

Portsmouth, N. H.; Friendship, Blanchard, Newport, R. I.

Extract of a letter from Newport, R. I. to a gentleman in this city, dated Monday, 19th inst.

"Yesterday arrived here, a brig, belonging to your city, under Swedish colours; she was bound to St. Bartholomews, and three days after she sailed was captured by capt. Cochran, who took out the crew, excepting the captain, supercargo and two men, putting on board of her a prize-master and eleven men, and ordered her for Halifax. Three days before her arrival here, the remaining part of the crew rose upon the Englishmen, re-took the brig, and brought her into this port."

WASHINGTON, October 27.

The Vice-President yesterday took the chair of the Senate at the opening of that body. We have pleasure in stating him to be in good health.

It is with regret we learn that Mr. Mason, the former Speaker of the House of Representatives, is disabled from taking his seat in the House by a severe indisposition.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, October 26.

This being the day fixed by the proclamation of the president of United States for the meeting of congress, a majority of the members of both houses convened at the capitol.

The assistant clerk of the house of representatives having called over the names of the members, announced 117 members and one delegate to be present.

He then inquired if it were the pleasure of the house to proceed to the appointment of a speaker, which being determined in the affirmative, the members proceeded to ballot for that officer, Messrs. Curtis, Helms and John Campbell being named tellers.

The tellers, after examining the votes, reported that 117 were received and Joseph B. Varnum, a representative from the state of Massachusetts, having 59 of them, was declared to be duly elected.

The votes were given as follows: Joseph B. Varnum, - - - 59 Charles Goldsborough, - - 17 Burwell Bassett, - - - 17 John Masters, - - - 8 Thomas Blount, - - - 7 John Dawson, - - - 4 John Smilie, - - - 2 Benjamin Talmage, - - - 1 Timothy Pitkin, - - - 1 Roger Nelson, - - - 1

The Speaker being conducted to the chair, by Mr. Van Cortlandt and Mr. Alston, addressed the house as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, You will please to accept my most grateful acknowledgements for the honor which by your suffrages on this occasion you have conferred upon me. I am sensible of my own inability to perform the important duties you have been pleased to assign me, in the most desirable manner; but relying on your candor and readiness to afford me your aid, I accept the trust. And be assured, gentlemen, that it will be my assiduous endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and impartially; and in a manner which in my opinion shall be best calculated to meet your wishes, and afford me the consolation of an approving conscience.

Patrick Magruder was elected clerk of the house of representatives.

An election took place for sergeant at arms, which, after two ballots, issued in favor of Thomas Dunn.

Thomas Claxton was appointed door-keeper at the first ballot.

FEDERAL GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

Delegates from Talbot, David Kerr, jun. Perry Spencer, Wm. E. Smith and Samuel Stevens, jun. From Caroline Frederick Holbrook, Peregrine F. Bayard, Alamy Jump and John Beon. From Dorchester, Robert Dennis, Joseph Bennals, Solomon Frazier, and Hugh Henry. From Somerset, John Gale, Geo. W. Jackson, Levin Windler, and Robert J. King.

Some months since, a very great GENTLEMAN at St. Louis (Louisiana) forwarded to us the account of a marriage which he said had been celebrated there. We published it. We have since been informed of the cheat, but have not the letter at present from him who cheated us.

COMMUNICATION.

The utility of instituting a new insurance office, in the city of Baltimore, for the insuring of buildings, goods, wares, and merchandise; also to extend the same to lives, &c. &c. having for a long time been obvious, the citizens of Baltimore are hereby respectfully informed, that application by petition will be made to the ensuing General Assembly of Maryland, for a law to incorporate a company for the aforesaid purposes, which, when obtained, will be carried into operation as soon as possible thereafter.

FOR THE FEDERAL GAZETTE.

Mr. Hewes, I observe that the principal topic of the day, respecting the business of the approaching session of the state legislature, appears to be that of a strong energetic militia law; and by way of contributing my mite to so desirable an object, I beg leave to offer, through the medium of your paper, such remarks upon such sections of the present law as I conceive most deficient. Should they, or any part of them, meet the approbation of the legislature, my vanity may be in some measure gratified; or should the pro-

posed amendments be totally rejected, and better adopted, I shall be well pleased.

