FROM THE AURORI.

OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO OUR COUNTRY.

disregard, is not now a vague conjecture ful in monarchits. ed, or further calamity averted.

tributed to hull the nation into a false se- by a more early providence. lay every blame, every censure, every e- injury and outrage-

government. vernment in England is the privy coun- their practice are at variance with their chance of being rallied, so as to check he sent a file of men to destroy the types cil and king—but we have neither a professions—

We have learned that men cannot be king nor a privy council; our executive We have learned that men cannot be The President and Secretary of State Afterwards admiral C. bid good night, has no power to declare war nor to con- made soldiers by merely putting on an went to Virginia, with their families and renewed his assurance that all per and declaration by Congress on one hand; year.

the other.

blame) be attached to Congress; the ceptions, that they may be considered til all our army had passed, and ninety panied by three soldiers only, and so people, if they be but true to themselves national errors—and that however fatal nine hundredths of the citizens gone, lea- returned alone, except a man on a fix road, with detachments of the 1st and 3d and to their principles of government, their dominion has been, and however ving nothing but empty walls. I fell in- horse, who appeared to be from the course brigades, with a field piece and however can always make Congress perform its late their discovery; that instead of cast to the trail of the army, and marched try. duty, or unmake those who abuse their ing blame upon the government, or upon about four miles on the Frederick road. The admiral again stopped near the trust, at the end of every two years.

-we must look at our state govern- suffrages, as well as by our blindness, farm house, on a bill back of Pearce's. o'clock, about 900 men were marched ments-and from their public spirit- have encouraged this infatuation which -Soon after reaching there, at nine o'- three detachments, followed by about 2 fr in their virtue—from their wisdom— has been already too fatal, and which is clock on Wednesday evening, a signal negroes, carrying powder, rockets, & from their providence—we shall be able still fraught with greater calamities. gun was discharged, and the President's up to the secretary of state's office, and flank, without a gun being fired. to see whether the people are not as much It is time we "tell the truth and shame house, the Capitol, and many other pub- that office was soon on fire-after which to blame in their state relations, as in the devil"-we must expect danger, and lie buildings, were at the same moment daing the day, the three rope walks 20th had created an opinion on the part their relations to the union.

ly refer to the policy of the several states much to ourselves as to all who are con- On Thursday morning, I proceeded on Bridge. The only building belonging train. Arrangements were made to feel

concern for their constituents. point out the danger of false security, and the enemy. the insecurity of wealth and liberty if there were not precautions taken to preserve and invigorate the public means of def ace—if the mind of the country was not roused to the danger with which the convulsions of Europe menaced the whole

earth. pings and councils? The country, divided into factions, stimulated by means, . of which it is most charitable to believe but for were generally aware-one par-. ty scoffed at the warnings, as absurd and impossible; the opposite party, fond of self-illusion, cheated themselves into a belef that no precaution was necessary, a in defiance of experience, rounded

will they come?" sicio i is so easy as from one illusion to a- ing. not ber when men were supposed to be I arrived at Washington on Sunday. the army, in every part of the U. States, is paramount to all others—it is the duty free, only by merely willing it, the will the 21st inst. At that time the officers will take warning from this sad lesson, of every man to hand down to posterity, was so manageable a machine, that any of government and the citizens were ve- and provide an abundance of provisions unimpaired, what has been so bounteous- Captain B an acquaintance, came

but the will in operation, where wisdom ascertained, but reports were various, the fogs, when they sleep. Our army or a patriot. Americans, remember the Vednesday morning, 80 of the enemy's and experience ought to have taught us, stating them from 4000 to 16,000. Gen. may with truth be said to have been beat- solemn injunctions of Washington, of read were found in a wood near Fort Ethat something besides the will was ne- Winder was stationed near the Wood- en by fitigue, before they saw the enemy. FRANKLIN, and all the heroes of the Re- e, where they had been collected by the cessary.

neir bor's.

thing like calting on Hercules. already, both on the frontier and else- Monday, this business was continued with defeated, provision should be made for

where, what has been the effect of the greet industry, and many families left the such a state of things, and the requisite Diusion.

