

To the Editor of the N. Y. Courier.

The arrival of a minister in this country from the Spanish Junta has raised a question, whether he ought not to be received and recognized by our government.

The perusal of a narrative of Sir John Moore's campaign in Spain, has convinced me, beyond doubt, that the Spaniards have neither the disposition nor the power to establish the government of the Junta; that they must yield to the master whom Bonaparte has set over them; and that the diversion in Austria, and the assistance of Great Britain, will only suspend, but cannot avert their complete subjugation.

It appears from this work, that there is neither wisdom, honesty nor vigor in the government; neither discipline, numbers, nor courage in the armies; neither patriotism, enthusiasm, nor that all-commanding love of liberty in the people.

The Central Junta "consisted (I give the words of the narrative) of 34 persons, with equal power. So numerous an executive body was ill calculated for prompt decisions. Self-interest, mutual jealousy and discord distracted their councils. There was no predominant leader to give uniformity to their acts, no animating passions to elevate their minds.

"The Spanish Junta exerted all their finess to deceive, not their enemy, but their ally, and succeeded so perfectly as to lead them to execute a plan adapted to a state of circumstances the reverse of their real condition. Their high sounding proclamations, exaggerated numbers, invented victories and vaunted enthusiasm, could not deceive him, whom it was useful to deceive.

"The imbecility (says sir John Moore, in a letter to Mr. Frere, the British minister in Spain, and to his family) exceeds belief." "The Junta, jealous of their generals, gave them no power; but kept them at the head of separate armies, each independent of the other. Thus they have prevented any union of action. They took no pains to recruit the armies, or to furnish them with arms and clothing. In short, during the interval that the French were weak, they did nothing to overpower them before their reinforcements arrived, or to meet them with superior numbers when reinforced."

"The army of Gen. Castanos is thus described—"The army of Castile was drawn up to receive the general. Its strength was about 11,000 men. But to form any idea of its composition, it is absolutely necessary to have seen it. It is a complete mass of miserable peasantry without clothing, without organization, and with few officers that deserve the name. The general and principal officers have not the least confidence in their troops; and what is yet worse, the men have no confidence in themselves."

General Blake's army is stated to have been "in no condition to contend with regular troops." "Their condition was so wretched, that it is not to be wondered at that they were easily dispersed, and had no inclination to rally." "It is impossible that the Spanish armies can stand before a line of French infantry. A portion of at least one third of the Spanish muskets will not explode; and a French soldier will load and fire his piece with precision three times before a Spaniard can fire his twice. Men, however brave, can-

not stand against such odds. As to charging with bayonet, if their arms were fit for the purpose, the men, tho' individually as gallant as possible, have no collective confidence to carry them on, nor officers to head them; they will, therefore, disperse, probably on the first fire, and can never be rallied, until they voluntarily return to their general's standard, as in the case of the marquis de la Romana's present army, almost wholly composed of fugitives from the battles of the North."

"But really," (says sir John Moore) "so little alacrity has been displayed by the government, or by those employed to direct their armies, there appears so much apathy in the people, and so little means prepared for resistance, that I do not see how they can stand against the enemy. The French will have troublesome subjects; but in the first instance they will have little more than to march to subdue the country."

You "can hardly credit the sluggish indifference that pervaded the Spanish nation when menaced by Bonaparte." "It appeared very singular that the advance of the French so far into the country had produced no sensation among the people. They were all tranquil and employed in their ordinary occupations and amusements, and seemed to know or care very little about public matters. Indeed, the passive disposition of the Spaniards was most remarkable; for they heard of the generous dispositions of the British, and of the destructive ravages of the French, with almost equal indifference."

"The inhabitants of Spain gave little aid to their persevering allies, who were encountering every evil for them, and made no attempt to annoy or to retard the enemy. Had the armed Spaniards harassed the flanks and rear of the French army, they might with little danger to themselves, have retarded their advance, and diminished their numbers; instead of which they never fired a musket at a Frenchman, and often fled from their houses at the approach of the English—barring their doors, and carrying off mules, carts, oxen, forage and provisions; in short, whatever could lessen the diseases or contribute to the comfort of their friends."

"To crown the whole, sir John Moore in an official letter to the British secretary of war, explicitly declares—"I have seen no ability with the Spanish government, but much the reverse; none has been displayed by their officers in the command of the armies; no one officer has yet a chief direction of the military branch. The armies have shown no resolution, the people no enthusiasm nor no daring spirit; and that which has not been shown hitherto, I know not why it should be expected to be displayed hereafter. I feel as if the British was the only efficient force in Spain. Your lordship will consider with what view it was sent; whether in aid of an enthusiastic brave people, capable of fighting their own battles, or to contend alone with France, and retrieve the affairs of a beaten, disorganized nation."

The inference to be drawn from this description is obvious and irresistible. But it may not be amiss to demonstrate the insatiation and extreme imbecility of the British government by mentioning two extraordinary facts.

I. Previous to sending out sir John Moore and his army, not trusting to the proclamations of the Spanish Juntas, the British military sent officers and agents into various parts of Spain, who rivalled each other in reporting the ability and universal ardour of that country, and thus suffered themselves to be duped and deceived.

II. After the discomfiture and retreat of sir John Moore's army, in the face of all these impressive facts, and in defiance of all experience, they sent out another army, under sir Arthur Wellesley, which, as might be expected, has fled vanquished before the victorious armies of France.

SIDNEY.

Men might often enjoy greater freedom were it not their own fault; but they fetter themselves, and fill boasting of their liberty, are truly ridiculous. The constitution of a country or a city may be free, and remain so, and yet the minds of its inhabitants be in chains.—Whoever in a republic acts solely on his own behalf, and speaks his mind freely only where he sees it can in no degree hurt either himself or his family, is very often against his will and his conscience, and contrary to his oath and duty, an abject slave. The patriot inhabitants of a republican city ought therefore not to glory too much in their liberty, when the majority of

them are ready, like so many wild cats, to fly in the face of a stranger, who should venture to affirm in public, that it is possible for a burgo-master's son to err in matters of literature. (Zimmerman.)

When the Khan of Tartary, who has not so much as a house, and who subsists solely on rapine, has finished his repast of mare's milk and horse flesh in his tent, he causes an herald to proclaim, that all kings, princes, and potentates of the earth, now have his permission to go to dinner! (Ch.)

Extracted from the Bristol Mirror.

MY STOCKINGS! AN IMITATION OF IMITATIONS. A nobler theme let others choose.—Fit subject for my humble muse Are ye, whom, night and day, I use— My Stockings!

Soon as Aurora paints the skies, (Ere from my sluggard couch I rise) For you I raise my earliest cries, My Stockings!

The live-long day around my thigh Ye cling, and seldom turn awry; With me ye trudge through wet & dry, My Stockings!

At eve my daily work I spurn, And to the public house adjourn; Then with what heartfelt joy I turn My Stockings!

At night, one serves to stop a gap I th' wall—I sink in Somnus' lap— And t'other serves me for a cap— My Stockings!

Full oft I find my old friends lag E'en in the lending of a rag— What use I then for padding bag? My Stockings!!!

Let none their various deeds decry; For, ever as the week goes by, They're washed; and then—I hang to dry, My Stockings!

Negroes for Sale. THE subscriber will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, for ready money, at this place, on the first day of January next, a number of very likely negroes, Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, including several Tradesmen, a good Cook, &c.

F. FAIRFAX. Shannon Hill, near Charlestown, Jefferson County, Va. Nov. 10.

Three Dollars Reward. STRAYED from the subscriber's dwelling, about two miles from Charlestown, sometime in June last, two Sorrel Mare Colts—one about two years old, and the other three years next spring. The oldest one has a blaze in her face, and the under part of her belly nearly white. The above reward and reasonable charges will be given for bringing said creatures home. REBECCA RIDGEWAY. November 10, 1809.

Land for Sale. THE subscriber being desirous to move to the Kenhawa to live, offers for sale, the tract of land, on which Mr. John Packett has lived for some years past. It contains 214 acres, 55 of which are in timber, which has been ascertained by actual survey, made a few weeks since by Mr. Wm. M'Pherson. This land is of very superior quality, and lies within two miles of Charlestown. A great part of it is remarkably well adapted to the growth of timothy. There are now on it 12 or 15 acres of good meadow, and more could be conveniently made. He will also sell a tract of 119 acres, which lies between the tracts he sold to Capt. Baylor, and the one he sold to Mr. Andrew Parks, in the rich woods. The payments for both, or either of these tracts of land will be made easy to the purchaser. The terms will be made known by application to Mr. John Packett, or to the subscriber living near Wincheller, who also offers for sale the land he now lives on near said town. LAU. A. WASHINGTON. November 3, 1809. 6w.

