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All letters addressed to the Editor must be post paid.

FROM THE NATIONAL ADVOCATE

AN ADMIRER OF GREAT MEN.

CHARACTER OF TECUMSEH.

Extract from *Views of the Campaigns of the north-western Army, &c.* The celebrated aboriginal warrior, Tecumseh, was in the 44th year of his age, when he fell at the battle of the Thames.

He was of the Shawannee tribe, five feet ten inches high, well formed for activity and the endurance of fatigue, which he was capable of sustaining in a very extraordinary degree. His carriage was erect and lofty—his motions quick—his eyes penetrating; his visage stern, with an air of hauteur in his countenance, which arose from an elevated pride of soul—it did not leave him even in death.

His eloquence was nervous, concise, impressive, figurative, and sarcastic: being of a taciturn habit of speech, his words were few, but always to the purpose. His dress was plain; he was never known to indulge in the gaudy decoration of his person, which is the general practice of the Indians. He wore on the day of his death a dressed deerskin coat and pantaloons. It is said that he could read and write correctly; of this, however, I am doubtful, as he was the irreconcilable enemy to civilization, of course would not be apt to relish our arts.

He was in every respect a Savage, the greatest perhaps since the days of Pontiac. His ruling maxim in war was, to take no prisoners, and he strictly adhered to the sanguinary purposes of his soul; he neither gave nor accepted quarters.—Yet, paradoxical as it may seem, to the prisoners made by the other tribes, he was attentive and humane. Nay, in one instance he is said to have buried his tomahawk in the head of a Chippeway chief, whom he found actively engaged in massacring some of Dudley's men, after they had been made prisoners by the British and Indians. It had long been a favorite project of this aspiring chief to unite the northern, western and southern Indians, for the purpose of regaining their country as far as the Ohio.

Whether this grand idea originated in his own, or his brother's mind or was suggested by the British, it is not known; but this much is certain—he cherished the plan with enthusiasm, and actually visited the Creek Indians, to prevail on them to join in the undertaking. He was always opposed to the sale of the Indian lands. In a council at Vincennes, in 1810, he was found equal to the insidious arts of a diplomatist. In one of his speeches he pronounced general Harrison a liar. He has been in almost every battle with the Americans from the time of Farmer's defeat to that of the Thames. He has been several times wounded, and always sought the hottest of the fire. A few minutes before he received the fatal fire of Colonel Johnson he had received a musket ball in his arm; yet his efforts to conquer ceased only with life.

When a youth, and before the treaty of Greenville, he had so often signalled himself, that he was reputed one of the boldest of the Indian warriors. In the first settlement of Kentucky, he was peculiarly active in seizing boats going down the Ohio, killing the passengers and carrying off their property. He made frequent incursions into Kentucky, where he would invariably murder some of the settlers and escape with several horses laden with plunder.—He always eluded pursuit, and when too closely pressed would retire to the Wabash. His ruling passion seems to have been glory; he was careless of wealth, and although his plunderings and subsidies must have amounted to a great sum, he preserved little for himself. After his fall on the

6th October, his person was viewed with great interest by the officers and soldiers of Harrison's army. It was some time before the identity of his person was sufficiently recognised to remove all doubt as to the certainty of his death. There was a kind of ferocious pleasure, if I may be allowed the expression, in contemplating the contour of his features, which was majestic even in death. Some of the Kentuckians disgraced themselves by committing indignities on his dead body. He was scalped and otherwise disgraced.

Pronounced in Shawannee *Tecumseh*. There are many words in his language which have the liquid sound of *th*, such as Chillicothe, Scioto, &c. I have just learnt that he could neither read, write, nor speak English.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Holmes, to Lt. Col. Butler, commanding at Detroit, and transmitted to the Department of War by Gen. Harrison.

Fort Government, March 10th, 1814.

SIR, I have the honor to submit in writing that the expedition sent under my command against the enemy's posts by your special orders of the 21st ult. had the good fortune on the 4th inst. to meet and subdue a force double its own, fresh from the barracks, and led by a distinguished officer.

