was, recognized to appear, and answer such bill of indictment as might then and there be exhibited against him. Col. Burr appeared on the day mentioned in his recognizance, attended by his counsel, William B. Shields and Lyman Harding, Esquires. Agreeably to a venire facias, issued by the honorable Thomas Rodney and Peter B. Bruin, a jury of seventy-two free-holders appeared in court, and on the day following twenty-three of their number were selected by the court as a grand inquest. The honorable Thomas Rodney then delivered to them a comprehensive and impressive charge, and the court was adjourned till 10 o'clock the succeeding day-at which time Mr. Poindexter, the attorney-general, moved the court to discharge the grand jury. He stated that after examining the depositions submitted to him by the court, he did not discover any testimony which brought the offences charged against col. Burr, within the jurisdiction of the courts of the Mississippi Territory; that the supreme court of the Mississippi Territory was not a court of original jurisdiction, either criminal or civil, and could take cognizance only of points reserved at the trial in the respective circuit courts, where all criminal prosecutions must originate, according to the statutes of the territory. He further observed, that in order to secure the public safety, the territorial judges ought immediately to convey the accused to a tribunal competent to try and punish (if guilty of the charges alledged against him) which they might legally do, and thereby effectually prevent the contemplated military expedition against Mexico, and maintain inviolate the laws and constitution of the United States. He therefore hoped that insomuch as the afterney prosecuting for the United States, had no bills for the consideration of the grand jury, that they would be discharged.

Col. Burr made several observations against the motion, and remarked, that if the attorney general had no business for the grand jury, be had, and that therefore they ought not to be dismissed. On this motion the court was divided. Judge Bruin declared himself opposed to discharging the grand jury, unles col. Burr was also instantly discharged from his recognizance.

The attorney-general then withdrew and the grand jury were directed to retire to their room, who in the course of the day returned with sundry presentments. We deem it unnecessary to remark that these presentments were not founded on any bill exhibited to the grand jury, and that being negative, they met no further attention than a mere

On Wednesday evening, the grand jury were discharged, and colonel Burr demanded a release from his recognizance—this the court refused. He did not aphear in court on Tuesday morning: it was reduced to a certainty, that he had made his escape.

We understand that his excellency governor Williams, intended to seize on the person of colonel Barr, the moment he was discharged by the judicial authority.

NEW-YORK, March 17. The following letter, with its enclosures was forwarded to the Editor of the MER-CANTILE ADVERTISER, from Mr. JOHN King, a merchant of respectability at Jaquemel, by the English sch'r Alert, capt. Dill, which sailed from thence for St. Thomas on the 6th February. To the Editor of the Mercantile Advertiser.

Facmel, Feb. 5th, 1807. Sir, I have the pleasure to inclose you a letter from Robert Saunders, (a) and sundry papers from a number of Americans connected with the expedition of general Miranda, now detained as slaves by the Spanish government at Carthagena, which I received from the Main a few days ago by captain \*\*\* (b) who generously tried to put in their possession one hundred dollars, but was prevented by the extreme jealously of the Spaniards, who will not allow any person to speak to or render them any assistance. The papers are as follows:

1. A copy of their memorial to congress. (0)

2. A copy of a paper found loose, without date or direction, in the hand writing of Lippincott, stating the names and sentence of a number of his companions. (d) 3. A list of letters, 18 in number. (e)

4. An original paper from the seamen of the schooner Bee. (f)

5. An original paper addressed to capt.
\*\*\*\* (g.)

Copies of all which, with Saunders's letters, I have taken, and shall transmit duplicates in the due course. As the letters were put in the ceiling of the vessel that brought them, eight or ten were destroyed by the rats ; to whom directed or from whom, I c'uld not ascertain.

Should the trade to this island be opened by the American government, a few cargoes of lumber would bring a monstrous price, for the houses here are all in want of some repair. Shingles would be an excellent article. White pine boards will bring 7 or 8 dollars per 100, and perhaps more.

Pork 30 dollars, flour 20, and beeef 24,

on the rise, and scarce. Dry goods will always command a good market-By dry goods I mean German lin-

nens; nothing else seems to answer these Claret, 48 to 54 per hhd. scarce.

