PHILADELPHIA, December 12.

Extract of a letter from Bordeaux, Oct. 13.

"The government has decreed that the productions of its colonies, shipped in neutral vessels, destined either for the ports of France, or elsewhere, shall pay at the place of loading, both the entry and consumptive duty, exacted on the importation of such productions in France, by French vessels; and that the collonial collectors shall deliver to every captain his intention to proceed with his cargo to France, a legalized certificate acknowledging the receipt of the duties, and specifying the weight, quantity and denomination of the articles on which the duties have been paid. Goods accompanied with such a certificate, are exempt from duties in France. In forming this decree, we presume it was not the intention of government to insist that neutral vessels should come *direct* from the colonies; as it is universally known, Great Britain does not admit the right of neutrals to trade direct from the colonies of a belligerent power to the mother country. We demanded an explanation on this subject from our collector, who says he has received no particular instructions relative thereto; we shall therefore lose no time in addressing the minister, and in advising you the result."

Extract of a letter, dated October 22, 1803, from Mr. Guelde Larrett, esq. Spanish consul-general in London, to Jere Hill, jun. esq. Spanish vice-consul in Bristol.

"To clear up any doubts touching accounts which had been circulated within these few days, in the public papers of this capital, of an embargo being laid on Spanish and Portuguese ships, I now inform you that his excellency the Spanish minister having passed a note to the court of London respecting this particular his excellency lord Hawkesbury answered him, dated yesterday, That no such embargo had been ordered; and that the order which has been given was that no English ship should depart without convoy for the port of Spain and Portugal, on account of the many English prizes that the French privateers had made upon those coasts. All which you will make known publicly, to contradict the very great falsehoods of the public papers."

Brig Samuel, captain Evans, left Malaga 14th October in company with the brig Minerva, of and for Charleston, and brig Fame, for Norfolk. October 15th, spoke ship Woodrop Sims, of Norfolk, from Algiers bound to Gibraltar. October 21, spoke ship Heart of Oak, from Boston, bound to Malaga, out 28 days. Spoke schooner Saba, from Boston, bound to Teneriffee 25 days out. November 17, spoke brig Minerva, from Malaga, for Charleston, 34 days out.

LEXINGTON, November 29.

Whilst we view with pleasure the military ardor which prevades our countrymen, we have the satisfaction to state, that the probability is, their services will not be necessary to acquire possession of Louisiana.—We have received Natchez papers to the 31st ult. and letters are in town from New-Orleans to the 27th, all which are entirely silent as to any defensive preparations by the Spaniards; nor was the idea of their refusing to deliver up that country, hinted at.

RALEIGH, (N. C.) December 5.

On Monday last, the general assembly almost unanimously elected James Turner, esquire, governor of this state, for the ensuing year, there being only two dissenting votes.

A bed of gold ore has been lately discovered in Cabarrus county, in this state, in a creek running through the land of Mr. John Reed, a native of Hesse Cassel, in Germany, which promises to be a source of great riches to the proprietor. The metal was first found by two or three children of Mr. Reed, who were fishing. They brought a few pieces home to their father, as a curiosity, ignorant of its value. On examination, the ore was found not only to be gold, but gold of a very pure quality. Since this discovery, these little boys have picked up daily from 100 to 120 penny weights (worth upwards of 20l. sterling) but the proprietor has lately found a lump of the ore twenty-eight pounds weight, which, it is supposed, when fluxed will yield twenty-seven pounds of pure gold, and is worth upwards of *five thousand six hundred dollars!* These facts are assured to us by one of the members of our general assembly from Cabarrus, now in this city, who has in his possession two specimens of this precious metal, one as it is found, and the other as purified.

NORFOLK, December 6.

Arrived, the British ship Ann, captain Lusk, 38 days from Greenock.

Arrived, the schooner Cornelia, captain Sutherland, 12 days from St. Thomas's.

