

of contraband, and the enlargement of our neutral trade with hostile colonies. Whilst you keep in view therefore, those objects, the two last as highly important, and the two first as absolutely indispensable, your discretion in which the president places great confidence, must guide you in all that relates to the inferior ones.

With sentiments of great respect & esteem, I remain, sir, Your most obedient servant, (Signed) JAMES MADISON.

Mr MADISON TO Mr. MONROE. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, February 14, 1804.

SIR, You will herewith receive the ratification by the president and senate, of the convention with the British government signed on the 12th of May, 1803, with an exception of the 5th article. Should the British government accede to this change in the instrument, you will proceed to an exchange of ratifications and transmit the one received without delay, in order that the proper steps may be taken for carrying the convention into effect. As the same considerations which led to the arrangements settled by it, urge a prompt execution of them, it may be expected that the steps depending on that government will be hastened. As far as your exhortations may be requisite, you will of course apply them.

The objection to the 5th article appears to have arisen from the posteriority of the signature and ratification of this convention to those of the last convention with France ceding Louisiana to the United States, and from a presumption that the line to be run in pursuance of the 5th article might then be found or alleged to abridge the northern extent of that acquisition.

It may reasonably be expected that the British government will make no difficulty in concurring in this alteration, because, First, It would be unreasonable that any advantage against the United States should be constructively authorized by the posteriority of the dates in question: the instructions given to enter into the convention, & the understanding of the parties at the time of signing it, having no reference whatever to any territorial rights of the U. States acquired by the previous convention with France, but referring merely to the territorial rights as understood at the date of the instructions for, and signature of the British convention. The copy of a letter from Mr. King, hereto annexed, is precise and conclusive on this subject.

Secondly, If the 5th article be expunged, the north boundary of Louisiana will, as is reasonable, remain the same in the hands of the U. States as it was in the hands of France, and may be adjusted and established according to the principles and authorities which would in that case have been applicable. Thirdly, There is reason to believe that the boundary between Louisiana and the British territories north of it, were actually fixed by commissioners appointed under the treaty of Utrecht, and that this boundary was to run from the Lake of the Woods, westwardly in lat. 49, in which case the 5th article would be nugatory, as the line from the Lake of the Woods to the nearest source of the Mississippi, would run through territory which on both sides of the line would belong to the U. S. Annexed is a paper stating the authority on which the decision of the commissioners under the treaty of Utrecht rests: and the reasoning opposed to the construction making the 49th deg. of latitude the northern boundary of Louisiana, with marginal notes in support of that construction. This paper will put you more readily into possession of the subject as it may enter into your discussions with the British government. But you will perceive the necessity of recurring to the proceedings of the commissioners, as the source of authentic information. These are not within our reach here, and it must consequently be left to your own researches and judgment to determine the proper use to be made of them.

Fourthly, Laying aside, however, all the objections to the 5th article, the proper extension of a dividing line in that quarter will be equally open for friendly negotiation after, as without, agreeing to the other parts of the convention; and considering the remoteness of the time at which such a line will become actually necessary, the postponement of it is of little or no consequence. The truth is that the British government seemed at one time to favor this delay, and the instructions given by the U. S. readily acquiesced in it. The annexed extracts from Mr. King's and Mr. Gore's letters, will with that from the department of state, explain this observation.

The fourth article of the convention provides, that the commissioners shall be respectively paid in such manner as shall be agreed between the two parties, such agreement to be settled at the time of the exchange of ratifications. It has been supposed that the compensation allowed to the commissioners under the treaty of amity, commerce and navigation, who settled the St. Croix boundary, would be satisfactory to the British government; and upon this idea the estimate, of which a copy is enclosed, was framed as the basis of an appropriation to be asked from congress. The president authorizes you, therefore, to agree to the sum mentioned therein, viz. dolls. 4,444 $\frac{1}{2}$ to be paid by each government to the commissioner appointed by itself, the same being allowed the third commissioner, to be paid to him in equal portions by the two governments. Should, however, the British government insist upon a variation of the compensation from the sum above mention-

ed, you may consent to it, provided it does not exceed dolls. 6,666 $\frac{2}{3}$, each party contributing equally to the payment, and each commissioner receiving the same sum as his colleagues.

I have the honor to be, &c. (Signed) JAMES MADISON.

SALEM, April 1.