Herrings 6 dollars, a quantity at market. Codfish if nice and white, 9 to 10 dolls. per 100 lbs. American weight. The weight should be marked on the cask,

There is no flour at market; not a barrel

sent here is in possession of government

for the use of the army.

Coffee, the staple of this place, can now be bo't for cash at 9-50to 10 dolls. per 100, French weight .- A vast quantity is at market, and one 10th of the late crop not in. I am, with respect your obedient servant, JOHN KING.

NOTES. (a) Robert Saunders was for many years foreman in the office of the Mercantile Advertiser, an active and intelligent man of a respectable family in Maryland. He was seduced from his duty and his interest by the specious misrepresentations of the persons who conducted the business of Miranda, preparatory to his expedition, and was captured in the schooner Bee. His fate is well known.

The letter alluded to, which developes some hitherto mysterious circumstances connected with that expedition, may appear

(b) The name of this benevolent captain is not given to the editor. The intelligent reader will at once perceive the good policy of the concealme .t.

(c) For reasons which must be obvious the publication of this "plain unvarnished" Memorial is deferred.

(a) A correct abstract of this paper was published some time ago in the Federal Gazette as it was received from the Spanish government at Carracas.

(e) A list of letters, with their directions, received and forwarded by J King, merchant at Jacmel, from the Americans connected with the expedition under general Miranda, now detained as slaves by the Spanish go-

vernment at Carthagena:
Mrs. Mary Negus, 20, Mead-alley, Phila-Mr. John Garett, Bowery-lane, to the care

of Daniel Winship, butcher, No. 68, Fly-market, New-York. Mrs. E. Saunders, 12, Thames-street, N.

C. P. David Smith, Brooklyn-ferry. Mr. Robert Beresford, 116, Pearl-street,

New-York.

Mr. Wm. Oliver, 47, between Walnut and Chesnut streets, Philadelphia.

Lewis Angevine, corner of Bayard and Mulberry streets, New-York.

Mr. Ezekiel Braley, New-Bedford.

Mr. David Williams, vone maker, Mott-

Mr. David Williams, rope maker, Mott-street, near Bayard-street, New-York. Mr. Patrick Duley, no. 110, Water-street, for James Naulty, New-York, or elsewhere. Michael Little, Mechanic-Hall, 2 letters.

Lydia Heckle, 316, Broadway, New-York, Frederick Long, Bayard-street, New-York. President of the United States, from Wm.

Cartwright. Hon. James Madison, Secretary of State, Washington, containing a memorial to con-Francis White, butcher, Bear-market, N.

York.

(f) "The following seamen, belonging to Philadelphia, were forcthe schooner Bee, of Philadelphia, were forced on board the Leander, March 17th, and detained as prisoners until the 27th, when she sailed from Jacmel: William Cartwright, Daniel Newbury, Samuel Towzer, James Hyatt."

(g) The following was addressed to the humane captain who delivered the above letters and papers into Mr. King's care :- (It

is without date )
"SIR-We have endeavored to give you as correct a statement of our despicable situa-tion as it is possible, allowing that we are not all in one prison together. If, Sir, you thould arrive safe in N. York, and will take the trouble to call on some of our friends, and let them know our situation, or make it known through a public channel, we shall feel ourselves under many obligations to you .-We find ourselves so grossly deceived and so treacherously deserted, that the smallest assistance will be received as the greatest favor by your miserable and humble servants,

The American Staves."

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.

Arrived, brigs Hibernia, Morrison, Canton, 113 days; Sylph, Begert, ditto, 116; Calisto, Tyler, Lisbon, 49; schr. Huntress, Montgomery, New-York.

Cleared, ship Favorite, Clark, Liverpool. A ship from Portland; schooner Milford, Hendy, from Point-Petre, and schr. Amity, Boutellier, from Havana, are below.

