ult. from which we extract the following

BRIDGE-TOWN, (Barbadoes) Oct. 18.

The schr. Adventure, came in at noon, with despatches from Martinique, addressed to the Senior officer in command of the Navy at this port. By this opportunity we learn, that the line of battle ship La Lys, and a frigate which we formerly stated to have arrived at that Island, had conveyed thither about 1000 French troops, who have been suffered to land, and are for the present lodged in Hospitals; for so late as the 13th inst. the governor had not been authorized to give up that colony. On the arrival, however, of this force, a vessel had been despatched to his excellency Sir James Leith; and, as orders for relinquishing that place would in the first instance be transmitted to his excellency, we shall shortly, in all probability, be acquainted with the intentions of our government, as they regard the ceded French Islands, whether or not they are to be restored before the arrangements on the continent shall be finally settled. A schooner with wine, &c. which had arrived at Martinique from France, has been permitted to land her cargo, and others that were momently expected, will no doubt experience the like indulgence; but we are of opinion, that nothing beyond this will be granted, until it be learnt in what way the discussions at Vienna are likely to terminate.

TRINIDAD, it is stated, is to be given to the Spaniards, and our government is to receive the Floridas in exchange. If this be true, it will create another obstacle to peace with America—as they claim West Florida, as included within the boundary specified by the cession to them of Louisiana. The Americans received a Spanish title to Louisiana, though they paid the fifteen millions to France.

Kingston, (J.) Nov. 14.

It affords us much pleasure to be informed that captain the Honorable Anthony Maitland of H. M. S. Pique, has received letters from the Admiralty expressing in very flattering terms their explicit approbation of his prompt adherence to his instructions, in not coming to an engagement with the American frigate Constitution, when he fell in with her on the 4th of May last. Many who were at that time unacquainted with the circumstances of the case, thought captain Maitland had not acquitted himself with strict propriety; but his having peremptory orders to avoid a contest, places his conduct in the most honorable point of view.

RICHMOND, (Va.) Dec. 17.

[OFFICIAL.]

AFFAIR OF JONES'S POINT.

Extract of a letter from Major Wily Campbell, to Major Segar—and forwarded by Gen. Cocke to the Governor, dated

"Jones's Point, Dec. 7, 1814.

"The detachment under my command which marched at 6 o'clock this morning with a view to attack the enemy's barge, should they attempt to recover the barge, which had been brought off in the night by the two deserters, and left two miles below the encampment, arrived at the spot where the barge lay before sunrise, when the detachment of 22 men from the King and Queen Artillery, under capt. Holmes and Lieut. Harwood, was formed in a single rank upon the right, and the 16 under the command of Lt. Hoskins and Ensign Campbell of the King and Queen rifle company on the left, and the whole marched to the foot of the river bank under cover of trees and bushes, where they lay concealed at the distance of 40 yards from the barge at the shore. In a few minutes a boat from the hindmost of the enemy's vessels, a sloop of war, just opposite to where we were, was discovered making directly to the shore, and shortly after a barge under sail, and with oars also put off from the same vessel, and pursued the course of the othe boat; when the first boat which appeared to have about 16 men on board, had approached so near the barge at the shore, as to discover some of my men; we fired on them, and immediately rushed to the water's edge, under the fire of the boat near the shore, as also under the sailing barge, then about 200 yards distant; but the distance being inconsiderable, the men under my command fired with such deliberation and decision, so as to kill every man in the boat except three, two of whom appeared to be badly wounded. At this time the enemy had manned two large barges and the object of the expedition being accomplished, I determined to risk nothing in an attempt to capture the barge, but brought off the detachment, not one of whom sustained the sligh est injury. In this little affair, the officers and men under my command, displayed but one character, an enthusiastic ardor to meet the enemy, and in every instance, gave me entire satisfaction. The enemy some short time after, under cover of their cannon, towed off the boat with their dead and wounded."

