ple. But we have an immensity of land courting the industry of the husbandman. Is it best then that all our citizens should be employed in its improvement, or that one half should be called off from that to exercise manufactures and handicraft arts for the other? Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever he had a chosen prople, whose breasts he has made his peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue. It is the focus in which he keeps alive that sacred fire, which otherwise might escape from the face of the earth. Corruption of morals in the mass of cultivators is a phænomenon of which no age nor nation has furnished an example. It is the mark set on those, who not looking up to Heaven, to their own soil and industry, as does the husbandman, for their subsistence, depend for it on the casualties and caprice of customers. Dependance begets subservience and venality, suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for the designs of ambition. This, the natural progress and consequence of the arts, has sometimes perhaps been retarded by accidental circumstances: but, generally speaking, the proportion which the aggregate of the other classes of citizens bears in any state to that of its husbandmen, is the proportion of its unsound to its healthy parts, and is a good enough barometer whereby to measure its degree of corruption. While we have land to labour then, let us never wish to see our citizens occupied at a work-bench or twirling a distaff. Carpenters, masons, smiths, are wanting in husbandry; but for the general operations of manufacture, let work-shops remain in Europe. It is better to carry provisions and materials to work-men there, than bring them to the provisions and materials, and with them their manners and principles. The loss by the transportation of commodities across the Atlantic will be made up in happiness and permanence of government. The mobs of great cities add just so much to the support of pure government, as sores do to the strength of the human body. It is the manners and spirit of a people which preserve a republic in vigour. A degeneracy in these is a canker which soon eats to the heart of its laws and constitution. *Th: Jefferson.*

DISINTERESTED PHILANTHROPY.

Charity so often sought and so seldom found, is gratefully acknowledged, for the liberal donations of Mr. Grubb, inn-keeper, Gray's ferry-house. If disinterested *Charity* & real *Philanthropy* were ever found, by actual sufferers, there is her dwelling. The liberal heart of that man, is alive to the distresses of his fellow creatures:—

We, the subscribers, are sailors and passengers, shipwrecked on the Eastern-shore of Maryland, and travelling sufferers from Baltimore to Philadelphia, bound to Boston, were turned with disdain from the wealthy farmer and inn-keeper, almost universally, until we met with the above-named gentleman, who gave us an excellent break fast of hot coffee and veal-steak; he also, politely and affectionately put into the hands of one of us, TWO DOLLARS, cash, without knowing either of us, or having the most distant hope of reward—Here, the Pen of Gratitude ceases to express—the soul swells beyond the measure of its bounds: and a silver tear, is only acknowledgment of.

G. W. PRICE,
JOHN THOMSON,
EDWARD ALLEN,
ISAAC LLEN.

[*Phil. paper.*]

CONGRESS.

[*TAKEN for the FEDERAL GAZETTE.*]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 29.

Proceedings this day.

Mr. *Clopton* submitted the following resolution: Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, that the following be proposed as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the legislatures of the several states, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said constitution, to wit:

The senators in the congress of the United States may be removed from office by a vote of a majority of the whole number of the legislatures of the respective states by which they may have been appointed.

Mr. *Clopton* also presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, instructing their senators and requesting their representatives in congress to use their endeavors to procure an amendment to the constitution of the United States to the above effect.

Both these resolutions were referred to a committee of the whole on the state of the union.

Mr. *Dawson* laid before the house an act of the legislature of Virginia, entitled "an act for the defence of the eastern frontiers of this commonwealth," (authorising the raising of eight companies of artillerists) He observed, that as the constitution of the United States provided that no state should raise an army without the consent of congress, he moved that the bill be referred to a select committee of five. Agreed to

Mr. *Dawson*, from the select committee, reported "a bill authorising the raising an additional army," which was referred to a committee of the whole to morrow.†

Mr. *Clopton*, from the select committee, reported "a bill to revive and make permanent the act prescribing the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the house of representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and in addition thereto." Referred to a committee of the whole on Thursday.