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Yesterday arrived the brig Sylph, captain Bogert, from Canton. Sailed in co. with the ships Trident, capt. Blackman, of New-York; Juno, Bates, of Boston; and Baltic, Aboin, of Providence. On the 25th, spoke the ship Herald, capt. Selby, of Boston, from Manilla. December 9, brig Hibernia joined comments, informed of captain Staward's company; informed of captain Steward's death, who was drowned, and of the arrival of the ship Rousseau, from Philadelphia. I2th, parted company. 22d, fell in with the Hibernia, but could not speak her. 29th, spoke the ship Trident, capt. Blackman, lat. 22, 26. Jan 4, lat. 27, 42, S. saw the Trident again; did not speak her. Feb. 16, lat. 16, 8, N. was boarded by an English sloop of war; at the same time saw 18 sail to the southward and windward of us; he informed me the convoy consisted of 150 sail; that he parted from them on account of giving chace to an American ship the day before, (which from the description I supposed to be the Trident, of New-York,) could not overtake her. Feb. 25, spoke in lat. 21, 17, N. a brig from Portland, bound to St. Thomas, out 17 days. March 1, spoke schooner Peaus, Stanwood, from Antigua, bound to Norfolk; his people very sick. March 3, spoke in lat. 30, N. long. 67, W. ship Richmond, of New-York, bound to St.

Croix, out 6 days.
Same day arrived, brig Calisto, Tyler, of Boston, from Lisbon. Left there, Jan. 27, the brig Maria, -, of and for Alexandria in 6 days. Spoke on the 6th March, ship Moses Brown, of Newburyport, from Charles-

ton, bound to Greenock.

March 19.

Arrived, ship Sultano, Crosby, Boston, 7 days; schooners Milford, Hendy, Point-Petre, Guad.; Amity, Boutellier, Havana; Antelope, Wheaver, ditto, 30; sloop Two

Brothers, Wicks, Charleston, 14. Cleared, ship Zelema, Howard, Liverpool; sch'r Republican, Kello, Havana; sloop Hope, Sackett, Antigua.

Arrived on Tuesday evening, and fired a salute, the brig Hibernia, Morrison, from Canton. Captain M. spoke, Feb. 28, in lat. 21, 19, long. 59, 40, schr. Federalist, Gunnison, from Portsmouth, N. H. bound to Guadaloupe, out 20 days-had sprung a leak in a gale of wind, but had found it out

can be bought. The small quantity at pre- | and stopt it -all well on board. Supplied | the bearer of a chart of the above descripcaptain G. with two casks of water, and got a supply of provisions of him.

> CHARLESTON, March 5. Arrived, brig Hercules Courtney, Philips,

Havana, 9 days.
The ship Middleton, Spencer, 37 days from Bordeaux, struck on the south break-er. Cargo saved, ship lost. Cleared, brig Ploughboy, Rich, Havana; sloop Two Brothers, Wick, Philadelphia.

FEDERAL GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

LITERARY. Captain Lewis has published the prospectus of a "Tour to the Pacific Ocean," which he has found the more necessary, as "he has been informed that there are several unauthorised (and probably some spurious) publications, now preparing for the press, by individuals entirely unknown to It is the intention of the author to furnish three volumes, with many and valuable plates, together with a map on a large scale. The engravings will not be confined to the geographical department; they are to afford ample gratification to the curious and the scienific.

Captain Lewis has not been able to ascertain the price to subscribers, as the necessary expence of publication is uncertain. But he assures the public that his object is not pecuniary emolument; and assigns his reason for asking subscription at all; which we think very sufficient: it is " to enable him to form an estimate of the proper number to be struck off."

The author of this work deserves the esteem and the patronage of all liberal and enlightened Americans; none of whom will countenance the spurious editions.

By the arrival of the ship Erin, captain Stevenson, we learn that on the 15th of January, gen, Gray and his staff arrived at the Cape of Good-Hope from England, via La Plata, who superceded general Baird in the command of the Cape. The latter embarked on board a transport for England on the 18th January. Sir Home Popham, succeeded by admiral sterling had left Buenos-Ayres for England. A frigate had arrived express at the Cape from Ceylon, requesting assistance to quell an insurrection that had broken out there.

