the lightest construction, on their bows and sterns. have strong prejudices in favor of a propertion of 8 inch howitz, because one shell which takes effect, will prove more destructive, generally speaking; than ten

I feel confidence, that without extensive fortifications, and proportionable military forces to garrison them, that barges, gallies, or gun-boats, on the preceding or improved plan, with the co-operation of heavy moveable batteries, which may be expeditiously transferred from one part of a town or city to another, by means of horses, will form one most economical, durable, and effectual means of defence, and afford the best security to the objects to be protected; and in support of this opinion, I beg leave to offer the following considerations:--

1st. Such vessels can either attack or defend, may prove as offensive in the retreat, as pursuits, and can approach or avoid an enemy at discretion.

2d. In calms, their oars will enable them to take any station with safety, which may be found most advantageous.

3d. Their mobility will enable them in smooth water to hang on the bow or stern of a veseel, and avoid its batteries.

4th. Their lowness in the water, will enable them to deliver their shot on a horizontal range, or at a small elevation, which will give the m more certainty and

5th. In calm weather they may, withcut hazard, approach a vessel at auchor in a stream, to the point blank sortice of a 24 pounder, 650 yards - or of a 32 pounder, 850) and preserving a steady station, may give effect to every shot without fail.

6th. In light breezes, with sails and oars, they may preserve the same distance on the bow of a vessel, and if pursued, may deliver as destructive a fire, as if they were stationary.

7th. Should they be har d pressed, they may escape in shoal water and renew the action at discretion.

8th. In 100gh weather they may take station beyond the fortice of the guns of a ship, from whence the superior elevation of their own pieces may enable them to deliver their fire with effect.

9th. Taking advantage of circumstances, they may drive intruders from our bays, roads, or rivers, and by forcing them to sea, may relieve a blockade, or render it less close, constant, or pernici-

10th. They may be employed during the calm season, to transport stores or men from one port to another, with safe-17, even should an enemy be waiting; and lestly, in time of peace eight out of ten may be laid up under cover, and with due attention instead of injury may be improved by aid for a number of years.

But to insure these ends, it is absolutely indispensable that an officer of judgment, experience, activity, zeal and courage should be appointed to the general command of the fiotilla of each post. The immediate commanders of the vessels should be intrepid and perfectly acquainted with the conduct of them in all circumstances. The gunners and bombardiers should be practically, and perfectly instructed in all their functions. The artillerists should be expert at their duty, and the cars men should be active and athletic.

I have professed my predilection for howits, and hope they may be experimented to ascertain their worth; I am persuaded they may be employed to throw. their shell with effect point blank, or with an elevation; for we find at Gibraltar, in 1786, targets of 6 feet square, and of equal strength and resistance with the strongest part of the largest men of war, was fired at out of a ten inch sea-mortar,

with a charge of ten pounds of powder, I the aim being point blank, and the distance 150 yards; the first shell touched the top of the target, and entered the bank behind, the second grazed shot 3 yards, and went through a lower corner of the object; the third took effect in the centre of the target, passed throught it, and entered the solid earth behind it five feet, and it was with much satisfaction observed, that in every instance the fuzes were not affected, and the shells exploded notwithstanding they had passed through such a mass of wood, and were lodged so deep in the earth—and in 1782, at the same place, the first observable effect on the Spanish Armada after it had been ten times before the British batteries, were produced by shells thrown from howitz point blank, some of which stuck in the, sides of the vessels, and exploded, while others entered their ports, and agreeably to the report of a Spanish officer and boat's crew, who were captured during the ac ion, killed thirty or forty men every explosion.

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The distance taken for the experiment of the 10 inch sea mortar at Gibraltar. feems very short, and was intended to exemplify their application to naval conslicts. It is difficult, if not impossible, to reduce to a fixed rule the range of a shot or shell, either with a given elevation or point blank, because it does not depend merely on the calibre of the piece, or the weight of the ball, but is influenced by the length and weight of a gun, the construction of its chamber, the exact rotundity and smoothness of the ball, the weight and construction of the carriage, the state of the atmosphere, and the quality of the powder. But Tilke, an Austrian officer of high repute, has, in a late work, given to an eight inch howitz, with a charge of i 1 1-2 pound of powder, only 232 yards, for its point blank range 414, for the visor shot equal to one degree of elevation, and 580 yards for 4° 75 of elevation, which will give but a flight curvation to the flight of the shell, and of course will not seosibly affect its projectile sorce, or the certainty of its direction and its shock may be estimated from its weight, being when charged fifty pounds.