Extract of a letter to the Deputy-Adjutant General, from Col. R. E. Parker, dated

"*Westmoreland, Dec. 5.*

"On Thursday morning the 1st inst. I received information that the enemy were ascending the Rappahanock in some force, and immediately issued orders for the regiment to be assembled and held in readiness during the day and night of Friday. I was opposite Tappahanock, where their fleet lay, observing their movements, and endeavoring to ascertain their views on this side the river, when on Saturday morning by day light, they were discovered ascending the river with the view of plundering Leed's-Town of its tobacco, &c. Before night, I had reached the cliffs about seven miles below that place with 2 6 pounders under Capt. Middleton, near enough to place them in battery very early the next morning. Here I found Maj. Brockenbrough with two other pieces and some infantry; and we concluded, with the advice of Gen. Parker, who accompanied me, to occupy this fine position with our artillery, and resist to the last the enemy's further progress up the river. He was then in sight, and had on that morning sent up a barge, landed, and reconnoitred this very ground. Yesterday, however, about 10 o'clock a. m. very contrary to our expectation, either induced by orders from below, or fearing to proceed higher when the river was every mile narrower, he got under way and made all sail below, and by the last accounts from Maj. Brockenbrough, is near the borders of Lancaster county."

6th Dec. 10 o'clock A. M.—Since writing the above, I have heard that the Artillery of the 41st Regt. had a skirmish yesterday with 6 or 800 of the enemy at Farnham Church, about 20 miles below; that they have lost one of their pieces, and that Capt. Shackleford was severely wounded. The other particulars I have not learnt."

(Enclosed in Col. Parker's letter)
Dated, Camp at Richmond Hill,
3 o'clock, 6th Dec.

"I have just learned that the enemy landed from 13 barges this morning at Milton Glasgow's—they had not advanced into the country. The shipping remain as yesterday. Prisoners and deserters are constantly coming into camp; the number is ten, and several on the way. The ball has not been yet extracted from Capt. Shackleford's leg—Doctor Jones is with him—W Garland is also wounded in the shoulder severely. The prisoners state that Cockburn is upon his station. Capt. Barry commanded yesterday. They have taken off a number of negroes; but have done little other injury.

"These men say they are a part of Lord Wellington's force, and were in Spain with him."

We understand that Capt. Vincent Shackleford of the House of Delegates, with about 60 of his Artillerists, encountered 400 of the enemy with the utmost intrepidity that he gave them several fires with his two pieces, and drove them from the plain. Eventually capt. S. was wounded and taken prisoner—the enemy paroled him with compliments on his conduct.—*Enquirer.*

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 22.

Upon the return of the British frigate Menelaus down the Bay on Sunday last, she came to anchor nearly opposite this city, where she continued for the night. While at anchor negroes to the amount of 20 and 30, the property of different individuals in this city and neighborhood, went off to her and were taken down the Bay.

Yesterday John H. Thomas, Esq. was nominated in the house of delegates as a senator to represent this state in the senate of the U. S. for six years, commencing fourth of March, 1815.

AMERICAN AND Commercial Daily Advertiser.

BALTIMORE: *Friday, Dec. 23.*

OUR COMMISSIONERS AT GHENT.

It gives us much pleasure to observe, that the conduct of our Commissioners at Ghent has met with the entire approbation not only of all the Republicans, but also of all impartial Federalists—[We don't expect any approbation from the *third party men*, for *their* views are very different from the two former]—When the correspondence between the American and British Ministers shall be published on the continent, it will open the eyes of the nations of Europe, and serve to undeceive the misguided people of England.

We are highly gratified to learn, from an authentic source, that the American Commissioners are held in great estimation by every class of the inhabitants of Ghent—Every day and every night, they have invitations to the houses not only of the Public Authorities, but of all the most respectable citizens—At a meeting of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, our Commissioners were present, and unanimously elected honorary members of the Institution; and in the evening were specially invited to a splendid banquet given on the occasion—*My Lords the British Commissioners, were not present!*

We further learn, that the American Commissioners, in return for these distinguished marks of attention, gave a grand entertainment to the Magistrates and principal inhabitants of Ghent—This entertainment was given in a splendid saloon and garden in the vicinity of the city, which were beautifully decorated and illuminated for the purpose—The British Commissioners had been invited; but, on the morning of the day, they suddenly recollected that they had some important business at Brussels, and *were not present*—Such is the dignified way "his Lordship's Agents" conduct themselves at Ghent!