Arrived, ship Rachel, Joseph, 37 days from Gibraltar. Sailed in co. ships Sylph, Moore, of Petersburg, for Norfolk; Union-Craves, for Salem; Commerce, Drew, for Baltimore; brigs Delight, Gray, Providence, for Cape de Verds; Sophia, Arundel for Philadelphia; shrs. — Braydon, for Newburyport; schr. — Rider, for Madeira. Left at Gibraltar, ships Albula, Dillingham, New-York, detained; Ann, Davis, Boston, for Smyrna; Maria Theresa, Peacock, for Liverpool; brigs Harriot, Leach, Salem; Mary, Davis, Boston, stranded, cargo saved; Quababy, Cook, New-York: cleared, Benjamin and Mary, New-York; Augusta, Noble, Salem; Calista, Tyler, Boston, cleared; Minerva, Giron, Charleston, stranded; Neptune, Patrick, Baltimore; Susan and Betsy, Vandyne, stranded in Tangier bay; Comet, Holden, Baltimore; — Farley, Boston; Swann, Mills, Boston, detained; Washington, Harding, for London, detained; barque Wm. Gray, Salem; schooners John and William, Hedge, captured and carried into Algiziras; Mary, Davis, Gloucester, detained; Trial, Crowell, Yarmouth, detained; Eliza, Stonnington-Deanison.

NEW-YORK, April 7.

Arrived, Brig Holkar, — New-Orleans — Sally-Ann, Cronk. St. Johns 9 Cleared, ship Ann, Cunningham Jamaica; brig Elizabeth, Brown Denarara; sloop Polly, Brown, Providence, Alonzo Westcott do.; Eliza, Justin, do. Brig Holkar, (late Baine) from New-Orleans, with cotton logwood and specie. March 22d, was dismasted in a whirlwind, and lay upon her beam ends 30 minutes, and lost the captain overboard. — March 31 in lat. 31, spoke schr. Union, Woodworth, from Boston, for North Carolina, and got a barrel of bread. March 26th, in the night the above schr. Union, ran down the schr. Elizabeth, Stackpole, from North Carolina for Portsmouth, N. H. But happily saved the crew and took them on board. April 2d, spoke the schr. Dolphin, Littlefield, from Alexandria for Boston, & got a supply of bread & sails.

The George and Mary has arrived at Newport in 26 days from Plymouth, Eng. Left Ontario, Nye, ship cleared, cargo appealed for; Eliza Cummings, condemned; Pamela, Taylor; Othello, Terriet, under trial; Dispatch, M'Iver, cleared, but appealed for; Meridian, Lord; Two Friends, Williams, cleared, but appealed for; Powhatten, Norman; Sally, Nicoll; Polly, M'Ledest, cleared and appealed for; Volunteer, Martin, ship and part of the cargo cleared, and a part for further proof; Ocean, Bunker, under trial; Ann, Howland, do; Young Elias, Dandelot, do; Sally, Brown; Grace, Brown, under trial; Juno, Bates, Betsy, Hooper; Jane, Bourne; Friendship, Stanton, cleared; Fanny Sewell, Gale, do; Perseverance, Bernard; Merimack, Adams; Nonpariel, —; Sally Willis; Huron, Hill; Edward, Bunker. Some of the abovementioned vessels were detained, some warned off.

CHARLESTON March, 30, Arrived, ship Ceres, Webber, Liverpool 32, goods, creakery &c. sailed in company with the John Adams. Ship Independence, Walker, Greenock 36 goods &c. schr. Union, Matthews, Bath, (Maine) 17.

FEDERAL GAZETTE AND BALTIMORE DAILY ADVERTISER.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes AVERAGE PRICE OF STOCKS—this week, Louisiana do., United States Bank Stock, Maryland do., Baltimore do., Union Bank of Maryland do., Mechanics' Bank, Alexandria Bank do., Farmers' Bank Stock, Columbia do., Potowmac do., Baltimore Insurance Shares, Maryland do., Marine do., Chesapeake do., Union do., Water Stock, Fire Insurance, Reisters T. R'd Stock (fully pd.), Ditto, augm'd (10 dis. p'd), Frederick-town (full paid), York.

CONGRESS.

[TAKEN for the FEDERAL GAZETTE.] HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 8. Proceedings this day. Mr. Daniel Clarke obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Mr. Rhea offered the following resolution which was ordered to lie on the table: Resolved, that the secretary of state do transmit to this house authentic copies of the several accredited documents which may

be in his office, and which do contain articles of treaties, commercial orders and regulations, and orders and decrees of blockade, affecting the commerce of the United States which may have been respectively made or issued by the government of Great-Britain or France, at any time since the year 1793, exclusively of treaties to which the United States are a party.

