The following COMMUNICATION is a reply to various misrepresentations in the Washington Federalist of the 5th inst. occasioned by a detection, under the head of a late number of "Federal Misrepresentations," of a tissue of falsehoods in relation to the Navy Department.

Mr. "Correspondent" in his letter of the 5th inst. published in the Washington Federalist, stated that "he had been told that under the direction of the present Secretary of the Navy, or the navy agent at Charleston in South Carolina, a store house of brick was built without any other foundation than sand and mud, and that, when about to be roofed in, it began to give way, to prevent which, the *public* timber was cut up and used as props for said building."—Suppose, Mr. "Correspondent" you had built your house upon sand, (which by the bye would be no very extraordinary thing for a foolish man to do) and, that your house being beat upon by the rains and winds was about to fall down—if you had any *private* timber of your own, and propping your house up was deemed essential to its preservation, would you not use such *private* timber to keep your main timbers up? or would you expect to use *public* timber for that purpose? You certainly would not suffer your house to fall down, when you could prevent it by props of timber—I recommend it to you to go on with your labors—you divert me exceedingly—by way of encouragement, I hereby offer you 100 acres of *Glebe Land*, if you will inform me when it was that the Navy Department had a store house of brick built in Charleston S. C. and at what period there was timber at that place, belonging to the department.

EXAMINER.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Havre-de-Grace, dated the 3d inst.

"The question of the scite of the Chesapeak and Delaware Canal was yesterday settled in Wilmington. It goes from Welch point to Mendenhall's in Christiana-creek. There being such fine bold water from all parts of our bay to the Welsh Point, a scite could not have been determined on more beneficial to the interest of your city. In all probability the Baltimorians will go hand in hand with the Philadelphians in the execution of the work."

Pittsburgh, June 1.

A gentleman at St. Louis, on the Mississippi, writes to his friend in this town, under date of May 5th, 1804, that Captain Lewis, who had been sent by the President of the United States to explore the newly acquired territory of Louisiana, was at that place and intended leaving it in a few days on his return to the City of Washington, accompanied by 20 Indian Chiefs.

The letter does not mention the distance Captain Lewis had been from that place but we presume he was prevented from proceeding by the nations of Indians to whom the Chiefs belong that are accompanying him to visit the President.

NEW-ORLEANS, April 23, 1804.

Since the revenue laws of the United States have been put in force here, business has assumed a new aspect. Trade appears to be brisk. Vessels which have been dismantled are repairing and rigging: the shore exhibits the appearance of a continued ship yard; while the levee displays from day to day a great variety of merchandize lading and unlading, from the vessels: at times it seems covered with cotton from the market to the upper gate. A large and fine ship belonging to J. F. Merieult Esq. has been registered under the laws of the Union, by the name of the *Thomas Jefferson*; M. Fortier Esq. has given one of his ships the name of the *Governor Claiborne*; and to another that of *the General Wilkinson.*

At a dinner given by a number of gentleman of New-Orleans to the American commissioners, on Monday the 10th inst. Dr. Watkins, being called on to preside, delivered from the chair the following address to the commissioners:

Gentlemen,

Permit us to congratulate you on the happy close of a mission as glorious to our country as it is honorable to yourselves. Since the establishment of the independence of America, no event has occurred so important to its government or as essential to the true interests and prosperity of its inhabitants, as the one in which you have borne so conspicuous a part. By the peaceful operation of the wise and just policy of the United States, a territory has been attached to them unbounded in extent, unequalled in fertility and possessing all the climates and advantages of the happiest regions in the world. To you gentleman has been committed the honorable task of taking possession of this country. The Eagle of liberty has extended its flight to Louisiana, and will cover its virtuous inhabitants with its protecting wings. We hail a new and enterprising people as friends, brothers and fellow citizens. The seeds of agriculture, commerce and the arts are already sown among them, and will grow unrestrained, fostered by the hand of wisdom into wealth, power and national greatness. The prudence which has governed the latter part of this great transaction, has been equal to the wisdom which originally planned it. To execute with ability and address important trusts, is the peculiar privilege of exalted minds; and you, gentlemen, are entitled to all the praise, and all the recompense due to distinguished and arduous services. Your manly, dignified conduct, your firmness and perseverance, in a difficult troublesome transaction; your affable, conciliating manners; and, above all, your constant scrupulous attention to the interests of your country, entitle you to the love of all honest men, and the approbation and confidence of the United States. The 20th of Dec. last will ever be remembered as the birth day of the liberties of Louisiana, and will be celebrated by the lovers of freedom and equal rights, as long as time shall last. The names of Claiborne and Wilkinson will be consecrated in the annals of Louisiana, and command the respect of posterity.

