FROM THE AURORA.

PORTUGAL.

In all human probability the fate of the Portuguese monarchy has been decided about the 20th of October; and the British armies, if they have been so fortunate as to escape, are directed on some other desperate enterprize on either side of the Peninsula, on Asturias, or Catalonia.

Portugal has had a national existence, no earlier than the 11th century. Before it partook of the common character of the Peninsula, and was comprehended within the same policy as Spain, became successively a conquest of the Romans and Carthagenians, Goths and Moors.

Alphonso VI. of Castile and Leon, bestowed the Lusitanian provinces on *Robert king of France*, as a reward for his aid in expelling the Moors, but it was held under the title of a county, until the battle of Ourique in 1139, when Alphonso I. assumed the title of king. Its vicissitudes and their causes bear a resemblance to those of contemporary nations for some centuries; a great man has occasionally illuminated their horizon, such as John II. who elevated the people by humbling the nobles, and by opening the path to fame for all orders of men, led the way to the grand enterprizes of Vasco de Gama, and which caused the reign of his successor Emanuel, to be called the golden age of Portugal, John III. maintained the glory of Portugal, but it was lost by Sebastian his grand son and successor; and Portugal was by the renowned tyrant Philip II. reunited to Spain; under which it continued until 1640, when the duke of Braganza was proclaimed king, and aided by French and British auxiliaries in war, under general count Schomberg, the crown was confirmed in that family at the peace of 1668. In 1762, the Spaniards attacked Portugal, and a force was embodied under the count de Lippe, who instructed them in the Prussian system. Gen. *Lee* and gen. *Burgoyne*, both so well known in our revolution, served under count *de Lippe* in the Portuguese army; the peace of 1763 comprehended Portugal. The battle of Elvas in 1658, is much celebrated by the military men of Portugal, and the campaign of 1762, has rendered the military topography of the country familiar. Count de Lippe's memoir on the defence of Portugal is considered as a masterpiece; and the province of Beira which was in August and September last, the theatre of military operations, was in that campaign the scene of military contention between two of my lord Douro's countrymen, count O'Reiley at the head of the Spanish force, and O'Hara at the head of the Portuguese auxiliaries.———This ground was traversed also by Junot and the now lord Douro; so that both parties have twice gone over the ground.

The accounts brought by the arrivals at New York, are of the 4th and 11th October; and they present even a deplorable picture of the movements prior to the British retreat to Coimbra.

These accounts say the French had entered and occupied not only Coimbra but Figueras. The former is 20 miles from the sea; the latter place is at the mouth of the Mondego, and commanding its waters; it was here that the British under Sir Arthur Wellesley, now lord Talavera landed the 9th Aug. 1807.

The British are stated variously to have *fallen back*, and by one account to extend their line from Peniche to Villa Franca; another account places the British head quarters at Mafra, extending them to Alverca; and it is remarkable, that the earliest of these two accounts, places them nearest to Lisbon; that is at Mafra, which is about 20 miles north of Lisbon, extending to Alverca, is on the N. W. side of the head of the bay of Lisbon, distant from Peniche, on the Atlantic, 16 miles, on a line running from N. W. to S. E. the same distance from Lisbon, in a line from N. E. to S. W. The Barlenga inlets, are in front of Peniche; & a ridge of hills and irregular ground, marks the whole of this military line along which it is to presumed the chain of batteries and redoubts are erected, in which the last struggle in Portugal may be supposed to be made. Villa Franca is 22 miles N. E. of Lisbon & 6 N. E. of Alverca.

That part which relates to Romana's arrival at Abrantes, as well as the arrival of Mortier at Tomar, is a fabrication; the writer shewed his want of extent on the ground as well as its military features.

The victory of Combadao is therefore much such a victory as that of Talavera or Corunna, & reminds us of the late col. Willis's improvement of an old revolutionary song—in which it is said

Our hero led on and the foe flew before us,
The colonel with unaffected good humor sung in an under voice—
"Sometimes after us by ——"

So it seems with my lord Talavera, the hero led on and the French followed after them.

The ground upon which these movements have taken place, is not unknown in the military history. Portugal has been the theatre of some important wars, from the time of the Romans to the present day. It was thither the Roman general Sertorious retired to avoid the wrath of Sylla.

Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Friday Nov. 23.

On motion of Mr. Frazier leave was given to bring in a bill to alter and abolish all such parts of the Constitution and form of government as make the clerks of the Court of Appeals, the clerks of the county courts, and the Register of Wills, removeable alone for misbehaviour on a conviction in a court of law; referred to Messrs. Frazier, Archer, Bland, Stewart and Herbert.