Arrived, the brig Fame, captain Wm. Drummond, 44 days from Malaga. Sailed in company with the brig Venus, Campbell, for Charleston. Off Gibraltar bay was boarded by commodore Preble, in the Constitution frigate, who informed of peace being made with the emperor of Morocco and the United States. Same evening spoke the brig Samuel, captain Evans, from Malaga, bound to Philadelphia, who informed that he had spoken the ship Nancy Walke, captain Riddick, of Norfolk, from Algiers, going into Gibraltar, and from thence to Lisbon.

Arrived, the schooner Virginia, captain Forsyth, 27 days from St. Jago de Cuba.

Arrived, the schooner Polly and Peggy, captain Beale, 12 days from St. Thomas's.

Arrived, the schooner Margaret Tingey, captain Herbert, 17 days from Guadaloupe. Informs that the English brig Minerva, captain Dixon, from Norfolk bound to Barbados, was captured to windward of that island, and sent into Guadaloupe. Left there, brig Merchant, Throp, of Edenton, to sail in 6 days for Turk's-Island; brig Peace, Brown, of and for Newburyport; brig Franklin, Wayle, in 2 days for Boston; schooner Greyhound, Holmes, for Baltimore, in 8 days; sch'r Rising-States, Brown, for Norfolk, in 10 days; schooner Betsy, Fols, for Charleston, next day; schooner Abba Thulle, Haynes, of Charleston, not sold; schooner Generous Friend, Chammins, for New-York, in 4 days; sailed in company with the brig Lydia, Wingate, for Newburyport.

Arrived, the schooner Telemachus, captain Sugg, 17 days from Jeremie.

Arrived, the British sloop Mary, captain Yates, 17 days from Turk's-Island.

Arrived, the brig Alert, capt. Wright, 14 days from St. Bartholomews.

Arrived, the ship Alexander, captain Ring, 70 days from Liverpool.

Arrived, the British ship Richard, captain Perryn, 50 days from Liverpool.

The Bremen ship Washington, captain Otto, from Baltimore, bound to Embden, put back yesterday, having received damage in a gale of wind.

Entered, ship Ann, Lusk, Greenock; brigs Alert, Wright, St. Bartholomews; St. Barbara, Cortatto, Laguira; schooners Telemachus, Suggs, Jeremie; Virginia, Forsyth, St. Jago; Margaret Tingey, Herbert, Guadaloupe; Polly and Peggy, Beale, St. Thomas's.

Cleared, ships Mercury, M'Gray, Scotland; Mercury, Crosby, Lisbon; brigs Favorite, Fryer, Falmouth; Lucy, Miller, Barbados; Maryland, Petrie, Fecamp, (France); schooners Minerva, Rutherford, Jamaica; Mermaid, Dill, Bermuda; St. Anna, Forneltz, St. Augustine.

BY THIS DAY's MAIL.

SALEM, December 5.

Arrived, brig Plymouth, Lander, Demerara, in 37 days; schr. Four Sisters, Peters, Baltimore; brig Sally, Ramsdell, Surrinam 45.

Cleared, brig Hind, Brace, Bordeaux.

Capt. Crowningshield from the Straits, and capt. Barton, from Batavia, both of Salem, have arrived at the Vineyard.

The schr. Betsy, capt Smith, of this port, has arrived at Cape-Ann, from Baltimore.

NEW-YORK, December 12.

The ship Cheeseman, captain Greenfield, arrived at this port on Saturday, from Amsterdam. He left there on the 28th October, at which time 7000 French troops were on their march to the Sands and the Helder, where it was expected they would arrive on the day following, for the purpose (as was supposed) of being employed in the expedition against England. Business at Amsterdam very dull.

Daniel Ludlow, esq. has resigned the office of navy agent.

In the schooner Generous Friend, captain Chamming, from Point-Petre, came passenger Mr. Lascallier, prefect of Guadaloupe, and his two secretaries; also Mr. Dowsaubin, of Morris-town, (N. J.) and madame Deraney.

Captain Chamming informs us, that about three weeks since, the British frigate Emerald, was lost on the North side of Antigua—crew saved.

