

acts of assembly. They are either for the want of indelicacy; for being known before two justices of the peace, who are not justices of the court, or the acknowledgment not in writing of the acts of assembly, or are defective when conveyances are made by power of attorney. This intended to remedy these; such are the principles of the law; and if ever the Legislature did an act for which the citizens to applaud them, this is one. No revenue some may be against this law, but it will put at rest many a source of the vexatious and expensive litigation which nothing could be more profitable to lawyers. This, then, is the law which called forth the gall of "A Looker-on," if he is a lawyer, may be excused; but it is very difficult to fathom his views. Perhaps in a few days, I may say on this subject, and inform you and the public of the necessity and urgency of law; and at the same time show you who the opposers of the bill in the Legislature.

For the FEDERAL GAZETTE.

Mr. T. Dorsey's quiet possession. I am inclined to think that "A Looker-on" (who appears to be unnecessarily alarmed at what he considers an approach to a war between the Legislature and the judicial departments of the state government) has overlooked the real merits of Mr. Dorsey's quiet possession. How a law, expressly intended to confirm rights to property fairly purchased and honestly paid for, can be supposed to cause litigation and produce a legislative and judicial war, I am utterly unable to conceive. If I am correctly informed on the subject, the bill, from which your correspondent fears such terrible consequences, goes only to secure to us that property for which we have fairly paid, but which, owing to an informal conveyance (under existing laws) may at any time be wrested from us.

If the law regulating the conveyance of real estate, which enjoins the necessity of using, in the deed, certain legal phraseology, be repealed, and a new law enacted, under which property may be transferred by using other words, or by omitting words not necessary to be used—where, I ask, is the semblance of propriety, in stamping this procedure with the political character of party?

Not having been at Annapolis lately, I pretend not to say in what manner the legislative business, generally, is conducted; but the particular act, to which "A Looker-on" alludes, will, perhaps, rebound more to the honor of its authors than he is willing to believe. I profess myself decidedly a Federalist, and as a good federalist, ready to bestow the meed of praise on even an opponent in politics, when he shall have merited it. Mr. T. Dorsey, I believe, has acted in the case under consideration, from principle, without reference to party politics; and, as wise legislators ever should, has been governed by a correct sense of justice and of right. A real friend to right and

"QUIET POSSESSIONS."

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[TAKEN for the FEDERAL GAZETTE.]

Washington, December 9.

Proceedings this day.

Mr. Boyle, from the committee of public land, presented a bill making further provision for the sale of the sections of lands heretofore reserved for the future disposition of congress. Referred to a committee of the whole on Monday.

Mr. Dawson laid before the house a letter from the secretary of war, inclosing an estimate of the sum necessary for the pay and subsistence of 32,800 men, officers included &c. Referred to the committee of the whole, to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to military and naval establishments.

The house proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole (yesterday) on the bill from the senate making appropriations for building 183 additional gunboats. Considerable debate arose on agreeing to said bill, occasioned by a motion to strike out the words "183 gunboats," and insert "124 gunboats and a frigates of 44 guns each." The question was taken on the amendment, and it was lost, yeas 19. The bill was then ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The house then adjourned at half past 2 o'clock.

#### Port of Baltimore.

CLEARED,

Ship Olive, Coffin, Cork

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Boats.

December 9.

Arrived, sloop Nancy, Allen Wardwell, master, from Point Petre (Guad) Sugar and Coffee—Briscoe & Partridge.—Left Nov. 17th, brig Gilbert, Aydelton, to sail in 13 days for N. York; ship Marietta, Alcock, 5 days for N. York; sch'r Rebecca, Thompson, for Boston in 12 or 14 days; 2 sloops for Baltimore, next day. On the 20th, was boarded by the Br. sloop of war Melville, capt. James W. King, treated politely—23d, in lat. 21, 30, spoke sch'r Gloria, capt. Godby, from Antigua, bound for N. York. He said there were several American vessels carried in and detained at Antigua—24th, in lat. 23, 30, long. 66, 30, spoke sch'r James, of and for Baltimore, 5 days from Boston.—Dec. 1, lat. 30, 52, long. 71, spoke sch'r Washington, Smith, 10 days from Martinico, bound to Salem.—A short time before the Nancy sailed, an expedition was fitted out from Point Petre, which took St. Bartholomews, and brought into P. Petre from thence, a brig (unknown), sch'r Random, belonging to Baltimore, and a Br. brig—The brig Ohio, and sch'r Nymph, for Baltimore, sailed the day before the Nancy, but the second day after fell in company and continued with them till the 27th,

when we parted, in lat. 25, 56, long. 70, 12.

Also, sch'r Perseverance, from Barracoa, long passage—coffee—J. B. Jauhet.