The "bill in addition to the act entitled an act supplementary to the act entitled an act laying an EMBARGO on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the U. S," was read the third time.

Mr. *D. R. Williams* called for the ayes and noes on its passage. They were ordered to be taken; when Mr. *Livermore*, Mr. *Lyon*, and Mr. *Gardenier*, spoke at length against the bill; and Mr. *G. W. Campbell*, and Mr. *Smilie*, in favor of it.

The question was then taken by ayes and noes, on the passage of the bill, and it passed, ayes 97, noes 22.

The house proceeded to consider the amendment of the senate to the bill to permit the importation of old copper, free of duty. The amendment is as follows:

"And be it further enacted, that from & after the 31st of March next, no duty shall be demanded, or collected on the importation of SALTPETRE or SULPHUR."

The amendment was agreed to, without debate.

The house went into committee of the whole on the resolution some time ago bro't forward by Mr. Dawson, as follows:

"Resolved, That the secretary at war be authorised, under the direction of the president of the United States, to sell to the several states, which may wish to purchase, any arms owned by the U. States, which can be parted with without injury to the public interest."

The resolution was agreed to without debate, when the committee rose and reported their agreement to it. The house immediately took it up.

Messrs. Rowan and Goldsborough opposed the resolution; and Messrs. Bibb, Dawson, M. Clay, Bacon, Key, Smilie, Troup, and Taylor, advocated it.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the resolution, and it was carried, ayes 72. It was then referred to a select committee for the purpose of bringing in a bill.

* [*This bill authorises the President to raise five companies of infantry, one regiment of riflemen, one regiment of light artillery, and one regiment of light cavalry.*]

From the National Intelligencer.

A supplemental journal of such proceedings as during the time they were depending were ordered to be kept secret, and respecting which the injunction of secresy was afterwards removed.

FRIDAY, February 26.

A confidential message in writing was received from the President of the U. S. by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I enclose for the information of Congress letters recently received from our ministers at Paris and London, communicating their representations against the late decrees and orders of France and G. Britain, heretofore transmitted to Congress. These documents will contribute to the information of Congress, as to the dispositions of these two powers, and the probable course of their proceedings towards neutrals; and will doubtless have their due influence in adapting the measures of the legislature to the actual crisis.

Although nothing forbids the general matter of these letters from being spoken of without reserve; yet as the publication of papers of this description would restrain injuriously the freedom of our foreign correspondence, they are communicated, so far confidentially, and a request that after being read to the satisfaction of both houses, they may be returned.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 26th, 1808.

The said message and papers accompanying the same being read,

A motion was made by Mr. *Quincy* and seconded that the house do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That previous to a return of the papers accompanying the message of the president of the United States, this day communicated, the clerk of this house take and retain copies thereof.

Another motion was made by Mr. *Quincy* and seconded that the house do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the president of the U. States be requested to lay before this house such letters recently received from the Americen minister at Paris as accompanied the said minister's representations against the late decrees and orders of France, communicated to congress in his message of this day, under such restrictions as in his opinion the public interest may require.

And on the question that the house do now proceed to take the said motion into consideration.

It passed in the NEGATIVE yeas 60, nays, 62.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

YEAS—Messrs. Bacon, Boyle, Burwell, J. Campbell, Champion, Chittenden, J. Clay, Clinton, Cook, Culpepper, Dana, Davenport, Desha, Durell, Elliott, Ely, Fisk, Gardenier, Gardner, Goldsborough, Gray, Harris, Helms, Hoge, Howard, Humphreys, Jenkins, Johnson, Kelly, Kenan, Key, Kirkpatrick, Lewis, Livermore, Lyon, Macon, Marion, Masters, D. Montgomery, T. Moore, Mosely, Mumford, Newbold, Pitken, Quincy, Rea, Penn, Rowan, Russel, S. Smith, Stedman, Storer, Sturges, Swart, Taggart, Tallmadge, Upham, Van Dyke, Van Horne, Van Rennselear, D. R. Williams—60.