The following arrete was yesterday received at the office of the Mercantile Advertiser, from Guadaloupe, and is translated for the information of our commercial friends:

ARRETE.

Auguste Ernouf, general of division, captain-general of Guadaloupe and its dependencies; & Simeon Rousiagneng, prefect *ad interim*, having regard to the remonstrances of the commerce of Guadaloupe, respecting foreigners who sell and retail their cargoes themselves, decree as follows:

Art. 1. The supercargoes or captains of foreign vessels entering the ports of the colony, are henceforward to consign their cargoes to French commercial houses, who shall be answerable for the payment of the import and export duties, and for any frauds that may be committed by said captains.

Art. 2. The same consignment may be made to any foreign merchant, who has been established for two years in the colony, on his paying the patent duty.

Art. 3. Every consignee of a cargo shall sign on the registers of the custom house, the declarations of entry and clearance made by the foreign captains.

Art. 4. All foreigners in contravention of the foregoing dispositions shall be prosecuted by the competent tribunals, and condemned to a penalty of 3000 francs, to be applied to the informer, as determined by the title 6, art. 1, of the letters patent of the month of October 1727, concerning the foreign trade of the islands and colonies of America.

Art. 5. The present arrete shall be printed, read, published and posted up, to be executed under the immediate orders of the director-general of the domains and the customs, and copies shall be transmitted to the commissary of justice, in order that the same may be transcribed upon the registers of the tribunals.

Done at Basseterre, Guadaloupe, the 6th Brumaire, year 12, (29th October, 1803.)

Signed, *Ernouf; Rousiagneng.*

Lloyd's List, October 12. In the Downs, the William, Preston, from Philadelphia. *October 18*, the John Morgan, Howard, from New-York. Arrived at Cowes, October 19, the Light Horse, Collier, from Baltimore. At Leith, the John, Meyer, from Virginia. The San Juan, Gassiot, from Charleston to Africa, is condemned and sold at Goree. In the Downs, October 21, the Roba and Betsy, Richardson, from Virginia. The Principe de Asturias, from New Orleans to Barcelona, is detained at Gibraltar.

The Duke of York packet has been captured and sent into Vigo.

The American ship Mary, Stevenson, sailed from Falmouth on the 11th October for London.

The Friends Adventure, of N. York, arrived at Portsmouth, (E.) on the 13th of October, from Bordeaux, sent in by the British.

The brig Maria Louisa, Lathen, from Norfolk, arrived at Falmouth on the 12th of October, in 55 days.

J. Tubert was landed at Dover on the 10th of October, from on board the Robert and Betsy, from Norfolk.

Arrived at London, the Alert, Stover, from Virginia. At Hull, Esperanza, Elsta, and Harriet, Cox, from Norfolk. Sailed from Plymouth, the Alexander Hodgson, Thorndike, from Batavia for America, released. The ship Franklin, from Boston for Rotterdam, detained at Portsmouth by the Naiad.

Foreign News.

London dates to the 1st November, received by the ship Favorite, from Liverpool.

PARIS, Oct. 7.

Our fleet at Toulon is ready to take advantage of the first favorable opportunity to sail on a secret expedition.

October 11.

The greater part of our troops are now in full motion, the army destined for the landing and for the other purposes, will now be organised with the utmost activity. The generals and chief of the staff of the armies at Bayonne and St. Omers and Brussels have all set out for the places of their destination, and the troops which will compose these armies are either already arrived or on their march. The army of Compeigne, which is to serve as the army of reserve, is also now formed. General Ney, who is to have the command of it, is immediately expected at Compeigne from Switzerland; from each company of the consular guard, 50 men will be taken for the landing. The experienced general Lacourbe will take part in the expeditions. Yesterday the general of brigade, Ramond Dutailles, set out for the camp, as chief of the staff.

The minister of war, Berthier, it is said, will set out the day after to-morrow to inspect the camps at St. Omers and Bruges, and the military positions on the coast. A camp of 12,000 men will likewise be formed at Cherbourg.

