American.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1805.

At the commencement of a new year, we offer to our numerous patrons the compliments of the season. Reflections on the year, which we have just bid adieu to, on the part of every genuine republican, must excite gratitude to the benign giver of all, for the unbounded prosperity our country has enjoyed, and is likely to enjoy under that happy order of things which now prevails. Indeed, to every friend of rational liberty, it must be a source of the purest pleasure, when he takes a faithful view of the situation of our country. Amidst all the distress and carnage abroad, at home we enjoy peace, plenty and safety. And in political affairs, the conduct of our administration has been such, as to render the American people so united and happy, as to prove, in Mr. Jefferson's language, that "we are all federalists—we are all republicans."

To evince our gratitude for, and to do justice to, that extensive patronage with which the American is honored, we intend, *in a short period* to embellish it with entire *new* type. In the mean time, in its present *dress*, we will exert every effort to render it valuable to every class of our readers.

INTERMENTS in the burying grounds of the city and precincts of Baltimore DURING THE WEEK ending yesterday morning at sunrise:

Intemperance	1
Asthma	1
Inflammation	1
Worms	1
Burnt	1
Pleurisy	1
Fits	1
Sudden death	1
Appoplexy	1
Adults,	6
Children,	3
Total,	9

An Useful Paste to stop holes in Iron Utensils invented by Kosteium

Take six parts of yellow Potter's Clay, and one part of steel Filings, and a sufficient quantity of Linseed Oil, and make the paste of the consistence of glazier's putty, with which the holes are to be filled.

From Nassau papers received at this office by the Martha Barnes arrived at New York in 11 days.

NASSAU, N. P. November 27.

CURRACOA — We have been favored with the following information received via Turk's Island: The honorable capt. Murray has been detached with three or four vessels of war under his command from Jamaica, for the purpose of blockading the island of Curracoa until its surrender, which it was expected a very few weeks would accomplish, notwithstanding the arrival of a new governor from Holland with a few troops. By the last accounts from Porto Plata in Hispaniola we are authentically informed that the Spaniards at St Jago de Hispaniola, had intercepted a letter from the French to Dessalines, offering to sacrifice and deliver up that place to him if he would allow them to retire unmolested, and to assist in the destruction of the Spaniards. In consequence of which discovery, the Spaniards anticipated the French by attacking them, 27 of whom they put to death, and made about 300 more of them prisoners. The commander in chief of the French forces at Santo Domingo being apprised of this circumstance sent to demand his countrymen being delivered up to him, which was refused on the part of the Spaniards, who immediately thereupon hoisted Spanish colours at St. Jago and Porto Plata; and applied to the commander of a British sloop of war there, requesting to be supplied with arms and ammunition, and to the same effect sent over to the Turk's Islands as he fearfully expected an attack from Dessalines, who had collected 22,000 of his people for the purpose—we understand however that neither of the Spanish commanders application could with propriety be granted, and of course necessity compelled a refusal. December 7.

TURK'S ISLANDS, BAHAMAS.

At a Board of Magistrates held at the Public Room this 15th day of September, 1804.

The honorable ALEXANDER MURRAY, His Majesty's Agent and commander at these islands having handed to us the subscribing Magistrates, apparently a column of a New York paper containing a declaration of James Cannon, late master of the schooner Martin, of Washington, and Daniel Griswold, of the schooner Catharine, which declaration reflects much on the character and conduct of Colonel Murray, towards the American masters who were cast away on these islands in the beginning of September last. As many examinations were laid before us relative to the money said to be stolen from the said captain Cannon, colonel Murray requests us to point out any false assertions by the said Cannon and Griswold and how far his conduct in the whole of this business was praise-worthy or reprehensible.

In the first place, when Col. Murray was informed that money was stolen, he was indefatigable in his endeavors to find out the thieves, and every negro upon whom the slightest suspicion could attach, repeated examinations were held. Some negroes were confined, some punished for petty thefts, and at last one man was detected having gold, who after many examinations confessed, upon promise of pardon, to have taken out of a coat that belonged to captain Cannon, which coat he found in the bushes near the place the vessels were cast ashore; and they were fifty one pieces of gold, which to us appeared to be nearly the quantity sewed to the coat, from the quilting of the check they were sewed in, which was produced and delivered up to us, fifty pieces of which, by our direction, are now lodged in the custom-house. The custom-house officers at this port have generally acted as agents for owners and underwriters and we believe have always conducted themselves with honor. Captain Cannon has no reason to complain on this head, as the collector told him, (captain Cannon) he would act as agent to see justice done him, but Cannon's friend should be welcome to his share of the commissions.