Coyy of a letter from Mr. William Gartwright to a gentleman in Philadelphia, dated, CARTHAGENA, Dec. 15, 1806.

After taking my leave of you, I shipped on board the sch'r Bee, capt. Huddel, belonging to ---, bound to St. Domingo, and from thence back to Philadelphia. After we arrived in St. Domingo, and after lying there 5 months, the ship called Leander, captain Lewis, came in and chartered the schooner for fifty days; unknown to us where bound to. We applied to our captain for a discharge. He replied he would not discharge us. We told him we would not go unless he would inform us where the schooder was going. The captain then hailed the ship Leander, and two boats came along side the Bee, with men armed with pistols and cutlasses; cut and slashed fore and aft decks-threw us in a boat, and took us on board of the ship—kept us there till the ship got ready to sail-sent us on board of the schooner again, and went to the Spanish Main; and there was taken; sentenced to hard labor in Carthagena for

8 years! I would be very glad if you would receive my wages, from the twentieth of September to the twenty-seventh of March, 25 dollars a-month. If I shou'dever return, I shall recover heavy damages for my sufferings. There are 19 fellow-sufferers with we, working every day at digging, with a long chain fastened to each. There were 57 sentenced; 10 hung. I remain,

Your much esteemed friend. WM. CARTWRIGHT.

A literary gentleman lately arrived in this city from England furnishes us with the fol-lowing curious information. On the 16th day of June, 1796, one hundred young scientific gentlemen, who had just finished their education in the colleges of England and Scotland, met by appointment at Yarmouth, where they resolved, under the strictest injunction of secrecy, "that each of them should, in order to obtain correct information of the world, and of the customs, manners and dispositions of mankind, quit their native island, and reside for ten years successively in different foreign countries particularly specified; and that they should, on the first day of January, 1807, again meet together in London for the purpose of reading over their different journals, and of preparing the same for publication." strange resolution was actually put in practice, and on the first day of December, 1807, it was known to some scientific men in London, that thirteen of the young adventurers had died, and that the remaining eighty-seven would certainly meet next summer according to agreement. It was said that one of theseadventurers had constantly resided in the city of New-York, where he had collected a most valuable mass of information. [N. Y. paper.]

To the Public. It is said in " Poulson's American Daily Advertiser" of Monday the 9th,

" Major Coles of Providence R. I. one of the commissioners of the United States, who surveyed the coast of North Carolina last summer, has lately completed and sent to the national treasury, under whose authority he acted, and to whom it is inscribed, a chart of that coast; this chart is 48 inches by 28, and is executed in a manner highly honorable to the artist, being both elegant, scientific, and from its superiority in point of accuracy over charts of that dangerous coast, it may prove a happy means of pre-

serving life and property.' The truth is, that major Coles was only tion, to the treasury department, drawn by Jonathan Price, signed THOMAS COLES,

JONATHAN PRICE, If any other chart has been made and sent to the treasury department it must have

been only a copy.

JONATHAN PRICE.

We are happy to announce the arrival in London of lord viscount Valencia, on his return from India by the way of Suez, with his secretary. Mr. Salt, after nearly 5 years absence from England, in various parts of India. His lordship made several months stay in the Red Sea, and the adjacent seacoasts, and has made some valuable charts of those different places. Mr. Salt, his lordship's secretary, made an excursion into Abyssinia with major Aundle, as far as the capital, Gondar. The public will be exceedingly gratified by much valuable informa-tion, collected by his lordship during this long, laborious and laudable research. A young Abyssinian price is in his suite, who is a near relation of Negade Ra Mahomet, one of the principal officers of state, so often mentioned by that celebrated traveller, Bruce, as being his friend. This young prince appears possessed of great natural endowments and anxious to become acquainted with the manners and customs of Great-Britain.

[Tilloch's Philos. Mag. for Oct. 1806.]

Married, on Thursday evening, by the rev Mr. Inglis, Mr. Robert Dickey, of N. York, to Miss Anne Brown, daughter of Dr Brown, of this city.

Married last evening, by the Rev. Mr. Glendy, Mr. Samuel Handy, Junt. to Miss Maria Chase, daughter of capt. Thorndick

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books.