October 12.

It is determined, we are assured, that Bonaparte will place himself at the head of the expedition against England, and go on board one of the landing vessels. A plan has lately been laid before the council of state for fitting out a large number of flat-bottomed boats, which will be fastened together with iron chains, and will carry a great number of men. Bonaparte is establishing a marine guard, to consist of chosen sailors who will form the crew on board of the vessel on which he embarks.

Amsterdam, October 15. In our Courant, it is said, under the Paris head, that the Russian envoy, count Marcoff, has given a note to the French government, signifying that his court will not see with indifference the march of the French troops through Spain, to take possession of Portugal.

Hague, October 8. The French general Monnet has signified to the magistrates at Flushing, that the first consul would arrive there upon the 11th instant. His retinue will consist of 20 generals, 40 domestics and 69 horses. It is believed that Bonaparte will likewise visit the interior of our republic.

Brussels, October 6. General Ney, who is expected from Switzerland, will command the camps forming on the right and left of Dunkirk. His head-quarters will be at Salherwyk.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.

Forwarded from St. Thomas by the brig Rover, captain Hardie.

Extracts from the log-book of the brig Edward, Charles Tyler, master, from St. Domingo, for New-York.

Oct 20, sailed in company with the sloop Sally, Reuben Paddock, schr. Enterprize, capt. Church, all of and for New-York; left at city of Domingo, brig Hunter, capt. Smith, and a schooner not recollected of and from Baltimore, was not permitted to sail with their cargo until several petitions were presented to the general in chief, and afterwards granted for La Cayes, to sail under convoy. 25th, in lat. 21. 50, N. spoke the sloop Experiment, from Baltimore, out 27 days, bound to Port la Paix. 26th, in lat. 22, 35, N. at 6, P. M. was brought to and boarded by a piratical ship privateer, called the Fly, of Bermuda, John Paulden, master, & a Mr. Wood, first lieutenant, on a cruise for six months, and out three; robbed my passenger of two bags of money said to contain 500 dollars, and his passport—stole from me my stores of liquors, beef and bread out of the lockers, pork out of the cask, a turtle and turkey; but they returned two barrels of oranges and even a point bottle—broke open the peoples chests, and stole from them their best clothes; threatened my life if ever I spoke a word, and even touched me twice with their swords—and abused me for all the damned Yankies they could; and took charge of the brig for upwards of six hours, the captain even came on board in disguise and took on board the ship all my people for examination, and even swore my cook as to the cash I had on board of my owner's property; the only satisfaction I received from the piratical captain when I requested him to do me justice, and respect the colors I sail under, for their abuse on board my brig, and depredation committed by them on my person and property—was, what they do they are authorized.

In witness whereof, we set our hands this 5th day of Nov. 1803, at St. Thomas.

CHARLES TYLER.
Passenger, WM. CAREY.
Mate, JOSEPH WILLIAMS.

N. B. People all sick, and brig sprung a leak, only two men and myself to do duty, was necessitated to bear up for St. Thomas in distress.

FEDERAL GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

The brig Mary, Lynch, of Boston, from Lisbon for Alexandria, was spoke in lat. 37, 30.

Extract of a letter from a young gentleman in Bordeaux, to his friend in Charleston, dated September 20.

"I have just been to the dock-yard, where they are building gun-boats for the invasion of England; they are long-boats without sails, having one 24 pounder at each end; they carry from one to two hundred and fifty men each. In this city 500 are to be built, of which about 150 are almost finished, and the whole are to be completed in one month and a half. About 12,000 are to be built or building on the coast of France. With these, and 800,000 men now under arms, they hope to shake the power of England to its very basis."

We are advised of an error in our paper of the 7th inst. respecting the mention therein made of papers presented to the house of representatives on the election of Mr. Purviance. No petition was read against Mr. Purviance's election; the papers consisted of a copy of a notice and two depositions; in consequence of there being no petition, it was represented as not in order to act on the papers, but at the particular request of Mr. P. the necessity of a petition was dispensed with by the house, and the papers referred to the committee of elections. [*Nat. Int.*]

FROM BRYDEN'S MARINE LIST.

