NASSAU, (N. P.) July 24.

THE HURRICANE.

On Wednesday, this island was visited with a tremendous hurricane. Whether we judge by the effects it produced or the observations of our senses, during its period, we are equally led to pronounce it one of the severest that we have ever witnessed in these islands.

On a former occasion, we expressed a hope, that we should be exempted from gales of wind this season—and, we gave as a reason for our opinion, the frequency of rains, accompanied with thunder and lightning.

It is worthy of remark, that for these some weeks, there has been little or no rain, and though the weather has been remarkbly warm and close, there has been an entire absence of thunder and lightning. These unusual circumstances at this season, should put us on our guard in future.

The wind, for a day or two previous to the hurricane, hung to the northward of east, and on the morning of its happening, it blew very fresh in squalls, from E. N. E. and kept backing to the northward, with increasing violence. About 12 P. M. cautious people began to be alarmed, and to prepare for what they expected would follow—but in general the earliness of the season, quieted the suspicions of the inhabitants, as they knew it was unusual for hurricanes to happen till about the equinox; doubt, however, was changed into certainty, and by two o'clock the gale had increased to that degree, which we denominate a hurricane. The vessels, pretty generally began to drive from their moorings, notwithstanding their masts and yards were struck, and all their anchors down, and every other precaution attended to. The harbour, fortunately was thinner of shipping than usual; yet they drove against one another, and came in whole strings to the shore.

As the tide rose, the hurricane increased in violence, and still kept backing, till it came about north. This very fortunately, drove all the vessels on the town side of the harbour, and prevented any from driving to sea. By three o'clock there was scarce a vessel riding in the harbour. The Guineaman—prize to his Majesty's ship Echo, that lay well up in the harbour, and on the Hog-Island side of it, parted her anchors, and drove towards the town. In her progress she got upon the middle ground, and turned over on her beam ends, so that the seamen got on her side.

The negroes (250 in number) fell to leeward, in between decks, and were in imminent danger—but fortunately, the vessel beat over the bank, and righted, and at length drove ashore, against Mr. Benjamin Lord's wharf, which she in part demolished—the negroes and crew were, happily, all safe landed.

The ship George, a Guineaman, belonging to James Moss, esq. that arrived on Tuesday, and was still lying below the old fort, drove from her moorings also, and came ashore abreast of the bar, in an exposed situation, but by judicious management and great exertions, the negroes were all got safe on shore.

The wind, after three o'clock, began to haul slowly round to the eastward, but without any diminution of its violence—indeed, we are rather of opinion, that its violence was augmented. Objects, at a small distance from the shore, were now invisible, or indistinct, the spray rising from the water in such clouds, as to obscure every thing that was near it. In fact the har bour resembled three torrents, of diffe ent densities, passing with inconceivable v locity. First the water, from the accum lation at the end of the harbour, by be drove in from the bank and raised 6 f above its common level, acquired an tremely rapid motion down the harb The foam and spray next, forming al an opake cloud, spun along with swiftest possible degree of visible mo and formed a stratum, as it were of 30 feet deep: and over that the rai fed in a rarer medium, in a perfectly zontal direction; and appeared inc n descending from its projectile ve By half past four the wind got ro the east and kept veering round w sun—a certain sign that the gale not continue long. Its violence, h as yet, was unabated.

Providentially, before it acquir southing, the tide had fallen, and sels having all been driven up water, none of them were blow which case they must have gone and probably would have been lo those in them. About an hour be

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set, the wind had shifted round to south or south by west, and still blew with great violence; but the town and harbour was so sheltered by the hills, that it was very little felt. By sunset it moderated—and by eight or nine at night, there was nothing remaining of it, but a fresh gale.

We thank God before we proceed to recapitulate the damages sustained from the hurricane, that so few lives have been lost in the elemental strife, and crash of matter. We have heard but of two or three that were downed, and none that lost their lives on the shore.

