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## FROM THE BRITISH.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Montreal, 12th Dec. 1813.

### GENERAL ORDER.

His Excellency the Governor in chief and commander of the forces has to announce to the troops under his command, that he has received a communication from major general Wilkinson, commanding a division of the army of the U. S. of America, by order of his government of which the following is an extract:

"The government of the United States adhering unalterably to the principle and purpose declared in the communication of General Dearborn to you, on the subject of the Twenty three American soldiers, prisoners of war, sent to England to be tried as criminals; and the confinement of a like number of British soldiers, prisoners of war, selected to abide the fate of the former, has, in consequence of the step taken by the British government, as now communicated, ordered Forty-six British officers into close confinement, and that they will not be discharged from their confinement until it shall be known that the Forty-six American officers and non-commissioned officers in question are no longer confined."

It would be superfluous to use any argument to refute an assumption so extravagant, unjust, and unprecedented, as to deny the right of a free nation to bring to legal trial, in a due course of law, her own natural born subjects taken in the actual commission of the most heinous offence that man can commit against his king, his country and his God, that of raising his paricide arm against his allegiance to his countrymen, by leaguings with their enemies, a crime held in such abhorrence by every civilized nation in Europe, that summary death by the law martial, is its avowed reward, and is inflicted with unrelenting severity by France, the ally of the United States.— This pretension must appear to every unprejudiced and upright mind, as iniquitous and unjust, as is the retaliation which the government of the United States has adopted, by placing in close confinement three and twenty British soldiers, as hostages for an equal number of infamous wretches, the unworthy offspring of G. Britain; who, when drawn from the ranks of the enemy, solicited to be suffered to expiate their treason, by turning the arms against their recent employers. These rebels have, (with the contempt they merit) been consigned to the infernal and punishment that awaits them from the just laws of their offended country; while the government of the U. States does not blush to claim these out-cast traitors as their own, and outrage the custom of civilized war, in the persons of honorable men, by placing them on a par with rebels and deserters.

No alternative remains to the commander of the forces, in the discharge of his duty to his king, his country and his fellow-soldiers, but for all the American officers, prisoners of war, without exception of rank, to be immediately placed in close confinement, as hostages for the Forty-six British officers so confined, by the express commands of the supreme authority in that country, until the number of Forty-six be completed, over and above those now in confinement. His Excellency directs that this general order together with that issued on the 27th October, be read to the troops; that the British soldier may be sensible of the terms, on which America has determined to wage this war; confident, that he will meet them with proper spirit and indignation; for should he become the prisoner of a foe so regardless of those laws, which for ages have governed civilized nations in war, he would be doomed to a rigorous confinement, and that perhaps only preparatory to a more savage scene. (Signed) EDWARD S. BAYNES, Adjutant General B. N. A.

## DECATUR AND CARDEN.

The following anecdote of these two gentlemen is in circulation. After the capture of the Macedonian, com. Decatur is said to have employed the band of music which had belonged to capt. Carden. One day after dinner, Carden politely begged for privilege of calling for a tune, and called "God Save the King"—"And now, sir, (says the honorable capt. after its conclusion) it is your time to call.—"Well, sir, (said Decatur, with a good deal of sang froid) let us have "Britannia rules the waves!"

The citizens of Petersburg, Va. have had a meeting, and recommended to the inhabitants generally, to desist as far as possible, from the use of Tea, Sugar, Coffee, &c. unless they can be procured at moderate prices, specified. They declare also, that they will not purchase of monopolizers, who are speculating on the misfortunes of their fellow citizens.

## Valuable Property FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the lot of land on which he at present resides, near Charlestown, Jefferson county, Va. This lot contains about 30 acres of first rate limestone land, is well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. It lies immediately adjoining said town, on the road leading from thence to Harper's Ferry, and is admirably calculated as a stand for a tavern. Also a valuable lot adjoining the above, upon which there is a comfortable small dwelling house, and an excellent brick yard. Also several valuable improved lots in said town, the most of which are in good situations on the main street. An additional quantity of from 30 to 60 acres of land adjoining the above mentioned lot of 30 acres, with a proportion of the same, is offered for sale. It had should a purchaser require it. Any person wishing to purchase may know the terms by applying to the editor of the Farmer's Repository, or to the subscriber, on the premises.

JAMES ANDERSON.