deemed enough; all that was necessary very current, that Winder had received it is to be presumed, that when they are so to the militia, was to will that they should large reinforcements; so that it was be- much fatigued and many of them wound- publicly advertised, for forming military be by this magic talisman of the free will, lieved by many well-informed persons, ed, and after having lost a great portion of corps for local defence. emb died, disciplined, and prepared for that he would have 10,000 men embodi- their baggage and provisions—at such a public defence against the hostile enemy, ed in the course of the week. In the time, they require immediate food and reby only two or three days roll call and expectation that there was a very consi, pose, more than at any other. Consequent- the Schuylkill! frolicking in the year. Our Legislature derable force collected, the President, ly more pains should be taken to provide L willed it, and behold, as if by magic, the accompanied by the Secretary at War, quarters, and make seasonable deposits militia, like the soldiers of Cadmus, and of the Navy, left the city for the of provisions. spring from the earth ready armed- camp. They arrived there late at night what wonders do the magic of legislation |- and the next morning, finding but produce! Behold how our militia are 3000 men, and learning that the Balti- MR. Poulson, and, disciplined, and prepared for the more troops were encamped at Bladensfi i, ready to bear down those veterans burg, they returned to the city on Tues- took place at Washington on the night | People of Philadelphia! if you suffer haing been repulsed from it 4 times.-

Visicia and Toulouse. But the subject is really too serious place. for wire; too solemn to be treated but In the course of that day a scouting passing the first house, which had been people—a nation—if you shut up your enemy, in removing the wounded during with feelings of seriousness and genero- party from Gen. Winder's army had a occupied by Mr. Gallatin, a volley was resources of men and means within the theaction. sity. We should look back at past er- skirmish with the British advance guards, fired from the windows, which killed ge- narrow lines which bound Philadelphia, fors, and strive to repair them, by trust- and returned to camp with such tidings neral Ross's horse under him, one soldier you not only ensure your fate, but you fighing with the tiller of his gun, and afing no longer to illusions or paradoxes; as induced Gen. Winder to retire to the and wounded three others; the house merit it, and the execuation of the whole ter had knocked down several of the the fault of our neglect is to be found in city, with his army, which he accomplish | was immediately surrounded, and some | country. some foreign causes, but very much in ed by 9 o'clok in the evening, burnt the prisoners taken (a part of which were Turn out—go and meet them; and if mailing officer at the bastion, called for the blindness and selfishness of an inor- old bridge which crossed the Potomac, blacks) and the house set on fire. About you mean to save your City, let the affect quaters. Lieut. Col. Drummond repli-

hearding-avarice has besotted and en- half from the Navy Yard, and prepared soon enveloped in flame (this was done out a premium to your neighbours who thrown over the works; but was afterfeebled the national mind. What was to defend the passage. In event of the by our people)-About ten, another ex- are not as strong as you are, to surrender ward found, and is doing well. Drummost precious in the eyes of the founders British being too strong, the bridge was piosion was heard at the capitol, and soon in despair. of the revolution had become despitable, to be blown up, for which he had every after a fire was seen in the wooden part, Wilmington has sent her gallant sons life—as he was shot immediately after, or of no value, in the eyes of their suc- thing prepared. At this post he remain- barween the two houses, and the north to the Susquehannah; that flourishing Our bes was 15 killed and 20 wounded,

To judge of these matters we need on- casting reproaches, which belong as night.

HARMODIUS.

FROM THE BALTIMORE PATRIOT.

AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT OF THE

CAPTURE OF WASHINGTON. What has been the effect of such war- [The following is a correct, and very in- ed men.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE BALTIMORE

PATRIOT.

may be used to correct some of the ma- ters nor provision, not even a tent to cover By a very easy transition-for no tran- ny erroneous reports, which are circulat- them from the rain.

