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EASTERN SHORE GENERAL ADVERTISER

EASTON: TUESDAY MORNING
DECEMBER 15, 1807.

On Monday the 7th instant, congress received a written communication from the President, on which the galleries were cleared, and the house continued with closed doors from twelve, till a quarter past five in the evening, when they adjourned; and on Tuesday the house was in session with closed doors, which continued for twenty minutes—the result has not yet transpired. The earliest possible disclosure that comes to our knowledge, shall be laid before the readers of the Star.

The bill to establish a chancery court on the Eastern Shore, was lost on the 10th instant, in the house of Delegates.

The Banks at Hagers Town, and Frederick Town, have both obtained charters—The militia bill was reported in the house of Delegates on Friday last.

Samuel Wright, and Thomas Dickson, Esqrs. have been appointed on the part of the state, directors in the Union Bank of Maryland.

Edward Johnson, Esq. has been elected director of the Bank of Baltimore.

William Kilty, and William Hayward, Esqrs. have been elected directors in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, on the part of the state.

By the ship Messenger, arrived at New-York, in the passage of 25 days from Greenoch, London papers are received to the 4th of November, and Greenoch papers to the 10th.

It does not appear that Mr. Munroe had left England. His furniture, plate, and other equipage were sent off on the 18th October to the London Docks; and the Statira frigate, captain Bromley, having dropped down from Spithead to Lymington on the 30th, to take on board Mr. George H. Rose, it was expected Mr. Munroe would take his departure on board the same vessel. She would sail with the first fair wind.

The Danish government are said to have issued letters of marque and reprisal against the vessels of Great Britain. The French papers say that the Prince Regent of Portugal, his son, and the whole court had sailed for the Brazils, and that the army collected at Bayonne, was on its march for Portugal. The evacuation of Zealand by the British was completed on the 20th of October. Admiral Gambier, with 14 sail of the line arrived at Yarmouth on the 30th October. Russia is said to have declined entering into any treaty of commerce with England. There was a rumor at Greenoch on the 4th Nov. that a treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, had been concluded between France and Russia: There was great activity on the French coasts for an invasion of England.

The Hamburgh papers state that the Electorate of Hanover has been added to the kingdom of Westphalia.

The London Courier of the 19th October contains a proclamation of the king of England for recalling and prohibiting seamen (British subjects) from serving foregin princes and powers.—The proclamation also forbids the commanders of British ships of war from searching ships of war belonging to any nation or nations, in peace and amity with Great Britain.

From Lang's Gazette.

It appears by the Courier of the 22d of October, that the British government have issued a proclamation, declaring the attack on the Chesapeake an unauthorised act. As our papers are irregular we have not the one which contains the proclamation. Several of the London papers, however, observe of it, and say, "His M. Ministers have abandoned a valuable right without an equivalent." And that the proclamation concedes too much to America; other papers advocate the pacific tenor of this proclamation.

The GLOBE, of the 22d of Oct. says, that some individuals connected in the shipping interest, applied to government for information respecting our dispute with America. One of them received from the highest commercial authorities in the administration, a letter, expressing the opinion, that there is every reason to indulge the expectation of a speedy and satisfactory arrangement with America.

London, Oct. 24.

The Dutch papers arrived, were accompanied by private advices, contain- a circular letter addressed from the American Consulate at Amsterdam to the merchants of that city, of which the following is a copy:

"I have to request, that you would hasten the departure of any American vessels which may be to your address, with all expedition.

(Signed) S. BOURNE.

"American Consulate.

"*Amsterdam, 15th October*, 1807."

The instructions upon which the Consulate acted, were transmitted by General Armstrong, the American Ambassador at Paris. The avowed reason for the measure, is, that as the Emperor of the French is determined to act upon the decree of the 21st November with the utmost rigour, it may naturally be expected that the British will retaliate, and order the capture of all American vessels coming from or going to ports under the influence of the French. Although this is the avowed cause, the more probable one is generally understood to be an apprehension of the French. Bonaparte, it is stated, had laboured to promote a rupture between the British and American governments; and failing in that, he has threatened America with hostilities.

The following is extracted from a letter received by a merchant of this city, by the Calypso:

Bordeaux, October 15, 1807,
10 *o'clock, P. M.*

"William Lee, Esq. American Consul in this city, has received a letter from General Armstrong, desiring him to advise all masters of vessels to quit this port in as short a time as possible. The like advice, it is said, has been given to the Consuls at the other seaports—*Bonaparte will have no neutrals*—Americans will have to fight for or against him."

Ev. Post.

[Captain Burke, of the Calypso, who was the bearer of the above letter, heard nothing at Bordeaux of the intelligence it contains, and believes it to be at least premature.]

[COMMUNICATED FOR THE STAR.]

