Translation of a letter from M. CHAMPAGNY *to Gen.* ARMSTRONG, *dated Paris, Jan.* 15. 1808.

SIR—The different notes which you have done me the honor, to address to me have been laid before his Majesty.

The proceedings of England towards all governments are so contrary to the law of nations, and to all the rules constantly observed even among enemies, that no recourse against this power is any longer to be found in the ordinary means of repression. In order to annoy her, it is become necessary to turn against her the arms which she makes use of herself; and if transient inconviences result therefrom, it is to her alone, they are to be imputed.—Since England respects no lsws, how could they be respected with regard to her? The maritime laws which she violates, ought they still to be a protection to her? And if some powers tolerate the infractions committed on their independence, could they have the right to require, that France alone should restrain herself within limits which her enemy has every where overleaped?

The United States, more than any other power, have to complain of the aggressions of England. It has not been enough for her to offend against the independence of her flag, nay against that of their territory, and of their inhabitants, by attacking them even in their ports, by forcibly carrying away their crews; her decrees of the 11th November have made a fresh attack on their commerce, and on their navigation, as they have done on those of all other powers.

In the situation in which England has placed the continent, especially since her decrees of the 11th of November, His Majesty has no doubt of a declaration of war against her by the United States. Whatever transient sacrifices war may occasion, they will not believe it consistent either with their interest or dignity to acknowledge the monstrous principle, and the anarchy, which that government wishes to establish on the seas. If it be useful, and honorable for all nations to cause the true maritime law of nations to be re-established, and to avenge the insults committed by England against every flag, it is indispensable for the United States, who from the extent of their commerce have oftener to complain of those violations. War exists then, in fact between England and the United States; and his majesty considers it as declared, from the day on which England published her decrees. In that persuasion his majesty, ready to consider the United States as associated with the cause of all the powers, who have to defend themselves against England, has not taken any definitive measure towards the American vessels which may have been brought into our ports. He has ordered that they should remain sequestered, until a decision may be had thereon, according to the dispositions which shall have been expressed by the government of the United States.

NEW-YORK, April 4.

By the Newport packet Alonzo, capt. Westcott, we have been enabled to make a valuable addition to the maritime list of the *Mercantile Advertiser* from the Boston Gazette of Thursday. A passenger informs us that the ship George and Mary, of Newport, had just arrived at Tarpaulin Cove in 28 days from Falmouth, but brings no political news of importance.

Captain Alcorn, from Cadiz, informs, that 80,000 French troops were momently expected in Spain, and that Bonaparte was looked for at Madrid; the Russian fleet in Lisbon, and Spanish fleet in Cadiz, were endeavoring to form a junction, but were closely blockaded by the British, flour at Cadiz had been sold at 12 dolls. but was on the rise.

Captain Herrick who arrived at Newburyport on Sunday the 27th ult. from Gibraltar, informs: That on his passage down the Straits, 28th January off Cape de Gat was boarded and sent in by the English sloop of war Surinam, which was then passing up charged with dispatches for Lord Collingwood, who was off Sicily with 10 or 12 sail, advising him that the Rochfort squadron was out; that on the next day January 22, he passed the Rochefort, squadron consisting of 6 sail* of the line and one brig, steering eastward; that on the 10th of February a large English squadron passed Gibraltar, bound up: that on the morning of the 11th a number, of transports full of troops got under way, destination unknown; immediately after a gale came on from the Eastward, in which several were lost; there were 30 or 40 more transports there with troops, when the violent gale came on, in which capt. Herrick was drove out.

Capt. H. heard, but little said of the threatened siege of Gibraltar.

* *The Rochefort squadron consists of the Majestique, Lys, Ajax, Suffrien, Magnaniem and Jamappe, of the line —and Flora,* 24—*and Surveillante,* 16.

A vessel arrived at Marblehead on Monday last, in 36 days from Rochelle, brings dispatches from Mr. Armstrong, for our government. The bearer was landed at Portland, and is supposed to have proceeded on to Washington.

STAR,

OR,

EASTERN SHORE GENERAL ADVERTISER

EASTON: TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, 1808.