all that can render money of any value. | forces. On Wednesday morning I walk- From this time, little was seen or heard but has sent forth a force larger than The love of social freedom, which gives ed through the army, and remained at until about 11 o'clock, when we discover. Philadelphia has sent any where to join money its spring and virtue is unalloyed the bridge until 10 o'clock, when advice ed a body of about 150 troops, marching their fellow citizens. enjoyment, has been treated as a chime- was received, that the enemy had taken up Pennsylvania avenue, towards the pre- Whoever conceived the project, whatra; and there were many who in the idle the Bladensburg road. The troops were sident's house—on their arrival opposite ever may be the temper of his heart, he WRAT was repeatedly and earnestly luxury of wealth never dreamt that it immediately put in motion and by 12 o'- Mr. Mackeowen's hotel (where I put ip) is a miserable politician—and very inpressed upon the public attention ten their country was invaded or enslaved, clock the whole were on their march, in Col. Isaacs addressed the commanding competent to advise the means by which years ago, and disregarded; what was their wealth would shift hands, and that the hope of forming a junction with the officer, who we learnt was Gen. Ress, a great City can be defended—You must then foretold as the consequence of this mean and abject villainy only is success- Baltimore troops, before the enemy who gave every assurance that private meet them with the bayonet and the rifle, reached Bladensburg. This was only property and persons should be respect- or you perish. or the anticipation of a heated imaginati- We are arrived at a point, where, as partially accomplished, when the battle ed—and Admiral Cockburn, who arrived on-it is realised. It is deplorable to re- from the summit of a mountain, we can commenced, and was contested by the at the head of a second detachment, relate how much is lost by public neglect, see Evalleys thro' which we have pass- Baltimore troops and the men from the newed this assurance : they then advin- Extract of a letter to a gentleman in this and how much of disaster and affection ed, and those which we have to travel o- flotilla, with great spirit and gallantry, ed, being about 150 men, and on their reis to be endured before the evils of past ver; we can now perceive the want of until it appeared useless for so small a rival at the president's house, they inindifference & blindness, can be retriev- early precaution and provision against force, very badly supported, to stand a- tered and took some porter, and collect- "The loss of the British in attempting the common exigencies of the world; we gainst six thousand regulars, all hicked ed some papers, and soon an explosion to storm Fort Erie, on the 15th inst. was It is now a kind of shield with many of have to purchase safety and security at a men, and well supplied—a retreat was was heard, and the house seen on fire—in killed, wounded, and prisoners, at least those whose underhand doings, and whose price ten thousand times more costly, ordered, when the President, who had the treasury office was also soon on fig. 1200—we have 1450 stands of arms tamore open sayings and doings, have con- than we might have secured to ourselves been on horseback with the army the The troops then returned, and on the prisoners passed here whole day, retired from the mortifying riving near the hotel, Admiral Cockben yesterday, and another detachment is extributed to full the nation into a talse se. We have learned that a pacific dispocurity—nothing is more common now We have learned that a pacific disposcene, and left the city on horseback, achalted a part of the troops, and observed pected to day. Capt. Williams was killwith this insiduous class of men, than to sition is not sufficient to secure us from companied by Gen. Mason and Mr. Car- that he must destroy Mr. Gales's office, ed-Lieut. M'Donough fought with roll. At Georgetown the President met and ordered an officer to go into it, and handspike on the platform, with the utvil, to the government, by which they We have learned, that we ought never his lady, she having left the city only a see what it contained—on his return to most intrepidity, and knocked the Bris only mean the Executive branch of the to be unprepared against aggression, half hour before him, having remained replied that it was full of types and prist tish down as they ascended their ladwhile there are nations who have an in- with great firmness and composure at the ing materials. Admiral C. observed it ders, until he was skivered by their bay-This habit of attributing every thing terest in war, and power to make war—President's house, until a messenger must be destroyed, but on being informed at Bufto the government, is among those fatal We have learned that the promises and brought her the tidings, that the British ed that by setting fire to that office, me faloe." habits of thinking and speaking which professions of nations are never to be were within a few miles of city, and that my other adjoining builings would take we derive from the enemy. The go- taken or trusted, when their actions and our army were retreating, without any fire, he consented it should remain until FROM THE ALBANY ARGUS OF AUG. 262

clude peace, without the first inception uniform or being paraded three days in a the other officers of government went to sons might consider themselves as say Fredericktown, where the government is as they were the night previous-he de and without the consent of the Senate on And in all this experience, we cannot to be formed, and where the President parted next morning about half past 5. but perceive, that these illusions have intends to meet his Secretaries next week. Admiral C. rode through the avenue Neither can all blame (where there is been so universal, or have had so few ex- I remained at the President's house, un- the president' house, or near it, accomany branch of the government, we must B ing much fatigued, I turned off into hotel, and conversed some time with But it is not even here we are to stop honestly blame ourselves, who, by our a wood, and found good quarters in a few gentlemen in the street. About we must meet it-we cannot avent it by in a blaze, which continued nearly all Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Parrot, and Mr. Heat of the General, that the enemy had with-

