WASHINGTON CITY.

FRIDAY, October 23, 1801.

LIBELS.

It was the intention of the Editor to have persisted in an earlier day a detailed of the proceedings of the District Court on the late prefentment of the Grand Jury, for an alleged libel on the Judiciary of the United States. But he has been prevented from doing this impartial publication, and a desire to state nothing whole correctness had not been previously ascertained.

He had thoughts of fubjoining to the fatement the piece charged as libellous. But as it has had an extenfive circulation thougb the Union, the reainfertion of it has been thought unneeffary.

As the disclosure of libels must always in a free country be interesting to the community, it is propofed in the next paper to publish animadverfions, occasioned by this charge; but which will be equally applicable to all discuffions of political principles, and the measures of public men.]

On the 22d June laft, at the fitfl meeting of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia held at Wafhington, Judges Marfhall and Cranch, contrary to the opinion of Chief Juftice Kilty, called to the bench the Attorney for the Diftrict, and the directed him to take measures to inftitute a profecution againft the Editor of the National Intelligencer for a paper then in the paper of the 12th, entitled, *« Appointments by the President.»* Judge Cranch took from his pocket the paper, which contained the pafl caution. Judge Marfhall fa. fcrved that he was a friend to the freedom, but an enemy to the licentiouneffs of the preft. That the printers in this country on both fides of the political queftions which agitated the public mind, had taken the moft unwarranted liberties, and defended votes, to the moft fhameful fcurrility and abufe; it was difficult to fay on which fide of the queftion they had been moft abufive. That it fo long as he remained upon the bench he fhould be his particular care to reftrain thofe abufes as well on the one fide as on the other. The Attorney declined having any thing to do with the bufinefs, further than as the officer of the court to hand the paper in queftion to the Grand Jury, to express the fentiments of the different members of the court, and his own to the Grand Jury, which he was informed the court were ufe the fhofe of the chief juftice, inimical to any interpofition of the court. This was done, and the Grand Jury prefented the Editor for printing and publifhing a libel against the Judiciary of the United States. Upon the return of the Prefentment, the Court ordered a Bench Warrant against the Editor, returnable immediately. Upon the fervice of this warrant the Editor immediately appeared. The court ordered him to enter into a recognizance in the fum of 1000 dollars, for his appearance at the next court, and for his peaceable behaviour in the meantime; and further ordered that he fhould receive a rule, to be laid upon him by the Attorney, to fhew caufe at the next court why an information fhould not be filed against him. The former part of this order was executed, the latter was not.— The Attorney ftated to the court that the fpirit of the laws of Maryland difcountenance informations, that he faw no neceffity for departing in this inftance from the ufual mode of proceeding by indictment, and declined laying the Editor under any rule. Judge Cranch concurred with the Attorney that it was proper in this caufe to proceed in the ordina y way by indictment, which mode was adopted. Judge Marfhall declared himfelf in favour of proceeding by way of information in this cafe, and all others of a fimilar nature, and declared himfelf in favor of making a rule of court to that effect; but the other judges neither of them concurring, no fuch meafure was adopted. Judge Marfhall ftated a reason for that indicted him to with to fee this mode adopted, his defire in all cafes to give the accufed an opportunity to prove the truth of what he had published; he doubted whether upon an indictment he could be permitted to do fo: but there was no doubt that upon a rule to fhew caufe he might give the truth in evidence, and that upon doing fo the court would difcharge the rule. At September Term a bill of indictment against the Editor, was by the Attorney fent to the Grand Jury, who returned it *ignoramus*.

We have received a file of London Prints to the 4th, and of Briftol Prints to the 5th of September. They contain few interesting articles of Intelligence which have not been already published. Among thefe our readers will find the Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation between Sweden and Ruffia, containing feveral important ftipulations.

We have felected a number of minor articles which will be found in our columns.

The Infertion of PLA N SENSE has been delayed from the neceffity of reviving it, certain parts of it being, in the opinion of the Editor, inadmiffible.

NEW-JERSEY ELECTION.

In *Bergen* County the federal ticket for 1 Councillor and 3 Affemblymen has carried by a majority of 212. The federal ticket had 940, and the republican 737 votes.

In *Essex* County the republican ticket for 1 Councillor and 3 Affemblymen has carried; the majority is not ftated.

In *Gloucester* County, 1 Council fit and 2 Affemblymen of the federal, and 1 Affemblyman of the republican ticket carried. The highefl federal candidate had 1174 and the highefl republican candidate had 1074 votes.

In *Burlington* County, the federal ticket for 1 Councillor and 3 Affemblymen carried. The federal ticket had 1793, and the republican ticket 841 votes.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION.

The votes in *Chester* County, the refult of which we ftated in our laft, where for a fingle Senator, the federal ticket 2196, for the republican ticket 2126.