Dispatches are said to have arrived at New-York, from our Minister in France, for Government, which are represented favorable.

From the number of members of Congress absenting themselves for the remainder of the session, and other movements in that body, we are induced to believe that Congress will adjourn on or about the 25th instant; and from present impressions, believe, the President will be vested with power to suspend the Embargo, at such time during the recess, as the state of our foreign relations, and the welfare of the United States, may justify.

By the latest proceedings in the Senate, the case of *John Smith*, appears to progress to a speedy decision; the house of representatives have been engaged in a bill to "raise for a limitted time an additional military force," in the discussion of which, Mr. Randolph, appears to have taken one of his ariel flights, to render the same unpopular, in which he received but a feeble support; and there is every probability of the bill's passing.

The anxiety, as we have every reason to believe, of our readers, to possess the documents relative to our foreign relations, we have endeavored to meet, by devoting a large portion of this mornings paper, to them; and shall on Tuesday, close the correspondence between Mr. Monroe, and Mr. Canning, when the shortest time possible, shall dispose of those between Mr. Armstrong and the French Government—to prevent however, any improper impression being made on the minds of our readers, relative to a letter of Mr. Champagny, subsequently communicated to congress by the President, we give the same in the preceding columns, with Mr. Erskin's, communicated at the same time—a perusal of the former, may lull the many colourings, and exaggerated pictures, drawn by persons, more desirous of diverting the attention of the people from the proper source, than of uniting them in a firm rejection of incrouchments on their rights by any nation.

At a meeting of Thirty-eight constitutional members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, on the 23d ult. at Lancaster, the following resolution among others was unanimously adopted: "*Resolved unanimously*, That we will use our best exertions to support the nomination lately made at Washington of JAMES MADISON, for President, and GEORGE CLINTON, for Vice-President of the United States."

It is reported, says the Aurora, that Mr. Gallatin, has resigned his office of Secretary of the Treasury; and that Mr. Duvall, has been nominated to succeed him.

Extract of a letter from Washington, to the Editor of the Baltimore American, dated 2d April, 1808.

"The injunction of secrecy has been taken off as to the letter from Champaigny, of the 15th January 1808, and as to a letter from Mr. Erskine to Mr. Madison, of the 23d of February 1808, and 5000 copies of each directed to be printed: the American nation will be informed by these documents, that France and England are each oppressing us with injuries and each striving to draw us within their vortex, and that they afford a possitive and most satisfactory contradiction to the base and unprincipled calumnies which have been published relative to our councils being under French Influence. The letter of Mr. Erskine will shew that England is degrading as to the state of colonies; nay, as an independent nation, to a state worse than colonies, restraining our trade unless we trade under British licences, and unless we trade through England, and pay her a tax which she thinks proper to impose, more degrading than the old disgraceful *Tea tax*.—These documents too are a complete sanction and vindication of the Embargo, and the measures of defence adopted by Congress; they also evince the imperious necessity of UNION at this perilous and momentous crisis; and that all the talents and energies of our country will and ought to be in requisition, to preserve the national safety.—And it will be for the consideration of government and of the people, whether a policy ought not to be steadily and firmly pursued to provide for our own defence, and to be connected and involved with neither."

Washington City, April 8.

We have the satisfaction of stating that the whole number of shares, for the erection of a BRIDGE over the POTOMAC, have been subscribed. There is consequently no obstacle in the way of the early accomplishment of this object, which it is the determination of the company to carry into effect with the least possible delay.

For this purpose the *Commissioners* are requested to meet at Stelle's hotel on Saturday, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Daniel Bedinger, late Navy Agent at Norfolk, has just published a pamphlet complaining of his removal from office. The Secretary of the Navy, we are informed, has some time since made the necessary official arrangements to obtain full statements in writing, in relation to certain vessels that had been freighted in behalf of the government by Mr. Bedinger, in relation to various purchases stated by Mr. Bedinger to have been made from Solomon Bedinger, his brother—from a Francis M. Armstead clerk of Solomon Bedinger, and from James and Wm. Bennet, and also in relation to repairs that had from time to time been made at the public Navy Yard upon the vessels of Mr. Bedinger. These statements are to be obtained, it is said, not for the newspaper vindication of the Executive, nor for the newspaper crimination of Mr. Bedinger, but for the solemn consideration of the Attorney General of the United States.