In their finance—their militia—their cerned. Let us now only think of unit- with the army, to Montgomery Court to the public, that escaped, was the house him early on the morning of the 21st. ing our hearts and souls in defence of our House, where Gen. Winder's head quar- occupied for the general post and pater A storm of incessant rain prevented this All the legislators and all the parties beloved country. Even if we should dif- ters were established. I had some con- offices. which have been in power, have acted fer about the causes—it will be time e- versation with him. He appeared to alike in these fespects; a few men have nough to dispute the cause when we have regret very much, that he had not been from time to time attempted to raise saved our country-let us prepare with enabled to have made a greater resistheir voices amidst the delusion, and to all our force to meet, and we shall beat tance, although he was perfectly satisfied, that a successful resistance could not have been made, with the force in the neighbour hood of Washington,since, if had all been brought together before the action, it would not have been so large as that opposed to him, and our force was principally militia, and that of the enemy, all regulars and pick-

ington, from unquestionable authority. nemy intended to attack the city, compel-The concluding suggestions are such led him to keep his forces divided, and so ough. to recetve the most serious ure their being divided, occasioned frequent tention from all Officers, who are en- marches and countermarches, which at trusted with the d fence of their coun- this hot season was quite too much for our militia, particularly as the Quarter Master's department was either shamefully neglected, or the officers unable to of meir wise inferences with a modern friday Grening, August 25th, 1814 frocure supplies: For it is a fact, that of our men suffered severely, not only for our men suffered severely, not only for duced, (the immortal Junius) said—"To be enemy could not have been less than said a great and gallant hero- it is suf- late unhappy occurrences at Washing- accommodations, but for bread and meat; a generous mind there cannot be a doubt, reble. fint that they willed it." You may ton, I will, agreeably to your request, put and after retreating to the Court House we owe it to our ancesters to preserve call "spirits from the vasty deep, but them on paper; that, if necessary, they at Montgomery, they could not get quar-

It is to be hoped, that the officers of ance to be destroyed." This obligation borning) but the following: thing else might be willed as well as li-ry appreheusive of an attack from the berty.

British, who had landed a force on the berty. Accordingly we have seen very little Patuxent. Their numbers had not been they are not sheltered from the rains and neither a good citizen, a man of honour, ho state, that on Tuesday evening of Yard, with about 2000 men, hourly ex- It is indeed a very bad plan to march volution-You will not dishonour their e, who had been obliged to retreat A bayonet or a ball will not halt at our pecting large reinforcements from every troops far in the day on which names, nor yourselves. You are now the lithout being able to bury them, that the The same fire that will con- quarter, particularly from Baltimore, they are to fight; and it is still worse not only free people on earth; and you will hole number of dead, wounded and pries Harrice my nouse, will not spare my 3000 men having been ordered to march to have them well supplied with provisi- remain so, while you to how the example poers which had fallen into our hands immediately from that place. On Sun- ons, especially bread, which can so easi- and precepts of the god-like man who a- kceed 1100; and that it was believed no Depending on the mere will is some- day all the public offices were engaged by be baked hard, and each man fur- dorns the history of our country—the im- ad carried 400 more off the field. in packing and sending off their books nished with a competency for several mortal Washington. Thus, with our militia—we have seen and the citizens their furniture. On days. And as all armies are liable to be city. The specie was removed from all deposits made at the proper places for the When to will it, was to be free-was the Banks in the District. Reports were army to retire to; as when they do retire,

From the American Daily Advertiser.

