STAR, OF THE WEST

General Advertiser.

EASTON....TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1812.

The Legislature of this State closed their session on Tuesday night last, having passed 225 Laws—an abstract list of which will be found in the first page of this morning's paper.

Washington City, Jan. 7.

WM. PINKNEY, Esq Attorney-General of the United States, arrived in this city a few days ago.

We learn that despatches reached this city yesterday from Mr BARLOW, our Minister in France. Mr. Edward Griswold of New York is the bearer.—He came over in a vessel arrived at Norfolk from England, where Mr. G. touched on his return home. We learn verbally that the aspect of our concerns in that country were flattering, though it is said no change had taken place in the actual state of affairs.

The bill for raising an additional military force of 25,000 men, yesterday passed its third reading in the House of Representatives by a majority of *sixty* votes. Some amendments have been made by the House which require the concurrence of the Senate, and the bill has yet to receive the Executive approbation before it becomes a law. But, as the bill originated in the Senate, it is not probable that much opposition will be made in that body to the slight amendments by the House; nor, as the bill goes for to put the nation into that armour & attitude recommended by the President in his message at the opening of the session, is it at all probable that his signature will be withheld. So that we may consider the bill as having become a law.

The passage of this bill, it is expected, will dissipate the cloud of misrepresentation which has overshadowed the proceedings of Congress. Suspicion and jealousy can no longer affect to believe that Congress are not *in earnest*. After agreeing to raise 25,000 additional troops there cannot remain a shadow of doubt of their employment in WAR, as soon as they can be organised for service; unless a very material change should take place in the state of our foreign relations.

It is, we believe, the sentiment of the nation, that decision ought now to characterise the measures of our government. Having, from a love of peace and an indisposition to engage in European warfare, been for five years past reluctantly content with measures of commercial restriction; and now, perceiving that forbearance and remonstrance have failed to procure a respect for our rights; the People, their spirit roused by the indignities they have witnessed, loudly call for measures of a stronger character. Congress, acting under the impulse of public sentiment and feeling, and the recommendation of the Executive, have adopted one measure, and others are in forwardness which, under present circumstances, can only be justified by a determination to employ the force in due season in open active war. In this aspect we view the measure, and under this impression announce it to our readers as the first *war measure*.

As to ulterior measures, there is every reason to believe they will immediately engage the attention of Congress; who, having, in our view, passed the Rubicon, will see the necessity of proceeding in their course with energy and dispatch. The sword being drawn, the scabbard must be thrown aside. For Congress to refuse to follow up this step by the adoption of the necessary defensive or preparatory measures, would be to measure back the ground they have trod, and could only lead to humiliating defeat or dagradation in the eyes of the world.

January 9.

The Senate have rejected all the amendments of the House of Representatives to the Army Bill which go to limit the appointment of officers, &c. by very large majorities. It remains for the House to recede from, or insist on, their amendments.

The House of Representatives have progressed in the digestion and consideration of other preparatory measure, suited to the crisis, as will be seen by a reference to the proceedings of the two last days. The bill for organising a volunteer corps was yesterday debated in committee of the whole. The number authorised is *fifty thousand*; and an appropriation of three millions of dollars is contained in the bill, applicable to the objects it contemplates. The committee made considerable progress in the bill, but adjourned without reporting it to the House. There is not much doubt of its passage through the House of Representative.

RICHARD RUSH, Esq. Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, has reached this city and entered on the duties of his office

POPULATION OF THE U. STATES.

AT FOUR SEVERAL PERIODS.

1780	1790	1800	1810
2,051,000	3,929,226	5,303,666	7,239,930

EXTRACT TO THE EDITORS OF THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN—DATED

"*Washington, Jan. 6.*

"The bill to raise an additional military force passed the House of Representatives this afternoon by a vast majority. Our republican delegation were unanimous in its favor.

