

Abbot, of Philadelphia, in 6 days. The Happy Return, Tatem, and the King Jefferson, sailed for Philadelphia several days before; brig Hunter, of and for Baltimore, in 2 days. A number of others, names unknown.

The schr. Governor McKean, taken off the west end of St. Croix, sent to Tortola, cargo labelled.

List of American vessels left by the brig Concord at Trinidad, on the 10th August: Ships Adams, Captain Tubbs, Boston; Rambler, Gauche, Wells; Margaret, *Herd of Baltimore from batavia*, under adjudication at Barbadoes, having been bro't in by the British letter of marque Dominic Packet, upon suspicion of having Dutch property on board; brig Aurora, Howell, New-York; Two mothers, Bray, do.; White Oak, Young, Portsmouth; Merchant, Thomas, Kennebunk; Ann, Mollison, Edenton; a schooner, name unknown, Covill, Boston; do. do. Grubby, Marblehead; Monangahala, Osgood, N. York; Sunbury, Killey, for New-York; Alonzo, Darling, do. gone to Bandalet for fustic.

#### SAVANNAH, August 18.

Gun-boat No. 2, commanded by lieutenant Elbert, from Charleston, arrived and anchored off Fort-Wayne, on Friday last.

Cleared, brig Sea-Island, Bennet, New-York; Georgia, Jocelin, ditto.

#### CHARLESTON, August 18-20.

Cleared, Schr. Roebuck, M'Farlane, Philadelphia; schr. James, White, Nassau; brig Susannah, Bingley, Nantz.

Mr. H. JAMES, passenger in the brig George Clinton, from Senegal, informs, that six English Guineamen, accompanied by the Diamond frigate and Favorite sloop of war, arrived at Goree on the 15 June last; the Argosy was daily expected—it was supposed that the Diamond brought dispatches for government, but he could not learn what they were. The first night the Diamond anchored, six of her men stole a boat, and deserted; it was supposed they were Americans, and went up the Gambia, to get home in some American vessel. Most of the Guineamen were short manned, as well as the cruizers, who distressed them by impressment—one of the Guineamen, a large ship, had only 14 or 15 men left; the captain threatened to abandon the ship, and protest against the Diamond. All the soldiers at Goree, were extremely anxious to hear peace proclaimed with France.

### FEDERAL GAZETTE.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31.

Israel Smith of New-York arrived in Richmond on Sunday last, and was conveyed to the penitentiary.

APPOINTMENT—Archibald Minthorne Cook, Esq. of New York, Commercial Agent for the Island of Martinique.

The U. S. Gazette mentions the price of the Floridas to be four million of dollars. We know not whether this is correct or not; if it is, we certainly have much cause to be satisfied; the purchase we have good reason to believe has actually been made.

At a meeting of the Common Council of New York, on the 27th, the report of the committee on the subject of fortifying the harbor (published in the Federal Gazette of Saturday last) was adopted.

#### THE PIRATE.

The circumstance of the Othello having been piratically attacked and plundered in the bay, has afforded an opportunity to the Volunteers of exhibiting a rare and pleasing instance of their loyalty and public spirit. And it is a sure pledge that, in the hour of real danger, we may count with confidence on the alacrity and the valor of the Volunteers of Baltimore.

From the information which we have obtained, the following appears to be the result. Of the pirate's crew, five were last evening brought up from Annapolis; three were taken on board of their boat by the detachment commanded by captains Porter, J. Sterret and S. Sterret, and brought to town yesterday; this morning lieutenant Calhoun returned with the four who escaped in a small boat from the pirate schooner: These *swelch* men are in the hands of the civil authority, to be proceeded against agreeably to the forms of law.

The four last taken, lieutenant Calhoun found on board the French ship Parrot, to which they had fled from their own vessel; and in this ship they were in irons. We are informed that commodore Khrom, having obtained from captain Comegys (who we before stated to have gone down with instructions from Gen. Turreau) the character and an account of the conduct of these men, had ordered them to be thus secured. It is supposed that three of the men brought by lieutenant Calhoun are the principals.

#### From a Correspondent. CRITICISM.

To which ever country we turn our eyes, we perceive and we regret that their aspect is unfavorable to philosophic pursuits. Ambition, desolation, the clangor of arms, or preparations for war, will not suffer men's attention to wander from these objects. Under such circumstances, it is well for philosophy, if she finds even in cloisters and colleges, a tranquil retreat.

