

Mr. Dawson observed that in the year 1809, a resolution had been passed by the House, which was the basis of the law for the extension of the external commerce of the United States, for which purpose a small appropriation had been made. The law had been discussed with closed doors; after the passage of which the injunction of secrecy had been removed. Soon afterwards, an expedition had been undertaken by Captain Lewis, Capt. Clark and others, which they had been advised, had been attended with all the success expected. These gentlemen have traced the Missouri to its source; and have passed along the Columbia to the Pacific Ocean, exploring the course of various streams, and making themselves acquainted with the adjacent country and its inhabitants. In doing this, they have traversed an immense country, and have encountered and overcome great difficulties and perils. Mr. D. said they had, fortunately returned, and in his opinion, deserved not only the thanks of their country, but likewise the gratitude of posterity. Mr. D. said he had been induced from these considerations to invite the attention of the House to the subject, in the propriety of which he was confirmed by the original communication of the President, which held out the idea, that in the estimate submitted to the House, the sum then appropriated was but a part of what might, eventually be necessary.

Mr. Dawson concluded by offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what compensation ought to be made to Messrs. Lewis and Clark, and their brave companions, for their late services in exploring the western waters, to report by bill or otherwise.

This resolution was immediately agreed to without a division, and Messrs. Alston, Barker, Blake, J. Whitehill and Morrow, (Va.) named the committee.

WASHINGTON CITY, January 1.

WE have the high satisfaction of informing our readers of the arrival of Captain MERIWETHER LEWIS at this place; after an absence of nearly three years and a half, which have been exclusively and actively employed in exploring the western country under the direction of the President of the United States. Having already stated an outline of the route pursued by Captain Lewis and his party, we shall wave at present any further notice of the subject under the expectation of being soon favoured with an ample detail of his labors. Few expeditions have been conducted with more patience, perseverance, or success; and we have no doubt but that the curiosity of the reader will be fully satisfied by the statements, which we understand, it is the purpose of Captain Lewis to lay before the public at as early a day as is compatible with the necessary arrangements for a work of such importance. If we are correctly informed, the information of Captain L. will not merely gratify literary curiosity, but open views of great and immediate objects of national utility; and it will be seen that he has rendered very important services to his country.

CHARLESTON, January 19.

By the arrival of the ship *Farmer*, Capt. Lunt, in 38 days from Greenock, we have been favored with Glasgow and Greenock papers to the 29th November, containing London dates to the 17th.

The English papers observe, that all the usual councils of intercourse on the continent being interrupted, very little correct information can be obtained of the operations of the French armies. Buonaparte has commenced the destruction of the Prussian principalities. He has issued a decree depriving the old Duke of Brunswick of his sovereignty, and has bestowed that Dukedom upon Marshal Soult, the brother of the French Consul in this city. We should not be surprised to hear, by our next address, of a new Monarch for the Prussian throne, as the Emperor has already declared, *le ne reconnoit pas le Roi de Prusse*. The expedition which sailed from Portsmouth on the 12th November, under General Crauford and Commodore Stoford, is destined against some part of South America, Lima is said to be the object. The 9th regiment of dragoons, only is bound to Buenos Ayres, which is to part from the fleet in a certain latitude. The naval forces consist of four and of the line, four frigates, and two brigs with 3500 troops. It is stated, that Prince Hooplon was defeated under the walls of Magdeburg on the 27th of October, and himself wounded. Every battle which is fought and won by the French is an additional nail in the coffin of the liberties of the world. The Russians and Prussians have joined their forces at Landsburg. The Turkish government has dissolved its alliance with Russia, from the artifices of France. Austria is marching an army towards the frontiers of Silesia.

The Delaware pilot boat "America of Cape May," was driven to sea from her moorings under Cape May, on the night of the 24th December last, without any person on board, the people and skill having left her to find a pilot, and from the severity of the weather were unable to return. If any person should fall in with the above boat, they are requested to forward advice thereof to Matthew Hand, at Cape May, New-Jersey, or James Kitchen at the Merchant's Coffee House, Philadelphia.