We, gentlemen, who surround you at this moment, can recollect but cannot describe the pure and never to be forgotten joys that animated each bosom on the day, when you first unfurled the flag, and proclaimed the laws of our native land, in this long neglected country. We saw the difficulties that lay before you, and have witnessed with pleasure that by your wisdom and prudence they have been removed, and calm contentment every where established. With sentiments like these, it is needless to express to your excellency on the one hand, the pleasure we experience from your remaining among us, or to assure you of our firm support in the administration of your government—and on the other hand, the deep regret we feel at the departure of your colleague Gen. Wilkinson, who, by his dignified conduct, and gentlemanly deportment, has concentrated the respect and affections of the country, and while we exercise our best wishes for the health, prosperity and happiness of your excellency, we desire that the same sentiments may accompany the general on his voyage, and be reciprocated by all grateful Americans. Permit us to mingle with the festival of this day, as a pledge of our friendship, a tear of regret for his approaching departure; and, as the strongest proof of our sincerity, we pray that his voyage may be prosperous, and that he may meet from an enlightened government, the recompence of his long and faithful services.

To the above address, Governor Claiborne returned (ex tempore) an answer to the following effect.

I beg leave, fellow-citizens, to express the emotions of gratitude which your friendly address to the commissioners has excited, and to offer you our warmest congratulations on that great event, which next to the declaration of independence is the most honorable to the American name, and most auspicious to the permanent prosperity of our common country. The virtue that directed, and the wisdom that conducted the memorable treaty which has given to our nation this vast extension of empire, must be acknowledged by the world, and cannot be too much admired by a grateful people. The duty assigned to the commissioners was indeed of minor consideration; but the trust confided we have endeavoured to discharge with fidelity, and the high approbation of our conduct which you are pleased to express, will be ever held in grateful remembrance.

I pray you gentlemen to receive my sincere thanks for your kind sentiments of personal confidence, accompanied with assurances of my honest endeavours to merit a continuance of your good opinion.

Permit me gentlemen to declare my regret at the approaching departure of my colleague, and to mingle with yours my best wishes for his health, happiness and welfare.

General Wilkinson after a short pause made in return the following reply.

Gentlemen,

Unused to speak in public on any occasion, I shall not be able to do justice to my feelings on the present—My sensibilities deny me power to make you the suitable acknowledgments for the unmerited bounty, the undeserved praise [illegible] but gentlemen, were [illegible] would rend the [illegible] of silence to thank you, for your professions of friendship and your kind wishes.—I am about to leave you—to be far removed from you, but I speak in strict verity when I say the recollection of this day will be ever dear to my bosom, and will constitute one of the richest enjoyments of my future life—Gentlemen, I am to be far removed from you, but believe me, I am bound to you by ligaments of attachment, which no distance can dissever, by obligations which time cannot efface—excuse me more.

The following toasts were then given.

1. The American Commissioners.
2. Munroe and Livingston; able and happy negociators.
3. The 30th of April; the birth day of the liberties of Louisiana.
4. The 20th of December; a day memorable in the annals of the country.
5. Louisiana; the happiness of its citizens, made complete under the auspices of wisdom, Liberty and virtue.
6. The President of the United States; his services will ever be remembered by a grateful people.
7. The Congress of the United States—respect for their authority, compliance with their laws, and a due acquiescence in their measures,
8. The heroes that fell in defence of American Independence.
9. The memory of George Washington.
10. The army and navy of the United States; may their banners never be unfurled but to victory.
11. The Constitution of the United States; may it be sacredly maintained.
12. The heads of departments: faithful to their trusts.
13. Agriculture and Commerce.
14. The militia of the United States.
15. The powers in amity with the United States.
16. Good faith and justice towards all nations, peace and harmony with all, entangling alliances with none.
17. The American fair.

Volunteers.

By governor Claiborne,
The memory of Benjamin Franklin.

By general Wilkinson,
Louisiana—Her charming daughters—her gallant sons.

By the President (the commissioners having retired)
Gen. Wilkinson—the veteran and soldier. The rude blasts of winter will never make his well earned laurels less green.

By Mr. Trist,
Governor Claiborne—the characteristics of merit and republicanism are modesty and firmness.

The following address, signed by a number of citizens of the county of Wilkinson, in the Mississippi territory, has been handed to his Excellency Governor Claiborne.

To his Excellency William C. C. Claiborne Governor of the Mississippi territory exercising the powers of Govenor General and Intendant of Louisiana.

An officer of high trust and confidence, whose efforts have ever tended to promote the general welfare, is intitled to the grateful thanks of his fellow citizens.

The inhabitants of the county of Wilkinson, therefore, pray your Excellency to accept their fullest approbation, of the wise and virtuous measures of your late administration, in the Mississippi territory, and assurances of the firm support which is due from a patriotic community to a public functionary, whose only object is the happiness of the people.

