

at the tables of the great—the filings entirely dissolve and incorporate with the water. I would therefore recommend to every seaman to furnish himself with a good file or two; and to all commanders, when on distant voyages, where there is ever to be a probability of falling short of provisions, to make the cook be careful of the bones and save them; and if a quantity of old bones were procured before sailing, and stowed in some dry place in the hold or run of the vessel, they might serve the double purpose of ballast and provision, in case of need, as it is known from experience that bones, which to appearance are quite dry, will yield a considerable quantity of nourishment.

PROVIDENCE, JULY 8.

On Tuesday evening last, Mr. Joseph Boys, an imitation ship carpenter, fell from the stage of a large India ship building here, and was so much bruised that he died next morning.

NEW YORK, JULY 30.

Extract of a letter from a young American gentleman in London.

Human beings in this metropolis seem, literally to stand in each other's way. People by being crowded to closely together become mutually a nuisance to each other, and were I desired to define what man is, I would not hesitate from what I have seen here to say he is a *malvolut being*. Perhaps the word was never carried to higher perfection than in this city. In other places, he is the effect of necessity, here it is taken up systematically as a trade. There are some whose business is to instruct boys and girls to steal pocket handkerchiefs, others how to slip a watch dextrously out of a fob, &c. &c. So that one part of the community absolutely preys upon the other for subsistence.—Amidst these disgusting circumstances I wish one more to breathe the free air of America, where things are as God has made them and not the fabrications of men. Every eye here is sparkling with joy in hope of a Spanish war, as it is thought that Spain will stand no more chance with Britain than a moth would with a cat. It is very certain Spain cannot resist the sea, properly fitted, more than 40 sail of the line, whereas Britain with some exertion, can turn out more than one hundred.

While the British (says a Boston paper) loudly demand retribution from Spain for the property unjustly taken from them, they should recollect, that they themselves, have not made retribution for the shipping belonging to the citizens of the United States of America, to the amount of thirty thousand pounds, as unjustly captured after the commencement of peace.

Mr. Mose Ginn of Massachusetts has discovered a kind of manure, different from common dung, albes, marl, and whatsoever had been hitherto commonly used for that purpose. He says the manure (which he has discovered by accident) is extremely rich, and within the power of almost every man; it is to be obtained at a small expense, and thereby land may be improved to an extraordinary degree of fertility. He has also invented a small machine (the cost of which is less than ten dollars) for turning iron into steel.—Mr. Ginn has presented a memorial to the legislators of Massachusetts, and if suitable encouragement is offered he will be ready to communicate his discoveries to the public.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 11.

Among other curiosities presented to Mr. Peale's Philadelphia Museum, are the following:

A dressed skin of the leg and thigh of an Indian, killed in the march of general Sullivan into the western country, during the late war. Presented by Zebulon Potts, esq. member of the supreme executive council of Pennsylvania.

The finger of Mr. Broliman (a provincial officer in the British service, in the war before the last) who was executed at Philadelphia for the murder of a Mr. Scull. [This unfortunate gentleman, bored by some disgust, became weary of life. In this temper of mind, he one morning rose earlier than usual,

and walked out upon the common of the city, with his fusil in his hand, determined to shoot the first person he should meet. The first person he saw was a very pretty young girl, whose beauty disarmed him. The next that presented was the late Dr. Cadwallader. The Dr. bowing politely to Mr. Broliman (who though unknown to him, had the gift and appearance of a gentleman) accosted him with "good morning sir, what sport?" The officer answered him civilly; and was to strack with his gentlemanly manner and pleasing address, that he forebore to execute his desperate resolution. Impelled, however, by the same gloominess of disposition which assailed him when he first set out, he repaired to the Centre House, where some gentlemen were engaged at billiards.—The tack of one of the players happening to strike his hat, the wretched man, eager for an opportunity of accomplishing his desire to leave the world, instantly shot Mr. Scull, one of the company who died of the wound.

This little story affords a striking proof, that amiableness and politeness of manners are not only pleasing, but useful, in our commerce with the world.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, May 14.

The PENN FAMILY.

The House being in a committee of the whole on American claims, Mr. Steel in the chair—

The chancellor of the exchequer begged leave to call the attention of gentlemen to the loss sustained by the family of Penn, their case he stated to be different to that of any other of the American loyalists, and that could not be governed by any of the rules already laid down by the House. He stated their estimated loss to be 50000l. and proposed to grant to them and their heirs an annuity of 4000l. to be paid out of the consolidated fund. He considered the granting of this annuity in the manner he proposed to be a mark of the national generosity, and respect for the services of their great ancestor. The right honourable gentleman paid several handsome compliments to the family of Penn, and hoped the committee would think with him, that the annuity he had proposed was neither oppressive on the one hand, nor sparing on the other. He concluded by moving a resolution for granting the said annuity from the 15th of January, 1790.

Mr. F. Montague was of opinion, that 5000l. ought to be the least sum granted as an annuity to that respectable family.

Mr. W. Ryall, Sir G. Cooper, Sir James J. Hutton, and Mr. Martham were all for 5000l.

The chancellor of the exchequer replied, and thought the sum he had proposed to be the highest that ought to be granted.

Mr. Fox, Mr. Francis, and Mr. Wilkes, were of the same opinion with Mr. Pitt.

The question for granting an annuity of 4000l. was put and agreed to.

AMERICAN RAPE SEED.

