

## FOREIGN.

### SOUTH AMERICA.

**Colombian Republic.**—Carthage Gazette to the 10th January represent the treasury of Magdalena, one of the departments of the Colombian Republic, as in a very flourishing condition, the receipts being nearly two millions of dollars over the expenditures of the previous six months. The Kingston (Jam.) papers, lately received at Baltimore, state that J. Hutuado, a commissioner from the Republic of Colombia to London, arrived at Kingston in January, on his way to England. It was understood that he carried with him full powers to negotiate a new loan of thirty millions of dollars, and to settle all differences respecting the old Colombian bonds.

**Mexico.**—From the subjoined paragraph, from the Kingston (Jamaica) Gazette of March 6, it would appear that the British Embassy to the seat of the Mexican Government, had not lost time in prosecuting the object of their mission:

"The Thetis, Capt. Sir John Phillimore, arrived at the Havana from La Vera Cruz, having on board J. Ward, Esq. who, with Mr. Harvey, went out as commissioners to Mexico. On their visiting the capital, they were received with every demonstration of respect; and nothing could exceed the attention that was bestowed by the authorities on these gentlemen. It is confidently asserted that Mr. Ward is charged with important dispatches to the British ministry, pressing a recognition of Mexican independence, and that Mr. Harvey may be appointed Envoy, at the same time forwarding the basis of a commercial treaty. Previously to the sailing of the Thetis from La Vera Cruz, Sir John Phillimore acted as mediator between the troops in possession of the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa and the inhabitants of the city, which terminated in a cessation of hostilities."

**From Alvarado.**—Capt. Delany, of the brig Cato, arrived at Philadelphia, states that a constant firing was kept up between the castle and town of Vera Cruz on the nights of the 18th and 19th ult. The following particulars have likewise been received. Gen. Victoria notified Capt. Stevens, of the U. S. schr. Shark, lying under the guns of the fort at Sacrificios, that he would fire on all boats passing from the Castle to him, and would not hold himself responsible for any accidents that might happen to his vessel or boats. On the afternoon of the 19th, a boat was seen coming from the Shark, which was ordered off. On the following morning Capt. S. sent Lieut. Hobbs to the Governor of the Castle to give his reasons for not suffering his boat to board him. The apology did not satisfy his honor, who expressed some displeasure, as he had sent in the boat some American prisoners, who had been taken in a Spanish schooner. Lt. Hobbs then returned on board the Shark, and in about half an hour afterwards, two boats, one bearing a white flag, were seen approaching the Shark from the Castle. When within reach of the guns at Sacrificios, the fort fired on them, and the castle at the same time opened upon the town. Capt. Stevens, suppo-

sing the boats had the prisoners before mentioned with them, permitted them to board the Shark, but learned from the officer, that the object was to express to Capt. S. the Governor's disapprobation of his conduct, and to order him out of the Mexican Seas. The course pursued by Capt. S. was not known when the Cato sailed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

**West-Indies.**—Nearly all the Islands in the West-Indies, (Haiti excepted) appear to be in a state bordering on revolt and massacre—the English and French are especially agitated. The dreadful day anticipated by all, and esteemed as of certain arrival sooner or later, seems close at hand. Great efforts, however, are making to keep down the insurrectionary spirit.

**Exquisite skill.**—An English paper says, that twelve pair of the smallest scissors ever made, were lately manufactured at Sheffield. They are of the most beautiful workmanship, and are quite perfect, although not one eighth of an inch long—the whole of them do not weigh one grain.



**HALIFAX:**

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1824.

#### REPORT

*Of cases who have been sent out to the Hospital.*

Harriet Wilds came from Washington, N. C. on Wednesday, and sickened on the following Friday, 9th inst. She remained in Halifax, having free intercourse with the citizens and town, and receiving company at her own private rooms, until Wednesday, 14th, when she was sent to the hospital with the eruption thick upon her. Thus far the disease (a case of genuine Small Pox) has progressed very favorably, and a favorable issue is anticipated.

Benj. Johnson, who had visited her on Friday, 9th, and several succeeding days, sickened on the 18th, and is now laboring under the eruption stage of this disease.

James McLemore, who visited her on the same days with Johnson, has sickened under similar circumstances; and although no eruption has as yet made its appearance, it may certainly be expected within the ensuing 24 hours, as he has all the premonitory symptoms of that event.

The other persons exposed, who were sent to the hospital at the same time with Harriet, have as yet no symptoms of the disease, all of them having been vaccinated.

