

BOSTON, March 17.

From Gloucester, March 15.

Capt. Hayes has arrived here this day from Rochelle. He confirms former accounts of French politics being much opposed to the American government; or rather that they were carrying their system of degradation to the summit. He gives a report that was current in France when he sailed, that the Executive Directory had proposed to the Council of Five Hundred to pass a law making all American vessels good prize which should have on board papers signed by JOHN ADAMS, as they view him as an emissary of PITT.—He adds, that it was the general opinion at Rochelle, that the request of the Directory would not be refused.

FROM MALAGA

Capt. Atkins, arrived last evening, from Malaga, which place he left Feb. 4. informs that just before he sailed, it was reported and believed, that the French had renewed hostilities against Portugal, and had marched an army of 50,000 men towards Lisbon. The French capture all neutrals bound to any ports in the Mediterranean, and carry them in for adjudication.

NEW-YORK, March 24.

Yesterday morning, between twelve and one o'clock, a furious and destructive fire broke out in Maiden-lane; and although great and prompt exertions were made by the Citizens, it was not got under until it had consumed the store lately occupied by William Wilmerding & Co. and the dwelling house of E. Duncomb, Esq. Several adjoining buildings were much damaged.

It is said the fire originated in Messrs. Wilmerding's store; but in what manner we have not learned.—Provisionally the wind was from the Westward, and light, to which we may attribute saving of a number of frame-houses which lay in the rear, and very contiguous to the buildings which were destroyed.

GEORGIA LANDS.

Important Decision.

Messrs. William Paine, Nathaniel Prime, Comfort Sands, and others gave to Messrs. Samuel Sewall, Samuel, Dexter and Geo. Lane, a bond, in the penalty of 300,000 dollars, conditioned, within a given time, to procure and deliver to them authentic documents of title to one million acres of Georgia lands; in consideration of which Messrs. Sewall, Dexter and Lane, and their associates, delivered to them their notes for 220,000 dollars, payable in installments.

An action was brought on the bond against Mr. Paine; and after a full hearing in Chancery on the Bond, the Supreme Judicial Court on Wednesday gave judgment for the plaintiffs in the full sum of 22,000 dollars with the interest on the notes which had been due. Thus the consideration of the notes being established by this decision, it is presumed an amicable adjustment will take place by a discharge of this judgment by the notes.

WILMINGTON, April 12.

Owing to an alteration in the arrival of the Northern Mail, this Gazette will in future be published on Thursday Evening.

To the Printer of the Wilmington Gazette.

Philadelphia, March 23.

Dear Sir,

HAVING heretofore sent you every information I could collect, worth noting, I now enclose you the President's message of the 19th inst. [See last week's Gazette Extra.] and as you are in possession of his message of the 5th, I take the liberty to request you to publish them in your paper with such extracts from this, as may convince my constituents of the part I act on this important occasion.

To me it appears obvious that a promise made on the 5th inst. hath not, and I doubt will not be complied with, and to what, or to where such conduct may lead us, is not for me to determine.

On the 20th a resolution was introduced in the Senate, requesting the President of the United States to lay before them the Documents respecting our Negotiations in France, and the House of Representatives or a part of us, mean to pursue the same line of conduct—what our success may be is uncertain, as precedent is against us in the case of the British Treaty; the blessed effects of this angelic performance, or the part I have acted respecting it, requires no comment at this time. But I will venture to assert as my opinion, that all attempts in us to evade war, will prove ineffectual, if practices thus repugnant to republicanism are adopted.

It only remains for me to assure you and those I have the honor to represent, that I view the present state of our political connections as fraught with events of the last importance to the peace, prosperity, and I might with propriety add, the very existence of our happy system of government; and that I will in all things, conduct myself in that firm and unbiased manner, which to me may appear best calculated to promote the interest and preserve the peace of this our common country.

With sentiments of the highest respect,  
I am Sir, yours,  
JAMES GILLESPIE.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, dated the 24th ult.