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Office of the Mercantile Advertiser,
New York, December 21.

Sailed, this morning the privateer Chasseur, capt. Boyle, on a cruize; ship Essex Junior, for France; and several others, bd. to Europe and southern ports.

Arrived, schr. Hannah and Amelia, from Hyannis, with fish.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MAIL.

"*Boston, Saturday Evening, Dec. 17.*

"Messrs. Crookes & Butler,

"The United States frigate Constitution, Captain Stewart, went to sea this day. She passed the Light House at about 45 minutes before 4 P. M. with a breeze from the westward. When last seen, at dark, she was steering about East, under her three topsails and jib—*Success to her!*

"The driver of the Portsmouth Stage, which arrived this evening, understood at Lynn that an enemy's ship had been seen off there this afternoon.

"The Newcastle was in Cape Harbor yesterday morning. A person who conversed with one of her officers understood that the only vessels she had taken lately were two brigs which had been captured by the Grand Turk privateer of Salem, and retaken by her, one of them very valuable. The prisoners were on board. She had chased the America, and several other privateers, but could not catch them.

"A boat, which came in last evening from Wellfleet, reports that the Newcastle was lying in Cape Harbor yesterday at 1 P.M. waiting to take in water, &c. and that another frigate was in sight at two, off the south shore, apparently endeavoring to get into Provincetown.

"After the Newcastle got off on Tuesday, two boats were left to collect the spars, &c. which they were unable to accomplish. They then endeavoured to reach the ship; but not being able went on shore at Truro, where most of the men deserted, and the officers went to the ship by land. On Wednesday another barge captured the sloop Carmel, hence for Orleans, with provisions, &c but not being able to get to Cape Harbor with her, they plundered her; and, taking one of her crew for a pilot, sat off for the Newcastle; but this person conducted them up Wellfleet Bay; and having got the barge among the surf, the crew were compelled to land, when they all (8 in number) deserted, and the officer who was in her departed for Provincetown by land. The people at Orleans, hearing of the circumstance, went and brought the barge to that town.

"No boats or vessels of any kind, have come in to-day,"

Salt is now selling in Newbern for two Dollars per bushel.

MILLEDGEVILLE, DEC. 7.

In consequence of the active trade now carried on between St. Mary's and Amelia Island, the staple articles of our country are rising in prince, and we should suppose there would be some diminution in the cost of foreign productions. Prime Cotton is selling in Augusta at 13 cents—Flour at $5 50 cts. The exports and imports are greater at this time at St. Mary than any other port.

A CURIOUS FACT.

Communicated for the Federal Gazette.

On Friday the 25th November 1814 an English barge ran into Wicomico river and cut out a small schooner, having 450 bushels wheat on board. On the Sunday following the schooner was discovered by a Mr. Barnet Tier, who lived on Wicomico, apparently beating up the bay under her mainsail and jib. This gentleman thinking he knew the schooner paid attention to her manœuvres; when she was off St. Jerome's creek she appeared to touch ground, hove about, filled her sails, stood into the creek and grounded. She was immediately boarded, the cargo found entire, but somewhat wet, and not a soul on board.

BY AUTHORITY.

E PLURIBUS UNUM

AN ACT

For extending the time for locating Virginia Military Land Warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the general land office.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, their heirs or assigns, entitled to bounty lands within the tract reserved by Virginia, between the Little Miami and Scioto rivers, for satisfying the legal bounties to her officers and soldiers upon continental establishment, shall be allowed a further term of three years, from and after the passage of this act to obtain warrants and complete their locations, and a further term of five years, from and after the passage of this act as aforesaid, to return their surveys and warrants, or certified copies of warrants to the general land office, any thing in any former act to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided,* That no locations, as aforesaid, within the abovementioned tract, shall, after the passing of this act, be made on tracts of land for which patents had previously been issued, or which had been previously surveyed; and any patent which may, nevertheless, be obtained for land located contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be considered as null and void.

