

Raleigh,

MONDAY, MAY 7, 1804.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Hancock county, Georgia, to his friend in this state, under date of the 6th ult.

"Yesterday about two o'clock in the afternoon a tremendous tornado of a mile and an half in width, the most dreadful which has ever visited the state, passed within a mile of this place. In its passage of 20 miles from the Oconee it put a period to eight lives, and crippled and wounded upwards of fifty persons, some of whose lives are despaired of. Ten dwelling houses and a number of barns and out houses were razed to the ground, and scarcely a roof which its course and breadth included was left on a house. Not a tree of any tolerable size can be seen standing in its track. Cabbage stocks not six inches long and pine stumps not waist high were torn up by the roots, beds, books and other furniture were carried off and no traces of some of them to be seen or heard of. A large ox cart at Mr. Wood's was taken up, the wheels fell off after whirling 200 yards in the air, and the body was carried better than half a mile before it fell to the ground. Among the unfortunate sufferers a woman and child were carried away in the whirlwind, and have not yet been found nor heard of. Several horses, cattle, &c. were killed, and as our information is quite small not knowing the distance it has gone to the east (as its course was from the S. W.) it is much to be feared that more damage has been done than we have any conception of. This whirlwind was not more uncommon than the size of the hail that preceded it, some of which fell in this place weighed five ounces, measuring eight inches round, and some inclosing small pieces of pine limbs. These things may appear incredible, but they are no less strange than lamentably true."

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Paris, to his friend in Virginia, dated December 15th, 1803.

"I reached this place on the twelfth day after my departure from Montpellier. The city of Nismes, so celebrated by travellers for its antiquities, detained me two days. They are the most astonishing remains of antiquity I ever beheld. Nothing can equal the appearance of the Roman Amphitheatres—they may be ranked amongst the most magnificent edifices which those wonderful people have constructed. Their solidity, their grandeur, and ingenious distribution of their parts, render them ever worthy of admiration. The Amphitheatre, the Temples of Diana, Apollo, of Isis, &c.—The statues and Roman baths, have all escaped the fury of wars, and the destructive hand of time; and are in a state of preservation greatly superior to those even of Italy."

"From Nismes to Lyons, I was delighted with the beautiful scenery which every part of the country presented to my view. All that part of France being formerly a Roman colony, every town or village through which I passed, presented some monument of Roman antiquity. The situation of Lyons so interested me, that I remained three days in that city to view its site, manufactories, and other curiosities. Placed between the rivers Rhone & Soane, its situation in a commercial point of view could not be more happy. In the centre of all the routes which form the communication between Spain, Italy and Germany, on the borders of two rivers which procure to it the facility of receiving from an immense distance, the riches of foreign countries, and of easily transporting its own, it enjoys advantages which few others can boast; its climate is salubrious, being free from those extremes of heat and cold which the more northern cities of France are subject to.—From the summit of the hill which overlooks the city, the perspective, is picturesque & magnificent:—at a single coup d'oeil, you view the entire situation of the city, the two rivers which water it, and an immense plain which is bounded by the Alps, continually covered with snow; the junction of the Rhone and the Soane; and just below it, the place so celebrated for the passage of Hannibal, when he brought his numerous army out of Italy.—I had a distant view of Mont Blanc and the Pyrenees—the former I had seen when at the ruins of Carthage."

"I have seen the First Consul several times, since my arrival here. Yesterday was the grand review—from fifteen to twenty thousand of the finest troops I ever beheld, were on the parade. The richness of their dress, and the great variety which appeared, had an effect the most splendid and brilliant I ever beheld. The First Consul commanded in person, and reviewed the troops with the strictest scrutiny.—Their discipline is very superior, and better than any that I have yet seen in France"

"Our Treaty has just arrived with the President's Speech—they are spoken of with rapture here by almost every person."

The ship Fanny, capt. Taylor, has arrived at New-York, in 32 days from Greenwich, bringing London and Liverpool papers to the 15th, and Glasgow papers to the 17th March. Nothing of moment had transpired (says the New-York Gazette) since our former advices. The king on the 13th continued to recover. No attempt had been made to invade England. No fresh light thrown on the conspiracy, tho' much is said on the subject. Bonaparte was again expected at Boulogne.—Pichegrue was arrested.—Moreau in the temple. An expedition had sailed for Boulogne, & very heavy firing heard after their arrival. Lord Moira was to command an expedition to Holland. The embargo was taken off.

It is reported, that the Spanish ambassador and our government, are so much at variance, that the latter has been induced to address the court of Spain, desiring the recall of the Marquis.

It is also said, that some dissatisfaction exists among the members of the government; and that two or three resignations may be expected. We do not vouch for the correctness of these reports.

Phil. Gazette.