"The President's message of the 19th is not yet taken up, nor do I much expect that it will be called for soon, as by authorizing merchant vessels to arm, he has adopted the very measure which the House of Representatives have been endeavouring to avoid both in the last and present session. We are now reduced to a sad dilemma. A war with the French Republic and an alliance with Great Britain is the general topic of conversation, and believed to be now in contemplation by the Executive. What we can promise ourselves by a connection with Great Britain may be easily seen by adverting to the wars she has been involved in for a century past, and the situation of her allies in the present war. And France has no reason to dread a war with us, as we could not do much injury and would certainly involve ourselves in more difficulties, and considerable increase of our national debt—and it is a query whether we could get out of such a war with safety to our independence. For my part I would rather see an embargo for twelve months, than a war. However, the people of the United States must decide, and if they approve of a war they ought to act by themselves, and not resort to another alliance, and with a power too, that is now on the eve of an invasion."

Port of Wilmington.

ENTERED

Schooner Bellona, Pearce, New-York.  
Brig Fortune, Lindsay, St. Christophers.  
Schooner John, Gardner, Philadelphia.

CLEARED

Schooner Dove, Paul, St. Croix.  
Eliza, Croft, St. Croix.  
Sloop Sally, McFarlane, Charleston.  
Fair Trader, Williams, St. Croix.  
Brig Fair, Turner, Providence, R. Island.

On the 9th inst. about 3 leagues to the Northward of Cape Fear Bar, Captain Gardner spoke the Schooner Sophia, John Royle, from Bermuda bound to Newbern, 44 days out, and supplied him with provisions and water.

FURTHER NOTICE.

THE subscriber having some time ago notified his intention of leaving this place, is sorry to observe, that little or no attention hath been paid to the same, by those indebted to him; he again, and for the last time, requests payment before the 1st day of June next. All accounts not settled at that time will be put into the hands of his Attorney.

MARSHALL R. WILKINGS.

Wilmington April 9

FOR SALE.

A HEALTHY strong Negro Man, A used to plantation work. Enquire of the Printer.

Boarding & Lodging

For two or three single Gentlemen, may be had in an agreeable and public part of the town. Enquire of the printer.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF TIDE SWAMP LAND, on the North East River, about two miles above Wilmington. There is a small Field of ten acres in complete order, with a Crop of Rice well planted, and now growing on it—the High Land in its neighborhood pleasantly situated for building, and generally esteemed the most healthy side of the River. The above will be sold a great bargain, by

T. HILL.

Who will, for a good price in Cash, sell a prime young Negro Fellow, well used to Boats as well as field work.

Forceput, April 5. 66

Wanted an Apprentice to the Pump and Block-Making Business. apply to WILLIAM SMEETON. March 29. 47.

## Dancing School.

MR. LOYSEL most respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Town of Wilmington and its vicinity, that he has arrived from Newbern, and purposes opening a Dancing-School at Mr. Nichols's Long-Room, for the instruction of youth and grown persons, in the newest fashion of that genteel accomplishment. Long experience in that science be flatters himself will recommend him to those who may please to employ him.

This science, if well taught, not only teaches the youth to step well, but also to carry their bodies straight and upright when they walk; and to enter and leave a company in a polite manner.

The days of tuition will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

His conditions are as follow:—1. The young Ladies and Gentlemen as day scholars will pay Six Dollars per quarter, one half of which on entering.—2. The night scholars will pay Six Dollars per quarter, one half of which on entering.

N.B. Private Lessons may be had at any time either abroad or in his own Room.

March 29.

To be LET or HIRED OUT,

For Two, Three, or Five Years, And possession given on the first day of January next,

The Plantations and Land following, with about Thirty Working Negroes,

CASTLE-HAYNES,

Including Legers and the Rice field adjoining: There is about 1500 acres inclosed Land between Prince George's Creek and the North-East branch of Cape Fear River, which renders the situation extremely compact and convenient; about 500 acres is well cleared Land, and properly laid off in sizeable Fields for planting, pasturage, &c. all separated by double ditched fences and rails—the Rice Field contains about 70 acres, the greatest part is banked and flood gates are fixed—the Wood Land and Swamp within fence contains a good winter Range for Cattle and Hogs, and there are fine large Savannahs back, which afford good summer Range.

These Lands and Negroes are well worthy the attention of any active industrious person who is fond of Farming and Plantation Business; the whole lying within eight or nine miles of Wilmington, where there is a ready market for every kind of Produce and Provisions, and there is water carriage from different parts of the Land. The owner being far advanced in years and in an infirm state of health, is the only reason for his hiring out these Negroes and Lands—therefore a great Bargain may be had, and the Tenant may be supplied at a fair valuation, with strong able Working-Horses and Oxen, with Ploughs, Carts, Waggon, and all kinds of Plantation Tools and Implements of Husbandry, also forty or fifty head of Cattle, as many sheep, and a parcel of Breeding Mares and Colts.