But there are difficulties almost peculiar to this country, with which philosophy has to contend. Here there are few men who

have leisure, and perhaps still fewer with the inclination to engage in developing the secrets of nature. The learned and the unlettered, as if impelled by the same cause, seem anxious, not for fame, but to avoid poverty or amass wealth. Out of this state of things, has grown a state of mind, the most adverse imaginable to the progress of philosophy.

If, however, there are among us, men who have appreciated the value of genius, we call upon all such to protect philosophy from the chilling blasts of poverty, the laugh of the thoughtless, and sneers of the ill-natured.

The philosophy of quarantines has become extremely interesting to the United States. Whoever, therefore, shall establish it on the basis of truth, will have a just claim, not only to their gratitude, but to the gratitude of mankind.

Among the writers who have opposed quarantines, as unnecessary and useless, we find no one who has treated the subject in a more ingenious manner, (as far as he has proceeded in it) than our fellow citizen Dr. Crawford.

We shall mention, a few outlines of his theory.

The Doctor considers death in insects and animals to be occasioned by an organic, living and moving principle.

To prove the existence of this principle, he avails himself of the discoveries of the naturalists—*First*, he shews by unquestionable facts, derived from this source, that every tribe of insects has its special enemy, in some other tribe, by which the increase of the whole, is kept within certain bounds. Next, that insects originating from eggs, deposited on the surface of animals, and entering their interior, some by one rout and some by another, cause their death or destruction—*Lastly*, that man, in every thing respecting his animal nature, is subject to the same law, as other animals, and to death brought about by similar means.

Having thus established that death in insects, animals and man, is occasioned by a living organic principle, possessed of the power of moving from one place to another, uncontrollable by man, it follows, that quarantines offer no security, and can be no barrier against such an enemy.

This theory we acknowledge is supported by many facts, drawn as we have said, from the stores of the naturalists, and by several very strong and very striking analogies. It is not, however, our intention to decide for or against its soundness, in this stage of the publication. The Doctor appears to have much matter yet on hand. When all the facts and reasoning shall have been submitted, will be the proper time to form a decisive opinion respecting its pretensions. In the mean while, seeing that he has suspended the further publication of his treatise, through the channel of the "*Observer*," we think the public entitled in some form or other to a view of it entire.

A. O.

#### THE FOUR SEAMEN.

On the third instant, we republished an article from the National Intelligencer, the object of which was to show that the four seamen claimed by Capt. Humphrey's from commodore Barron were Americans. This article appearing in the government paper, was allowed something like the weight of an official document and it was therefore supposed to put the controversy about the men at rest. In a late Boston paper the birth place of one of the men who alleged he was born in Massachusetts, has been traced to one of the West-India Islands; and we have just seen the copy of a letter to Mr. Gallatin, from a gentleman in this place, if we are rightly informed, which at any rate goes to destroy all credit in the statement of the men themselves.

In a note to the article above referred to, com. Barron is said to have reported, (doubtless taken the facts from the parties) that William Ware, Daniel Martin and John Little, Alias Francis, were sailors on board the brig Neptune, capt. Crafts of this place, and that they were pressed out of her by the British frigate Melampus in the bay of Biscay.

On application to capt. Crafts by the secretary of the treasury, he has made a particular statement respecting these men, which we have seen and now feel it to be our duty to avail ourselves of the information it contains, so far as to let the public know what sort of people these four men are and what credit is due to them.

Captain Crafts states, that he sailed in the brig Neptune from New-York for Bordeaux in Aug. 1805. On the 17th of November following, he was taken into the bay of Biscay by the Melampus, then commanded by capt. Poynts, and sent into Plymouth, England. All the crew excepting himself and boy and all the passengers were taken out, and an officer and 9 men put on board to navigate the vessel. He arrived at Plymouth on the 27th. The vessel and cargo were liberated, but he remained there to complete some repairs, and for want of his crew, the Melampus not having arrived. On the first of January following the Melampus did arrive, and immediately delivered up the whole crew, among whom were the aforesaid William Ware, Daniel Martin and John Little, or Francis, all men of colour. These 2 men, with one Sidney Jackson, being also a coloured man, went ashore without liberty, and strong suspicions being entertained that they had stolen a

