

NATURAL HISTORY.

We are indebted to Josiah Meigs, Esquire, Surveyor General of the United States, for the following interesting paper.

The Grand Saline is situated about 280 miles S. W. of Fort Osage, between the forks of a small branch on the Arkansas, one of which washes its southern extremity, and the other, the principal one, runs nearly parallel with and within a mile of its opposite side. It is a hard level plain of reddish colored sand, of an irregular or mixed figure—its greatest length is from N. W. to S. E. and its circumference full 30 miles. This plain is entirely covered, in dry hot weather, from 2 to 6 inches deep, with a crust of clean white salt, rather superior, I think, to the imported blown salt.

The Journal de Baden, June 24, contains the following extract of a letter from Paris: "His Majesty Louis XVIII. gains more and more the affection of his subjects, both by his personal qualities, & the moderation and justice with which he proceeds to reorganize all the branches of the administration. His choice of ministers is generally approved. The count d'Artois, on the other hand, has lost a good deal of popular opinion, from the precipitation with which he acted while lieutenant general of the kingdom. He is charged, among other things, with having signed too incautiously the convention of the 23d of April, by which the French army was evacuated all the strong places without the consent of old France, and many loudly assert, that to this precipitation was to be ascribed the cession which France was compelled to make of all these fortresses by the treaty of peace."

The following is an extract of a letter from an officer belonging to the Anglo Sicilian army, dated from Genoa, May 12: "The court of inquiry into the conduct of Sir J. Murray, at Terragona, is assembling forthwith at Valencia, whither all the officers required in evidence are proceeding. There is a surmise of part of this army being intended to form a small expedition to America, and it receives credit from the circumstance of some artillery, with the 3d and 8th battalions of the king's German legion, and the 6th and 21st regiments, having received orders to embark for Gibraltar."

A most infamous caricature was published on Saturday last in Paris, representing the different prisons in the ports of this country. These are characterized as floating sepulchres, with a variety of designs and inscriptions, evidently tending to inflame the public mind against the English.

The Frankfort Gazette says, that Bonaparte proposes to sell the sovereignty of Elba to Tuscany, and requests permission to come and live in England. A subscription has been opened in the town of Manchester, for the purpose of erecting an equestrian statue to the illustrious duke of Wellington. A sum, amounting to nearly 4000l. has already been subscribed.

During the last few days, the sale has been going on of Mr. Cochrane Johnson's effects, he having fled to France.

ENTERTAINMENT

now kept at Keyes' Ferry, on the road leading from Charlestown to Leesburg, Virginia.

NOTICE. THE Collector of the Revenue of the ninth collection district of Virginia, will attend at Fulton's tavern in Charles Town, on the first day of each succeeding month of the year, from the 1st of January, P. M. for the purpose of receiving payment of bonds for duties on stills, and to transact any other business relative to the Collection of the Internal Revenue of the United States.

W. DAVISON, Col. Rec. 9th coll. dist. Sw.

LONDON, JULY 5. The Journal de Baden, June 24, contains the following extract of a letter from Paris.

NOTICE. THOSE who made purchases at the sale of the estate of John Wager, dec'd, in January last, are hereby notified, that their notes will become due on the 7th day of next month.

JOHN BAKER, Junior. Shepherd's Town, September 22. Sw.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to the subscribers by James Anderson, on the 13th day of March, 1819, for the purpose of securing the payment of a sum of money therein stated to be due Patrick Daugherty, they or one of them, will sell on the premises on the 15th day of October next at Public Sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand...

A TRACT OF LAND in Jefferson county, containing twenty-two acres, one rood and twenty two poles more or less, the same tract at present in the occupancy of Thomas Goehrl, lying on the main road leading from Charlestown to Harper's Ferry, and which, upon the 10th day of April, 1809, was conveyed by Mahlon Anderson and Rebecca his wife, to the said James Anderson, by Deed of Record in the county west of Jefferson.

FULLING & DYING. THE Subscribers inform their friends and the public, that they are carrying on and business in their various branches at Mr. Henshaw's Fulling Mill, on Mill Creek, five miles from Smithfield.

Public Sale. WILL be sold on Thursday the 15th of October next, at the late dwelling of Joseph M. Curran, dec'd, the personal property of said deceased, consisting of horses, cows, sheep, hogs, several pairs of oxen, and various other articles.

Regimental Orders. THE officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, that compose the 55th Regiment, V. M. are ordered to meet in Charles Town, on the 12th day of next month.