Mr. Warfield delivered a petition from Thomas Woodfield, of Anne-Arundel county, praying a sale of the real estate of Joshua Hall for the benefit of his infant children; read, and referred to Messrs. Warfield, Belt and Hall.

It was ordered, on motion of Mr. Stevens, that the bill for the valuation of real and personal property in this State, have a second reading on the 28th inst.

The bill to reduce the per diem of the judges and clerks of elections in Allegany county, was read the second time and passed—yeas 47—nays 9.

Mr. Marriott delivered a report in favor of Major Gassaway Watkins; which was read.

Mr. M'Pherson delivered a report in favor of Wm. Bruce; which was read.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to subject lands to the payment of debts; and, after some amendatory alterations by Mr. Handy and Mr. Dennis, the question was then put, on motion of Mr. Bowie, that the further discussion of said bill be postponed to the 1st *day of June* next!—and carried—yeas 46—nays 16.

The bill relating to Servants and Slaves, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Groome delivered a bill to establish a bank and incorporate a company, under the name of the Elkton Bank of Maryland.

Saturday Nov. 24.

The Clerk of the Senate delivered the bill authorising Rasin Gale, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, to complete his collection;—the bill authorising Isaac White, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection; and the bill authorising Daniel Ballard late sheriff of Somerset county, to complete his collection; severally endorsed "will *not* pass." The bill to lay out and make public a road in Anne-Arundel county; and the bill for the benefit of the infant children of J. W. Perry of Montgomery county, deceased, endorsed "*will* pass with the proposed amendments;" read, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed. A bill to authorise the Sheriffs and Collectors of the several counties of this State to complete their collections, endorsed "*will* pass."

On motion of Mr. Herbert, leave given to bring in a bill to provide arms for the use of the Militia of this State: Messrs Herbert, Wilson, Perry, Bowles and Groome, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Perry delivered a report of the visitors of Allegany county School, praying a further donation; referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for establishing Schools.

On motion by T. B. Hall, the following order was read and agreed to,—viz.—that the Speaker, upon application issue subpœnas for any witness which Z. Hollingsworth and T. Jones, esqs. may consider necessary for their defence, and that such subpœnas be made returnable on the 10th December next.

The further Supplement to the act, entitled an act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments; the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons,—was read the second time. After several alterations and considerable discussion, the question was put "shall the said bill pass?"—determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Bowie, ordered that the clerk of this house forward immediately to the clerks of Baltimore and Harford county courts, a copy of the order requiring them to forward extracts under seal, from their records, respecting the fact stated in said order; and that he also forward to Z. Hollingsworth and T. Jones, esquires, a copy of the order authorising the Speaker of the house to issue subpœnas in the case therein mentioned. Adjourned.

Monday, November 26.

Mr. Physick delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for a supplement to the act to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Cecil county; which was read and referred.

Mr. Bland delivered petitions from Grace Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, praying she may be authorised to lease a lot belonging to her infant children; from Abraham Parks of Baltimore county, praying a divorce from Robert Casey and wife, of the city of Baltimore, praying they may be authorised to lease the property of the infant children of John Hammond, deceased; and a petition from Lewis Grant Davidson, of the city of Baltimore, praying the name of Davidson, which he has assumed may be confirmed by law; and Mr. Forwood delivered a petition from Margaret Wedner, of Harford county, praying a certain deed may be made valid; which were read and referred.

The bill to appoint Thomas Harris, jun. of the city of Annapolis, trustee for the sale of the real estate of John Gwinn, Esquire, was read the second time and passed.

The report on the petition of William Bruce was read the second time, and the resolution therein assented to.

The bill for the benefit of Alexander M'Kinzie and John M'Kinzie, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Groome, Ordered, That the bill to establish a Bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of the Elkton Bank of Maryland, have a second reading on the 29th instant.

Mr. Randall delivered a petition from the proprietors of the Franklin paper mills, in Baltimore county, praying for a road; which was read and referred.

Mr. Randall delivered a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from the Franklin paper mill on Gwinn's Falls, in Baltimore county, to the new Liberty road.

On motion of Mr. Boyle, leave given to bring in a bill to elect assessors and the overseers of the roads by the people.

Mr. Physick delivered a bill, entitled, An act vesting certain powers in the orphan's courts of the several counties of this state; which was read.

The further additional supplement to the act to direct descents, and the bill annulling the marriage of Ezekiel Walker and Margaret Walker, were read the second time and passed.

Tuesday, November 27.

