

the 31 June, by the minister of foreign affairs, and noticed in the 13th paragraph of the present note.

His majesty the emperor and king requires nothing of Great-Britain contrary to the interests of her allies; he has a right to expect that nothing will be required of him contrary to the interests of his own allies.

The undersigned is instructed to add that he refers to every thing which had been prepared, by the mutual efforts of his excellency lord Yarmouth and the undersigned.

Should not peace be reestablished, it is not France who can be accused of having changed, but England; although the peace between France and Russia, and other events unfavorable to Great-Britain have taken place since the negotiation has been set on foot and almost brought to its conclusion in concert with his excellency lord Yarmouth.

The undersigned profits of this opportunity to assure their excellencies lords Lauderdale and Yarmouth of his consideration.

Signed CLARKE.

[To be continued.]

From the ENQUIRER.

STOLEN LETTERS.

It is impossible to publish the following communication, without comment upon the infamous and dishonest transaction which it records.—This communication comes to us from a respectable, perhaps authentic source.

Had Willaumez's letters been intercepted on the high seas, on board of a French vessel, not a doubt can exist that they would have become English property by the laws of war, and might have been disposed according to the wishes of the English agents. The national letters; those addressed to the minister of marine and to general Turreau, might have been seized, examined and published. The laws of civilized war would have protected the letter to commodore Barney from a public and profane disclosure.

Instead of floating on the high seas, they were deposited at Norfolk. Instead of being captured in an enemy's bottom, they were found within the limits, on the soil and under the roof of a neutral country. What then is the fact? Not that these letters were intercepted on the sea; but stolen on the land; purloined from the box in which it was safely supposed they would be safe; their seals broken, and their contents published to the world. Their bearer did not deliver them up, unsolicited and uncorrupted. He was not even bribed by British gold to betray his trust.—No. There was not even this miserable *quid pro quo*, to give a shadow of right to them. The bearer, as it turns out, was thoughtless, but not false, and whilst reckless of the dishonesty, which threatened his own property, in the very bosom of a virtuous nation, his box was rifled; and the most valuable of its contents literally stolen.

By whom? We do not accuse the editor of the Ledger of any share in this dishonest transaction. We believe him to have a soul above it. But he is most probably acquainted with its agents. Let him then expose them? and let him declare, whether it was not executed by the agents of the same cabinet, which purloined the papers of Arthur Lee at Berlin, copied, and then returned them to his bureau.

Let then the authenticity of Willaumez's letter be admitted, and what do they prove? Why only that a proud and petulant French admiral has spoken of our nation and our government, in such contumelious terms as disgrace his own understanding. But surely the cabinet of the Thuilleries is not to blame for all the expressions of all its subordinate agents.

Communication. Mr. Cowper's insinuations, in answer to the doubts expressed in commodore Barney's letter to Mr. Hewes, concerning a French correspondence inserted some time ago in the Norfolk Ledger, are at least as ingenious as that which he attributes to the said commodore; for instead of answering his question, what was become of the officer who was the bearer of the said letters, and how could the editor of the Ledger have obtained them? he diverts the attention of the public from these two topics, and enlarges on suppositions and probabilities. It would have been fairer in him to state, that the said letters which were handed at *****, (a) with the bearer thereof, who, for greater safety, had put them in his trunk, which he had concealed in a box of sugar, had been intercepted by some nefarious villains, who, surprised at seeing an officer bring with him a box of that commodity, suspected the truth, and availed themselves of the levity and thoughtlessness of the owner, who, in order to get sooner to Philadelphia, incautiously left it in the care of some persons, to whom he recommended very particularly to send it after him as soon as possible, and who either through neglect or connivance have gratified the curiosity of those who suspected that the said box contained something mysterious; that it was consequently broken open, the trunk found, and therein the dispatches, which were taken out: that the box and trunk being carefully closed up again, were forwarded to the owner, who, at the receipt thereof, finding himself robbed of the very object of his mission, thought it best not to wait on those to whom he was to deliver the said letters. This confession, on the part of Mr. Cowper, would have removed the doubts of commodore Barney; would have evidently proved the authenticity of the said letters, to the contents of which he pleases to attribute so much of importance; but it would also have detected the turpitude of the means which are employed by him, his agents or correspondents, to procure such news as may serve the purpose of his employers and patrons, the English.