"I cannot convey to you a just idea of the speech of Mr. WILLIAMS, from South Carolina, in support of this war measure. No man, whose mind was not feasted with the extatic delight it afforded, can conceive its irresistable weight of argument, its glowing pathos, its fire, its splended dress, the impressive manner in which it was delivered, nor the Roman energy and overwhelming vehemence of the speaker's elocution. This gentleman is an ornament to the councils of his country. His speech alternately excited indignant rage against the the invetrate foe of the nation; contempt of those who had depreciated the resources, and exalted the power of the enemy; drew forth tears for the slaughtered East Indian, as well as American, and filled the grateful soul of the patriot with unspeakable feelings, while the orator dwelt upon the noble virtue and brilliant achievements of our illustrious ancestors of the revolution. You have seen and heard COOPER. The voice of Mr. Williams is more vigorous, more powerful, more commanding than that of this celebrated tragedian. I could perceive a striking resemblance between his manner when he gave utterance to the bolder feeling of scorn and indignation, and the manner of Cooper. A more glorious exhibition of the powers of eloquence has not been witnessed this session within the walls of the American capital."

FROM THE BOSTON CHRONICLE.

VERY INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

Two very ingenious mechanics, living at Montpelier, within the pale of the Green Mountains in Vermont, having a laudable zeal to improve the mechanic arts with advantage to themselves, and their country, and further stimulated by the generous premium* offered by the French government, for the best method to spin flax, &c. engaged in the invention of machinery for that purpose; and it is with pleasure that the writer of this article can say, with the fullest assurance, that they have accomplished this grand design. This machinery has stood the test of experience; the principle is entirely new, and as simple as perfect. The machinery is now in actual operation, and has run (more or less) for the six months past.

The principle, if rightly applied, with suitable materials and corresponding machinery, will produce every kind of cordage manufactured from flax or hemp, which is necessary for the convenience of mankind, from the coarrest rope yarn to the finest cambrics.

The economy produced by this machinery, when contrasted with cotton spinning, is three eighths, and upon manual labour four fifths.

This astonishing improvement in the art of spinning, which mechanics and men of science in all parts of the globe have labored in vain to produce, seems peculiarly reserved to be brought forth by the new world, and at a time the most fortunate.

It is worthy of remark, that the authors of this invention are sober industrious men, but in very indigent circumstances; and it is feared unable to prosecute to advantage so noble a design.

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* One million of Francs, or one hundred and eighty seven thousand four hundred dollars.

From the New Orleans Gazette.

The following are the principal features of the Constitution as reported by Mr. Maguder some days ago:

The state to be called *Louisiana*.

The general assembly to consist of two branches.

The lower house to contain not less than 25, nor more than 50 members: to be elected by persons owning 50 acres of land (or paying tax on property the value thereof) for two years. Their qualifications are. 21 years of age, property to the amount of 500 dollars, citizenship of the United States, and two years residence in the state.

Senate elected for four years by the electors of representatives. Qualifications—30 years of age, citizenship of the U. States and four years residence in this state, and property of the value of 1000 dollars. One half of them to go out every two years.—The state is divided into twelve senatorial distaicts, of which each county forms one; and they are to remain indivisible.

The governor elected by the people for four years. Qualifications—35 years of age, citizenship of the United States, and six years residence in the state—eligible for the succeeding 4 years.

The lieutenant governor elected in same manner as governor, and for same term—to be president of the senate; when that body is in committee, to vote and debate in the same manner as the rest of the members. In case of death or disability of the governor, he is to act in his stead—and in failure of both, the president elected by the senate to officiate.

The judicial power is confined to a supreme court of errors and appeals, and to such other inferior courts as may be created

The judiciary for such offences as are not impeachable may be removed from office on the joint address of three fourths of each branch of the legislature. The appointments to office (except in the militia) to be made by the governor and senate.

Militia officers, below the rank of majors to be elected by the persons composing the companies:—Those above, by the officers.

