WASHINGTON CITY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

We have received from Boston a copy of a letter written by *John Q. Adams* on the present state of our national affairs, with remarks on Mr. Pickering's letter.

So far as we have perused this pamphlet, it reflects great honor on the head and heart of the writer. The sentiments it avows are truly American, and in the most irrefragable manner it refutes the arguments and repels the libels of Mr. P.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION.

The returns from 360 towns give Mr. Sullivan 38,031, and Mr. Gore 36,792

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, APRIL 18.

Messrs. Helms, Gray, Franklin and J. Richards obtained leave of absence.

Mr. Dana reported a bill concerning associations for the security of navigation; and a bill for the encouragement and security of seamen of the U.S. which were twice read and referred to a committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. *Bacon*, the House adopted a resolution requesting the Speaker to transmit a letter to the executive of the state of Massachusetts, informing him of the death of Mr. Crowninshield, a member from that state.

Mr. Ely presented petitions from some towns in the neighborhood of Northampton, Mass. stating the inconveniences under which they labor in consequence of the embargo, which were referred to the same committee of the whole to whom similar petitions have been referred.

The engrossed bill for continuing in force an act for extending jurisdiction to certain state judges and state courts, and the bill for the relief of Matthias Smith and Darius Gates, were read the third time and passed.

A bill from the Senate for the establishment of a TURNPIKE COMPANY in the county of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, was read three times and passed.

The House then took up the unfinished business of Saturday, on the bill for arming the whole body of the militia; and the committee obtained leave to sit again—49 to 34.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Ayes 49—Mr. DESHA in the chair, on the bill.

Several questions on different sums having been taken, the sum of 200,000 dollars was agreed to, 46 to 36.

On motion of Mr. *Rhea*, a new section was added to the bill directing these arms to be distributed to the governments of the different states and territories, according to the number of their militia respectively.

The committee then rose and reported the bill as amended, Ayes 64.

The House concurred in the sum reported by the committee, 51 to 27.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill to a third reading. Yeas 54, Nays 33.

[Details on this subject hereafter.]

A bill from the Senate authorising the President of the U. S. under certain contingencies to suspend the operation of the act laying an embargo, with the several acts supplementary thereto, was twice read and referred to a committee of the whole.

On motion of *Mr. Poindexter*, the House took up for consideration the resolution for enquiring into the conduct of Judge Bruin.

After a slight modification, it was adopted, and Messrs. Poindexter, Dana, Wharton, Holland, Jer. Morrow, Calhoun & J. Campbell were appointed a committee.

Mr. G. W. Campbell from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the support of an additional military force for the year 1808. Twice read and committed.

A bill from the Senate for the relief of Joseph Summerl and others (respecting drawbacks) was read twice.

Mr. D. R. Williams moved to postpone the bill indefinitely; but a motion to refer it to a committee of the whole taking preference it was agreed to, and it was made the order of the day for Monday next.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19.

A report of the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of HARRY INNES, declaring it inexpedient for the house to act on the subject, was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for arming the whole body of the Militia of the U. S. was read the third time, and passed—Yeas 53, Nays 22.

A short time after eleven the House went into committee of the whole on the bill, from the Senate, authorizing the President of the U. S. under certain contingencies to suspend the act laying an embargo.

After a wide discussion and the proposition of various amendments, all of which were negatived, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment; when after further discussion, and the rejection of numerous amendments offered, the final question was taken at half past ten o'clock on the *passage of the bill*—Yeas 60 Nays 38. The substance of the bill is stated in our last, and only requires the signature of the President to be a law.

(Details in our next.)

Extract a letter from a gentleman in Georgia, dated March 14, 1808.

"The embargo has had its effect on the citizens of Mobile and Pensacola. They are almost in a state of starvation. Corn is four dollars per bushel—bacon 50 cents per pound—hogs lard one dollar per quart—fowls 9 dollars per dozen. What they will do by summer if the embargo continues, I cannot say.

"A ship loaded with coffee, carrying 50 men and 24 guns, under American colors, has been taken by the Spaniards, and her cargo is now selling at Pensacola.

(Wash. Fed.)

New-York, April 15.

A letter, dated St. Lucar, Spain, February 22, 1808, states that "Portugal is regularly proclaimed a province of France. Three expresses arrived yesterday at Cadiz. Three large divisions of the French army are at Barcelona and within 12 leagues of Madrid.—This portends something *more.*"

April 16.

Prior to the adjournment of the Legislature of this state, it appears they have authorised a loan to be made to the amount of 450,000 dollars, in sums to inviduals, not exceeding 500 dollars each. The loans are to be general, & to extend to every county—to be secured by mortgage on real estate.

Extract of a letter from the American Consul at St Lucar, received, via Boston, dated 22d Feb.

