

The Prussian General de Shonfeld hath, by permission of his majesty, entered into the service of the state of Brabant, with an appointment of 18,000 florins. The Duke D'Ursel, who had been appointed perpetual President of the military department, has resigned that station in disgust, in consequence of this promotion; conceiving his brother-in-law the Count de Mare, had a superior claim. This desertion is extremely serious to the patriotic cause, on account of the Duke's high station.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

BOSTON, APRIL 5.

Extract of a letter from an officer on board the ship *Columbia* to his friend in this town, dated Nootka Sound, July 23, 1789.

ON the 22d of September last we arrived here, on this long wished for north-west coast of America, where we met our consort the sloop *Washington*, after being absent from her six months—the crew of which were then well, but had been extremely ill of the scurvy, of which disease we lost to two of our people. We had the misfortune of losing Mr. *Nutting*, our astronomer, over board, while in the Atlantic ocean. This side of the continent affords but little news; the most material at present is, that the Spaniards have taken possession of this sound, and erected a fort of 10 guns—they have also here two ships, and are determined to take all English vessels that may arrive here—they have already captured three, viz. a sloop, commanded by Capt. Colcler, a sloop by Capt. Hudson, and a schooner by Capt. Funter, all belonging to one company. We hourly expect an *American* sloop, Capt. Metcalf, from Canton, whom the Spanish Commodore has promised not to molest. To-morrow we expect to proceed to the northward, in company with the sloop, as far as *Cook's river*, from thence to *Canton*.

Yesterday sailed from this port for Canton, in China, the ship *Massachusetts*, Job Prince, esquire, commander. This vessel was built in Germantown, about 12 miles from this town, by the honourable Samuel Shaw, esquire, Consul of the United States in China; is about 800 tons burthen, and esteemed as fine a ship of her dimensions as ever went to sea.

NEW-YORK, MARCH 13.

By a vessel just arrived at Newbury-Port, from France we have the following account:—"The King has made his escape from Paris, and, it is said, with a view to join the army on the frontiers. You may easily imagine what will be the consequences of such a step."

The convention of Rhode-Island have risen without accomplishing the important business of their appointment. The convention stands adjourned to the 24th of May, then to meet at Newport.

Many conjectures with respect to the business on which the British sloop of war has visited this port, we insert the following copy of an order of the British council, which will explain the reason.

At the court of St. James's, the 2d December, 1789, present, the king's most excellent Majesty, in council.

WHEREAS, by order of council, of 25th June, 1788, the importation of wheat, of the growth of any of the territories belonging to the United States of America, was prohibited, until his majesty's pleasure should be further signified; and whereas it has been represented to his majesty, at the board, that it appears by accounts received from his majesty's consul general at New-York, and by the information of several merchants of the city of London, and others, trading to America, that the Hessian Fly, by which the wheat of the said United States of America was infected in former years, had this season wholly disappeared: His majesty, taking the same into consideration, is pleased, with the advice of his privy council, to order that the said prohibition, laid by order in council of the 25th June, 1788, be, and the same is hereby taken off. And the right honourable lords commissioners of his majesty's treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WILLIAM FAWKENER.

Natural History.

In Ulster county, in this state, on an island in the Neverfink creek, nearly in the latitude of 41° 30' north, a Mr. Baker, in the beginning of the month of March last, having cut down a large hollow beach tree, to his surprise found the cavity in the tree nearly filled with the common barn swallows of this country, in quantity (by his estimation) nearly two barrels. They were in a torpid state; but carrying some of those which were not injured by the fall of the tree, near a fire, they were presently reanimated by the warmth, and took the wing with their usual agility. This may be depended upon as a fact.

ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 15.

A few days ago a duel was fought at Frederick's

larg, between a Mr. Claffell and a Mr. Ritchie, both of that place; in which the latter received a wound in his throat, of which he expired in a few minutes.

Extract of a letter from Cadiz, to a gentleman of this town, dated February 2, 1790.

"Admiral Cordova received, three days ago, advice, by express from Algeciras, of the Emperor of Morocco's having taken possession of all the Spanish vessels anchored in his ports, and imprisoned their crews. The Chamber of Commerce of this city had a meeting the day before yesterday, in order to send out two frigates to cruise off the Straights mouth, to protect the West-India ships from falling into the hands of those Barbarians. This determination of the Moor is (according to flying reports) in consequence of the Emperor's having been assassinated by his son, and the latter wishing to have a war with the Spaniards, with a view, I imagine, to get some dollars from them."

FAYETTEVILLE.

The committee of Congress to whom was referred the petition of Richard Wells and John Hart, brought in the following report:

Resolved, That the possessors of the continental bills of credit, emitted by the authority of Congress, before the 18th day of March, 1780, on bringing the same into the treasury of the United States, shall receive certificates for the same, at the rate of one dollar specie value for one hundred dollars of the said bills; and the same shall be funded on interest in the same manner as the other debts of the United States. The interest to commence on the day the said bills shall be lodged in said treasury: And all such bills in the treasury of any State exceeding its quota required by the acts of Congress of the 7th day of October, 1779, and the 18th day of March, 1780, on being brought into the treasury of the United States, shall be credited to the account of such State at the rate aforesaid, on interest of six per cent. per annum, from the time it was received into the treasury of the respective States; laid on the table.