Of the several thefts mentioned by captain Cannon, the magistrates know nothing, except that of his own money and clothes, great part or the whole blame captain Cannon should take upon himself. He saw the storm gathering in the afternoon, but did not go on board his vessel, though by his account he had a good deal of money on board, and it appeared afterwards the gold was in a trunk unlocked, he did not attempt to go to his vessel until nine or ten o'clock on the morning after she was stranded and he met a sailor bringing him gold in a handkerchief which he carried back to where the vessel lay, and threw it into his open trunk, which he said was again stole.

We know nothing of the twenty-one American captains brought here by captain Carleton, and believe it to be a gross falsehood. Captain Morrison never complained of being robbed and we do not believe that he ever fired a pistol at any negro, as no complaint was made, it was therefore not probable, the king's agent, or any other magistrate, could hold out threats to captain Morrison, for an offence he had not committed.

Colonel Murray has issued no proclamation relative to wrecks, but as stated above, the custom-house, has generally acted as agents—in the last gale two of the vessels were consigned; (Cannon's was one) the collector and comptroller acted as agents, but told the masters their friends might have the commissions. Colonel Murray contracted with individuals to get off the two vessels alluded to for four hundred dollars each on condition, that if they did not succeed they were to receive nothing, and five hundred and twenty dollars was the least that was demanded by others for each, whether they succeeded or not.

With regard to captain Cannon's personal conduct, we feel it our duty to state, that it was highly disgraceful both as a master of a vessel and as an American citizen. Having been lying about the streets beastly drunk almost the whole time of his stay here and particularly during the gale, so as not to be able to go on board and take that care of his owners vessel and property which it was his duty to have done.

And we confidently appeal to the masters and supercargoes of the numerous American vessels who frequent this port, for the general polite attention of Col. Murray, and the hospitality of the inhabitants.

JOHN GOOD, J. P.
WM. BAKER, J. P.
GEORGE GIBBS J. P.
JAMES P CATLIN, J. P.
JOHN LORIMER, J. P.

☞ The printers in the United States who have given the statement of captains Cannon and Griswold are requested to publish the above.

COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Harris, American Consul at St Petersburgh to a respectable Commercial house in Boston, dated august 15, 1804

"The number of American vessels which has arrived this season, fall far short of that of the last; and the exports of produce and manufactures do not exceed one half the amount of the last year. The price of Hemp, as you will note in the annexed Price Current, has risen considerably, and appears likely to continue high; manufactures keep pretty steady; and it is probable that a large stock will be found on hand for winter speculation; this circumstance will, however, probably moderate the prices in the spring.

"A direct trade from the United States cannot perhaps for some time to come, be carried on to advantage; the similarity of many of the most important productions of the two countries, will, in the first instance, be a strong check; and the small quantities of West India produce and Rice, which find their way here immediately from America, are necessarily limited, as Russia has not yet seen the policy of admitting a re exportation of the surplus commodities brought to her ports, with an allowance of the return of the duty; consequently no more are imported than is sufficient for the local wants of the country. There is however one article which I think will very shortly find an active market in this place—this is Cotton. The present Emperor, whose whole study appears to be directed towards the improvement of his Empire, has not withheld his attention to manufactures, which consequently engage much of the industry of his subjects; and since his accession to power, many improvements have been made in these of cotton, which promise much encouragement to an encreased demand of this important American staple. It must be equally gratifying to us, to know, that he feels not less interested, for the general improvements and extension of his commerce with America, which is growing fast into great importance, and under his auspice I think it not, will be made by all additional advantages to the American planter. Clean Hemp, No. 4—Outshot, d. 37½—Half clean d. 57½—Old Sable Bristles, 185 to 195—New do 165 a 185—Bristles, first quality 204—o. 2d do 7 1-2—Cordage, 3½ a 4 1-2—Sail cloth 18 a 24—Ravens Duck, 10 a 15—Sheetings 18 a 25—Broad Diaper, 200—Narrow do. 110—Drillings, 39 a 41—Huckaback, 160.

Extract of a letter from Messrs. Thomas and Adrian Cremer, of Rotterdam, to a friend in Boston.

"A new law has been passed by our government respecting the quarantine, by which the Americans are shut out from the port of Briell.—All American vessels must henceforth enter the port of Helvoetsluys."

LITERARY NOTICE.

Proposals are afloat in our city for a new daily paper, to be conducted by John Cook & Co.—We learn its editorial department will be under the auspices of A. MARTIN. The prospectus declares, it shall be an "INDEPENDENT" print.

SHIPPING NEWS

Port of Baltimore.