The 6th section of the present law says, "that no free white male citizen, between the ages of 18 and 45, shall be exempt from military duty, unless he shall obtain a certificate of inability from the surgeon of the regiment to which he belongs or some other reputable physician of the neighborhood." &c. This clause I have found by experience to be (in my opinion) very deficient. Having had the honor of commanding a small portion of the militia of Maryland, it fell to my lot to draft 7 men for the western expedition; after which, to my astonishment, two or three of them, whom I had known for many years, and viewed as healthy, able-bodied men, produced me certificates from a respectable physician of Baltimore (Dr. ——— since deceased) of their inability for military duty. Seeing these certificates from quarters so little expected, I should scarcely have been surprised to find others prying an exemption, for fear that a trip to camp might produce a relapse of that dreadful malady called the itch. Therefore, to avoid the imposition of such occasional cripples in future I would propose that the surgeon of the regiment (and no other physician) together with 2 or 3 reputable neighbors (who well know the applicant for exemption) should form a court of inspection to decide on his competency to bear arms; for how easy is it for a man (whose nearest outwights his pride) to neglect his razor, put on a long face, a pitiful countenance, and, with his arm in a sling, or his knee bound up in greasy flannel, creep off slyly to a physician who never saw or heard of such a person before—and with a mournful tale, under the graceful mask of hypocrisy, obtain a certificate of inability, then skip home, take off his beard, put on his other face again, boast to his family of his miraculous escape from death, and enjoy himself at his ease, laughing at others while they are fighting for his property.

Suppose a man's leg, or his arm, to have been once broken—doctors say, when recovered they are stronger than ever. And shall men be exempt from military duty, merely because accident has made them a little stronger than nature intended? The idea is ridiculous, unless real decrepitude has been the consequence.

I have no notion of a man being exempt from military duty, merely because he may have been troubled with worms in his infancy, or have shed his hair in a spell of sickness 20 years ago. But I think that men generally, who are both able and willing at a moment's warning to turn out and take a severe single combat with an antagonist, a tour for hours together in a ball-alley, or perform all kinds of hard labor on a farm or elsewhere to procure property, should be made to turn out in its defence when emergency calls.

Should these remarks be thought worthy of publication, you will probably be troubled with others of a similar nature. By your old friend, GUSTAVUS.

The following lines, by a Volunteer of Fell's Point, obtain an early insertion in the Gazette, because we honour the patriotic spirit of the times, and hold in high estimation those sentiments which are conspicuous in the piece. Critic, be silent as to the literary merits of such things as have other and greater requisites. The editor of a commercial daily paper is not always at leisure to polish communications.

FOR THE FEDERAL GAZETTE.

FELL'S POINT ARTILLERY.

Hark! our country sounds alarm; Invaded is our friendly shore; Unite the word; then let us arm, To make the Point Artillery roar.

In blessed freedom's cause we'll fight, We'll fight, my boys, and never fly; The lovely fair will all delight To hear the Point Artillery.

Who notly join'd the warlike band, With hearts as free as noontide air, Resolved to guard our happy land From foes who would our rights ensnare.

Columbia's glowing youth behold Your father's take of father's fire, No'er barter freedom's cause for gold; No! rather in the field expire.

To every gunner let us drink; In every man we may descry The noble soul that ne'er will shrink From Tenant's brave Artillery.

APPOINTMENTS

By the Governor and Council of Maryland, September 1807.

John B. Howard, captain of a troop of horse, attached to the 11th brigade, Baltimore county.

Nicholas M. Bosley, 1st lieutenant. Bennett Jarrett, 2d do. and Josiah Jenkins, c. met.

Philip F. Risan, capt. 21st reg. Kent. Thomas L. McKenny, lieutenant. do. do. John Constable, ensign, do. do. Robert Evans, jun. capt. 30th do. Cecil. David Cumming, lieutenant. do. do. James Egan, jun. ensign, do. do. Joseph Talbot, capt. 19th reg. Caroline. Richard Thomas, capt. 38th do. Queen-Anne's.

James Massey, lieutenant. do. do. Thomas Richardson, ensign, do. do. Philemon C. Blake, lieutenant. do. do. R. Blunt's company, in the reg. No. 38, Queen-Anne's.

John Barker, capt. 1st reg. Charles county. Robert C. Stone, lieutenant. do. do. Zachariah Conner, ensign, do. do. Thomas Goslin, lieutenant. do. do. James Wheeler, ensign, of capt. Henry Snoot's company, Dorchester county.

Josiah Polk, captain, do. do. Maas Adams, lieutenant, do. do. Solomon Davis, ensign, do. do. Ezekiel Reed, lieutenant, do. do. William Wheatley, of Edward, ensign, of captain Francis Turpin's company, 11th regiment, Dorchester. William Washington Eccleston, captain do. do.