I had been compelled to leave the artillery by the invincible difficulties of the route from Point au Plait to the Round O. No wheel carriage of any kind had ever attempted it before, and none will ever pass it until the brush and fallen timber are cut away, and the swamp caused or drained. After joining Capt. Gill, I began the march for Fort Talbot, but was soon convinced of its being impossible to reach the post, in time to secure any force which might be there or adjacent. This conviction, united with the information that the enemy had a force at Delaware upon the Thames, that I should be expected at Fort Talbot, and consequently, that a previous descent upon Delaware might deceive the foe, and lead him to expose me some point in defending others he might think menaced, and coupled with the possibility that hearing of Captain Gill's march to the Round O by M'Gregor's militia, whom he had pursued, a detachment had descended the Thames to intercept him, determined me to exercise the discretion allowed by the order and to strike at once upon the river.

On the 3d inst. when only fifteen miles from Delaware, we received intelligence that the enemy had left Delaware with the intention of descending the river, and that we should probably meet him in one hour; that his force consisted of a light company from the Royal Scots, mustered for duty one hundred and twenty men; a light company from the 89th regiment of foot (efficiency not known) Caldwell's Indians and M'Gregor's militia, amounting in all to about 300 men.—My command originally had not exceeded one hundred and eighty rank and file. Hunger, cold and fatigue had brought on disease, and though none died, all were exceedingly depressed, and sixteen had been ordered home as unable to continue the march. I resolved therefore to avoid the conflict on equal grounds, and immediately retreated five miles for the sake of a good position, on the western bank of the Twenty Mile Creek, leaving Captain Gill with twenty rangers to cover the rear, and to watch the enemy's motions. We had encamped but a few minutes, when Capt. Gill joined, after exchanging shots with the enemy's advance, in vain attempting to reconnoitre his force. The Twenty Mile Creek runs from north to south, through a deep and wide ravine, and of course is flanked east and west by lofty heights. My camp was formed upon the western heights. The enemy's upon the opposite. During the night of the 3d all was quiet. At sun rise on the 4th, the enemy appeared thickly upon the opposite heights, fired upon us without effect and vanished. After waiting some time for their reappearance, Lt. Knox of the Rangers was sent to reconnoitre. On his return he reported that the enemy had retreated with the utmost precipitation, leaving his baggage scattered upon the road, and that his trail and flag made him out not more than seventy men. Mortified at the supposition of having retro-

graded from this diminutive force, I instantly commenced the pursuit, with the design of attacking Delaware before the opening of another day. We had not however proceeded beyond five miles when Captain Lee, commanding the advance, discovered the enemy in considerable force, arranging himself for battle. The symptoms of fear and flight were now easily traced to the purpose of seducing me from the heights, and so far the plan succeeded. But the enemy failed to improve the advantage. He had thrown his chief force across the ravine above the road and occupied our camp when relinquished, thus obstructing my communication to the rear, I should have been driven upon Delaware against a superior force, since found to be stationed there, or forced to take the wilderness for Fort Talbot without forage or provisions. Heaven averted this calamity. We soon regained the position at Twenty Mile Creek, and though the rangers were greatly disheartened by the retreat, and to a man insisted upon not fighting the enemy, we decided to exhibit on that spot the scene of Death or victory. I was induced to adopt the order of the *hollo square*, to prevent the necessity of evolution which I knew all the troops were incompetent to perform in action. The detachment from the garrison of Detroit formed the north front of the square, the rangers the west, and the militia the south. Our horses and baggage stood in the centre; the enemy threw his militia and Indians across the ravine above the road and commenced the action with savage yells and bugles sounding from the north, west and south. His regulars at the same time charged down the road from the opposite heights, crossed the bridge and charged up the heights we occupied within twenty steps of the American line and against the most destructive fire. But his front section was soon shot to pieces. Those who followed were much thinned and wounded. His officers were soon cut down & his antagonists continued to evince a degree of animosity that bespoke at once their boldness and security. He therefore abandoned the charge and took cover in the woods at distance of order, between fifteen, twenty and thirty paces of our line, and placed all hope upon his ammunition.