Those who voted in the negative are,

NAYS—Messrs Alexander, L. J. Alston, W. Alston, Bard, Barker, Bassett, Bibb, Blackledge, Blake, Blount, Brown, Butler, Calhoun, G. W. Campbell, M. Clay, Clopton, Cobb, Cutts, Dawson, Deane, Eppes, Findley, Franklin, Goodwyn, Green, Heister, Holland, Holmes, Ilsley, Jackson, Jones, Lambert, M'Creery, J. Montgomery, N. R. Moore, Jno. Morrow, Nelson, Newton, Nicholas, Pugh, Rhea of Ten. J. Richards, M. Richards, Riker, Seaver, Sloan, Smelt, Smilie, J. K. Smith, J. Smith, Southard, Stanford, Taylor, Troup, Van Allen, Verplank, Wharton, Whitehill, M. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Witherell—62.

We understand that the papers communicated by the President in his message consist of a correspondence between Mr. Armstrong and the Secretary of state, and Mr. Pinckney and the Secretary of state.

The letters of Mr. Armstrong are not very recent, and altogether relate to the condemnation of the ship Horizon.

The letters from Mr. Pinckney to Mr. Madison, are dated Nov. 23d, Dec. 14th, Dec. 29th and January 2d.

The first letter is of considerable length, and details several conversations with Mr. Canning relative to the late British orders; to which the subsequent letters are merely appendages. In these communications Mr. Pinckney takes a wide and forcible view of the injustice of these orders; states an opinion that though popular they will not be of long continuance—and intimates that from his conversations with Mr. Canning, there is no hope of their relaxation. Mr. Rose is said not to have been acquainted with them on his departure; having been sent on a *special* mission, and it being intended that Mr. Erskine should be continued as minister resident. The merchants had desired an explanation whether American produce might not pass unmolested, the answer given to which was in the negative. Mr. P. in his discussions with Mr. Canning contends that the French decree of November 21st is no justification of the British orders, the former involving only the exercise of *municipal* powers.

From the Washington Federalist.

The message accompanied dispatches from Messrs. Pinckney and Armstrong—The latter states his having had communications with Monsieur Champagny, on the subject of the blockading decrees of France, to his remonstrances it was replied that it was the emperor's determination to have the decrees rigidly enforced—Mr. Pinckney has also remonstrated against the several orders of council; but was informed by Mr. Canning that they would in no respect be relaxed—That Mr. Rose was sent on a special mission, and not invested with general powers of negociation—But that Mr. Erskine was furnished with *ample powers*, and that to him copies of the orders and full instructions would be transmited.—The above mentioned messages, &c were read in the senate with open doors.

Interments in the city of Baltimore last week

Pleuresy,	2	
Consumption,	2	
Drowned,	1	
Infantile,	5	
Fits,	1	
Meazles,	2	
Adults,	6	
Children,	7	13

AVERAGE PRICE OF STOCKS—*this week*

8 per cents	100
6 do.	96a97
3 do.	60
Louisiana do.	*none*
United States Bank Stock	118
Maryland do.	360
Baltimore do.	350
Union Bank of Maryland do.	60
Mechanics' Bank	14
Alexandria Bank do.	190
Farmers' Bank Stock	par
Columbia do.	42
Potowmac do.	90
Baltimore Insurance Shares	275
Maryland do.	*no sales*
Marine do.	400
Chesapeake do.	125
Union do.	120
Water Stock	90
Fire Insurance	3 adv.
Reisters T. R'd Stock (fully pd.)	2 do.
Ditto, Old Stock on which 15 dols is paid and 5 dols. payable 1st March	1 do.
Ditto, augmt'd (10 dls. p'd)	62 1-2 cts. do.
Frederick-town (full paid)	par
York,	

PORT OF BALTIMORE.