"The George Augustus, and the Swift, (American vessels) have been detained under the late Decree of the Emperor Napoleon, for 10 days, and an order for the liberation has just arrived—the former vessel has since arrived at Boston."

JUST RECEIVED,

And for Sale, at J. March's Book-Store, High-street, Geo. Town,

An extensive assortment of Johnson's CHILDREN's BOOKS;

Among which are the following:

Pity's Gift,	price 37 1-2 cents.
Sequel to Pity's Gift	37 1-2
Way to Wealth	25
Moral Fables	25
Simple Stories	25
Select Rhymes	37 1-2
Daisy	18 3-4
Prize 2 vols.	50
Chimney Sweeper	18 3-4
Little Family	18 3-4
Letters from London	37 1-2
Toy Shop	12 1-2
Children in the Wood	37 1-2
Anecdotes of the Dog	62 1-2
Medley	12 1-2

*** All the above Books are fine editions, ornamented with fine plates.

April 20—3t

OSCAR,

By Gabriel, the sire of Post-Boy.

THE beautiful thorough bred running Horse, OSCAR, will stand the present season at Christopher's, adjoining Belle-Air, the seat of Benjamin Ogle, jun. Esq. in Prince George's county, 18 miles from Washington City, on the road leading from thence to Annapolis, at the reduced price of Twenty Dollars a mare, and fifty cents to the Groom, which may be discharged, if paid within the season, by the payment of fifteen dollars, and fifty cents to the Groom. The season will commence on the 15th March, and close on the 20th July. Pasturage for mares gratis. Those who wish their mares fed with grain will send the money for it's purchase at the market price. Great care will be taken of the mares; but there will be no responsibility for accidents or escapes.

Oscar is a bright bay, a horse of superior style, and of elegant form—beautifully marked, and of uncommonly fine bone and sinew. He is rising eight years old, 15 hands 3 inches high, and now in high health and vigor. His blood is equal to that of any horse in the world—and his performances on the turf not perhaps surpassed by any horse on the continent. He was the first horse that ever beat Mr. Bond's celebrated First Consul. A particular account of that race, and of his performances generally, is published in hand bills, which, with Oscar's pedigree, may be seen with the Groom.

Apply to the Manager, at Christopher's.

April 20—4t

NOTICE.

On Thursday next, April 21, will be offered to sale, at Public Auction, at Stelle's Hotel, between the hours of 11 and 12, A. M.

ABOUT 36 bottles OTTO of ROSES of real genuine quality, imported from Grand Cairo, allowed by the best judges to be superior to any ever seen in the U. S. They are to be sold without reserve, to discharge a debt.

SAMUEL SPEAKE, Auct'r.

April 20—1t

IMPRESSED SEAMEN.

IT has been represented to the Secretary of State, that Nathan Thompson, Thomas Williams, Benjamin Bagneill, Joseph Setts, Joseph Cox, Charles Redding, Samuel Henshaw, A. Girdon, Samuel Clapson, William Thompson, John Brant, Thomas Webben, Mathew Soderhorn, F. Rice, George Smith, William Brown, Minor Smith, William Bender, Robert M'Carl, William Price, Henry Muller, David Porter, Benjamin Young, Charles Anderson, Isaac Gaines, Thomas Cook, William Jones, John Galiaway, Peter Lewis, Thomas Marcumber, John Melville, Daniel M Hogan, James Boggs, William Tiel, John Jason, James Carney, John Lemont, William Lindsey, Nicholas Miller, John Porter, Peter Murphy, James Peterson, John Skinner, Thomas Allen, Christopher Styon, J. C. Brecket, John Swaine, John Jarvis, William A. Jennings, Theodore Young, James Hoyt, Joseph Rosey, John Till, Joseph Hasweil & John Williams, who call themselves American citizens, have been impressed and are now detained in the British service. The friends of these men are hereby notified that upon their transmitting to this department, proof of their citizenship, together with a description of the persons of the above named seamen, measures will be taken to procure their discharge.

Department of State, April 13, 1808—

☞ The Editor of the National Intelligencer, and the Editors of such other papers as publish the laws of the Union, in the *Atlantic States*, are requested to insert the above notice, Three Times, in their respective Gazettes.

April 15—3t

UNITED STATES NAVY HOSPITAL.

(Near the Marine Barracks.)

THE Subscriber is directed to give this public notice; that hereafter on every Saturday and Wednesday between 10 and 12 o'clock, the Hospital will be opened for all Physicians and Students of Medicine, who may be desirous of observing the cases. The prescriptions of the Surgeon will be suspended on those days until the above hours, in order that such as wish to view the treatment of the patients may be gratified; as the number of patients varies from 20 to 40; and as there are several interesting works attached to the establishment, the regulation it is presumed will prove of service to Students, while the opportunity for free medical consultations among the physicians may prove of no less service to the sick.

JOHN KEARNY, Dresser U. S. N. H.