ENTERED,

Sch'r Amphion, Kilburn, Port-au-Prince
Penguin, Jones, Aux-Cayes

From Bryden's Marine List.
December 31.

The ship Serpent, Hays, hence, has arrived at the City of St. Domingo.

Further by the Amphion, from Port-Au Prince. Left ship Nancy, Bruce, of Charleston; schr. Juliana, of New York; English brig Globe ditto; schr. ——, Watson. At Lanceaveax schr. Antelope Gold, of Baltimore. December 8, off the Platform, spoke ship Alert, Nash, of Boston, from Cape Francois to Gonaives. Same time, was boarded by his Britannic majesty's brig Hunter, and politely treated. Next day, was boarded by the Port Mahon brig, who informed us that the French privateers had captured the British government schooner Hazard. Dec. 27, off Hog-Island, spoke sch'r Plato, Gold from Cape Francois, for Baltimore. The brig Two Brothers, Schock, of Baltimore, sailed from Jamaica 7 December, for St. Jago.

The sch'r Nellor Murphy, of this port, arrived at Port-de-Paix, *in SEVEN days from North Point!!!*

Boston December 21.

Arrived, schooner Sally, Fuller, 41 days from Martinique. Left at Port de France, November 8 Lavina Richards, of and for New York, in 20 days; President, Boyd of Wiscasset, for New York, in 20; Libra, Perkins of Castine, for Boston, in 20; Betsy, Bailey, of New London, in 15; Ann, Lee, for Salem, in 8.—Markets dull.

Also, ship Perseverance, Closeworthy, 100 days from St Petersburg, and 45 from Norway. *The ship Columbia, Woodman getting under way, bound for Baltimore from Norway.* Spoke, November 7 lat. 5, 16, long 31, W brig Eleanor Shaw, of Portland, 50 days from Liverpool, had been boarded by a French privateer, which put on board 13 English prisoners. November 15, lat. 43 2, long 43, 51 W the ship William and Henry, Laten from Russia for N York.

Also, brig Charles, Russell, 61 days from Rotterdam.

Also, (anchored in Nantucket Roads) brig Henry, Groves, 60 days from Amsterdam. Left Aurora, Bowles, Portsmouth, just arrived, discharging; ship ——, Sawsey, of Boston; schooner William, Gardner, from Boston; and about 20 others. Sailed in co, with brig Mercury, Barker; schooner Vulcan, Harris, for Boston; Melpomene, Dabney, New York; *Seine, Jenks, Baltimore;* ship ——, Otto, Philadelphia; ship ——, Andrews, of Newburyport, bound up the Mediterranean.

December 22.

Arrived, brig Oliver, captain Crafts, 75 days from Cadiz. Sailed in co Diana, for Philadelphia. Left, the Polly of Boston, and David, of Gloucester. Spoke, November 6, lat. 39, long. 40, schooner Four Brothers, 47 days from Malaga, for Salem, short of Water. November 25, on the Banks, schooner Polly, of Marblehead, to sail in 10 days—fish scarce.

December 23.

Arrived, brig Henry, from Amsterdam.

Arrived at Flushing, September 4, William, from Savannah, but departed for Embden. At the Texel, September 21, Baker, from Boston; 24th *Hays, from Baltimore.* Sailed, September, 17, Lovell, for Newburyport; 1st, Hunt, for Philadelphia, J. Booy, for Charleston.

New-York, December 28.
Arrived since our last,

Ship Ceres, capt. Andrew Riker, from Batavia, and the Isle of France. The Ceres arrived at Batavia the 14th July, and petitioned the Consul for a cargo, but they refused to sell any coffee, sugar, or pepper, as their stores were almost drained of these articles. Sailed the 3d of Aug. and left, the ship Perseverance Cook, of Boston, who was refused a cargo, to sail for Bengal in a few days.—The ship *Portsmouth Weeks, of Baltimore,* had proceeded to Canton, and several other vessels had left Batavia, not being able to procure cargoes. Arrived at the Isle of France the 23d August—An English squadron had arrived from Trincomale, to cruise off the Isle of France, consisting of the Tremendous, Commodore Osborn, Lancaster, and two frigates, to keep that station for six months. An embargo was laid at Port N. W. and continued until the 4th Oct. The ship Caledonia, of New York, was spoken with about 48 hours sail from the Isle of France for Boulton. Colonial produce very scarce; an extra duty of half a dollar was laid on coffee at Port N. W. and 2½ dollars per 100 at Bourbon; and on tobacco 15 dolls. per 92.

Ship Cotton Planter, Schovell, in 64 days from Liverpool.