From the Merchants' Coffee-House Books.

March 1.

Arrived, sch. Rossie, Davis, 16 days from La Guira, coffee, hides and cocoa.—Isaac M'Kim.—Sailed in co. with the brig Catharine, Harreden, for Salem. The brig Susan, Newman, sailed for Philad. 5 days before. Left there, brig Expectation, Turner, for Philad. in 6 days; brig Lion, Athoe, Balt. 8 days; sch. Sally, Towers, do. 10 days; Danish ship Constantia, Peterson, to sail in 2 days for a port in the U. S.

Also, brig Dove, Child, 40 days from Madeira, Wine, Jacob Adams.

Also, brig Potowmac, Storrer, 29 days from Porto Cavello, hides & indigo. John S. Horne.—Left no American vessels.—Spoke nothing.

Sale by Auction.

TO-MORROW,
The 2d instant, at 12 o'clock, at the auction room, at the head of Gay-street dock, will commence the sale of

A Variety of New Furniture,

Consisting of

Tables, Chairs, Beaureaus, Looking Glasses, Bed, Beadstead, Castors, Andirons, and other articles.

R. LEMMON & CO. Auct'rs

March 1.

Sale by Auction.

TO-MORROW.

The 2d instant at 10 o'clock, on the premises, will commence the sale of

Those VALUABLE LOTS near the Methodist Meeting House, Old-Town, that have been advertised in the American by Mr. John T. Holland, in virtue of a decree of the high court of Chancery.

R. LEMMON & Co. Auctr.

March 1.

Sale by Auction.

On THURSDAY,
The 10th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M. will be sold on the premises, on a liberal credit,

2 Valuable Lots of Ground:

In fee simple, on Paca-street, near the Precinct's Market-house, and directly opposite the Hand Tavern. The whole fronting on Paca-street, 49 feet, and running back 140 feet to a 20 feet ally.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs.

March 1.

Sale by Auction.

FURNITURE, etc.

Cole and I. Bonsal, Auct'rs,

Will offer for sale on FRIDAY, the 4th instant, at their Repository, back of the Union Bank of Maryland, (entrance from South Charles-street,)

An Elegant Assortment of

Hous holdGoods&Furniture.

Among which are,

Beds,
Mahogany and other Bedsteads,
Do. Sideboards,
One Secretary and Book Case,
Beaureaus,
Tables in variety,

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

N B. Book auction on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, as usual.

March 1 d4t

For Sale, Freight or Charter,

To any Port in the United States,

The fine fast-sailing Schooner EAGLE,

Built of the very best materials, and not four years old and now in complete order to receive a cargo and will carry seven hundred bbls. For further particulars, apply to captain John Snyder, Fell's-Point, or the master on board, at Mr. John Barron's wharf, Fell's-Point.

March 1. eo

The Brig DOVE,

Captain *Child*,

Will take freight to any port in the States For terms, apply to the captain on board, Price's wharf, F. P. or

JACOB ADAMS.

March 1. d4t

For Sale, or to be Rented,

A COUNTRY SEAT, about a mile and a half from the city. The improvements are, a small but neat dwelling house, with several out-houses, an elegant garden, a bearing orchard of 160 trees, different kind, two fields in Grass, and two fields ploughed up for a spring crop. Apply at No. 92, Hanover-street.

March 1 eo1m

Baltimore Fire Insurance

COMPANY.

The President, and Directors, hereby give notice, that they require the payment of a second instalment of Ten Dollars, on each share of stock of the said company, to be made at the Union Bank of Maryland, on the 10th day of May next.

By order,

THEOPH: F. DOUGHERTY, Sec'ry.

March 1. 2aw10thMy

Ten Dollars Reward.

