" than all the property of all the rich " men in the country. It is even of " more confequence to the rich them- " felves, and to their pofterity.—The " only queftion is, whether it is a pub- " lic emolument? and if it is, the rich " ought undoubtedly to contribute in " the fame proportion as to the other " public burthens, i. e. in proportion " to their wealth, which is fecured by " public expences. But none of the " means of information are more facred, " or have been cherifhed with more ten- " dernefs and care by the fettlers of " America, than the prefs. Care has " been taken that the art of printing " fhould be encouraged, and that it " fhould be eafy and cheap, and fafe " for any perfon to communicate his " thoughts to the public.—And you, " Meffieurs Printers, whatever the ty- " rants of the earth may fay of your " paper, have done important fervices " to your country, by your readinefs " and freedom in publifhing the fpecu- " lations of the curious. The ftale, im- " pudent infinuations of flander and fe- " dition, with which the gormandizers " of power have endeavoured to difcre- " dit your paper, are fo much the more " to your honor; for the jaws of power " are always opened to devour, and her " arm is always ftretched out, if poffi- " ble to deftroy, the freedom of fpeak- " ing, thinking, and writing. And if " the public intereft, liberty and happi- " nefs have been in danger, from the am- " bition or avarice of any great man, " or number of great men, whatever be " their politenefs, addrefs, learning, " ingenuity, and in other refpects in- " tegrity and humanity, you have done " yourfelves honor, and your country " fervice, by publifhing and pointing " out that avarice and ambition. Thefe " vices are fo much the more dangerous " and pernicious, for the virtues with " which they may be accompanied in " the fame character, and with fo much " the more watchful jealoufy to be " guarded againft—

" Curfe on fuch virtues, they've un-
" done their country."

" Be not intimidated, therefore, by any " terrors from publifhing with the utmoft " freedom whatever can be warranted " by the laws of your country; nor " fuffer yourfelves to be wheedled out " of your liberty by any pretence of po- " litenefs, delicacy, or decency. Thefe, " as they are often ufed, are but three " different names for hypocrify, chi- " canery, and cowardife."

Notwithftanding this vehement manifefto in favor of the liberty of the Prefs, its author fuffered, perhaps prompted, during his memorable adminiftration, the celebrated Sedition and Alien laws. The enigma is eafily folved. Youth and a private life, dictated the firft; power, intoxicated power, prompted the laft.

Let then a falutary caution, neither dictated by envy or pride, by ambition or meannefs, animate the people. Let it be applied, with equal juftice, to their beft friends, and their greateft enemies. No feafon can be more fitted for inculcating its neceffity, than one, in which thofe who adminifter the public concerns efteem the people with the fame fincerity that the people efteem them.

COMMERCIAL.

The agent of the Afiatic Council of the Batavian Republic, has the honor of informing the merchants of the United States, that the Supreme Government of the Eaft India Company at Batavia has decreed:

That to fuch American veffels as fhall fhew a difpofition to be in any wife or manner ufeful to the honorable the company, either by carrying paffengers at a reafonable rate, or by the faithful delivery of the papers entrufted to them—the Director-General is authorifed to promife, and, in the name of the government, to affure, that in proportion to the fervices rendered by them, they fhall, in preference to all others, be obliged and favored.

It is further decreed, that all documents and prices current are to be legalifed by me, fhould they be refpected.

It is requefted, that the papers may be left at the office, a day previous to their being forwarded.

J. H. C. HEINEKEN.

Philadelphia, July 20, 1804.

(By Authority.)

AN ACT

Supplementary to an act impofing certain taxes and providing for their collection.

BE it enacted by the First and Second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, That it fhall be the duty of the Treafurer forthwith to call at the places of refidence of perfons indebted for taxes; and in cafe they be not found there, or the taxes then paid, he fhall leave a written or printed notice, ftating the amount of the tax due.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it fhall be the duty of the Treafurer henceforth to attend himfelf or by clerk, at his office from twelve to two o'clock P. M. on Tuefday, Thurfday and Saturday in every week.

