

the privilege of the citizen, and in our constitution, against a similar act of our Legislature.

Several strokes had been previously given to the constitution, but as they were of no material consequence, they passed unnoticed: some designing men, however, from this inattention have taken for granted that the supremacy of the legislators was recognized, and that an act they had subtlety and policy enough to get through both houses, would pass down implicitly with the people.

I hope they are sensible, at this time of their mistake; and that the virtuous and spirited conduct of the Judges, will ever them, for ever, from attempting to pass any unconstitutional law.

H O R A T I U S.

Long-Island, on Holston, June 20.

N E W - Y O R K, June 15.

A melancholy accident happened on the third instant, at the house of Major William Ballard, who lately removed from Amesbury, in the state of Massachusetts Bay, to Warner, in the state of New-Hampshire.—A little girl, daughter to Major Ballard, who with other children, was left at home, while the rest of the family went to attend divine service, it is supposed, carried a coal of fire into a chamber where there were some shavings, which, taking, soon communicated the flames to the whole house, which was new and almost finished, but that, together with the unhappy girl, was soon consumed. Mrs. Ballard perceived the flames from the meeting-house, which was about a mile distant, and got home as speedily as possible; but alas! too late to afford any assistance or save even the smallest article—the arrived only too soon to behold some remains of the head and arms of her only daughter, which the fire had separated from her body, and they had just fallen through the floor—the distressed parents had buried an elder sister to the deceased but a few days before, who died while her father was absent on business in Amesbury, which he had returned again but the day before a messenger was sent with the above dismal tidings.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, June 8

A memorial drawn up at the instance of the Cardinal de Rohan in justification of his conduct against the charges of Madame de la Motte, has lately been published in Paris. The story has been circulated, in detached parts, in most of the Pennsylvania newspapers, but never set forth in the manner it is related in this performance. As it has been the subject of general conversation for some time past, and is one of the most extraordinary transactions that had happened within the memory of man, it may not prove tiresome to our readers to have the outlines of it laid before them.

Cardinal de Rohan, as Grand Almoner of France, has the disposal of the money which the King and Queen think proper to give in charity. By some misconduct or other he had incurred the Queen's displeasure, who seems to be every thing at the Court of Paris; and of course was forbidden her presence. During this interval, it happened that Madame de la Motte, an adventurer, was introduced to him as an object of his charity; particularly as she pretended to be a descendant of the Royal house of Valois, of whom was Henry the fourth of France. To this woman he was so much attached, that ever she called upon him. After a few visits, she gave him to understand that she had obtained access to the Queen and had her Majesty's orders on him for certain sums of money, for which, at different times, she produced the Queen's sign manual, which she contrived to get forged. Not long after she made him believe that she had the Queen's ear, was honored with her favors, and flattered herself she should be able to reconcile him to her Majesty. This she soon told him she had effected; and that if he would walk in the gardens of Versailles, as if by accident, where the Queen frequently walked, she was convinced the Queen would speak to him. He listened to this, and followed her advice. She accordingly prevailed on Mademoiselle d'Olivia, a friend of her's, to personate the Queen, (as at her Majesty's request) whom she dressed up for the purpose, so as not to shew much of her face; and when she drew near the Cardinal in the walks, Madame de la Motte approached him, and said the Queen would speak to