Editors of newspapers on the sea board are requested to insert the above and render a service to her industrious owners.

WILMINGTON.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1807.

At a meeting of the Republican Society of Wilmington, at the house of Mr. J. Spicer, on the 7th instant, it was unanimously Resolved, that R. Langdon, A. F. Macneill, C. Dudley, jun. and A. Hall, be a Committee to write, and forward to the President of the United States, an Address, approbatory of his administration, and soliciting him not to decline a re-election—and to cause the same to be published in the Wilmington Gazette.

By Order,
C. DUDLEY, Jun. Sec'y. pro tem.

To Thomas Jefferson, Esquire,
President of the United States.

SIR,
THE Republicans of Wilmington, and the County of New-Hanover, having understood thro' the medium of the public prints, that it is your intention voluntarily to retire from office, after the termination of your appointment: And viewing the present as an important period of our political Relations; in as much as the violent rage of party spirit which at this time unhappily pervades the union, may furnish the Enemies of our Government with the means of electing, by collusion, some one of their ambitious Partizans, should you persist in that intention—have unanimously resolved to communicate to you their sentiments on this interesting subject.

However inimical the Enemies of our Country may appear to be to sycophancy and flattery, yet they are lavish in the praise and unbounded in their applause of those who are opposed to its best interests.

It is not with this language, Sir, we propose to address you, but with the words of truth and sincerity—yet we do not consider it inconsistent with the purest principles of real Republicanism, to say to those who have deserved well of their Country, *you have faithfully performed the Duties enjoined upon you by your Constituents, and therefore have their fullest confidence and approbation.*

This is the general sense of the People;—this is the voice of united America;—and, as we sincerely join in this sentiment, we request with them, that you will permit yourself again to be nominated to the presidential Chair of the Union.

We beg leave to add personally, and in behalf of the Society we have the honor to represent, that you would believe us to be, with our best wishes for your felicity, and that you may hereafter receive the richest rewards of your patriotism,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,
R. LANGDON, *Chairman*,
A. F. MACNEILL,
C. DUDLEY, Jun'r,
ALLMAND HALL,
Wilmington, Jan. 19, 1807.

The following, says the *Aurora*, are the leading points contained in the French Bulletin.

Upwards of 20 Prussian generals, several of them lieutenant-generals, taken.
The duke of Brunswick, general Ruchel, and general Schmitzen, are among the killed.
Among the wounded are Marshal Mollendoff, prince Henry of Prussia, &c.

Among the prisoners, prince of Orange, generals Larisch, Geayer, Lossar, and Zwoissel.

The Prussian loss is estimated at killed 20,000, prisoners 40,000—300 pieces of field artillery—80 standards.

Six thousand Saxons, with 500 officers, were taken prisoners—they were immediately liberated and sent home under an obligation not to serve during the war.

Erfurt was taken with 18,000 men, 6000 of whom wounded!—In this place was a park of 129 pieces of artillery.

Yesterday arrived here from Trinidad, the schooner *Rhoda*, Anselm Robbins.—Left at Port of Spain December 26, brig *Charles* of Portland, to sail for Savannah in 14 days; sch'r *Two Sons*, *Washerford*, of Newburyport, to sail for North-Carolina in 6 days; brig *Aurora* of New-York 2 brig *Speculator* of Charleston; ship *LEANDER*, *MIRANDA*, libelled for the crew's wages, &c. to be sold on the 14th January. Jan. 2, *Saba* bearing S. W. 3 leagues distant, spoke sch'r *Hunter*, *A. Brown*, for Philadelphia. Jan. 11, lat. 27, 31, long. 67, spoke ship *Joseph*, from Liverpool bound to New-York, out 75 days, in want of water—supplied him with one hoghead.

The sch'r *Susannah*, Elias Grant, arrived here yesterday, from Guadaloupe.