Charles Wright, lieutenant, do. do. Robert Medford, ensign, do. do. James Lecompte, lieutenant, and Francis Webb, ensign of capt. Thomas Thompson's company, 11th regiment, Dorchester.

Thomas Pitt, captain, do. do. Samuel Miles, lieutenant. do. do. Sutha Beel, ensign, do. do. Lewis Waiter, captain, do. do. William B. Smith, lieutenant, do. do. Arthur Hughes, ensign, do. do. Jason Elliott, captain, do. do. Thomas Barnett, jun. lieutenant, do. do. Joseph Bestpetch, ensign, do. do. William Craft, ensign of captain Moses W. Nesbitt's company, do. do.

Alexander Smith, quartermaster, 11th reg. William Jackson, surgeon's mate, do. William B. Barnett, lieutenant, and John B. Davis, ensign, of captain John Mackall, junior's company, 12th regiment, St. Mary's county.

Matthew Wise Simmons, captain, 12th regiment. John Wiseman, lieutenant, do. James Jarboe, ensign, do. William Bean, captain, do. Thomas Bean, lieutenant. do. John Martin, junior, ensign, do. Richard Clarke, captain, do. Thomas Clarke, lieutenant, do. Caleb Jones, ensign, do.

Joseph Ford, junior, lieutenant, and John L. Millard, ensign of captain Enock J. Millard's company, in the regiment No. 12, St. Mary's county.

Ignatius Stone, lieutenant, and Robert D. Reader, ensign, of captain Richard B. Lucas's company, 12th reg. John S. Abell, captain 12th reg. Robert Hammet, lieutenant. do. Edward Ford, ensign, do. Joseph Young, captain, do. Elijah Tarlton, lieutenant. do. Benjamin Martin, ensign, do. Charles Parly, lieutenant. do. Philemon Griffith, jun. ensign of captain Ely Brasher's company, 13th regiment, Frederick.

Basil Dorsey, of Evan, ensign of capt. Joseph James's company, 13th regiment, Frederick. Christian Lontz, ensign of captain J. H. Simmons's company, 13th regmt. John Cook, capt. do. Nicholas Hall, jun. lieutenant. do. Richard Hall, ensign, do. Henry Wood, quartermaster to do. William Hall, adjutant to do. George Champer, lieutenant, and George Rinn, ensign of captain Frederick Salmon's company, 20th reg. Frederick. Samuel Ogle, captain, do. Andrew Holzman, lieutenant. do. John Hoffman, ensign, do. Morris Key, capt. 45th reg. Saint-Mary's.

Thomas Neale, lieutenant. do. Samuel Carpenter, ensign, do. do. James Walker, captain, do. Joseph Stone, ensign, captain W. Dunbar's company, do. William T. Lee, ensign, captain Thomas Gardner's company, 45th reg. Richard Maryman, capt. 45th reg. John Stone, lieutenant. do. Philip Ford, ensign, do. Henry Ashton, captain, do. Thomas A. Reeder, lieutenant. do. Richard Reeder, ensign, do. Thomas Price, ensign, capt. R. Melton's company, 45th reg. Saint-Mary's. James Egerton, quartermaster to 45th reg. John Sothorn, paymaster to do. Thomas H. Birkhead, captain of a troop of horse attached to the first brigade. Harford.

Paca Smith, 1st lieutenant. James Amos, jun. 2d lieutenant, and William Frisby, cornet. George Presbury, capt. 42d reg. Harford. George W. Bradford, lieutenant. do. do. Merkin Bond, ensign, do. do. Henry Weatherall, capt. do. do. Joseph Strong, lieutenant. do. do. Thomas Hill, jun. ensign, do. do. Jacob Michael, capt. do. do. Hosier Barnes, lieutenant. do. do. Crispin Cunningham, ensign, do. do. William Calwell, capt. do. do. Josiah Scott-McComas, lieutenant. do. do. William McComas, ensign, do. do. Thomas Cole, capt. do. do. Thomas Shay, lieutenant. do. do. John Thompson, ensign, do. do. Everett Hughes, capt. 42d reg. Harford. Soshua Wood, capt. 42d reg. Harford. John M. Gaw, lieutenant. do. do. Bennett Stewart, ensign, do. do. Andrew M. Adow, capt. do. do. John Hays, lieutenant. do. do. George Herbert, ensign, do. do. William Smith, major of a battalion, 42d reg.

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books. October 27. Arrived, sch. Federal Guard, Dexter, 24 days from Point Petre, Guad.—sugar & coffee—Levi Hollingsworth and Amas A. Williams. Passed three ships off Thomas Point, bound up.

