

AUGUST 17.

We take pleasure in publishing the following DECREE of the Crown of PORTUGAL, transmitted by a commercial house in Lisbon, to their correspondents in this city, in a letter dated the 7th of June last, and congratulate our merchants on the advantages which are likely to result to the United States from the advantages of a free trade with the port of Lisbon.

"I AM pleased to establish Lisbon a free port from the 1st of January 1797, for which purpose I have appointed the warehouses and port of Janqueira, with the adjacent grounds to make therein the necessary accommodations, for the receiving and depositing all merchandise and goods whatsoever, (excepting for the present, sugar and tobacco) as well from foreign ports as from the national ports on the other side of the Cape of Good Hope: and such goods, having lawful entry, may, at the will of the proprietors be dispatched for the consumption of the Kingdom, on paying the competent duties, or may be exported to foreign ports, and to national ports and on the other side of the Cape of Good Hope, on paying in benefit of my royal treasury, and under the title of protection and deposit one per cent in their value according to their invoices, signed and sworn by the masters of vessels or their consignees: and there shall be free liberty for all ships to come in and sail again with their cargoes on observing the established forms: and I hereby suppress all duties, and revoke all dispositions which oppose and confine the liberty and freedom which constitute the advantage of the present establishment.

"In order to animate and promote an abundance and concurrence of grain of the first necessity, I am pleased to declare that every quality of grain and provisions which are free from duties on entry, not only shall enjoy the privilege of exportation, but shall be free from the aforesaid duty, on making the proper entries at the respective boards.

"In case the Crown of Portugal should enter into a war (which God forbid) with any power whose subjects have property in the said free port, without the exception of grain or provisions, there shall not be made on it any arrest, embargo, sequester, or reprisal; on the contrary, it shall be as free and secure as if it were in their own houses and they may dispose of the same as they shall judge convenient."

The letter inclosing the above, says, "it is imagined that the restrictions on sugar and tobacco will be removed."

Captain Smith of the snow Ann and Mary, 63 days from Lisbon, about 1st inst. in lat. 38. 30 lon. 61. 00. fell in with the Jamaica homeward bound fleet, to the number of 150 sail of merchantmen under convoy of a 74, a 50, two frigates of 32 guns each, and the Scorpion sloop of war of 18 guns: An officer from the Scorpion boarded him and said they were then 5 weeks out from Jamaica. They were steering an E. N. E. course.

Eighteen hours after Captain Smith fell in with a French Squadron direct from Rochfort, cruising in that latitude for several days, in expectation of falling in with the above fleet. This Squadron consisted of a 90 gun ship, a 74, and a 50 called the La Tortoise, on a new construction. An officer from this vessel boarded the snow and examined her log-book, wherein he found mention of the Jamaica fleet. He told Capt. Smith that this Squadron were all new vessels never at sea before, full of men, the La Tortoise having 560 on board. Immediately after leaving the snow the officer went on board the Commodore, who made the necessary signals and crowded all sail in pursuit of them: the Jamaica men were then at about 50 miles distance. Capt. Smith heard the acclamation of VIVE LA REPUBLIQUE repeated on the French ships.

The French officer also informed, that another Squadron was cruising off the Western Islands, in order to fall in with this fleet.

August 18.

This day arrived the ship Farmer, Capt.

McCullom, from London. On the 8th of June Capt. M'C. saw the FAIR AMERICAN going up the Thames.—She had lost none of her people, [as reported in our last under the Boston head.]

The brig Experiment, Capt. Clark, arrived this morning from St. Ubes. He left that place the 22d June, at which time it was reported and believed, that a peace had been agreed upon between the court of Portugal and the French Republic.

Extract of a letter from Newbury-Port, to a Gentleman in this city dated August 1, 1796.

"For these three weeks past, we have been alarmed with the appearance of a fever something similar to that, which was so fatal to the citizens of Philadelphia. Tho' in no one instance can we trace its having communicated by infection from one person to another; it was confined to a neighbourhood in Water street; it is the general received opinion that it took its rise from a stench proceeding from a quantity of the entrails of fish, which were thrown in the dock, and laid there until they were in a state of putrefaction. Five persons died from one family, and four others from the neighbouring families, the filth has been removed, and the fever has subsided. The season is to all appearance equal to any ever known in this part of the Union."

BALTIMORE, August 18.