I submit these thoughts with great deserence, being conscious of my incapacity to do justice to the subject, and in the hope their defect may be viewed with an indulgent eye; yet, am I so well aisured of the soundness of my doctrine, that, with a suitable flotilla and the preparations premised, I would have no hesitation to hazard my reputation on the result.

J. WILKINSON. (Signed)

A letter from Bordeaux, dated March 20, says-" I have seen 8,000 conscripts, the proportion from this quarter of the empire, dettined for Poland; among them are feveral of the merchants of this city."

> From the New York Public Advertiser. THE MIRANDA, OR ANGLO-FEDERAL EXPEDITION.

The following extracts were put into our possection, a sew days ago; being true copies ta'ten from the original letters of the author, to his wife in this city, by a respectable citizen. The writer is a relative of Col. Smith, and appears to have been employed by him in the capacity of chief printer to the expedition. How far or how jullly the persons implicated by the writer ought to be cenfured or held up to public odium by their fellow-citizers, we will leave it to our readers to determine.

EXTRACTS. CARTHAGENA, December 31, 1806. I have written five or six letters to you informing you of my wretched and almost insupportable situation, and shall continue to embrace every opportunity to write, although the conveyance to the U. S. from this place is very difficult and uncertain. My ideas of acquired wealth are for ever blafted. Instead of honor and profit, I have obtained chains, fetters, and a loathforme dungeon; lo much for Col. Smith's assillance. Little did I suspect the infamous and diffraceful plan the expedition had in view, at the time he prossered me his friendship and advice. When I shall see you or the boys God only knows. We have fent on a memerial to Congress, stating our grievances, and exposing the wickedness of John danis, Rusus King, William Smith and others. Ten of our unfortunate comrades were hanged and beheaded at Porto Cavello who were assured by S--and his affociates, that the undertaking was an hohorable one, and directed by the government of the United States. I seel for you and the children's situation.

I fear it is very unpleasant, but recommend yourfelf to the care of that God who knows my injuries, and I hope he will enable me to redrefs them e'er long. I could write more but my friend waits-kils the boys for me, tell them of their father's lituation and his misfortunes."

I am, &c. ROBERT SAUNDERS.

CARTHAGENA, Feb. 7th, 1807. I embrace the opportunity of captain Parker's return, who was captured sometime since in the South Sea on a whaling voyage going to the United States, to acquaint you and my friends with my present deplorable and calamitous situation; not with the expectation that you or they can relieve me, but merely to convince you how improper it is to take the advice, of any one, let them be ever so near related, when their own interest is concerned. I have found Col. Smith's bonor and profit, to be chains and degradation. I have been thrown into a cell of horror-surrounded by every poisonous insect the country affords—served out twice a day with boiled Yam and Yaker roots about half done, mixed with a little rice, and several of my companions in misery have died from confinement and want. [Here, be bitterly accuses Col. Smith as the cause of his misfortunes and attributes to Rufus King, S. G. Ogden and 3 Adams motives of hostility to the administration of Jefferion.] " We have forwarded a memorial to the government of the United States. through whole interference alone we expect to be enlarged, it unfolds a circumstantial detail of the authors and views of the expedition. How long I shall remain here I cannot tell. I am des. tined for Omos in the province of Mexico. In the mean time I am preparing a long account of this kidknapping expedition, and will, transmit it as early as possible to a printer in the United States."

"Iam. &c. RUBERT SAUDDERS." REMARKABLE WHIRLWIND.