December 13.

Arrived, last night, brig Potomak, Tupper, in 48 days from Havre—balast—the master. Left there, Oct. 25, brig Edmund, White, of Boston, the only American vessel in port—The barque Nixon, Shaw, of Savannah sailed 10 days before for Rotterdam.——Captain T. brought no newspapers—he says the building of gun-boats was carried on with the same degree of alacrity as usual—Nothing of importance had transpired since the date of our last advices from France. Spoke some British cruizers off the French coast; informed him of the prospect of a war shortly with Spain and Portugal.

Also, this day, schr. Maria Sophia, Griffith, 22 days from St. Bartholomews sugars—Charles Christie.

By captain Deagle's packet, we have been favored with the Norfolk Herald of the 8th and 10th instant, from which the following articles are copied:

NORFOLK, Dec. 8.

Arrived, the schr. Sally, capt. Hathaway, 17 days from Antigua. Left the following vessels there on the 18th ult. Ships Dart, Peck, of Norfolk; Lucy-Ann, Cooper, do. brigs Relief, Shanks, do. Ann, Trueman, New-Haven; Active, York, Falmouth: schrs. Rajah, Rock, Richmond; Mary, Meigher, Bristol; Amazon, Carlton, ——; Fox, Fowler, New-York; Isabella, Tarbett, Boston; Samuel, Smith, bound to St. Croix; sloop Lady Washington, Weeks, N. York. The brig Fair American, Whilden, of Philadelphia, was there, dismasted.

Also, the ship Shepherdess, capt. Willis, 42 days from London. The ship Roba and Betsy, Richardson, from this port, passed Gravesend the 24th of October. The schooner Harriet, Cox, from this port, arrived at Falmouth Oct. 18. The ship Julia, Calvert, sailed in company with the Shepherdess for this port.

Also, the schooner Unity, capt. Fitzhugh, 9 days from St. Bartholomews.

Also, the ship Farmer, captain Palgarys, 65 days from Oporto.

Entered, ship Richard, Perrin, Liverpool; schooner Unity, Fitzhugh, Harogalant; sloop Greyhound, Beebe, New-London.

Cleared, ships William and Mary, Teplins, Gibraltar; Fame, Clark, Liverpool; brig Jefferson, Richmond, Jamaica.

December 10.

Yesterday arrived the remarkable fast-sailing ship Julia, captain Calvert, in 39 days from London. The captain says he has London papers to the 24th of October on board; we have, however, late European accounts by the armed ship Aurora, capt. Stuart, in 35 days from Liverpool. They are of very little importance to American readers. The British government, in the London Gazette of the 27th October, declared the late fever in Philadelphia and New-York to be the *plague*, and in consequence ordered a strict quarantine on all vessels from those places. It was rumored in London on the 26th, that the prohibition on the sailing of vessels to Spain & Portugal, was taken off. Some articles from our Liverpool papers, which are up to the 29th of October, shall be given in our next.

Arrived the ship Julia, capt. Calvert, 40 days from London.

Arrived in Hampton Roads, the armed British ship Aurora, capt. Stewart, 35 days from Liverpool.

Arrived in Hampton Roads, the armed British ship Dunrobin Castle, captain M'Bride, 35 days from Liverpool.

Arrived, the British ship Crawford, 39 days from Glasgow.

Arrived the British brig Ann, captain M'Kinley, 42 days from Greenock.

The ship Ritton, capt. Wakefield, from City Point to London, put back yesterday in distress, 17 days out.

The ships Perseverance, Dickson, and Aberdeen, ——, both from this port; and the Mary, of Newburyport, have been detained at Rotterdam, on the plea that they had touched at a British port for orders.

The ship Young Eagle, from N. York to France, is detained and sent into Bristol.

The Franklin, Bowes, from Boston to Rotterdam, is detained and sent into Portsmouth.