Mr. Cowper must not say, that if the bearer of the said letters had lost them in the

(a) Meaning Norfolk—the editor of the Enquirer says it was Norfolk.

deliberate and nefarious way, as he remarks, he would or could seek satisfaction from those in whose care he had left the box, or at least publish their names; for, unable to support the charge by legal evidence, *ultimus*, he must be conscious of the risk which the loser would run, by entering a prosecution against the robber or robbers.

REMARKS BY THE EDITOR OF THE LEDGER.

If the preceding communication and remarks had made their appearance in some of the democratic papers, we should have thought them unworthy of notice. We are astonished and mortified that the respectable editor of the Enquirer would suffer himself to be duped by such a stupid communication, which he has ushered into notice in a manner so grave and solemn; to the absurdity, malice and falsehood, stamped upon the face of this communication, should have demanded a pause. But says the Enquirer, this communication comes from a respectable, perhaps authentic source; now we shall shew (and without being under the necessity of stating in what manner these letters came to our hands) that the source of Mr. Ritchie's information, is neither authentic nor respectable, if fact is necessary to establish authenticity, and truth necessary to support respectability.

We might avail ourselves of the absurdities in the communication itself, to prove its falsehood. We might notice the folly of leaving dispatches of this nature in the hands of persons unknown.—We might notice the inconsistency of ordering dispatches for general Turreau at Washington, and commodore Barney, at Baltimore, to be sent to Philadelphia. If we might not ask the name of the person, in whose care they were left at Norfolk, we might ask by what vessel the bearer and the box of sugar came; but we will not puzzle the respectable friend of Mr. Ritchie; a plain fact or two is enough for our purpose.

The letters alluded to were published in the Ledger on the 14th of January; the last of those letters is dated the 10th of November. It follows then that this box of sugar, and the dispatches therein contained, must have entered at Norfolk from the Havana, between the 10th of Nov. and the 14th of January. We assure our friends, that there has not been one box of sugar landed at Norfolk, out of any vessel from the Havana, from the 10th of November to the 14th of January. Nay more, there has not a vessel of any sort arrived from the Havana, at this port, from the 10th of November to this day. Now pray *respectable* Mr. Correspondent of the Enquirer, how did this box of sugar get to Norfolk? Still more to your confusion learn, that there has not been a box of sugar imported into this port, from any of the ports in the neighborhood of the Havana, between the dates of the 10th of November and the 14th of January. For the truth of these assertions we can refer any person, who pleases to make the examination, to the entries of the custom-house at this place.

Now we should be glad to know how the respectable correspondent of Mr. Ritchie, will get over this detection of his falsehood? We know that he will snub the Editor of this paper, he will tell him of his employers, the English, and such like stuff, but all this will not exculpate a detected calumniator.

We have upon a former occasion stated the conditions on which we will inform the public how the letters came to our hands; that is an admission of their authenticity: our friends will do us the justice to believe that we adopted no unworthy means; and, until their contents had been detailed in conversation, we knew not of their existence.—we asked a perusal of them, it was granted, our duty demanded that they should be made public.

NEW-YORK, March 8.

The sailing of the British packet Duke of Montrose, is put off till Tuesday or Wednesday, in consequence of a letter from the British minister, who advises of his having received by the Manchester Packet, a copy of the treaty.