Of all the vessels in the harbour, 3 only rode out the storm, viz. the sloop Primrose an American, and a Spanish vessel near the eastern fort. Between Evan's hill, and Western Water Battery, we counted 120 vessels stranded; besides which there were several sunk, and others crushed to pieces, and laying under other vessels, that we could take no account of.

The most convincing proof of the extreme violence of wind, and perhaps the best criterion we can adduce is, that the greater part of all the vessels had their masts blown away—not cut, but blown away by the board. The prize Guineaman lost all her's and her bowsprit, by the sheer force of the wind.

Several vessels we understand are bilged; and others, from the extreme difficulty that would attend getting them off, are abandoned. In general, however, we are in hopes, the stranded vessels will be afloat without much difficulty or damage to their hull.

On shore, in the town and its vicinty, the devastation was equally great; many valuable houses have been blown down, & all the fences and trees in general, laid level with the ground. Nearly one half of Mr. Joseph H...'s beautiful grove of coca-nut trees, were all destroyed by being broken off near the butt—one of which we measured, and found it to be 7 feet 7 inches in circumference, just above the part where it was broken.

Mr. ... Ferguson's house one of the largest in town, was blown down; and the roof, in falling, had well nigh demolished Mr. H...wie's house adjoining. Other new stone houses suffered considerably, from the mortar being in a moist state; and a great many wooden houses fell from the same cause, the stone underpinning not having had time to cement.

The sea, to the southward of fort Montague, made a breach through the solid hills, and has filled the extensive valley to the westward of it, many feet deep. It also rose five feet over the new eastern causeway, and the road, to the fort of Evan's Hill; which it has materially injured. The eastern parade and burying place was completely overflowed by the rising of the water in the harbour; and the sea passed, in a torrent, betwen the editor's house, in the white ground, and the new road; it then found its way into the harbour, by passing the causeway and the road; by captain Gibbon's, where it has made a large gulley and would have completely destroyed it, had not the shifting of the wind occasioned the water to fall in the upper part of the harbour.

To attempt to make an accurate estimation of the damages sustained by the inhabitants of Nassau and its vicinity, would be the height of presumption; for there is no person can say, what his own loss amounts to. If we may be permitted, however, to hazard an opinion, it is, that the aggregate lost sustained from the late hurricane, is not less than one hundred thousand pounds.

ANTHONY SAWYER,

LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S HAIR-DRESSER.

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, that he has opened a shop opposite the Little Hotel, in the City of Washington. Turban wigs of the newest fashion are made for the ladies, filets, &c. He will wait upon any lady with the patterns. Any other business in his line shall be strictly attended to.

F Street August 19, 1801. ¶1m

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HUGH SOMERVILLE,

Has lately received and is now ready to circulate, a large and valuable collection of

NOVELS, History, Romances, Voyages, Travels, &c. which will be lent out to read, by the week, month, quarter, or year, at his store and residence in a frame building, south side of the Pennsylvania Avenue, near the Hotel bridge, and three new brick buildings, and the building now erecting for the city of Washington market-house, where the terms may be known, and attendance given from nine in the morning till one in the afternoon, and from two till four.

August 18. 7t.

Strayed from the Subscriber

on or about the 8th of August, a large black horse, shod all round, one white hind foot, a scar on his neck, where he was bled, and some saddle galds.

Also a dark brown cow, and a calf, the cow has both her horns sawed off at the end, and a board on the top; the calf is brown with a white face and the end of its tail white, is a bull calf about five months old. Whoever will take up said horse, cow and calf, shall be entitled to 4 dollars reward, and all reasonable charges paid, or two dollars for the horse, by returning them to the subscriber.

AMOS WILKINSON, the tinner.

Washington City, Aug. 19, 1801. 3t

BOTTLED PORTER.

THE subscriber wishing to establish himself in the bottling of Porter informs the public in general that he at present has by him for sale at his bottling cellar, corner of Bridge street, opposite the Post Office,

Fine Philadelphia Porter, in excellent order—Also,

TAUNTON ALE of the first quality, and CIDER in bottles.