A few months ago a French squadron consisting of one ship of 74 guns—two of 44—one of 30—and a sloop of war, sailed from the Isle of France on a cruise. They had captured in the straits of Sunda, the Countess of Sutherland, Indiaman, laden with cotton and rice, from Calcutta to China, and one country trader: These prizes had arrived at Port North-west. This squadron had attacked and destroyed the English settlement at Bencoolen. On their approach to that place, the English set fire to two Indiamen and two country traders, then in the harbour, all of which were burnt, except one of the Indiamen, which was saved by the extraordinary exertions of the crew of one of the French frigates. The plunder obtained at this place is said to be very great. The amount of property taken and destroyed is estimated, by the French, at ten millions of dollars. This squadron was still out when the Belle Air sailed, and three Dutch ships of war, preparing to sail from Port North-west, it was generally believed, were going to them.

Poulson's A. D. A.

KNOXVILLE, April 2.

Last Monday night the store and dwelling house of Maj. John Love, of Dandridge, Jefferson county, was consumed by fire, together with all his goods, household furniture, books, papers, &c. Mr. and Mrs. Love escaped from the flames with scarcely clothes sufficient to cover them; and what adds to the poignancy of this truly afflicting event is the loss of two promising children, who were in a chamber over the store; one a son of Capt. S. M'Spedden, of about 10 years old; the other, a daughter of Mr. G. B. Greer, of N. Carolina, of about 8 years old. We understand that there are grounds to believe that the store was set on fire by some villains, whom it is hoped will shortly be brought to justice.

From the Frederick-Town Herald.

Notice.—Just receive and for sell, a few plan of Dry Dock, and de improvement which le Citoyen Guerlain had de honneur to suggest for de consideration of de Government of de United State. Some beautiful picture of Bloody Arena, and superb draft of two grande Salt Mountain lately discover in Lucy Anna. Dey will be dispose of on terms de most economical, a few Bank stock, more or less, will be receive in payment, those who purchase must make apply directly as de undersigned mean to exert his energies to return to de enlighten government of France, to manage his affair in his own way, unembarrass by too much regulation, unoppress by fiscal exaction.

February, twelve year of French Republick, one and indivisible.

ROBERT JOT.

[By desire.]

To the Citizens or Electors of the Legislators of North-Carolina.

I think it is time to awaken and open your eyes of understanding, and see the approaching bane of distress, in its tender bud, before it gets a strong root.

If I am rightly informed what has ruined Monarchical and Republican Governments, has been extravagancy, the means of heavy taxes; and I think our state is making some progress in that road of destruction.

I am informed our Legislature at their last session allowed each member per day for his attendance, thirty shillings.

A member's wages when we were under his Britannic Majesty's Government, was seven shillings and six pence per day—and a dollar was worth eight shillings.

The progress of our Legislature respecting their wages since peace was proclaimed between Great-Britain and the United States of America, was as follows, viz. Their first allowance was twenty shillings per day,—and a dollar was then worth twelve shillings. Their next rise was to twenty-five shillings, & our currency had appreciated to ten shillings a dollar, and their next rise was as above inserted, to thirty shillings.

Fellow-citizens, I think it is time to be alarmed and shew our resentment, and to reject at our next election every man who voted in favour of thirty shillings, or perhaps at the next Assembly they will allow each member thirty-five shillings per day.

SENTINEL.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Friday last, Mr. ROBERT JOHNSON, of Warren County, to Miss WINIFRED GALES, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Gales, State Printer.

At Newbern on Thursday evening, the 21st ult. Mr. Alexander Torrens, merchant, to Mrs. Hollon M'Ilwain.

DIED.

On Friday the 20th ultimo, in the eighteenth year of her age, Mrs. SUSAN SARAH GASTON, wife of William Gaston, Esq. of Newbern, and daughter of John Hay, Esq. of Fayetteville. We cannot, without the deepest affliction, record the death of this amiable and excellent lady, who endowed with all the dispositions that adorn and elevate human nature, had been carefully educated by intelligent and affectionate parents. They fondly hoped to have received the reward of their care and affection in witnessing and participating the happiness which their daughter's virtues were calculated to diffuse.—But alas! how vain and illusive are human hopes.—Mrs. Hay was deprived of life in October last, after a lingering and painful illness, and soon after the marriage of her daughter, who has been since gradually declining in a consumption, which resisted the most assiduous and anxious care of an affectionate husband, aided by the best medical advice.—But all aid was ineffectual—her disease gradually increased with occasional intermissions, till she sunk under it, dying as she had lived, a patient, resigned, and suffering christian. With an highly improved and intelligent mind, she possessed the most amiable disposition. Her heart was gentle, her temper mild, & her manners soft and attractive. All who knew her must regret that so much worth and loveliness were doomed to so early a grave, yet her friends indulge the consoling hope that the maturity of her virtues fitted her for a higher and more durable state of existence.

Life, like every other blessing Derives it's value from it's use alone; Not for itself—but for a nobler end, 'Th' Eternal gave it, and that end is virtue!

On the same night, Samuel Osborn, youngest son of Dr. John C. Osborn, of Newbern.