The simplicity of manners, and dignified conduct observed by your excellency in discharging the important trust of commissioner on the part of the United States for receiving the province of Louisiana, will remain a lasting monument of honest fame not to be ruffled by the breath of faction.

We offer your excellency our sincere congratulations on the facility with which our adopted brethren embrace the principles of the American Government; the record of this transaction must be a source of the highest felicity to every Philanthropic heart, and the meritorious officer, who witnessed the sudden transition, and by the exercise of sound philosophy checked the rising impulse of opposition, will be duly appreciated by every citizen of America.

Should the President of the United States require a continuation of the aid of your excellency in the high station you now fill, we shall earnestly regret the loss thereby sustained in this section of the Union.

But to whatever situation your excellency may be called by the general government, we pledge to you our highest esteem.

18th March, 1804.

To the above address the governor returned the following answer:

To the inhabitants of the county of Wilkinson in the Mississippi territory,

Fellow Citizens,

Your friendly and respectful address could not fail to awaken in a grateful breast the most pleasing sensations.

In the course of my administration in the Mississippi territory, my only object being the general welfare, I relied with confidence on the support of a generous people: your approbation therefore is received with sincere thanks, and viewed rather as a testimonial in favor of my good intentions, than of useful public services.

I reciprocate with sincerity your congratulations on the present happy tranquility of Louisiana, and be assured there is nothing I more ardently desire than to see our new brothers *universally* attached to the principles of the American government, and the perpetuity of their union with the United States, the first object of their political affections.

I am particularly indebted to you gentlemen for the interest you take in my future destiny; and permit me to declare, that in whatever situation I may be placed, whether of a public or private nature, I shall cherish a lively recollection of the honor you have done me, and sincere wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

WM. C. C. CLAIBORNE.

New-Orleans, April 23.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of David Valenzin for maintaining and supporting him during his imprisonment, or for defraying the expenses of his interment, will be pleased to transmit their accounts duly authenticated to the Secretary of the Navy, on or before the 10th day of July next

June 13—eop:10J

NOTICE.

APPLICATION is intended to be made at the Treasury of the United States, for the renewal of the following lost certificates; No. 362, 363, 364, 365, and 366, dated the 5th April 1804, for 1000 dollars each, Louisiana 6 per cent stock, in favor of John Coles of New London, signed by Joseph Nourse, Reg

JOHN M'GOWAN.

June 15, 1804—cp6w

AT a meeting of the Stockholders of the THEATRE COMPANY, at Rhodes tavern on the 7th June, 1804, pursuant to notice.

ROBERT BRENT, Esq. Mayor of the city of Washington, was called to the Chair, and STANLEY BYUS, appointed secretary.

On motion made and seconded, the meeting came to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Board of Directors, consisting of five stockholders, be chosen by ballot at the present meeting, to continue in office one year from their election.

Resolved, That the said Board of Directors have the power generally to manage the affairs of the institution during the period for which they are elected.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the said Board of Directors to proceed immediately to the raising by such means as they shall deem most eligible the necessary funds, and thenceforth apply the same to the completion of the building; and to procure a dramatic company, when the prospects respecting the completion of the building will in their opinion warrant the same.

Whereupon the meeting proceeded to the election of a Board of Directors for one year, when the following gentlemen were elected.

John P. Van Ness, Samuel Harrison Smith, Robert Brent, William Brent, and Thomas Law.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the National Intelligencer.

ROBERT BRENT, Chairman.

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of an an order of the honorable judge Cranch, made in the case of Thomas Barclay an insolvent debtor; the subscriber, trustee of said insolvent, will sell at auction to the highest bidder on Saturday the sixteenth day of june next, at Mr Morin's tavern, all the personal property of said Thomas Barclay consisting of sundry articles of merchandise—Terms of sale, cash—Hour of sa 11 o'clock A. M.

ALEXR. M'CORMICK, Trustee.

City of Washington, May 25—m6t

Valuable Land for Sale.

The executors of the last will and testament of Anthony Holmead deceased, will sell at private sale about forty acres of Land adjoining the city of Washington at the northern extremity of 20th street west. This land is generally allowed to be one of the handsomest situations near the city, having a beautiful prospect of nearly the whole of the city of Washington, Alexandria and George Town, and any person inclinable to purchase this valuable property, will be shewn the same, and know the terms by application to the subscriber near the premises.

JOHN HOLMEAD.

Public Sale for Cash.