In the year 1799, the federal majority was 1910—in 1800, 120—in 1801, 70 votes.

In *Lancaster* County, the republican ticket for the laft long time for many years has carried, confifting of 8 republican tickets. The republican ticket had 2170 votes, and the federal ticket 2020 votes.

In *Berks* County, the republican ticket, confifting of 1 Senator, and 3 representatives, has carried by a majority 1700 votes.

York County. The republican ticket, confifting of four representatives has carried by a majority of 1000 votes, and the federal ticket 903 votes.

A republican Senator has been alfo elected for York and Adams counties.

Westmoreland County. The republican ticket, confifting of three representatives, has carried. The republican ticket had 1774 votes, and the federal ticket 829.

Returns from three townfhips wanting.

Allegheny County. The republican ticket for member of Congress, viz. William Hoge, has carried—William Hoge has 1,096 votes, Alexander Fowler 610, and Jane Weaver 129. The fame ticket, confifting of 1 Senator and 3 representatives, has alfo carried. The republican ticket had 1094 votes, the federal 838.

Fayette County. The republican ticket, confifting of 3 Representatives, has carried.

The aggregate returns received give to the republicans 9 Senators and 42 Representatives, and to the federalifts 7 Representatives.

On the 13th inft. the Convention of New-York affembled a Albany. Aaron Burr was unanimoufly elected Prefident. The Convention refolved that their doors remain open, and that their fittings be opened by prayer.

On the 14th inft. the Convention was engaged in fettling difputed elections.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia have elected JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH *Mayor* of faid City.

The Refident Phyfician of New-York has informed the public that from the 17 to the 18 of October, 19 perfons have died of malignant fever; and that from the 18 to the 18th, 88 perfons have died of the fame difeafe—that on the 18th there did not exift more than 30 cafes. He further ftates that owing to the influence of the terror three fourths of the citizens had fled; and recommends to the abfent citizens not to return until there fhall have been a continuance of fome cold dry weather.

The New-York Gazette of Monday, fays, « the mate of the brig M y from Bordeaux, informs us, that at the time he left that port the greatefl exertions were making to procure men, for a fecret expedition, faid to be of confiderable importance.»

Extract of a letter dated, Malaga, August 26.

« This year you will receive a very fhort fupply of new fruit, on account of quarantine, which is fill in force on all veffels from the United States; few American veffels have ventured this way.»

Gibraltar, August 14.

DEAR SIR,

I have only time to tell you, the two Tripolitan cruizers, having had a further difcretion, they have hailed into the mole to fay up, as they fay. In the two veffels they are only number 26 or 30 officers and all together.

I am truly, dear fir,

Your obedient fervant,

JOHN GAVINO.

Wm. Kirkpatrick, American } conful at Malaga. }

Malaga, August 26. 1801.

A true copy, (Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick.

Extract of a letter from an officer to board the United States frigate Philadelphia, dated Gibraltar, 15th July, 1801.

« Accounts have been received at this place, that the French and Spaniards are preparing to attack the fort—the fiege to end in confiderable 40 veffels of war, 1200 gun boats, and 30,000 men. The troops mentioned here are certainly employed in ftrengthening and enlarging the fortifications.

« The Spaniards are daily committing depredations on our commerce in thofe feas; there is at prefent fix American veffels in Algeria, prepare to their gun boats. The United States Malay, who formerly commanded the United States fchooner Enterprize, is a prifoner there.—he was one of a fhip belonging to Philadelphia, commanded by Captain Blinn, which has been lately broke in. We expect to fafe the republican admiral, confifting of 500 men, is only about 70 remaining—he has offered to fell his veffels, but can get nothing for them—they are much in want of provifions, and now live on fhort allowance ounces of beef per day, and the governor has refufed to fupply him with any more.

« An English cutter jaft arrived from Barcelona and Port Mahon, informs that the Tripolitan cruizers ftanding off thofe ports; one of their cruifers was feen in chafe of an American fhip, and it is fuppofed had taken her.»

Longevity.] According to a lift published by the Synod of Ruffia, there died during the laft year, in the thirty-two diftricts of the empire, 216 perfons 100 years old, 133 between 101 and 110, 26 between 111 to 118, 9 aged 120, 1 aged 123, 2 aged 130, and 2 aged 150 above 90.

The French government has published a decree relative to the adminiftration of the colony of Guadaloupe. It is fent for it to be under the fuperintendance of three magiftrates, a certain general, colonial prefect, and commiffary of Police.

The elector of Bavaria lately published a decree, which does equal honor to the philanthropy of the Prince of his government. He intimated that diverfity of religious principles fhould form no obftacle to the enjoyment of all the rights of citizenfhip throughout his dominions. Some bigoted magiftrates, whofe narrow fouls could not enter into the beneficent views of their fovereign, protefted againft this meafure as contrary to the treaty; their remonftrances were treated with the contempt which they deferved, and in feveral inftances the edict has been carried into full effect.