March 19. Arrived, ship Erin, Stevenson, from Bombay, and 48 days from the Cape of Good Hope-cotton-Falls and Brown. Sailed from Bombay 21st Nov. arrived at the Cape 15th, and left it 21st January. Left no Americans at Bombay. At the Cape of Good Hope, ship Truth, of Boston, sent in by the British from Rio-de-la-Plata, for trial; brig Bounty, of Providence, do. do.; ship Martha Ban, of New York, for Madras, in 2 days; ship John, Dodge, of Salem, for do. in 3 weeks; Arab, Barton, for Salem, in 2 days; two northern brigs of St. Helena, in 2 days; schr. Bruce, of Boston, uncertain. The brig Phebe, Abrams; of Baltimore. Left the Cape the 14th Jan. for Canton. The ship Laurel, Blackler, of Salem for do. sailed same day. Spoke the Laurel the 15th February on the ine, all well.

The following vessels were spoke by vessels that arrived at the cape :-- ship Delaware, M'Pherson, of Philadelphia, spoke 15th December, near Tristan d'Acuna, all well; ship Mount Vernon, of do. spoke to the south of the line; ship Warren, Sterret,

of Baltimore, spoke in lat. 34, S.

The ship Margaret, Herd, from Batavia, and a Portuguese ship are in the bay.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale to-morrow, at 12 o'clock 40 bags Caraccas Cocoa. VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

Hazlehurst, Brothers & Co. OFFER FOR SALE, 25,000 lbs. Carracas Cocoa, 3,000 do. Green Coffee, 50 tons Logwood.

1,000 Hog Hides. March 20. Last Notice.

THE Creditors of William Bruff and Sons, will please to take notice, that unless their claims are properly authenticated & left with John Hagerty, in Light-street, before the first day of May next, they will be debarred from any benefit of said estate.

March 20, 1807. To be Let, THE STORE & CELLAR, No. 221, Market-street; a good stand for any kind of busi-

WILLIAM YOUNG LEWIS, 20, Calvert street.

300 boxes Tin Plate, UST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY CHRISTOPHER RABORG & SON, No. 13, Water-street.

On hand, Braziers Copper, assorted, Block Tin, Pig, Bar & Sheet Lead, with a general asortment of Copper, Brass and Tin Wares. From 8 to 10,000 wt. old Sheathing Cop-

per, and 6 casks black Lead Crucibles.
March 20. John Auchincloss, Jun. 9, CALVERT-STREET,
Is now opening 50 packages of
SPRING GOODS, Received per ship Oliver Ellsworth, via New-

York, consisting of

Elegant Fancy Muslins, Plain Lenoes and Picquits, Book Muslins, Sewed and Check Leno Shawls, Madras Handkerchiefs, Nuns Threads and Millinetts. All the above are entitled to drawback and particularly adapted for the Spanish & West-India markets. March 20.

Wrought Nails.

Just received, 75 casks 6d, 8d, 10d and 12d, Wrought NAILS, assorted, of a good quality, which will be sold on reasonable terms.

ALSO ON HAND, 30 bbls. Baltimore Prime Pork, 700 bushels Blown Salt, 10 hhds. Molassos, and a few kegs James River Chewing Tobacco, &c &c. WILLIAM HUSBAND.

No. 63, County wharf. 3d mo. 19:

VENDUE, FOR THE SALE OF Household Furniture, Wearing

Apparel and Watches, &c. THE subscribers, being legally authorised. have opened a Vendue and Commission Store, No. 17, east side of Market space; where persons sending articles of the above description for sale, may depend upon having them disposed of to the best advantage, and their amount paid immediately after the sale each day, by the Clerk, without defalcation, except the commission allowed by law. The patro-nage of the Public is respectfully solicited by WILLIAM C. COCHRAN, and

ISAIAH P. PROCTOR

N. B. Particular attention will be paid to
the Sale of Orphans' Property, estates of de-

For Sale at Public Auction.