Annapolis, December 12.

Yesterday an elegant entertainment was given to GENERAL WILKINSON—most of the members of both branches of the Legislature, together with a number of the Republican Citizens of Annapolis, were present—The *Governor*, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Delegates, presiding—when the *toasts* (hereunto annexed) were drank, followed by the discharge of artillery, &c.

1. The people: The only legitimate source of power.—Their will the supreme law.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

2. The Constitution of the United States: The palladium of our liberties.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

3. The president of the U. States: The patriot who penned the Declaration of Independence, honest guardians of the nations rights, under whose banners we are prepared to conquer or die.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

4. The memory of General Washington: And the soldiers of the revolution whilst we enjoy the sunshine, let us not forget who braved the storm.—3 guns.

5. Foreign nations: Enemies in war; in peace friends, we exist by the favour of none, nor will we submit to the insults of any.—9 cheers.

6. The Congress of the U. States: The national organ of peace and war, wisdom to decide, and firmness to command, we are ready to obey.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

7. The heads of departments: In whose wisdom and patriotism we have full confidence.—9 cheers.

8. No treaty with Britain: That shall not secure American seamen from impressment.—9 cheers.

9. The traitors to our country: May they perish by the sword of justice.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

10. The militia of the United States: May honor guide, and courage lead.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

11. The State of Maryland: 1 gun, 9 cheers.

12. The Volunteers of Maryland: prepared to avenge their country's wrong's—hearts of oak.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

13. The army and navy of the United States.—1 gun, 9 cheers.

14. The Judiciary of the U. States: Constitutionally independent, but not independent of the law.—3 groans.

15. The American manufactures: Every citizen decorated in home-spun.—9 cheers.

16. The fair daughters of Columbia: May their smiles be reserved for the laurelled patriot—9 cheers.—

The general having retired.

17. General Wilkinson: Who crippled treason in the bud, and saved his country from the horrors of civil war, whereby he secured to himself the obloquy of traitors, spies and assassins; and the love and esteem of every friend to his country.—3 guns, 9 cheers.

VOLUNTEERS.

The Governor having retired, the following toast was drank by the President of the Senate:

The *Governor*, the patriot of '76—Zealous in our cause; may he lead us to victory.

By General Wilkinson—Fraternity—with arms sufficiently capacious to embrace and unite all the children of the State.

By Tobias E. Stansbury, Esq.—May the claws of the American Eagle heave open the jaws of the British Lion, pluck out his teeth at the tune of the "Yo heave Oh!" and the cock crow for joy.

By Robert Dennis, Esq.—The remains of the old American phalanx who have survived the *clash of arms*, the *war of elements*, and the depreciation of *continental money*.

Colonel Williams—A Burr in the throat of every traitor.

General Gale—The memory of Montgomery.

By the Chancellor—The memory of Commodore Preble.

By Doctor Geo. E. Mitchell—May the volunteers of Maryland soon enjoy the luxury of serving their country.

By John Brewer, Esq.—May every traitor to his country take the wings of a Martin, and fly to eternal disgrace.

By John Partridge, Esq.—May the American Eagle soon truss in her talons, the British Leopard.

By Captain Kilty—Honor to those who deserve it.—Infamy to traitors.

Extract of a letter dated Lancaster Pen. December 3, 1807.

"The Senate of this state, (yesterday) unanimously directed the reading of the Declaration of Independence and its insertion upon their Journal, and a resolution was laid upon the table for appointment of a committee to join one from the House of Representatives to draft an address to the General Government, expressive of the determination of the General Assembly to co-operate with Congress in all the measures which may be deemed necessary in the present state of affairs."

Extract from Gov. Alexander's Message, to the Legislature of North Carolina, at the commencement of the Session, on the 18th ult.

"In the month of July last, I received a letter from the Secretary of War, requiring an immediate detachment from the Militia of this State of seven thousand and three men, including officers, being the quota of this State of one hundred thousand Militia, which the President was authorised, upon any extraordinary emergency, to detach, agreeably to an Act of Congress passed on the 18th day of April, 1806. To carry into effect this requisition, I issued my orders to the Adjutant-General, instructing him to have the detachment raised with all possible dispatch.—Though no returns have yet been received, yet I believe that my orders have, with alacrity and readiness, been observed by all grades of officers and soldiers; and, to the honor of our State, the detachment will be principally composed of Volunteers

"It is highly grateful to a patriotic mind, to see with what cheerfulness and promptitude, the people of this State are disposed to obey the orders of the General Government, when properly called upon by the constituted authorities of the same to defend their injured and insulted Country.