bag of coffee, which was missing, and cut open and robbed another on their return about midnight they were charged with the felony, on which Ware swore he would do no more duty, but being intoxicated, it was passed over.—In the morning Ware and Martin were ordered ashore with the long boat, for water, when they both deserted and left her on the beach. On the captains going on shore he saw Ware with some of the crew of the Melampus, and asked him why he had not filled the casks: to which he gave a saucy answer; and said he would not fill them. Neither he nor Martin ever returned on board the brig again; during the day Jackson likewise deserted, and in the evening Little did the same, getting into the boat of the Melampus as she lay along side.—The next day captain Crafts asked capt. Poynts about the men, telling him their loss would distress him; on which captain Poynts said he did not wait the men, for he had his complement, and besides they were coloured people, and he strongly suspected great scoundrels; but, that if they did enter he should expect captain Crafts to pay their wages, which he refused. Since that time captain Crafts has never seen nor heard any thing of the men till he lately saw their names in the papers as being the persons on whose account the public interest has been so strongly excited. He says they had American protections and he inclines to believe that they are Americans. He has heard Ware boast of his descent and say that his father was a Scotchman, though his mother was a squaw. Martin is a dark mulatto, Little also a mulatto, and Jackson a negro. The captain says no provocation was given them to induce them to desert the Neptune, but they were well treated in all respects.

Such is the information contained in capt. Crafts's letter to Mr. Gallatin. We communicate it to the public without comment at present. [N. Y. E. Post.]

#### Interments in the city of Baltimore last week:

Dropsy, - - - - -	1
Accidental, - - - - -	3
Meazels, - - - - -	1
Influenza, - - - - -	1
Drowned, - - - - -	1
Whooping cough, - - - - -	1
Cholera, - - - - -	23
Unknown, - - - - -	4
Still-born, - - - - -	2
Cancer, - - - - -	1
Nervous fever, - - - - -	1
Fits, - - - - -	1
Debility, - - - - -	1
Flux, - - - - -	1
Lingering, - - - - -	1
Childbed, - - - - -	1
Consumption, - - - - -	1
Sudden-death, - - - - -	1
Adults, - - - - -	16
Children, - - - - -	30—46

#### From the Merchant's Coffee-House Books.

August 29.  
Arrived, brig Mercury, Dye, 12 days from St. Pierre (Mart.)—sugar—to order. July 16, on outward bound passage, fell in with sloop Hartford, of Boston, a full mast gone close by the deck. Left at St. Pierre, August 16, brig Cyrus, Appleton, for Boston, in 8 or 9 days; schooner Intrepid, for Philadelphia, in 10 days; brig Minerva, Clair, for Boston, in 10 days. Two British frigates were cruising off Martinique; one of them boarded a schooner that came in; they told them that they had sent several vessels into Antigua from Martinique. Was chased by two British tenders, when coming into the Capes; being to windward, got clear.

### Sale by Auction.

TO-MORROW MORNING,  
The 1st September, at 10 o'clock, at our auction-rooms, at the head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of  
**A Variety of Dry Goods;**

After which at 12 o'clock,  
75 hhds. Muscovado Sugar,  
57 hhds. first quality Molasses,  
233 bags Green Coffee,  
13 pipes Holland Gin,  
12 do. Bordeaux Brandy,  
11 puncheons Rum,  
76 boxes white and brown Sugar,  
At private sale,  
300,000 wt. Green Coffee, in bags and bbls.  
30,000 wt. Carracas Cocoa,  
732 boxes white and brown Havana Sugar.  
VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct's.  
August 31.

### Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale To-Morrow Morning,  
33 pieces BOLTING CLOTHS.  
VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct's.  
August 31.

### Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale To-Morrow Morning,  
1 bale Flannel,  
1 trunk Ribbons,  
1 ditto fancy handkerchiefs, and  
1 ditto long Lawn.  
VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct's.  
August 31.

### Sale by Auction.

The subscriber will offer for sale on the premises on Wednesday 9th September if fair if not the next four days, at 10 o'clock,  
A HOUSE & LOT on the Frederick-town turnpike-road, about five miles from Baltimore. The house is frame, two stories high, with a kitchen, garden, and Stables for 30 horses, and would suit for a Tavern. The Lot contains about five acres; is enclosed with a good fence (part stone and part post and rails) has a number of good Springs, and would answer well for the establishment of a Tanyard.  
The terms of sale one half cash, the other half to be paid in six months.  
ABRAHAM ENCL.  
August 30. d4tt

### Sale by Auction.

**Cole & I. Bonsal, Auct'rs.**  
On TUESDAY, the 31<sup>st</sup> Sept. will be offered for sale at our Warehouse back of the Union Bank of Maryland, (entrance from S. Charles street,) an elegant variety of  
**Household & Kitchen Furniture,**  
Consisting of  
Sideboards,  
Bureaus,  
Fancy Chairs,  
1 Settee,  
Bedsteads, (mahogany and others)  
Coffee and Tea Urns, (elegant)  
Sett China,  
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cabinets,  
B. ds. & c.  
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.  
N. B. In the course of the sale, Share in the Baltimore Library.  
August 31.