RAGS. The highest price given for clean linen and cotton rags at this Office.

Best Writing Paper For sale at this Office.

John R. Cooke, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TENDERS his professional services to his fellow citizens of Jefferson County. He will attend both the inferior and superior Courts. Martinsburg, Oct. 20, 1809.

Valuable property for sale. ON the first day of December next will be exposed to public sale, to the highest bidder, on a credit to the end of the next session of the Virginia legislature, agreeably to the provisions of an act passed on the thirty-first day of January last, all the right, title and interest vested in the subscriber by a deed of trust executed by Percival and Fairfax on the first day of December, 1807, and recorded in the county court of Jefferson, to the following property, or so much as may be necessary to raise a sum of money due to John D. On the first day of January last past, and the costs of sale, viz. the tenement at present occupied by Samuel Spruce, (supposed to contain about four hundred acres) part of the Shannondale tract—also the seats for water works adjacent to the upper end of said tract, upon the margin of the river Shennandoah, so laid off as to comprehend the said seats and water advantages, and containing by a late survey thereof, about twenty acres and one quarter of an acre. This tenement has a good proportion of rich river bottom, and is heavily timbered, and the mill seats are excelled by very few in the valley, if any. The sale will take place on the premises, and commence at 12 o'clock of the day above mentioned. Wm. BYRD PAGE, Trustee. August 25, 1809.

Jefferson, oct. October Court, 1809. George Newkirk, Complainant, against John Maxwell Swann, William Glassell Swann, David Carothers Swann, and Robert Joseph Swann, children and heirs of Joseph Swann, deceased, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY. THE defendants not having entered their appearance agreeably to the act of assembly and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said defendants are not inhabitants of this state: On the motion of the complainant, by his counsel, it is ordered that the said defendants do appear here on the second Tuesday in December next, to answer the bill of this order be forthwith inserted in the Farmer's Repository, published in Charlestown, for two months successively, and published at the court house door of Jefferson county. A copy. Teste, GEO. HITE, CLK.

NOTICE. ALL persons indebted to the estate of Jehu LaHells, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber; and those having claim against the said estate are desired to exhibit them properly authenticated. JOHN CLARK, Admr. October 6, 1809.

Charles G. Richter, HAIR DRESSER AND PERUKE MAKER, GRATEFULLY acknowledges the kind encouragement he has received since his settlement in this place, and takes this opportunity of informing the public, that he still continues to attend to his business, at his shop next door to capt. Hite's Hotel. Having received the newest fashions from Baltimore, &c. and being amply supplied with hair of every colour, he is happy to inform the Ladies, that he has it now fully in his power to furnish them with Wigs and Frizzets of the most elegant kind, and of the most liberal terms. He also begs leave to make it known for the consolation of all those gentlemen who are becoming bald, and to whom it would be considered superfluous to point out the great advantages both with regard to health, as well as comfort to be derived from wearing a Wig, that he can accommodate them with Wigs of the neatest description, and so exactly similar to the colour of their hair, as to escape the notice of the nice observer. Charlestown, Sept. 23, 1809.

Farmer's Repository.

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IMPORTANT LETTER. Letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, M. Champagny to Gen. Armstrong, minister of the U. States at Paris: ALLENBURG, Aug. 22.

SIR. His majesty, understanding that you are about to dispatch a ship to the U. States, commands me to make known to you the unalterable principles which have and will regulate his conduct in the great question respecting neutrals. France admits the principle, that the flag protects the trade. The trading vessel which carries the license of its government, may be considered as a moving colony: to insult such a vessel by search, pursuit, or any act of arbitrary power, is a violation of the fundamental law of colonization, and is an attack upon the government of the same. The seas belong to every nation, without exception: they are the common property and the domain of all mankind. Enemy merchant vessels belonging to individuals ought to be respected: individuals who do not fight ought not to be made prisoners of war. In all her conquests, France has considered sacred private property, deposited in the warehouses of the vanquished state, and such have had the complete disposal of matters of trade; and at this moment convoys by land of merchandise, and especially cottons, are passing through the French army and Austria, to proceed to the destination commerce affects. If France had seized the monopoly of the seas, she would have accumulated in her territory all the products of the earth, and she would have obtained immeasurable wealth.

Undoubtedly, if England had the dominion of land, which she has acquired on the ocean, her acquisitions would have been equally enormous. She would as in the times of barbarism, have sold the conquered, and distributed them as slaves throughout her land. The avarice of trade would have absorbed every thing, & the government of an enlightened nation, which has brought the arts of civilization to perfection, would have given the earliest instances of the return of the savage ages.—That government is fully impressed with the injustice of its naval code. But what has that government to do with justice, which only inquires for profit?

When France shall have established her navy, power, which, with the extent of her coasts and her population, will be soon accomplished, then will the emperor reduce these principles to practice, and apply his mandate to render it universal. The right, or rather the usurpation of blockading rivers and coasts by proclamation, is palpably contrary to reason and equity. A right cannot possibly spring from the will of an interested party, but must always be founded on the natural relation of things. A place is not properly blockaded unless it is besieged by land and water. It is blockaded to prevent the introduction of assistance, by which the surrender of the place might be protracted; and then we have only the right to prevent neutral ships from entering the port when the place is thus circumstanced, and the possession of it is matter of doubt between the besiegers and besieged. On this is grounded the right to prevent neutrals from entering the place.

The sovereignty and the independence of the flag are like the sovereignty and independence of the territory; the property of all neutrals. A nation may give itself to another, may destroy the act of its independence, may change its sovereignty; but the rights of sovereignty are indivisible and unalienable; none can give up any part of them. England has placed France in a state of blockade. The Emperor of the British Isles in a state of Blockade. The first measure kept neutral vessels at a distance from France, the second has interdicted to them England.

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To screen itself from the acts of violence, with which this flag of things threatened its commerce, America laid an embargo in her ports; and although France, who had done nothing more than resort to reprisals, saw her interests and the interests of her colonies wounded by this measure, nevertheless the Emperor applauded this generous determination of renouncing all commerce rather than acknowledge the dominion (domination) of the tyrants of the seas. The embargo has been raised, a system of exclusion has been substituted for it. The continental powers leagued against England make a common cause, they aim at the same object, they will reap the same advantages, they ought also to run the same risks. The ports of Holland, of the Elbe, of the Weser, of Italy and of Spain, will not enjoy (jouiront) any advantage of which those of France may be deprived. They will both (les uns et les autres) be either open or shut at the same time to the commerce of which they may be the object.

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Please to accept, sir, the assurance of my high consideration. (Signed) CHAMPAGNY.

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as to the time to which the House should daily adjourn. And The House adjourned till to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, November 28. A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary, informing the House that that body had formed a quorum, and was ready to proceed to business; and also that they had appointed a committee jointly with such committee as should be appointed by the President of the U. States, and inform him that they were ready to receive such communications as he might have to make.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, it was resolved, that the several standing committees be now appointed, agreeably to the rules and orders of the House.

A memorial was laid before the House from the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Indiana territory, stating that the act of the last session for the division of the territory had operated to prevent the meeting of the Legislature of that territory, by reducing the number of members of the legislature remaining within the territory of Indiana to less than a quorum.—Referred to a select committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Leave of the House was asked and obtained by Mr. Poydras, to lay on the tables of the members certain printed papers in defence of the right of the city of New-Orleans to the Bature in the suburb of St. Mary's.

Mr. Goodwin, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the U. S. reported that they had performed the duty assigned to them; and that the President had returned for answer that he would make a communication in writing to-morrow morning at 12 o'clock.

And the House adjourned. Wednesday, November 29. The President of the United States this day communicated by Mr. Graham the following MESSAGE: Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives, Ar the period of our last meeting, I had the satisfaction of communicating an adjournment with one of the principal belligerent nations, highly important in itself, and still more so, as pressing a more extended accommodation. It is with deep concern, I am now to inform you, that the favorable prospect has been overclouded, by a refusal of the British government to abide by the act of its Minister Plenipotentiary, and by its ensuing policy towards the U. S. as seen through the communications of the minister sent to replace him.