Captain Grant left at Dominico, Dec. 24th, Sch'r *Eliza Tierce*, capt. Tierce of Philadelphia, to sail in 1 or two days, to leeward; brig *Sterling*, Barnabas Cran, to sail in 6 days; brig *Speculator*, Henry Little, to sail in 10 days, for Savannah; sch'r *Horizon*, Yorkins, to sail in two days, for Newbern; sch'r *Ocean*, Snow, to sail that day, for Charleston, S. C. sch'r *Friendship*, Patterson, to sail in 3 days, for Savannah; brig *Anston Newhall*, to sail in 6 days, for New-York; sch'r *Lark*, Thompson, to sail in 4 days, for Boston. Left capt. Page of Salem, in *Guadaloupe*, Dec. 31, to sail in 28 days.

Loss of the ship *Diana* at sea, January 9th 1807.

The ship *Diana*, Capt. James Budge belonging to Messrs. Thomas Lewis & Son, merchants of Boston, 40 days from St. Ubes, for Baltimore, loaded with salt, January 8, in lat. 34 N. long. 74 W. having had gales from the Westward, at 8 A. M. sprang a leak, which increased hourly.—At 4 P. M. spoke Brig *Amazon*, capt. J. Stone, from Newbury port bound to Wilmington, Capt. B. requested Capt. Stone to keep him company, that night; which he did. The *Diana* making water that night so fast that both pumps could not keep her free, at 10 A. M. Jan. 9th, having 4 feet water in the hold, Capt. B. bore down for the *Amazon*, and requested Capt. Stone to take himself and the crew off, as they found it impossible to keep her up any longer. When Capt. B. and crew left the *Diana* she had 9 feet water in her hold, and in one hour after they left her she went to the bottom.

Captain Budge and crew return Captain Stone their sincere thanks for his generous and humane treatment while they were on board his vessel.

Charleston, Jan 14.

The ship *Venus*, Doney, of New-York, was lost at Rio Bueno, (Jam.) on the 8th ult. in a gale. The ship and her cargo, supposed to be worth 30,000 dollars are totally lost.

Captain Brown left at Falmouth, ship *Favourite*, Mackay, for Savannah in 10 days. Off Florida, on the 1st. inst. spoke ship *Two Sisters*, 12 days from Kingston for Norfolk.

Capt. Darrell, on the 20th ult. in lat. 32 long. 71, fell in with the wreck of a brig with yellow sides, female head, and quarter galleries.

The Legislature of Maryland, Vermont and Kentucky, have voted addresses to the President of the United States, approbatory of his administration, and soliciting him not to decline a re-election.

Another destructive fire has taken place at Portsmouth, N. H. Property to the amount of 150,000 dollars has been destroyed.

South-Carolina is about to revise her penal code. A committee is appointed to prepare a bill in the recess. A Penitentiary is to be erected near Charleston.

The Parliament of Great-Britain was dissolved on the 24th of Oct. and writs for a new election of members issued, returnable on the 15th December.

The celebrated Sir Francis Burdett, at an election of Westminster lately, said that England had more to fear from 100 mercenaries in Parliament, than from 100,000 men, headed by Buonaparte.

PRICES CURRENT—WILMINGTON.

	Dis.	Cts.	Dis.	Cts.
BACON per 100 lbs.	10	—		
Cotton per lb.	18	—	dull	
Coffee per lb.	30	—	33	
Corn per bushel	27	—	1	
Meal do.	4	—	1	25
Rice	4	—		
Tobacco,	5	30	6	
Flour per barrel, new	7	—		
Ditto per half barrel,	4	—		
Lumber per M.	10	—	18	
W. o. hhd. staves,	71	—	26	
R. o. do. do. do.	12	—	14	
W. o. bl. do. rough	12	—		
Shingles per 1000,	2	—	2	
Sugar per cwt.	6	—	10	
Molasses per gallon,	40	—	45	
Rum, W. I. pr. g. 3d p.	75	—	80	
Jamaica do. 4th p.	90	—		
N. E. do.	52	—	55	
Tax per barrel,	1	—	50	
Turpentine,	9	—	2	25

For Sale

TWO or three hundred acres prime Tide Swamp, in the neighbourhood of Wilmington. Enquire of the printer. January 27. 41.