On Wednesday last, about three o'clock took place the most tremendous Hurricane or Whirlwind ever experienced in this county. At the Fork Meeting-House, called the Methodist Meeting, near the dwelling of Aquila Hall, Esq. were swept away seventeen houses and several large trees and fences were swept off-in fact, not a single vestige lest in that thriving place except the meeting-house and dwelling-house of G Gorsuch. The hurricane continued its course from thence northerly across the Falls of Gunpowder to arford county; and, lamentable to tell! the devastation committed in blowing down trees and fences. and entirely destroying the property of David Lee, Junr. living near the Friends' Meeting-House, in said county, &c.

Funeral Sermon.

THE Funeral Sermon of the late Mr. THOMAS SUTTON, will be preached To-Morrow, the 3d instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Methodist Meeting-House, Fell's Point.

Marine Intelligence.

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books.

Arrived, schr. Henriet a, Baxter, 53 days from Amsterdam-gin and dry goods-Von Kapff & Brune. In lat. 41, 45, long. 32, 30, spoke ship Peggy, Wilson, from Baltimore for Lisbon, out 20 days.

Baltimore College.

THE Trustees of Baltimore College are respectfully informed, that the Quarterly Meeting of the Board is to be held on MON-DAY EVENING, the 4th instant, at four o'clock, in the College Rooms.

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Joseph Herbert, No. 15, Galvert street, II AS received by the ships Abeona and John I L Adams, from Liverpool, his entire assortment of

Hardware. Cutlery, &c.

Amongst which are Steel Pit, Cross Cut and Mill Saws Locks and Hinges, assorted in casks Weeding and Hilling Hoes, indo. Sad Irons, in do. Frying Pans Anvils and Vices

Pewter, assorted in casks Waldron's Prime Grass and Cradling Scythes Sickles, in casks And by the Six Sisters from Bristol. Shad and Herring Seine Twine, in bales

Sewing or Sail Twine, in do. All of which will be sold on reasonable terms for cash, town acceptances, or to punctual customers, on the usual credit. may 2

M Culloh & Poor,

No. 197, Market-street, HAVE received per Fame, Abesna, Diana and John Adams, from Liverpool, a complete affort-

HARDWARE; Among which is an excellent affortment of

CUTLERY. May 2

Double Glo'ster & Pine Apple Cheese.

Just received and for Sale at No. 119, Market-

30cclb. Double Glo'ster and Pine Apple 170 boxes first and second quality Spanish

150 do. Muscatel and Bloom Raisins. 70 do. Philadelphia and Castile Soap, 50 do. Mould Candles. 50 bbls. and kegs Jamieson's Crackers.

On Hand. 12 pipes old Cogniac Brandy, and 8 pipes Helland Gin of a superior quality. Old Jamaica Spirits and N. England Rum, in hogtheads.

5000 lb Goshen Cheese, 1000 lb Filberts,

20 boxes Symma Figs, and 30 frails do.

15 boxes Prunes. Imperial, Hylon, Young Hylon, Hylon Skin and Souchong Teas, in chells and by retail; which with a general affortment of Wines and goods in the above line, will be fold wholesale or retail, on the most liberal terms.

JOHN & EDW. M'CLURE. may 2

Irish Linen, &c. LEXANDER BROWN & SON have imported in the Adriana, a further sup-

7-8 and LINEN,

5 4 Sheeting, 3-4, 6-4, 8-4, and 10-4 Diaper, Dowlas, and Brown Holland.

French Dry Goods. Just received by the brig Lydia, via Philadelphia, I box French Linen Cambric, entitled to drawback.

24 pieces extra-superfine do. do. Pocket Handkerchiess, white and colored, Bordered do. do. Extra-superfine neèk do. do. do. Fine French Linen Pocket Handkerchiefs,

Ladies' Silk Stockings, pink, white, open clock and crossed on the instep, Men's white do. first quality, Broad Ribbands and other qualities, Artificial Flowers, A few pieces fine Calenderis.

Rich Lace Veila I small box flat Silk, calculated for embroidery-and other articles. For fale very cheap, for cash or approved notes at 60 days. Apply at No. 35, North Frederick-street. may 2

Joseph Cappeau,

No. 77, Market-Street, TAS received Fresh Fancy and Spring. Goods, sclected from the different arrivals in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, which he offers for fale on his usual

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. Sale by Auction.