SAMUEL H. SMITH,
President of the first chamber of the city council of Washington.
NICHOLAS KING,
President of the second chamber of the city council of Washington.
Approved, July 13th, 1804.
ROBERT BRENT, Mayor.
Teft THOMAS HERTY, Reg.

AN ACT

Requiring annual licences to be taken out by Ordinary or Tavern Keepers, Retailers, and Hawkers or Pedlars.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the First and Second chambers of the City Council of Washington,* That no tavern or ordinary fhall be kept in the city of Wafhington without an annual licence therefor be firft obtained; to continue in force for one year from the date of the fame, and to be annually thereafter renewed, for which licence the perfon obtaining it, fhall pay the fum of fixteen dollars for the ufe of the city.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every perfon applying for a Tavern or Ordinary Licence, fhall produce to the Mayor good and fatisfactory teftimonials that he or fhe hath fuitable and proper accommodations for travellers or guefts, with at leaft four good feather beds and bedding, and good ftabling for four horfes, over and above what is neceffary for his or her own ufe, or the ufe of his or her own family. And before the licence be granted the Mayor fhall require and receive from the perfon fo applying his or her bond with two citizens approved of by the Mayor as fureties in the penal fum of two hundred and fifty dollars each, conditioned for the keeping of fuch accommodations bedding and ftabling for perfons travelling or guefts, and for keeping an orderly, quiet and peaceable houfe.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all retailers of wines or fpirituous liquors, other than tavern keepers, who fhall fell the fame in fmaller quantities than ten gallons, fhall take out an annual licence therefor, and for which licence they fhall pay for the ufe of the city the fum of eight dollars, which licence fhall authorife the felling of any fuch quantity not lefs than one pint; and provided the fame is not drank in the houfe or ftore of the perfon having fuch licence.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That every perfon fo obtaining a retail licence, fhall give bond with two citizens approved of by the Mayor as fureties, each in the penal fum of one hundred dollars conditioned for not felling wine or fpirituous liquors in lefs quantities than one pint or fuffering the fame to be drank in the houfe where fold.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That for felling liquors in any houfe other than a Tavern, in fmaller quantities than a pint, there fhall be an annual licence firft obtained and for which there fhall be paid twenty dollars for the ufe of the City, and the perfon fo applying for licence, fhall produce to the Mayor the certificate of at leaft fix inhabitants, houfeholders of the fame ward, of the good character of the perfon fo applying, and that they have known him or her at leaft fix months preceding fuch application, on which a licence fhall be granted for one year, and the perfon to whom fuch licence fhall be granted fhall give bond with two citizens approved by the Mayor as fureties in the penal fum of fifty dollars each conditioned for the quiet orderly and peaceable keeping of fuch houfe, and that the keeper thereof will not during the time for which fuch licence fhall be granted, fuffer any perfon or perfons to play any game of cards, dice, or other hazard for money therein, and that he or fhe will not fuffer any apprentice or flave to purchafe and drink any wine or fpirituous liquors in his or her houfe, and that the perfon keeping fuch houfe fhall not on Sunday fell or fuffer to be drank in his or her houfe any wine or fpirituous liquors.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted,* That it fhall be the duty of the Regifter on the direction of the Mayor, to make out and record fuch licences and affix the city feal thereto, and whenever he receives the bond hereby required and a certificate from the Treafurer, that the money is paid, he fhall fign the licence and deliver it to the perfon; for which duties he fhall be entitled to receive from the perfon to whom the licence is granted a fee of fixty fix cents.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted,* That no perfon fhall be required to take out any licence under this act, who may already have obtained one until fuch licence fhall have expired.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted,* That for every infraction of the provifions of this act there be paid by the perfon committing the fame, or his fureties, the fum of twenty dollars.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted,* That perfons ufually denominated hawkers and pedlars carrying goods, wares, and merchandizes from place to place in the city, fhall take out annual licence therefor, for which fhall be paid thirty five dollars each licence; and the faid hawkers and pedlars fhall be bound to exhibit to any officer of the corporation at all times when thereto required or demanded the licence obtained as aforefaid.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted,* That in cafe of the abfence of the Mayor from the city, or in cafe of his indifpofition, it fhall be the duty of the Regifter to grant licences upon applications being made, and the requifites of this act being complied with by the perfons applying.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted,* That fo much of former acts as come within the purview of this act fhall be and the fame is hereby repealed.

