

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.

Shad were exposed in our fish-market yesterday morning, at the moderate price of three dollars a-piece.

Extract of a letter from Wilmington, N. C. dated Feb. 11.

"The dreadful cry of fire awoke us about 4 o'clock this morning, since when I have not sat down until now, and at the same hour in the afternoon. It broke out in a bake-house, next door to Dr. Hill's, exactly where the great fire commenced in 1798, and so rapid were the flames, that by day light all that square was entirely consumed, with the one from Watkin's corner down to the water edge. The Court-house was on fire a number of times. Several houses were blown up in hopes to arrest the progress of the flames, but all to no purpose. Never did I see a more awful conflagration, and so great a number of distressed objects as the streets were crowded with this morning."

A letter from Wilmington, North-Carolina, on the 11th inst. says, "this devoted town has once more been nearly one half burnt down. At 2 o'clock this morning the citizens were alarmed by the cry of fire, which proceeded from the Bake-house occupied by Mr. Gémache, and owing to the dismay and confusion attendant on such occasions, got so far ahead as to render every effort to check its progress unavailing, and burnt without interruption until the houses were consumed to the wharf and back to Princess-street, with the exception of Mallet's Warehouse, John Martin's brick-house at the corner of Princess and Front-streets, two or three houses on Toomer's Alley, Mr. Wright's new house, and Mr. Bergwin's corner on Second and Market-streets. Every other house between the Market and South side of Princess-street was consumed, together with Allen's, Livingston's and Campbell's, on the north side of Princess-street."

Another letter says, "the Meeting and Court-house were on fire several times, and if they had gone, there would not have been a house left in town. The conflagration was truly awful, and the streets filled with objects of distress."

NEW-YORK, Feb. 27.

Captain Whiting, of the brig Farmer, arrived last night in 14 days from St. Thomas, states that on the 11th of Feb. a French fleet consisting of 10 sail of the line and 10 frigates, arrived at the City of St. Domingo. And on the 10th, Admiral Duckworth, with 7 sail of the line and 2 frigates, passed St. Thomas bound to leeward: 2 sail of the line followed the next day.

Capt. Matthews, of the Hannah Bartley, in the night of the 7th inst. 5 leagues to leeward of St. Domingo, he fell in with a British Squadron of 8 or 9 sail.

By the schooner Two Brothers, in 17 days from St. Kitts, we have received St. Kitts papers to the 7th inst.

BASSATERRE, Feb. 7.

On Saturday last, His Majesty's Fleet, under Admiral Duckworth, failed from this road to leeward in search of the enemy, his Majesty's sloop King Fisher having arrived that day, and communicated the important intelligence that a French fleet of 7 sail of the line, and 4 frigates, had been seen on the 25th ult. in the Ponta Passage. These are said to be a part of a Squadron of 10 sail of the line, 10 frigates and 1 brig, that failed from Brest 10 days before.

On Monday last, three heavy ships (supposed to be part of the scattered French fleet) passed this road to leeward. We sincerely hope they may form a junction with the British fleet.

This day a ship arrived from Antigua, for Quebec, she brings an account that his Prussian Majesty has joined the Coalition, and taken possession of Holland—that Sir James Craig had effected his landing with the British, as had also the Russian troops from Cerfu, at Venice—that Lord Cathcart commanded the infantry, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent the British Cavalry, on the Continent—that seven sail of the line had made their escape from some other port of France; and, that Admiral Lord A. Beauclerc, with 5 sail of the line, may be momentarily expected in pursuit of them.

PITTSFIELD: FEBRUARY 24, 1806.

On Thursday last, pursuant to his sentence, was executed at Lenox, EPHRAIM WHEELER, for a Rape committed on his daughter Betsey Wheeler. He was taken from the Gaol at 11 o'clock, and accompanied by the Sheriff and his Deputies, with the customary guard of Cavalry and Infantry, moved with the greatest solemnity to the Meeting-House, where a Sermon, well adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Shepard. The discourse of People assembled was conjectured to be not less than 5000; not 100 of which it is believed, but would have greatly rejoiced had his punishment been commuted, and he been confined to hard labor in the Sates' Prison for life. The

Sheriff, Col. Larned, executed the sentence of the law on the unhappy criminal at 3 o'clock, with marks of great sensibility, tenderness, and compassion. He made no confession of the crime for which he suffered; but just before he was turned off declared his innocence of it, that he had been accused wrongfully, and that he forgave his accusers and all the world, and desired the Rev. Mr. Ayre, who was with him on the scaffold, to make proclamation of the same, which he did in a very pathetic manner. Not the least disorder took place among this large collection of people, nor any injury happened to any ones person, but an awful attentive solemnity appeared on the face of the whole assembly.