This is to give Notice, That the subscriber hath obtained from the orphan's court of Baltimore County in Maryland letters of administration on the personal estate of Samuel Coale, 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 subscriber, at or before the 1st day of May next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 28th day of October, 1807. SAMUEL COALE, of Sam. Exr. October 28, 1807. 2ay 1ay

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to the sale To-Morrow Morning, at 10 o'clock, 6 bales Damaged German LINENS.

For account of the underwriters, for cash. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r. October 28.

Sale by Auction.

TO MORROW MORNING, The 29th instant, at 10 o'clock, at the vendue Warehouse at the corner of Second and Frederick-streets, will commence the sale of

A large and general assortment of DRY GOODS.

And at 12 o'clock, 37 bales Guadalupe Sugar, 16 do. New Orleans do. 30 boxes white do. 210 bags Coffee, 23 casks Rice, 14 pipes 4th proof Cogniac Brandy; A few pipes excellent Holland Gin, 5 casks Raisins, 21 boxes Hyson Tea, 20 do superior Hyson Skin, 13 do. Young Hyson, 150 boxes Spanish Segars.

ALSO, 35 barrels of Apples, New-Town, Castings, &c. carefully packed up for families' use. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r. October 28.

Sale by Auction.

The following articles, belonging to the estate of Mr. James Long, deceased, that were not offered at the Vendue on Wednesday, the 21st, will be sold on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at the Vendue Warehouse, at the corner of Second and Frederick-streets, about half past 12 o'clock: A very handsome Coach, (nearly new,) with harness complete, A pair of Horses, 1 Sleigh and Harness, 1 Cart, A parcel of new Sash & Window Frames, A pinchbeck Watch, Silver-Bagales, Brass Antidors, Shovel, Tongs, &c. THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r. October 28.

Sale by Auction.

On FRIDAY, The 30th instant, at 10 o'clock, at our auction-room, at the head of Frederick street dock, will commence the sale of A Variety of Dry Goods; And immediately after, A large assortment of Earthenware; Consisting of Jugs, Pots, Pitchers, Baking Pans, &c. &c. VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs. REPOSITORY FOR THE RECEPTION AND SALE OF FURNITURE.

Sale by Auction.

Cole and I Bonsal, Auct'rs, Will offer for sale on FRIDAY, 30th instant, at their Warehouse back of the Union Bank of Maryland, (entrance from S. Charles street,) a variety of MAHOGANY, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.

Sale to commence at half past 10 o'clock For Charleston (S. C.) The Ship OHELLO, Captain Welsh, She will positively sail on the 5th November next. For freight or passage, which will be taken on low terms, apply to the master on board, at Kerr's wharf, Fell's-Point, or to BENJ. & GEO. WILLIAMS, No. 3, Bowly's wharf October 27. d1 16

For Sale.

The fine fast-sailing-staunch Brig ST. MICHAELS, with all her appurtenances; burthen per register 177 tons, built of the very best materials, and may be sent to sea at a small expence—For terms apply to Haxelhurst, Brothers and Co. d1 16 October 27.

Just Received,

1500 wt. Tennessee Feathers, 1200 Bees Wax, 1000 Salt Petre, 120 bales Cotton, 4 tons Hemp, 100 kegs nice Glade Butter in shipping order, Country Linens, Bags and Bagging. Which are offered for sale by RABORG & TAYLOR. d4 eodt October 28.

George C. Muller,

Two doors to the right of the Custom House. Has received by the late arrival from Tongingen and Amsterdam, 265 packages German Linens, Consisting of

Plattas Royales Bretagnes Estopillas Unies Creas Doyals, whole and half pieces Listados Checks and stripes Arabias Hessians Brown Rolfs Osnaburgs and Tickenburgs Burlaps White Flaxen, &c. Also on Hand, Blue Guineas, Dutch Calicoes, Mustins, Harlem Stripes, Dutch shirting Linen, Tablecloth, home made Linen, Metal Nails for sheathing, Jm Cases, Liqueur Cases, Hollow Glass, Dutch Hardware, &c. d1m October 28.

Notice.

All persons are hereby cautioned against trusting my wife Eliza Patton, as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting from the date hereof. JAMES PATTON. October 28. d4 1

Miss LEVY

HAS FOR SALE, At No. 10, Corner of East st. & St. Paul's-lane, LADIES' DRESSES.

