FEDERAL GAZETTE.

SATURDAY, *DECEMBER* 7.

Captain Luckett, of the schooner Hiland, who arrived at Alexandria on Thursday last, in 21 days from Cape-Francois, informs, that three days before he sailed, a boat belonging to one of the British frigates cruizing off there, came in, and the purser informed, that a brig of 14 guns, from Gonaives, supposed to be the *Orion, of Baltimore*, had fallen in with two French privateers in the Caicos passage, and after a desperate engagement had been captured, and every person on board massacred.

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The incendiary who set the house occupied by Mr. Dobbin on fire on Thursday evening last, turns out to be a negro girl about 10 years old, the property of Mr. Dobbin. She says that she was persuaded by some black woman whose name she still endeavors to conceal, to commit the act.—After an examination before Mr. Gorsuch, she was committed to prison.

These repeated instances of a design to fire our city, call upon the citizens for uncommon vigilance; and unless some dreadful example be made, they will have to submit to the duty of patrolling, or run the hazard of having their property, perhaps their families, wrapt in flames.

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On Tuesday last the grand jury for the body of this county, returned to the court, a bill of indictment against John Atkins, alias John Atkins Burford, as a true bill.—It charges him with committing, on the 30th day of July last, a highway robbery on the person of John Peters. The indictment is drawn into considerable length, by descriptions of the different bank notes of which Mr. Peters was robbed.

Monday week has been fixed on by the court for the trial. This delay has taken place at the request of the prisoner's counsel, who stated, that that time would be necessary to obtain the attendance of his witnesses.

The court considering the court-house as unsafe, in consequence of the weak state of the pillars, which support it, have decided the trial to be held in the theatre.

The public mind being highly excited, the trial of Burford in the theatre, will afford room for its ample gratification. It will also add to the solemnity of a trial, which every good citizen anticipates will distinguish the justness of our laws and their administration, as well as the peaceable and orderly conduct of our citizens.

It may, perhaps, to our distant readers not be improper to mention, that John Atkins, alias John Atkins Burford, is, by birth, an Englishman, and, we believe a native of Sheffield; that after living some time in different parts of this continent, he married the widow of a respectable tradesman in this town, and conducted a business which secured to its former possessor, respect, comfort, and the means of accumulating property. [*Alex. Expositor.*]

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At their anniversary festival on Saturday last, the St. Andrews society, at New-York, came to the resolution of erecting a monument, value 400 dollars, to the memory of general Alexander Hamilton, on the spot where he fell.

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LORD NELSON.

The following paragraphs are copied from a late London paper.

While lord Nelson was in pursuit of the combined fleet in the West-Indies, say different letters written from his officers to their friends in England, his mind constantly dwelt upon the hope of falling in with the dastardly foe. One day he jocosely observed, there is just a Frenchman a piece for each English ship, leaving me out of the question, to fight the Spaniards, and when I haul down my colors, I shall expect every captain of the fleet to follow my example; but not till then!

One of lord Nelson's officers having observed, that the combined fleet amounted to 30 sail, his lordship replied, "The lion never enquires into the number of the sheep."

Lord Nelson, shortly after his arrival at Barbados, is stated to have written the following laconic letter to the respective captains of his fleet: "Break the French line as soon as possible—strike, never-never-never."

Lord Nelson, in a letter from Antigua to a friend in London, writes thus—'Although I very much regret the misfortune of not meeting with the enemy in the West-Indies, yet I have the consolation of believing that I have been the humble instrument, under Divine Providence, of saving these islands, together with 200 sail of merchantmen!"

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A letter from Paris, of September 25, says, "Not to alarm his subjects and allies by the reports of frequent conspirators, Bonaparte has ordered the trials and executions of all implicated persons to be *secret*. Hence we hear no more of the late plot than we heard of the conspiracy at Milan last May. One thing is however certain, that the pretended conspirators were not connected with any foreign power, but domestic rivals or disaffected subjects. Several generals are still mentioned as individuals suspected or accused. You have undoubtedly read that Jourdan has been deprived of his command in Italy, and succeeded by Massena, Macdonald sent *for his health* to Barenge, and Lecourbe exiled to his estate near Lous Sannier, in French Comte." [*London paper.*]

MOUNT VESUVIUS.