### Sugar House for Sale.

The Subscriber offers for sale, or lease for a term of years, His Sugar House near the Head of the Basin, with the Utensils thereto belonging, complete.  
For particulars apply at his counting house, No. 11, Water-street.

#### CHARLES GARTS

If the above property is not sold or leased, on or before Monday the 14th September, it will be on that day at 11 o'clock, on the premises, be sold at Public Auction, together with the stock remaining on hand, consisting of Loaf, Lump, Piece and Bastard Sugars, and a quantity of Molasses. The terms of sale, which will be liberal, and advantageous to the purchaser, will be made known at time of sale.

#### VAN WYCK & DORSEY, auct.

August 31.  
**John & James Roberts,**  
230, Market street,  
Have just received and offer for sale, on reasonable terms,  
5 boxes 4 Irish L. new,  
2 bales superfine Cloths, } Entitled to  
1 bale double milled Ker } Drawback.  
seymers, }  
Also,  
11 bales Flannels,  
14 hhds. & } good quality Sugars,  
7 barrels }  
August 31. d1st

### To Rent.

THE LOWER STORY of No. 6, South-street. Possession may be had on the first of October next. Inquire on the premises.  
August 31. 2aw

### A TRUNK

Containing a few Books and some Women's Apparel, was lost last night on the Philadelphia road, within three miles from Baltimore. Grateful thanks, or a suitable reward will be given for returning said Trunk at Mr. Faget's South Gay street, No. 4.  
August 30. d4tt

Wanted to Purchase or Hire,  
A Negro GIRL, about 15 years of age; one from the country would be preferred. Apply at this office.  
August 31. 60dt

### Wanted.

In a Wholesale and Retail Dry Good Store,  
A Young MAN, about the age of 16 or 18 years: he must understand the business and come well recommended. For particulars inquire at this office.  
August 21. M W

### For Sale, or to Let.

A new two story Brick HOUSE, situate in North-street, between the Dutch Chapel and the Cathedral. It is elegantly finished, built of the best materials, lies in a healthy situation, contiguous to good water, and would answer a small genteel family very well; it would be sold low for cash, or rented on good terms to a pleasing tenant. Apply on the premises, to  
August 31. FRANCIS PEPPER. 2aw4tt

### TOWN'S Academy

The public will please take notice that the business of the institution will be resumed on Tuesday next, the first of September.  
August 27. d4t

### A new News-Paper.

Entitled,  
**THE TIMES,**  
AND  
**Republican Monitor,**  
Will be published in this city as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.  
A Prospectus of the work shall be distributed, declaring the principles of the Editor, and the conditions of the publication.  
"In our brief abstract of the times,  
"Some things we may extenuate,  
"But nothing let down in malice."  
August 31. d4tt

### The United Blues.

Are requested to meet on the usual parade ground (Colonel Howard's Park) on the afternoon of Thursday Next, at 2 o'clock precisely, with uniform and accoutrements complete: it is hoped that no member that can possibly attend equipped, will be remiss therein.  
By order,  
JOSHUA FORT, Secy.  
August 31. d4t

### Baltimore Union Volunteers.

You will parade, on Lindenberger's Lot this Afternoon, at half past 4 o'clock, with arms and accoutrements. The roll will called at 20 minutes past 5, and absentees fined.  
By order of the Captain,  
JOHN WHITELOCK, 1st Sergt.  
August 30. d4t

### First Baltimore Hussars.

You will assemble in front of the court-house, at half past four o'clock, To-Morrow Afternoon, in stable dress complete provided with pistols and six blank cartridges each. The roll will be called precisely at 5 o'clock, when the troop will march to its field of exercise.  
August 31. WM. B. BARNET, Capt. d4t

### United Baltimore Rangers.

You are requested to attend at your usual parade ground, this evening, at half past five o'clock precisely. The members it is expected will be punctual in their attendance.  
By order,  
WESLEY WOODS, Secy.  
N. B. As there are still a few wanting to fill said company, any gentlemen wishing to join, will have the goodness to give in their names to captain M'Clure, or any of the members.  
August 31. d4t

### Baltimore College.

THE public are respectfully informed, that vacation will terminate in this institution on Monday, the 31st instant.