White Lutestring, painted with a border of Jessamine; interwoven with Gold Flowers; Do. Superfine glazed Cambric, with border of Grapes and Wheat, entwined with Myrtle, the Sleeves and Belt to correspond; Linen Cambric Jackets and Petticoats; Cartricie Muslin, Mull Muslin, and Leno Short Robes, worked with Cotton in Superb Patterns; Do. Infant's Frocks and Caps; an assortment of India Muslin; Diamond Leno, Rich Thread Laces; Silk, &c. consisting of Mantles Scarfs, Shawls, Veils, Huffs, and Sleeves; white and colored Crapes, Trimmings, worked with Gold and Silver; Do. Cambric, worked with Cotton; an assortment of Lawris and Cambric Ruffs; Gloves; Stockings; superfine Flannel, with a variety of USEFUL & ORNAMENTAL ARTICLES, too tedious to mention.

Miss LEVY receives orders as usual for EMBROIDERING, PUNTING, DRAWING, MARKING with Durable Ink, and Plain SEWING.

Ladies can be furnished at the above, with elegant Cotton and Nun's Thread. October 28. eodt

This is to give Notice,

That the subscribers of George town in the District of Columbia, have obtained from the orphan's court of Washington county, in the district of Columbia, letters testamentary on the personal estate of George Lee, esq. late of Washington county aforesaid, 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 26th day of April next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 26th day of October, 1807. NICHOLAS LANGAN, } Ex'rs. JNO. R. MAQUEDEN, JUN. } Ex'rs. All those indebted to the estate are desired to make payment with-out delay. N. L. } Ex'rs. J. R. M. JUN. } Ex'rs. October 28, 1806. 2ay 3 w 1

BALTIMORE THEATRE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, October 28, Will be presented, a celebrated Comedy, not acted here these 4 years, called Lovers' Vows.

Translated from the German of Kotzebue, by Mrs. Inchbald. Frederick, Master BARRETT, the young American Roscius, being positively his last appearance this season of discharging the duties of the Theatre, Mrs. BARRETT, her last appearance this season. To which will be added, an admired Farce, in 2 acts, called THE

Schewing Lieutenant; OR, ST. PATRICK'S DAY. By R. B. Sheridan, Esq. author of the School for Scandal. BOX. One Dollar—PIT, Three Fourths of a Dollar. October 27.

Notice is hereby Given,

That the Sheriff of Baltimore county is directed to have the body of James Fry, an insolvent debtor, now in his custody, before the county court of Baltimore county, on the 31st day of October instant, at nine o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of discharging the said James Fry, from confinement, unless cause be shewn to the contrary, agreeably to the directions of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors. Signed by order. WM. GIBSON, Clerk. October 26. d6t

Was found a few days since,

A small Black POCKET-BOOK, containing three Lottery Tickets, which the owner may have by applying at this office, and paying cost of advertisement. October 24. d4t

FOR SALE,

A Second-hand Printing Press. APPLY AT THIS OFFICE. October 22. d

Ran away,

On the 19th of last month, a Mulatto Girl, named ELIZA, about 12 years of age. One of her front teeth was out, and she had a black spot on the white of one of her eyes. She had on when she went away, a white cambric-muslin gown, a large coarse nankin shawl, and a straw bonnet trimmed with green ribbon. Whoever brings her home to the subscriber, living at the corner of Goodman Hill-street, Federal Hill, shall receive FIVE DOLLARS Reward. CHARLES EDWARDS. N. B. All persons are forewarned against harboring or carrying off said Girl, at their peril. Oct. 24. d4 1/2

Dancing.

P. L. DUPONT begs leave to inform his friends, and the ladies and gentlemen of Baltimore generally, that he has commenced giving private lessons in dancing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. His attention on the days stated shall not interfere with his regular school, which will open for the season in a few days, of which due notice will be given. Any commands for P. L. Dupont will be promptly attended to if left at G. Hill's book store, No. 104, Baltimore-street, where a subscription book for the school is lodged. Oct. 26. eodt

Handelian Charitable Society.

The Members of this Institution will please to take notice, that the evenings of meeting (for a few weeks) are changed from Friday to Thursday. The next meeting will be Thursday next, at half past 6 o'clock precisely. The Committee having determined to make immediate arrangements for a public performance, the members are particularly enjoined to be punctual in their attendance. By order, HORACE H. HAYDEN, Sec'y. Oct. 27. 2t

Columbian Volunteers.

You will meet at the Court House on Saturday next, the 31st inst. at 3 o'clock P. M. in full uniform, with arms and accoutrements in military order, being a constitutional day. Absentees will be fined. JOHN COMEGYS, capt. Oct 28. d4 1