SAMUEL H. SMITH,
President of the first chamber of the city council of Washington.
NICHOLAS KING *President of the second chamber of the city council of Washington.*
Approved, July 19th, 1804.
ROBERT BRENT, Mayor.
Teft THOMAS HERTY, Reg.

Columbia Academy.

The Scholars belonging to the Columbia Academy will be examined on Monday and Tuefday next, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuefday, they will deliver a number of Orations and Dialogues at the Academy. The company of Ladies and Gentlemen is requefted.—If the afternoon is favorable, accommodations will be provided for a large audience.

G. Town, July 27—2t.

Circuit Court, District of Columbia, July 25, 1804.

ON the report of Daniel Carrol Brent, of the fale made by him as truftee of the property decreed to be fold by this Court in the fuit of the United States, againft Samuel Jackfon, William Shannon, Phillip Fitzhugh, Jofhua B. Bond and Frederick Shaff. It is ordered, that the faid fale be ratified and confirmed, unlefs caufe to the contrary be fhewn, on or before the 25th day of Auguft next. PROVIDED a copy of this order be inferted at leaft three times prior to that day, in thofe papers in which the fale was advertifed. The report ftates that the faid property was purchafed by Gabriel Duvall, Efq. who was the higheft bidder at the fum of fix thoufand fix hundred dollars.

By order,
URIAH FORREST, Clk.
July 27—3t.

Forty Dollars Reward.

Ranaway from the fubfcriber living in Calvert county near Hunting Town, a negro man named MICHAEL about 35 years old, about 6 feet high, ftraight and well made has a pleafing countenance when fpoken to—his cloathing was chiefly of country make when he left home, but having taken with him clothes of various kinds; he may have changed them—he is fuppofed to have made for Baltimore or George Town—Any perfon apprehending faid negro and lodging him in any jail fo that I get him again fhall be entitled to the above reward, or if brought home in addition to the above reward all reafonable expences will be paid

FRANCIS HANCE.
July 27—7t

This day is published
By Rapine, Conrad, & Co,
CAPITOL HILL, NEW JERSEY AVENUE.

REPORTS of cafes argued and adjudged in the Supreme Court of the United States in Auguft and December terms, 180[illegible], and February term, 1803: by William Cranch, affiftant judge of the circuit court of the diftrict of Columbia.

Also juft publifhed as above——THE BUILDERS UNIVERSAL PRICE BOOK, containing a correct lift of prices to the works of the feveral artificers concerned in building, in dollars and cents; with obfervations on erecting found and permanent buildings, by John Evans—price one dollar.

July 16—

RUNAWAY NEGRO.

WAS committed to the jail of Frederick county as a runaway on the 28th February laft, a negro man who calls himfelf JOHN RUSHER, he is about 28 or 30 years old, five feet five or fix inches high; a ftout well made fellow; his clothing are a grey coat, a ftriped waiftcoat and corduroy trowfers. If his owner does not releafe him he will be fold for his jail fees according to law.

GEORGE CREAGER, Sheriff,
Frederick county.
June 25—

AT a meeting of the Stockholders of the THEATRE COMPANY, at Rhodes tavern on the 7th June, 1804, purfuant to notice.

ROBERT BRENT, Efq. Mayor of the city of Wafhington, was called to the Chair, and STANLEY BYUS, appointed fecretary.

On motion made and feconded, the meeting came to the following refolutions:

Resolved, That a Board of Directors confifting of five ftockholders, be chofen by ballot at the prefent meeting, to continue in office one year from their election.

Resolved, That the faid Board of Directors have the power generally to manage the affairs of the inftitution during the period for which they are elected.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the faid Board of Directors to proceed immediately to the raifing by fuch means as they fhall deem moft eligible the neceffary funds, and thenceforth apply the fame to the completion of the building; and to procure a dramatic company, when the profpects refpecting the completion of the building will in their opinion warrant the fame.

Whereupon the meeting proceeded to the election of a Board of Directors for one year, when the following gentlemen were elected.