At Monticello, on the 3d ult. Mrs. Epps, second daughter of Thomas Jefferson, Esq.

2,380 Acres Land.

I WILL sell a valuable tract of land containing 2,380 acres, in New-Hanover county, on Hollyheiter Creek, within six Miles of navigable Water. It is confidently believed that a large Proportion of said Lands are equal in fertility, if not superior, to any in the lower Part of the State; being well covered with White oak, Ash and Poplar of the largest Growth. The Highlands abound in Lightwood and Turpentine Trees that never have been wrought.

A particular Description of these Lands will be unnecessary, as those who are inclined to purchase will make themselves acquainted with their Value by viewing them.

The Terms will be made easy to the Purchaser, and may be made known by applying to the Editor of the Minerva, or to

JOHN HILL.

New-Hanover County, April 26, 1804.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber four or five Months ago, a Negro Man named PETER, formerly the Property of Mr. Isaac Hutchins, Wake County. Any Person who will deliver him to me here, shall be entitled to the above Reward; or half to confine him and write to me so that I get him again.

JAMES BEGGS.

Fayetteville, April 26, 1804.

POSTSCRIPT.

ONE DAY LATER.

Captain Pinkham has favoured the editors of the New-York Gazette with London papers to the 16th of March. They state, that the king was so far recovered, that he took his usual walk in the Queen's garden.—That no less than twenty-seven more officers of distinction had been arrested for conspiracy, amongst whom were Generals Ferrino, Macdonald, and Massena.

Our intelligence from London by the ship Hero from Bristol, reaches to the evening of the 15th March, one day later than our former advices; but excepting the rumour of a war with Spain, nothing important had occurred.

The Hero left Bristol on the 20th. Captain Pinkham informs that the British had destroyed, captured, sunk, or drove ashore, a considerable number of gun-boats, belonging to the French flotilla at Boulogne.

The New-York Mercantile Advertiser of the 27th ult. says—"The election for Governor, &c. terminated last evening, after a very severe contest of three days. On counting the votes, there appeared

For Mr. Burr. In the 1st ward a majority of 183 2d - - - - - 114 3d - - - - - 59 4th - - - - - 5—361

For Judge Lewis. In the 5th ward a majority of 60 6th - - - - - 45 7th - - - - - 95 8th - - - - - 43 9th - - - - - 17—260

Leaving a total majority for Mr. Burr, in the city and county of New-York, of 101

Mr. Burr has 85 majority on S. Island.

A letter from Washington, says "government has received a long letter from the dethroned Tripolitan Bashaw, in which he informs the President that he has a large force under his command; but being destitute of arms, stores and money, he is unable to make any attempt to regain his authority in Tripoli. That he wishes the U. States to advance him 40,000 dollars; for which he promises upon succeeding to the Beyship, to release all American prisoners in Tripoli—and to repay the money. He offers as a guarantee, to give possession to the United States, of the strongest post he has at his disposal. Hamet Bashaw it is said has already gained some advantages over the usurper."

A correct account from the Mediterranean states, that the Tripolitans lightened, and got off the Philadelphia frigate, in 48 hours, and that she was moored in 15 feet water in the harbour of Tripoli. They have since advertised her for sale at Malta. Captain Bainbridge, and his officers, are allowed the liberty of the city; but the crew are chained two and two, and obliged to labour as slaves. It is expected that commodore Preble will make an attempt to cut her out with his boats. [Boston paper.]

The blessings of Democracy were shed most abundantly upon the citizens of Savannah on the 25th ult. Judge Bowen, in a charge to a grand jury, made an enthusiastic exposition of the rights of man, (the emancipation of the blacks). The jury did not tender the homage of their thanks to his honor. He hinted to the jury his wish that his charge should be published—they appeared displeas'd and an altercation ensued, which resulted in his ordering the jury to jail. The Sheriff was rendered motionless by this extraordinary procedure, when his honour took from his pocket a pistol, and threatened to shoot him if he would not lodge the jury in jail, whether they were conducted. The citizens of Savannah met and after many resolutions, went and released the jury; thence to the lodgings of the Judge, whom they seized and conducted to prison.

A few days ago Mr. Abner Sauls of Johnston county, was found dead against a tree, supposed to have been thrown from his horse.

Jordan Hayes, AN indentured Lad, got permission from me on the 26th of March last, to go and see his Relations in Northampton County, with orders to return in two Weeks; and as he has not yet returned, I forewarn all Persons from harbouring him, or selling him any Thing whatever. He is about made, nearly 18 Years of age, and has dark short Hair. Wm. DANIEL, Carriagemaker.

Wake County, May 1, 1804.

Valuable Lots in Raleigh.

I WILL sell low for Cash or on short Credit, two Valuable Lots in the City of Raleigh, within a hundred and fifty Yards of an excellent Spring, and adjacent to the Lot whereon the Academy is.

F. N. W. BURTON. Granville, May 1, 1804.