Naples, August 13.

Yesterday (says a letter) at 10 o'clock at night, the eruption of Vesuvius, of which the earthquake seemed to be the forerunner, took place. We were going to visit the Crater, when the cries of the people, and a volume of flame informed us that the volcano had opened. The lava precipitated itself in three seconds from the last peak of the mountain, and took a direction towards the valley situated between Torre del Greco and Torre del l'Annunziata, two towns on the sea coast beyond Portici, and seven or eight miles from Naples.

"We set off immediately to see this wonderful and tremendous phenomenon nearer. From the place of our departure, we saw the whole course of the lava, which extended already two miles from the Crater, to the houses that join the two towns. The sight was the most magnificently frightful that could be seen. I contemplated the cascades of flame pouring from the top of the mountain, and shuddered at seeing an immense torrent of fire ravage the finest fields, overthrow houses, and destroy, in a few minutes, the hopes and resources of a hundred families.

"A line of fire marked the profile of the mountain; a cloud of smoke, which seemed to send forth from time to time flashes of lightning, hung over the scene, and the moon appeared to be pale. Nothing can adequately describe the grandeur of the scene, or give an accurate idea of the horror of it. As we approached the spot ravaged by this river of hell, ruined inhabitants having quitted their houses—desolated families trying to save their furniture or provisions, last & feeble resource—an immense crowd of curious persons retreating, step by step from the advancing lava, and testifying, by extraordinary cries, their wonder, fear and pity—the frightful bellowing of the mountain, the frequent explosions which burst from the bosom of the torrent, the crackling of the trees devoured by the flames, the noise of the walls falling, and the lugubrious sound of a bell, which the religious of the Camaldules, isolated on a little hill, and surrounded by two torents of fire, rang in their distress:—such are the details of the frightful scene to which I was a witness.

"The moment we arrived, the lava was crossing the great road below Torre del Greco. To see it better we got into a beautiful house on the road side—from the terrace we saw the fire at no more than 15 paces from us—in a minute we descended, and twenty minutes afterwards there remained of the house but three large walls. I appoached as near as the heat and flow of the current would permit me. I attempted at different times to burn the end of my handkerchief in it—I could only do it by tying it to my cane. The lava does not run in liquid waves: it resembles an immense quantity of coals on fire, which an invincible strength had heaped up and pushed on with violence. When it met with a wall, it collected to the height of seven or ten feet, burnt it, and overthrew it at once. I saw some walls get red hot like iron, and melt, if I may use the expression, into the lava. In its greatest speed and on a horizontal road, I reckoned that the torrent traveled at the rate of 18 inches a minute. Its smel resembled that of iron red hot."

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From the Merchants Coffee-House Books.

December 7.

Arrived below, ship Minerva, Blackwell from Batavia—Hollins and M'Bair. Sailed 7th August, from the Straits of Sunda, in co. with the George Washington, Tarris, for Philadelphia. Left at Batavia, 4th August, brig Polly, Coffin, for Nantucket, in 4 days; ship Apollo, Beard, for Baltimore, in 20; Rebecca, Wyse, of do. time of sailing uncertain; John Jay, of Providence, just arrived; brig Rio, of Boston, for Sumatra, capt. Wayne, officers and crew sick. On the 6th of August, passed the ship Jefferson, of Philadelphia, off Angier Roads, bound to Canton.—The ship Ploughboy passed Angier Roads July 24, all well; and the ship True American, for Canton, some time previous. On the 7th, spoke the ship Pekin, of Philadelphia, for Canton, out 112 days, 10 leagues to the S. W. of Java-Head. The ship Patterson Shaw, of Providence, sailed for Surat bay, July 28. The ship Hope, of Beverly, and Harriot, of Salem sailed 1st July for the coast of Coromandel, in search of cargoes; also, ship Virginia, of New-York, for Calcutta, and the Jane, of Baltimore, for Isle of France: The Patapsco, of Baltimore, sailed on the 10th for ditto, with a cargo. The ship Susan of Providence, was spoke by the Minerva, off Bantam-Point, 3d July, from Batavia bound home. The Minerva sailed one month after the Susan, and spoke her again on her homeward passage, Nov. 2, in N. lat. 15, 32, and long. W. 48, 30, out 118 days. She had touched at no port, but had met with severe weather in doubling the Cape of Good Hope.—Oct. 3, lat. 15, 38, S. long. 7, W. spoke a Danish ship from Isle of France, out 6 weeks, bound to Copenhagen. The captain informed us that the port was blockaded by the British. Nov. 22, lat. 35, 30, N. long. 73, 30, W. spoke brig Franklin, 64 days from Antwerp, bound to Norfolk, short of provisions. Nov. 27, lat. 36, N. long. 73, W. ship Amy, from Newport, for Jamaica—same day, ship Ophelia, for N. Orleans. 29th, on the edge of soundings, off Chincoteague shoals, spoke brig Freelove packet, Garman, from Charleston, for Philadelphia, out 12 days.