Our regulars being uncovered, were ordered to kneel, that the brow of the heights might partly screen them from the enemy's view. The firing increased on both sides with great vivacity. But the crisis was over. I knew the enemy dare not uncover, and of course that no second charge would be attempted. On the north, west and south from the firing had been sustained with much coolness and with considerable loss to the foe.—Our troops on those fronts being protected by logs hastily thrown together, and the enemy not charging, both the rifle and the musket were aimed at leisure, perhaps always told. The enemy at last became persuaded that Providence had sealed the fortune of the day. His cover on the east front was insufficient; for as he had charged in column of sections, and therefore, when dispersing on either side of the road, was unable to extend his flanks, and as our regulars presented an extended front from the beginning, it is evident that a common sized tree could not protect even one man much less the squads that often stood and breathed their last together; and yet upon his regulars the enemy relied for victory. In concert therefore, and favored by the shades of twilight, he commenced a general retreat after one hour's close and gallant conflict.

I did not pursue for the following reasons. 1. We had triumphed against numbers and discipline, and were therefore under no obligation of honor to incur additional hazard. 2. In these requisites (numbers and discipline) the enemy were still superior, and the night would have ensured success to an ambushade. 3. The enemy's bugle sounded the close upon the opposite heights. If then we had pursued, we must have passed over to him as he did to us, because the creek could be passed on horse back at no other point, and the troops being fatigued and frost bitten and their shoes cut to pieces by the frozen ground it was not possible to pursue on foot.—It follows that the attempt to pursue would have given the enemy the same advantage that produced the defeat.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Partnership which existed in this place under the firm of WORTHINGTON, COOKUS, & CO. was dissolved this day by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said concern; or to Robert Worthington, are requested to make payment as speedily as possible to Robert Worthington, or John T. Cookus, who are authorized to settle the business of said concern.—We avail ourselves of this opportunity of tendering our thanks to our customers and the public, for their liberal encouragement during our course of business; and we lament that from the influence that we have given, that all who are in arrears, will exert themselves in making immediate payment.

ROBERT WORTHINGTON, JOHN T. COOKUS, Shepherd's Town, April 1, 1814.

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the friends and customers of the late concern of WORTHINGTON, COOKUS, & CO. and the public in general, that the business will be continued under the firm of WORTHINGTON, COOKUS, at the old stand, where we have now on hand a very considerable

SUPPLY OF GOODS,

some of which are now opening, which were selected with great care from the stock of Goods put into market since the appearance of peace, which are much lower than they were some time ago; all of which we will endeavor to sell on the most satisfactory terms—and request those who may wish to purchase, to give us a call.

ROBERT WORTHINGTON, JOHN T. COOKUS, Shepherd's Town, April 1, 1814.

NEW GOODS.

THE Subscribers have received and just finished opening

A LARGE QUANTITY OF FANCY GOODS;

Which have been lately purchased for cash in Philadelphia, and selected from the latest arrivals.—

CONSISTING IN PART, OF

ELIGANT damask SILK SHAWLS, Levantine Silks, Fancy Ribbons, Black and Champagne Lace-travels, White Satin, and Mantua, Fine Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, Fashionable Split Straw, Silk, and Cut Velvet Bonnets, Knotted Counterpanes very large and handsome, Cheap Irish Linens, Fancy Linens, all kinds, Cheap Cambricks, Calicoes and Chintzes, 10 Bales of India Muslin, a large assortment of Men's and Boy's Shoes, Ladies' Morocco and Kid Slippers, Looking Glasses, &c. &c. all of which are now offered for sale on the most reasonable terms for Cash.

SEASONED PLANK.

THEY HAVE ALSO ON HAND A QUANTITY OF GOOD AND WELL SEASONED

PINE PLANK.

—ALSO—

HOG SKINS, Bar-Iron and Castings, Jack-screws, Smith's Vices, Nails, Philadelphia finished Chip Skins, Fancy Lard, Fair Toys, Plated Stirrup Irons and Brille Bits, Home-made Linen, Twill'd Bags, Flax, &c. &c.

JOINER'S PLANES.

A quantity of Joiner's Planes, Rules, Squares and Plane Bits.

The highest price in Cash is given for good Clean Flax-Seed.

SEEDS & SWEARINGEN.

Shepherd's Town, April 7.

CARDING MACHINE.

THE Subscribers inform the public that their CARDING MACHINE, at Mills Grove, near Charles Town, is in the most complete order for breaking and carding wool. All wool sent to the Machine must be well picked and cleaned, and one pound of clean wool for every ten of wool. The Machine will be well attended, and the person acquainted with the business, and those sending their wool may depend upon having it well done.