Lost on Saturdry the 27th ult. between Ellicott's Lower Mills and Elm's Tavern, a Red Morocco *POCKET BOOK*, containing sundry papers, among which are, 2 half tickets in the St. Mary's College Lottery, No. 1790 and 19209; also one Bank Bill of Ten Dollars. As the above tickets and papers can be of no use to any person but the owner, the finder of said Pocket Book, is requested to leave it at Ellicott's Lower Mills, or at this office, where the above reward will be paid, and no questions asked. All persons are forwarned from receiving said Tickets.

March 1. eo4t§

Turk's-Island Salt.

2500 bushels Turk's-Island SALT, of very superior quality, just received, per schooner Enterprize, captain Crowell, which will be sold low if taken from the vessel, and in small lots to suit purchaser, if necessary. Apply to

ISAIAH MANKIN,
69, Smith's wharf.

March 1. d3t-eo3t

St. Mary's College Lottery

Thirty-third Day's Drawing.

Prize of 1,500 Dollars
No. 7440, 1st drawn blank after 16,000 tickets.
Prize of 200 Dollars.
No. 3464.
Prize of 100 Dollars.
Nos. 11183 20860.
Prize of 50 Dollars.
No. 16051.
And 140 of 12 Dollars.
Gain this day, 2870 dollars.

SAM. VINCENT, } Clerks to the
GEO. DOBBIN, } Managers.

March 1. 1t

SALMON, etc.

LANDING THIS DAY,

Salmon in barrels and half bbls. of superior quality
New-England Rum.
Liver Oil. Apply to

N. SALTONSTALL & CO.

March 1. d4t

Wanted to Rent,

A COMMODIOUS DWELLING HOUSE.

Possession of which can be given between this date and the 15th April. A central situation would be preferred. Inquire at this Office.

Maach 1. eo6t

Notice.

THE partnership of the subscribers, trading under the firm of *Hoffman and Rhees*, is by mutual consent, dissolved this day. All persons indebted to the firm are required to make immediate payment to Daniel Hoffman, who alone is authorised to receive payment. All persons having claims will present them to him for settlement.

DANIEL HOFFMAN,
JOHN RHEES.

March 1 eo6t

Lost

Yesterday, Three Ten Dollar Notes, and Three One Dollar ditto, rolled up together. Should the finders think proper to return them to the owner, they will be rewarded with whatsoever part thereof they may think themselves entitled to. Inquire at this office.

March 1. d4t

A QUANTITY OF NICOLSON & HETH'S

Best Virginia COAL

From Manchester, may be had at the Subscriber's Coal Yard; and two or three cargoes of BUCK'S COAL on consignment, at very reduced prices and accommodating credit. Apply to

JOHN P. PLEASANTS.

March 1. d4t

Washington Volunteers,

Meet at Fulton's Globe Inn, on Thursday evening, March 3, at 6 o'clock to sign the constitution, and transact such other business as will be laid before them.

It is expected persons wishing to join the company will attend on that evening.

March 1. d3t

Brigade Orders.

By the third section of the act to discipline the militia of the state it is enacted "That each company shall consist of four sergeants, four corporals and 64 privates" but viewing the critical state of our foreign relations, and being desirous of encouraging a spirit for volunteer associations, extremely prevalent at the time, it was determined at a meeting of the field officers of the brigade, held at Fulton's tavern on the 14th day of July last, that the companies should be allowed, without regard to districts to be augmented to 80 privates each. It is now stated that disregarding the foregoing regulation, some companies are augmenting beyond the number of 80 privates—and however unpleasent it may be to repress a disposition to which we probably owe the present respectable state of the brigade—yet, if not checked, it would tend to give an excess to some, while others would remain far short of the complement required by law. The brigadier therefore deems it a duty imposed on him, to notify the commanding officers of regiments, and they are hereby enjoined to take immediate measures, that the captains of their respective regiments do not enrol more than eighty volunteers in each, company, unless the persons offering themselves shall reside within the district alloted to such company, all of whom it is understood, may be enrolled over and above the said number of 80 privates.

By order of the Brigadier.