Sailed in co. ships Hiram, French; John, Spaulding; Experiment Kennedy; British ship Brothers, Cummings; brig Sally, Cottle—all for New York; ship Hope, Pierce, for Savannah; President, Toby, for Cadiz, and Fortune, for Boston.

Nov 22, in lat. 43, 5, long. 53 spoke the sch'r Sally, 45 days from Oporto for Salem. Dec. 6, in lat. 33 38, long. 55 20, spoke the ship Littleton, 17 days from Charleston for Nantz, with passengers. Nov 27, lat. 41 45, long. 62, spoke the ship Fanny, 45 days from Bordeaux for Boston.—About a week since, in 20 fathoms water, saw 9 ships and brigs, and a sloop, standing in. On Tuesday night, off the Hook, saw a large ship, supposed to be the Hiram, from Liverpool—Passengers, M. Cullen, Wm. Bennet, Robert Perry, J. Skinner, D Delvell, and W. Bootle; and 6 in the steerage.

Sloop Martha, Barnes, in 17 days from Nassau, New-Providence. Fell in 3 days ago, with a Spanish brig, 33 days from St. Jago-de-Cuba, bound to New York. She had struck on shore on this coast, and lost her rudder and had her stern knocked in. Parted from her on Wednesday night, S. E. of Sandy Hook, in 28 fathoms water. Left the schooner Sea Nymph, Light, of Portland, having been ashore in Ship-Channel Key, where she was dismasted—was undergoing repairs.

The schooner Argus, White, in 27 days from Fredericksburg, and 17 days from Norfolk.

The Argus was blown off the coast three times, and her crew have suffered considerably.

Schooner Charlotte, capt. Little, 22 days from St. Martins, and 16 days from St. Croix, (Basse End.)

Left the brig Mountaineer, Rogers, of New York; brig ——, Ridge, and a schooner both belonging to Philadelphia. The brig Sarah Ann, Sampson, was to sail from West End in a few days. Saw a ship ashore yesterday near Cranberry Isle and spoke a British ship off the Hook bound to this port. Passengers, Captains Perry and Pratt.

Sch'r Washington, Bassett, from Richmond, and 4 days from Cape Henry.

Schr. Lively, Van Allen, in 3 days from the City of St. Domingo.

Left ship Serpent, Hays, of New York. Dec. 9, in lat. 32 7, long 74 spoke the ship Orion, 49 days from Bordeaux for Philadelphia. No news.

Now Landing,

At Beely's wharf from schooner Union, captain Huckins, from Guadaloupe,

40 hhds } Muscovado SUGAR
15 bbls }
18 hhds. Molasses
3 hhds best green Coffee.

Apply to BIGELOW & PROUD.
January 1 d4t

Notice.

THE *Lady* who, yesterday morning, took with her out of a store in North Howard street, *Topaz Breast Pin*, set in pearls, is requested to return the same—or instead of it, the price, which is ten dollars, by way of the post-office, enclosed, and directed to the owners, or her name will be exposed to the public.
January 1 d4t

Notice.

THE Directors of the Union Bank of Maryland, will proceed to the appointment of a runner to said Bank, on Thursday morning next—Applications in writing, for said appointment, will be received until Wednesday evening, 3 o'clock. R HIGINBOTHOM, cash'r.
January 1 d2t

Ten Dollars Reward.

DESERTED from this garrison, on the 29th ult JAMES HOWARD, a private Soldier in the Regiment of Artillerists—31 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, light complexion blue eyes and light hair.

Whoever secures the said deserter in jail, of this or any other state, or delivers him at this military post, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable expences in apprehending him. JOHN MCCLALLEN, Captain Commanding
Fort McHenry, January 1 tm4t

Saml. Sower & Saml. Cole

HAVING procured licence as Auctioneers for the Sale of *Books, Prints, Maps, Charts, &c. &c.* offer their service to the public in the line of their profession.

Their stated sales will be every Saturday evening, until further notice, at their auction room and commission store in Light-street, next door to Bryden's coffee house.

Books or any article in the stationary line received for sale on commission or by auction.

Cash advanced on property committed to them if required.

Their first sale will be held on Saturday evening next, January 5. Catalogues may be had, and the books viewed any time during the day. Sale to commence at 6 o'clock.

The public's humble servants, SOWER & COLE.
January 1 tuwfss

Public Exhibition.

THE Pupils of *Mr Phelan's* Academy, will exhibit their little juvenile talents *This present Evening*, 1st January, at his Hall, in Harrison-street, for the benefit of *Orphans*. The entertainment for the evening, will consist of Dialogues and descriptive pieces to conclude with an oration, commemorative of the fifth anniversary of the death of our illustrious Washington. To commence at 6 o'clock.