John P. Van Nefs, Samuel Harrifon Smith, Robert Brent, William Brent, and Thomas Law.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be publifhed in the National Intelligencer.

ROBERT BRENT, Chairman.
June 18—3t

CHARLES VARDEN,
MERCHANT TAYLOR.

Has received from Philadelphia

in addition to his former ftock a handfome affortment of goods, confifting of the beft London and Spanifh fuperfine cloths and caffimeres, white and fancy Marfeilles, colored and white Jeans, India nankeen, cotton caffimeres, black filk and fattin Florentcens with a variety of other articles fuitable for the fummer feafon.

N. B. Ladies habits regimentals, and navy uniforms made in the firft ftile of fafhion.

New Jersey avenue near the Capitol,
June 8——tf

NOTICE.

APPLICATION is intended to be made at the Treafury of the United States for the renewal of the following loft certificates; No. 362, 363, 364, 365, and 366, dated the 5th April 1804, for 3000 dollars each, Louifiana 6 per cent ftock, in favor of John [illegible]oles of New London figned by Jofeph Nourfe, Reg

JOHN M'GOWAN.
June 13 1804—eo6w

REMOVAL.

THOMAS CARPENTER,
TAYLOR,
Has removed to the house above Mr. RHODES (LATE LOVEL'S) HOTEL near the President's Square.

In addition to the prefent ftock of goods, an

Handfome Affortment

Is expected immediately.

Gentlemen at a diftance, by fending a line by poft, will be waited upon with all poffible expedition.

T. C. will pledge himfelf to execute any order with a tafte, expedition and moderation of charge, which fhall not be excelled by any.

April 16——[illegible]

District of Columbia, to wit:

BE it remembered, That on this twenty fixth day of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and four, and in the twenty eighth year of American Independence, William Cranch, of the faid diftrict, hath depofited in this office, the title of a book, the right whereof he claims as author, in the words following to wit: " Reports of Cafes, argued and adjudged in the Supreme Court of the United States in Auguft and December terms 1801 and February term 1803." In conformity to the act of the Congrefs of the United States, entitled " An act for the encouragement of learning, by fecuring the copies of maps, charts and books to the authors and proprietors of fuch copies during the times therein mentioned."

G. DENEALE,
Ck. of the diftrict of columbia.
July 4—w5t

Was Committed to the jail

of Baltimore county as a Runaway on the 21ft February laft, a Negro woman who calls herfelf MILLY THOMAS—fhe is about 38 or 40 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, and of a brown complection. She fays fhe did belong to Mr. William Brifcoe of Charles county in the ftate of Maryland. If her owner does not releafe her, fhe will be fold for her jail fees, according to law.

THOMAS BAILEY, Sheriff of Balt. County.
Baltimore May 21—w8t

COLUMBIAN LIBRARY.

AN Appendix to the Catalogue is this day publifhed and may be had at the Library Room. In the courfe of the laft year, the Directors have been incorporated by an act of Congrefs, and above 150 vols. have been added to the books, making in the whole upwards of 800 vols. New Shares may be had on application to the Librarian—Books are let out on hire to thofe who are not fhareholders, and are to be taken out and returned on the afternoons of Wednefdays and Saturdays.

George Town, June 5—

NOTICE.

BY virtue of three writs of venditioni exponas iffued from the circuit court of the diftrict of Columbia for the county of Wafhington, to me directed, one at the fuit of Summers and Coates, againft Samuel Blodget, one at the fuit of Edward Pennington, againft Samuel Blodget, and one at the fuit of John Mullay, againft John Duby, will be expofed to public fale for ready cafh on the 28th inft at Wm. Rhodes's Tavern in the city of Wafhington, all the right, title, claim and intereft of the faid Samuel Blodget and John Duby in and to the following property, viz Lot No. 23 in fquare 107, Lot No. 13 in fquare 378, Lot No. 2 in fquare 533, Lot No. 5 in fquare 54, Lot No. 12 in fquare 320, Lot No. 2 in fquare 218, Lot No. 11 in fquare 286 Lot No. 22 in fquare 263, Lot No. 23 in fquare 263, Lot No. 24 in fquare 263 Lot No. 7 in fquare 264, Lot No. 8 in fquare 264, Lot No. 7 in fquare 409, Lot No. 8 in fquare 409, Lot No. 17 in fquare 253, Lot No. 7 in fquare 253 with a three ftory brick dwelling houfe thereon, late the property of the faid Blodget, and Lot No. 5 in fquare 607, late the property of the faid Duby the fale will commence precifely at 4 o'clock.