WALKER & BEPLER, April 7.

THE THOROUGH BRED HORSE

NAPOLEON,

WILL stand this season at the Subscriber's farm, three and a half miles from Shepherd's Town, on the Winchester road, and be let to mares, at Four Dollars the season, payable next October, Nine Dollars for insurance, and Three Dollars cash, the single heat; but if not paid at the time, to be considered by the season; the money for insurance is to be paid as soon as the mares are known to be with foal; parting with or removing the mare forfeits the insurance money. The season has now commenced and will end the first of July.

NAPOLEON is a beautiful bright bay, seven years old this spring, full sixteen hands high, possesses fine bone and muscle, and of just proportion; his action is equal to any horse in the country; he never appeared on the turf, having been raised and owned since he was three months old by a gentleman who would never permit him to be run, and was not permitted to cover until he was three years old; the mares put to him since, have produced excellent colts, and it may be safely affirmed that few horses in this country are better bred than Napoleon, as will appear from the following PEDIGREE.

Napoleon was got by the famous running horse Punch, imported by Mr. Powers of Virginia; Punch was owned by the Prince of Wales, and was sold at his great sale of running horses to Sir John Lister; Punch was got by Old King Herod, his dam by Mask the sire of Old Eclipse, his grand dam by Cullinan the Arabian; Punch was amongst the first running horses in England, as the racing calendar will show. Napoleon's dam was the full-bred mare Suetta, she was got by Mark Anthony, imported by Col. Plater of Maryland; Mark Anthony was owned by the Duke of Buckingham, and his performance on the turf is well known; Suetta's dam was got by the famous imported horse Ventian, kept on the Eastern shore of Maryland—so that Napoleon, by his dam, as well as by his sire, is of the first blood of running horses in England.

Great care will be taken that justice is done to all who apply, but no responsibility for accidents, JAMES KERNEY, April 7, 1814.

LIST OF LETTERS

In the Post Office, Charles Town, Va. on the 31st of March, 1814.

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|---|-----------------------|
| A. James W. Athey | Sarah Johnson |
| B. Jeremiah Atter | John Jett, 2; |
| C. James Anderson | John Johnson, 2; |
| D. Ebenezer Atwater. | John Kennedy; |
| E. Robert Bond, 2; | William King. |
| F. Mr. Brinton | Thomas L. Loury |
| G. G. E. Bakewell, 2; | John Luck |
| H. Abraham Broke | Thomas Lee |
| I. George Burnett | Betsy Lee |
| J. William Butler | Elizabeth H. Little. |
| K. James Bell | M. |
| L. Benjamin Beeler | Francis Moore |
| M. Z. Buckmaster, 3; | William Meor |
| N. Henry Conklyn or Thoms Wood | David Moore |
| O. Jonathan Cox | Joseph M. Gartney |
| P. Thomas Davenport | Alexander M'Gooy |
| Q. Commandant of the 55th Regiment | William Miller |
| R. Frederick Clepper | Jonathan Murphy. |
| S. Wm. Craigill | Thomas Osburn |
| T. Jesse Cleveland | Samuel O. Offit |
| U. Thomas Cockrell | Elizabeth Ogilvie |
| V. John Catilise | John Ogilvie |
| W. Sarah Cooper. | John Ogilvie Ogilvie. |
| X. Jacob Decamps | P. |
| Y. Wm. Dicks | Jacob Parsons. |
| Z. Wm. Dillow | D. |
| AA. Hanson Blum | Michael Bernan |
| AB. John Farnsworth | William Roberts |
| AC. Daniel Forden | Tobias Roughter |
| AD. Joseph Flanagan | Samuel Right |
| AE. John Gill | John Rodgers |
| AF. James Gimes | Van Rutherford. |
| AG. Franklin W. Gibbs, 2. | S. |
| AH. Henry Hains | Fanny Saunders |
| AI. James Hogg, 2; | Henry Shepherd |
| AJ. Samuel Holmes, 2; | Oliver Smith |
| AK. John Hawkins | Stephen Simmons. |
| AL. John Hezket | T. |
| AM. John Haynie | Thomas B. Laws. |
| AN. Solomon Hardy | Hugh Urquhart. |
| AO. William Hullett | V. |
| AP. Harriet B. Holliday | William Vreal. |
| AQ. Samuel Hammond | W. |
| AR. James Heath | John Waters |
| AS. Henry Jeffers | Joseph Wisonig, 2; |
| AT. Experience has proven how negligent many have been in paying their postage accounts, it is therefore necessary to inform those who may receive letters through this Office, that no credit on postage can be given in future. | Jesse Wooday |
| AU. Postage on newspapers must be paid quarterly in advance. | John White. |
| AV. HULLPHEBY KEYES, P. M. | A. Willcutt. |
| AW. April 7. | |