The public may depend upon always finding a constant supply at the cellar as above—and he is thankful for favours received.

R. C. STANLEY.

George-Town, August 6. 1801. ¶1m

VARDEN & CARPENTER,

TAYLORS,

Gratefully acknowledge the favors of the public, whilst carrying on business opposite Mr. Stille's Tavern, and inform, that they have removed to the next house east of Mr. Tunicliff's Hotel, where gentlemen and ladies will be served in a stile of fashion and elegance which it has ever been, and ever will be, their study to execute, and they presume, equal to the most populous cities in the Union.

Regimental and Ladies Habits made in the neatest manner.

May 15, 1801. wtf

Conrad & M'Munn

HAVE opened houses of entertainment in the range of buildings formerly occupied by Mr Law, about two hundred paces from the Capitol, in New Jersey avenue, leading from thence to the Eastern Branch. They are spacious and convenient, one of which is designed for stage passengers and travellers, the other for the accommodation of boarders. There is stableage sufficient for 60 horses——They hope to merit public patronage.

City of washingron, Nov. 24, 1800. tf

Ten Dollars Reward.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber two horses and a mare. The mare and one of the horses are matches, about 15 hands high, black colour, and bob tails. The other horse is a small bay, about 14 hands high, has a remarkable lump on the right side, cropt ears, and a bell round his neck. The above horses were missing on Sunday night.

DANIEL C. BRENT.

Washington City, Aug. 19. 1801. 3t

To be sold or Exchanged

For improved lots in the city of Washington or Alexandria,

A VALUABLE FARM,

In Frederick County, Virginia,

CONTAINING three hundred acres; 60 acres at present in thriving CORN—it is situated in a genteel neighbourhood, and contiguous to a Mill and Black-smith. The improvements are a handsome and convenient Dwelling House, Kitchen, Store house, Smoke-house, stables, Corn-house, Hen-house, Overseer's house, and necessary Negro Quarters. The whole of these buildings are new and complete.

Will be sold with it, if required,

Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Farming utensils, &c. &c. Likewise, fifty barrels of CORN on hands.

Any person desirous of possessing this valuable tract of land, by purchase or exchange, will apply to

ROBERT W. PEACOCK

Attorney at Law, and Conveyancer.

August 7. 1aw3

NOTICE.

THE following slaves have been committed to the gaol of Washington county, viz.

SOLOMON JOHNSTON—Five feet 10 inches high, 33 years of age, has on a pair of nankeen trowsers and a coarse shirt; says he belongs to captain Johnston of the city of Baltimore.

JOHN PAINE—Five feet 8 or 9 inches high, 26 or 27 years of age, has on a blue coat much worn, a pair of light coloured corduroy breeches and an old hat, says he belongs to col. Martin Pickett of Fauquier Court House, Virginia

MARK, alias THOMAS GORDON—Five feet 9 inches high, 40 years of age, has on a pair of old trowsers, and an old shirt and a new felt hat; says he belongs to David Allison of Falmouth Virginia.

BEN COLE—Five feet 8 or 9 inches high, 22 years of age, has on a striped gingham coat, overhalls of the same, and white dimity jacket; says he is a free man, and that he came from Fells Point in the city of Baltimore, where he resides.

The owners of the above Runaways are desired to come and take them away, otherwise they will be sold as the law directs, to discharge their prison expences.

DANIEL C. BRENT.

Marshal of the District of Columbia.

Washington, August 14, 1801. 2awtf

Bottled porter ... cellar.

THE subscriber respectfully acquaints the public that he has, in addition to his grocery and dry goods store, a bottled Porter and Cider Cellar. He intends to keep a constant supply of the best London and Philadelphia Porter, and brown stout English and American Cider; where the public can be accommodated by the barrel carefully packed, by the single dozen, or less quantity, at the most moderate prices.

GILBERT DOCKER.

Capitol Hill, New-Jersey Avenue,
City of Washington, August 12, 1801.