LANGDON CHEVES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
E. GERRY,
Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.
November 3, 1814—Approved,
JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Supplementary to an act, laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies, on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that in respect to the stamp duties of any of the notes of private bankers, which are subject by law to such duties, it shall be lawful for the secretary of the treasury to agree to an annual composition, in lieu thereof, with any of the said private bankers, at the rate of one and a half per centum on the amount of the annual profit made by such private bankers, respectively upon the capital employed in the business of their respective banks, to be ascertained as is hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted.* That every private banker who shall be desirous to enter into the composition aforesaid shall, at the time of proposing the same, transmit to the secretary of the treasury a statement verified by his own oath or affirmation, and that of his cashier, or principal clerk, of the amount of the capital employed, or to be employed in his bank, and the charges and expences of conducting the business thereof in such detail as shall be satisfactory to the secretary of the treasury. And every private banker after entering into such composition shall keep a weekly account of his discounts, issues of bank notes, and deposits, and shall, once in every month, transmit to the secretary of the treasury a transcript thereof, verified by oath or affirmation as aforesaid; and he shall also half yearly, make and transmit to the secretary of the treasury, a statement of the profit of his bank for the preceding half year, verified as aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of carrying such composition into effect, the secretary of the treasury may, from time to time, estimate the profits of the said private bankers respectively, either according to the amount of the capital by them respectively stated to be employed in the business of their respective banks as aforesaid, and the half yearly profits by them respectively stated to be actually made thereon as aforesaid, or according to the amount of the capital, which, upon the general principle and practice of banking, would be requisite and proper for conducting the business of a bank to the extent appearing upon the said monthly returns of the said private bankers respectively, and the usual profits made upon such capital. And the said private bankers, respectively, shall pay to the collector of internal duties for the district wherein their banks respectively are established, for the use of the United States, a composition in lieu of the said stamp duties, at the rate of one and a half per centum on the profits of their respective banks, estimated and ascertained in either of the modes aforesaid.

LANGDON CHEVES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President, pro tempore, of the Senate.
December 10, 1814.—Approved,
JAMES MADISON.

RESOLUTION

Expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the capture of the British sloop Reindeer, by the American sloop Wasp.

RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to present to Captain Johnstone Blakely, of the sloop Wasp, a gold medal, with suitable devices, and a silver medal, with like devices, to each of the commissioned officers, and also a sword to each of the midshipmen and the sailing master of the aforesaid vessel, in testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of the officers and crew in the action with the British sloop of war Reindeer, on the twenty eighth of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen; in which action determined bravery and cool intrepidity in nineteen minutes, obtained a decisive victory by boarding.

LANGON CHEVES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
E. GERRY,
Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.
November 3, 1814—Approved,
JAMES MADISON.

AUCTION ROOMS,

216, *Market street.*

ON WEDNESDAY NEXT,

At 10 o'clock, A. M. will be offered at Public Auction, an Invoice of

DOMESTIC & BRITISH DRY GOODS,

by the Package only.

APPLETON & POOR, Aucts.

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COTTON,

OF AN EXCELLENT QUALITY,

Just received and for sale by

JOHN OKELY,
55, Smith's wharf.

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Looking-Glass Plates.

PEREMPTORY SALE.

On Thursday, the 5th January next, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the Warehouse of J. Astor, Esq. in the city of New York, will be sold

20 cases Looking-Glass Plates,

Comprising the following assortment, viz.

10 by	8	17 by	12	26 by	16
12	8	17	13	28	16
12	9	18	12	30	18
14	9	20	12	32	18
14	10	22	13	34	20
16	10	22	15	36	20
16	12	24	14	36	21
17	10½	26	15	36	22

The terms will be liberal and every reasonable accommodation shewn to Southern purchasers.