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Married last evening, by the Rev. Dr. Rattoone, Mr. *Thomas Cooper*, to Miss *Catharine West*, both of this city.

Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED,

Ship Bacchus, Groom, Tonningen
Bonnetta, Endicott, Salem
Schr. Jane, Collard, Martinique

CLEARED,

Brig Two-Brothers, Chase, St. Jago
Argus, Holden, St. Croix
Sea-Flower, Wickham, Guadaloupe
Schr. Ranger, Davidson, West-Indies
General Eaton, Robinson, St. Marks
Felicity, Felty, Havana
Adherbal, M'Neal, New-Orleans
Prudence, Hollis, do.
Pelican, Merritt, Miragoane
Dove, Thomes, Portland

NINTH CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, December 3.

On motion of Mr. J. Clay,

Resolved, That the committee on post-offices and post-roads be instucted to enquire whether any and what abuse exists of the privilege of franking letters, and to report such provision as in their opinion will tend to remedy the same.

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Committees appointed by the House of Representatives.

Committee of ways and means—Messrs. J. Randolph, Nicholson, J. Clay, Quincy, Merriwether, Dickson and Mosely.

Committee of commerce and manufactures—Messrs. Crowninshield Mac Creery, Leib, Early, Dana, Newton and Mumford.

Committee of claims—Messrs. J. C. Smith, Holmes, Bedinger, Stanford, Stanton, P. N. Moore and Thomas Moore.

Committee of elections—Messrs. Findley, Elmer, Eppes, Chittenden, Schuneman, Bidwell and Ellis.

Committee of revisal and unfinished business—Messrs. Tenney, Alston and Claiborne.

Comittee to prepare standing rules and orders—Messrs. Varnum, Dawson, Talmadge, Gregg and Holland.

Committee on post-offices and post-roads—Messrs. Thomas, R. Whitehill, Betton, Cook, Elliot, Knight, Sturges, Covington, Clopton, Sandford, M. Williams, Rhea (of Ten.) D. R. Williams, Mead, Jer. Morrow, Southard and Lewis.

Committee of accounts—Messrs. Conrad, Davenport and Cutts.

Committee to wait on the president, at the opening of the session—Messrs. J. Randolph, Davenport and Cutts.

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The following are the Members who compose the present Congress.

SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

New-Hamp-Shire
*Nicholas Gilman,
William Plumer.
Massachusetts.
John Q. Adams,
Timothy Pickering.
Vermont.
Stephen R. Bradley,
Israel Smith.
Rhode-Island.
*James Fenner,
Benjamin Howland.
Connecticut.
Jas. Hillhouse,
Uriah Tracy.
New-York.
Samuel L. Mitchill,
John Smith.
New-Jersey.
John Condit,
*Araon Kitchill.
Pennsylvania.
George Logan,
Samuel Maclay.
Delaware.
Jas. A. Bayard,
Samuel White.
Maryland.
Samuel Smith,
Robert Wright.
Virginia.
Wm. B. Giles,
Andrew Moore.
Kentucky.
*John Adair,
*Buckner Thurston.
North-Carolina.
David Stone,
*James Turner.
South-Carolina.
John Gaillard,
Thomas Sumter.
Georgia.
Abraham Baldwin,
James Jackson.
Tennessee.
Joseph Anderson,
*Daniel Smith.
Ohio.
John Smith,
Thomas Worthington.

