# WASHINGTON CITY.

*MONDAY, June 1st, 1801.*

We have carefully examined regular files of Paris and London Papers for three months antecedent to the last European dates. These Gazettes enable us to add but little to the mass of news already presented to our readers, which little however shall be given; but we find a number of interesting articles connected with important political and literary objects, which shall appear in course.

On Saturday arrived the frigates NEW-YORK and CONGRESS, both of which are now at anchor in the Eastern Branch.

MR. THORNTON, Charge de Affairs of Great Britain, has arrived in this City from the Eastward.

The following extracts are from the London Morning Chronicle of Feb. 17.

We are pleased to find intelligent foreigners condemning the gross and vulgar calumnies with which too many of our prints have teemed. We hope to see created a better spirit, a spirit, which, rising from the ashes of unauthorised detraction, shall burn with a purer and brighter flame; a spirit which, while it enlightens by a free discussion of political principles, shall scorn to descend into the minutiæ of private life.

Yesterday New-York papers to the 11th January were received in town. They contain little news that is interesting on this side of the Atlantic. It is impossible (we trust) for our readers to conceive the gross and vulgar scurrility which is bandied about between the partisans of the different parties in America, through the medium of the press. We are quite sure that party wit and humour is not one of the American commodities that improves by a sea voyage.

The treaty lately concluded at Paris by Messrs. *Ellsworth, Murray* and *Davie*, is the subject of examination in several of the newspapers we have seen, and it is unequivocally condemned in all its parts by some of the people who chuse to call themselves Federalists. These state that it has been rejected by the Senate, but no such intelligence has been received, and from this report appearing in the journal alluded to, we are disposed to think that the treaty is certainly ratified, because we have found from an uniform observation for some time past, that in every point supposed to be connected with party, they have not the least regard to truth, sense, or decency.

The House of Representatives have, after some debate, passed a bill for the erection of a Mausoleum to General *Washington*. It is impossible that any opposition could have arisen to this measure, unless men's minds had been stupified by faction in a sense different from that to which we have alluded.

The general assembly of Connecticut has made choice of URIAH TRACY, as a Senator in the congress of the United States for six years.

The medium of annual deaths at Paris is 21,000 persons.

The innoculation of the Cow-pox, as a preventative of the Small-pox, is already adopted almost universally throughout France.

A Salem paper says—"We hear that the Dock root has been completely efficacious in the cure of a cancer, in the town of Gloucester."

DIED—At Detroit, on Sunday, the 29th ultimo, of the erisypelas, WILLIAM WINTON, esquire, late major in the cavalry of the United States.

The French official journal states that a cartel for the exchange of prisoners has been definitively settled between France and the Porte. This circumstances is the more extraordinary, as it has not been customary for the Turks to enter into such arrangements. It looks more like a preliminary to peace, and the influence of Russia in the Divan encourages this supposition.

The New London Bridge when our last accounts left there, was about to be carried into immediate execution: it is to consist of no more than three arches, the centre of which is to be capacious enough to admit vessels of 200 tons burthen to sail under: this bridge is to be cast of iron, erected on a stone base; the cast work is estimated at fifty-three thousand pound sterling.

The Cassel Gazette of the 22d ultimo says, "The indemnities intended for the princes of Hesse Cassel and Hesse Darmstadt will be very advantageous. Both of them will receive considerable portions of the electorate of Mentz. The Landgrave of Darmstadt will be aggrandized on the side of the Mein, the Neckar, and the Tauber; that of Cassel, will be raised to the electorate dignity.

Buonaparte has appointed the following persons to diplomatic situations, viz. Citizen Bourgoing, minister plenipotentiary of the French republic at the court of Denmark, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of Sweden.

Citizen general Macdonald to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the French republic at the court of Copenhagen; and

Citizen Hersinger to be resident for the French republic at Frankfort.

The consuls have granted an annuity of 600 francs to the widow of George Sannier, Captain de Vaisseau, killed on board the frigate Africaine.

The brig neutrality has arrived at Boston from St. Sebastians, in 34 days. The captain informs that a French army had entered Spain on its march to invade Portugal, and had arrived in the vicinity of St. Sebastians.

The Mary has arrived at New-York in 27 days from St. Sebastians—Brings news, it is said, that a French army had actually invaded Portugal.

## WEST INDIES.

A letter from a British Officer states, that Col. Wilson commands at St. Bartholomews, General Nicholson at St. Martins, General Fuller at St. Croix, and Col. Pickenham at St. Thomas.

The above letter adds, "an expedition is concerted at Martinique, to make an attempt against Guadaloupe. It is presumed that at least 10,000 troops will be employed; and as the coloured people, at that island, are much dissatisfied, waiting an opportunity to assist in the enterprize, the success of it is thought highly probable."

*Amount of Bank of England notes of five pounds each and upwards:*

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| From 25th October to 25th November, 1800. | £15,316,700 |
| From 25th November to 25th December, | 13,133,500 |
| From 2th December to 25th January, 1801. | 13,845,800 |

*Amount of Bank of England notes of 2l. and 1l. each:*

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| From 25th October to 25th November 1800. | £2,061,700 |
| From 25th November to 25th December | 2,148,700 |
| From 25th December to 25th January 1801. | 2,519,400 |

Wm. WALTON, Acct. Gen.
Bank of England, Feb. 6, 1801.