Also, barque Harper, from Leghorn, via Salem—oil—Buffum & Goodhue.

Also, sch'r Amphion, Darkee, 17 days from La Vera Cruz—Logwood—Lemuel Taylor. Sailed 20th ult. in co. with the sch'r Hound, Davidson, for Baltimore, parted next day. Left sch'r Enterprise, Briggs, of Baltimore. Came into the Capes last evening at 5 o'clock—Saw a large number of ships, brigs and schooners in the bay, bound up—did not speak them. Saw the brig Ohio off the Capes.

Also, sch'r James, Gwynn, 20 days from Basseterre, Guad.—sugar and coffee—Charles Gwynn and co. Left sch'r Samuel and Jane, Kelly, for Savannah in 4 days.

The private brig general Brinofand cutter Victor, from Guadalupe, landed some troops on the eastern end of the island of St. Bartholomews on the nights of the 11th and 12th November. The next morning the vessels proceeded round to the harbour, took possession of the forts and cut out the Swedish brig Meteor and sch'r Random, which they took in Point Petre. It was also stated that they had brought a considerable quantity of coffee with them.

The sch'r Rapid, Gold, hence has arrived at La Vera Cruz.

December 10.

Arrived, brig Ohio, Southcomb, 24 days from Point Petre (Guad).—sugar—Lemuel Taylor. Sailed in co. with the sch'r Nymph, Moreton, for Baltimore. Left ships Anna-Louisa for N. York in 8 days; Margaret, Myrick, do. uncertain; sch'r Rebecca, Thompson, for Boston in 2 days; sloop Sally, Bradford for Balt. in 2 days; brig G. O. Washington, for Boston.

C. P. S. confirms the account of the attack on St. Bartholomews, and the arrival of the two Swedish vessels at Point Petre, the crews of which were immediately put on board the prison-ship. Three British vessels had lately been brought in there, two ships from Demarara, with colonial produce for England, and a brig from Guernsey with wine.

Also, Bremen ship America, Duncker, 47 days from Liverpool—Salt—Schuliz and Vogeler—spoke nothing.

#### BATTALION ORDERS.

The review of the 1st. Battalion 6th regiment is postponed till Monday next, 14th inst. if fair at same place and time, as was intimated on the 10th inst.

By order of 1st Major.

W. G. D. WORTHINGTON,

Adj't 6th Reg.

December 10.

United Columbian Volunteers, will meet at Lieut. Jourdan's (next door to the corner of Sharp and Bary-streets) on Friday evening next the 11th inst. at 6 o'clock precisely.

ly, the company is requested to be punctual in their attendance that evening as the remaining non-commissioned officers will be elected, and other business of importance to the company, will be laid before them.

Gentlemen desirous to join this company will please to attend or send their names by one of the company.

By order of the captain,

JOHN HUGHES, 1st Sergt.

N. vember 11.

Sale by Auction—postponed.

THE SUGAR, COFFEE & ANTIGU.

RU, and other Groceries, as advertised for this day, were on account of the wet weather postponed until to-morrow, (FRIDAY) at 12 o'clock.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct.

December 10.

Spanish HIDES.

The subscribers have this day received per the sch. Columbia, captain Sears, and offer for sale,

2500 Lagaira Hides,

60 lbs. Tanner's Oil,

28 qr. casks Malaga Wine,

23 lbs Salmon,

1000 Maracabo Goat Skins,

The above Schooner, a good strong vessel, only two years old, will take Freight to the West-Indies, or a Port in the United States. For terms, apply to A. Welsh, or

BARR & STERRETT,

No. 21, Howard street.

December 10.

For St. Jago de Cuba,

THE schooner MINERVA,

(a regular trader) P. ter Sorenson master; has excellent accommodations for passengers. Has commenced loading, and having the greater part of her freight engaged. 50 barrels more, and a few passengers will be taken, if immediate applications made to the subscriber on board, lower end of Frederick street docks.

PETER SORENSEN.

December 10.

Luffum and Goodhue,

No. 16, BOWLY'S WHARF.

Offer for sale, the cargo of barque, captain Foster, from Leghorn,

Consisting of

80 whole pipes Corsica WINE,

40 half "

20 casks

500 chests, 30 flasks } Super. Lucca OIL,

700 boxes, 12 bottles } "

24 casks first quality White Lead,

46 boxes and 18 bales Writing Paper

1 case containing ten pieces Black, Green and Violet Velvets.

December 10.

Schulze & Vogeler,

Have imported per ship America, John Duncker master, from Liverpool,

8,000 bushels Ground Salt.

December 10.