Extensive forgeries detected.—On Monday last some counterfeit notes were passed in George Town, and on being discovered they were traced to a person by the name of *Stewart*, lodging at Semmes's hotel. On searching his bed room, notes to a considerable amount were found, and others were found under a window which he was heard to hoist before the door was forced. He was immediately arrested, and confessed that he had an accomplice in George Town and another in Washington, who were immediately sent for and taken into custody—their trunks being searched, notes were found on almost all the banks in the Union to the amount (as our informant thinks) of at least 150,000 dollars!—He further confessed that two of their accomplices were in Richmond and two in Baltimore, with much larger sums than they had—messengers were immediately dispatched to both these places, and we hope the whole gang will be brought to justice. He says the notes were all executed in Canada—some of them are so well executed as almost to deceive the nicest observer.

Alexandria Herald.

Extract of a letter from a Resident of Washington City, to a Gentleman in Richmond, dated

"DECEMBER 31, 1811.

"The awful calamity which has covered your city with mourning, has excited the sympathy of every body here. Our hearts are full of tears. None of us deem it unmanly to weep over a misfortune that has curtailed, or entirely destroyed the hopes of so many families. One dread hour has torn from you the fairest forms and the best supporters of your social existence; and mingled in one common grave the tenderest buds and hardiest plants of your community. If it be any consolation to the unhappy survivors and relatives to know that they have numerous sharers in their sorrow, they may be assured of a sphere of fellow feeling only bounded by the confines of civilized life. I have met with no individual whose bosom was not touched with compassion for your woe. May the hand of Providence assign to the inhabitants of Richmond hereafter blessings commensurate to their present sufferings."

Officers of the Navy and of the Marine Corps.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of Commodore *Nicholson*, senior Officer of the Navy of the United States, you are requested to wear crape on the left arm and on the sword hilt for one month.

PAUL HAMILTON.

Navy Department, January 6th, 1812.

James Barbour, Esq of Orange, Speaker of the House of Delegates, is elected Governor of Virginia for one year, in place of the lamented *George W. Smith*, Esq.

COMMUNICATION.

The purchasers of "Bozman's Hist. of Maryland" are requested to correct the following *Errata* of the Press, in addition to those annexed to the end of that work. The distance between the Press and the residence of the Author, precluded him from revising any of the proof-sheets as they were first struck off. Some of the sheets were subsequently sent to him, which enabled him to annex the list of *Errata*, which appears at the end of the volume. Others were never received; in which the following typographical errors appear, and which the reader is solicited to correct with his pen.

In page 66, line 4, *dele* the word "for," and insert "from"

pa. 134, l 13, instead of "Charles," read "Charter"

pa. 137, at the end of l. 14, after the word "by," insert the word "them," and annex thereto a period or full stop, and make the next word—"three"—begin with a capital letter.

pa 145, l 25, *dele* the word "boat," and insert the word "last."

pa. 149, l. 21, alter the word "Hittatinny" into "Kittatinny"

pa. 151, l. 9 and 10, alter the word "Pocomoke" into "Pocomoke."

pa. 154, l. 5, instead of the word "following," read "preceding."

pa. 194, last line of the note, alter it from "vol 1" to "vol. 8."

pa. 229, l. 5, instead of "Donay," read "Douay"

pa. 230, l. 23, alter the semicolon into a comma.

pa. 287, l. 29, instead of "came," read "become"

pa 289, l. 21, *dele* the letter s at the end of the word "provinces"

pa. 293, l. 3, insert the word "away" between the words "taking" and "the right."

pa. 385, l. 25. insert the words "might have been," between the words "as" and "created."

pa. 386, l. 33, read "county" instead of "country,"

pa. 386, last line. alter the figures "1790" into "1570."

The following is an account of the Wars between England and France, with the terms of their duration, since the one which commenced in 1110, and which continued two years—1141, one year. 1161, twenty five years. 1221, fifteen years. 1275, nineteen years.—1294, five years. 1339, twenty one years. 1368, fifty two years. 1422, forty nine years. 1492, one month. 1512, two years. 1521, six years.—1549, one year. 1557, two years.—1569, two years. 1627, two years.—1666, one year. 1689, ten years. 1702, eleven years. 1744, four years. 1756, seven years. 1776, seven years. 1793, nine years; and lastly, in 1803 which still subsists, making with a period of 600 years, 256 years of war.

London Paper.

The Choptank Bridge Company.