Fire.—We are sorry to state that the Dwelling-House of Dr. SAMUEL PORTER, of Williamstown, together with his Wood-House, Carriage-House, and Barn, which were contiguous, were destroyed by fire on the night of the 14th inst. The buildings, we are told, were almost new, and valuable; and the house richly furnished. The fire originated in the kitchen, and was discovered about 3 o'clock at night; but not until it had made such progress as to render it impossible to save any of the buildings, and but a small portion of their contents. Most of the furniture in the two lower rooms, in front of the kitchen, was saved, and a few articles from the chambers over them. From the Carriage-House, nothing but a Chaise was saved, and a Coach, harness, &c. burnt.—From the Barn, the horses and cattle only. Providentially no lives were lost, although there were many persons who lodged in the house that were on a visit and who escaped with their clothes in their hands. The loss sustained must be great and very distressing, particularly at this season of the year. The liberality of the inhabitants of Williamstown, we hope, will immediately afford him such assistance as is within their power.

From Pownal (Vt.) we also hear that on the night preceding the above-mentioned fire, a house was destroyed in that town, and one woman burnt to death.

HARTFORD, March 5.

PIERPONT EDWARDS, Esq. is appointed by the President of the U. States, District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Captain Hodgkins, arrived at Portland from Trinidad, informs that martial law continued there, in consequence of the Revolt of the Blacks; that 140 had been taken, and hung; several beheaded and gibbeted.

We understand that the bill to prohibit the intercourse between this country and part of the Island of St. Domingo has passed the House of Representatives as it came from the Senate.

We learn from Washington that two resolutions have passed the Senate of the United States.—The first declaratory of our neutral rights.—The second advising the appointment of two Envoys to the court of St. James, to adjust the existing differences between the United States and Great-Britain.

Extraordinary Fecundity.—The wife of Mr. Anson Fairchild, of Granville, on the 24th ult. was delivered of three male Children, weighing eight pounds ten ounces each!!!

MARRIED.—At Coventry, the 24th ult. by Benjamin Strong, Esq. Mr. DANIEL MANLEY, to Miss MATILDA WHITE.

DIED.—At East-Windsor the 13th ult. Mr. Nathaniel Drake, aged 69 years.

At Ellington, the 10th ult. Mr. Gilson Willis, in the 62d year of his age.

At Ashford, Mr. Jesse Judson, son of the late Rev. Andrew Judson, aged 26.—Thro a long and painful sickness, he was calm, patient and resigned; and in the view of death, he manifested that Faith which works by love; that Hope which is an anchor of the soul; and that Charity which seeketh not her own, which raised him above the terrors of death, and gave him the utmost transport, that he was about to enter into that building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. His Brothers, the Church, and his Masonic Brethren lament their loss.—His remains were interred on the 17th with the honors of Masonry; a well adapted discourse, on the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Welch, of Mansfield, from Job xxx. 33, to a very large concourse of sympathizing friends.

In this town, Mrs. Elizabeth Webster, wife of Mr. Daniel Webster, aged 44 years.—Mr. Herace Skinner, aged 29 years.

At Southington, of a pulmonary consumption, on the 5th ult. Miss Nancy Whittlesey, wife of Roger Whittlesey, Esq. and daughter of the Rev. John Smalley, D. D. in the 35th year of her age; leaving three sons and three sisters, besides a disconsolate husband and aged parents, deeply to be mourned their bereavement.

By her lively sensibility, kind attentions, and agreeable conversation, she had gained the general love of her acquaintance, and greatly endeared herself to her near connections. But the afflicted friends are not left to mourn, in this case, as having no hope. For some time before her departure hence, she exhibited hopeful evidence of begun preparation, by divine grace, for a better world.

At Lee, (Mass.) on the 23d ult. Mr. Joseph Harburt, jr. aged 24 years.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esq. GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN AND OVER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEN we seriously contemplate the rich and innumerable variety of mercies, with which we are continually indulged, all flowing from the care and bounty of Divine Goodness, we should be humbled before our GOD, with deep contrition for our sinful ingratitude and unworthiness; and with devout sorrow of heart, be led to solemn Prayer and earnest Supplication, through our Great and Glorious Mediator, for Divine Forgiveness and Mercy.