have been beaten into military know- day to make further arrangements :- of the 24th inst. and the day following, an enemy to approach within 100 miles The platform was loosely laid down, and le at Talavera, Barcelona, Corunna, All the books and papers were sent off, to which I was an eye witness. After of Philadelphia uninterrupted—if you a- it i believed the fire was accidentally and the citizens, generally, had left the the battle a small party of British enter- bandon all your fellow citizens, who form communicated to the magazine. Severed the city about 7 o'clock at night; on a common society—a common country—a al lams were seen to be employed by the dirate or disproportionate prosperity. and encamped on the hill, directly above half past nine a tremendous explosion tions, and the strength of ed Give no quarters to the d_____d The passion of society has been money the other bridge, about one mile and at the navy yard, and it was the country, be with you; do not hold Yanke." Fontaine was bayonetted and cessues. The love of money supercoded the whole night, expecting the enemy's part of which burnt with great fary, town has not asked aid from Philadelphia 3 of which have since died.

-this was not done until next morning LATEST FROM THE NIAGARAL

August 26, 1814. REMEMBER POSTERITY.

to posterity. Your fathers have bestow feers with Capt. Biddle, a field piece and ed on you an inheritance that you must a howitzer on the right. Our flankers entire, those rights, which they have delivered to our care; we owe it to poste- Richmond, (which left Albany Tuesday rity not to suffer their dearest inherit-

FROM THE AURORA.

TO THE PEOPLE. A project has been set on foot, and

What infatuation, to begin to defend Philadelphia on the commons, or beyond

What frantic mind suggested the im- of Wednesday morning, one of them of becile project ?-What! wait for the e- the army. They inform, that from 380 nemy in your neighborhood, and surren- to 20 of the enemy were buried by our der your neighbors, and countrymen trops; and that the total number of pri-

What inhuman, selfish, or imbecile thee, 70 or 80 were mangled by the mind was it that conceived a project so plaion of a powder magazine under the The following are facts which narrow, so unsocial, so absurd?

COMMON SENSE.

City, (Albany) dated

" Katuvia, August 19, 1814.

Prom the 16th to the 21st, our army on the Niagara spent their time in co parative quiet, excepting what the ei my would term sorties. After leaving strong garrisons in our batteries, on the afternoon of the 18th, the General moved out about a mile on the Point Abino General. After displaying from colui into line, their left in front, they advance ed upon the enemy's supposed positions and entrenchments about 1500 yards .--With their skirmishers in front, through a tnick wood, they reconnoitred their less

The stillness of the batteries on the were burnt, together with the Potoma drawn the principal part of his battering being put into execution before 9-at CHESTER BAILEY. that hour a party of our riflemen were thrown into the woods which mask the position of the enemy, the skirts of which are occupied by their light brigade, una der brigadier Tucker. These were sup-Americans, remember what you ow ported by the 9th, 21st, 23d, and volume hand down to your children, unsulfied & brought on a pretty sharp affair with the unimpaired .- Remember the sacred Tucker brigade, and their supporting trust committed to your care; and as you party. Our party penetrated the wood value your characters and your good to the abbatis and trenches, and by some names, see that you do not, by a single manœuvring drew on the flankers so as act or deed, tarnish your fame, or com to receive the fire of the detachment unrite of the Revolution-remainber nowno account could they be persuaded to much they freely and voluntarily sacrifcome upon the plain. Biddle gave it to ficed for the constitution and laws you them warmly with grape, cannister and now enjoy, and remember the sacred of snells, and a brisk cannonade was kept bligation you are under, to transmit this up from all the batteries. A perfect reconstitution and these laws to in ure ge connoisance was effected. We regret nerations, without stain or dishonor. One the loss of 1 officer killed and 3 wound-

FROM ERIE.

We have nothing by the steam boat

FROM THE ARBUS OFFICE. Monday Morning, Aug. 22.

Yunkee. | They stated, also, that a fring was tard at the head of the Lake on Wedsday evening or Thursday morning wich, my informant cannot say, suppose d to proceed from the hostile squadrens ithat quarter.

> ROM THE ALBANY ARGUS AUG. 25% LATEST FROM BUFFALO.

The Editor of the Argus has conversedwith two gentlemen who left Buffalos ten, twenty, or a hundred miles distant! solers, including wounded, was 414; of batery which the enemy gained, after

Beut. M'Donough was killed while eneby, Lieut. Fontaine, then the only res mond paid for his inhumanity with his