a little more time to consider the same; it was further postponed till Monday next.

On motion of *Mr. Claiborne* the House proceeded to ballot for a Chaplain in lieu of Mr. *Parkinson* resigned; and the Rev. Mr. *J. Laurie* was elected.

Mr. J. Randolph from the committee appointed on the 6th inst. reported articles of impeachment against judge Chase. They were nearly the same as reported at the last session except the 5th and 6th articles, which are new ones.

Mr. J. R. moved to refer them to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Elliott rose to move a more distant day, and to assign his reasons for the motion. It had been to him a subject of considerable regret that the present report had been so long delayed, and he had repeatedly examined his own mind to imagine reasons for the delay. Twenty-four days ago the gentleman who now presented the report, announced to the House his conviction that all the time which our political existence would allow should be given to the person accused for the purpose of making his defence; and he moved a re-commitment of the report of the last session for the purpose of alteration or amendment. A solution of the difficulties which have occupied my mind upon this subject, said Mr. E. may perhaps be found in the report itself. If I understand it, it embraces accusations, the evidence of which reposes in the breasts of the committee alone, as it has never been exhibited to the House. This course of proceeding may be parliamentary & proper, but it strikes my mind as possessing a very different character. At the last session a voluminous body of evidence was reported, upon which the House decided the general question of impeachment. The committee appointed to prepare and report articles of impeachment, possess not the powers of a committee of enquiry; the enquiry is already at an end; they are only to reduce to form the decision of the House upon the evidence before them; & if they have proceeded to make a new enquiry, to obtain new evidence, and report new articles thereon, they have wandered beyond the limits of their duty.—Nor am I furnished with that intuitive knowledge of right and wrong in cases of this kind, which would be necessary to enable me to decide almost instantly upon a question of such magnitude. While it is our duty to grant a reasonable time to the person accused to make his defence, it is indispensably necessary to proceed not only with deliberation but with caution. He concluded by moving that the report be made the order for Thursday next.

The question was taken on Thursday as the most distant day, and lost, 40 voting for and 68 against it.

Wednesday was next tried and lost.

It was then ordered for Monday, and in the mean time to be printed.

On motion of Gen. *Varnum* a committee of five was appointed to revise the rules and regulations for the government of the army of the United States with leave to report by bill.

Mr. Morrow presented the memorial of Return Jonathan Meigs, praying to be allowed the salary claimed to be due to him as one of the late judges of the North Western Territory.—Ordered to be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition from James M'Pherson, who had been a long time prisoner with the Indians, praying Congress to confirm a grant of lands made to him by the chiefs of the nation where he resided.

Referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dawson presented the petition of Mary Gresham, widow of Joseph Gresham, praying the liquidation of a claim for services as a soldier in the Virginia line of our revolutionary army, referred to the committee of claims.

Adjourned.

A BILL

To regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and house of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after due notice of this act at the several custom houses, no merchant vessel armed or provided with the means of being armed at sea, shall receive a clearance, or be permitted to leave the port where the may be so armed or provided, without bond, with two sufficient sureties being given by the owner or owners, or by the master or commander, to the use of the United States in a sum equal to double the value of said vessel, conditioned, that such vessel shall not make or commit any depredation, outrage, unlawful assault or violence against the vessels, citizens, subjects or territory of any nation in amity with the United States; provided, that the regulations herein contained shall not be construed to extend to vessels bound to any port or place in the Mediterranean, or beyond the Cape of Good Hope.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that if any armed merchant vessel clearing for any port or place within the Mediterranean or beyond the Cape of Good Hope, shall make or commit any depredation, outrage, unlawful assault, or violence as aforesaid, on her voyage to or from, or at any place to which she may be bound, such vessel with her arms and cargo, or the value thereof shall be forfeited to the use of the United States.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that on satisfactory evidence or information being given to the collector of any port, that any vessel within the same is armed or arming or provided with the means of being armed at sea, for the purpose of committing any unlawful act as herein before expressed, or of carrying on by force of arms, any unlawful commerce, it shall be the duty of such collector to detain such vessel until the case be submitted to the President of the United States, who is hereby authorised to cause such vessel to be disarmed, or to order a clearance to be granted, as he shall judge proper.

Copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Navy to Commodore Edward Preble, dated

"NAVY DEPARTMENT,
22d May, 1804.

"SIR,

"YOUR dispatches bearing date the 10th of December 1803 conveying to us the unpleasant information of the accidental loss of the Philadelphia, were not received till late in the month of March last. The President immediately determined to put in commission and to send to the Mediterranean a force which would be able beyond the possibility of a doubt, to coerce the enemy to a peace upon terms, compatible with our honor and our interest. A due regard to our situation with Tripoli and precautionary considerations in relation to the other Barbary Powers, demanded that our forces in that quarter, should be so far augmented as to leave no doubts of our compelling the existing enemy to submit to our own terms, and of effectually checking any hostile dispositions that might be entertained towards us by any of the other Barbary Powers.

"The following Frigates have accordingly been put in commission, and will soon proceed to the Mediterranean:

President, *Commodore* BARRON—Congress, *Captain* ROGERS—Essex, *Captain* JAMES BARRON—Constellation, *Captain* CAMPBELL.

"Your good sense will perceive that we have thus been unavoidably constrained to supersede you in a command in which you have acquitted yourself in a manner honorable to yourself and useful to your country, and in all respects perfectly satisfactory to us. The only Captains in the Navy, now in the United States, juniors to yourself, are Captains James Barron and Campbell, and as Frigates cannot be commanded but by Captains, we of necessity have been obliged to send out two gentlemen senior to yourself in Commission.

"Be assured, Sir, that no want of confidence in you has been mingled with the considerations which have imposed upon us the necessity of this measure.—You have fulfilled our highest expectations, and the President has given it in an especial charge to me, to declare that he has the highest confidence in your activity, judgment and valour.—Through me, he desires to convey to you his thanks for the very important services which you have rendered to your country, and I beg you to be assured, Sir, that it affords me great personal satisfaction to be the medium of conveying to you his sentiments in relation to your conduct.

"With high respect, I have the honor to be, Sir your obedient servant.

(Signed,) "ROBERT SMITH."

Commodore EDWARD PREBLE,
Mediterranean.

New York, November 28.

The British ships of war, *Leander* and *Cambrian*, which left this harbor on the 3d inst. in pursuit of the Didon and Cybele French frigates, arrived at Halifax, on the 15th, after an unsuccessful chase.

Baltimore, November 30.

We have information from our correspondent at Annapolis, stating, that on Wednesday last, on motion of Mr. Montgomery, the question was put, that leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, "An act for the trial of matters of fact in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change, and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the General Court and Court of Appeals." The yeas and nays being required were, yeas 39, nays 24.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

It was then ordered that a committee of seven be balloted for to prepare and bring in the same, and Messrs. Montgomery, Stephen, Scott, Clarke, Somerville, Williams and Ringgold were duly elected.

To Subscribers.

The terms of the NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER requiring the annual advance of FIVE Dollars, the papers of subscribers, who shall not have complied with this term on the FIRST day of DECEMBER, will be discontinued.

For NEW ORLEANS.

The fast sailing ship FAME Captain DAVIS, a CONSTANT TRADER, With Elegant and extensive accommodation for passengers. She is expected to sail the 9th December—For freight or passage apply to the captain on board or WILLIAM TAYLOR.

Baltimore, Nov. 28—3t

Wine, Fruits, Salt, &c.

JUST received and for sale by the subscribers, the cargo of the Sloop Unity from Lisbon—Consisting of Salt, Lisbon Wine in quarter casks, Lemons and Sweet Oranges in boxes, Almonds, Figs, Preserved Fruits, Feathers, Bottle Corks and Lisbon Baskets—Apply to

ROBT. T. HOOE & Co.

Who have for sale as usual, Window Glass of various sizes, and a quantity of green Coffee in Tierce bags and barrels.