Whatever pleas may be urged for a disavowal of engagements formed by diplomatic functionaries, in cases where by the terms of the engagement, a mutual ratification is reserved; or where, notice at the time may have been given of a departure from instructions; or in extraordinary cases, essentially violating the principles of equity: a disavowal could not have been apprehended in a case, where no such notice or violation existed; where no such ratification was reserved; and more especially, where as is now in proof, an engagement, to be executed without any such ratification, was contemplated by the instructions given, and where it had, with good faith, been carried into immediate execution, on the part of the U. States.

These considerations not having restrained the British government from disavowing the arrangement, by virtue of which its orders in council were to be revoked, and the event authorising the renewal of commercial intercourse having thus not taken place; it necessarily became a question of equal urgency and importance, whether the act prohibiting that intercourse was not to be considered as remaining in legal force. This question being, after due deliberation, determined in the

affirmative, a Proclamation to that effect was issued. It could not but happen, however, that a return to this state of things from that which had followed an execution of the arrangement by the U. S. would involve difficulties. With a view to diminish these as much as possible, the instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, now laid before you, were transmitted to the Collectors of the several ports. If in permitting British vessels to depart without giving bonds not to proceed to their own ports, it should appear, that the tenor of legal authority has not been strictly pursued, it is to be ascribed to the anxious desire which was felt, that no individuals should be injured by so unforeseen an occurrence; and I rely on the regard of Congress for the equitable interests of our own citizens, to adopt whatever further provisions may be found requisite for a general remission of penalties involuntarily incurred.

The recall of the disavowed Minister having been followed by the appointment of a successor, hopes were indulged that the new mission would contribute to alleviate the disappointment which had been produced, and to remove the causes which had so long embarrassed the good understanding of the two nations. It could not be doubted, that it would at least be charged with conciliatory explanations of the step which had been taken, and with proposals to be substituted for the rejected arrangement. Reasonable and universal as this expectation was, it also has not been fulfilled. From the first official disclosures of the new minister, it was found that he had received no authority to enter into explanations relative to either branch of the arrangement disavowed; nor any authority to substitute proposals, as to that branch, which concerned the British Orders in Council: And finally, that his proposals with respect to the other branch, the attack on the frigate Chesapeake, were founded on a presumption, repeatedly declared to be inadmissible by the U. States, that the first step towards adjustment was due from them; the proposals at the same time, omitting even a reference to the officer answerable for the murderous aggression, and asserting a claim not less contrary to the British laws, and British practice, than to the principles and obligations of the U. S.

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...ing our commerce have not been duly controlled or repressed. In these cases, the interpositions deemed proper on our part have not been omitted. But it well deserves the consideration of the Legislature, how far both the safety and the honor of the American flag may be consulted, by adequate provisions against that collusive prostitution of it, by individuals, unworthy of the American name, which has so much favored the real or pretended suspicions, under which the honest commerce of their fellow citizens has suffered.

In relation to the powers on the coast of Barbary, nothing has occurred which is not of a nature rather to inspire confidence than distrust, as to the continuance of the existing amity. With our Indian neighbors, the just and benevolent system, continued towards them, has also preserved peace, and is more and more advancing habits favorable to their civilization and happiness.

From a statement which will be made by the Secretary of War, it will be seen that the fortifications on our maritime frontier are in many of the ports completed, affording the defence which was contemplated, and that a further time will be required to render complete the works in the harbor of New York, and in some other places. By the enlargement of the works, and the employment of a greater number of hands at the public armories, the supply of small arms, of an improving quality, appears to be annually increasing, at a rate, that with those made on private contract, may be expected to go far towards providing for the public exigency.

The act of Congress providing for the equipment of our vessels of war, having been fully carried into execution, I refer to the statement of the Secretary of the Navy for the information which may be proper on that subject. To that statement is added a view of the transfers of appropriations, authorised by the act of the session preceding the last, and of the grounds on which the transfers were made.

Whatever may be the course of your deliberations on the subject of our military establishments, I should fail in my duty in not recommending to your serious attention, the importance of giving to our Militia, the great bulwark of our security, and resource of our power, an organization the best adapted to eventual situations for which the U. States ought to be prepared.

The sums which had been previously accumulated in the treasury, together with the receipts during the year ending on the 30th September last (and amounting to more than 9 millions of dollars) have enabled us to fulfil all our engagements, and to defray the current expenses of government without recurring to any loan. But the insecurity of our commerce, and the consequent diminution of the public revenue, will probably produce a deficiency in the receipts of the ensuing year, for which and for other details, I refer to the statements which will be transmitted from the Treasury.

In the state which has been presented, of our affairs with the great parties to a disastrous and protracted war, carried on in a mode equally injurious and unjust to the U. States, as a neutral nation, the wisdom of the National Legislature will be again summoned to the important decision of the alternatives before them. That these will be met in a spirit worthy the councils of a nation, conscious both of its rectitude and of its rights, and careful as well of its honor, as of its peace, I have an entire confidence. And that the result will be stamped by a unanimity becoming the occasion, and be supported by every portion of our citizens with a patriotism enlightened and invigorated by experience, ought as little to be doubted.

In the midst of the wrongs and vexations experienced from external causes there is much room for congratulation on the prosperity and happiness flowing from our situation at home. The blessing of health has never been more universal. The fruits of the seasons, though in particular articles and districts short of their usual redundancy, are more than sufficient for our wants and our comforts. The face of our country every where presents the evidence of laudible enterprise; of extensive capital, and of durable improvement. In a cultivation of the materials and the extension of useful manufactures, more especially, in the general application to household fabrics, we behold a rapid diminution of our dependence on foreign supplies. Nor

is it unworthy of reflection, that this revolution in our pursuits and habits is in no slight degree a consequence of those impolitic and arbitrary Edicts by which the contending nations, in endeavoring each of them to obstruct our trade with the other, have so far bridged our means of procuring the productions and manufactures, of which our own are now taking place.

Recollecting always, that for every advantage which may contribute to distinguish our lot, from that to which others are doomed by the unhappy spirit of the times, we are indebted to that Divine Providence whose goodness has been so remarkably extended to this rising nation, it becomes us to cherish a devout gratitude, and to implore from the same omnipotent source a blessing on the consultations and measures about to be undertaken for the welfare of our beloved country.

JAMES MADISON.

After the message and accompanying documents were read,—on motion of Mr. Newton they were referred to a committee of the whole on the state of the nation, and 5000 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the members.—the House then adjourned.

JACKSON'S CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary of State Mr. Jackson, Envoy Extraordinary and minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty.

Department of State, Oct. 9, 1809. SIR—An arrangement, as to the revocation of the British orders in council, as well as to the satisfaction required in the case of the attack on the Chesapeake frigate, has been made in due form by the government of the United States with David Montague Erskine, Esq. an accredited minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty.—And after it had been faithfully carried into execution on the part of this government, and under circumstances rendering its effects on the relative situation of the United States irrevocable, and, in some respects, irreparable, His Britannic Majesty has thought proper to disavow it, to recall his minister, and to send another to take his place.

In such a state of things, no expectation could be more reasonable, no course of proceeding more obviously prescribed by the ordinary respect due to the disappointed party, than a prompt & explicit explanation, by the new functionary, of the grounds of the refusal on the part of his government to abide by an arrangement so solemnly made,—accompanied by a substitution of other propositions.

Under the influence of this reasonable expectation, the President has learned, with no less surprize than regret, that in your several conferences with me you have stated: 1st. That you have no instructions from your government, which authorise you to make any explanations whatever to this government, as to the reasons, which had induced His Britannic Majesty to disavow the arrangement lately made by your predecessor, and that therefore you could not make any such explanations.

2d. That in the case of the Chesapeake, your instructions only authorise you (without assigning any reason whatever why the reasonable terms of satisfaction tendered and accepted, have not been carried into effect) to communicate to this government a note tendering satisfaction, with an understanding that such note should not be signed and delivered by you, until you should have previously seen and approved the proposed answer of this government, and that the signing and the delivery of your note and of the answer of this government should be simultaneous.

3d. That you have no instructions which authorise you to make to this government any propositions whatever in relation to the revocation of the British Orders in Council; but only to receive such as this government may deem it proper to make to you.

4th. That, at all events, it is not the disposition or the intention of the British government to revoke their Orders in Council, as they respect the United States, but upon a formal stipulation on the part of the United States, to accede to the following terms and conditions, viz.

1st. That the act of Congress, commonly called the non-intercourse law, be continued against France, so long as she shall continue her decrees.

2d. That the navy of Great Britain be authorised to aid in enforcing the provisions of the said act of Congress.