DANIEL C. BRENT, Marfhal.
July 2—1aw4t

NOTICE.

THERE was committed as a runaway to the jail of Frederick county, a negro man who calls himfelf CHASA LANGSTON, and fays he belongs to Mr. Isaac Langston of Herford county North Carolina; he is about 37 years of age, five feet feven inches high, a ftout well made fellow—his clothing are a grey woollen coat with a blue cape, cotton ftriped waiftcoat and trowfers and a tow linen fhirt, he alfo has four fcars on the back of his neck. If his mafter does not releafe him he will be fold for the jail fees agreeably to law.

GEORGE CREAGER, Sheriff,
of Frederick county.
June 25—

JUST PUBLISHED
By Rapine, Conrad & Co.
NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NEAR THE CAPITOL,

MAVOR's Univerfal Hiftory, Ancient and Modern, from the earlieft records of time, to the general peace of 1801, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 ——This work will be comprifed in 25 volumes, at one DOLLAR each to fubfcribers in boards. Thofe who have already favored the publifhers with their names are requefted to fend for their copies, and thofe who are defirous of poffeffing this valuable work are informed that the fubfcription is ftill open.

Also just published and for sale as above

The works of WILLIAM SMITH, D. D. late provoft of the College and Academy of Philadelphia, vols 1ft and 2nd. This work will be comprifed in 4 volumes at 250 cents per volume in boards.

R. C. & Co. Have on hand a moft valuable collection of new books, received by the late arrivals from Europe which they will difpofe of on the moft reafonable terms.

June 29—

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the office of the WESTERN STAR, on the night between the 4th and 5th inft. an indented apprentice to the Printing bufinefs, named WILLIAM JOHNSTON, between 18 and 19 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; rather flender make, fhort black hair and dark complexion, had on and took with him a brown coat with pearl buttons nankeen pantaloons, white waiftcoat and a good hat; he had alfo with him a French made watch, with a twifted gold wire chain. The above reward will be given for fecuring him in any jail, fo that I may get him again, or reafonable charges if brought home.

Alfo all perfons are hereby cautioned againft harbouring or trufting faid boy, and all captains or mafters of veffels are warned at their peril againft carrying away faid apprentice.

EDWARD COLE.
Lewiftown, Pennfylvania, July 9—

TO RENT,

A THREE STORY BRICK HOUSE in the the city of Wafhington, fituate on that beautiful ridge north eaft of the feven buildings, on I ftreet, Lot No. 5, fquare 106, at prefent occupied by Mrs. Scott. Poffeffion may be had the 1ft of Auguft next. Under faid houfe is a good dry cellar, on the back of the lot is a ftable, and near the premifes a pump of moft excellent water.

Enquire of Mrs. Scott, or of the fubfcriber, High ftreet at Doctor John Beatty's George Town.

ABSALOM JOY.
June 29——tf

LAND FOR SALE.

The fubfcriber wifhing to remove to the weftward offers for fale a fmall tract of land lying in Montgomery county, ftate of Maryland about two miles from Conrad Myers ferry, lying on the road leading from the fame to the Federalcity, about thirty five miles from the latter—this tract contains about Two Hundred and Thirty acres well watered and under good repair, with a fufficient quantity of wood to fupport the fame; on this tract there is about 10 or 15 acres of good meadow land, which might be put in Timothy with little expence; it has a good apple orchard, peach and cherry alfo, and well improved with a good ftore houfe which is an excellent ftand for felling goods, which is occupied by Jeffe Phisps—at prefent it produces equal to any in the neighborhood, and will be offered to public fale on the firft day of Auguft next, if not fold before at private fale. Any perfon wifhing to purchafe prior to that date may view the fame and know the terms by applying to the fubfcriber living on the premifes.

RICHARD JONES, of EW
July 13—w3t