WITH these ideas on my mind, and earnestly hoping that like impressions may possess the minds of the people of the State; I have thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint FRIDAY the FOURTH DAY of APRIL next, to be observed throughout this State, as a day of FASTING and HUMILIATION,—of devout PRAYER and SUPPLICATION,—and of solemn PRAISE to ALMIGHTY GOD;—hereby calling upon, and earnestly entreating both ministers and people of all denominations, in their private retirements and public assemblies, most seriously and devoutly to attend to the important duties of the day: That they may humble themselves before GOD for their past sins and follies,—intreat the divine forgiveness and mercy, with the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit to guide their future lives;—and, while performing these duties of repentance and prayer, that they solemnly praise and adore the goodness of their GOD, for all his past benefits conferred on them, in humble hope of a gracious continuance of his loving kindness and tender mercy.

At the same time, while humbling themselves for private and individual sins and ingratitude, may the people consider and lament the national sins and crimes against the divine law and goodness, which prevail at this day,—particularly our infidelity and abounding neglect of the gospel of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST,—our disregard to the genuine principles and benevolent practices of our holy religion,—our indifference to the sabbath and holy ordinances,—our forgetfulness of a Divine Providence, ruling over the affairs of men,—and our general ingratitude to GOD, for the abundant goodness and protection, with which he has favored the people of our nation and land, above all surrounding nations.

We may also with humble hope and confidence, add our ardent supplications to GOD, for his divine mercy and goodness to be continued and extended over us:—That we may still be favored with the enjoyment of the holy gospel, with its divine influences and benefits:—That the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit may be renewed and mightily enlarged towards us:—That we may be blessed in our national and public concerns:—That our public rulers may be guided by divine wisdom and influence:—That the President of the United States may be under the peculiar direction of Heaven, and continually supported and assisted in the discharge of all his arduous duties:—That all our officers, legislative, executive and judicial, may be guided of GOD in all their respective duties and relations;—That GOD would peculiarly watch over the interests of literature and science, and make them subservient to his own glory, and the best good of the risen and of the rising generations of mankind:—That he would teach our spiritual teachers, and influence our literary instructors:—That GOD would prosper the people in all their lawful pursuits, particularly in their agriculture, trade, navigation, fisheries, arts, and all their laudable concerns;—That it would please a merciful GOD, to continue and preserve the general health of the people, give them abundant cause to rejoice in his goodness, and enable them to praise him for his holiness and loving kindness.

May GOD also help the people of this State and of the United States, wisely to consider, and seriously to contemplate, the wonderful events of Divine Providence which are rapidly passing in review on the Continent of Europe,—speaking in a peculiar and impressive language to the nations of the Earth, and declaring the wonderful judgments of an offended and avenging GOD. And, while with humble faith and hope, we admire and adore this peculiar display of the righteous displeasure of ALMIGHTY GOD towards distant nations, let us gratefully acknowledge that divine goodness, which has hitherto suffered us to dwell in so much security and national prosperity. Let us also, under an admiring view of these great events, fix our eyes for protection, on that Rock of Ages, who has hitherto been our shield and our defence in all our times of danger;—and, secure under the covert of this divine protection, may the people of our nation, practically acknowledge, that virtue and righteousness, are the exaltation of a nation, while sin and ingratitude are the reproach and disgrace of any people.

All servile labor, and recreation on said day, are by law forbidden.

GIVEN under my hand at Lebanon in said State of Connecticut, this First Day of March, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Thirtieth.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By his Excellency's Command,

SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.

DISTRICT of CONNECTICUT, ss.

BE remembered, That on the fifteenth day of January in the thirtieth year of the Independence of the United States of America, NOAH WEBSTER, Esq. of the said District, hath deposited in this office the title of a book the right whereof he claims as Author, in the words following, to wit:—"A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language. In which five thousand words are added to the number found in the best English Compend; and the Orthography is in some instances corrected; The Pronunciation marked by an accent or other suitable direction; and the Definitions of many words amended and improved. To which are added, for the benefit of the merchant, the student and the traveller,—1. Tables of the moneys of most of the commercial nations in the world, with the value expressed in sterling and cents.—2. Tables of weights and measures, ancient and modern, with the proportion between the several weights used in the principal cities of Europe.—3. The Divisions of time among the Jews, Greeks and Romans, with a table exhibiting the Roman manner of dating.—4. An official List of the Post-Offices in the United States, with the states and counties in which they are respectively situated, and the distance of each from the seat of government.—5. The number of inhabitants in the United States, with the amount of exports.—6. New and interesting Chronological Tables of remarkable events and discoveries.—By Noah Webster, Esq."