3d. That the United States shall explicitly renounce, during the present war, the right of carrying on any trade whatever, direct or indirect, with any colony of an enemy of Great Britain, from which they were excluded during peace; and that this renunciation shall extend, not only to the trade between the colony and the mother country, but to the trade between the colony and the United States.

If, in the foregoing representation, it should appear, that I have in any instance misapprehended your meaning, it will afford me real pleasure to be enabled to lay before the President a statement, corrected agreeably to any suggestions, with which you may be pleased to favor me.

To avoid the misconceptions incident to oral proceedings, I have the honor to intimate that it is thought expedient, that our further discussions, on the present occasion, be in the written form. And with great sincerity I assure you, that whatever communications you may be pleased thus to make, will be received with an anxious solicitude to find them such as may lead to a speedy removal of every existing obstacle to that mutual and lasting friendship and cordiality between the two nations, which it is obviously the interest of both to foster.

With the highest consideration, &c. (Signed) R. SMITH. The hon. F. J. Jackson, &c. &c.

MR. JACKSON TO MR. SMITH. Washington, 11th Oct. 1809.

SIR—I have had the honor of receiving your official letter of the 9th inst. towards the close of which you inform me, that it had been thought expedient to put an end to all verbal communications between yourself and me, in discussing the important objects of my mission. Considering that a very few days have elapsed since I gave the president a credential letter from the king my master, and that nothing has been even alleged to have occurred, to deprive me of the credit to which, according to immemorial usage, I am by that letter entitled, I believe there exists in the annals of diplomacy no precedent for such a determination between two ministers, who have met for the avowed purpose of terminating amicably the existing differences between their respective countries: but after mature reflection, I am induced to acquiesce in it by the recollection of the time that must necessarily elapse before I can receive his majesty's commands upon so unexpected an occurrence, and of the detriment that would ensue to the public service if my ministerial functions were, in the interval, to be altogether suspended. I shall therefore content myself with entering my protest against a proceeding which I consider in no other light, than a violation, in my person, of the most essential rights of a public minister when admitted, as in the present case, without any alleged misconduct on his part. As a matter of opinion, I cannot, I own, assent to the preference which you give to written over verbal intercourse for the purpose of mutual explanation and accommodation. I have thought it due to the public character with which I have the honor to be invested, and to the confidence with which his majesty has most graciously been pleased to repose in me, to state to you unreservedly my sentiments on this point. I shall now proceed to the other parts of your letter, and apply to them the best consideration that can arise from a zeal proportioned to the increase of difficulty thus thrown in the way of the restoration of a thorough good understanding between our respective countries.

You state sir, very truly, that an arrangement had been made between you and Mr. Erskine, and that his majesty had thought proper to disavow that arrangement. I have, here in the outset, to regret the loss of the advantage of verbal intercourse with you, as I should have availed myself of it to enquire whether by your statement, it were your intention to complain of the disavowal itself, or of a total want of explanation of it, or of the circumstance of that explanation not having been made through me. Observe that in the records of this mission there is no trace of complaint, on the part of the U. States, of his majesty having disavowed the act of his minister. You have not in the conferences we have hitherto held, distinctly announced any such complaint, and I have seen, with pleasure, in this forbearance, on your part, an instance of that candor, which I doubt not will prevail in all our communications, in as much as you could not but have thought it unreasonable to complain

of the disavowal of an act, done under such circumstances, as could only lead to the consequences that have actually followed.

It was not known when I left England, whether Mr. Erskine had acceding to the liberty allowed him, had been sustained on the occasion by the public or by individuals of this country. So far as His Majesty could be by possibility supposed answerable for such an eventual loss, he has, as I have before stated, taken the utmost precaution to avert it.

As to the expectation entertained here, that the explanation of His Majesty's share in this transaction should be made through me, I might content myself with simply observing, that I was not provided with instructions to that effect, because it was known that the explanation in question had already been given. But it accords with the sentiments of His Majesty towards this country to observe also, that he considered, that as some time must necessarily elapse between my appointment and my entrance on the duties of my Ministry, it would be a more friendly mode of proceeding to state without delay, and through the channels I have already mentioned, the motives that compelled His Majesty to disavow the agreement, than to leave the American government in uncertainty in these respects, till the unavoidably protracted period of my arrival in America. I say this in regard to the original notification of his Majesty's determination, and of the motives of it, which being already made, it could not be supposed in London that a repetition of them would be expected from me; and of course no such case has been foreseen in my instructions. But if, beyond this any incidental explanation or discussion should be wished for by this government, I came fully prepared to enter into them. I even considered them to have taken place between us. I have certainly derived great satisfaction from the several hours, which we have spent in conference upon these subjects, because they have enabled me to remove some misunderstandings, and to refute many misrepresentations which you yourself informed me of, in regard to the conduct of the British government. I consider such mutual explanations as highly beneficial to a right understanding of the views and interests of the two countries, and I should with much pleasure have renewed them, if you had not informed me that the President had been pleased to prescribe another and a different mode of conducting our negotiations.

I will nevertheless avail myself of that mode which he still permits to repeat to you that His Majesty has authorised me, notwithstanding the ungracious manner in which his former offer of satisfaction for the affair of the Chesapeake was received, to renew that which Mr. Erskine was instructed to make. You have said that you so fully understood the particulars of that offer, that I deem it unnecessary to recapitulate them here: I regret that they were so clearly understood by you, you should not yet have been enabled to state to me either in our personal communications, or in the letter which I am now answering, whether they are considered by the President as satisfactory, or whether they are such as he ultimately means to accept. You seem not so distinctly to have understood the form of proceeding in this affair, which took the liberty of suggesting a result, without however at all precluding any other method which might appear preferable to you. My proposal was, not to communicate a note tendering satisfaction, but to agree with you before hand upon the terms of declaration on the part of His Majesty, which should actually give the satisfaction, (the conditions of which I informed you that I was authorised to carry into immediate execution) and of a counter declaration to be signed by you on the part of the U. States for the purpose of accepting such satisfaction. I expressly stated that this interchange of official documents was not meant by me as the means of conveying to each other our respective sentiments; that I understood to be, as usual, the object of our conferences; and I imagine that the papers to be signed by us, respectively, would be the result of those sentiments so communicated, and that by being reciprocally corrected and modified, and simultaneously delivered, they would form one compact by which the two countries would be equally bound. This course of proceeding is conformable to the practice of the courts of Europe on similar occasions. You did not at the time appear to object to

noticing the effects which you describe as being produced upon the U. States by the circumstances of this agreement. How far they are irrevocable it is not for me to determine—but the word irrevocable seems to imply that a loss had been sustained on the occasion by the public or by individuals of this country. So far as His Majesty could be by possibility supposed answerable for such an eventual loss, he has, as I have before stated, taken the utmost precaution to avert it.

it; you even requested me to come the next day, prepared with a draft or project of a paper, framed in pursuance of these ideas; and although you desired to refer the subject to the President for his approbation, I do not find in your letter either an expression of his sentiments upon it, or the substitution of any other form that might be more agreeable to him, than the one which I have proposed.

(To be continued.)

NEW-YORK, Nov. 24.

Last evening arrived at this port the new and fast sailing ship Hercules, capt. Vose, and the passengers have very politely favoured the editors of the Mercantile Advertiser, with London papers, Lloyd's List, and price Current, to the 19th of Oct. inclusive, (two weeks later than our former advices) from which we have extracted the most important articles. The papers contain the important news of a peace having been signed between France and Austria, at Altenburg, on the 3d of October, and that Bonaparte was on his way to Paris. We are not in possession of the terms of the peace; but understand from the passengers in the Hercules, that the emperor of Austria resigned every thing but Hungary and Bohemia. Our London papers do not furnish us with advices from Spain and Portugal, later than our former accounts. The island of Walcheren was still in the possession of the British, who have sent out several physicians to attend the sick, and fresh troops to reinforce the garrisons.

A change in the British ministry has also taken place. Mr. Percival succeeds the Duke of Portland as prime minister; Mr. Canning has resigned; and is succeeded by Lord Bathurst; and Dundas Saunders fills Lord Caffle-reagh's station. Several other changes are spoken of, among whom is Lord Grenville.

We also find in a paper of the 11th October the following paragraph, that "the American ship Horace passed Elsinour on the 29th Sept. having on board Mr. John Quincy Adams, the newly appointed minister to the court of St. Petersburg from the U. States. The Horace notwithstanding the importance of her charge, was compelled by the Danish government to pay the Sound dues, before she was permitted to proceed on her voyage."