IRVING & SMITH, Aucts.

New York, Dec. 17—23 dt3dJ

R. Y. WELLFORD,

No 137, Market street,

Has just Received

An assortment of the best Cast Steel
Hand, cross-cut, pit and mill saw Files
10, 12 and 14 inch Smiths' Files
Horse Rasps, 3 and 4 key'd Till Locks
Wood Saws
Awl Blades, Shoe Knives and Tacks
Pen & Pocket Knives, Commode Knobs
Handles & Roses, Trunk Locks, &c &c.

Which, added to his former stock, renders his assortment complete.

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AMERICAN GOODS.

J. & W. BARNEY,

Offers for Sale, at No 82, Market street, the following GOODS:

2 cases common Plaids
2 do. superfine Plaids
2 do. coarse and fine Shirtings, 1st quality Bleaching
1 do. 4-4 Checks & Tickings
1 do. 3-4 do.
1 do 7-8 do.
A few pieces of Plains and Satinetts
1 piece superfine mix Broad Cloth
10 doz. 6-4 and 7-4 Shawls
4 cases Cotton Cards
2 do. men's coarse and fine Shoes

dec 23 d4t*

Prime Oak & Hickory Wood

FOR SALE,

Less than half mile from this city, on the George-town road, nearly adjoining Mr. Hignet's Brick Yard. Apply to Mr M'Comb on the lot.

H. PEIRCE.

dec 23 d4t

Tanner's Oil, Whiskey, &c.

20 casks 1st quality Tanners' Oil
A few bbls. old Whiskey
Cadiz Salt, in bbls.
New Orleans Sugar, in bbls.
Hyson Tea, in leads and chests

For sale by

PRENTISS & CARTER,
No. 13, Bowley's whf.

dec 23 eo10t

THE MANSION HOUSE

TO LET

The subscriber wishes to let his late dwelling in Pitt street, opposite the Baptist Meeting House, with the Office and the adjoining vacant lots. The house is in good repair, and one of the most pleasant situations in the city, having an extensive garden, and the property in all respects calculated for a genteel family. To save trouble the rent will be $300 per annum for the whole premises.

EDWARD AISQUITH.

dec 23 eo4t*

American Manufactures.

The Athenian Society have just received at their Warehouse, No 80, Baltimore street,

20 cases of American Goods,

CONSISTING OF

Coarse and fine brown and white Shirtings
Common Chambrays and Stripes
Plaids, Fine Ginghams
Checks, Bed Ticking
Cassinets, Satinets and Corduroy
Fine mixt Kerseymere & Cloth
Sup. black & blue Cloth, of superior quality

Also,

Tow and Flax Linen, Diaper
Fine Yarn Stockings, Cotton Yarn, &c.

For sale on moderate terms

WM. HASLETT, Pres't.

dec 23 eo10t

STRAY HORSE.

Was left at the subscriber's stable on Saturday last, a BAY HORSE, about 9 years old. The owner is requested to come and prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

P. MEAD, Horse Market.

dec 23 d4t*

A SCARCE ARTICLE.

JUST RECEIVED,

A few bags SHOT, from 3 B. to No. 4,

And for Sale by

NORRIS & MARTIN.

Who have in Store,

A few kegs very superior Rifle and Glazed Gunpowder, made by the justly celebrated Dupont & Co. which they invite sportsmen to give trial. They also inform their customers that they are well supplied with the staple articles used in families, say Coffee, Sugar, Tea, &c. at a less price than they have been able to purchase for some time past.

dec 23 eo4t

REMOVAL.

The subscriber has Removed his Counting Room to the store lately occupied by Mr Geo. S Baker, corner of Market & Lightsts and has just received the following MERCHANDIZE, which he offers for sale by the package or piece for cash or approved notes:

7-8 super. printe Cambrics
4-4 wided Jaconet Muslins
9-8 super. Imperial Shirtings & Long Cloths
3-4, 4-4 & 9-8 Shirting Muslins
9-8 Cambric Muslins
White and coloured Quilting
Silk striped Mole Skin Vestings
Extra super. white Shirting Flannels
Middling priced Blue Cloth
9-8 Cossac Shawls
Imitation Angola do.
German Dowlas
Long yellow Nankeens, &c.