Captain Isaacs left Leghorn on the 7th of June, and has favoured us with Italian prints of the 4th, which we shall cause to be translated, and lay their principal contents before our readers.

The verbal intelligence of captain Isaacs, is, that it was reported on the day he left Leghorn, that the Pope had purchased a peace of the French Directory, at the price of four millions sterling!! That the republicans, it was said, had taken the city of Mantua—that the news of no other victory of the French had reached that place, since that of Borghetto, on the 29th of May—and that no important operation had taken place, since Beaulieu entered the Tyrol with the remnant of his army.

Captain Isaacs says, the navigation of the Straits is now perfectly safe for Americans at least from the Algerines. He saw Mr. Donaldson in Leghorn, who informed him, that he momentarily expected an order for the money that was to be paid to the Dey, by treaty; and that there was a certainty of its being paid before the time expired; and as for the Tunisians, he thought there would be no difficulty in settling matters with them. Capt. I. was boarded in the straits by an Algerine cruiser, who detained him about two hours, and suffered him to proceed: Saw no ships of war cruising off Cadiz where Richery's fleet was still lying. Fell in with admiral Jervis's squadron off Toulon, where he had been cruising several months, and expected to remain till September.

NEWBERN, SEPTEMBER 3.

Extract from the Log-Book of captain Jeremiah Reading, of the schooner Ann, who arrived here on Wednesday last, from Antigua.

At sea, in lat. 31. 20. August 23d, 1796, at 5 A. M. saw a brig to leeward, which seemed to steer S. by E. winds at N. E. and light: She soon sprung her luff and hoisted her ensign at her main top gallant mast head, wanting to speak us. We immediately bore down and perceived she had her boat out. We hail'd her, and found it was the brig Nancy of Philadelphia, 8 days from the capes, bound to Port-au-Prince, belonging to Mr. Francis Coppinger, and commanded by William Belther, who had jumped over the larboard gang way about 6 o'clock and swam away from the vessel, after having talked to the mate about his taking leave of some of his friends. Before they could get to him with the boat, he sunk.

The mate hailed me, and said he wanted to speak to me, if I would be kind enough to heave too, which I did, and went on board of him, and advised him to proceed on the voyage, after finding the ships papers, which he agreed to: His name is Robert Tate.

TO be sold at public auction on Thursday the 29th of September next, a windmill, dwelling house and about twenty five acres of land pleasantly situated on the mouth of Taylor's creek, adjoining the easternmost boundary of Beaufort, and fronting Old Topfall Inlet, the hôte is 24 feet by 36 wide, six rooms on the lower floor, the mill is in good repair, the bolting machinery all new. Any person inclining to purchase before the said day of sale may know the terms by applying to the subscriber on the premises.

SAMUEL LEFFERS.

Beaufort, August 30.

GRAND LODGE.

THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the GRAND LODGE, and the REPRESENTATIVES of Lodges, are hereby requested to attend the Annual Communication at the Lodge-Room, in the City of Raleigh, on the 28th day of November next.

By order of the most Worshipful W. R. DAVIE, G. Master.

ROBERT WILLIAMS, Jun. G. Secretary.

August 26.

†† The Printers in the state are requested to insert the above, one week in their papers.

FOR SALE,

THE house and lots, now occupied by Mr. William Shepard, the lots may be had separately or together. Also one lot on broad street, near the Court-House, and one house and lot, adjoining Mr. Thomas Cox's.

The whole the property of Mrs. Mary Edwards.

March 19.

NATHAN SMITH.

RAN-AWAY on the 17th of August, from the subscriber in Greenville, a likely French negro fellow, about twenty two years old, a tall fellow, something pockmarked: had on when he went away, a red waistcoat, Oznaburg trousers and check shirt. Whoever will apprehend said negro, and have him confined in any Jail in this state, shall have ten dollars reward, or twenty dollars on the delivery of said negro to the subscriber.

O. SMITH.

Aug. 24.

NOTICE

To owners and possessors of carriages, and to grocers and retail dealers in wines and foreign distilled spiritous liquors within the county of Craven.

SHALL attend at the Collectors Office in Newbern, every day during the month of September next, (Sundays excepted) for the purpose of suing licences to retail dealers of wines and foreign distilled spiritous liquors: also for receiving entries of carriages together with the duties required by act of Congress.

STEPHEN CAMBRELENG, Collector of the Revenue for the County of Craven.

Newbern, 27th August, 1796.

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