LONDON, OCT. 14.

Two hundred and forty vessels, laden with Russian produce have arrived in our ports; so that our markets will overflow with hemp, tallow, and other Russian articles. In consequence of licenses being within this week resolved to be granted to import grain and flour from France or Holland, there are six hundred licenses and upwards now in the office of the Earl of Liverpool, waiting for his signature.

October 13. PEACE BETWEEN FRANCE AND AUSTRIA.

The public are at length awakened from the vain and delusive hope, so fondly cherished by the war faction—the tribe of loan mongers—the remitters—the money changers—the contractors—the speculators—the top-sellers—the provision merchants—the cannon merchants—and their venal mouth pieces and trumpeters—the Times—the Post—the Courier—and the other hireling scribes of Lloyd's and Whitehall. Of peace between France and Austria we never doubted; nor did we ever hesitate to avow an opinion which seemed so entirely consistent with probability. Where now, are the warlike preparations—the cunning—the diplomatic delay of Austria; the renewed contest for the last stake of Germany, with which, not ten days ago, the spirits of the war faction were cheered by the London newspapers—those pure fountains of truth and probability? Will the certainty of further contest with France ever reach the minds of the "true believers" of those supposed articles? We greatly fear that there is more of wilful than of mental blindness in the politico-commercial war junta. Mahomet propagated the doctrines of Islamism by the sword; but for England it was reserved to the 19th Century, to propagate commerce by the same gentle and persuasive argument!

The following summary is from Portuguese papers to the 27th of last month. Venegas was at Carolina on the 8th, with 26,860 infantry; the cavalry in La Mancha. Romana arrived at Badajoz on the 14th of Sept. and proceeded

ed on the 10th to Seville. The army of Galicia was shortly expected at Ciudad Rodrigo.

The French who occupied Coria have retreated into the interior of Spain. Ney's army is in Salamanca—That of Soult consists of 30,000 men, its head quarters are at Placentia. Gen. Mortier has 10,000 men, and his head quarters were at Talavera, on the 10th of Sept. Victor has 30,000 men, and his head quarters are at Toledo. Sebastian has 1000 men, and his head quarters are at Puenladarida. The head quarters of the English army are at Dadajoz—an advanced division is at Lobau—and another at Merida. The bridge of Arzobispo is defended by only eight thousand men. The duke de Parque with a considerable force, has occupied Ciudad Rodrigo, where the army of Galicia is shortly expected.

On the first of September, Gerona was relieved by the arrival of 6000 men, with provisions and ammunition, conveyed by 6000 men. The fire against Gerona has ceased.

The expectations of the Spaniards are high, and their language as usual, confident and lofty.—But Napoleon, at length released from his labours in Germany, may naturally be expected very shortly in Madrid.—That reinforcements from France are pouring into Spain, through the Pyrenees, is folly to doubt; and judging of the future by the past, we apprehend, that ere the present year concludes, the probability of success by the universal Spanish nation will be no longer credited even at Lloyd's.

Bonaparte's Indisposition.—The following account of Napoleon's illness is copied from a respectable Sunday paper:—"A gentleman who left Paris, so short a time ago as Saturday, the 30th ult. confirms the rumours which have reached us from various quarters, of the indisposition of Bonaparte. His malady was a violent fever, accompanied with delirium, brought on by an imprudent exposure of his person to the air while in a strong perspiration. It occurred toward the latter end of August.—He had been occupied during the whole of the forenoon of a very hot day in reviewing a corps of the army, and directing some manoeuvres, & had just returned to Shoenbrunn, when an ambassador extraordinary with a letter from the emperor of Russia, arrived. Without relinishing himself, or seeking corporal refreshment from a change of clothes, he desired the ambassador to be introduced, and having read the letter, he withdrew with him into the garden of the palace, where he remained for more than two hours in conversation; the whole of which time, according to reports at Paris, his head was uncovered. In the course of the night he felt himself indisposed, and before the close of the following evening he was considered, by the physicians in attendance, to be in so dangerous a state, that expresses were sent off to Paris for further medical assistance. The strength of his constitution, however, triumphed over the disease, and before the end of the month he was declared convalescent. The army, for obvious reasons, was kept ignorant of his indisposition. The hasty departure of the medical men first excited any suspicion on that head at Paris, where we understand, so far as an opinion could be formed, from words and "shews of grief," the people in general were much afflicted by the intelligence. Whether this was the prevailing sentiment in other parts of France, our informant had not an opportunity of judging. The impression at Paris respecting the issue of the negotiations at Altenburgh, was quite different from what, reasoning from the articles in the Dutch and German Papers, we have received in this country.—There they speculated confidently upon a speedy peace. The latest accounts arrived there from Vienna were decidedly pacific. Bonaparte was expected to reach St. Cloud before the 15th instant, and it was supposed he would proceed to Spain within a few days after. Several relays of horses had been sent forward on the road to Bayonne. Orders had also been dispatched to Tours, to make preparations for the passage of 80,000 men. These were considered as conclusive proofs that the terms of the arrangement with the emperor of Austria were finally settled. The emperor Alexander, it was said had consented to become the guarantee of the peace.

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ANTWERP, Oct. 8.

The climate of the island of Wal-

cheren proves so destructive to the English, that in the sole burying ground of the city of Flulling, 513 graves have been dug, containing each 4 soldiers, and 19 graves for officers.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 11. His majesty yesterday received the happy intelligence that peace between Austria and France was signed on the 3d of this month at Altenburgh.

CHARLES-TOWN, Dec. 8.

On Monday last a duel was fought near the city of Washington, between Mr. John G. Jackson, and Mr. Joseph Pearson, both members of the house of representatives of the United States. Mr. Jackson is said to have been mortally wounded.

We have reason to believe that the account published in our last paper of the death of Gen. Wade Hampton, is unfounded.

From the Independent American.

We are grieved to relate that, yesterday, in the Capitol, Capt. COLES, the President's Secretary, conceiving himself greatly and unjustly, and unnecessarily abused by Mr. Roger Nelson, a member of the house of representatives of the U. S. in a late trial in which Capt. Coles was a party, and Mr. Nelson advocate for the opposite party, called on him for some explanation; which was refused; and contempt offered instead of reparation or even discussion; on which Capt. Coles gave said Nelson with a horse-whip, what he deemed a proper chastisement. The intervention of a Senator, and other gentlemen standing near, prevented any excess of castigation.

A letter from Liverpool, dated Oct. 20, by the Hercules, says, "We have just received intelligence that the Spanish government have ordered the British troops and vessels to depart from their territory and harbors immediately. No reason is assigned for this measure."

Deed of Trust.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Edward Ganti, for the benefit of Elijah Chamberlin, I will offer for sale, on Saturday the 6th of January next, before the door of John Anderson's tavern, a valuable Negro man.

JOSEPH FARR, Trustee. December 8, 1809.

Public Sale.

WILL be sold on Monday the 18th instant, at the late residence of George S. Washington, deceased, the remaining part of the personal estate of said dec'd, consisting of Horses, Waggon, Gears, and a number of Farming Utensils. Also a quantity of

CORN AND RYE.

Nine months credit will be given—the purchaser giving bond and security. At the same time will be hired out for the ensuing year, a number of Negroes, consisting of men, women, boys and girls. The sale to commence at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

LUCY WASHINGTON, Ex'trix of G. S. Washington, dec'd. December 5, 1809.

Negro Man for Sale.

WILL be offered for sale, for Cash, on Tuesday the 12th instant, (being court day for Jefferson county,) before George Hite's door in Charles town, a Nely Negro Man, about 23 years of age.

J. S. December 8, 1809.

Deed of Trust.

IN pursuance of a deed of trust executed to the subscriber by Griffin Stith, and Mary his wife, to secure the payment of a certain sum of money due from said Stith to Messrs. Holloway and Hauser, merchants of the town of Petersburg, will be sold to the highest bidder, on the 30th day of December instant, at the plantation of the late Gerard Alexander, dec'd, in the county of Jefferson, a certain tract or parcel of land, containing 135 acres, seventy acres of which are cleared, and the balance well clothed with fine timber; being a part of the land of said Gerard Alexander, dec'd, and lies adjoining the lands of John M'Pherson, Battails Musc and others.

SAM. WASHINGTON, Trustee. December 8, 1809.

By the author of a Poem, called HOME,
published this year at Edinburgh.

