

From small and low beginnings, to such high rank and consideration among men, and made no doubt his present afflictions were kindly intended to wean him from a world in which he was no longer fit to act the part assigned him. In this frame of body and mind he continued till five days before his death, when his pain and difficulty of breathing entirely left him, and his family were flattering themselves with the hopes of his recovery, when an imposthumation, which had formed itself in his lungs, suddenly burst and discharged a great quantity of matter, which he continued to throw up while he had sufficient strength to do it, but as that failed, the organs of respiration became gradually oppressed—a calm lethargic state succeeded—and on the 11th instant, about 11 o'clock at night, he quietly expired, closing a long and useful life of eighty-four years and three months.

It may not be amiss to add to the above account, that Dr Franklin in the year 1735, had a severe pleurisy, which terminated in an abscess of the left lobe of his lungs, and he was then almost suffocated, with the quantity and suddenness of the discharge. A second attack of a similar nature happened some years after this, from which he soon recovered, and did not appear to suffer any inconvenience in his respiration from these diseases.

We hear that Major-General du Portail is expected from France with a body of French settlers. This gentleman served with great reputation in the late war, and is a man of very estimable private character.

The indefatigable exertions of John Read, esq. (lays a Boston paper of the 20th ult.) in promoting the growth of that valuable article of commerce, Hemp, merit much from his country; as, for the spirit of cultivating this commodity which now reigns, there is not a doubt, but, in a few years, a saving will be made of 70,000l. a year to the commonwealth, in this single article. Tuesday, a load, raised by this gentleman, was brought to town, and pronounced by judges to be superior to the best Russian Hemp. [A bounty of 12s. per cwt. is given by this Commonwealth for all merchantable Hemp raised within the same, as also a bounty on Duck, Sail-Cloth and Twine, which is extended to January 1, 1792.]

CHARLESTON, APRIL 19.

Extract of a letter from Dublin.

"The people are every day panting to go to America, to enjoy the freedom and plenty which no part of European ground seems longer to afford them.—Emisaries from America are all dispersed through England, Scotland and Ireland, to inveigle our husbandmen and mechanics; and America, like a grateful child, after shaking off all connexion with the mother country, is plundering the nation of its most useful inhabitants. If the Americans would agree to take off only our fastidious partisans and patriotic imposters, we should have no reason to complain, but to persuade away the quiet and useful members of the community, to establish and improve their manufactures, is intolerable. In Scotland there is a general disposition to emigrate, and every one seems to have conversed with an American emisary: at the same time we are of opinion it is not so much the barren solitary tracts of America that allure the people to emigration, as the calamities they endure at home, from the excessive rents, tythes and taxes.

"A tumult lately happened here, on account of the dearth of corn, which had like to have been attended with serious consequences; but by the good conduct of the magistrates, was soon suppressed."

FAYETTEVILLE.

The honorable JOHN STEELE, esquire, one of the representatives from this state in Congress, arrived at New-York on the 17th ult. and took his seat in Congress the morning following.

We hear from Congress, that on account of there being no goal in this town, the appointing it the place for holding the federal court in this state,

is urged as an evident impropriety.—Should it be lost from that cause, as appears highly probable, the people of this district ought to pour out their whole souls in gratitude to their commissioners, who have long ago been appointed for the purpose of building a goal. A competent tax has been levied for that purpose, and a great part of it collected, and in the hands of *somebody*; yet nothing is done about it. When gentlemen accept such appointments, there is a solemn obligation pledged to the people for the performance of the duties of their appointment. A shameful neglect, or an embezzlement of the public money have the same consequences to the community.—*The sin of omission is as bad as the sin of commission.*—The property of all the commissioners, and that of their posterity after them, should it be made a sacrifice, would not indemnify this town and district for the loss occasioned by their neglect. It ought to be deemed scandalous for a man not to perform what he undertakes; but we have too many public officers, who ought to read the fable of *King Log*.

The hon. Rufus Putnam is appointed Judge of the Western Territory, vice the hon. Samuel H. Parsons, deceased.

On the 22d ult. arrived at New York, the brig Rambler, Capt. Keaquick, in 38 days from Havre de Grace. The captain brought a Paris print of March 12th, entitled, "L'Union, ou Journal de la Liberte, from which the following is extracted:—

"On the 20th of February, at six in the morning, his Imperial Majesty, Joseph II. Emperor of Germany, departed this life. He died with the greatest firmness and composure, perfectly retaining his senses to the last moment.—All good men will ever reverence the memory of this prince, whose various good qualities and ardent desire for the happiness of his subjects, entitle him to the esteem of mankind. Previous to his death he made the necessary arrangements with regard to his successor, whose arrival at Vienna was hourly expected at the time of the Emperor's death. Excepting this intelligence, the present instant is rather barren of great events. The cabinets however are very busy—the hour is pregnant with futurity, and the usual events of ages are ready to burst upon us in a moment.