April 15——

NOTICE.

THE COMMISSIONERS appointed by the act of Congress, entitled "An act authorising the erection of a BRIDGE over the river POTOMAC, within the District of Columbia," hereby give notice that a meeting of the Stockholders, of the "Washington Bridge Company," agreeably to the directions of the said act, will be held at Stelle's Hotel in the city of Washington, on Monday the 2nd of May, between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. for the purpose of electing five Directors, a Clerk and a Treasurer, and such other officers, agents, and servants as the said company may think fit to appoint, and for transacting any other business, in pursuance of said act, and appertaining to the nature and objects of the institution of the said Company.

By order of the Commissioners,

ROBERT BRENT, Chairman.

FORM OF PROXY.

I hereby empower   to give as many votes in my name for the officers of the Washington Bridge Company at the ensuing election as I hold shares, & to transact, during the same, such other business as may be necessary. Given under my hand this   day of

One witness.

April 13.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPANY OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON. 1808.

ARTICLES of Association of the Commercial Company of the city of Washington.

To all whom these presents shall in any manner concern,

BE it known that we the subscribers have formed a company or limited partnership and do hereby associate and agree with each other to conduct business in manner as is hereinafter mentioned, under the name and stile of the *President and Directors of the Commercial Company of the city of Washington*; and we do hereby mutually covenant and agree, that the following are and shall be the fundamental articles of this association and agreement with each other, by which we & all persons who at any time may transact business with the said company shall be bound and concluded.

ART. 1. The object of this association is to encourage and carry on commerce and trade on the Eastern Branch within the city of Washington, and for this purpose the said company may hold such sea vessel or vessels, and other property, as may be best calculated to carry the same into full effect.

ART 2. The capital stock of the said company shall not exceed 100,000 dollars, (unless two thirds of the Stockholders, both in number and value, shall hereafter otherwise determine,) to be divided into 4,000 shares of 25 dolls. each, to be paid in current money of the United States, as follows, viz. 2 dollars and 50 cents on each share shall be paid to the commissioners hereinafter named, at the time of subscribing *2d. 50c.* to the said commissioners, or directors if chosen, in 30 days thereafter, *2d 50c* to the directors in 60 days and *2d 50c.* to the directors in 90 days after the time of subscribing; and the company shall commence its operation when 1500 shares are subscribed for. There shall be no further call for instalments on the shares subscribed, but at such times and in such proportions as a majority of twelve directors may determine and appoint, and no further payment shall in that case be required without their first giving sixty days notice in two papers published within the City and George Town, and the said stock shall be subscribed for to the following commissioners, viz. Wm. Prout, Adam Lindsay, Geo. Andrews, John Law, Thomas Tearpe, James Cassio, Charles Minific, Peter Miller, Michael Nourse, Thomas C. Wright, James M'Cormick, and John M'Gowan, and the said commissioners shall open books at Drummonds, Stelle's and Rhodes's taverns, at 12 o'clock at noon, on the first Monday in May ensuing, and shall continue them open until seven o'clock in like manner for three days unless sooner filled; and if the stock be not fully subscribed at the close of the third day, all the unsubscribed for shares shall be under the direction of the commissioners until the directors are chosen as herein is provided for; and the said commissioners shall issue receipts to the different subscribers for money paid by them at the time of subscribing, which receipts, and the subscription book shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the quantity of stock to which each subscriber shall be entitled in this company.

ART. 3. The commissioners, until the directors are chosen, and the directors when chosen, shall deposit all the monies subscribed and received in the Bank of Discount and Deposit within the city, in the name and to the credit of the company subject to the order of the president when elected.

ART. 4. If any stockholder shall fail to pay to his, her, or their instalments to the amount of ten dollars on each share as herein before specified, such stockholder shall forfeit, to the use of the company all money paid antecedent to such failure or default. No forfeiture shall take place after 10 dollars on each share shall have been regularly paid; but as it is requisite that means should be taken to secure the like regular payment of after calls, therefore if any stockholder shall fail to make such regular payment of any instalment or call (after 10 dollars have been paid as aforesaid) such stockholder shall not be entitled to any dividend until every instalment or call shall be paid up and made good; and the dividend thereafter to such stockholder (as well upon the money regularly paid as upon that paid after default) shall be calculated only from the time when the last instalment was made good.

ART. 5. The first general meeting of the Stockholders, for the choice of twelve directors, shall be held at such time and place as shall be appointed by the commissioners who shall as soon as may be, after 1,500 shares are subscribed for, advertise such meeting in the City and George Town papers three times previous thereto; and ever after, a general meeting of stockholders shall take place, under like call by the directors in the City on the first Monday of January in every year.

