presented the 4th Feb. last, be referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Samuel L. Mitchill, from the committee appointed on the 29th ult. "to take into consideration the propriety of reprinting the laws of the U. States; the journals of the House of Representatives, and other public documents,"—made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Chittenden, one of the members for the state of Vermont, presented to the House, certain resolutions of the legislature of the said state, passed the 24th Oct. last, relative to an amendment of the constitution of the United States, in the case of future elections of President and Vice-President, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel L. Mitchill, from the committee of commerce and manufactures, to whom was referred, on the 10th inst. the memorial of Thomas Ketland, of the city of Philadelphia, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Thomas Ketland, ought not to be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee of claims, of the 10th inst. to whom was referred the petition of John Hunter; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the clerk's table; and the same being twice read, in the words following, to wit:

"The petitioner states, that Colonel John Fitzgerald, a naval officer in the service of the United States, hired of the petitioner a dwelling house in the town of Alexandria, and that the property of Fitzgerald has been seized by the United States 'to satisfy his delinquency.' The petitioner prays, that the rent of his dwelling house, which is in arrear for seven months, may be paid by the government.

If the house was hired for the use of the United States, and by one duly authorised for that purpose, the claim may, at any time, be adjusted at the proper department. This, however, is not pretended, nor do your committee know of any principle, either of justice or equity, which would require the legislature to afford relief to the petitioner:—They are, therefore, of opinion, that he have leave to withdraw his petition."

The question was taken, that the House do concur with the committee of the whole House, in their agreement to the said report

And resolved in the affirmative.

HENRY POLKINHORN,

Saddler, Harness, Army Accoutrements, & Trunk-maker.

HAVING taken his two nephews Wm. & Richard M. Hall, into partnership, The business in future will be conducted in this place under the firm of H. Polkinghorn and Wm. Hall, who have opened at the store lately occupied by Mr. Conner (two doors from the bank of Columbia) a handsome assortment of articles in their line; and hope from attention to business to merit the favors of their friends and the public.

The business will be continued as usual in Baltimore, (under the firm of H. Polkinhorn and R. Hall) where they have for sale a general assortment of saddlery wholesale and retail, which they are determined to sell on the lowest terms.

George Town, Nov. 23—1m

Sales by Auction.

TO be sold by auction by Mr. John Travers at his auction store High street, on Saturday at 11 o'clock, sundry looking glasses in ornament burnish'd gold frames, mahogany oval dressing glasses with drawers, an elegant assortment of Prints framed and glazed in burnished gold frames. About one thousand feet of clean white pine pannel boards of a superior quality and great width, inch and half inch—a ship stove and sundry other articles, to be viewed on Saturday morning previous to sale. As the proprietor will leave this part of the country the beginning of next week, they will be sold without reserve.

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On the petition of EZEKIEL KING.

AN Insolvent debtor, confined in the prison of Washington county for debt notice is hereby given to the creditors of the said Ezekiel King, that on Friday the 25th day of November instant, at the court house in the capitol at 10 o'clock A. M. the oath of an insolvent debtor will be administered to the said Ezekiel King, agreeably the statute in such case lately made and provided; and a trustee appointed unless sufficient cause be shewn to the contrary. It is ordered that this notice be published twice in the Washington Federalist and National Intelligencer before the said 25th day of November. By order of William Cranch, esq assistant judge of the circuit court of the district of Columbia.

URIAH FORREST, Ck.

November 23—2t

WASHINGTON CITY

WEDNESDAY, November 23.

IN SENATE.

On Friday last Dr. Logan proposed the following resolution, to the consideration of the Senate.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, such information as may have been received relative to the violation of the flag of the United States, or to the impressment of any seamen, in the service of the United States by the agents of any foreign nation.