A GENERAL Meeting of the Stockholders in this Company will be held at the court house in Easton, on *Wednesday*, the 22d day of January, instant, at 2 o'clock—at which the accounts of the Directors will be exhibited and the opinion of the company required upon points of importance; and at which the attendance of every member is particularly invited.

By the Board,
NS HAMMOND, Presdt.

Easton, january 14——2

PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be offered at public vendue, on Wednesday the 22d inst if fair if not, the next fair day, at the late dwelling of *William Brown*, deceased, and agreeably to his last Will and Testament, his Personal Estate, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, horses, cattle sheep and hogs; a fatted steer for beef. Also a young stud horse, three years old next spring (got by Governor Lloyd's horse Virgt. Un) A quantity of Indian corn, corn blades, tops and husks, and wheat straw. *Also*, a quantity of clover hay; between 2 and 3000 weight of salted pork; carts, ploughs, and other farming utensils. *Also*, a quantity of bricks, and various other articles, too tedious to mention. Nine mon hs credit will be given on all sums of eight dollars and above, with note and approved security; all sums under eight dollars the cash will be required. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock, and continue from day to day till the whole is sold Attendance given by

WILLIAM BROWN, ex'or of William Brown, deceased.

Talbot county, jan. 14——2

VALUBLE FARM

AT PUBLIC SALE.

Agreeably to the last Will and Testament of John Higgins, *late of Talbot county, deceased.*

WILL be sold at public sale, on the 6th day of February next, the Dwelling Plantation of the said deceased, (adjoining Abbott's Mill, near the Trappe) containing four hundred and fifty seven and a half acres of land; one half of which is in a high state of cultivation, well enclosed, the residue havily timbered; a part of the arable land might at a small expence be made valuable meadow. On said farm are a good dwelling house, with every necessary out house requisite for a family As it is presumed any person wishing to purchase would view the property, a further description is deemed unnecessary.

The above farm will be sold to the highest bidder, on a credit of one, two and three years, in equal annual instalments, the purchaser giving bond with approved security, bearing interest from the date. Possession of the property will be given on the first day of January next, with privilege of seeding wheat next fall—Further particulars will be made known on the day of sale, by

JOHN HIGGINS.
THOMAS HIGGINS,
adm'rs of John Higgins, deceased

january 14——4

NOTICE.

THE subscriber takes the liberty of informing his friends, and the public generally, that he has commenced keeping PUBLIC HOUSE, at Denton, in Caroline County, at that well known stand and eligible situation, opposite the Court House, formerly, and for many years, occupied by Mr Benjamin Denny; that he has sufficient stables and good servants for the accommodation of those who shall please to favor him with their custom, and hopes by his own attention to merit a share of public patronage.

GOVE SAULSBURY.

Denton, january 14——3

TAKE NOTICE.

THE subscriber of Dorchester county, hath obtained from the orphan's court of Dorchester county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *Samuel Colston*, late of Dorchester county, deceased—All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof to the subscriber, on or before the 21st day of July next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 14th day of January, anno domini 1812.

JOHN PHILIPS adm'r of Samuel Colston.

Cambridge, january 14——3q

NOTICE.

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

JOHN HIGGINS, } adm'rs of Jno.
THOMAS HIGGINS, } Higgins, dec.

january 14——3

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of the neighbourhood of the subscriber, living in the township of Newgarden, Chester county, Pennsylvania, on the night of the 2d instant, a dark brown or black HORSE, about 15 hands high, shod all round, with the fore shoes too piecad, about 10 years old, a small star in his forehead and some white on one hind foot, carries well, and in good order—Also was stolen at same time, an oldish saddle without a cloth, and about a half worn curb bridle Whoever secures said horse and thief so that he be brought to justice, and I get the horse, shall have the above reward, or ten dollars for the horse only.

WILLIAM CHANDLER.

1st mo. 14——m

N. B. Any information of the above horse from the neighboring counties addressed to Joshua Taggart, in Easton, or Benjamin Chandler, near it, will receive due attention.

BLACKSMITH'S SHOP.