## FOR SALE, A valuable tract of Land,

lying at the west side of Charlestown, and adjoining the lands of Robert Worthington and Matthew Hanson. This tract contains about 70 acres, 22 of which is timbered—The soil is equal to any in Jefferson county. One third of the purchase money will be required in hand, the balance in two equal annual payments. For further information apply to the subscriber on the premises.

THOMAS BRECKENRIDGE.

## CARD.

All those indebted to the subscriber are earnestly requested to discharge their respective balances "before the first day of the New Year"—He hopes there will be but few, if any, so forgetful of "their own true interest," as not to comply with this just and reasonable request.—He tenders his grateful thanks to his punctual customers, and informs them that he has a very large stock of Seasonable PRIME GOODS on hand, bought before the late immense rise, and shall feel pleasure in serving them at all times, with such articles as they may want, on the best terms. At this time most articles are selling too high in the Seaport Towns to bring to the Country.

JAMES S. LANE.

Shepherd's-Town, Dec. 9, 1813.

At a court continued and held for Jefferson county, December 27, 1813.

Patience Shirley and Mary Shirley, infants under the age of twenty one years, by John Shirley their father and next friend, Plffs.

vs. Walter Shirley, Robert Shirley, John Shirley, Jr. Cyrus Hibbin and Elizabeth his wife, and Patience Shirley, widow of Robert Shirley, deceased. Dfs.

## IN CHANCERY.

This day came the plaintiffs by their counsel, and the defendant Robert Shirley not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of assembly and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the said Robert Shirley is not an inhabitant of this Commonwealth; on the motion of the plaintiffs by their Counsel, it is ordered that the said Robert Shirley do appear here on the fourth Monday in February next, and answer the bill of the plaintiffs, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the FARMER'S REPOSITORY for two months successively and posted at the door of the Court House of the said County.

A Copy—T. GEORGE HITE, C. J. C.

January 6.

At a court continued and held for Jefferson county, on the 28th day of December, 1813.

John Sheeley, Plaintiff,

vs. Edward Ridgway and William Tate, Dfs.

IN CHANCERY. This day came the Plaintiff by his Counsel and the Defendant Edward Ridgway having entered his appearance and given security according to the Act of Assembly and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that he is not an inhabitant of this Commonwealth; on the motion of the Plaintiff by his Counsel, it is ordered that the said defendant Edward Ridgway do appear here on the fourth Monday in February next, and answer the bill of the plaintiff, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Farmer's Repository for two months successively, and posted at the door of the Court House of the said County. And it is ordered that the defendant William Tate, be restrained from paying away any money due or effects belonging to the defendant Edward Ridgway until the further order of this court.

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## Look Here Farmers.

12 or 15000 bushels of Wheat wanted. THE Subscriber can grind the above quantity of wheat at the Rock's Mill, Jefferson County, Va. He will grind or exchange flour for wheat, he will give twenty-one bbls. for every hundred bushels delivered, or twenty bbls. and haul the wheat from one to five miles—he will purchase at the market price; he will also warrant all flour manufactured by him to pass the inspection at any port in the United States; he will also deliver flour in Baltimore, Alexandria or Georgetown, upon the lowest terms. Farmers will do well to call on the Subscriber.

GEORGE W. BOND.

N. B. The Saw-Mill is also in good order, and can saw a large quantity of timber. G. W. B. December 30.

## NOTICE.

THE co-partnership heretofore existing between Neill and Tucker, was dissolved this day by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the said firm by note, bond or book account, are requested to make payment in the course of January next, as longer indulgence cannot be given, and those having claims are requested to bring them in for payment. NEILL & TUCKER. December, 30 1813.

## LIST OF LETTERS

In the Post-Office, Charlestown, Va. on the 31st December, 1813.

- A. Elizabeth Lee, 2
- B. Thomas Loudon
- C. John P. Little
- D. Richard Livellin
- E. James Lork, 2
- F. Robert Lucas
- G. Jesse Matlock
- H. Gaveler Martin
- I. James W. Gurdy
- J. Nancy Miser
- K. Woodson Martin
- L. William Morgan, 3
- M. George Morrison
- N. James M'Makin
- O. Jesse Moore
- P. Alex. M'Kenzie
- Q. Mary Neill
- R. O. Oston
- S. John Peake, 2
- T. John Perry
- U. Haley Powell
- V. Simeon Putnam
- W. George Reynolds
- X. John Rodgers
- Y. Jacob Rodrick
- Z. Miles Richardson
- John Randolph
- Mathew Ranson
- Walter Shirley
- Smith Slaughter
- Catharine Slaughter
- Jordan Sutton
- Th. Y. Swearingen
- John Shirley
- Henry Strider
- Jacob Stain
- Mary B. Saunders, 3
- Moses Smith
- John Smith
- Abraham Smith
- William Summers
- Nicholas Stary
- William Seward
- Jesse Taylor
- Thomas B. Taws
- William Tawson
- John Throckmorton
- John Thompson
- R. H. L. Washington
- Major Walker
- Margat. Worthington
- Jane & Andrew Woods
- Catherine Wimmer
- James Wallford
- Nicholas Wallingford
- Jane Woods, 2
- Susan Whiting
- Greenberry Williams
- Francis B. Whiting
- James W. Waring
- H. KEYES, P. M.