On this occasion Dr. L. observed, that whilst we were taking measures to protect the citizens of the United States, in their territorial rights, we should not neglect their maritime rights, to the most perfect freedom of navigating the common ocean with safety. The Dr. referred to the message of the President, delivered to Congress at the commencement of the present session, in which he calls the attention of congress to this important subject.—"To exact from every nation the observance towards our vessels and citizens—of those principles and practices, which all civilized people acknowledge: to merit the character of a just nation, and maintain that of an independent one, preferring every consequence to insult and habitual wrong. Congress will consider whether the existing laws enable us efficaciously to maintain this course with our citizens in all places, and with others, while within the limits of our jurisdiction: and will give them the modifications necessary for these objects. Some contraventions of right, have already taken place both within our jurisdictional limits, and on the high seas."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, November 21.

The bill fixing the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned was read the third time, and on the question "shall the bill pass,"—a debate ensued.

Messrs. Taggart and Hastings opposed the passage of the bill, and Messrs. Varnum and Elliot supported it.

When Mr. Holland moved its recommitment for the purpose of limiting its duration; on which motion a wide field of debate was opened, partly on the expediency of limiting the duration of the bill, but chiefly on its merits.

The motion to recommit was supported by Messrs. Holland, Hastings, Lyon, and Bedinger, and opposed by Messrs. Randolph, Smilie, Skinner, Eustis, J. Clay, Sanford and S. L. Mitchill.

The question on recommitment was then taken and lost—Ayes 13.

Mr. Goddard spoke against, and Mr. Randolph in favor of the passage of the bill—when the question was taken at 4 o'clock by yeas and nays, and carried in the affirmative, Yeas 76—Nays 35.

(Debate in course.)

TUESDAY, November 22.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that they had passed the bill authorising hostilities against Morocco.

Mr. Newton called for the order of the day on a resolution, laid by him on the table, for repealing the

BANKRUPT LAW.

Mr. J. Clay moved a postponement till the 2d of February 1804, in order to allow, in the mean time, an opportunity to enquire into the practicability of so amending the law as to render its provisions just, and agreeable to the community.

This motion was supported by Messrs. J. Clay, Nicholson and Gregg, and opposed by Messrs. Newton, Elliot, Smilie and Eustis.

Mr. Griswold suggested the propriety of postponing the consideration of the subject to a shorter day. Mr. J. Clay acquiesced.

Mr. Nicholson moved a postponement to the 1st. Monday of January.

This motion was supported by Messrs. Huger, Dana, Alston, and Goddard; and opposed by Messrs. Newton, Dawson, Rodney, Smilie and Randolph.

When the question on postponement was taken, and lost—Ayes 19.

The House then went into a committee of the whole—*Mr. Dawson* in the chair—on Mr. Newton's resolution for repealing the Bankrupt Law.

Mr. Newton advocated a repeal, and Messrs. Jackson, Early, and Smilie opposed it; when the committee rose and asked leave to set again.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

Extract of a letter from John Le Caro, a doctor of medicine at Vienna, to doctor C. F. Haug, at Rastadt, dated 23d August, 1803.

"A thing, which will excite, my dear friend, your surprize, and that of all the world, is a new discovery made by two physicians, M. Auboud at Constantinople, and M. Lafond, at Salonica, (in Greece.)—The experiments of those two physicians, who have never had a correspondence with each other, confirm the idea that Vaccination is a defence against the PLAGUE!—The proofs of the first are that of 6000 persons vaccinated at Constantinople, not one has been infected with the plague; that children, made to suck the milk of mothers who had the plague, have themselves escaped; that an Italian physician who has devoted himself in Turkey to the study of the plague, thoroughly convinced of the anti-pestilential power of the Cow-Pox, exposed himself in every possible way to persons infected with the plague in a hospital destined for that purpose. They have discovered in the villages round Constantinople the disorder among the cows, and in the hands of those who milk them; that it results from the accounts of these persons, that in their country neither the plague nor the small-pox have raged epidemically, when these scourges have made the greatest ravages in the neighbourhood; that when an inhabitant of those villages has caught the plague in other countries and returned with it to his own country, has died of it or been cured, never has the disorder spread. That finally the confidence of many classes of people, particularly the Americans, in the anti-pestilential power of the cow-pox, is so great, that they annually vaccinate a great number of men, as a security against the plague. The physicians of Constantinople have requested me to make this new discovery public.