In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books, to authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned."

SIMEON BALDWIN, Clerk of the District of Connecticut.

A true copy of record, Examined and sealed by S. BALDWIN, Clk. Dist. Ct.

Fresh European Garden Seeds.

THE Subscriber at his Store opposite Hudson and Goodwin's Printing-Office, has just received from London a general assortment of GARDEN SEEDS, among which are the following viz.

PEAS. Early Golden Hatspur; Early Charlton. Early Frame; Large Marrowfat; Dwarf do. Spanish dwarf or bunch; Spanish Miztraz. Dwarf crooked Sugar; white Roucival. Prolifick; Nonpariel; blue Union.

BEANS. Early Chinese Beans; early white Battersea do. Early yellow do. Frost or Sewee do. Cramberry do. English or large Windsor do.

CABBAGE. Early Battersea or June Cabbage. Early Yorkshire do. Early Dutch Dwarf do. Early Sugar Leaf do. late do. large Drumhead do. Flat Dutch or winter do. Rad do. Green Savoy do. Yellow do. do. Prussian Kail. Early Cauliflower, late do. Turnip Cabbage above ground.

LETTUCE. White Cabbage-Lettuce; Sicilia do. Yellow head do. Green do. Brown do. Ball and Button do. Tatecons or Corn Sailed.

RADISHES. Early Salmon Radish, Early purple do. Early Frame do. White Turnip do. Red do. do. Black Spanish or Winter do.

TURNIPS. Early Dutch Turnip; Green round do. Yellow do. Common do. French do.

CUCUMBERS. Early Cucumber; Long do. Long green do. Common do. White do.

Dwarf Red Beet, Large red do. Blood red do. Mungie Wurtzel or Scarcity Root. Large yellow Carrot, Long Orange do. Purple do.—Smooth Parsnip, Dutch do. White Onion, Red Onion by the quantity. Solid Celery, round Spinnage, Asparagus. Curled Parsley, curled Cress. Salsafe or Vegetable Oyster. Summer Squash, Winter do. Pumpkin. Cantelope Melon, Muskmelon. Water do. Sweet Marjoram, Sweet Thyme. Summer-Savory, Red Sage, Nasturtions, &c.

Also—Red Top, Herbsgrafs, and Clover Seed. JOSEPH LYNDE.

Hartford, March 5. 10W45

Fresh GARDEN SEEDS.

THE subscriber has opened a fresh supply of the necessary and useful kinds of Garden Seeds of the last years growth; from the Gardens at or near New-Lebanon, State of New-York. Deduction to Post-Riders and Stage Drivers. ALSO, Best Velvet CORKS for bottling Cider or Beer. ISAAC BULL.

March 3. 6W44

NOTICE is hereby given, That a meeting of the creditors of the estate of SAMUEL MARSH, a Bankrupt, will be holden on the 27th day of March inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the dwelling-house of Maj. John Ripley, innholder in Hartford, to determine whether the major part in value of such creditors as have duly proved their debts under the commission issued against said Marsh, will authorize the Assignees to submit any matters of dispute relating to said bankrupts' estate, to the determination of Arbitrators to be chosen by the Commissioner and creditors, or otherwise to compound such matters of dispute in such way as the said Assignees under the direction of the Commissioners, and with the consent of the major part in value of such creditors as have duly proved their debts under said commission shall think fit, and also to take into consideration other business of importance which concerns the general interest of said creditors.

J. W. EDWARDS, Assignee of ELISHA COLT, Samuel Marsh. Hartford, 3 March, 1806. 45

To be LET and Possession given immediately, THE House lately occupied by JOSEPH UTLEY, as a House of Entertainment. Enquire of J. and E. LYMAN, or HORACE UTLEY.

N.B. It is expected that the contemplated Bridge over Connecticut River, will be erected so as to lead from the Bank directly opposite said House over the river. Hartford, March 3. 45.

45 Hhds. Rum. 20 Pipes Brandy. 25 Pipes and Hhds. London particlar, and market Madeira Wine, 3 to 4 years old. 1000 bushels T. Island Salt. 20 qr. casks old Sherry Wine. 50 pieces Broadcloths, Kerfimers and Frizes, very cheap. For sale by JOHN MORGAN.