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- By order of the TRUSTEES. November 20. 2m.

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*Anti-macha, Oct. 25.*  
*Scilly, N. N. E. distance 22 leagues.*

My Lord—As the day opened on the 23d inst. the Andromache gave chase to a frigate under jury masts, on the N. E. quarter; about 4 P. M. she opened a fire on us from her stern guns, which was not returned until a position was taken on her weather quarter, when, after a feeble resistance of about 15 minutes, she struck her colors; indeed such was the disabled state of her masts previously to our meeting, that any further resistance would have been the extreme of rashness—she is the La Trave, of 28 French eighteen pounders and sixteen eighteen pound carronades, only 9 months old, with a crew of 322 men, (nearly all Dutch,) one of whom was killed, and her commander, Jacob Van Maren, Capitaine de Vaisseau, and Member of the Imperial Order of Reunion, the 2d Lt. 2 midshipmen, (one of them since dead,) and 24 seamen, wounded.

The Andromache has received no injury in her hull, nor sought to mention in her sails or rigging; while I lament to say, that Mr. Dickinson, the first Lieut. is severely wounded, and one seaman slightly. I have the honor to be, &c.

G. TOBIN, Capt.  
To Admiral Lord Keath, K. B. &c.

P. S. It seems that La Trave had two men wounded by an Eng. brig of war, on the 19th.

The Telegraph schr. of 14 guns, has captured a French National corvette, commanded by a Member of the Legion of Honor. She mounted sixteen 32 pound carronades, two long 9, and 4 brass 4 pounders, and 160 men. The action took place on the 13th ult. close in shore, in sight of the contending armies, after a close action of an hour, the enemy took to their boats & got on shore, having previously set her on fire, & when the Telegraph's crew boarded, it was fast approaching the magazine, and were therefore obliged to abandon her immediately; and she soon after blew up with a number of the wounded enemy having been cruelly deserted by their companions.

The Weser, French frigate, 44 guns, has arrived at Plymouth, prize to the Rippon, 74, and Royalist and Scylla sloops of war.

We believe that there are more of the enemy's frigates at sea. Two we have captured, but we believe that two more sailed from the Texel, and three from Rochefort.

TRURO, NOV. 13.  
Reported Great Naval Victory.

Last night we received intelligence from Plymouth, that a Telegraphic Communication had been made from the Admiralty to the Commander in Chief of that Port, announcing that Admiral Young had fallen in with the enemy, captured TEN SAIL OF THE LINE, and driven TWO on shore. The gallant Admiral has received two wounds.—We suppose that the victory has been obtained over the Texel or Scheldt fleets, or both combined, as admiral Y. made a signal on Friday last, for all ships under his command to join, without a moment's delay.

[Ad. Young sailed from Deal Nov. 4, in consequence of a Telegraphic Order, and proceeded to the Dutch coast. It was said it was likely the Scheldt fleet would put itself under the protection of the British. Another report was, that Bonaparte, apprehensive of this, might have ordered it to a French port.]

The London papers of the 5th of Nov. are filled with speeches in the British Parliament on the motions in the two Houses for Addresses to the Prince Regent in answer to his speech. The Addresses were unanimously agreed to in each branch. The Members of Parliament and the London Editors discovered that they were in high spirits.

Extract from the Speech of Lord Compton.

"He now would turn to the New World, and lamented that a nation professing principles of liberty, should have united in support of the most execrable despotism, and counteracted the progress of the cause of European freedom. He might be told, that America was not the Ally of France. He knew that she had not signed and sealed a formal treaty of alliance with that country; but she had that species of alliance, which was fully an equivalent, by giving her all the assistance in her power in the contest now waging. However, he hoped the hour of her awakening to her true interest drew near.