Regimental Orders.

THE Officers of the 55th regt with all officers commanding volunteer corps of cavalry, artillery, or riflemen, within the county of Jefferson, are to rendezvous at Charles Town, on Monday the 9th of May next, to be trained and disciplined according to law.

JOSEPH CRANE, Lieut. Col.

April 7.

LOST,

ON Tuesday last, a Red Morocco Pocket Book, containing two five dollar notes, and a number of papers of no use to any one but the owner. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it with its contents to the subscriber in Charles Town.

JOHN SPANGLER.

April 7.

Election Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Election will be held at the Court House in Charles Town, on the fourth Monday in April next, for the purpose of electing seven persons to represent the County of Jefferson, in the next General Assembly of Virginia.

A. DAVENPORT, Sheriff.

March 30.

FOR SALE,

Two likely negro women,

From 16 to 20 years of age, accustomed to house work—they are healthy and sound. For terms apply to the subscriber near the burnt Mill, Jefferson County.

JOHN PERRY.

March 24.

Rifle and Rock Powder,

Wrought and Cut Nails,

For sale at the subscribers store in Charles-Town.

JOHN CARLISLE.

March 3.

FOR SALE,

A VERY VALUABLE FARM

In Jefferson County, Virginia, about three miles from Charlottesville.

IT lies in that body of land known and commonly called the Rich Woods. This tract contains three hundred and twenty acres, and is inferior to no one in the county as to fertility of soil; at least one third is in very valuable timber, the balance is cleared, and in good farming order, having at this time one hundred and twenty acres sown in clover. On the premises are a good barn fifty feet square, shelled all round, and a threshing floor thirty feet square, two excellent well about thirty feet deep, and have never been known to fail, a good dwelling house, with stone chimney, and other convenient buildings—there is also a small apple and peach orchard. Any person wishing to purchase may know the terms by applying to the subscriber.

RICHARD BAYLOR.

March 19, 1814.

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HENRY ISLER, Junr.

Frederick County, March 3.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the subscriber, by note or book account are requested to make immediate payment, as he is much in want of money.

JOHN DAWSON.

Buckles-Town, March 31, 1814.

ATTENTION!

THE Company commanded by Capt. Anderson, is ordered to parade in Charles Town, on Saturday the 16th inst. precisely at 11 o'clock, A. M. on the Market Square.

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Shepherd's Town Post Office, Virginia.

A list of letters on hand the 31st March, 1814, to be forwarded to the General Post Office, the 1st July following, if not previously taken up.

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| Thomas Abbott, | James Leman. |
| James Adelsperger | M. |
| John Adler | Ludwick Moyer |
| Mercus Auld | Gov. Muever, (at Mr. Robinson's) |
| Smith Angle. | William Miller |
| Alexander Bateman. | J. Joseph Minor |
| C. | J. Joseph Mingo |
| Mary Cox | J. Joseph Mingo |
| John Coates | J. Joseph Mingo |
| Samuel Crowell. | John Murphy. |
| D. | O. |
| John Dalrimple | Jacob Oler. |
| John Duke. | Col. James Pimm. |
| E. | P. |
| Margaret Fouke | H. |
| Elizabeth Fouke. | William Ragan |
| G. | William Rochester |
| Samuel Gardner. | James Rice |
| H. | James Rap |
| Samuel Hamilton | Henry Rohrer |
| George Hangeley | S. |
| Peter Hill | William Shugart |
| David Harris | Thomas Spappington |
| George Harris | Leonard Sailer |
| William Harris | Michael Sheetz |
| John Hostler. | Willow Sheel |
| I. | John Sheler (care of Mr. Brien) |
| Elizabeth Jones | W. |
| Joseph Ingle. | Jacob Walford |
| J. | George Wolf. |
| Mr. — Linthcom | Y. |
| John Long | Samuel T. Young. |
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Our loss in killed & wounded amounted to a non-commissioned officer and six privates, but the blood of between 80 and 90 brave Englishmen, and among them four officers, avenged their fall. The commander, Capt. Barden of the 89th, is supposed to have been killed at an early stage of the contest—The whole American force in action consisted of one hundred and fifty rank and file, of whom seventy were militia, including the rangers. The enemy's regulars, alone were from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and eighty strong, and his militia and Indians fought upon three fronts of our square.