Baltimore, April 6.

JOHN SCOTT, Esquire, is appointed, by the Governor and Council, Chief Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore county, vice Walter Dorsey, resigned.

Notwithstanding the noise that is made, in the eastern and middle states, by the enemies of the administration, about the miseries resulting from the embargo, it appears to press harder on the southern planters, than on any other class of citizens; yet they cheerfully acquiesce in the wisdom of the measure, and willingly resign themselves to its privations without murmur.

An Embargo in France has been laid upon all Sardinian vessels, and letters of marque and reprisals against Sardinia, have been granted by his French imperial majesty.

A new duty of 25 per cent, has been laid upon Molasses at the Havanna, which must operate heavily upon American vessels now there, as a number are loading with that article.

The hon. John Quincy Adams is stated to have written to Gov. Sullivan, that the present administration of Great Britain is determined, at all hazards, upon war with the United States and that our minister at London gives it as his unequivocal opinion, that our only reliance is upon our own energies.

The Embargo is said to have produced such distress in the two Floridas, as to induce Governor Folch to have a personal conferrence with Governor Claiborne, at New-Orleans on the subject of supplies, accompanied with threats in case of refusal. Porto Rico and Cuba are also represented to be in great distress.

The following gentlemen were on the 7th inst. elected directors of the Union Manufacturing Company of Maryland: William Patterson, John M'Kimm, John Gill, Robert M'Kim, A. J. Schwartz, Ludwig Herring, William Jones, John Trimble James H. M'Culloch, Wm. Wilson, Benjamin Ellicot, Robert Gilmor.

New-York, March 30.

We have been informed that letters from England, under date of Feb. 23, state, that a treaty offensive and defensive has been formed between Great Britain and Sweden, by which Great Britain is to furnish 15 sail of the line and 10,000 troops, to join in some great expedition yet unknown, and 100,000 pound per. month. Perhaps this force is only intended to defend Sweden against the expected attack from France and Russia.

April 5.

Extract of a letter from Cadiz, dated February 13.

"The French have levied on the inhabitants of Lisbon a contribution of twenty millions of dollars; and as the Prince Regent carried off all the specie in his expedition to the Brazils, the church plate has been seized and two thirds of the church revenues held in sequestration for the payment.

A terrible massacre of the Indian tribes on the Missouri, took place in January last. The Sacs and Foxes were the victims; the Ottos, Mahas and Sieux, the perpetrators of the murders. "Men, women and children were nearly all destroyed," says the Washington Expositor. A few of the chiefs however have escaped; and taken refuge at St. Louis.

Savannah, March 19.

Worthy of Imitation.—The military of this city have been on duty the greater part of the last three days, under the inspection of adjutant general Newnan, and have behaved throughout in a most soldierly manner. Their performances were truly elegant and accurate, and afforded much gratification not only to their commanders, but to every one who had an opportunitity of witnessing them.

FOR THE STAR.

MR. SMITH,

As we are to have two important elections this year, the first for choosing a Representative to Congress, and the second choosing an elector to choose the President and Vice-President of the United States, it is recommended to the republicans of Talbot, Caroline and the upper District of Dorchester county, composing the 10th electorial District to choose deputies, viz. four from Talbot county, four from Caroline and two from the upper district of Dorchester county, who shall meet at Denton, on the second Tuesday in June next, to fix on some suitable character in said district, to be taken up as an elector of the President and Vice-President of the U. States.

The republicans of Queen-Anne's county, are invited to send forward four deputies at the same time, to confer with the deputies of Talbot and Caroline, on a suitable person to be taken up as a candidate for the eighth district at the next Congressional election.

A VOTER OF THE DISTRICT.

April 9, 1808.

Some American vessels, are by an arrival at New-York, represented to have been burnt, after taking out the crew, and cargo, by French cruisers, for trading to English ports—the particulars we shall endeavor to give on Tuesday next, with a French Decree, interdicting said trade.