COFFEE,

120,000 lbs. of COFFEE, entitled to draw back; for sale by

ANDREW BOYD,

No. 3, N. Calvert-street.

October 30.

#### New Mode of Swindling.

##### 200 Dollars Reward

FOR APPREHENDING THE CHIEF

ACTOR, RICHARD HARDEN.

Late of Pratt street, in the city of Baltimore, Grocer, who left said city, on or about the 24th day of October last. The Public would confer an obligation on a person from whom he purchased a large quantity of goods, which, together with others purchased from different persons, he sold to many others, chiefly to a Mr. Shamway, to whom he sold upwards of 600 dollars worth; (Shamway, had been his Clerk); and likewise on whom he prevailed to endorse notes to a considerable amount if they would forward a few lines, mentioning where he may be found, to E. F. Carr of the editor of the Federal Gazette.

The said R. Harden, is about 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, stout mode of complexion, a mark on his jaw like that of an owl, down look, and is a fair braver. When in Baltimore he was dressed in black, with a cravat on his hat; he seems to have a general knowledge of business, and of the country; is a native of New England. He formerly lived in Charleston, S. C. and in Newbern, N. C. The person he has taken in as above stated, is a Man with a large family, from whom he has taken nearly the whole means of support for them and himself, and therefore claims the assistance of the public, in detecting him. Should the person giving information (so that he can be arrested) require it, the above reward will be given, by the writer of this, who may be known on application to the Editor of the Baltimore Federal Gazette; and his name never be mentioned.

N. B. It is supposed that Harden has gone to New York, followed by several of his associates; at which place he will probably resume a trade to which he is no stranger.

The Editors of the Norfolk Gazette, Philadelphia Gazette, New York Gazette, and Boston Gazette, are requested to publish the above to the amount of two dollars each, and send their accounts to this office.

December 10

Just Received

From Point-Petre, (Guadalupe,) per sloop Nancy, captain Wardwell, and will be landed to-morrow, on Bowly's wharf, and for sale low off the wharf.

31 hds. Muscovado SUGAR,

54 bbls. first quality COFFEE.

BRISCOE & PARTRIDGE.

December 10.

Just Received—For Sale.

10 hds. 1st quality St. Croix Sugar,

20 qr. casks Sherry Wine, D. G. brand,

12 hds. first quality Molasses,

20 bags beautiful Green Coffee,

7 hds. high proof Jamaica Spirit,

8 do. 3d and 4th proof Antigua do.

1800 baskets fine Table Salt.

WILLIAM NORRIS, Jun.

No. 64, Baltimore-street

December 10.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

Runaway from the subscriber, some time in November last, a Black Negro BOY, named George, about 14 years of age, has large white eyes, a down look, and a scar upon his breast. George formerly lived with Mrs. Long, on Fell's Point, where he was seen since his elopement, and it is highly probable he is now lurking about the out parts of said place. Whoever apprehends said runaway, and secures him in Baltimore jail, shall receive the above reward. Masters of vessels and others, are hereby cautioned against harboring said runaway.

LARKIN H. SMITH

December 10.

To Rent,

The HOUSE, lately occupied as an office by the Frederick Turnpike Company, in Fore-street, between St. Peter's Church and Market street; an excellent stand, and well calculated for a store, or warehouse, being but a few doors from and in view of Market-street. For terms apply to

ISAAC BURNSTON,

No. 196, Market-street

December 10.

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of the following Process, from Baltimore county court, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, for cash, at the different places hereinafter mentioned, the following Property, to wit:

On Thursday, the 17th inst. at 10 o'clock, at my office,

A Variety of Goods,

Amongst which are,

A large quantity of Stone Jugs, Queens-ware, Plates, Hour Glasses, Tea Canisters, Coffee Pots, Speaking Trumpets, Lanthrens, Saws, Frying-Pans, Stock and Pad Locks, 2 bbls. of Whiteing, and 13 boxes of Cod-Fish, late the property of John Stickney, taken by Fieri Facias, at the suit of Lewis Krumphour.

ALSO,

Immediately after, at same place. A barrel with Sugar, Tea and Grocery Ware, &c. some Household & Kitchen Furniture, late the property of William Susan & John Lamb, taken by Fieri Facias, at suit of William Crammond.

ALSO,

Porter Barrels. Porter in bottles, and a number of empty Bottles, Stand Kags, Chairs, Tables, Cot, Bed and Bedding, late the property of James King, taken by Fieri Facias, at the suit of Wm. Robinson.

ALSO,

On Friday the 18th inst. at 11 o'clock, at Messrs. Wright and Price's Lumber Yard, 2,605 Cedar Shingles, late the property of Thomas Casack, taken by Fieri Facias at the suit of George Bickham, Jacob Gettig and Jacob Reese.