I am much indebted to all my regular officers, and trust their names will be mentioned to the Army and to the War Department. Without intending a discrimination it must be acknowledged that the exertions of Lieuts. Kouns and Henry of the 28th and Jackson and Potter of the 24th were most conspicuous, because fortune had opposed them to the main strength of the foe. Captain Lee of the Michigan dragoons was of great assistance before the action at the head of the advance and spies, and my warmest thanks are due to acting Sailing Master Darling of the U. S. schooner Somers, who had volunteered to command the artillery. Ensign Heard of the 28th acting as volunteer Adjutant, merits my acknowledgments, and especially for his zeal in defending my opinion against a final retreat when others permitted their hopes to sink beneath the pressure of the moment.

The enemy's wounded and prisoners were treated with the utmost humanity. Though some of our men were marching in their stocking feet they were not permitted to take a shoe even from the dead. I have the honor to be with perfect respect, sir, your most obedient servant.

(Signed) A. H. HOLMES,
Captain 24th Inf.
Lieut. Col. BUTLER, Commanding
the Territory of Michigan and
its dependencies.

ATTACK ON THE BRITISH FORTRESS AT LA COLE.

New York, April 14.
By the steam boat Carr of Neptune, which arrived yesterday morning, we received the Albany Register Extra, of Friday, April 8th, 9 o'clock A. M. from which the following articles were extracted.

FROM THE COLUMBIAN PATRIOT 6th inst. FROM THE FRONTIER.

At a late hour last evening, we were politely favored with the perusal of a letter from a gentleman in Plattsburgh, to the frontier on the 2nd of Friday morning, April 11. Its great length renders it impossible for us to give any thing more than a hasty summary of its contents.

The important facts communicated, are, that our army advanced into Odetown on the 20th and with the view of attacking the enemy at La Cole mill, that having proceeded about two and a half miles, it was found they had retreated to the mill; that the mill, situated on the right bank of the river, was attacked by a picket of 30 regulars and 100 militia, who were sheltered in a barn. They were soon dispersed by the fire of a piece of artillery, with the loss of one taken prisoner, and three deserted. Our loss was 20 killed and wounded—among the latter, Ensign Parker, through the breast. Majors Bernard and Totten had their horses shot under them.

The army proceeded by a cross road to the La Cole Mill, where they arrived between 8 and 4 P. M. with the light artillery and one 12 pounder; the 18th being prevented coming up by the badness of the roads. The 12 pounder was opened upon the mill, which sheltered the enemy, with some little effect; they made a rally to take it, with loss. Capt. M'Pherson commanded the piece, and was wounded through the neck and hip; the latter supposed to be mortal. After his fall, Lieut. Sheldon of the heavy artillery, took the command of the piece. He fought till every man about him was either killed, wounded or driven away, when he loaded and fired the piece himself, discharging it (the match being gone) with the flash of a musket. He was soon supported by infantry. The attack continued until after sunset, when, on impression being made on the Mill, a retreat was ordered to Odetown. The heavy artillery arrived at Champlain that night.

Our loss is computed at from 100 to 150 killed and wounded. No officer was killed. The wounded are Captain M'Pherson, Lieut. Larrabee and Green, of the artillery, Ensign Parker, of the infantry, and Ensign Care, of the rifle corps.

The writer of the letter, of which the foregoing is a summary, says he was an eye witness to the facts therein stated.

[We have seen a letter from a gentleman at Plattsburgh, in whom we have great confidence, to a friend in this city, Albany, dated April 4, which says the British retreated to the place on the 29th & 30th; & that our loss was between 70 and 80 killed and wounded, besides a few missing.]