Who will pay Cash or any of the above articles for 40 large sized and aged MULES—a few firkins Lard—Butter, and Prime and Mels Beef, and Pork in half Bbls. Hartford, March 4. 6145

THE hon. Court of Probate, for the district of Wallingford, has appointed Jared Benham of Wallingford, in said district, and Samuel Hart, Jun. of Berlin in Hartford county, commissioners, to receive and examine the claims of the creditors to the estate of SELDEN WRIGHT, late of Wallingford, in said district deceased, represented insolvent, and has limited and allowed six months to said creditors, in which to exhibit their claims against said estate. GEORGE W. STANLEY, Clerk. Wallingford, Feb. 19, 1806. 44

THE subscribers give notice, that they will meet for the purpose of attending to the business of their said appointment, at the dwelling house where said deceased last dwelt, in said Wallingford, in the parish of Meriden, on the first Mondays in March, May and August next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of each of said days. Jared Benham, } Commiss'rs. Samuel Hart, Jr. } Wallingford, Feb. 19, 1806. 44

AGREEABLY to an order of the General Assembly in October last, notice is hereby given, that the petition of the Winham and Mansfield Turnpike Company, praying that the toll at the several gates upon the road from Stafford to Norwich, may be raised to the sum of four cents for each man and horse, is continued to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May next, that all persons interested may then appear and object if they see cause. THOMAS S. WILLIAMS, Agent for Petitioners. Hartford, 1 March, 1806. 45

FEMIMA BLAKESLY of Berlin, in Hartford county, hath a petition pending before the Superior Court in and for Hartford County, praying for a bill of divorce from her husband Rufus Blakesley, formerly of said Berlin; now absconded and gone to some place unknown to the petitioner; charging him with adultery and three years wilful absence from her; and said Court has ordered a continuance of said petition to their next session to be holden at Hartford, within and for the County of Hartford, on the third Tuesday of September 1806. that said Rufus Blakesley may have notice thereof; and notice is hereby given to said Rufus Blakesley to appear (if he see cause) and make answer thereto. Dated at Hartford the 23th day of February, A. D. 1806. 6W45

GEORGE PITKIN, Clerk.

LOTTERY NOTICE.

THIRD Class Lottery M. H. Lottery, will commence drawing on the first of April next. All persons who hold Tickets of the Managers for sale, are notified, that unless Tickets will be called for immediately after the 20th of March. Now is the time for Adventurers. March 5. DANIEL ABBEY. East-Windsor, March 4. 45

THE hon. Court of Probate, for the district of Pomfret, hath allowed six months from the date hereof, for the creditors to the estate of Mr. Jesse Judson, late of Ashford deceased, to exhibit their claims against said estate, or be barred a recovery, according to law. ANDREW T. JUDSON, Executor. Ashford, March 1, 1806. 45

NOTICE.

THE subscriber being determined to settle his accounts, hereby requests all who are indebted to him, to call and settle their accounts by payment and Notes, by the first day of April next, and all who have demands against me, are requested to do the same. DANIEL ABBEY. East-Windsor, March 4. 45

A good Stand for a Hatter or other Mechanic.

TO BE LET, a convenient House, a good garden spot and an acre and an half of excellent Meadow, with a small Barn thereon, situated in Bethlem about sixty rods East of the Meeting-house. There is a Hatters Shop and tools on the premises. There is no Hatter in the town. Apply to JESSE HOTCHKISS, now residing on the place. Bethlem, March 5. 45

FOR SALE,

A GRIST-MILL, situated on the eastern branch of the Willamantic, about 70 rods from the Mineral Spring in Stafford. The Mill seat is well situated and valuable, and the Mill its self with some few repairs, may be rendered very productive property. For particulars enquire of SAMUEL WILLARD. Stafford, March 4. 45

TO LET,

THAT noted Stand for a Tavern in Ellington, ten rods West of the Meeting-house, together with about 200 acres of Land, suitably proportioned for mowing, pasturing and tillage. Also, a farm of about 200 acres of excellent land, lying two miles from the Meeting-house, on which stands a dwelling House, Barn, Cider Mill House, &c. the land under good improvement. Enquire of TIMOTHY HOLTON. Ellington, March 5. 45

FOR SALE,

A VALUABLE FARM, of about 80 acres of land, lying in the town of Berlin, North parish, half a mile West of the Meeting-house, consisting of mowing, plowing, pasturing and woodland and a good stream of water running through a part of the Farm, and with a good House, Barn and Corn house, pleasantly situated. Also, a lot of woodland, about two miles from said Farm. The whole or one half of the Farm will be sold, as shall best suit the purchaser. For further particulars, enquire of the subscriber. JOSEPH BOOTH. March 5. 45

English Brass Kettles, 2400 wt. of assorted sizes, just received, by WARD & BARTHOLOMEW. Hartford, Nov. 18. 45