J. CALHOUN, Jun.
Brigade Major.

Feb 27 d4t

REGIMENTAL NOTICE.

Orders having been issued to the officers of the *Fifth Regiment*, for the immediate enrollment of the citizens of the *Third District*, viz:

"From the east side of South-street, with and including the south side of Baltimore-street to Gay-street, thence with and including the east side of North Gay-street to Griffith's Bridge, thence from the north west side of Griffith's Bridge with Jones's Falls to the precincts, thence with the precincts to Great York street, thence with and including the north side of Great York street to the west side of Jones's Falls, thence with west side of said Falls to the Bason, and with the Bason to the east side of South-street."

Notice is hereby given to those who are already enrolled in any uniform militia company in the fifth or other regiment or troop to provide themselves with certificates of such enrollment from their captain or commanding officer, as in neglect thereof they will be required to perform duty with the militia of the district.

By order of the Lt. Col. 5th Regt.

JAMES CHESTON.

February 20. d8t

Baltimore Volunteer Guards,

You will attend a meeting, at Mr. Myer's Hotel, on Wednesday Evening next, at seven o'clock, when a number of applicants for membership will be ballotted for, your certificates and copies of the constitution be delivered to you, and the constitution signed by those members who have been lately admitted. For this purpose a punctual attendance is particularly requested.

R. MACKUBIN, Sec'ry.

March 1. 2t

ORDERED THAT THE

BALTIMORE INDEPENDENT BLUES,

Meet at Myers's Tavern, Market-street, this evening, 1st March, at 7 o'clock precisely, the punctual attendance of every member of the company is desired, as the certificates heretofore issued, are doubtful as to form, they will return them, and receive others—and to transact other bustness, of importance to the company.

JOHN HUTCHINS, Sec'ry.

March 1

Artillery.

The members of the Baltimore Volunteer Artillery Company are desired to attend at Isett's, Howard street, on Thursday evening 3d inst. at half past 6 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of balloting for new members, receiving their certificates, and transacting other business interesting to the Company.

A punctual attendance of *all* the members are, on this occasion, *particularly* requested.

By order of the Captain

THOMAS FINLEY, Sec'ry.

N B. The members are requested to call on the Captain for their Knapsacks.

March 1. d3t

First Baltimore Troop.

The members are requested to meet at Mr. Fulton's Inn, next Thursday Evening, at 7 o'clock, to receive their certificates of enrolment, without which they may be claimed by the officers of District Companies, as not being attached to any military corps. Also to receive the applications of those gentlemen, who are desirous of joining the troop.

Per order.

WM. M. MAYNADIER, Sec'ry.

March 1. d3t

Van-Guard Volunteers

You are requested to meet at Mr. Chamberlain's Tavern, on Tuesday evening 1st March, at 7 o'clock, at which time business of importance to the association will be transacted.

Persons who are desirous to join a volunteer corps, may have an opportunity of doing so by attending at the time and place aforesaid, or by signifying their inclination to a member of this Company previous to the meeting

WM. H. WINDER, Capt.

February 29.

French Goods & Millenery.

Just received per the ship Lorenzo, of Philadelphia, via New-York,

1 box elegant Bonnets, made in Paris
1 do. rich Lace Caps
4 do. Artificial Flowers
White and Black soft Satin
White Mantua
Broad soft Satin Ribbons
Rich broad figured Mantua Ribbons
Plain do.
1 box assorted Chenilles
Flowered Silk do.
Superfine Linen Cambric
Gold and Silver Cords
Long and square Shawls
Men's Silk Stockings
Elegant Chimney-pieces
Figured Velvet, &c.—For sale. Apply at No. 35, North Frederick-street.

Feb. 23. d4t2aw1

To Rent,

The three-story Brick HOUSE, on Chatham-street, adjoining the residence of the mayor; and possession given the twenty fifth of April next Apply at the Baltimore Insurance Office

February 18. 2aw2w1