ALBANY REGISTER EXTRA—No. 2. FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Since our first Extra Sheet of this morning, we have received from an officer of the army who bore a conspicuous part in the affair of Odetown, the following account of that affair, which we hasten to lay before our readers.

Extract of a letter from an officer of the army to the Editor, dated at Odetown, (Lower Canada.) March 31st, 1814.

To record the events of battles, is a task which none but the most exact historian can with justice perform, but I have always thought, it praiseworthy and honorable to pay the homage of respect to individual bravery, and emblazon to the world valor and firmness displayed by troops exposed to hardships and to dangers.

Yesterday morning, Maj. Gen. Wilkinson left Champlain, at the head of his division, and arrived at about 1 o'clock P. M. The first object of this movement, I understand, was the reduction of the enemy's fortress at the river La Cole, about 4 miles distant from that place.

After the troops had halted here a few minutes to refresh themselves, we proceeded up the road, when our advance, under Col. Clark and Major Forsyth, was attacked by a strong force of the enemy. Gen. Bissel was ordered to support that point of the action, which he did with spirit, and the enemy were compelled to retire. Maj. Gen. Wilkinson was at this time on the field of action, exposed to the fire of the enemy, and displayed that characteristic fortitude and firmness, which are so peculiar to himself in days of peril and tribulation. We had saved the object of witnessing the inefficiency of the Congreve Rockets, several of which were thrown by the enemy in and about our column, exploded and proved as harmless as the smoke which issued from them. But permit me, sir, to suggest, with the conflict which succeeded it, in our attack upon the enemy's strong position in the afternoon, at the river La Cole. Their force at that place consisted of about 1800 regulars, which was increased during the action by reinforcements from the late Gen. Noix. Many were posted in a stone building, the walls of which were said to be nearly four feet in thickness, and impregnable to every thing but the heaviest artillery; others in a block house and surrounding buildings, which served as a cover for a time from the impression of our misquetry.

We arrived at the river about 3 P. M. with Col. Clark and Major Forsyth, at the advance guard, who had been considerably exposed to fire on their flank in passing through the woods to the river. Capt. M'Pherson succeeded the advance with 4 pieces of artillery; this gallant officer was military secretary to Maj. Gen. Wilkinson, but his proud, aspiring spirit, could not be appeased until the General permitted him to take the command of the battery—it was then that Mr. M'Pherson was himself—cool, collected and firm, he stood by his piece under the most galling and exposed fire of the enemy, until a second shot laid him low; the first shot through the fleshy part of his neck—with the intrepidity of a hero, he tore off his handkerchief, bound it round his wound, and went on with his work of duty. But alas! the next was the unkindest of all: the ball passed through the upper part of his thigh-bone, fractured it, and he was borne from the field exhorting his remaining officers and men to support the honor of the command, and persevere. This battery was placed in a strong and commanding position, within about 250 yards of the stone building of the enemy, against which its strongest fire was leveled. Lieut. Larrabee, an officer of real merit, attached to this battery, had received a ball through his breast, and was taken from the field before the wounded M'Pherson. The command of this battery, about half past four devolved solely upon Lieut. Sheldon, who, in the early part of the action, manifested the greatest firmness and courage, but now, being reduced to but one or two men to aid him, his valor and activity were strikingly conspicuous; he was compelled to assist in the retreat, and discharging his pieces with his own hands.

The infantry were formed on the right and left of the artillery, consisting of Brigadier General Smith and 23rd Regt. of Brigades, the former on the right, the latter on the left. Too much cannot be said of the firmness and unabating valor of these in sustaining the heavy and destructive fire of the enemy; and here let me mention once more our beloved and intrepid commander in chief—undismayed and unappalled, he stood in the very thick of the battle—

Like thunder Atlas—
When storms and tempests mount at his brow,
And oceans break their billows at his feet.
Frequently was he exhorting his troops beyond the reach of danger, but to uniform reply to the anxious entreaties of his officers, was, "I will never turn my back upon the enemy," expressing at several different times, a determination, in case the enemy should give us a retreat, to make a successful attack in line of battle to lead them to the charge in person. His uniform conduct on the field, the collected and deliberate manner in which his orders were communicated to his troops, and the zeal and industry the success of the enterprise, gave the most universal satisfaction to the troops, and inspired a love and confidence which nothing in the world can abate.