The Commerce, M'Farlane, from Dunbarton to Virginia, has sprung a leak and put into Liverpool.

On the 27th October, the following American vessels are noticed as arrivals:

Russell, Osborne, from Washington
Bath, Trasher, from Massachusetts
Fox, Minns, and Ranger, Goodson, from Boston
Albion, M'Lean, from Savannah
Nabby, Crandell, from Portland
Thomas Chalkley, Gibson, from New-Orleans.

Cleared, brig George, Taylor, Barbados; sch's Ruby, Davis, Newburyport; Mars, Dangerfield, West-Indies; sloops Prosperity, Pintard, do. Fortune, ——, do. Jenny, Jamieson, Boston.

Sale by Auction.

To-Morrow Morning,

The 15th instant, at 10 o'clock, at our auction room at the head of Gay-street dock, will commence the sale of

A variety of DRY GOODS, consisting of calicoes, Irish linens, tambored and plain muslins, cloths, cassimeres, plains, two bales Turkey red cotton.

Also, without reserve,

698 dozen tapes and bobbins
75 do worsted hosiery
15 elegant Persia carpets
9 cases of coarse hats

And at 12 o'clock,

15 hhds. sugar
63 bags white coffee
10 pipes 4th proof brandy
5 puncheons Jamaica rum
10 pipes Holland gin
4 do Madeira wine
37 bags pepper
28 do. ginger
123 boxes Spanish segars, &c. &c.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct's.

December 14.

Sale by Auction.

TO-MORROW,

The 15th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will be sold,

The Schooner CARMELITE,

Burthen 800 barrels; remarkably well found; built of the best materials, and may be sent to sea at a trifling expence; her inventory will be shewn at the time of sale.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct's.

December 14.

For Charleston, (S. C.)

The sloop CERES,
Capt. Luther;

Will sail in a few days. For freight or passage, apply to the captain on board, lying at Bowly's-wharf, or

PAYSON & SMITH.

December 14. d3t

For Freight or Charter,

The new and fast-sailing Schooner ANN & HARRIOT,
William Sherman, master;

Burthen about 700 barrels, completely found, and ready to receive a cargo immediately. Apply to

SAMUEL R. ROGERS.

December 13. d

For New-York,

The Brig CERES,
Captain Cook,

A fast-sailing and commodious vessel; will take freight or passengers on moderate terms. Apply on board, at present in the basin at anchor, or to

BIGELOW & PROUD,

December 14. d4t

For Sale, Freight or Charter,

The Brig WILLIAM,
Captain Hallsties,

Burthen about 1500 barrels, well found, and ready to take in a cargo. For terms apply to the captain on board, lying at Pannell's wharf, Fell's-Point, or at No. 30, Philpot-street, or to

WILLIAM VANCE,
Ship-broker, Smith's wharf.

December 14. eo8t

Just Published;

By M. & J. CONRAD & Co.

APPENDIX to an Account of Louisiana—being an abstract of documents in the offices of the departments of state and of the treasury.—Price 37½ cents.

December 14. d6t

Kramer & Wilmot

Have received per the barque Unternehmung, captain J. H. Wendt, from Bremen,

White Ticklenburgs of good quality, White Rolls and Table Linen, which they will sell low for cash or good notes. Enquire at No. 18, Commerce-street.

December 14. eo3t

Mr. Duport

RESPECTFULLY informs his pupils and the young gentlemen of the city, that from particular circumstances, he has thought proper to change the evenings of his tuition—which hereafter will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, at Mr. Bryden's.

December 14. eo

Five Dollars Reward.

LOST yesterday, a double case silver WATCH, markers' name Leslie and Price, Philadelphia, No. 1127, to which was appended by a riband, a key and stone seal, on which a fox and cock were engraved. The above reward will be given for leaving the above Watch at

WM. P. BARNES's,
Fell's-street, Fell's Point.

N. B. Watch-makers and others are desired to stop said Watch, should she fall in their hands.

December 14. eo3t