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REPRESENTATIVES
Returned to serve in the Ninth Congress of the United States.

New-Hampshire.
Silas Betton,
Samuel Tenney,
*C. Ellis,
David Hough,
*T. W. Thompson.
Massachusetts.
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Ebenezer Seaver,
William Stedman,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Phanuel Bishop,
*Orchard Cook,
*Joseph Barker,
*Isaiah L. Green,
*Barnabas Bidwell,
*John Chandler,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Samuel Taggart,
Seth Hastings,
*Josiah Quincy,
*William Ely,
*Jeremiah Nelson.
Vermont.
Gideon Olin,
James Elliot,
Martin Chittenden,
*James Fisk.
Rhode-Island.
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Stanton.
Connecticut.
John Cotton Smith,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junr.
Benjamin Talmage,
*Jonathan O. Mosely,
*Timothy Pitken, junr.
*Lewis B. Sturges.
New-York.
*John Blake, jun.
*Silas Halsy,
Henry W. Livingston,
*Josiah Masters,
*John Russell,
*Peter Sailly,
Thomas Sammons,
*Martin G. Shuneman,
David Thomas,
*Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Ransselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
*Eliphalet Wickes,
*Nathan Williams,
*Gurdon S. Mumford,
George Clinton Jun.
New-Jersey.
Henry Southard,
Ebenezer Elmer,
*John Lambert,
William Helms,
James Sloan,
*Ezra Darby.
Pennsylvania.
Joseph Clay,
Michael Leib,
Andrew Gregg,
John Rea,
David Bard,
*Christian Lower,
John Whitehill,
Isaac Anderson,
*John Hamilton,
John Smilie,
Jacob Richards,
*James Kelly
William Findley,
*John Pugh,
Frederick Conrad,
Robert Brown,
*Robert Whitehill,
*Samuel Smith.
Delaware.
*James M. Broom.
Maryland.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Nicholas R. Moore,
William M'Creery,
*Patrick Magruder,
Roger Nelson,
*Leonard Covington,
John Archer,
John Campbell,
*Charles Goldsborough.
Virginia.
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Smith,
*John Claiborne,
Thomas Newton, jun.
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Clopton
John Dawson,
Alexander Wilson,
Matthew Clay,
Edwin Gray,
PetersonGodwyn,
Abram Trigg,
Christopher Clark,
*John Morrow,
John W. Eppes,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Philip R. Thompson.
*James M. Garnett,
*Burwell Basset,
John G. Jackson.
Kentucky.
George M. Bedinger,
Matthew Lyon,
Matthew Walton,
John Boyle,
John Fowler,
Thomas Sanford.
North-Carolina.
Nathaniel Macon,
William Blackledge,
James Holland,
Richard Stanford,
Thomas Wynns,
Marmaduke Williams,
Joseph Winston, jun.
Willis Alston, junior.
*Thomas Blount,
*Duncan Mac Farland,
Nathaniel Alexander,
*Thomas Kenan.
South-Carolina.
*Robert Marion,
William Butler,
*David R. Williams,
*O'Brien Smith,
Richard Winn,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Moore,
*Elias Earle.
Georgia.
Peter Early,
Joseph Bryan,
*Cowles Mead,
David Meriwether,
Tennessee.
George W. Campbell,
William Dickson,
John Rhea.
Ohio.
Jeremiah Morrow.

*Those marked thus * are new members.*

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The Letter Bag of the regular Packet schooner Adherbal, captain M'Neel, for N. Orleans, will be taken from the Coffee-House at 8 o'clock, on Monday next.

THIS EVENING.

At 6 o'clock this evening, at our Auction Room, next door to the Coffee House, will be sold,

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF

New & Second hand Books.

After which, a continuation of the extensive Catalogue, which we commenced last evening.

The Books may be viewed, and Catalogues obtained any time during the afternoon.

SOWER & S. COLE, Auct's.

December 7.

Sale by Auction.