Arrived, the fast sailing ship Enterprize, Packwood, London, 40 days. Left ship Remittance, Gold Hunter, and Otis, for New-York; London Packet, New-Jersey, and Cornplanter, for Philadelphia; Aurora, of ditto; Nancy, and *King American*, of Baltimore; Cabinet, & Suffolk, of Norfolk; John and Farnham, of Charleston. Sailed, ship United States, of Bath, for New-Orleans. At Gravesend, Jan. 13, ship John and Alice, of Philadelphia, from Cadiz. Sailed, ship Sally, of New-York, for Carthagena. At Deal, Jan. 16, ship Almira, Whipple, of Portland, 48 days from Norfolk, for London; sailed, ship Sterling, of New-York, for Spain; ship Liberty, Riley, for Pool and Vera-Cruz; brig Acteon, of New-York for Pool.

In the Enterprize came passenger, JOHN H. PURVIANCE, Esquire, secretary of legation at the court of London, bearer of the treaty of amity and commerce between the United States and Great-Britain, signed December 31st, 1806.

Also arrived, ship Magdalen, Cowman, 114 days from Canton. Left, ship Trident, Blakeman, to sail for New-York in 2 days; ship Eliza, Murphy, for do. in 12 days; ship Triton, of New-York, to sail for Philadelphia in 12 days; ship Asia, for ditto; Dorothea, Doughty, for Philadelphia; ship Fanny, do. do.; Jefferson, of do. just arrived; brig Hibernia, Ariel, and Sylph, for do. in a few days; ship Baltic, Auburn, for Providence in 2 days; ship Catharine, of Salem, repairing; ship Juno, Ebbets, for Boston in 2 days; ship Mandarin, Boston just arrived; ship Governor Strong, of do. just arrived. March 4, lat. 39, 30, long. 71, spoke ship Caledonia, Henderson, 2 days from New-York for Amsterdam, the ship Devotion, about 8 miles astern. The Magdalen has performed the voyage in ten months.

Also, ships Alexander, Lane, Savannah la Mar, [J.] 36 days; Charlotte, Jennings, Matanzas, 35 days; Ann-William, Stanton, Alicante, 50 days; Gen. Eaton, Moore,

Savannah, 12 days; brig Peggy, Jones, Havannah, 25 days; Lady Nugent, Staple, Jamaica, 36 days; William, Hubbell, Nassau, 18 days; schooners Enterprize, Burr, Kingston, 37 days; Richmond, Seaman, Manchester, Cropsey, Jane, Salmon, Maria, Blakeman, all from Richmond; May Flower, Hill, Snowhill, 7 days; doop President, Ireland, Egg Harbour, 24 hours.

The ship Providence, Holbrook, from Philadelphia for Bremen, foundered at sea the 15th December, crew carried into England.

Capt. Stanton, from Alicante, spoke in the Straits, the brig Eliza, 40 days from Philadelphia, for Malaga.

Blew, 2 ships, 2 brigs and several schooners.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.

Arrived, schr. Elizabeth, Painter, Malaga, 40 days; Gov. McKean, Yardsley, Vera Cruz.

Schooner Argus, Crapo, from St. Pierre via Antigua, and a ship, a brig and three schooners names unknown are below.

Brig Ariel, Donahue, hence has arrived at Canton.

Ship John and Alice, of this port has arrived at London from Cadiz.

Ship Jefferson, Harrison, hence, was at Canton the 9th of Nov.

Schr. Elizabeth, Painter, left at Malaga, 27th January, brig Eliza, Kitchen, from Philadelphia, under quarantine.

Schooner Champlin, Hamilton, at Vera-Cruz, from New-Orleans.

Ship Prosperity, Gay of this port, has arrived at Savannah, in a very leaky condition—she was from Cork, bound to New-York.

CHARLESTON (S. C.) Feb. 1.

Messrs. Russell & Cutler.

For the information of your merchants, having business at this place, you will please to publish the following rules, established by our chamber of commerce:

For endorsing bills of exchange, 5 per ct. On sales, do. On purchases and remittances, do. On preparing freight, the amount, do. On collecting freight, do. On advancing money to masters, do. On collecting money by power of attorney, do. On remitting do. in produce or merchandize, do. On effecting insurance, 1 per ct. On remitting in bills of exchange, 2 1/2 per ct.

Exchange & Re-Exchange.