The last list of English Naval Officers consisted of 144 Admirals, 620 Captains, 437 Commanders, and 2299 Lieutenents.

## *LITERARY.*

A poem has lately appeared at Petersburgh, which, if the critics of Russia are to be believed, may rival the productions of the muse in more temperate climates. It is the work of Michaia Lomonossow, the professor of chemistry, and member of the academy at Petersburgh, and is addressed to his excellency Juan Iwanowitz Chouvalow, as an epistle. The subject of it is, the Utility of Glass.

The poet describes this as "the wedlock of fire and of nature, anxious to produce a child worthy of them both." Man, condemned to sufferings, seizes the prize, entrusts it to the precious deposit of juices, extracted from different vegetables, and which are destined to restore health to him when in sickness.

From this useful employment of it, he soon diverts it to joyous and festive purposes; at his table it gives energy to his hospitality; on his toilet it enables him to appear with more elegance and dignity: it forms the ornament of the fair, rounded into beads: it serves as a fence between man and the inclement atmosphere, while it allows him to feel all the pleasures of light.

But its transparency is not merely to assist him in seeing what is at hand. He soon employs it to bring before his eyes what is removed to a very great distance from mortal ken, and by means of it explores the mechanism of the heavens. Pushing his application of glass still farther, he robs the sun of a spark of its heat, and conveys it to himself by the electric cylinder.

From this sketch it will be seen that Lomonossow has taken a wide field, and he has, if, as we have already observed, our authority may be depended upon, treated it in a very able manner. The conquest of the New World, and the fable of Prometheus, &c. form episodes. The poem is said to have all the splendor of its subject without its fragility.

Among the novelties of literature may be reckoned a Chinese Bible, which is about to be undertaken by the hon. East-India Company.

Amongst the literary and antiquarian objects of Sir William Ouseley's proposed expedition to Persia, one is, we understand to obtain if possible, some ancient Greek and Hebrew manuscripts, of which that Orientalist has traced the vestiges through a series of writers from the tenth to the middle of the present century. They had escaped the troubles which agitated Persia under Nadir Shah, and were seen about fifty years ago by a contemporary of that prince, who describes them as relics of immense antiquity, and preserved in one family for several generations with a religious care, although their contents were perfectly unintelligible to their possessors.

Dr. Blair's fifth volume of Sermons, and Dr. Parr's late Sermon, are in great forwardness.

There never was a picture ever painted in this country that has excited such curiosity, and attracted the general notice of the public, as Mr. Northcote's Portrait of Gen. Bonaparte. [*Lond. pap.*

A letter from Gotha, in the French Paper the *Publiciste*, of the 3d of March, states, that Professor PAULUS, of Jena, and Professor MEINERS, of Gottingen, have discovered that the travels published in Germany under the name of *Damberger*, are an imposture. The person who announced himself as Damberger, has been discovered to be another. He is suspected of being concerned in former literary frauds of the same sort.

The Civil Code, in the formation of which the ablest lawyers in France Tronchet, Portalis, &c. have for several months been employed, has been presented to the First Consul, who has signified his approbation of it. He has referred the Code to the examination of the *Tribunal de Cassation*, whence it will be sent to the Legislative Body.

## BALTIMORE, May 28.

Arrived Brig Viper, capt. Story, 58 days from Leghorn.

March 25th, the day she sailed, while running under the lee of Gorgona, saw two sail making for us, which began to fire on us as soon as they were within gun shot, which we immediately returned, supposing them to be Tripolitan corsairs. After an hour's engagement, during which time a fort on Gorgona continued a constant fire upon us, but fortunately doing us no injury, they wore ship and stood in for the shore. The Superior was in company, and assisted in the engagement.

## NEW-YORK, May 27.

By the hurricane of monday evening the barracks on Gibbet-Island were blown down without any person receiving an injury. At Ellis's Island a house, in which were two men and a boy, was blown down; one of the men, Jacob Pownall, was killed on the spot; the other man was very badly hurt; but the boy escaped without injury.

## CINCINNATI, April 29.

Anchored off this place, on Monday afternoon, the brig St. Clair, commmodore Whipple, commander, of one hundred tons burthen. She was built at Marietta, and is allowed by good judges to be well built and a handsome vessel.—She is completely rigged and ready for sea—her cargo is the produce of this country—she is bound for some of the west India Islands.

On her arrival the bank was crowded with people, all eager to view this pleasing presage of the future greatness of our infant country. This is the first vessel which has descended the Ohio equipt for sea.


## Thirty Dollars Reward.

DESERTED from this rendezvous the following soldiers belonging to the 1st Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers; ISAAC DAVI, about nineteen years old, five feet seven inches high, dark blue eyes, black hair, ruddy complexion, a farmer, born in this county and state.

JAMES NELSON, twenty two years of age, five feet six inches high, grey eyes, dark hair, fair complexion, by occupation a farmer; he is also a native of this state and county.