Alexandria Dec. 3—3t

Runaway,

Some time in April last a bright MULATTO WOMAN named FANNY, she is nearly 6 feet high and stout in proportion, thick lips, middling large eyes, very large breasts, bends forward when she stands or walks, quick in speech, and has very large feet, her apparel is not remembered, took with her a large bundle thereof, and it is probable often changes them—I have been informed that she is in the service of a Mr. Thompson in Georgetown, whoever secures her in Washington city jail so that her mistress, Mrs. Sarah Brooks gets her again or will deliver her to the subscriber in Upper Marlboro shall receive ten dollars and all reasonable expences paid by

SAML. J. COOLIDGE.

December 3—8w

NOTICE.

BY virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas issued from the Circuit court of the district of Columbia for the county of Washington, at the suit of the President directors and Company of the Bank of Columbia—Will be exposed to public sale for ready cash on the 21st day of December next, at Wm Rhodes's tavern in the city of Washington, all the right, title, claim and interest of John P. Van Ness in and to the following property, viz.—Lots no 3 4 5 and 6 in sq no 492 Lots no 5 9 and 10 in sq no 493 Lots no 4 5 6 and 7 in sq 494 Lots no 6 7 8 9 10 11 and 13 in sq 535 Lot no 1 in sq south of sq no 463 Lot no 15 in sq no 878 Lots no 5 6 9 and 10 in sq no 874. Lots no 5 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 15 17 18 and 19 in sq no 585. Lots no 9 10 12 13 14 15 17 and 18 in sq no 587 Lots 2 3 4 5 15 16 17 18 20 21 and 22 in sq 642 Lots no 1 2 3 4 5 6 and 7 in sq no 537 Lots no 2 and 3 in sq no 577 Lot no 3 in sq no 579, Lots no 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 in sq no 58: Lots no 2 and 18 in sq 583 Lot no 1 in sq north of sq 583 Lots no 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 and 27 in sq south of sq no 643 Lots no 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 and 28 in sq no 645 Lots no 2 8 and 11 in sq no 792 Lots no 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 and 26 in sq no 816 Lots no 6 and 7 in sq no 256 Lot no 11 in sq no 378 and lots no 13 14 and 15 in sq no 491 as laid down in the plan of the city of Washington—The sale will commence precisely at 10 o'clock

DANIEL C. BRENT, Marshal.

October 29—1awtf

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the circuit court of the district of Columbia for the county of Washington, in the suit of Thomas Law, against Richard Gridly, jun. defendant in Chancery, will be sold for ready money at STELLES HOTEL fronting the Capitol to the highest bidder, at public auction on Saturday the 22nd day of December next ensuing, all those two lots or parcels of ground situate in the city of Washington, mentioned in the bill of the complainant, together with all and singular the houses, building, improvements and appurtenances to them or either of them belonging or appertaining, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to raise a sum to satisfy the complainant's debts and costs and the expences of this decree; which pieces or lots of ground are described in said decree, as follows, viz. part of square numbered seven hundred and seventy in the general plan of the city of Washington beginning for such part of the said square in the line of Canal street at the distance of two hundred and forty-nine feet from the south west corner of the said square, and running thence forty-eight feet upon the said canal street, thence at right angles with the said street 84 feet parallel with Canal street forty eight feet, and from thence by a straight line to the place of beginning, and part of square numbered five hundred and three in the general plan of the said city of Washington, beginning for the said part of the said square on the east line of sixth street west at the distance of one hundred and fifty-four feet, five inches, from the north west corner of the said square, and running thence with the said street forty eight feet, thence east at right angles with the said street two hundred and four feet to the west line of a sixty foot street laid out through the said square, thence with the said sixty foot street, forty eight feet to a twenty foot alley thence west with the said twenty foot alley two hundred and four feet to the place of beginning.—The improvements are on the last mentioned lot, and consist of a two story brick house about 29 feet by 20, two rooms on a floor, a passage through the center, and cellars underneath—a wooden kitchen and entry to it and a small back shed, a yard and garden pailed in——The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

DANIEL C. BRENT, Trustee.