"The act of Congress under which this detachment is raised, requires the same to be armed and equipped at the expense of the State. This part of the law cannot be complied with, as this State has made no provision for arming her Militia. If the exigency of the times be such as to require this detachment to take the field, it would prove a miserable and cruel delusion to expose such a band of Patriots, with only such arms as chance hath offered them, to a regular and well-organised army completely equipped. In such an unequal conflict, nothing can be expected but defeat and misfortune. So long as it continues to be the public opinion, that it is best to depend upon the Militia of the United States, in the first instance, for defence against foreign invasion, some provision ought to be made, either by the State or the General Government, for the establishment of Arsenals, from which the Militia might be equipped to take the field instantly, when required. It is high time that a proper understanding should be had between the General Government and this State on the subject. If it is found to be the duty of the State to furnish arms for the Militia, when called upon for general defence, they ought, without delay, to be provided."

We extract the following notice of *Humbold* from a late Moniteur:

"There has lately appeared in Spanish, a Peruvian work, composed of tracts furnished by the inhabitants of Peru, relative to the natural history and manners of that interesting country. Extracts have been given from this work in the English and German languages, to gratify the curiosity excited by the travels of Messrs. Humbold and Bompland. The volume, which is the fruit of these travels, affords much instruction and amusement. The marvellous is, perhaps, carried too far in some instances, especially in the mention made of the little dogs, met on the banks of the Haullaga, whose heads are said to have shown very luminously during the night. But the undoubted facts, and beautiful descriptions amply compensate. We shall here only extract an account of the riches heretofore drawn by Spain, and which she still continues to draw from this part of America.

"In the space of two hundred and sixty-eight years, that is, from the conquest to 1740, she has drawn from Peru, the immense sum of nine thousand millions of piastres, and her annual importation still contines at five millions."

Curious Accumulation of money at compound Interest.

It has been calculated that a single penny put out at 5 per cent, compound interest, at the birth of our Saviour, would have produced, in the year 1786 the enormous sum of 290,991,000000,000-000,000000,000000,000000, pounds sterling, which would make a bulk of solid gold of 110 million times the magnitude of the whole earth; while at simple interest, the same sum, in the same space of time, would only have produced seven shillings and six-pence.

Norfolk Herald.

Was launched, on Thursday the 10th instant, from the ship yard of Tubman Lowes, Esq. at Chatham on Wicomico Creek, the ship *John Guest*, burthen five hundred tons, the largest ship ever built on the eastern shore of Maryland, and is said by judges to be as handsome a ship as was ever built in the state.

Somerset county, Dec. 12, 1807.

DIED, on Wednesday the 3d instant, in Kent county, *Mr. James Steen*, a respectable member of the methodist society. On the preceding Sunday he attended meeting, and it was observed, he entered into the spirit of the devotional exercises with more zeal than usual, and on Monday morning was taken with a vomiting of blood, which continued at intervals until his death.

——, On Monday night last, in this town, Mrs. *Sewell*, consort of Mr. George Sewell.

——, On Wednesday last, in Queen-Ann's county, Miss *Harriet Barrow*, of that county.

Public sale.

BY an order from the orphan's court of Talbot county, will be sold at public sale, on the premises, on MONDAY, the 28th of December, instant, if fair, if not, the first fair day, the Personal Estate of *Thomas Kirby*, late of Talbot county, deceased, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, corn, and corn-fodder, household and kitchen furniture; farming utensils, &c. The terms of sale will be nine months credit on all sums over six dollars, with note and approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale—cash will be required for all sums of, and under six dollars. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock, and attendance given by

BENJAMIN BENNY, Ex'r of
Dec. 15. Thomas Kirby, dec'd.

Public sale.

BY an order from the orphan's court of Talbot county, will be sold at public vendue, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of December, instant, if fair, if not, the first fair day, at the late residence of *William Hardcastle*, deceased, of said county, the Personal Estate of said deceased, consisting of three negroes—horses, cattle, sheep and hogs; farming utensils; corn, fodder, straw, &c.—Also, household and kitchen furniture, consisting of beds, chairs, and tables, and one clock The terms of sale will be nine months credit on all sums over six dollars, the purchaser giving note with security, bearing interest from the day of sale—and for all sums of, and under six dollars, the cash will be required on removing the property. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, and attendance given.

MARY HARDCASTLE, Ex'trx of
William Hardcastle, dec'd.
Talbot county, Dec. 15, 1807. 3

Public vendue.

BY an Order of the Orphan's Court of Queen Ann's county, will be sold, at public sale, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of December, instant, if fair, if not, the next fair day, on the premises of the late *Joseph George*, sundry Goods and Chattels, belonging to the said deceased, consisting of horses, cattle and sheep; household and kitchen furniture; one new, and one old Chaise, with harness.—The terms of sale will be, eight months credit on all sums over six dollars, with note and approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale; and all sums of, and under six dollars, the cash will be required on the delivery of the property. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, and attendance given by

JOSEPH GEORGE, Adm'r.
December 15, 1807. 3

Advertisement.