JAMES HENNING, twenty one years old five feet nine and three quarter inches high, blue eyes, light hair, sallow complexion, by occupation a house carpenter, born in Berkeley county this state. They all deserted in their uniforn. Any person apprehending the above deserters shall receive thirty dollars upon delivering them to me, or any officer commanding in the service of the United States, or ten dollars for either of them.

RICHARD S. BLACKBURN,
Captain 1st Regt. artillerists and engineers, commanding.

Dumfries, Prince William county, Virginia, May 19, 1801. } 3w

## NOTICE.

THE following negroes have been committed to the gaol of Washington County, District fo Columbia. Their owners are requested to come and release them, otherwise they will be sold as the law directs, to pay prison expences.

ROBERT—The property of Richard Sanford, of Orange county, Virginia; five feet six inches high, about 24 years of age, has on a white negro cotton jacket and trowsers, considerably worn.

JOHN BUTLER—(Who says he is a free man) about five feet ten inches high, 25 years of age, has on an old blue cloth coat, and drab trowsers.

ANDREW—Five feet four inches high, 33 or 34 years of age, has on an old blue coat and a pair of old negro cotton breeches; says he is the property of Mr. Edward Gantt, of Berkeley county, Virginia.

JOHN PETERS—The property of Mrs. Rormdell, of Calvert county, Maryland; about five feet six inches high, 53 years old, has on a white negro cotton jacket and trowsers.

*DANIEL C. BRENT.*
Marshal of the district of Columbia

*April* 27. lawtf

*FOR SALE,*

A young Negro Girl,

bout 15 years old—Apply at this office
*April* 22, 1801. tf

## CHEAP LUMBER.

*FOR SALE,*

By the Subscriber, on reasonable terms, either by large or small quantities, at his Lumber Yerds, the north end of Lamberton, and at the old Sturgeon Pond, above Richards's wharf,

A QUANTITY OF

ASSORTED LUMBER, viz.

One and 1-4 inch, 1 1-8, and 2 do. Yellow pine heart boards—1 inch pannel, 1 1-4 do. for floors, 1 do. common, white pine do—2 do. 7 1-4 and 2 1-2 do planks, 1 do. 1-8, and 2-8 do. boards, black walnut—2 do. plank, 3 do. 1 2 do pannel boards, bedstead setts, poplar the whole of the above are well seasoned and fit for use]—clear heart pine, and sap pine white oak, and bilstead, hemlock and white pine scantling, assorted—best kind three feet cedar shingles, dressed and undressed, do two feet white pine do.; do. 18 inch cypress do—Sedar rails—Also, white pine sawed rails—shingling and plaistering laths, best kind; white oak waggon timber—sap pine planks sap pine one inch boards, 3-4 cedar, best kind, 3-4 white pine, 3-4 sap pine, seasoned weather boards—A quantity of handsome chesnut pailings, sawed 1 by 3 inches and from 4 to 16 feet long, for garden fence, &c. A quantity of chesnut oak posts, dressed and undressed; a quantity of cherry boards, a quantity of large white oak joice, a quantity of chesnut posts—5000 feet of neat beach scantling for tool stocks—5000 feet of sickamore scantling for bedsteads; 2 inch white oak plank; 1 inch white oak boards, 3-4 do. do. do.—25,000 feet superior cherry boards and plank, 3,000 do. 15 clear 2 inch white pine plank, 3,000 do. handsome beaton wood bedstead setts seasoned, 100,000 prime North Carolina shingles, a quantity of ash plank, 150 tons plaister Paris, warranted, 3,000 bushels best Virginia pit coal, 200 bushel cleans house sand

The subscriber intends, establishing a Lumber Yard at the Federal City of Washington, which he will keep regularly supplied as above—Any quantities may be agreed for by contract, deliverable, as the purchaser may wish, provided that the place of delivery may be comeatable by water with a navigable vessel—Any quantity that may be ordered for shipping abroad, shall be supplied with punctuality and dispatch, agreeable to order.

Gentlemen who are or may be building—as well as carpenters who may be under or may enter into contracts to build and furnish the materials, will find it well worth their attention to apply as above—Applications may be made by letter (post paid) or otherwise, to the subscriber, or left with Wm. and Anthony M. Buckley, or Benj. W Morris and Co. merchants, Philadelphia.

*Also for Sale or to Let,*

A large commodious Dwelling House, with out buildings complete, and from three to seven cres of land—Two small do. with lots thereto—Also, a small Store near the river—All laying in the village of Lamberton.

NATHAN COMBS.

N. B. A Screw Jack to let, that raises from 10 to 40 tons by hand—a constant supply of plaister and Smith's Virginia coal.

Lamberton, New Jersey, (on Del.)
January 13, 1801. twtf

NOTICE—All persons indebted to the estate of Bennett Fenwick, late of the City of Washington deceased, are requested to make payment; and all persons who have claims on said estate, are desired to bring them forward properly authenticated for settlement, to

JAMES B. HEARD, attorney to
MARY ANN FENWICK, executrix.

May 26, 1801. 3taw