At next public examination, on Monday, 21st December, it is proposed to distribute premiums to the students who may excel in the different classes, in the following order; so that all who have any desire to be come candidates, ought to be punctual in their attendance on the day the college opens, as well as on the hours assigned to each day's instruction:

#### ORDER OF PREMIUMS.

To the youth who shall have fewest marks for delinquency, and also for absence on each day's catalogue, a Silver Medal, with suitable motto and ribbon, to be worn on the breast during vacation, and afterwards returned.

To the best scholar in logic and rhetoric, in the most advanced class, a Silver Medal, as above.

To the mathematical student who shall have made the greatest proficiency in that science, a Silver Medal, as above.

To the author of the best specimen of composition, or essay, on any subject of natural philosophy, proposed by the faculty, a Gold Medal, to be worn, &c. as above.

To the author of the best specimen of composition, or essay, on any subject of moral philosophy, proposed by the faculty, a Gold Medal, worn, &c. as above.

To the author of the best specimen of taste or imagination, proposed by the faculty, a Gold Medal, as above.

To the most approved proficient in the use of the globe, a Silver Medal, as above.

To the author of the best written letter by any student of the mathematical class, a Silver Medal, as above.

To the student, who, in each class or author, shall be found to excel his fellow students of the same class, in that author, a Silver Medal, as above.

For the best Greek exercise, a Silver Medal, &c.

For the best Latin exercise in each class, a Silver Medal, &c.

For the best translation into English, from any Greek or Latin authors, assigned by the faculty to each class, a Silver Medal, &c.

For the best translation into French, or best written letter in that language, a Silver Medal, &c.; and also a similar premium in the Spanish language.

For the best specimen of writing or penmanship in each class, attested, not by a single piece, but the whole book, a Silver Medal, &c.

To the best scholar in each of the classes, in the junior or introductory school, ascertained on examination, a handsome prize book.

The names of all the successful candidates shall be publicly announced at the close of the exhibition.

All the essays & exercises in the translation must be executed under the eye of the faculty, and in apartments or rooms, where no suspicion can be justly formed of having received any improper aid.

The public in general, and the patrons of literature in this city, in particular, may be convinced that the Baltimore College is in want of no essential means of promoting the youth to diligence and excellence, by emulation in the above branches of education. They are also respectfully informed that it is the design of the faculty to apply to the general assembly of Maryland, at their next ensuing session, for some extension of their bountiful patronage, for the purpose of procuring such apparatus & accommodations as may be further necessary for promoting the interest and respectability of the institution; thus the professors of this seminary, in a manner in its infancy, humbly hope, that by the exertion of such talents as they possess; by unremitting diligence and persevering industry, they may in some degree look up with modest assurance to the sanction of the friends of literature, and the smiles of public favor.

### Attention—Grenadiers.

A full meeting of the said company, and of all wishing to join it, is expected on Monday Evening next, at seven o'clock, at my quarters, No. 11, Commerce street; as business of importance will be transacted, it is hoped the members will not suffer a slight indisposition, or other cause to prevent their punctual attendance.

JOHN CURSON SETON, Captain.  
August 28. d3t

### Columbian Volunteers.

Ordered that you attend at your usual place of parade in Howard's Park on Tuesday afternoon next, (1st Sept.) at half past 3 o'clock precisely, in full uniform, with arms and accoutrements in military order.

J. WILSON, Secy.  
N. B. Cartridges will be furnished on the ground.  
Aug. 27.

### The Members of the Mechanical Fire Company.

are requested to attend a Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, the 1st of September, at their Engine House, where the roll will be called at 4 o'clock, P. M.  
August 27. d3t

### BALTIMORE JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS.

THE young gentlemen who met at Mr. JOHN WRAV'S, North Gay-street, on Saturday evening last, who signed their names to form a volunteer corps, will please to attend this evening, precisely at 8 o'clock, as business of importance will then be laid before them.

N. B. All patriotic young men above the age of 16, and under 20, who wish to join this company will please to attend.  
August 30.

### Baltimore Jockey Club.

On Tuesday the 14th day of next October the Baltimore Jockey Club Purse of \$500, will be run for over the Childs Race Course near Goran's Tavern: free for any horse, mare or gelding agreeably to the rules of the Club. On Wednesday the 15th, the B. J. Club's Col's Purse of 200 dollars, free as above.

Also, on Thursday the 15th, a handsome subscription Purse, free for any thing; but the racing to be conducted agreeably to the Rules of the Club, except so far as they relate to mercenary matters.

JOHN WOODEN, of John, Treas'ry.  
August 11. 2aw law d4t