The House, in a committee, came to a resolution of admitting the importation of rape seed and rape cakes from the United States of North America.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

An address was moved by the chancellor of the exchequer, after proper explanation, for granting 3000l. to John Ashby Esquire, for enquiring, in the United States of America, into such facts and circumstances as were thought material for the better ascertaining the several claims that were made under the authority of an act in the 25th year of his Majesty's reign, or any former act, &c. And also,

An address for 1500l. to the commissioners appointed to enquire into and ascertain such claims.

A pathetic and elegant tragedy, called the *Widow of the Malabar*, written by Col. Humphreys late aid de camp to the President of the United States, was performed on Friday to a judicious and brilliant audience, with uncommon

marks of approbation, whose repeated plaudits evinced the satisfaction they received. The scenery was striking and picturesque (that of the funeral pile full of majestic horror) and the dresses well chosen. The performers exerted themselves in a particular manner; in short no piece that has appeared in the western world has been received with louder bursts of applause, and from the general avidity expressed by all ranks of people, for its repetition; there can be no doubt but it will be as largely productive of profit to the theatre, as it has been of fame to its amiable author.

PROLOGUE

To the WIDOW of MALABAR,
Or,
The TYRANNY of CUSTOM.

A Tragedy—imported from the French
of M. LE MIERRE.

Spoken by Mr. HALLAM.

THE Gallic muse this night prepares
our tale,
And shows what rights in other lands
prevail;
Displays the widow's fair a sacrifice,
And draws compassion's tears from
melting eyes.

Oh! if your hearts have ever learn'd
to feel,

Let sweet compassion o'er your bosoms
flow;

Believe the plot, from Eastern story,
true.

Believe the shores of Malabar ye view!
The haughty Bramin, with imperious
smile,

Propels the fair one to the funeral
pile:

There—see her mounting, with retort-
ed eyes,

And hear, midst burling flames, her
dying cries!

Such tragic strains the noblest charms
disperse,

To purge the passions and refine the
sense;

Each virtuous tear confers a new-born
grace,

And adds flesh beauty to the fairest
face,

Oh! born to bliss and nobility,
mankind,

With manners winning, and with
reason'd,

What wrongs ye fair, your gentle
bosoms bore

In each rude age—on every barb'rous
shore!

Doom'd the mean vassals of unfeeling
lords,

By Western savages, and Tartar Hords!
Through Asian climes, see custom reason
braves,

And marks the fate of their sex for
slaves;

Hearts form'd for love; but doom'd
in vain to glow

In prison'd pomp, and weep in splendid
woe;

Or see their fate in India more severe,
The sad companions of a husband's
bier!

Not such their doom, where genial
science shines,

And heav'n-born science human souls
refines.

Where polished manners social life
improve,

And teach us to respect the sex we love;
Confirm their claims in equal rights to
share,

Friends in our bliss, and partners in our
care;

All hail, ye fair, of every charm pos-
sess'd!

Who grace this rising empire of the
West;

With better fates and nobler genius
born,

Your sex to honour and your land adorn;
In this blest age to share our fond re-
gard,

The friends of heroes, and their best re-
ward!

Yet when o'er foreign woes ye shed
a tear,

And find your bliss by contrast still
more dear,

With humble joy adore th' Almighty
hand,

Which fix'd your birth in this auspicious
land.

Ye generous patrons who protect our
stage,

Friends to the arts and guardians of the
stage,
To tragic woes now lend the listening
ear,
Attend with candour, with indulgence
hear:
While we display, in pleading nature's
cause,
Our best attempts to merit your ap-
plause!

FAYETTEVILLE.

The honourable JOHN STOKES, esq.
is appointed district judge of this state,
in the room of W. K. Davis, esq. who
declines serving.

Reports having been industriously
circulated in a number of the back coun-
ties, of the small-pox being in this town,
the public may be assured, the small-pox
neither is, nor has been, in this town
for some years past.

NORTH CAROLINA.

TREASURY OFFICE, August 16, 1790.

THE Sheriffs who are bound to ac-
count for the public taxes for the year
1789, will take notice, that in all cases
where they tender money to the treasur-
er in lieu of certificates, they will be re-
quired to make oath, that the money so
tendered, or other cash to that amount,
was actually by them received of the tax-
gatherers or inhabitants of their coun-
ties respectively, in part of the certificate-
part of their taxes for the said year.

John Haywood, Pub. Tresr.

L. Dekeyser,

DEKEYSER leave to inform the
Public, that he has
of Potterfield's large, com-
pious new house, newly
painted Mr. Russell's store,
where he intends keeping
Boarding and house of En-
tertainment.—The house
containing such a variety of
pleasantly situated rooms,
will enable him to accommo-
date a large number of the
members of the ensuing assem-
bly. His greatest efforts will
be exerted to please those that
favour him with their cus-
tom. He expects to be in the
house by the first of October.
Fayetteville, Sept. 6.

I PURPOSE moving to Fayetteville,
and intend opening a house of En-
tertainment and boarding, on the first of
September, in the house now occupied
by Lewis Barge; shall be obliged to
the public for their custom, and my best
endeavours will not be wanting to give
satisfaction, having been happy in that
respect while living in the public way at
Warrenton, and flatter myself I shall
now have it in my power to please in
general.

JOHN WILLIS.

August 8.

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NOTICE.

ALL those that have any demands
against the estate of Nathan Sted-
man, senior, deceased are requested to
exhibit them properly attested to the
subscribers for adjument, and all those
that are indebted to said estate to make
immediate payment, that they may be
enabled to settle with the creditors.
NATHAN STEDMAN, } Admr's
WINSHIP STEDMAN }
Fayetteville, August 30, 1790.