Mr. G. W. Campbell offered the following resolution, which was referred to a committee of the whole house to-morrow: Resolved, That in the event of such peace or suspension of hostilities between the belligerent powers of Europe, or of such changes in their measures affecting neutral commerce, as may render that of the United States sufficiently safe, in the judgment of the president of the U. States, he ought to be authorized by law to suspend the act laying an EMBARGO on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States and the several acts supplementary thereto, under such exceptions and restrictions as the public interest and circumstances of the case may appear to require; provided such suspension shall not extend beyond days after the commencement of the next session of congress.

Mr. Stanford called for the consideration of the resolution which he submitted on Friday last, respecting the city of Washington (see last Saturdays Gazette); but the house referred to take it up.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition from the inhabitants of Newport, (R. I.) praying that Rhode-Island may be put in a state of defence. Referred to a select committee of 7.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of commerce and manufactures, reported "a bill to make Plymouth (N. C.) a port of entry, and to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy into St. Mary's." Referred to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Rowan presented a petition from the trustees of Louisiana academy praying congress to patronize that institution. Referred to the committee on public lands.

The house went into committee of the whole on the bill authorising the transportation by mail (free of postage) of the message and documents lately communicated to congress by the president. The bill was agreed to without debate, and ordered to be read a third time to-day. It was soon afterwards read and passed.

The house went into committee of the whole on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads. After some debate, (in the course which Mr. Sloan expressed a hope that at this late period of the session the house would leave off talking, and begin to act,) the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

And then the house adjourned.

[While this last bill was under discussion the house was several times without a quorum.]

The following are the ayes and noes on the bill passed yesterday; the title, after much debate, was amended so as to read as follows: "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force." although this bill originated in the senate, yet as a number of amendments have been made to it by the house, it has still to pass the senate.

Ayes—Messrs. Alexander, L. J. Alston, W. Alston, Bacon, Bard, Bassett, Bibb, Blackledge, Blake, Blount, Boyd, Boyle, Brown, Burwell, Butler, Calhoun, G. W. Campbell, Clinton, Clopton, Cobb, Cook, Culpepper, Cutts, Davenport, Dawson, Deane, Desha, Durell, Elliot, Eppes, Findley, Fisk, Franklin, Gardner, Goodwyn, Greene, Harris, Heister, Helms, Holland, Holmes, Howard, Humphreys, Ilsey, Jackson, Johnson, Jenkins, Kenan, Kirkpatrick, Lambert, Lewis, Love, Lyon, Macon, Marion, Masters, MacCreery, Milner, D. Montgomery, J. Montgomery, N. R. Moore, T. Morrow, John Morrow, Newton, Nicholas, Porter, Pugh, Quincey, Rhea, J. Richards, M. Richards, Riker, Rowan, Smelt, Smilie, J. K. Smith, S. Smith, Southard, Stedman, Storer, Talmadge, Taylor, Thompson, Trigg, Troup, Van Allen, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, Wharton, Wilbour, M. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Witherall.

Noes—Messrs. Champion, Chittenden, M. Clay, Dana, Ely, Garnett, Gray, Hoge, Moseley, Pitkin, Randolph, Sloan, Stanford, Taggart, Verplanck, D. K. Williams.

Communication.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE. Messrs. Farrand and Co. of Philadelphia, have recently published a new edition of "A Pocket Dictionary of the Law of Bills of Exchange," &c.—by John Irving Maxwell, Esq. This is a very valuable little compendium of the laws and usages by which negotiable instruments are governed, and will be found equally useful to the lawyer and the merchant. To this edition are added a number of notes, by a gentleman of the bar of this city. The volume is finished with that regard to elegance and correctness which has uniformly distinguished Farrand and Co's premium editions.

Married on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Glendy, Mr. Guy S. Trigg, Merchant of Nashville Tennessee, to Miss Fanny B. Jackson of this city. Married at Fell's-Point, on Thursday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Ratton, Mr. Jacob Bell, to Mrs. Elizabeth Mayns, both of this city.

PORT OF BALTIMORE.

Arrived brig Retsey, Bower, 10 days from Charleston, to W. Patterson & Sons— a large ship followed them into the Capes.

Post-Office.