UNDER a decree of the circuit court in Chancery, for the district of Columbia and county of Washington, the subscriber will offer for sale, in High street near the premises, to the highest bidder for ready money or money to be paid immediately upon the ratification of the sale, all the right, title and interest therein, which was in the defendants Ann Seyle, George, Jacob, Lewis and Samuel Seyle, Susanna Edmondson, Polly and George Adams, Peter and Catharine Mantz, Jacob and Betsey Steiner, Barbara, Daniel and Lewis Hauer, John and Peggy Stover, Henry, Polly and Adam Hauer, to a piece or parcel of land situated in Hawkins and Beatty's addition to George Town, being part of a lot and distinguished in the plan of the said addition by lot No. 92 and beginning for the said part at the north east corner of a lot in the said addition No. 92, and running thence with the said last mentioned lot, south eighty eight degrees and three quarters of a degree west two hundred and sixty feet, then north twenty six feet, then north eighty-eight degrees and three quarters of a degree east, two hundred and sixty feet, to intersect at the end of 26 feet on a line drawn northwardly with High street to the place of beginning, with all the appurtenances and improvements thereon, to discharge a debt, with interest and costs of suit, due Dr. Ninian Magruder, the complainant.

The sale will commence at ten o'clock, A. M. on the 20th of June next.

CHARLES A. BURNETT.

George Town, May 18—F&Mtto20jun

In the case of NICOLAS FERRDAIR

An Insolvent debtor.

SIX months from and after the first day of March, is limited, and appointed for the creditors to bring in, and exhibit their claims to the trustee, and that notice be given in the Washington Federalist, and National Intelligencer once a month, three times in each paper before the expiration of said term—It is further ordered, that the trustee sell the property of the insolvent, at public sale to the highest bidder, on a credit of 6 months, giving six months previous notice thereof, by public advertisement, in the same papers once a week for 6 weeks prior to the day of sale.

By order, Wm. Cranch, Esq.

URIAH FORREST, Clk.

March 7.—1amt3t

A person whose affairs have been deranged by unexpected events, is desirous of being employed as the assistant or partner of some legal professional gentleman, to which profession he has been regularly bred in Europe. Particular information will be given by application at the office of the National Intelligencer.

June 8.

Was Committed to the jail

of Baltimore county as a Runaway on the 21st February last, a Negro woman who calls herself MILLY THOMAS—she is about 35 or 40 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, and of a brown complexion she says she did belong to Mr. William Briscoe of Charles county in the state of Maryland. If her owner does not release her, she will be sold for her jail fees, according to law.

THOMAS BAILEY, Sheriff of Balt. County.

Baltimore May, 11—w8t

Valuable Lands for Sale.

By order of the court of Calvert county, will be exposed to Public Sale the following lands, the property of the heirs of captain Walter Smith, deceased.

ON Monday the 20th day of August next, will be sold on the premises the plantation on which the said capt. Walter Smith formerly resided, containing by actual survey, 1225 1-8 acres of land lying adjoining on Patuxent river, bounded on the south west by the said river, on the east by a fine navigable creek, called Saint Leonard's creek, so that one and a half miles of fencing will inclose the whole land—The soil of this land is equal if not superior to any on Patuxent, either for farming, planting or grazing, and in their season the greatest plenty of fine fish and oysters may be had either from the river or creek—A great part of the above land is covered with Red Cedar, fit for posts or fencing.

On Tuesday the 21st on the premises, will be sold one other plantation in the Forrest at about two miles distance from the former containing by survey 627 and one half acres of land, the greatest part of which is covered with hickory, chesnut and oak wood, and a great proportion of swamp land, which at a trifling expence might be converted into valuable meadow, belongs to this land.

On Thursday the 23d on the premises, will be sold one other plantation lying adjoining on Chesapeake bay, bounded on the north east by the said bay, on the north by a creek called Parkers creek, containing by survey 536 1-2 acres of land, on this land there are a good proportion marsh and meadow land and a great abundance of fine timber.

It is thought needless to give a fuller description of the above lands, as it is presumed that those who wish to purchase will view the lands previous to the day of sale—and on application to Mr. John Turner who resides near the two first mentioned tracts, they may see the plats of the different tracts of land, and will shew the lands contiguous to him; and Mr. Richard Harce who resides on the last mentioned tract, will shew the outlines of the same to any person wishing to view it.

The above lands will be sold either in the whole, or be divided into parcels as may appear most advantageous for the heirs. The purchasers to give bonds with approved securities for the purchase money, to be paid in three annual payments, the interest to be paid yearly, and on the ratification of the sale by the court, and a full payment of the purchase money and interest thereon a deed of conveyance will be executed to the purchaser agreeably to an act of Assembly in such case made and provided, by

J. WILKINSON,
JAMES HUGHE,
JOHN TURNER, } Commissioners.

Calvert county, June 8—2awt20Aug.