**Geo. T. Kennon,  
R. H. Wilson,  
Attending Physicians.**

**New Hope Races.**—Thursday, first day, mile heats for three year old colts, three entered, one withdrawn, \$500 dollars stake. Mr. West's bay colt, Chimborazo, by Archy, and Mr. Arrington's sorrel colt Little Billy, by Arthur, ran two heats, both won by the latter—first heat 2 min. 3 sec.—second, 2 minutes.

**Superior Court.**—The Superior Court for Halifax county, was opened in this town on Monday last; but, in consequence of the prevailing alarm, respecting the disease unfortunately introduced among us, was immediately adjourned.

**Presidential.**—At a meeting of the citizens of New-York, on the 8th inst. it was unanimously resolved to support General Andrew Jackson for the Presidency, and John C. Calhoun for the Vice-Presidency.

The following literary morceau was handed in, we presume, for publication. Not being connoisseurs in the art, "whose golden touch can soften steel and stones," we forbear speaking of its poetic beauties. However, as it contains some historical information, a just tribute to the zeal and activity of our Safety Committee, and withal some wholesome advice, respecting the treatment of such characters, which may be of service hereafter, we publish it *verbatim ad literatam*, for the amusement and edification of our readers.

#### For the Free Press.

The natural small pox is introduced, it appears, into Halifax town, once in forty-one years.

Great credit is due to our Safety Committee, for removing the afflicted out of our city:

The patient that brought it, Harriet Wilds is her name, Charles Harrison brought her, sure he is to blame;

They ought to been drum'd out of town the same day, And, further, transported to Botany Bay.

All the suspicious characters are mov'd to the wood, And live in an hospital, along with Bet Flood.

The physicians pronounce that the town's out of danger, But the people that's safest, to their house is a stranger.

The one they lately occupied is now burned down, It was situated in the lowest extremity of town:

Their boardinghouse, likewise, is deserted by all, And the old Printing-office we think should have a fall.

By this vile disorder we have lost our April session, As the Judge and the Jury are of the impression,

That to stay here would be to endanger their lives, And carry home Small Pox to children and wives.

**Literary.**—Messrs. Pasteur & Watson, of Newbern, have issued proposals for publishing a weekly paper, entitled the "Carolina Cabinet," devoted to Science and Literature: to be printed in quarto form, at three dollars per year, half payable on receipt of the first number. The want of a publication of this nature, "friendly to thought, to virtue, and to peace," has long been severely felt, particularly by female readers, in this section of the Union. It is rather singular, that while such praiseworthy attention is bestowed on the education of females, in the useful and ornamental studies, that there is not a paper published in the state, exclusively devoted to literature and science; however diversified the columns of a newspaper may be, still it needs that particular form and feature requisite to grace the toilet or be the fireside companion of the accomplished female. A publication, of the kind proposed, will be found peculiarly entertaining and instructive, and well worthy the attention and support of the reading part of the community.

**Subscriptions received at this office.**

**Congressional.**—A resolution was offered in the Senate, on the 12th inst. by Mr. Macon, to adjourn the present session of Congress, on the fourth day of May next; which was laid over for consideration. On the 16th, the House of Representatives finally decided on the Tariff Bill; the following are the final proceedings on this important subject:

Mr. Trimble, of Ky. rose, to call for the Previous Question. He said he thought the present

a proper time to finish the debate. It was known that one member was attending, contrary to the advice of his physicians, and two or three others contrary to the advice of prudence. He admitted, that some courtesy was due to those who wanted to speak, but much he thought was due to those whose sense of duty had brought them to the House from sick beds. He was one of those who had intended to present his views of the subject before the final question was taken, and some things had been said on yesterday, which called for a reply from the friends of the bill; but he had predetermined to waive his right to do so, and hoped that gentlemen on both sides would consent to close the discussion. No Tariff had ever been debated in cold blood, and the old members would support him in saying, that the debate on the present bill was marked with more temperance than on former occasions. He hoped it would terminate in the same spirit of moderation and forbearance, that had marked its progress. He assured the House, that he made the call under a sense of duty, but in the full spirit of deference for those who might oppose it.

The call was sustained. Mr. Randolph demanded another count, which was returned—years 103, nays 95.

Mr. Webster then rose. He said he had been waiting in the House for several days, laboring under severe indisposition, in order to make a motion in relation to this bill, which was of vital importance to his constituents; but as he had not yet had an opportunity to do it, he moved that the bill be ordered to lie upon the table.

Decided in the negative.