On THURSDAY, The 26th instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the stores of Robert Ralston, lower side of Walnut street wharf,
The CARGO of the ship Benjamin Franklin,
Benjamin Wickes, senior, commander, from

Calcutta, consisting of 541 packages of Piece-Goods,

Among which are, adk'is, Chintzes, Bandanna Handk'is, Pullicat ditto, Checks, Black Taffetas, Baftas, Long Cloths, Mamoodies, Sannahs, Red & blue Gilla Ro-Black Muslins, Seer Suckers, [malls, Custahs, Gurrahs, Cossas, Jamletty, Emerties. Salguchy, Blue Gurrahs.

Gimges. Also, Hearth Rugs; 27 chests Indigo; 73 bales and packages of Twine; 57 ditto Marlin; 300 bags Sugar; 100 ditto heavy black Pepper;

and a quantity of Gunny Bags.

JOHN CONNELLY, Auct'r.

Who will have catalogues to distribute after to-morrow
Philadelphia, March 16 [20] d4t

This is to give Notice, THAT the subscribers, of Baltimore county, have obtained from the orphans' court of Baltimore county, in Maryland letters of administration on the personal estate of capt. George Martin, late of Baltimore county deceased: All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at or before the 21st day of September pays they may athermise by law he have obtained from the orphans' court of September next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are quested to make immediate payment to us of the sums by them respectively due.

Given under our hands this 20th day of

March 20, 1807.

Gharitable Polemic So Met agreeably to notice, on Satur-ing last, and discussed the foll

In prosecutions for libels—o ed he permited to give the truth as a matter of justifica ion?— fire mated and spirited debate it was defined as a matter of justification? by a majority of 75 in the affirmative.

Question for next Saturday evening Which is the most prevalent passion in t hear: of Man-the love of Beauty, wealth or

merit? By particular desire, the following questions:
Can the conduct of General Wilkinson, as
stated, be justified?
Is it politic to prohibit commercial inter-

course betwen this country and St. Domingo? The Polemic Hall has been fitted up for the comfortable reception of ladies who would wish to honor it with their presence. Debate every Saturday. The chair to be taken as soon after 7 o'clock as the company

Doors to be open at half past 6 o'clock. Price of admittance, 12 1-2 cents. March 18.

German Evangelical Reformed Church LOTTERY. 500 tickets were drawn of which the follow-

ing were prizes:
Prize of \$200 No. 3200, it being the first. drawn ticket after 2000

Prize of \$100 No. 10060. Prize of \$20 No 3629. Prizes of \$6 Nos. 1485 4720 7389 103 2624. 1897 10258 4921 6399 672 10082 5095 11157 1315 11800 3813 11568 2349 10024 5414 10980 10205 3196 10363 11674 61-And 471 three

Gain of the wheel this day \$611. Total gain of the wheel \$4304. The following capital prizes remain in the

wheel yet : \$ 2500 1 prize of 1000 2 do. 500 400 300 1 do. 1 do. 7 do 19 do.

And a large number of 20 and of 6 dollars. Tickets are still to be had at the original price of \$2 in advance, of any of the managers, of Messrs. Warner & Hanna and of Mr. John Schultz, German-Street. It is expected the price will soon rise.

The drawing will continue (for the present) every Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M. at Myer's hotel, Market street. 500 Tickets will be drawn each day.

For Sale, Part of a Tract of LAND, called Maiden-Choice, lying about three and an half miles from this city and a mile from the Fredericktown turnpike road, and adjoining the country seat of Mr. James Carey, containing about fifty acres, part of which is under the and cultivated, eight acres of excellent Meado ground, part in grass, and the rest can sown down at a small expence, a number a Apple Trees, some of which bear, and twen ty-five acres of timber land, well covered with every kind of wood. The situation is high, healthy and commanding a fine prospect, and the soil equal to any in its neighborbood for fertility—is well watered by a run and several excellent springs, and has several quarries of good building stone thereon with many other advantages. A further description is deemed unnecessary, as those inclined to purchase will first view the property—for

the terms apply to Mr. JACOB CROMWELL, near the premises.

ANNA MARIA LEWIS. March 19.