Darkesville Factory. THE Subscriber informs the public that he has commenced Fulling, and is ready to receive cloth at his Fulling Mill, near Buckles Town.

Fulling and Dying. THE Subscriber most respectfully informs his customers and the public in general, that he continues to carry on the FULLING AND DYING BUSINESS, at Lidell's Fulling Mill, six miles from Winchester.

Fifty Dollars Reward. DESERTED from this place on the 10th inst. SAMUEL MATHEWS, a private in the 1st Rifles Regiment, five feet five inches high, dark complexion, blue eyes, and dark brown hair.

Vaccine Matter. THE Subscriber having been appointed by the President of the United States, agent for vaccination, hereby gives notice, that Genuine Vaccine Matter will be furnished to any physician or other citizen of the United States, who may apply to him for it.

LOOK HERE. OWING to a requisition having been lately made from the county of Jefferson, for a certain number of men to perform a tour of duty in the service of the United States, I am compelled, as being one of that number, to perform the tour, in consequence of which I have got my brother Ezekiel Showers, to carry on the TAILORING BUSINESS for me, until I return.

THE Public's humble servant. JOSHUA SHOWERS. September 15.

CARD.

ALL those indebted to the subscriber are a nestly requested to come forward and discharge their respective sums. The money is wanting, and the subscriber wishes that every person interested should attend to the generous request.

HE HAS ON HAND A QUANTITY OF Wrought and Cut Nails. SCOTCH SNUFF, first and second quality, SCHOCK, WAXES, and LETTER PAPER with many other articles in demand, which he will sell on the most accommodating terms to a purchaser.

JOHN CARLLE, Near the Market-House in Charles Town, Va. July 21, 1814.

RYE WANTED. THE Subscriber will give a liberal price for cash for any quantity of good clean RYE, delivered at his mill on Mill Creek, Berkeley County, July 14.

FOR SALE, MILLS AND LAND, desirably situated on the waters of Rappahannock, Virginia.

A Mill, situate on the north branch of Rappahannock river in the county of Culpepper, about 25 miles above Fredericksburg, running 2 pairs of country stones, with all necessary machinery, newly built, and in an excellent neighborhood, &c. &c. Adjoining this Mill are 400 acres of fine farming land, on which there is a dwelling house and other houses.

10,000 lbs. prime Sweat Soal Leather, which will be sold low, by the quantity, if immediate application is made.

Upper & Harness Leather, KIP, CALF, HOG and MOROCCO SKINS, BOOT LEGS, American and French Hair Tops, NEW HERRINGS and BACON, &c. &c. &c.

For Sale, A MILL & SMALL PLANTATION, in Berkeley County, Virginia. This property is situated in a very good settlement, one mile from Smithfield, on Opeckon Creek.

A NEW STORE ON THE HILL, NEAR HARPER'S FERRY. PHILIP HOFFMAN & ENOCH C. BREEDIN, Have opened a handsome supply of seasonable Dry Goods & Groceries,

Weavers' Slays or Reeds, OF EVERY DENOMINATION. COTTON YARN, Chain and Filling of every size, NICE SPINNING COTTON.

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OFFICIAL LETTERS. Copy of a letter from Brig. Gen. Macomb, to the Secretary of War, dated September 15th, 1814.

Sir—I have the honor to communicate, for the information of the War Department, the particulars of the advance of the enemy into the territory of the United States, the circumstances attending the siege of Plattsburgh, and the defence of the posts entrusted to my charge.

It was reported that the enemy would wait the arrival of his flotilla to make a general attack—about eight in the evening of the 6th, he was expected, the flotilla appeared in sight round Cumberland Head, and at nine bore down and engaged our flotilla at anchor in the Bay off the town.

At dusk the enemy withdrew his artillery from the batteries, and raised the siege; and at nine o'clock he retreated to the rear, leaving his baggage he could find transport fifty, and also his artillery.

BRILLIANT EXPLOIT. Extract of a letter from Col. Fenwick, of the Maryland Militia, to the Secretary of War, dated September 27th, 1814.

THE brave Virginians you did me the honor to place at my disposal have been lucky. Today we captured a barge and 45 prisoners, and killed or wounded three men at Port Bello.

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Here he poured in a destructive fire from his riflemen at rest, and continued to annoy the column until he formed a junction with Major Wool. The field pieces did considerable execution among the enemy's ranks.

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