BALTIMORE, APRIL 9, 1804. The public are hereby informed, that the Summer Establishment of the Mails on the Main Line will commence at this Office, on Monday the 11th instant. SUMMER ESTABLISHMENT. EASTERN MAIL—Closes every day, (Sunday excepted) at 12 o'clock, noon; and on Sunday at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Arrives every day at 7 o'clock, A. M. SOUTHERN MAIL—Closes, (as far as Petersburg and Norfolk, (Virginia) every day at 7 o'clock, A. M.—Arrives every day at 11 o'clock, A. M. Mails for North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia—Close every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, at 7 o'clock, A. M.—Arrive every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Mails for Chambersburg, (Pa) Direct.—Mails for Westminster, Union Mills, Petersburg, Gettisbury, and Chambersburg close every Thursday at 5 o'clock, P. M.—Arrive every Tuesday at 7 o'clock P. M. April 9. d6t

Lawyers & others—Attend!

BOOK AUCTION.

Cole and I. Bonsal, Auct'rs. Will offer for sale THIS EVENING, at their auction room, back of the Union Bank of Maryland, entrance from South Charles street, A variety of Law and Miscellaneous BOOKS, GENERALLY SECOND HAND. Those who wish to supply themselves with Law, Physic and Divinity, will do well to attend. Sale to commence at seven o'clock. N. B. The sale of I. Causton's Furniture, Bedding, and several Servants, for a term of years, at the Columbian Inn, postponed on Friday evening, will re-commence on Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. if the weather permits April 9.

Sale by Auction.

On MONDAY, The 11th instant, at 10 o'clock, at the auction room, at the head of Gay-street dock, will commence the sale of A Variety of Dry Goods; Among which are, 1 case Cotton Hosiery, 1 do Calicoes, 1 do Irish Linens, 1 do Durants, 1 do Dimities, 1 do Carpet Shawls, 1 bale Broad Cloths and Cassimeres, and a variety of other goods. After which at 12 o'clock, 28 hds of Sugar, 121 bags of green Coffee, 24 chests of Hyson Tea, 23 tierces of Rice, 40 boxes of Soap, Holland and Country Gin, &c. &c. R. LEMMON & CO. Auct'rs. April 9.

Public Sale.

On the 14th day of May next, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, will be exposed at public auction, at John Murray's Tavern, on the Philadelphia road, ALL the residue of the real estate of the late Engellard Yeiser, in Baltimore county, that is to say, all that very valuable TRACT of LAND, on Gunpowder river, called Graese's Quarter, containing 412 acres, more or less. This land is well improved, healthy and beautifully situated—Also, the FARM on which said Yeiser lately resided, about four miles from the city: the latter will be laid off in separate lots, to suit purchasers. For a particular description, the subscribers refer to their advertisement in this paper, and the American of June 18th, and the papers preceding that day. The terms of sale will be liberal, and made known on the day of sale. CATHARINE YEISER, Adm'rx. N. BRICK, JOHN BORLAND, } Adm'rs. April 9. 2awts

M'Neile & Neilsons

Offer for sale, Havana and St. Domingo Coffee, in bags, Sweet Oil, in flasks and bottles, Castile Soap, Currants, in tierces, Champagne } in cases of 1 dozen each. Burgundy } Claret, first and second quality, in do. Camels Hair, Writing Paper, Madras Handkerchiefs, Crapes, Taffetas, Sewing Silks, Silk Hose, Cambricks and Cambric Handkerchiefs, Estopillas, Searsocks, &c. &c. April 9. 2aw10t

At the first general meeting

of the stockholders of the Union Manufacturing Company of Maryland, for the choice of directors, held at the Merchants' Coffee House on Thursday last, agreeably to public notice, given by the commissioners in Baltimore, for receiving subscriptions to the company's stock, the following persons were duly elected: William Patterson, John M'Kim, Robert Gilmore, John Gill, Robert M'Kim, A. J. Schwartz, William Jones, Ludwig Herring, John Trimble, James H. McCulloch, William Wilson, Benjamin Ellicott. April 9. d4t

Riflemen—Attention!

The Baltimore Independent Rifle Company is ordered to meet at the New Market House next MONDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, without their uniform, but with arms and accoutrements. An universal and punctual attendance of the members is requested, as the thirty-ninth regiment meets at that time. Persons desirous of joining this company, will furnish their names to some of the members. THOS. B. DORSEY, Captain. d3t April 7.

Columbian Volunteers,

You are ordered to assemble at Lindenberger's Lot, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, the 12th instant, at three o'clock, with arms, accoutrements, and six rounds cartridges. JOHN COMEGYS, Captain. d4t April 7.

The Baltimore Cotton Manufactory.