Mr. Randall delivered a bill, entitled a further supplement to an act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county.

Mr. Physick delivered a bill entitled a supplement to an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, passed the 3d day of January, 1807.

Mr. Mackubin delivered a bill for the relief of Sarah Rimmer of the city of Annapolis.

Mr. Comegys delivered a bill entitled an act to tax Bank-Stock and other monied institutions for the establishment and support of district schools in the several counties of this State, and in the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis.

On motion of Mr. Warfield leave given to bring in a bill to regulate and confine the duties of constables.

The bill to authorise the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties of this State to complete their collections, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. T. B. Hall the following order was read and agreed to: "Whereas it is requested by Z. Hollingsworth, Esq. that commissioners be appointed to take the depositions of certain witnesses who are unable to attend at the bar of the house; therefore, Ordered, that John Gill, Notary Public of the city of Baltimore, Unit Ainger, of Kent county, and John Moores, of Harford county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners with full power to examine and take the depositions on oath or affirmation of any witnesses who may be brought before them, or either of them, on the part of the said Zebulon Hollingsworth, Esq. or of this house; the depositions so taken, to be by them, or some one of them, certified and transmitted to this house on or before the 10th of December.

The bill to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, to alter all such parts of the Constitution as make it lawful to lay an equal and general tax for the support of the Christian religion, was read the second time and passed.

Wednesday, November 28.

The supplement to an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, passed the 2d day of January, 1807, was read the second time and passed, and sent to the Senate.

The clerk of the senate delivered the bill relating to servants and slaves, endorsed "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to change the place of holding the election in the 3d election district in Cecil county,—endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment," which amendment was read, agreeed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Bland, leave given to bring in a bill to revive an act to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Washington to that of Baltimore;—referred to Messrs. Bland, Warfield and Marriott.

Mr. Boyle delivered a bill for the relief of John Murry, devisee of John Muir, which was read.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the bill to give validity to a deed from R. G. Hampton to Wm. Gilbert, endorsed "on re-consideration will pass with the proposed amendment;" which was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house proceeded to ballot for two Directors in the Union Bank of Maryland, and on counting the ballots it appeared that James Caldwell and Elias Glenn were elected.

Thursday, November 29.

The report of the petition of Gassaway Watkins, was read the second time, and the question put and carried that the house assent to the same—ayes 43, noes 8. It was then sent to the Senate.

Mr. Brooke delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a bridge over Pipe creek;—referred to Messrs. Brooke, Swearingen and Cockey.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to establish a Bank and incorporate a company, under the name of the "Elkton Bank of Maryland"—and on the question being taken, shall the said bill pass? it was determined in the affirmative—yeas 55, nays 10.

Mr. Bland delivered a petition from the Athenian Society of Baltimore, praying to be incorporated;—referred to Messrs. Bland, Harryman and Randall.

On motion by Mr. Archer, the following order was read and assented to:—ordered, that the Speaker issue subpœnas for Wm. H. Winder, R. G. Harper and Walter Dorsey, to give testimony on the part of this house against Z. Hollingsworth and T. Jones, esqr's.—which subpœnas shall be made returnable on the 10th day of December next.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property in this state; and after some progress in reading said bill, when the house adjourned.

COMMERCIAL INFORMATION.

A gentleman of intelligence who arrived in the Sally at New-London, from France, is now in this town.—He states, that general Armstrong, previous to his leaving Paris, actually received an official note from the *Duc de Cadore*, communicating the intelligence, that the Rambouillet decree was repealed, subject to the duties and other expences;—provided, however, an act of congress should be passed relinquishing *all American sequestrations of French property*, under the non-intercourse law.—After the 1st of November, therefore, it was understood that bona fide produce of America should be admitted into the ports of France without danger; but *colonial produce* should be subject to confiscation. It is understood by gen. Armstrong, that the revocation of the decree in question, only applies to the property in France and Spain; but that in Italy and Holland is not comprehended in its terms. The property in France is sold, and placed in the French funds until the law in question shall have been passed by our government; when the duties and expences will probably exhaust the proceeds.

It is also stated, that when the sequestration of the property in Sweden became known in Paris, general Armstrong called upon the prince of Ponte Corvo, (the newly elected crown prince) who assured him, that all *real* American property should be respected; that an agent might be appointed by general Armstrong for the purpose of ascertaining this fact; and that accordingly, a Mr. Spear, a worthy and intelligent gentleman of New York, was appointed to that station. Verbal assurances of high respect for American property were given by Bernadotte to general Armstsong. *Boston Gazette.*

Extract of a letter from London, dated October 15.