THE subscriber offers for sale, Three Hundred Barrels of CORN, at eighteen shillings and nine pence per barrel, at his dwelling plantation on Miles River.

WILLIAM B. SMYTH.
December 15, 1807. tf

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of *Joseph George*, deceased, are requested to bring them in, legally proved, and those indebted to said estate, are desired to make payment.

JOSEPH GEORGE, *Adm'r.*
December 15, 1807. 3

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of *William Hardcastle*, late of Talbot county, deceased, are desired to bring them in, properly authenticated, to the subscriber, for settlement—And all those indebted to said estate, are desired to make immediate payment.

MARY HARDCASTLE, Ex'trx of
Wm. Hardcastle, deceased.
Talbot county, Dec. 15, 1807. 3

Baltimore and York Turnpike Road Company.

THE Stockholders of said company are requested to meet on SATURDAY, the sixteenth of January next, at Evans's Tavern, in the city of Baltimore, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order to organize the said corporation, and to choose by ballot, to be delivered in person, or by proxy, one President, eight Managers and one Treasurer, &c. agreeably to the 4th section of the act of incorporation.

Joseph Thornburg,
Thomas M'Elderry,
Nicholas Merryman, of Elijah,
David M'Mechen,
Commissioners.

☞ One news-paper in Easton, and in the English and German papers, in Frederick-Town and Elizabeth-Town, will please to insert the above every other day till the 16th January, and send their accounts to the Editor of the American.

December 15, 1807. 5

Notice to Merchants.

To be rented for the ensuing year, or for a term of years, and possession given immediately,

A LARGE and commodious STORE HOUSE, with a flush cellar under it, and four rooms in the second story; a good kitchen, granary, garden, stables, &c. situate and being on the north fork of Nanticoke River, in Sussex county, state of Delaware, and at that well known town for retailing goods, called *Cannon's Ferry*—The houses are well calculated for the reception of a large quantity of Goods, and store house in good repair, and compleat order, which said property formerly belonged to Jesse Wright, deceased, and was occupied by Matthew Greentree, Peter Snyder, &c. as such. For terms apply to Joshua Willis, near said premises, or the subscriber.

JACOB WRIGHT, Jun.
Dorchester county, December 15, 1807. 3

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of *Thomas Kirby*, late of Talbot county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment to the subscriber; and all persons having claims against said estate, are requested to bring them in, properly authenticated, for settlement.

BENJAMIN BENNY, Ex'or.
of Thomas Kirby, deceased.
Talbot county, Dec. 15, 1807. 3

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber of Queen-Ann's county, hath obtained from the orphan's court of Caroline county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *William Jones*, late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the thirtieth day of June next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this fifteenth day of December, 1807.

3q JOHN HARPER, *Adm'r.*

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of *Charles W. Benny*, late of Talbot county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment to the subscriber—And all persons having claims against said estate, are requested to bring them in, properly authenticated, for settlement.

BENJAMIN BENNY, Ex'r of
Charles Walker Benny, dec'd.
Talbot county, Dec. 15, 1807. 3

Strayed or stolen,

ON Sunday night the 6th instant, a stout Chesnut Sorrel HORSE; his right hind foot white, and a small star in his forehead, with several white spots on his back, occasioned by saddle biles—He is very sluggish in his gait. If any person or persons should give any information of said horse to *George Welsh*, or *Jeremiah Garey*, living in Easton, shall be entitled to a reasonable reward.

Easton, December 15, 1807. 3

Ten dollars reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Easton, on the 22d day of October last, an apprentice Boy, named *George Jenkins*, upwards of eighteen years of age—Had on and took with him, one furred hat, one pair of corded pantalets, one chambray coat, one brown over jacket, two striped Marseilles vests, with some other clothing. I hereby forewarn all persons from harbouring said boy, and all masters of vessels from carrying him away, as I am determined to prosecute all such persons. Whoever apprehends said boy, and brings him to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, paid by

MARTHA CONNELLY.
Easton, December 15, 1807. 3

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscribers hath obtained from the orphan's court of Talbot county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *Hugh Sherwood*, Esq. of Huntington, late of Talbot county, deceased—ALSO—letters de bonis non on the personal estate of Doctor *James Bordley*—All those having claims against either of them, are requested to bring them forward, properly authenticated, for settlement; and all those indebted, either by bond, note, book account, or for sheriff's fees, are requested to make immediate payment.

ELIZABETH SHERWOOD, *Ad'rx.*
THOMAS BANNING, *Adm'r.*
November 24, 1807. 7