Nov. 28—1awtdof

Wanted to rent or purchase,

a large and convenient HOUSE, with 100 or 150 acres of Land, in an healthy situation—the neighborhood of Baltimore, Elk Ridge or toward the vicinity of the city of Washington will be preferred.

Letters addressed to the subscriber, particularly, mentioning the improvements, terms, &c. shall be immediately attended to.

GEORGE RALPH,

Charlotte Hall, St Mary's county,

November 30—

ASSEMBLIES.

A NUMBER of fortuitous circumstances obliging a majority of the Gentlemen appointed managers of the Washington dancing Assembly, to decline serving this year—The Gentlemen wishing to promote the Assemblies this season, are requested to meet at Rhodes's Hotel, on Thursday evening next, at 5 o'Clock.——Monday, 3d Dec. 1804.

AUCTION.

For Sale, at the Premises, (between Captain Whartons and Capt. Tingeys).

ON Saturday next the 8th instant, at noon will be sold to the highest bidder, seven small Frame Dwelling Houses.

The Conditions.—One third part to be paid immediately, and the residue on removal of the houses, with forfeiture of payment if the removal is delayed beyond a fortnight from the day of Sale.

JAMES GREENLEAF.

Washington, December 3d, 1804.

(By Authority.)

Washington

THEATRE.

Mr. MAGINNIS returns his sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of this City, for the liberal encouragement he has received these few nights past, & while he has the honor of remaining among them, will use every exertion, within the scope of his abilities, to render his amusement entertaining, at the same time producing variety. In consequence of the preparations for the grand spectacle of the BATTLE OF THE NILE, there will be no performance till Wednesday evening, December 5th. When will be presented by the artificial Comedians the merry humors of Gregory & Dorcas also the rich and Comic figures, in the course of the performance, will be introduced, a few experiments among which, the little Turk will tell what Card is drawn, this piece of Mechanism is worthy the attention of the most enlightened characters, it is taken from a description given of one of the statues in the Temple of Diana, that used to deliver the oracles of the times, the figures is shewn to the company, afterwards placed upon the table, any of the company may draw a card at pleasure, and keep it concealed, the Automaton will satisfactorily tell the card drawn.—To conclude, with a grand spectacle, representing the

* BATTLE of the NILE.

On the back ground, the town of Rosetta, the castle of Aboukir and tower, with a view of their Mosques and places of worship, and batteries at the entrance of the Bay, with an exact movement of the sea. Likewise, the island of Aleppe, with the French fleet lying at anchor; the approach of the English, attended with cannonading: the Colloden running aground, some sinking, and others blowing up, &c.

Mr. MAGINNIS thinks proper to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of this City, that the above-mentioned performance will not be exhibited by shades but by an ingenious piece of Machinery, almost equal to nature itself. It is allowed by every person who has seen the exhibition, to be the greatest curiosity ever seen.

Doors opened at 6, and the Curtain to rise precisely at 7 o'Clock.

☞ TICKETS to be had at the Printing-Office—also at the Theatre—where boxes may be taken on the days of performance. No admittance without Tickets.

STOLEN,

On the night of the 15th inst. from the Race Ground a BAY HORSE, about 14 and a half hands high, the far hind leg white, the fore part of the weather a little hurt with the saddle but, the hair off, he has got a little rack of pace, and gallops well, he is a stud horse, and not docked—the saddle and bridle was on when he was taken away.—Whoever returns said horse if out of the district will receive Ten dollars reward, and if within the district Five dollars and all reasonable charges paid by

DANIEL PURNELL,

at the Long Old Fields 8 miles from the Eastern Branch ferry and 8 from Marlborough.

Washington Nov. 30—3t

APPLES, Cheese, Butter, Cod fish of a superior quality, and a few barrels of New England Cider for sale at Barry's wharf—Apply to

SAML. N. SMALLWOOD.

Washington, Nov. 28—

A FEW Hundred bushels of white, well burnt SHELL LIME, will be sold for cash, at 16 DOLLARS the 100 bushels, if applied for immediately, a less quantity than 100 bushels will not be sold at this price.