N. B. The highest price given for empty Bottles.—— ☞ A two story Frame Store to let.

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A GREAT BARGAIN.

I WILL sell or lease for ten years, a valuable Farm, in the county of Culpepper, and state of Virginia, on Flat Run, containing 750 acres the land is extremely fertile, and yields abundantly in the production of corn, wheat, and tobacco; there are about 100 acres of meadow land, 50 or 60 of which are cleared, and 15 acres well set in Timothy, about 350 acres of the tract are cleared and well inclosed. This land is distant from Fredericksburg about 28 miles, and 55 miles from Alexandria and the City of Washington. There are several valuable merchant mills in the vicinity, one within the distance of a mile, where the Fredericksburg prices are given for all kinds of grain.

I will also sell the Reversion of 250 acres of land adjoining the above, on which are erected a number of valuable buildings, among them a large dwelling house of 60 feet by 40, with four rooms on a floor, with fireplaces, and every necessary out-houses—A valuable peach and apple orchard.

A further description is deemed unnecessary, as any persons desirous of purchasing or leasing, will doubtless wish to view the premises. For terms apply to Robert Brooke Voss, Esq. who lives adjoining the premises, or to the subscriber.

I will also Sell or Rent,

Two three story brick houses in Alexandria, completely finished, on King and Columbia-street, with sundry valuable property near the same, possession whereof may be had immediately. The situation for the flour and grocery business is equal to any in Alexandria.

For terms apply to Henry Thomas Moore, Alexandria, or to the subscriber.

NICHOLAS VOSS.

City of Washington, July 13, 1801.

N. B. I wish to hire by the month, or until the 1st day of November, ten or twelve labourers, for whom liberal wages will be gven,—Apply to N. Voss, on F street, or W. T. Voss, at the Navy-Yard. 2awtf

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

JUNE 7th, 1800.

Regulations for ascertaining and fixing the Pensioners, and payment of pensions on the Navy establishment of the United States.

TO obtain a pension the party must produce to the Secretary of the Navy a certificate from the commander of the ship or vessel on board of which he sustained the injury, which incapacitates him; or in the case of a marine, from the commanding officer of the marine corps, or commander of a detachment as the case may require; in the latter case however, if the injury happened on board a vessel of war, the certificate of the surgeon will also be required, if on shore, that of some respectable medical character of the place, that the same was received while he was acting in the line of his duty, specifying the nature and amount of the disability, the capacity or station in which he acted, and the monthly pay to which he was entitled at the time of sustaining the injury. On such certificate being produced, and it being ascertained to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, that the disability still exists and is likely to continue, he will at once direct the applicant to be placed on the books of the Loan Office of the state in which he resides, and the loan officer will make the payments half yearly, viz. On the 1st of January, and 1st of July, to the party in person or his legal attorney during his life or the continuance of his disability. But if the pension is to be paid on a power of attorney, the loan officer must have it ascertained by the certificate of a Justice of the peace of the county where the pensioner resides, that he was living, and that his disability continued, in the month next preceding that in which payment is to be made every year, and must transmit the same to the Accountant of the Navy with the necessary receipts as vouchers for his payments.

Each person to be placed on the pension list, must receive at the Navy Office a certificate in the following form.

A. B. Seaman, &c. having been disabled in the service of the United States, on board of the ship of war while acting in the line of his duty, is entitled to receive dollars per month, from the loan officer of the state of payable half yearly, on the 1st of January and 1st of July in every year during his life or continuance of such disability, to commence from the day of The same will be paid to him in person or on his legal power of attorney. But no money will be paid on a power of attorney, unless the said A. B. shall send to the loan officer of said state, the certificate of a Justice of peace of the county wherein he resides, that he the said A. B. appeared before the said justice in the month preceding that in which the ill continued to be made and that his disability st payment is

Signed

BENJ. STODDERT.

The foregoing regulations are still in force.—By order,

An. THOMAS, P. Clk.

Navy Department,
June 17, 1801. 3taw...