"Vienna, Feb. 24. The Emperor's body lay in state till yesterday morning, in the Royal Chapel, and was buried in the evening in one of the vaults appropriated to the Austrian family.

"Leopold II. succeeds the Emperor Joseph, and is expected in this capital to-morrow."

From the Massachusetts Centinel.

THE DEY OF ALGIERS' LETTER.

To our beloved friends in Rhode-Island, in America, Greeting:

Peace be to those that tread the right way.

We, the servant of the true prophet, and slave of the sublime Porte, Dey of Algiers, &c. &c. have hitherto deemed it far beneath the dignity of Musselmens to unite in alliance with any faithless Christian dogs, but from divers informations to us communicated of your dispositions, modes of thinking, and disregard for the absurd tenets held out by Christian nations, have condescended to deem you worthy our friendship and alliance.

For our mutual benefit—and in order that our future operations against the faithless nations of the globe, who respect not the sign of the prophet, and that of the states of Algiers, &c. may be synonymous with Rhode-Island, and Rhode-Island synonymous with Algiers, we have appointed our trusty and well beloved slave, Abucacarer, the minister and general of our galleys, &c. to the end that he, with such persons as you may appoint, may form and agree upon articles of alliance, eventual and defensive—that in future our enemies may be your enemies—and our friends your friends; and that our devastations and the property of the world, who shall not pay us due tribute and respect, may be prompt and efficient.

At our city of Algiers—done in the 1167th year of Heigira, &c. &c.

EXTRACT,

From Governor Hancock's speech to the Legislature of Massachusetts. January 19, 1790.

IT would be very extraordinary if we as a nation, should remain exempted from those foreign and domestic troubles with which other nations are frequently visited. Notwithstanding a general government is well established by the free consent of the people, we are to continue to support our own government with unabating anxiety for its welfare and prosperity: indeed the general government of the United States is founded on an assemblage of Republican Governments; and it depends essentially on these, not only for its dignity and energy, but for its very existence in the form it now possesses; therefore, whatever is done to support the Commonwealth, has a tendency to advance the honour and interest of all the States. Hence we are called upon in an especial manner, to maintain an equal and regular system of revenue and taxation, to support our Republic; to arm and to cause our Militia to be disciplined according to the mode which shall be provided by Congress; and to see that they are officered with men, who are capable of making the greatest progress in the art military, and who delight in the freedom and happiness of their country. A well regulated and disciplined militia, is at all times a good objection to the introduction of that bane of all free governments, a standing army.

The honourable the Executive of Virginia have appointed John Walker, esquire, of Albermarle, a senator of the United States, in the room of George Macon, esquire, who refused to serve.

ORIGINAL LETTER from Doctor

FRANKLIN, on the death of his brother, Mr. John Franklin, to Miss Hubbard.

Dear Child,

I CONDOLE with you, we have lost a most dear and valuable relation, but it is the will of God and nature that these mortal bodies be laid aside, when the soul is to enter into real life; 'tis rather an embryo state, a preparation for living; a man is not completely born until he be dead: Why then should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals? A new member added to their happy society. We are spirits. That bodies should be lent us, while they can afford us pleasure, assist us in acquiring knowledge, or doing good to our fellow creatures, is a kind and benevolent act of God—when they become unfit for these purposes, and afford us pain instead of pleasure—instead of an aid become an incumbrance and answer none of the intentions for which they were given, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way is provided by which we get rid of them. Death is that way. We ourselves prudently choose a partial death. In some cases a mangled painful limb, which cannot be restored, we willingly cut off—He who plucks out a tooth, parts with it freely since the pain goes with it, and he that quits the whole body, parts at once with all pains and possibilities of pains and disease it was liable or capable of making him suffer.

Our friend and we are invited abroad on a party of pleasure—that is to last forever—His chair was first ready and he is gone before us—we could not all conveniently start together, and why should you and I grieve at this, since we are soon to follow, and we know where to find them.

Adieu,

B. F.

Copper Stills.

THE subscriber informs the public, that he has established a COPPER and TIN WARE MANUFACTORY, in this town; where may be had STILL'S of all sizes. Also—All kinds of COPPER and TIN WARE—which he will dispose of on reasonable terms for cash or produce.

Old Stills repaired on the shortest notice.

Cash given for old Copper, Brass and Pewter.

JOHN NAYLOR.

Fayetteville, May 31.

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,
Administrator.
Fayetteville, April 27, 1790.

NOTICE.

THOSE who have any demands against the estate of the late *Austin Cicaty*, deceased, are hereby required to tender their claims, attested, to Francis Fontaine, who was appointed administrator to the same, by the worshipful court of Cumberland, at their last sessions. And those who stand indebted to that estate, are desired to make payment to the subscriber only.

FRANCIS FONTAINE,

(Administrator.)

Wilmington, May 22.