FOUND by a Negro man some time last week, and brought to the Printing-Office, a small pocket Pistol. The owner may have it by paying for this advertisement, and rewarding the finder. January 27.

Notice.

SUITS will be instituted against all persons who shall remain indebted to the Estate of George Merrick, dec. after the first day of March next.

ALLMAND HALL, Attorney for
GEO. M. LIMECH, Ex'r.
JOHN MACAUSLAN, Ex'r.

Wilmington, January 27.

N. W. RUGGLES, No. 2, R. Bradley's Wharf, offers for sale

- 50 Casks of Stone Lime
 - 52 Hhds. of N. E. Rum
 - 25 Barrels do. do.
 - 100 Barrels Flour
 - 30 Barrels of Mess and No. 1 Beef, (Boston Inspection)
 - Pipes of Madeira Wine
 - Ditto Lisbon and Sherry
 - 30 Boxes of Chocolate
 - 30 Grind Stones
 - A quantity of Shoes—fashionable portmanteaux and travelling Trunks—and Boxes of Cotton Cards
 - Country Produce of every description
 - Also a few Tons Sweed's Iron.
- Wilmington, Jan. 27.—41

Five Dollars Reward,

A FEW weeks since was stolen from the Theatre, a small pocket Pistol, with a brass lock, brass barrel, and mounted with silver. As it is supposed the same was taken by a black attendant on the last night of performance, any information will be thankfully received by the Association, and if required, a reward of five dollars will be paid on its delivery to J. W. Hillwill, or

H. FELLIAM.

January 27.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber in Cumberland County, about 10 miles below Fayetteville, on the 8th instant, a Negro Man named SIP, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, has a large scar on his shoulder, and stoops forward when he stands.

I will give a reward of ten dollars to any person who will confine him in any jail in the state by the first of February next, and inform me thereof, so that I get him—if he is not caught by that time I will give the same reward for him dead or alive.

THOMAS MOODY.

January 24, 1807.—41

20 Dollars Reward.

Proclamation of Outlawry.

State of North Carolina, }
Onslow County. }
By Christopher Dudley and John Spicer, Esquires, two of the Justices of the Peace for the said County.

Whereas complaint hath been this day made to us, by John Fullwood of the said County, that a certain Negro Slave belonging to him, named CUFF, hath absented himself from his said master's service; and is lurking about in the County, committing many acts of felony,

These are therefore, in the name of the state, to command the said slave Cuff forthwith to surrender himself and return home to his said master. And we do hereby also require the Sheriff of the said county of Onslow, to make diligent search and pursuit after the above mentioned slave, and him having found, to apprehend and secure so that he may be conveyed to his said master, or otherwise discharged as the law directs. And the said Sheriff is hereby empowered to raise and take with him such power of his county as he shall think fit, for apprehending the said slave. And we do hereby by virtue of an Act of Assembly of this state concerning servants and slaves, intimate and declare, if the said slave Cuff does not surrender himself and return home, immediately after the publication of these presents, that any person may kill and destroy the said slave, by such means as he or they may think fit, without accusation or impeachment of any crime or offence for so doing, or without incurring any penalty or forfeiture thereby.

Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of January 1807, and in the 31st year of the independence of the said state.

Christopher Dudley, (Seal)
John Spicer, (Seal)

TO LET,

If applied for before the 15th of February, THE Store in Market-Street, occupied by John Scott. Enquire of A. HALL.

January 20.

NOTICE.

AT the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, held for the County of Bladen on the first Monday of this month, the subscribers qualified as Executors of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Oweu, (deceased.) They hereby request all persons having demands against said estate by Bond, Note or otherwise, to make them known within the time limited by Law. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment.

JAMES MOORHEAD, } Ex'rs.
ELISHA STEDMAN, }

12th December 1806. 320—41.