ALSO,

TO BE LET,

And entered upon in June next, That Elegant and Pleasant VILLA, called

The Hermitage,

With the very convenient out Houses & Buildings thereto appertaining, with the Gardens and Grounds adjacent agreeably laid out and planted with various Trees, Shrubs and Flowers—the Kitchen Garden well planted with Herbs, Roots, and a great plenty of Vegetables for kitchen use.—Prince George's Creek running between this Plantation & Castle-Haynes, affords plenty of fine Fish and Wild Fowls.

A small rent will be accepted, and any family wishing to possess so healthy, commodious and pleasant a situation at a small expence, have it now in their power to accommodate themselves—the proprietor intending next May to retire either to the back country or to the northward, for the recovery of his health.—Whoever hires

this place may have any part of the Furniture at a fair valuation, as well as a few Milch Cows and Sheep.—He pur, also leaving his House Servants on the Plantation, to assist in taking care of the Gardens, &c. to be under the direction of the Tenant, without any expence than merely their clothing and provision.

For further particulars enquire of

John Burghwin.

Hermitage, 23d Feb. 1798. 61

BY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.

A LOTTERY,

For the benefit of the Pittsborough Academy.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Academy aforesaid, hath represented to this General Assembly, that raising the sum of seven hundred dollars would be of great benefit to said institution.

Sec. 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Trustees of the Academy aforesaid, shall have leave to raise by way of Lottery the sum aforesaid; and that John Ramsey, James Taylor, Charles Chalmers John Henderson, William Warden, James Bradley and John Dabney, shall be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose of opening and completing a scheme of a Lottery, calculated to raise the sum aforesaid in the following manner, viz.

3500 Tickets at 2 dollars are 7000 dollars  
1 Prize of 400 dollars is 400  
2 ditto of 100 ditto are 200  
4 ditto of 50 ditto are 200  
8 ditto of 35 ditto are 280  
18 ditto of 25 ditto are 450  
200 ditto of 10 ditto are 2000  
490 ditto of 3 ditto are 1470  
1123 Prizes. 7000  
2377 Blanks.

3500 Tickets at 2 dolls. are 7000 dolls.

And they the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be managers of said Lottery, and shall be accountable for the prizes and profits thereof.

II. And be it further enacted, That when three-fourths of the said tickets are sold, that the drawing of said Lottery shall commence under the management of said Commissioners—they giving thirty days notice in the Fayetteville Gazette.

III. And be it further enacted, That all prizes shall be paid in four weeks after the drawing is finished, upon the demand of a possessor of a fortunate ticket; which prize shall be subject to a deduction of ten per cent.—and if such prize is not demanded within six months after the drawing is finished, of which public notice will be given in some public paper in this state, the same shall be considered as relinquished for the benefit of said academy, and the product of said Lottery, shall be veiled in the Trustees aforesaid.

IV. And be it further enacted, That before the Commissioners herein appointed, shall begin to act in pursuance of this act, they shall enter into bond with security to be judged sufficient by the Trustees aforesaid, in the sum of seven thousand pounds payable to the Governor (for the time being) and his successors: which bond shall be void on condition that they the Commissioners aforesaid, shall well and truly perform the trust hereby reposed in them; that is to say, that they will without fraud or delay, or other deduction than ten per cent. herein prescribed, pay to every fortunate adventurer in said Lottery, the prize he shall draw therein on demand; and further that they the said Commissioners, shall fully and faithfully account for and pay to the Trustees of the Academy, all the profits which shall arise out of the scheme of the Lottery aforesaid, without fraud or delay.—And it is further enacted.—That if they the Commissioners aforesaid, shall fail to perform any part of the condition of said bond, any person aggrieved by such failure, may without assignment, bring suit on said bond in the name of the Governor, in any court of record; and all sums recovered thereon shall be to the use of the person or persons who shall so bring suit; and the said bond shall be lodged with the Clerk of the superior court of Hillsborough district, who shall keep the same as part of his record of said district.

Tickets in the above Lottery may be had of Mr. Richard Bradley, mercant. of this town.

Wilmington, March 15.