Tickets of admission to be had at Warner & Hanna's book-store, corner of Market and Gay-streets and at the door on the evening of performance.....Price 25 cents.
december 31

Sale by Auction.

THIS MORNING,

The 1st January, at 11 o'clock, at the auction room, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of

A VARIETY OF DRY GOODS,

After which at 12 o'clock,

50 hhds first quality Muscovado sugar
42 boxes brown Havanna do.
218 bags coffee
11 pipes brandy
6 puncheons rum
5 pipes gin
25 tons logwood, &c.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auct'rs

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

The 1st January, at 12 o'clock, at our auction room, will be sold,

THAT Valuable Property on Baltimore-street, now in the possession of Ferdinand Gourdon. Also, about fifty acres of Land, in a high state of cultivation, situate within three miles of this city—late the property of Geo. Buchanan. Terms of sale of the above property, and further particulars will be made known at the time and place of sale.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auct'rs.

Sale by Auction.

THIS DAY,

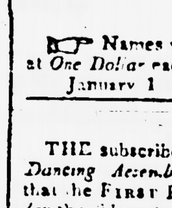
The 1st January, at 12 o'clock, will be added to our sale,

The cargo of the schooner Penguin, R. Jones, master, from Aux Cayes, viz:

30,000 wt. COFFEE, part of which is best green

5,000 wt. Campeachy WOOD, on a credit of 60 and 90 days.

Also,



The said Schooner, with all her tackle and apparel, as she arrived from sea, now lying at Southerland's wharf, F Point, on a credit of 90 and 120 days.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auct'rs.
January 1

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to the sale This Morning,

3 tons large size Patent Shot
3 hhds fine Seine Twine.

And for account of the underwriters,

3 casks 4d flour cask Nails.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY auct'rs.
January 1

Just received and for sale,

A parcel of very fine Eastern shore PORK.
BARROL & RICAUD.
January 1 d2t

York River Oysters,

OF superior quality, just received and to be had at CHARLES I MEYER'S, No. 28, Market street.
January 1 d4t

Sign Writing,

AND ORNAMENTAL GILDING,

Executed in the neatest style, on moderate terms, by

R. PHILLIPS,
No 37, South street.

☞ Names write, in gold, on glass or tin, at *One Dollar* each.
January 1 eo

Notice.

THE subscribers to the *Baltimore Amicable Dancing Assembly*, are respectfully informed, that the FIRST BALL will commence on *Thursday* the 3d inst. and continue every fortnight during the season.
January 1 d3t

To Let,

THE House and Store, at present occupied by the subscribers. Possession may be had immediately. For terms apply to Andrew Boyd, esqr. or ROBT. MOORE & SON, No 174, Market street.
January 1 d

Petersburg Tobacco.

33 hhds. heavy, far Petersburg TOBACCO, lying in the inspecting Houses of that place, which will be sold at a low price and accommodating credit, if immediate application is made to ISAIAH RANKIN, 69, Smith's wharf,

Who has in Store,

Allum, in hhds.
Copperas, do.
Common Brandy
Raisins
Codfish, in boxes
Newtown Pippins, in barrels
Potatoes do.
Queensware, in crates
Beef, Pork, &c.

January 1 d4t

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN away on Sunday evening, a mulatto slave named GEORGE, about 22 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, who stole from my stable in Frederick-street, a handsome black HORSE, with Saddle and Bridle, almost new. The above negro had on when he left his master's house a black coat, striped waistcoat (yellow and green) grey cloth pantaloons, boots, and a black leather hat, glazed; but when he took the horse away from my stable, he had on a corderoy jacket, and will no doubt change his dress, as he is a very polished and artful fellow. The above reward, and reasonable expences, will be paid to any person that brings said negro home, and 10 dollars for the horse.

HENRY CROWN.
January 1 d4t

TO

Underwriters, Merchants, &c.

THE subscriber, proprietor of the *Royal Gazette and Bahama Advertiser*, published at Nassau, has been and purposes to continue transmitting, by every opportunity, *early* and *correct* information to the subscribers in Europe and America of the Arrivals, Clearances, Captures and Misfortunes that may happen, to vessels bound thither and the different West India Islands.

As the procuring and forwarding such intelligence, will occupy much time, and be attended with considerable expence.....to insure his attention, it will be necessary that merchants and others in mercantile and other information, should subscribe with liberality to his Gazette. It is published twice a week, price Seven Dollars per annum. Six months advance.

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Will be received in Baltimore by Mr. C. Douglas, and the proprietors of the American.
January 1