ART. 6. At the said first general meeting and at every annual general meeting to be held thereafter, as aforesaid, there shall be elected by the stockholders or their proxies, by ballot, twelve directors to serve for one year, or until successors to them shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be, when elected to choose from among themselves by ballot, a president, who shall have the whole management of the company's concern for one year; and the president and directors shall meet every four months from their election, at which meeting it shall be the duty of the president to lay before the directors, or a majority thereof, a summary of his proceedings and transactions for the company during the four preceding months and to consult and advise with the directors touching the affairs of the company—and the directors or a committee thereof, twenty days before the end of the year for which they were elected, shall assist the President in taking inventory of the company's stock on hand, shall examine the books and accounts, which the president shall present to them made up and balanced; and the directors shall on the first Monday of February in each year declare a dividend of so much of the profits as to them shall appear meet and adviseable, but the surplus of net profit, exceeding 10 per cent, if such there be, shall remain as part of the capital for three years, and it shall be discretionary with said directors whether any and what additional dividend shall be made of such surplus profits at the end of every third year. All dividends shall be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives respectively within thirty days after being so declared by the directors as aforesaid. The president shall receive for his services such compensation as the directors may from time to time fix on & determine, which compensation shall be always fixed and settled by ballot before the directors shall proceed to the election of a president for the ensuing year.

ART 7. If the directors shall at any time knowingly, and intentionally declare a dividend that shall diminish the capital stock of the said company, every director consenting to such excess of dividend shall be liable in his individual capacity for so much as the company's stock shall be diminished thereby.

ART. 8. In the choice of directors, and in all other cases, the number of votes to which each stockholder shall be entitled, shall be in proportion to the stock he or she may hold, as follows, viz

For one share, and not exceeding two shares, one vote, for every two shares above two, and not exceeding ten, one vote; for every four shares above ten, and not exceeding thirty, one vote; for every six shares above thirty and not exceeding sixty, one vote; for every eight shares, above sixty, and not exceeding one hundred, one vote; and for every ten shares, above that number, one vote: but no person or persons, body politic or otherwise, shall be entitled to a greater number than fifty votes. No share or shares shall confer a right of suffrage which shall not have been held four calendar months previous to the day of election, except at the first election. All stockholders actually resident within the U. S and none other may vote at elections by ballot in person, or by proxy. None but stockholders, being citizens of the U. S. and resident within the city of Washington, shall be eligible as a director or president.

ART. 9 It is hereby expressly and explicitly declared, that the capital stock and funds of the company shall alone be liable or in any way responsible for their debts or engagements, and no person who shall or may deal with the company, or to whom they shall or may become indebted, shall, on any pretence whatever, have recourse to the separate property of any present or future member of this company, or against their persons; but all persons accepting any bond, bill, note, or other obligation of this company, signed by the president of the company for the time being, or dealing with it in any manner whatever, shall be considered as thereby giving credit only on the joint stock or property of the company, and all bonds, notes, and bills, executed or drawn by the president, shall contain an express declaration, that the joint stock of the company is alone responsible for the payment thereof.

ART. 10. It is hereby declared and conditioned that the president for the time being shall transact no other business, nor buy or sell any kind of merchandize on his private account, but that all his time, exertions and abilities shall be used only for the benefit of the concern; but this is not understood to extend to the exclusion of his domestic concerns, improvement of his personal estate and real property.

The President shall have power to appoint and remove at his pleasure all clerks, book keepers and agents for the company, at the respective stores or elsewhere, that may be necessary for the faithful performance of his or their duty, but the directors shall fix the compensation of all such persons to be paid out of the funds of the said company. And the president shall, within six callendar months, after the company shall go into operation, establish a store on the west side of Tiber Creek, for the purpose of purchasing and disposing of such articles of produce, goods, wares and merchandize, as will promote the general interest of the company.

ART. 11. Whenever any vacancy shall happen in the office of president or director, by death, resignation, or removal, as the case may be, it shall immediately be filled by ballot, by the directors, from among the stockholders, till the next annual election.

ART. 12. The president and directors shall have power to make all necessary bye-laws, rules, and regulations for the well ordering and conducting of the business of the company, not inconsistent with this constitution, and such to alter and amend at their pleasure for the general benefit of the company.

ART. 13. The directors shall, as soon as may be, after chosen, appoint two of their own body as councellors of aid to the president, who may call on them for advice whenever the company's affairs shall in his judgment require it.

ART. 14. On the appearance or well grounded suspicion of any fraud or improper conduct of the president, the directors shall have power to call him before them, at a special meeting to which he shall be notified in writing, to answer and explain his conduct; and should his vindication be unsatisfactory, seven of the directors concurring, he may be suspended from office, and another appointed from among the stockholders (not directors) until the next general meeting of the stockholders.

ART. 15. The president shall be independent of the directors, except as before mentioned; he shall exercise his discretion and best judgment in such purchases and sales for the company as he from time to time may think expedient for the interest of the concern.