THE subscriber intends carrying on the *Blacksmith's Business*, in the shop lately occupied by *William Thompson*, where the public can be supplied with all kinds of work in that line

FRANCIS PARROTT.

Easton, january 14——3

A LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office, Centreville, January 1, 1811

JOSEPH BROWN; Nathan Betton; John Beard; Ann Brown (2) Westley Bordley, Tobias Burk, Thomas Betton; Mrs. H. M. Blake—C Ebenezer Covington; Danl E. Cain; William Cather; Clerk of Queen Ann's county—D. Mary Dougherty; Elizabeth Durdin—E. Joseph Ewin; Sarah Emerson—F. Henry Field—. William Grason; Henry Gilder—H John Hore; Thomas Harris; Francis C. Hall; Jonathan Harrison; William Hackett—I. Richard J. Jones; Nancy Johns—L Corbin Lee; Joseph Lewis (2)—M. John M'Feally (3)—N. Daniel Newnam—P. William P Patterson—R. Wm S. Richardson; Jacob Ringgold; Ed. Ringgold; Stephen Rollings—S. H. Scrivener; Wm. Sanders; John E Spencer; Philemon Spencer; Charlotte Spencer; George Spence—T. Asa Enos, of Edmund Taylor; John L Tilghman; Robert Tuite, jun. Edward Tilghman (3) Abraham Tomkins—V. Margaret Vezy—W. James Wilson; Susan Williams; Peggy Wesey; Mrs. Betsy Wright; Polly Warner; John T. Watson; Thos. Wright.

january 14——3

NOTICE.

ON application to me during the recess of the Court, as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District, by the petition in writing of *John Jones*, an insolvent debtor of Talbot county, praying the benefit of an act of Assembly, passed at the November Session, 1805, entitled, "an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and of the several supplements thereto on the terms in the said act and supplements mentioned and prescribed, stating that he is now in actual confinement; and that by reason of sundry misfortunes, he is wholly unable to pay all his just debts; that he is ready and willing and offers to deliver up to the use of his creditors, all his property, either real, personal or mixed, his necessary wearing apparel & bedding excepted—a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors as far as he can ascertain them, being by him returned upon oath—And the said Jones having satisfied me by competent testimony, that he hath residnd for the two years next preceding this date within the State of Maryland, and having also passed bond with approved security for his appearance at the next county court, to be held for Talbot county, to answer to the interrogatories and allegation of his creditors—I do therefore hereby order and adjudge that the said Jones be discharged from imprisonment, and that by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Easton Star, and by setting up advertisements at the Court House Door of Talbot county, four weeks successively, three months before the first Saturday of May Term next, he give notice to his creditors to appear before the County Court, at the Court House, in said County, upon the aforesaid day of May Term, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Jones should not have the benefit of the said acts as prayed. Given under my hand this 13th day of June, 1811.

RICHARD T. EARLE.

janaury 14. 1812——4

MARYLAND,

Worcester County, to wit:

ON application to me the subscriber, in the recess of Worcester county court, as an Associate Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Maryland, by petition in writing of *Charlotte Greer*, of said county, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session one thousand eight hundred and five, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms mentioned in the said act; a schedule of her property, and a list of her creditors, on oath, as far as she can ascertain them, being annexed to her petition, and the said Charlotte Greer having satisfied me by competent testimony that she has resided in the state of Maryland for the period of two years immediately preceding this her application, and the sheriff of Worcester county court having certified that the said petitioner is in his custody for debt and for no other cause whatever, and the said Charlotte Greer having given sufficient security for her personal appearance at Worcester county court, to answer such allegations as may be made against her by her creditors—I do therefore order and adjudge that the said Charlotte Greer be discharged from her imprisonment, and that she, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted once a week for three months successively in one of the newspapers published at Easton, and also by setting up like notice at the court house door, and at the door of one of the taverns at Berlin, three months before the first Saturday in May Term next, give notice to her creditors to be and appear before Worcester county court, on the said first Saturday in May term next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Charlotte Greer should not have the benefit of the act of assembly aforesaid as prayed. Given under my hand this 25th September, 1811.

JAMES B ROBINS.

january 14, 1812——3m