THE TOMB OF MY FATHERS.

Subdued by misfortunes, and bowed
down with pain,
I sought on the bosom of peace to
recline;
I hid to the Home of my Fathers
again,
But the Home of my Fathers no
longer was mine.

The look that spoke gladness and wel-
come, was gone;
The blaze that shone bright in the
hall, was no more;
A stranger was there, with a bosom of
stone,
And cold was his eye as I entered
his door.

'Twas his, deaf to pity, to tenderness
dead,
The falling to crumb, and the humble
to spurn;
But I laid not his scorn,—from his
mansion I fled,
And my beating heart vowed never
more to return.

When Home shall receive me! One
Home yet I know,
O'er its gloomy recess, see the pine-
branches wave.
'Tis the Tomb of my Fathers. The
world is my foe,
And all my inheritance now is a
grave.

'Tis the Tomb of my Fathers. The
grey moistened walls,
Declining to earth, speak, emphatic,
decay;
The gate, off its hinge, and half-open-
ing calls,
"Approach, most unhappy, thy
dwelling of clay."

Alas, thou sole dwelling of all I hold
dear,
How little this meeting once augur-
ed, my breast!
From a Wanderer accept, oh my Fa-
thers, this tear,
Receive him, the last of his race, to
your rest.

ANECDOTE.

A Neapolitan nobleman fought four-
teen duels to prove that Dante was a
greater poet than Aristo. At this death-
bed, his confessor, who was a great ad-
mirer of Aristo, desired him to ac-
knowledge the superiority of this poet.
"Father," answered the dying noble-
man, "to tell you the truth, I never
read either Dante or Aristo." Were
the causes of many modern duels ex-
amined, it would appear that those en-
gaged in them could assign no better
reason for risking the loss of their own
lives, or those of their fellow creatures,
than this Neapolitan nobleman.

From the Kennebec Gazette.

EPITAPH ON A BARBER.

Here
are deposited
the remains of
FRANK FRIZZLE,
late
of this country
Barber and Hair dresser.
By birth
a
Pole-ander.

His distinguished talents were *pen-
etration and perseverance*, and his nu-
merous patrons can give proof of the
keenness of his judgment. *Active and
assiduous* in the sphere he moved, he
early arrived at the head of his business.
Independent in his nature, he has of-
ten taken *Pride by the nose*, and has
many a time *lathered impudence*. He
was so great a politician yet could
tell a *Wig* from a *Tory*. Though he
despised low actions, yet none, strange
as it may seem, *stoop'd* offener to
meanness. He was expert at picking
locks, yet was never known to have
done it with dishonest intentions. He
was so great a physiognomist, and so
insinuating in his manners, he could
tell the *secret working of men's heads*.
And like the immortal Shakespeare,
held the *mirror up to nature*. Al-
though he had nothing to do with the
trade, he was as full of *flavering* as a
house carpenter. He associated with
men of talents, yet he rather chose
blackheads for his constant companions.
Finding them subservient to his
schemes for accumulating wealth, he
kept them merely as his *tools* to
work on. Thus did he pass his so-

journal amongst us, until Death's chill-
ing blast extinguished the spark that
warmed his bosom. This last job
gave the finishing stroke to his busi-
ness, and he lies here until that old
Pulveriser, TIME, shall reduce him to
Powder. The bearded grass nods o'er
his cold habitation, and the fanning
West Winds brushes gently by him.

GENTLE READERS

If
This Melancholy Recital
Should raise
the
Bristles of thy head,
Please to call on
BENJAMIN FRIZZLE,
His
HEIR AND SUCCESSOR,
Whose solitary applications will
lighten the brow of care, and make thy
pericranium as smooth as a Weasel.

Take Notice.

I AM going to move from this place
to Battletown, in about ten days
from this. All persons indebted to me
are requested to call and discharge their
respective balances before the ninth in-
stant. If money is not convenient, I
will receive merchantable wheat at six
shillings and six pence per bushel, deliv-
ered at Mr. John Downey's or Mr.
Samuel M'Pherson's mill. Those
persons failing to comply with the above
request, may rely on their accounts be-
ing put into the hands of proper officers
for collection, without discrimination.
JOHN HAYNE.
Charlestown, Dec. 1, 1809.

To Rent.

THE subscriber will rent the house
which Mr. John Hayne occupies,
in the back street, (except one small
room, which he will occupy as an of-
fice.) The lot with all other buildings
thereon, will also be rented. Posses-
sion will be given on the first of Janu-
ary next.

ROBERT C. LEE.
Charlestown, Dec. 1, 1809.

NOTICE.

MUTUAL ASSURANCE SO-
CIETY.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
THE annual general meeting of the
MUTUAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY
against fire on buildings of the State of
Virginia, will be held, by adjournment
at the Capitol in the city of Rich-
mond, on the second Monday in Dec-
ember, (being the 11th day of Dec.)
SAMUEL GREENHOW,
P. Agent, M. A. S.
Richmond, Nov. 10th, 1809.

P. S. As much inconvenience and
unnecessary expense results from the
present mode of collecting the contribu-
tions of the members; which annu-
ally diverts a considerable part of those
contributions from the uses for which
they were intended—burdens individ-
uals with heavy costs, and greatly de-
lays the collections, to the injury of
the credit of the society, the general
meeting at their last annual session,
applied to the legislature, to authorise
a more certain, expeditious, and less
expensive mode of collection. Their
application was rejected, under an im-
pression, that the members of the so-
ciety might not approve this act of their
proxies.

Having been informed that, a simi-
lar proposition will be submitted to the
consideration of the next general meet-
ing, and believing some amendment in
that respect necessary to the prosperity
of the institution, I have thought it
proper to give this public notice there-
of.
S. GREENHOW, P. A.
November 27.

VINE COMPANY
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Managers of the Vineyard at
Spring Mill, conceive it a duty
they owe to the lovers of the VINTAGE
in the United States, to inform that
they have a large number of fine *Plants
and Cuttings* of various kinds for sale,
at very reasonable prices, for this aut-
umn and next spring's planting. Or-
ders addressed to Mr. Bernard M'Pho-
hon, Seedsman and Flowerist, in Phi-
ladelphia, or to Peter Legaux at the
Vine Yard, (post paid) shall be care-
fully attended to.

Printers in this and the neighboring
States, friendly to the cultivation of
this delicious Fruit, will confer a fa-
vor, by inserting the above once or
twice in their useful papers.
November 17, 1809.

CAUTION.

WHEREAS my wife Susannah has
left my bed and board without
cause or provocation, I do hereby fore-
warn all persons from trusting her on
my account, as I am determined to pay
no debts of her contracting from the
date hereof.

All persons are cautioned against
harboring her at their peril.
ARCHIBALD STEWART.
Jefferson county, Dec. 1, 1809.

NOTICE.

FOR the convenience of those per-
sons who are purchasers at the
sale of my father's estate, I have de-
posited their obligations with Mr.
Daugherty. As the estate is indebted,
promptness of payment is expected.—
Those obligations were due the 25th
ult.

WM. TATE.

December 1, 1809.

Five Dollars Reward.

STRAYED from the subscriber, liv-
ing at Harper's Ferry, about the
first of last June, a small black milk
COW, about seven years old, middling
small crooked horns, no ear mark re-
collected. The above reward will be
given for the above stray, with all rea-
sonable expenses if brought home.

WM. STEPHENSON.

November 17, 1809.

Tailoring Business.

THE subscriber informs the public
that he still continues to carry on
the above business in Charlestown.—
He returns his sincere thanks to his
friends and the public in general for
their past support, and hopes by assid-
uity and attention to merit a contin-
uance of their patronage. He has just
received the latest fashions, which will
enable him to serve ladies and gentle-
men in the first style. Those who may
please to favor him with their custom,
may rely on having their work executed
with punctuality and neatness.

HENRY SKAGGS.

October 26, 1809.

Fulling and Dying.

THE subscriber respectfully informs
his friends and the public, that he
has taken that new and elegant Fulling
Mill, the property of Mr. Benjamin
Beeler, three miles from Charlestown,
where he intends to carry on the Full-
ing Business in all its various branches.
The mill being erected on a new plan,
and water always sufficient, he hopes
to give full satisfaction to all those who
will favor him with their custom.

SILAS GLASCOCK.

September 22, 1809.

House and Lot for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale his
House and Lot, in Charlestown, on
the main street leading to Alexandria.
The dwelling house is two stories high,
with a good cellar, kitchen, smoke
house, and stable. Back land will be
taken in part payment for this property,
or will be sold very low for cash. An
indisputable title will be given to the
purchaser.