A British 50 gun ship and a frigate went into Hampton Roads with dispatches, on Sunday morning the 27th ult.

Advertisements crouded out this morning, shall appear in our next.

Departed this life in Centre-Ville, on Thursday morning, 17th March, after a lingering illness of four day's, Lieut. *William T. Wright*, of the Troop of Horse, commanded by Capt. Joseph H. Nicholson.—The circumstances of his death are as follows—On the preceding Saturday the Troop met for the purpose of exercise, Mr. Wright's horse reared, and, as is supposed, when in the act of rearing, checked his horse very suddenly—the creature fell back directly on him.—Medical aid was immediately resorted to, but it had not the desired effect, his whole frame appeared to have received considerable injury from the fall.

On Friday his remains were attended to the Methodist Meeting-House by Capts. Nicholson and Jones' Troops of Horse, Capt. William H. Nicholson's Company of Infantry, and a large concourse of people, a discourse suited to the occasion, was delivered by the Revd. Mr. Reynolds; after which they moved in procession to the White Marsh, the late dwelling of the deceased, where his remains were interred—the ceremony concluded by discharges from the Infantry and Cavalry.

In the death of this amiable young man, society and his brethren in arms will sustain a great loss.—He has left a young and rising family to lament his untimely end.

Died, on Monday evening last, Mr. *Thomas Applegarth*, a respectable farmer, in the vicinity of this town.

DIED, on Saturday morning the second inst. of a short illness, *William Cheers*, of this county, in the 35th year of his age.

Attention

THE Infantry Officers of Talbot county, are invited to attend at Easton, on *TUESDAY*, the 12th instant, at eleven o'clock, to adopt some regular mode of Exercise—it would be agreeable if the officers of Dorchester and Caroline could find it convenient to meet their brethren of the Brigade.

P. BENSON.

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of *Amasa Robinson*, late of Talbot county, deceased, are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, for settlement, on or before the first day of December next, at which time a dividend of the assets then in hand will be made among the creditors, according to law—Those who neglect to bring in their claims, legally authenticated, may expect to be barred from any benefit of said dividend—And all those indebted to said estate, are desired to make immediate payment to the subscriber. Suits now pending make it impossible to appoint an earlier day for a dividend.

THOS. COWARD Adm'r of Amasa Robinson.

Easton, April 12, 1808. 3q

LOST,

ON Wednesday the 6th instant, on the road between Easton and Denton, a Red Morocco Pocket Book, with a number of papers; two notes payable to the subscriber, and two old Lottery tickets, which papers can be of no use to the finder, who ever should find them, and let the owner know it, shall be satisfied for their trouble.

ANTHONY ROSS.

Denton, April 12, 1808. 4

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of *James Tilghman*, junior, for property purchased of Hugh Sherwood, are requested to make payment to James Earle, jun. on or before the last day of this month; they will otherwise, without exception, be proceeded against the next county court.

JAS. EARLE, Jun. Trustee.

Easton, April 12, 1808 2

Dancing School.

J. B. DUCLAIRACQ respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Easton, and its vicinity, that his Dancing School will not commence again until the 27th instant, in consequence of his being detained longer in Baltimore than he expected.

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Notice

IS hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of *Philemon St. John Downes*, late of Caroline county, dec'd. to make immediate payment to the subscriber: And all persons having claims against the said estate, are warned and desired to exhibit the same, properly authenticated, on or before the first day of December next, to the subscriber, at Hillsborough, on which day a dividend will be made and paid of the assets in hand, and delinquents barred by law.

HENRY DOWNES, Adm'r of P. St. J. Downes.

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N. B. A Store House and two dwellhouses, kitchens, stables and gardens, to to be rented at Hillsborough, by H. D.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT I intend to petition the judges of Dorchester county court, or one of them, for the benefit of an act of assembly, passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, entitled, "an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and of the supplements thereto, to release me from debts which I am unable to pay.

ABRAHAM VANHORN.

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Remaining in the Post-Office, at Georgetown Cross Roads, April 1, 1808.