ALSO,

At 12 o'clock, same day, at the Dwelling of Mr. Bankson, in Old-Town, near to Mr. Richards' Church. Beds, Bedsteads, & Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Desk and Book Case, Looking Glass, Pictures, Andirons, Glass, Chimney and Crockery Ware, late the property of Tabitha Ainsworth, Adm'r. of Wm. Asquith, sold by Virtue of a Writ of Venditioni Exponas, at the suit of Peter Hoffman, Jun.

And also,

At 3 o'clock, P. M. on the same day, at the late residence of Thomas Dobbin, in Harrison-street, No. 48, one Eight Day Clock, Desk, Book Case, and Books, one Carpet, two Looking Glasses, and other Household Furniture, late the property of said Thomas Dobbin, sold by Virtue of a Writ of Venditioni Exponas, at the suit of Pierce M. De Beitz.

JOHN HUNTER, Sheriff.

December 10, 1837.

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE,

Good Printing Ink,

IN SMALL KEGS.

#### This is to give Notice,

That the subscriber of the city of Baltimore, hath obtained from the orphan's court of Baltimore county, letters testamentary, on the personal estate of Fredk. Pratt, 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 subscriber, on or before the 10th day of September next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 10th day of December, 1837.

JOHN THOMAS,

Administrator.

December 10, 1837.

Italian Sewing Silks, etc.

Buffum and Goodhue,

No. 16, BOWLY'S WHARF.

Have this day received per sch'r. Mason's Daugh-ter, captain Millet,

3 trunks Italian Sewing Silks,

Containing

51 lbs. Black,

123 Blue,

123 Nankeen,

123 Drab,

ALSO,

4 cases Italian Writing Paper,

OF GOOD QUALITY.

December 9.

Guest, Atterbury & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,

163 Packages of Goods

Consisting of,

Calicoes & Chintzes,

Fancy worked Muslins,

Laced & Lapped do.

Coloured & Embossed do.

Laced Cambric Shirts,

Damies, Ginghams,

White & Printed Quiltings,

Mens and Womans Cotton & Silk Hosi-

Malras and Pullicat Handk'fs.

Cotton Laces, &c.

A considerable part of the above, have just been received by arrivals at New-York and Philadelphia, and the whole are entitled to drawback

December 8.

NOTICE.

THE Gentleman who borrowed the 2d Vol of DOUGLASS' REPORTS, at Byrnes Book-store, will please to return it.

December 5

Imported

By the ship George and Albert, captain Joel Tick-ker, from Tomingen,

White & brown Platillas, of superior qua-

Dowels and Casserilles, } lity,

1000 oval Desmohns,

(The above entitled to drawback.)

And by the late arrivals in Philadelphia from Tomingen,

A General Assortment of

German Woolen Hosiery.

On hand,

Bohemian Window Glass, 10 by 12,

Ticklenburgs, Rouans, white Rolls, and

5000 Conney Bags,

For sale by

FREDERICK C. GRAF,

Head of Smith's dock.

Sept. 22

Richard Norris

Has received per ships Canarus, and Diana from Liverpool, and now opening at

No. 127 1/2, MARKET-STREET,

A general assortment of

Hardware, Cutlery & Saddlery,

Which will be sold to country merchants and others, wholesale and retail low for cash or notes in town.

Also, per ship Six Sisters from Brazil, Seive and Sail Twine,

Tip Plates,

Iron Wire, assorted No. 7, to 21.

Broad Virginia Hoes,

Sheet Iron, single double and trebl,

Black and bright Vises,

Long Handle Frying Pans,

Spades and Shovels, &c.

November 2.

Superfine Broad-Cloths.

By the Henrietta and Pochantas,

APPLETON and Co.

No. 16, CALVERT STREET,

Have received,

2 bales Superfine Broad-cloths,

From 15s a 2os sterling, similar, to their cheap cloth received this fall,

20 trunks Prints, Olive and Drab Cords & Velvets, 4 1/2 London Pins, &c.

November 30

Dividend.

The Creditors of Parkin and McKenna, are hereby notified, that a third dividend of the assets of that estate, will be paid by the subscriber, at his dwelling house, corner of Lombard and Sharp street, on Thursday the 10th day of December next.

JAMES CAREY.

December 7.

Notice.

On Monday Evening, was stopped in the Store of the subscriber, a Bank Note from a colored Woman, on suspicion of being stolen. She is about 20 years of age, of middling size. She ran off, to bring the owner and has not returned. If any person has lost said note, by calling at my store, corner of High & Great York-streets, and giving the necessary description, and paying for this advertisement, can have it again.

WILLIAM REANEY.