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of Canada—when she found her commerce annihilated, her ports blockaded, her armies captured and destroyed, she must perceive the nullity of her efforts to injure our power; and, with the declining fortunes of France, her blindness must dissipate, her eyes open to the light, and her mind to wisdom."

It appears by the debates in the British Parliament, that the restoration of the independence of Holland is an important object of contemplation and design.

Bremen was in possession of the Russians Oct. 6. It had been taken from them by the French on the 23d, and retaken by the Russians on the 24th.

HAMBURG, Oct. 22.—(French account.)—We have just learned, that a partisan corps, under Tottenburn, appeared before Bremen on the 14th, and on the 15th it capitulated. It appears that the commandant of Bremen was killed, which alone can account for a capitulation, which allowed the enemy's partisans (Cossacks, &c.) for a moment to enter Bremen.

From the London Courier, Nov. 10. SECOND EDITION.

Bonaparte has retired beyond the Rhine. Government has received official advices of this fact, which the public may rely on. He has fixed his Head Quarters at Metz, and thus abandons the Mein, and indeed all Germany, except that part which Davoust occupies, or did occupy. On his way to Metz, he was attacked by the Bavarians near Frankfurt. He cut his way through them, but with loss.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The Bavarian army must be rapidly advancing in the direction of the Thuringian mountains, through which the routed French army must pass on its way to the Rhine, for Wurtzburg is declared in a state of siege. This place is in the direct line of march of the Bavarian army. The proclamation, in which this important fact is announced, bears the signature of a French general named Turreau.

FROM HELIGOLAND. Three mails have just arrived from Heligoland. They state, that Bremen, Zell, Hanover, and Luneburg are garrisoned by strong bodies of allied troops. In Bremen there are 7000 Russians.

Davoust remains at Hamburg.—His retreat to Holland, and his communications with Magdeburg, are cut off.

On the side of Holland, the French custom-house troops on the Ems and Weser have been dreadfully annoyed by parties of English seamen and marines, landed on one side, and by the Cossacks on the other.

Official Account of the Surrender of Pamplona.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—This morning Lord Arthur Hill, one of Lord Wellington's aids arrived at the War Office, with despatches from his Lordship; on which Lord Bathurst immediately sent the following letter to the Lord Mayor:—

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"Lord Bathurst presents his compliments to the Lord Mayor, and informs him, that Lord A. Hill has arrived with despatches from the Marquis of Wellington, dated Nov. 1, stating, that on the preceding day, the fortress of Pamplona had surrendered by capitulation."

MAYENCE, Nov. 2. The 6000 prisoners which his majesty made from the Bavarian army arrived here to-day at 3 P. M. The advanced guard of the army escorted the Bavarians.

The troops have been defiling over the bridge of the Rhine from 11 in the morning till eight at night. The men and horses are in good condition. The equipment and clothing alone have suffered a little. The imperial guard for serving at the palace in which his majesty is expected, is as handsome and as proper as when it mounts guard at the Tuilleries.

LONDON, Nov. 11. The Plymouth paper of Tuesday last says—"A gentleman who arrived last night from Truro, has informed us that the Chance cutter had arrived at Falmouth with intelligence from Lord Wellington, dated before Bayonne, stating that his lordship had actually carried a considerable post, called Fort De Luce, an outwork of the garrison of Bayonne, and that he was bombarding the town day and night, which was expected to surrender almost immediately. This account was believed at Truro."

Some Bremen papers arrived in town last night. There is a speculation in one of them as to the probable movements of Davoust, who, by the retreat of Bonaparte

to the Rhine, appears to be entirely cut off from France.

The Turks appear to have been successful against the Servians. A fortress belonging to the latter had been taken by storm, and the garrison put to the sword.

Accounts from Archangel to the latter end of September, mention that 30 sail of fine ships, engaged in the commerce of the White Sea, had been taken by the Americans and Danes, and sent into Norway.

PARIS, Nov. 14.

This day (Sunday) at noon, his majesty the emperor and king, seated on his throne, surrounded by the grand dignitaries, princes, ministers, and grand officers, grand eagles of the legion of honor, and officers of duty near his majesty, has received the senate, conducted to his audience by a master and aid of the ceremonies, introduced by his excellency the grand master, and presented by his serene highness prince vice grand elector. His excellency count de Lacépède, president, delivered a speech in the following words:

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Your enemies, sire, opposed the meeting of that congress.—On them, therefore, is to fall the whole guilt of the war.

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HIS MAJESTY ANSWERED.

"Senators!—I accept the sentiments which you express towards me.

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