The Virginia, Jones, which passed the Isle of Wight on the 8th, from Philadelphia, was boarded off Sicily by a French privateer of 14 guns and 150 men—was treated with great politeness; and informed by the commander that neither he, nor did he believe, any other privateer out of France had authority to detain American vessels.

20,000 lbs. of sugar from the Beet, are stated to have been made by a Mr. Granvogl in Munich (Germany) during the last year. He expects that the manufactory thereof will be five times that amount the present year. Thirty pounds of Beet juice, it is asserted, will yield 3 pounds of sugar, one pound of which is equal to two and a quarter pounds of sugar from the grape.

SOMERSET COUNTY, Ss.

ON application of *John Landreth*, of Somerset county, by petition in writing to me, in the recess of the court, as chief judge of the fourth judicial district of the State of Maryland, praying the benefit of the acts of assembly for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, and the supplements thereto, on the terms mentioned in the said acts, a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can at present ascertain them, as directed by the said acts, being annexed to his petition: And being satisfied by competent testimony that he hath resided in the state of Maryland the two preceeding years prior to his application—and it being stated to me that the said John Landreth is committed to the custody of the sheriff of Somerset county, on an execution against the body of the said John Landreth, and that he is in actual confinement. I do hereby order and direct that he the said John Landreth be discharged from imprisonment, and that he appear the Saturday after the second Monday of April next, to answer such allegations and interrogatories as may be proposed by his creditors; and the said day is hereby appointed for his creditors to appear and recommend a trustee for their benefit. And I do further order that the said John Landreth give them notice by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Easton STAR, and also one of the public papers in Baltimore, once in each week for the space of one month successively, three months previous to the aforesaid Saturday after the second Monday of April Term next, and also by setting up advertisements at the court house door of Somerset county, and at one public tavern in Princess-Anne and Salisbury also three months before the said Saturday after the second Monday of April Term next. Given under my hand this 11th day of July eighteen hundred and ten.

WILLIAM POLK.

True copy. Test,
WILLIAM DONE, Clk. S. C. C.
December 4 1810——1m

CAROLINE COUNTY COURT,
October Term, 1810.

THE creditors of *Christopher Smith*, of Caroline county, are hereby required to take notice, that on the petition of the said Christopher Smith to the judges of Caroline county court, at October term, eighteen hundred and ten, for relief as an insolvent debtor, under the act of assembly passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled, "an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and the several supplements thereto—and he having complied with the directions of the said acts, and given bond with security approved by the court, to appear before the judges of Caroline county court, at the town of Denton, on the first Tuesday of March next, to answer any allegations against him, relative to his said application, the same time and place are appointed for his creditors to attend for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, or to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Christopher Smith should not have the benefit of the said acts of assembly; and that this notice be inserted in a newspaper printed at Easton, and set up at the court house door, and at one of the taverns in Denton, at least three months before the day appointed as aforesaid, and continued in the said paper three weeks successsvely By order,

THOS. RICHARDSON, Clk.
December 4, 1810——3

NOTICE.

THE creditors of *John Fisher*, of Caroline county, are required to take notice, that on the petition of the said John Fisher to John Done, esq. one of the associate judges of the fourth judicial district, in the recess of Caroline county court, for relief as an insolvent debtor, under the act of assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled, "an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and the several supplements thereto, and he having complied with the directions of the said acts, and given bond with sufficient security to appear before the judges of Caroline county court, at the town of Denton, on the second Tuesday of March next, to answer any allegations against him relative to his said application; the same time and place are appointed for his creditors to attend, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, or to shew cause, if any they have, why the said John Fisher should not have the benefit of the said acts of assembly.

By order of the Judge,
THOS. RICHARDSON, Clk.
December 4, 1810——6q

40 DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 15th of November last, a negro man named *Samuel Glasco*, about five feet four or five inches high, slender made, very black complected, and fifty years of age—had on when he went away an old black and white kersey jacket, old striped kersey trowsers, old white stockings footed with gray yarn, a tolerable good felt hat, shoes, and tow shirt. Very likely by his art he may change his clothes, but the following marks he cannot change—the mark of an issue on the back of his neck; also one leg smaller than the other, caused by the cut of an axe, which appears plain on the shin—the other was sore when he went away. The subscriber will give to any person who will bring him home or secure him in jail, twenty dollars if taken up in the county, thirty if out of the county and in the state, and out of the state the above reward

SAMUEL COLSTON.
Talbot county, near Easton, Dec. 4, 1810. }——4