ON MONDAY," The 4th inflant, at 10 o'clock, at the lead of Gaystreet Dock, will commence the sale of Dry Goods,

Confisting of

4 cases Book, Cambrick and Fancy articles, 1 do. Cambrick Calutonias,

1 do. sewed Dresses and Shawls,

1 do. purple Shawls,

1 do. Linen Hhdfe.

z do. Callicoes, 1 do. Dimities, 3 bales of Gurrahs,

1 do. Salempores,

ready advertised,

I cale pullicat hhdfs. 300 pieces of Nankeens, 20 d .. India Book Mulling,

1 care of Bed Tick, &c. N B. The greater part of the above goods will be fold wi hout any reserve whatever.

After which at 12 o'clock, 49 hlids - ulcovado Sugar,

80 bags of Green Coffee, 40 pip s 4th proof Brandy.

12 caths of Patent Shot, 40 Boxes white and Brown Sugar,

27 chells Hylon, and Young Hylon Teas, 5 quarier calks Malaga Wine. And for account of the Underwriters, as al-

130 boxes White and Brown Sugars. R. LEMMON & Co. Aud's.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 2d instant, at 12 o'clock, at the vendue warehouse, at the corner of Second and Frederick fireets, will be fold for approved fixty days juner,

65 linds. f the very first quality New-Orleans Sugar, and 130 quarter chefts of Hyson, Young Hyson, Hylon Skin and Scuchong Tea, of good quality, and on a liberal credit.

A sew puncheons of old Antigua Rum. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.

Sale by Auction.

On MONDAY, The 4th inst. at 12 o'clock, at our auction room, at the head of Gay-street dock, will be fold for the benefit of the underwriters, fer approved notes at 60 and 90 days,

130 boxes White and Brown Sugars. R. LEMMON & CO. Auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.

On WEDNESDAY,

The 20th inft. in the afternoon, immediately after the fale of the country feat belonging to Marin Eichelberger, will be fold on the premiles.

A Lot of Ground, containing 6 1-4 acres, situated on the York Turapike Road, about one and a half miles trom the city of Baltimore, and adi ining the property formerly, belonging to Go eral John Swan. The terms will be mide known at the time

of fale, and the property fold all together, or in lots as may fuit the purchafers.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

For Sale, The British built Skip

PATSEY: Burthen 370 tons. The Patsey is a very fine ship; has been completely repaired, and is ready to receive a cargo. She is estimated to carry 600 hhds. tobacco. The inventory will be shewn by ceptain Bowles on board the ship,

lying at Waters's wharf, Fell's Point. ROBERT GILMOR & SONS.

For Genoa,

SCHOOL STATE

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is engaged.

Or, if blockaded, for 1 EGHORN. The coppered and fast-sailing Ship CONNECTICUT, Captain David Maclure: Has a considerable part of her

cargo engaged, and will commence loading in about 10 days. For freight apply to D. L. THOMAS, Ship-Broker.

For Bremen, or the River Jade, (在京) The Ship NORTH AMERICA, Wm. Aug. Tucker, master;

The greater part of her cargo For freight or passage apply to LABES & CO. or

JOHN BOLTE, Broker. d4teo4t

Wants a Situation,

TITHER in a whole sale or retail dry goods or grocery store, a Young MAN, just from the country, who is pretty well acquainted with the mercantile business, having been in the practice for seven years past, and ean produce sufficient testimony of a good charaeter. A line addressed to I. L. and left at the office of this paper will be strictly attended to.

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The subscribers have just received for fale, 100 bags superior qual. Lilbon Corks, about 20 gross each bag, and an Additional supply of Imperial and Hyson

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CINDERELLA;

Or, The Little Glass Slipper. (Particulars expressed in the bills.) BOX One Dollar—PIT, Three-Fourths of a

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George Hussey's dwelling house. Two Lots on Granby and York-streets, opposite to Mr. John Ellis's. -

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