JOHN WARE.

July 21, 1809.

Negroes for Sale.

THE subscriber will offer at public
sale, to the highest bidder, for
ready money, at this place, on the first
day of January next, a number of very
likely negroes, Men, Women, Boys,
and Girls, including several Trades-
men, a good Cook, &c.

F. FAIRFAX.

Shannon Hill, near Charlestown,
Jefferson County, Va. Nov. 10.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate
of Jehu LaFuels, deceased, are re-
quested to make immediate payment to
the subscriber; and those having claims
against the said estate are desired to ex-
hibit them properly authenticated.
JOHN CLARK, Adm'or.
October 6, 1809.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And to be had at this Office,
A POLITICAL WORK, ENTITLED
THE WHOLE TRUTH.
PRICE 25 CENTS.

Blank Deeds

For sale at this office.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,

Held for Jefferson County.
I HAVE removed the office of the
Superior Court, holden for Jefferson
County, to the house occupied by Mr.
John Hayne.

ROBERT C. LEE.
Charlestown, Nov. 24, 1809.

Forty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the following
Spring Farm, about a year ago, a
Negro Man named WILL, about 23
years of age, light complexion, and
nearly six feet high. He is supposed
to be lurking in the neighborhood of
Charlestown, as he was seen a few days
since, at Thornton Wallington's quar-
ter, where he has a wife. The above
reward will be paid for securing said
negro in jail, or delivering him to John
Briscoe, esq. near Charlestown.
SAMUEL BRISCOE.
November 24, 1809.

Stevenson & Griffith,

TAILORS.
RESPECTFULLY inform the in-
habitants of Charlestown and the
neighborhood, that they have lately
commenced the TAILORING BUSI-
NESS in Mrs. Frame's house near
Mr. Haines' tavern, where they are
ready to receive work. They will be
always careful to execute their work in
the most scrupulous and fashionable
manner. They are acquainted with
the newest fashions, and have no doubt
but they shall be able to give full satis-
faction to those who will please to favor
them with their custom.
Charlestown, Nov. 17, 1809.

Land for Sale.

THE subscriber being desirous to
move to the Kenhawa to live, of-
fers for sale, the tract of land, on which
Mr. John Packett has lived for some
years past. It contains 214 acres, 55
of which are in timber, which has been
ascertained by actual survey, made a
few weeks since by Mr. Wm. M'Pherson.
This land is of very superior
quality, and lies within two miles of
Charlestown. A great part is irre-
markably well adapted to the growth
of timothy. There are now on it
15 or 16 acres of good meadow, and more
could be conveniently made.

He will also sell a tract of 119 acres,
which lies between the tracts he sold to
Capt. Baylor, and the one he sold to
Mr. Andrew Parks, in the rich woods.
The payments for both, or either of
these tracts of land will be made easy
to the purchaser. The terms will be
made known by application to Mr.
John Packett, or to the subscriber, near
Winchester, who also offers
for sale the land he now lives on near
said town.

LAU. A. WASHINGTON.

November 3, 1809.

John R. Cooke,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TENDERS his professional ser-
vices to his fellow citizens of Jef-
ferson County. He will attend both the
inferior and superior Courts.
Martinsburg, Oct. 20, 1809.

Jefferson, Oct.

George Newkirk, Complainant,
against
John Maxwell Swann, William Glas-
sell Swann, David Carothers Swann,
and Robert Joseph Swann, children
and heirs of Joseph Swann, deceased.
Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

THE defendants not having entered
their appearance agreeably to an
act of assembly and the rules of this
court, and it appearing to the satisfac-
tion of the court that the said de-
fendants are not inhabitants of
this State: On the motion of the
complainant, by his counsel, it is
ordered, that the said defendants do ap-
pear here on the second Tuesday in
December next, to answer the bill of
the said complainant, and that a copy
of this order be forthwith inserted in
the Farmer's Repository, published in
Charlestown, for two months suc-
cessively, and published at the court house
door of Jefferson county.

A copy. GEO. HITE, Clk.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1809.

PAYABLE ONE HALF IN ADVANCE.

JACKSON'S CORRESPONDENCE.
Continued.

I touch with considerable and very
sincere reluctance upon that part of
my letter, in which you state that I
had not assigned "any reason whate-
ver" why the reasonable terms of satis-
faction tendered and accepted have not
been carried into effect."
I believed that I had observed to
you, in the words of my instructions,
that if His Majesty were capable of
being actuated by any desire to retract
his offer of reparation which he had
made, His Majesty might be well
warranted in doing so both by the form
in which his accredited Minister had
tendered that reparation, and by the
manner in which that tender had been
received. I believe that I elucidated
this observation by a reference to the
particular expressions, which made the
terms of satisfaction appear to be un-
acceptable even to the American gov-
ernment, at the very moment when
they were accepted, and which at all
events put it totally out of His M^{ty}'s
power to ratify and confirm any
act in which such expressions were
contained.

On the subject of His Majesty's Or-
ders in Council, I have had the honor
of informing you that His Majesty
having caused to be made to the gov-
ernment of the U. States certain propo-
sals founded upon principle, some
of which were understood to originate
in American authorities, and others to
be acquiesced in by them; and having
afterwards ascertained, in the manner
mentioned in a former part of this let-
ter, that the sentiments of the Ameri-
can government were so different from
what they were at first understood to
be, I was not instructed to renew to
you those proposals, nor to press upon
your acceptance an arrangement which
had been so recently declined, especi-
ally as the arrangement itself is become
less important, and the terms of it less
applicable to the state of things now ex-
isting.

Those considerations which were
first intimated in Mr. Canning's official
letter to Mr. Pinckney of the 23d Sept.
1808, and which, in the process of the
following six months, acquired greater
weight and influence, induced His Ma-
jesty, before the result of Mr. Er-
skine's negotiation was known, to
modify the Orders in Council of Nov.
1807, by that of the 26th of April,
1809.

The effect of this new order is to re-
lieve the system under which the for-
mer orders were issued, from that
which has always been represented in
this country, as the most objectionable
and offensive part of it—the option gi-
ven to neutrals to trade with the ene-
mies of G. Britain through British
ports on payment of a transit duty.
This was originally devised and in-
tended as a mitigation of what is cer-
tainly more correct but more rigid in
principle—the total and unqualified in-
terdiction of all trade with the enemy.
If, however, this mitigation was felt
as an aggravation, and, as has been
sometimes warmly asserted, as an in-
sult, that cause of complaint is now
entirely removed. By the order in
Council of the 26th April, 1809, all
trade with France and Holland, and
the ports of Italy, comprehended un-
der the denomination of the kingdom
of Italy, is simply prohibited altogeth-
er. No option is afforded, and conse-
quently no transit duty is required to
be paid. In another respect the order
in Council of the 26th April must be
admitted to be more restrictive than
those of Nov. 1807.

The trade with enemies colonies
which was opened to neutrals at the
commencement of the present war by
the order in Council of the 24th June,
1803, was continued to be left open by
those of Nov. 1807. The order in
Council of the 26th April retracts this
indulgence. But it is to be observed,
that, since the period, when the or-
ders in Council of Nov. 1807 were is-
sued, the opening of the ports of
Spain, of Portugal, of the south of
Italy and of Turkey has afforded a
more ample scope to neutral com-

merce, and that by the capture of Mar-
tinique, in addition to that of almost
all the colonies of the enemies of G.
Britain, together with the blockade of
Guadaloupe, the extent to which the
liberty of commerce with enemies' col-
onies applied has been so far narrow-
ed, that there is little of practical hard-
ship in recurring to the rule which,
however occasionally mitigated in its
application, Great Britain can never
cease in principle to maintain. It is
farther to be observed, that the Order
in Council of the 26th April has this
operation highly favorable to neutrals,
that restricting the regulations of
blockade to France, Holland and their
colonies, and to the territories denomi-
nated the kingdom of Italy, it lays
open to the direct trade of neutrals the
ports of the north of Europe. Under
the Order of the 26th April, therefore,
while there are on the one hand fewer
points of difference to stand in the way
of a satisfactory arrangement between
G. Britain and the U. States; it is pos-
sible that there may be less temptation
to the latter, to enter into such an
arrangement, as the extent of their com-
merce may be, if they please, nearly
as great under the Order in Council of
the 26th April, as it would be under
any arrangement which should effect
the indispensable objects, to which
that order applies, or as it would be
even without any such order so long as
France and the powers subservient to
France continue to enforce their de-
crees. It is, in the same proportion,
matter of indifference to G. Britain,
whether the Order in Council be con-
tinued or an arrangement by mutual
consent substituted in its room.