On bills protested in any of the United States of America, with lawful interest from the date of protest, and all customary charges, 10 per ct. On Europe, 15 per ct.

Shipping Charges.

On rice, coopers, dryage & wharf- age, 1s. per bbl. do. do. do. do. 6d. per 1/2 bbl. On turpentine, do. do. do. 1s. Tar, do. do. do. 6d. Pitch, do. do. do. 6d.

NORFOLK, March 5.

Arrived, ship Herald, Murphy, 52 days from Cork.

Schr. Charming Nancy, 6 days from Cape Ann.

Schr. William, Johnston, 23 days from Toledo. On the 5th ult. left there the brig Juno, Rankin, of Kennabunk, to sail for Boston in 30 days; schr. Union, Town, do. do. in 15 days; brig Harriot, May, of and for Boston in 15 days.

Schr. Richmond, Williams, 26 days from St. Thomas. On the 14th ult. lat. 30, 30, long. 73, 80, spoke the schr. Fancy, Baker, 6 days from New-York, for Jamaica.

Schr. Jefferson, Carlton, 3 days from N. York.

Schr. Fair Trader, Vaname, 3 days from N. York.

Sloop Friendship, A. Vat, 3 days from N. York.

Sloop Mahala, Poyer, 9 days from Savannah, bound for N. Y. in distress, having lost her rudder and sustained other damages.

Entered, ship Herald, Murphy, Cork; brig Celia, McKenzie, St. Thomas; schr. William, Johnson, Tobago; Jane, Pearson, Philadelphia; Richmond, Williams, Martinique.

March 6.

Arrived, sloop Ann, Snow, 31 days from Nassau, N. P.; schr. Kitt-Ann, Franklin, 36 days from Jamaica, for Philadelphia, in distress.

March 7.

Entered, sloop Ann, Snow, Bermuda. Cleared, brig Agenorix, Yonton, Jamaica; schr. Three-Sisters, Rich, Boston; Swift, Seaward, St. Thomas; Iris, Mollet, Matanzas.

Tobacco, exclusive of drayage, 159 per hhd. Indigo, per bbl. of 500 wt. in proportion, 256

Deer skins, exclusive of cooper- age and packing, 159 per hhd. Do. in bundles, do. 1s. Cotton, per bale, do. 7d.

I am yours, respectfully, A MERCHANT.

FEDERAL GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

His Britannic Majesty's frigate Melampus, and sloop of war Halifax, have arrived in Hampton Roads—the former from Bermuda and the latter from Halifax.

The ship Enterprize, Packwood, with a special messenger and treaty, has arrived a New-York. She sailed the 15th January.—It is said the messenger has arrived in town.

The schooner Bell, Hudgdon, of Baltimore, was left at Antigua 1st February, to sail in 15 days.

Extract of a letter from a respectable citizen in Nashville, Tennessee, dated the 30th of February.

"This part of the country is now quiet, and all uneasiness subsided which had arisen on account of the meditated conspiracy of col. Burr. On this subject, every thing was magnified in the Atlantic states. No part of the government is more strongly attached

to the union than this. People here express much indignation at the abuse of power, under the cloak of office, at New Orleans. The conduct of Burr, however criminal, will not warrant the abuse of power in others." [Washington Federalist.]

There is a report, which has been current in town yesterday and to-day, that on Monday an express arrived at the seat of government, charged with dispatches from government or Claiborne, of the Orleans territory. These dispatches are said to state, that a war with Spain has become inevitable—that the Spaniards have become insupportably insolent—that they are collecting at different points in considerable force, and as some have the report, that they have actually crossed the Sabine, and have taken possession of their former position in the neighborhood of Natchitoches.

We know not what degree of credit is due to this report; but some of the know-ones speak of it as true beyond doubt. The National Intelligencer of this morning is silent on the subject.

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Extract of a letter, dated New-Orleans, Jan. 29th, from a source entitled to the highest credit, to a gentleman in this city.

"Gen. Wilkinson's conduct is much censured here. I do not approve all his acts—but my impressions are, that he is faithful to his country, & is actuated by the best motives.