On MONDAY,

The 9th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the auction room, at the head of Gay-street dock, will commence the sale of

DRY GOODS,

Consisting of

Broad Cloths, purple Shawls, Fancy Cords, Worsted Mits, &c. &c.

After which at 12 o'clock,

35 hhds Muscovado Sugar, a few of which are choice Trinidad

194 bags Coffee } *entitled to drawback.*
70 boxes White Sugar }
38 chests Hyson Skin Tea
74 tierces of Rice

A few hhds. of Molasses and boxes brown Sugar, &c. &c.

LEMMON & CAMPBELL, Auct's.

December 7.

INDIA

MULLMULL, & BOOK MUSLINS.

A large assortment, and some superlatively fine—For sale by

A. M'CULLOCH,
81, Market-street.

Who has received on consignment from Philadelphia,

Men's fine and coarse Hats—and a few India Carpets, well calculated for the Spanish markets.

December 7. eo10t

A Punctual Attendance

OF the Citizens of the seventh and eighth wards is requested at Peck's Hotel, on Tuesday evening next, the 10th instant, at six o'clock, to form themselves into a company for the new Engine, which is at this time of the greatest importance.

N. B. The Members of the Deptford Fire Company are requested to attend said meeting.

December 7. d3t

☞ A steady Compositor

Will meet with constant employ at this office.

WITH sincere thanks to the numerous and respectable assembly, who attended the PHILOSOPHICAL EXHIBITION, of the Subscriber on Tuesday evening last, he laments the disappointment, which both them and himself felt, on account of several events, which rendered the representation so much less interesting, than they had a right to expect, and the Subscriber fully intended, and hoped it would have been.

Several of the most interesting experiments, in the first part of the exhibition, were entirely defeated, by an unfortunate accident, which shall hereafter be strictly guarded against.

But it is with extreme regret, the Subscriber states, that the Optical part of the representation, was in a great measure marred, by the intrusion of persons into the area, between the spectators and the scenes, and which compelled him, from the consequent derangement of operation, to omit many of the most interesting pieces. He hopes that after this notice, no such intrusion will hereafter take place.

There were numerous instances in the evening, of persons entering the room without delivering their tickets; such as were admitted in this manner, the subscriber hopes, will be so good as to send back their tickets to the place from whence they received them, or to the subscriber.

In consequence of some necessary alterations, and arrangements in the room, the next exhibition will be postponed until *Wednesday next*, the 12th instant, at half past six o'clock, P. M. and will be *positively* continued in future, on every *Wednesday and Saturday*, at the same hour.

Tickets may be had at Messrs. Carr's and Conrad's stores, and at the office of the Federal Gazette as usual, or down stairs at the Octagon. L. GEANTY.

December 6. d4t

Notice to Tanners.

FOR SALE, a lot of ground containing 21 acres, through which passes a large run, situated in Bush Town, at the head of Bush River, 25 miles from the city of Baltimore. Also, within 1½ miles of said town, about 400 acres of well timbered Land, principally of oak. The situation of this Lot, and the body of wood around, is a most beautiful situation for a Tan Yard; and from its proximity to the water, the small expence of procuring Bark, ought to be an object to some Tanner, that wishes to extend his business to advantage. The wood itself, after the bark was taken off, would more than treble pay for the land, if brought to Baltimore, and would only have to be hauled about two miles to the water. The said property will be exchanged for lots in or near the city, or would be sold on moderate terms, for bonds, with good security.—For further particulars apply to the printers hereof.

December 3. eo10t

A few Gentlemen

CAN be well accommodated with BOARDING & LODGING, by the month or year, at No. 33, Market-street, near Gay-street.

Nov. 23. 1aw3t

I will sell,

PART of of a Tract called TROY, containing 102¼ acres, which lies about 4 miles from Elk-Ridge landing, on the road leading from thence to Fredericktown & Montgomery court-house, and adjoining the land of Luther Martin, esq. There are about sixty acres in wood, which abounds with oak ank hickory, some meadow-ground, and a small house. Mr. Adam Shiply (of John) who lives near the place, will shew it to any person desirous of viewing it; and the terms will be made known by applying to me, in the upper part of Anne-Arundel county.

CHARLES ALEX. WARFIELD.

November 21. 1w6w