The subscriber has now on hand, Cotton Yarn, Made at the Baltimore Cotton Manufactory in this city; and will continue to have a regular and constant supply of single, two threaded & 3 threaded Cotton Yarn, from this manufactory, for weaving, darning, knitting, sewing, &c. of the best material and approved quality: orders for all kinds will receive due attention, and completed without delay.—Also on sale, a quantity of good sound SEWING COTTON; also, a constant supply of COMBS, long crooked, fashionable, &c. of the best workmanship and material, made near this city for the subscriber. All which will be sold at the lowest prices, for cash or approved paper. ISAAC BURNESTON, No. 196, Market-street. eo April 9.

Tobacco.

IN Dugan and O'Donnell's Public Inspection Warehouse, hands are provided and Tobacco will be inspected and Coopered at 25 cents per hoghead, which sum is all that shall be demanded on delivering the notes and samples. JOSIAH STEVENSON, Inspector. At said Warehouse private Storage may be had at 25 cents per hoghead. April 9. eo4t

York and Maryland Line Turnpike Road.

THE President and Managers of the York and Maryland Line Turnpike Road, have directed a call on the stockholders for five dollars on each share of said stock; and for the convenience of the stockholders in Maryland, the same will be received at the Mechanics' Bank, on or before Friday, the 23d instant. By order of the Board, CALEB KIRK, THOMAS M'ELDERRY. eo April 9.

Notice.

PROPOSALS will be received at the mayor's office, until the 25th day of April inst. for the dirt and manure of the paved streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Baltimore or any part thereof, either for the scraping together and carting off the same, or the carting only.—The following conditions will be insisted on: all the paved streets, lanes and alleys within the district contracted for, must be well & sufficiently cleaned, once at least in every week, except on such times as the frost will not permit, & the dirt and manure removed on the same day which it is scraped together, and in case the person contracting, shall in any instance neglect or omit to cleanse the paved streets, lanes and alleys of his district or any part thereof, agreeably to his contract, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of the street to cause the same to be effectually done, at the expense of the said contractor.—Bond and security will be required for the faithful performance of the contracts and for the payment of any expenses that the superintendent may be put to on every breach thereof. By order, E. J. COALE, Register of the city of Baltimore. eo125th April 9.

6th Comp.—39th Regt.

Citizens who have not attended the Court Martial of the 7th instant, and have legal pleas to offer in justification for absence on the company parade of the 7th March last, are requested to furnish the same to the subscriber within TWENTY days from the date hereof, or they will be subject to the penalties inflicted by said Court Martial. L. FRANK AILEY, Captain, 6th Comp.—39th Regt. d4t April 8 (9).

Washington Guards.

You are ordered to meet on Monday Evening next, at Fitch's Mechanical Hall, in Light-street, at seven o'clock precisely, on business of importance to the company. Gentlemen desirous of joining will please to attend or send their names by some member in order that they may be balloted. By Order J. SHAW, Sec'y. April 9.

Attention!

ALL patriotic citizens who have not enrolled themselves in any Volunteer Company, are particularly invited to attend a meeting of the American Brees, this Evening, at half past 7 o'clock, at Gorsuch's tavern, Old-Town, where they may have an opportunity of becoming members of the same. N. B. Particular attendance of the members of the company, is requested, as a commissioned officer will be balloted for. By order of the Captain, HENRY HERRING, Sec'y. April 9. It

First Baltimore Troop.

In consequence of this day's rain, the exercise meeting ordered for this afternoon, is put off until next MONDAY, if fair, when the troop will meet at their usual place of parade, in stable jackets, precisely at three o'clock, furnished with six rounds blank cartridges each. A nomination will then take place for a Cornet to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of the late cornet, and will be balloted for at the next succeeding meeting of the troop. By order, W. M. MAYNARDER, Sec'y. April 9.

Washington Volunteers,

Your Company meeting will be held this evening at Wray's, in North Gay-street, precisely at 7 o'clock; persons wishing to join will please to attend. On Monday, meet in Howards Park for drill at 2 o'clock. The roll will be called at 3, and absentees positively fined. By order, THOMAS MACILROY, Sec'y. April 9.

First Balt. Rifle Company,

You will meet at the Engine House, Liberty-street, on MONDAY next, the 11th inst. in full uniform, with arms in good order, and four blank cartridges each. The roll will be called precisely at two o'clock, & all absentees fined according to law. By order of the Captain, THOMAS EVERETT, Sec'y. April 7.

For Rent,

A two story DWELLING HOUSE, situated in Church street, opposite to the New Court-House. The property will be shown to any person disposed to rent it, and possession given about the middle of May. The terms may be known by applying to HENRY BRICE. eo6t. April 6.