"I do not consider the danger as over. Burr has many partisans on the western waters, and I suspect many well wishers in this, and perhaps your territory. But I nevertheless hope that all will yet be well."

[Nat. Intel.]

Extract of a letter from a gentleman of undoubted veracity, dated Natchez, 7th Feb. to his friend at Washington City.

"Col. Burr's arrival here has caused a great bustle, and almost stopped all business. He has been brought before a court here, who had no jurisdiction in his case; and a grand jury has been found, who have not only acquitted him, but presented the government for meddling with him. If this is conceived abroad to be the sentiment of the people of this territory, it will be very wrong, for it is quite the contrary. This was a jury packed by ——. He has since made his escape, and the executive have this morning issued a proclamation, offering 2,000 dollars to any one who will take him up again, it being all a botched affair. I hope this presentation may not be misconceived by the general government; for I can confidently say that there is no part of the union more averse to a separation in general, than this territory; although some things in the land law, have given much umbrage."

Sale by Auction.

On FRIDAY, The 13th instants, at the auction-room, corner of Market and Shickopee-streets, will commence the sale of the Stock in Trade of a person declining the

Grocery Business; Amongst which are, Cogniac and Bordeaux Brandy, Holland Gin, Antigua Spirits, Cherry Brandy, A choice assortment of Sugar, in barrels, and sundry articles of

Ship Furniture, On 60 days credit for approved paper.

JOSEPH CLARK, Auc'r.

New Wholesale Store.

Lafitte & Duché.

No. 53, BALTIMORE-STREET, Have just received a large assortment of French and English Goods,

Which they offer for sale very low for cash or approved notes, CONSISTING OF

Plain Taffetas, assorted in color, Striped do, Fined Satin, Pongee, Sarsnet, 5-6 and 7-4 Damask Shawls, 5-6 and 7-4 serged do. do.

White, rose and black, Ladies' and Men's Silk Stockings, Plain and figured Mantua Ribbons, Stamped do. do.

Extra long and short Silk Gloves, Do. do. Kid Gloves, Crapes as sorted in colors, Cambric Linen, Thread and Cotton Laces, 1 box of Fany English Goods, 1 do. of Sey's Chintzes, Bandanas, assorted in colors, Choppa Romal, Silk, Morocco and Cotton Suspenders, Velvet and Morocco Pocket Books, An assortment of Ladies' rich Combs, Artificial Flowers, &c

N. B. several boxes of the above, calculated for exportation, entitled to drawback.

March 12. d12t

This is to give Notice,

That the subscribers, living in Charlestown, in Cecil county, have obtained from the orphan's court of Cecil county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Yeamans, late of said county, deceased: All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the eighth day of September next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this second day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seven.

JOHN HASSON, } Adm'rs. SAMUEL HOGG, }

March 12. law4t

Robert & John Fergusson

Have REMOVED from the head of Smith's wharf, to No. 77, on the same wharf.

March 12. ddt

Will be offered for sale at the Horse-Market, on SATURDAY next, a large Young BULL, of the English breed.

March 12. d2t

The Charitable Poetic Society

MEET, agreeably to notice, at the Pantheon, when the following question was discussed: Whether has the conduct of general Wilkinson or Aaron Burr, as stated, been most dangerous to civil Liberty?

After a very animated debate, in which a full investigation of the facts and consequences of the late treasonable conspiracy and arbitrary proceeding of the military power were fully investigated, on the question being put and there not appearing a decided majority, it was deemed prudent to pass it without decision. Citizens present, 142.

Questions for next Saturday evening.

1st. In prosecutions for libels ought the accused be permitted to give the truth in evidence as matter of justification?

2d. Which has the greatest influence on the human mind—climate or government?

3d. Which is the most prevalent principle in the female breast, the love of wealth, beauty or merit?

The Society meet every Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the Pantheon, and the questions of debate will be taken in succession as published.

Price of admittance, 12 1/2 cents. Every person has the privilege of speaking on the question, by permission of the president.