Apply to CON. CUNNINGHAM

November

☞ Cash will be given for WELL cleaned BARLEY

FOR SALE,

A MULATTO BOY, about 21 years of age, of handsome form and deportment acquainted with brick making, and qualified as a genteel waiter. Enquire of the printer

George-Town 3 Nov. 1awtf

A GARDENER WANTED.

ONE who is perfectly acquainted with the work of a Kitchen Garden and understands the management of fruit trees and can be well recommended, will meet with encouragement by applying to the printer.

WANTED,

TWO hard working NEGRO MEN who are acquainted with all kinds of country work. It will be necessary that they bear a character of honesty, sobriety, and fidelity to business.

Application to be made at this office.

November 28—

Washington, November 28th 1804.

I have been informed that, during my late protracted absence from Washington, some persons have called on me, for the purpose of bringing suits, within the District of Columbia. My absences have been so frequent, and I have found my attention necessarily so much engrossed by some other affairs, as to prevent my bestowing that uninterrupted care on business of an ordinary nature, and keeping that regular intercourse with the Clerk's and Marshal's offices, which is indispensibly requisite, in order to render full justice to the party concerned; a circumstance which, indeed, cannot fail to have been already observed by some of my friends. It is on this account that I am induced to acquaint such persons, in the City of Washington, as would propose to honor me with their future commands, that I will deem it a particular favor in them to make their application to Mr. JAMES H. KEARNEY, a young gentleman who was formerly my student, and who has now entered into the practice of law, in this place; a gentleman whose great steadiness, constant attendance, and strict integrity, I am persuaded will enable him to render complete satisfaction to a discriminating public. I shall make it a rule not to receive a fee in opposition to Mr. Kearney; but on the contrary, shall appear to his cases, during the sitting of the court, and argue them, where necessary, in the same manner as if the party had originally spoken to me, and without any charge for so doing. Mr. Kearney will prepare deeds, and other instruments of writing, and will constantly have, at his private office, which is, at present, kept at my house, a regular docket of all the causes depending in court; so that persons can, at any time, be informed of the state and progress of their suits, in the same manner as on making application at the Clerk's office. Those persons, residing in Washington, for whom my name already appears, will oblige me by applying to Mr. Kearney for information respecting the state of their business. Mr. Kearney will open, during my absence, letters addressed to me; and will answer such of them as relate to business.

A. B. WOODWARD.

6tep.

IN THE PRESS

And will be published about the 15th December next,

BY WILLIAM DUANE,

A Pamphlet, of about 150 pages, entitled,

SAMPSON

Against the PHILISTINES, or an enquiry into the present mode of Conducting Law Suits:

The abuses and oppressions of the practice of lawyers, &c. with hints for a further extension of the principles of adjustment, BY ARBITRATION.

Payment will be made, in copies of the above mentioned work, to those printers who will publish the above advertisement three or four times in their respective newspapers, a particular invitation to comply is given to the printers of the National Intelligencer, Citizen of New York, American, and Advocate of Maryland, the Mirror, and Argus of Delaware, the True American of Trenton, Lancaster Intelligencer, and Northumberland Argus. Publication by other newspapers is respectfully requested.

November 30.

LOST

ON Saturday last between High street Georgetown, and the Navy Yard; a large GOLD LOCKET, with a profile likeness of the subscriber on one side, and plaited hair on the other—the full value of the gold will be given if required, on delivery of the same to

MAT. CLAY.

Washington city, Pennsylvania Avenue, Nov. 30—

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of the county of Washington in the Territory of Columbia will be sold at PUBLIC SALE, on Friday the 14th day of December next at the dwelling place of the late Abraham Boyd, about three miles from the city of Washington and near Rock creek Church—ALL the personal property of the said Abraham Boyd, consisting of several likely young Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Plantation Utensils, Corn, Rye, Oats, Fodder, Hay, Household Furniture, &c &c. The sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. ALL sums under Twenty Dollars, cash, for sums above that amount a credit of Nine months will be allowed upon the purchasers giving bond with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

WASHINGTON BOYD, Adm'r.

Washington city, Nov. 26—