A large plant of Indian corn is now growing in a garden belonging to Mr. Eglin, of Kendal, which was fown by fome children in the month of May laft. It is fix feet high, fix inches in circumference, and one of the leaves meafures three feet three inches. It is not yet in flower, and to what height it may arrive cannot be guefled at. It is certainly a moft extraordinary plant, and numbers of people refort daily to fee it. [*Lond. pap.*

NORFOLK, OCT. 16.

The deaths in this town, according to the returns laft month, were—from Monday 12 o'clock to Wednefday 12 o'clock only *five*.

Philadelphia, October 21.

The Eafiern *Water Pipe* of the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge was, on Saturday laft, expofed from the bottom of the river, to the view of the prefident and directors of the company, and a great number of citizens of the city. The coffer dam was pumped out, for the purpofe of examining the work, and the part of the bed of the river contained within the dam, laid entire to view.

This is the fiefl undertaking of the kind ever attempted in America. It has been completed in fix weeks, from the laying the firfl ftone. Many difficulties have attended the execution, efpecially in the coffer-dam, all of which have been happily furmounted.

The foundation of this extraordinary work has been laid in a rapid river; and it is ftafonary carried on, with at interruptions, in a depth of water of from twenty-two to twenty-four feet. The lower courfe of ftone is hewfed, and dowfed or bolted together with iron fafteners. The exterior faces, of cut ftone, are laid in fine mortar (to bich is found to be always completely incorporated under water) are cimented internally at the joints with lead. The filling of the interior is compofed of immenfe maffive ftones, many wheref weigh from three to fix tons, well edged in order of compofion. Iron and fand, and gravel. The ends are fomewhat fmaller. The piers fixty-eight feet fix inches long at the foundation, and twenty-eight feet eight inches broad. It diminifhes by fteps or ftaffes, as obferved there are three, until it takes the dimenfions which appear above viz. of fixty-fix feet fix inches in length, and twenty-five feet in thickneffs. There are four ftrong chains of iron ftretched across the ftiers, at proper diftances, bolted and worked in with the body of the manafonry.

It is now raifed three feet eight inches above common low-water mark, being the height of the fpring of the intended arches. The coffer-dam will be removed, and the pier left, through the winter, in its prefent ftate.

From the perfect fucceffs attending this new and arduous part of this great and ufeful enterprife, we anticipate the fatisfaction of feeing this important erection completed. The experience gained in the profecufs of the prefent coffer-dam and piers, fill enable thofe who direct and thofe who execute the future work, to perform their fepafate duties with facility, and a fafe prospect of ftability, and oeconomy in expenditures.

Every perfon of intelligence who has viewed the pier, is convinced of the practicability of a bridge, concerning which doubts have heretofore been entertained. It is allowed to be a moftery piece of workmanfhip not exceeded by any in Europe.

The circumftance of accomplifhing an entire foundation on a rock, at fo great a depth, is uncommon in any country. The fiffure of many bridges has occurred from defect in this particular. Moft foundations of piers, even of the moft noted bridges, are artificial, either in the whole or in part.

The plan of an elegant bridge, and of his pa compofed in a part of it, was fatisfified by the celebrated Mr. Wefleon, well known in this country, and in England, as an hydraulic engineer, of extenfive fcience in that branch, and long practical experience.

TO BE LET,

And may be entered immediately,

TWO LARGE TWO STORY BRICK HOUSES,

SITUATED in New-ofley Avenue near the Capitol. A fuperior one of the houses is a frame two ftory building, which, with a fable and exterior garden, will be let with the houfe and lot of the brick houfe—the latter has a large commodious ftore.—Enquire of the printer.

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A NEGRO MAN

To be hired by the year, half yearly or monthly,

A SOBER well-fi pofed man about 26 years of age, exactly, and has been many years employed as a coach driver, ftable boy, and occafionally waiting at table, and working in the garden.—He is fmar wifhes to hire him out in the city of Wafh ngton, he being a wife living near the Diftrict. He has never been accofed or fufpected of dishonefty.—For further information, apply to the printer.

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BY AUCTION.

On Friday the 23d instant, at 11 o'clock, at Mr. Hyman Wilson's wharf, Falls Point, will be sold

THE United States loop of War MARYLAND. Further about 400 tons, built of the very beft materials, to only two years old, copper to the bends, has two fuite of fails, and running and fl ding rigging complete. Her inventory may be feen at the office room.—Terms of fale ac 6 and 9 months credit, for negotiable notes, with two approved indorfers

Immediate after the fale of the fhip, will be fold—A quantity of iron bolfed, on 90 days credit, fome previfions, armouries, coopers tools, water cask, &c.

JOSHUA DORSEY.

October. 12. eq32.