March 12. ddt

Notice.

The Subscriber requests all those indebted to the estate of Thomas Rockfield, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, either before his death or since, for property purchased at the sale of the effects of the said deceased, to make immediate payment to the subscriber, or to Mr. Joseph Evans in Annapolis, who is authorized to receive the same.

Also, those who have claims against said estate, to make them known to the said Joseph Evans. The subscriber gives further notice that all those who consider themselves as the legal heirs of the said Thomas Rockfield, must appear before the orphan's court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, on or before the 3d day of May 1817, and prove themselves as such, before they can receive a distributive share of the estate of the said Thomas Rockfield.

GEO. CONAWAY, Adm'r.

March 12. 2aw5t

The subscriber offers for sale,

THE DWELLING HOUSE and GARDEN, at present occupied by him, situate on the Hook's-town turnpike road, a short distance from St. Mary's College. It fronts on the road seventy-four feet, and runs back 200 feet to a twenty feet alley. The garden is as highly improved as any in the city, and is planted with the choicest shrubs, Flowers and Fruit Trees; and has the advantage of a singularly well constructed Green House, which requires no artificial heat during the severest winters, and is at present stocked with a collection of the choicest Plants, all which will be sold together. The purchaser may be accommodated with a small lot adjoining, twelve feet wide, and one hundred feet deep, on which is erected a good three horse frame Stable. As any person wishing to purchase will view the premises any further description is deemed unnecessary.

JOHN HENRY HOSKINS.

March 12. eolm

For Sale,

Or will be given for good paper.

A two story Brick HOUSE & LOT, in a healthy part of the city of Baltimore, as described on a plat of said city, No 294, fronting on Duke-street 40 feet and running back 100 feet. Said house is newly built of the best materials and completely finished, with fire-places, &c a good dry cellar, two good rooms on the lower floor, &c. The property is in fee simple. To any person disposed to purchase, terms will be accommodated and a deed given. For Terms, apply at said house, or at No. 89, Fleet-street, Fell's Point.

March 12. eol3t

Charles Wigram

WANTS TO CHARTER, A fast sailing CHOOENER, from 3 to 700 bbls. burthen, to a neutral port in the West-Indies, out only or out and home, to which immediate dispatch will be given.

March 12. ddt

The Subscribers

FEEL themselves under the painful necessity of notifying their Creditors of their intention to apply to Baltimore County Court, at its next sitting, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state.

DAVID C. STEWART, WILLIAM P. STEWART, LLOYD BUCHANAN.

March 12. d

In pursuance of an order of the

Orphan's Court of Baltimore county, the subscriber will expose to public sale on the premises, on TUESDAY, the seventeenth day of March next, at 10 o'clock, on a credit of six months,

Two HOUSES and LOTS of Ground situate on Philip-street, and two other vacant LOTS situate on Queen-street on Fell's Point, the above being the late residence of William Hayes, deceased.

ELIZABETH HAYES, Adm'r. OF William Hayes.

The sale of the above property is unavoidably postponed until the 17th day of May next.

March 12. eol17thMy

The Stockholders of the

BALTIMORE EAST-INDIA COMPANY Are requested to send in their notes, at the office adjoining the Custom-House, on or before the 14th instant.

By order of the board, T. HIGINBOTHOM, Secretary.

March 11. ddt

Land for Sale by Auction.

To be sold on Thursday, the 19th March next, at half past 11 o'clock, at the corner of Second and Frederick-streets, AN excellent grazing FARM, containing 552 3/4 acres, situate in Patapsco Neck, 9 or 10 miles from Baltimore, on the road to North-Point, and on the waters of Patapsco and Back Rivers—formerly the residence of Wm. Lynch, deceased, and will be sold pursuant to his last will. One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in two months, the residue in one and two years. Bonds on interest, with approved security, will be required. Those who wish to view the premises, will please to make application to Mr. Battie, residing thereon.

THOMAS CHASE, Auc'r.

February 7. 2aw5t

GOOD PHILADELPHIA Printing Ink

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.