LOTT RIDGELY.

dec 23 2aw4t

EXTRA ILLUMINATION:

CHRISTMAS EVE

AND

NEW-YEAR'S EVE.

In addition to the Regular Evenings

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS,

PEALE'S MUSEUM

AND GALLERY of the FINE ARTS.

Will be Illuminated on SATURDAY, the EVE OF CHRISTMAS, and again on *SATURDAY,* the EVE OF NEW YEAR.

☞ Ladies and Gentlemen, intending to go in parties, are recommended to procure tickets previously, to prevent delay at the door.

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CHRISTMAS BALL.

F. D. MALLETT will give his Christmas Ball next SATURDAY, that day being the Eve of Christmas, and a day for his regular Practising Ball, he hopes to receive a part of the public patronage. Mr M. confesses that at no other time he has had so much need of encouragement as at the present, owing to the unfortunate pressure of the times, having a large family to provide for, the effecting of such an arduous task can only be accomplished with the patronage of a liberal community.

Mr. M is sorry to see that there are a few persons so inimical to him as to make use of their utmost endeavors to prevent the public from encouraging his Balls as they were last winter—those persons, he hopes, have no justifiable cause for so doing

The Ball will be on the same terms as other practising balls, except kept up later. Young gentlemen wishing to attend may obtain ladies Tickets by calling at the Juvenile Assembly Room previous to the Ball. Should the weather be unfavorable on Saturday, the Ball will be on Tuesday next.

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In Chancery, Dec. 19th, 1814.

Heathcote Carroll, &c.

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The Heirs of Wm. Forbes.

Ordered, that the sale of the property under a decree passed in this case as reported by the Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shewn before the 20th day of February next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in the American at least once in each of three successive weeks, before the 20th day of January next. The report states the amount of sales to be $9354 14 cts.

W KILTY, Ch'r.

True copy——Test,

JAS. P. HEATH, Reg. Cur. Can.

dec 23 law3t

Baltimore County, to wit:

This is to give notice, that the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans' court of Baltimore county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Valentine Sanders, late of said county, deceased; all persons having claims against said deceased, are warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers properly authenticated to the subscriber, on or before the 1st day of July next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from receiving any benefit of said estate. Persons indebted to the said deceased are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber. Given under my hand this 22d day of December, 1814.

her
SOPHIA ⋈ SANDERS,
mark

Adm'x. of Valentine Sanders, deceased.

dec 23 law4t

SALE BY AUCTION

ON TUESDAY

The 27th inst. at 10 o'clock precisely, without reserve, at our Auction Room, head of Frederick street dock, on terms which will then be made known, an Invoice of

BRITISH DRY GOODS,

Consisting of

Superfine, second and coarse Cloths, of various colours
Do. of Cassimeres, Vestings, and
Rose Blankets of an excellent quality
White chapel and London Needles
Cotton and Silk Lace, Silk Twist, &c. of superior quality

WM. VANCE & CO. Auctrs.

The above Goods are now open for inspection, and will be found worthy the attention of dealers in such articles. W. V. & Co.

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CHRISTMAS BALL.

Mr. B. BRUNELOT'S next Practising Ball will be on SATURDAY, the 24th inst. Christmas Eve. The Ball will last much longer than usual.

Mr. B. B. recollects with pleasure and gratitude, that at such a period, four years ago, he opened his Assembly Room by a most brilliant Ball, and he now hopes that his former scholars and good patrons will evince the same good dispositions on this occasion

Practising Ball every Saturday during the season

Days of tuition for young Ladies and Boys, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, for grown up Gentlemen, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

N. B. Should the weather prove too unfavorable on Saturday, the Ball shall take place on Monday following, 26th.

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