The honourable *George Mason*, esquire, is elected one of the senators of the United States, from the state of Virginia, in the room of the honourable *William Grayson*, esquire, deceased.

The house of assembly of New-York has passed a resolution, appointing his excellency *George Clinton*, *Richard Vanick*, and *John Wats*, esquire, commissioners, with authority to build a government house, on the ground where the fort stands, and to draw *twenty thousand dollars* out of the treasury of that State for that purpose. The said building to be appropriated for the accommodation of the President of the United States, while Congress remain in that city.

His Britannic majesty has been pleased to constitute and appoint *Thomas M. Donough*, esquire, to be his consul in the States of Massachusetts, New-Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode-Island. He has been also pleased to constitute and appoint *John Hamilton*, esquire, to be his consul in the State of Virginia.

A London newspaper has the following article:—"The court of Vienna has actually appointed commissioners to treat with the Patriots; they are two in number, and men of high reputation. The first in the commission is the Prince de Ligne, who is at this moment with the army near Belgrade, with the rank of General; the other is Count de Cobenzel.

Abstract of the nett proceeds of the duties on imports and tonnage.

N. Hampshire, from August 11,	7,789	21	1-2
Massachusetts,	113,439	54	1-2
Connecticut,	20,352	87	1-2
New-York,	152,198	97	
New-Jersey,	1,971	51	
Pennsylvania,	188,494	94	
Delaware,	6,573	98	1-2
Maryland,	87,751	6	1-2
Virginia,	142,028	62	
S. Carolina,	53,32	61	1-2
Georgia,	8,350	80	3 4
Dollars,	784,487	14	3 4
Deduct for drawbacks, 2 per cent.	15,689	74	

Dollars, 768,797 40 3-4

Port of Boston, only to 19th December.

RAN AWAY, an outlandish negro fellow, named TOBY—has been in this county two or three years, speaks broken English, has his country mark on both sides of his face, about five feet 9 or 10 inches high, appears to be about sixty years of age, says he has been in the country about four years; and was landed in South-Carolina. He is now hired out to pay prison fees.

HENRY DEBERRY, Sheriff.

Montgomery county,
April 26, 1790.

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Notice.

THE copartnership of DONALD M'NICOLL, & Co. of Fayetteville, as also that of HENRY URQUHART, & Co. of Wilmington, being dissolved by the death of Mr. Donald M'Nicoll, one of the partners, the subscriber, one of the surviving partners, being duly qualified to settle all the company's business, requests all persons having demands against either firm to render in their accounts for settlement (those against Donald M'Nicoll, & Co. attested, otherwise they cannot be admitted) He also requests all persons indebted to either firm to settle and discharge their accounts, that he may be enabled, as soon as possible, to discharge all debts due by the company. He has, in his absence, for the purpose of a more speedy close of the company's business, authorized Mr. Robert MacFarlane at his store in Fayetteville, to settle all accounts, make and receive payments, and grant discharges for all matters relating to the firm of Donald M'Nicoll, & Co. and has, in like manner, authorized Mr. Alexander Urquhart to settle all matters relating to the firm of Henry Urquhart, & Co. in Wilmington.

The remaining stock of goods, formerly belonging to the company, being purchased by the subscriber, will be sold by him, for cash or produce at his stores in Fayetteville and Wilmington, on as reasonable terms as can be afforded by any person, at either place.

HENRY URQUHART.

Fayetteville, April 27, 1790.

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of the late Mr. DONALD M'NICOLL, deceased, are requested to render in their accounts attested, and those who are indebted to said estate are directed to make payments to

HENRY URQUHART, Adm'r
Fayetteville, April 27, 1790.

TO BE SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE,

In WILMINGTON, on the 9th day of June next,

A Valuable WATER LOT in the said town, lately part of the estate of William Wilkinson, esquire, deceased; conveniently situated for a merchant's business, containing about 75 feet on Front-Street; on which there are several valuable warehouses, a good wharf, and next the street, three foundations for three tenements of 25 feet front each, with an alley to the water, on each side of the lot, six feet wide.

An indisputable title will be given, and credit for part of the purchase money.

Further particulars and conditions will be made known on the day of sale, or by previous application to the subscriber.

JOHN WILKINSON.

Wilmington, May 1, 1790.

RAN AWAY, an outlandish negro fellow, named JEM, about 26 or 27 years of age—has been in this county about two years—five feet 9 or 10 inches high, speaks broken English—says he belonged to one Sanders, of South-Carolina, between Charleston and Savannah river. Hire him out to pay prison fees.

HENRY DEBERRY, Sheriff.

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