The previous question was then put in the usual form, "Shall the main question be now put?" and carried in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, "Shall the bill pass?" and decided as follows:

**Yeas.**—Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Tenn. Allison, Barber, Conn. Bartley, Beecher, Bradley, Brown, Buchanan, Buck, Buckner, Cady, Campbell, Ohio, Cassedy, Clark, Collins, Condict, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Durfee, Dwight, Eaton, Eddy, Edwards, of Pa. Ellis, Farrelly, Findlay, Forward, Garrison, Gazlay, Harris, Hayden, Hemphill, Henry, Herkimer, Holcombe, Houston, Jenkins, Johnson, Va. J. P. Johnson, F. Johnson, Kidder, Kremer, Lawrence, Letcher, Little, McArthur, McKean, McKim, McLane, Del. McLean, Ohio, Mallery, Markley, Martindale, Marvin, Matlack, Matson, Metcalfe, Miller, Mitchell, Penn. Mitchell, Md. Moore, Ken. Morgan, Patterson, Penn. Patterson, Ohio, Plumer, Penn. Prince, Richards, Rich, Rogers, Rose, Ross, Scott, Sharpe, Sloane, Sterling, Stewart, Stoddard, Storrs, Strong, Swan, Taylor, TenEyck, Test, Thompson, Ken. Tod, Tomlinson, Tracy, Trimble, Tyson, Udree, Vance, Ohio, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Vinton, Wayne, Whitman, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, James Wilson, Henry Wilson, Wilson, Ohio, Wood, Woods, Wright.—107.

**Nays.**—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, of Virg. Allen, Mass. Allen, Tenn. Archer, Baylies, P. P. Barbour, J. S. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Blair, Breck, Brent, Burleigh, Burton, Cambreleng, Campbell, S. C. Carter, Cary, Cobb, Cocke, Conner, Crowninshield, Culpepper, Cushman, Cuthbert, Day, Dwinell,

Edwards, N. C. Floyd, Foot, Con. Foote, of N. Y. Forsyth, Frost, Fuller, Garnett, Gatlin, Gist, Govan, Gurley, Hall, Hamilton, Harvey, Hayward, Herrick, Hobart, Hogeboom, Hooks, Isaacks, Kent, Lathrop, Lee, Leftwich, Lincoln, Litchfield, Livermore, Livingston, Locke, Long, Longfellow, McCoy, McDuffie, McKee, Mangum, Mercer, Moore, Alab. Neale, Nelson, Newfen, O'Brien, Owen, Plumer, N. H. Poinsett, Randolph, Rankin, Reed, Reynolds, Rives, Saunders, Sandford, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Alex. Smyth, Wm. Smith, Spaight, Spence, Standefer, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Talliaferro, Tattall, Thompson, Geo. Tucker, Va. Tucker, S. C. Vance, N. C. Warfield, Webster, Whipple, Williams, N. Y. Williams, Va. Williams, N. C. Wilson, S. C.—102.

So the bill was passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

**Washington, April 17.**—After a discussion of ten weeks, the bill for a Revision of the Tariff of Duties on imports, has passed the House of Representatives by a majority of five votes, and is now, or rather will be on Monday, before the Senate.

The first circumstance which strikes every one is, the fullness of the House on this occasion, indicating the profound interest which the subject has excited. More than one member, who was indisposed, rose from his bed to vote on the occasion; and, but for the situation of these two or three gentlemen, it is probable the friends of the bill would not, yesterday, have forced a decision upon it, as they did. Out of the two hundred and thirteen members, two only were yesterday absent, one of them absent from the city, and the other too much indisposed to reach the House. So full an attendance has never been known during the time that we have been acquainted with the House of Representatives.

The second circumstance, worthy of remark, is, that, with one or two exceptions, the discussion of this bill has been conducted with great forbearance and mutual deference on the part of the Members. We could not but remark, in the closing speech, yesterday, that, though the argument against the bill was pressed with great force, there was not a word uttered disrespectful to the persons, or derogatory from the motives of its supporters.

The bill is now in the hands of the Senate, as the clay in the hands of the potter.—*Nat. Int.*

**Deported Slaves.**—The Board of Claims under the first article of the Treaty of Ghent (to award indemnity for deported slaves) adjourned a few days ago until June. The evidence on the part of the United States, in relation to the question of average, was all delivered probably before the 20th of March last. The delay now sought, is for the accommodation of the British government. No further evidence on this subject is to be offered by the United States, we understand, unless it be by way of reply, on particular points presented by the documents or testimony which may be offered on the part of the British government.—*ib.*

**Fire.**—A young lad, only 12 years of age, was lately burnt to death while asleep in a chamber of a dwelling house that was destroyed by fire in Washington, Conn.