WILLIAM BRISCOE, James Bevans, (3) Moses Briscoe, Benj. Barger, Richard Blackiston, Richard Bryon, Wm. Barns, Thomas Braden, Elenor Brooks, Moses Cannon, N. Clopper, Philip Crisfield, Daniel Carrell, Thomas Chears, Elizabeth Crabbin, Cornelias Comegys, (2) John Colwell, J. W. Dowell, Mary Dixson, Thomas Dodson, (2) John Dawson, Thomas Dill, James Devers, Thos. Etherington, Rev. Col. Ferguson, (2) John Griffin, capt. John Gray, John Glahn, Wm. Ginn, Wm. C. Hartt, (3) Vincent Hatchison, Peregrine Hendrickson, John Hugh, George Horsey, John Hollandshead, John Jervis, Samuel Johnston, James Jones, J. Jonson, William Knight, (2) Dr. William Matthews, (4) Janes Moales, Rev. George Moore, William Mersgrove, Mary Miller, Aquilla Meeks, jun Ann Massey, Robert Maxwell, (2) John Moffett, Jacob Moffett, Amelia Price, James Strop, John Savin, William Stuart, Betsy Singles, Joseph Stapley, William Spearman, Peregrine Sudler, Milly Taylor, Matthew Tilghman, Joseph Thompson, Esq. (2) Robert C. Walmsley, James Welch, Js. Wilson, Jane Wiley, James Winget, R. F. Wilmer.

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Remaining in the Post-Office at Chester-Town, (Md.) April 1, 1808.

UNIT AINGER, Esq. Jeremiah Leo Buyley, Mrs. Jane Brooks, Nancy Bennett, Sam. Chaplin, Thomas Corse, Thomas Cuff, Miss Eliza Dunding, Miss Ann Dunn, Joseph Everett, Peregrine Edwards, Mrs. Etherington, Miss Mary Flearharty, James Groome, Jonathan Greenwood, John Humphreys, Silvia Holmer, James Haward, Joseph Harper, John Hurtt, of Mergan, Nath. J. Jones, Joseph Mitchell, Wm. M'Grachen, Geo. Neal, Wm. Park, Daniel Plain, Thomas Pearce, James Rain, James Reed, (3) Thos. Roberts, Capt Thos. Robinson, Thos. Rock-Hall, John Roberts, James Reyne, Joseph Rochester, John Soward, Js. Simmonds, Richard Tittle, Wm. H. Tilghman, Jos. Thompon, Sam. Thomas, John Taylor, Mrs. Ann Terry, Mrs. Rachel Vickers, Mrs. A. S. Veazey, John Whittington, James Whitaker, Rachel Walters Eliza. Young.

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Remaining in the Post-Office, at Centreville, (Md.) April 1, 1808.

JAS. BUTCHER, (2) Mr. Buchner: Jas. R. Blunt: John Brown: John Duhamel, (2) Jno. Denny: Eliza Denny, Denny and Erickson: Wm. Dickinson: Lodman Elbert: Perry Emory, (2) Thos. Earickson: R. T. Earle (3) Jas. Farrow: Benjamin Ford: Robert S. Gamble, (3) John R. Giles, (3) Henry Gelder: Susan Ginger: Goderin and M'Mullin: Harriet Handy (2) Wm. S. Harrison: Elizabeth Hemsley: Henny Hill: Rachel Harper: Simon Light: Stephen Lowrey: Alexander Maxwell: John Mourland: Benjamin O'Bryon: Robert Oldson: Wm. Philips: Christopher Price: Wm. Price: Timothy Padget: George Pratt; Ann Parsons: John W. Price: Sally Quimby: Barshable Rightson. Thos. Reynolds; Levi Rochester: Thomas Ricaud: Nathaniel Ross: William Sudler, (2) Emory Sudler: John B. Spencer: Richard Thomas. Matthew Vining: Mary Wederstrandt: Richard Willy: Wm. Wood (2) Thos. Wright: Susan Williams: George Williamson: John Williamson: Sam. Wright, jun. John Watson: Benjamin Walters.