Such, Sir, are the grounds on
which it has appeared to His Majesty
to be unnecessary to command me to
propose to the government of the U.
States any formal agreement to be sub-
stituted for that which His Majesty has
been under the necessity of disavow-
ing; but I am directed to receive and
discuss with you any proposal which
you may be authorised to make to me
on this head.

As no disposition has hitherto been
shewn on your part to make any such
proposal, it has been impossible for
me to flate by anticipation (nor was I
instructed so to do) what might be the
answer that I should eventually think
my duty to return to you; consequen-
ly I could not have made with that
view the statement contained in the 4th
section of your letter, and the three
subdivisions of it. Such a statement,
would have been obviously inconsistent
with the former part of my overture,
which you very correctly regard in the
3d section, viz. that I was not in-
structed to make to you any proposal
whatever upon this subject. I must neces-
sarily reserve, until I hear from you
what proposals it may be deemed pro-
per to make on behalf of the U. States,
to flate in how far they do or do not
accord with the instructions, which it
has pleased His Majesty to give me
for my guidance in this negotiation.

I will only add, sir, in conclusion
of this letter, that His Majesty is very
sincerely desirous of maintaining a
perfect and cordial understanding with
the U. States, and of bringing to a
complete and satisfactory adjustment,
all the points of difference that have
arisen between the two governments;
and that, agreeing as I do with you,
most heartily, as to the interest which
both nations have in fostering a mutual
and solid friendship and cordiality,
no zeal or exertions shall be wanting
on my part to carry into effect His Ma-
jesty's commands for this most salutary
purpose.

I have the honor to be, with great
respect, Sir, your most obedient hum-
ble servant,
F. J. JACKSON.
The Hon. Robert Smith, &c. &c. &c.

MR. SMITH TO MR. JACKSON.
Department of State, Oct. 19, 1809.
SIR,

I have had the honor of receiving
your letter of the 11th inst.
Before I proceed to the more mate-
rial topics, which it embraces, it is
proper that I should take some notice

of your construction, which has unhap-
pily converted an intimation of the ex-
pediency of conducting in a written
form our further discussions, on this
particular occasion, into a general pro-
hibition of all verbal communications
whatever, and into a pretended
violation of the most essential rights
of public minister, requiring a formal
protest and a resort to the commands
of your sovereignty.

A recurrence to that intimation can-
not fail to shew that its sole object
was to avoid, in the further discussions
of a case of unusual delicacy and impor-
tance, the misconceptions well known
to be incident to oral proceedings, and
of which the diplomatic intercourse
between the two governments had fur-
nished so many and such serious
proofs,—nay, of which your letter it-
self is an additional illustration. That
a change in diplomatic discussions
from an oral to a written form is not
without precedent I cannot refer to you
which will be more satisfactory to you
than the intimation recently given by
Mr. Canning, in the case of the propo-
sal by Mr. Pinckney on the subject of
the Orders in Council and the Embargo,
that the discussions which had been
previously verbal must thenceforth
take a written form. And with this
view I take the liberty of recalling your
attention to the subjoined extracts
(See A and B.) of letters that passed
on that occasion.

On the present, as on that occasion,
the change from verbal to written com-
munications was requested after two
conferences, and when the subject ap-
peared to one of the parties to have,
by those verbal discussions, been brought
to a point, which required a precise
understanding of the views and propo-
sitions of the other.

You will, sir, hence perceive, that
in maintaining the right, which every
government has as to the rules of inter-
course with foreign functionaries near
it, no encroachment has been made or
intended on any right or customary
privilege belonging to you in that cha-
racter, nor any thing done to impede
the proper and usual course of negotia-
tion.

You have been sufficiently apprised,
by my letter of the 9th, of the light in
which the President views the arrange-
ment lately made by your predecessor
with this government, and of the
grounds on which he has expected a
formal and satisfactory explanation of
the reasons for the refusal of his Brit-
annic Majesty to carry it into effect.
He persists in that expectation, and in
the opinion, that there has been given
no explanation that is adequate, either
as to the matter, or as to the mode.

When one government has been so-
lemnly pledged to another in a mutual
engagement by its acknowledged and
competent agent and refuses to fulfill
the pledge, it is perfectly clear, that it
owes it, both to itself and to the
other party, to accompany its refusal
with a formal and frank disclosure of
sufficient reasons for a step, which,
without such reasons, must deeply in-
jure its own character, as well as the
rights of the party confiding in its good
faith.

To refuse with honor (says a high
authority on public law) to ratify what
has been concluded on by virtue of a
full power, it is necessary that the gov-
ernment should have strong and solid
reasons, and that he flate in particular
that his Minister has violated his in-
structions.

Although it is particularly incum-
berent on the Sovereign in such case to
shew that his instructions have been
violated, yet it is not a mere violation
of them on immaterial points that will
be sufficient. It is indispensably re-
quisite, moreover, that they manifestly
weigh not only the general obliga-
tion to abide by what has been so done,
but also the disappointment and injury
accruing to the other party. And it is
worthy of notice that the case under
discussion is of a higher character, and
appeals with greater solemnity to the
honor and justice of the refusing party,
than the case stated in *Mattel*, inas-
much as the transactions now disavow-

ed, was not a treaty or convention to
be ratified by both parties, previous to
an execution by either. It had accord-
ing to the terms of it (and this peculi-
arity appears to have been contemplated
by your government) been actually and
immediately carried into execution on
the part of the U. States. The refusal
of his Britannic Majesty is, therefore,
not simply to ratify what had been rat-
ified by the other party, but to carry in-
to effect on his part an arrangement
which had been carried into full effect
with good faith on the part of the U.
States. Nay, the case is strengthened
by the further peculiarity, that some of
the circumstances attending the execu-
tion of the arrangement on the part of
U. States render it unusable of a
full equivalent for the refusal to exe-
cute it on the other side.

It has not escaped observation, that
the obligation of your government to
tender explanations on this occasion is
admitted by your attempt to shew that
it has been sufficiently done in what
passed in conversation between Mr.
Canning and Mr. Pinckney, and by the
instructions given to Mr. Erskine to
communicate such explanations.

With every disposition to view in
the most favorable light whatever may
affect the relations between the two
countries, it is impossible to mistake
the conversations of those ministers for
a discharge of such a debt to the good
faith and reasonable expectations of
the U. States. Besides that they were
mere conversations in a case requiring
the precision and respect of a formal
communication, it is certain, that it
was neither understood by Mr. Pin-
ckney, nor intended by Mr. Canning,
that those conversations were so to be
regarded. Mr. Pinckney is explicit on
this point. And Mr. Canning him-
self, after declining to recapitulate in
writing what he had verbally remark-
ed, signified to Mr. Pinckney in a let-
ter dated May 27th, that his observa-
tions on the subject would be more pro-
perly made through the successor of
Mr. Erskine, who was about to pro-
ceed to the U. States.

With respect to the instructions on
this point, given to Mr. Erskine, it
might be sufficient to remark that they
were never carried into execution; but
it may be asked, whether it was a mark
of friendly respect to the U. States to
employ for such a purpose, a minister
from whom his government had
thought proper publicly to withdraw its
confidence, and to the peculiar deli-
cacy and embarrassment of whose situa-
tion you have yourself referred, as ac-
counting for his not having executed the
task imposed upon him.

I must here repeat, what was sug-
gested in my former letter, that the
successor of Mr. Erskine is the proper
functionary for a proper explanation.
Nor can I perceive the force of your
remark, that the delay incident to your
arrival in the U. States is tantamount
to more of his Majesty to prefer the other
channels for communicating the moti-
ves for his disavowal. To your own
reconsideration I appeal, whether the
course most consonant to those friendly
sentiments was not the obvious one of
employing the new organ, guarding at
the same time against any misconstruc-
tion of the cause of it. The supposition,
that the delay incident to your mission
gave rise to the conversation of Mr.
Canning and Mr. Pinckney, is not re-
concilable to the correspondence of
the letter, which contains no such in-
dication. On the contrary it distinct-
ly shews that he was apprised of the in-
tention to replace Mr. Erskine by a
successor, whom he regarded as the
proper channel for the explanatory
communications, that he understood
Mr. Canning to be under the same im