In the course of the action, several desperate charges were made by the enemy upon our artillery and the right flank of General Bissel's command, but they soon felt the destructive fury of our fire, and were compelled to retire with the loss (in one charge particularly) of a captain, and leaving 15 dead upon the field.

The advantageous position of the enemy in their strong holds, the inefficiency of 12 and 6 pounders on a stone building of 4 feet thickness, and the utter impossibility of bringing up an 18 through obstructed roads, swamps and forests, induced the commander in chief to order the return of the troops to this place, which order was executed in the most deliberate manner, in the very face of the enemy, who dared not venture from their fortress to pursue or molest us. The army arrived here just about dark, by a gradual and easy march, in fine spirits, and were provided with comfortable quarters for the night. Thus ends the narrative of the events of the day. Our loss may be computed at about 70 men killed and wounded; that of the enemy, if general opinion is a test of truth, must have been more.—The action continued from 3 P. M. until half past 5.

BOSTON, April 8.

We have obtained the following verbal particulars of the cruise of the U. S. frigate Constitution.

On the 4th day of Jan. (4 days after leaving Boston) the Constitution passed, in the night, a line of battle ship, under easy sail, standing to the southward—she immediately hauled her wind and escaped, without being observed. 10 days after, spoke a Portuguese ship from Bahia, for Lisbon, and was informed that a British squadron was cruising off St. Salvador, consisting of 3 frigates and a brig. From that time to Feb. 1, (17 days) when she had reached about the lat. of N. long. 53. W. she never saw sail. February 2, she chased a large brig of war, off the river of Maravine, (Surinam) which escaped by running into Shoal water. Next day, off Barbadoes, chased another brig of war, which escaped by hugging the shore. Feb. 14, in the night, captured the British ship Lovely Ann, from Bermuda for Surinam, under convoy of H. B. M. schr. Pictou, Lieut. Stephens, of—guns and 60 men, which had separated from her when the Constitution was in sight. Light signals having been made to her by the Constitution, she was being in chase. Took on her crew, went in pursuit of the Pictou, not then in sight, and in a few hours cap-

tured her, and after taking out the prisoners, &c. destroyed her—the Lovely Ann, being in ballast, was given up to the prisoners, and sent to Barbadoes, with midshipman Whipple in her, to get receipts from the commanding officer at that place. On the 11th Feb. the Constitution captured the British schooner Phoenix, capt. Tynes, from Demerara, for Barbadoes, with passengers—took out what cargo she had (some small packages of goods, &c.) and sunk her. Same day, saw the frigate of Grenada. Next day, captured the British schooner Phoenix, capt. Tynes, from St. Thomas in ballast, and scuttled her. Three days after, made the island of St. Croix. Feb. 23, off Porto Rico, boarded a Swedish schooner from Aix Cayes for St. Barts, and the prisoners on board her.

On the same day, on the south side of Porto Rico, the Constitution gave chase to two sail—ascertaining one to be a merchant brig, (and so close in with the land as to render it impossible to overhaul her) she hauled off, and went in chase of the other vessel, which was discovered soon after to be a large ship—about 5 o'clock P. M. the strange sail hauled her wind to the southward, when she was plainly made out to be a frigate, as her ports could all be counted. The Constitution was immediately cleared for action, the strange frigate rounded to, hoisted three English colors, and fired a gun to windward—the wind at this moment died all away, and left the two ships becalmed—just at dusk a fresh breeze sprang up, which gave the enemy's frigate the advantage of the breeze, and she stood out to sea, the strange frigate rounded to, hoisted three English colors, and fired a gun to windward—the wind at this moment died all away, and left the two ships becalmed—just at dusk a fresh breeze sprang up, which gave the enemy's frigate the advantage of the breeze, and she stood out to sea, the strange frigate rounded to, hoisted three English colors, and fired a gun to windward—the wind at this moment died all away, and left the two ships becalmed—just at dusk a fresh breeze sprang up, which gave the enemy's frigate the advantage of the breeze, and she stood out to sea, the strange frigate rounded to, hoisted three English colors, and fired a gun to 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