PROPOSALS

For carrying the United States mails on the following post roads will be received at the General post office in Washington city, until the 1st day of February next inclusive.

1. From Wilmington Delaware, by New Castle, St. Georgetown, Cantwells bridge, Duck Creek, Dover and Frederica, to Milford, three times a week.

May 1, to November 1.

Leave Wilmington every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 *a m.* and arrive at Dover the same days by 9 P M. Leave Dover every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 *a m.* and arrive at Milford by 10 A M. *Returning*—Leave Milford every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 2 *p m.* and arrive at Dover by 8 *p m.* Leave Dover every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 3 *a m*, and arrive at Wilmington by 2 *p m.*

November 1, to May 1.

Leave Wilmington every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Dover by 6 *p m.* Leave Dover every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Milford by 11 *a m.* *Returning*—Leave Milford every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 1 *p m*, and arrive at Dover by 7 *p m.* Leave Dover, every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Wilmington the same days by 6 *p m.*

2. From Milford by Georgetown, Trap, Snowhill, Horntown and Drummond, to Northampton c. h. once a week.

Leave Milford every Tuesday at 2 *p m* and arrive at George-town by 6 *p m* and at Northampton c. h. the next Friday by 6 *p m.*—*Returning*—Leave Northampton c h every Saturday at 6 *a. m.* and arrive at George-town on Monday by 8 *p m.* Leave Georgetown on Tuesday at 4 *a m* and arrive at Milford by 11 *a m.*

3. From Wilmington by Christiana-bridge, Middletown, Warwick, Sassafras and Georgetown, to Chestertown Twice a week.

Leave Wilmington every Tuesday and Friday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Chestertown by 8 *p m.* Leave Chestertown every Wednesday and Saturday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Wilmington by 8 *p m.*

4. From Chestertown by Churchhill, Centreville, Queenston and Kent Island to Annapolis twice a week.

Leave Chestertown every Wednesday and Saturday at 4 *a m* arrive at Centreville by 10 *a m* and arrive at Annapolis same days by 8 *p m.*—*Returning*—Leave Annapolis every Tuesday and Friday at 5 *a m* arrive at Centreville by 2 *p m.* leave Centreville at 3 *p m* and arrive at Chestertown by 8 *p m.*

5. From Centreville to Easton twice a week.

Leave Centreville every Wednesday and Saturday at noon and arrive at Easton by 7 *p m.* Leave Easton every Tuesday and Friday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Centreville by 1 *p m.*

6. From Romney by Springfield, Frankfort and Cresapsburg to Cumberland once a week.

Leave Romney every Tuesday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Cumberland by 6 *p m.* Leave Cumberland every Monday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Romney by 6 *p m.*

7. From Fauquier c. h. by Acquia to King George c. h. once in two weeks.

Leave Fauquier c. h. every other Friday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at King George c. h. on Saturday by 6 *p m.* Leave King George c. h. every other Wednesday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Fauquier c. h. on Thursday by 6 *p m.*

8. From Tappahannock to Richmond c. h. once a week.

Leave Richmond c. h. every Thursday noon, and arrive at Tappahannock by 6 *p m.*

Leave Tappahannock every Friday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Richmond c. h. by noon.

9. From Inglisville by Tazewell c. h. or Jeffersonville, Russel c. h. and Lee c. h. to Cumberland Gap once in two weeks.

Leave Inglisville every other Tuesday at 5 *a m*, and arrive at Cumberland Gap the next Saturday by 3 *p m.* Leave Cumberland Gap at 4 *p m*, and arrive at Inglisville the next Thursday by 6 *p m.*

10. From Suffolk by Everetts Bridge, Gates c. h. Edenton, Lee's Mills, Plymouth and Washington to Newbern twice a week.

Leave Suffolk every Monday and Friday at 1 *p m*, and arrive at Edenton on Tuesday and Saturday at 1 *p m.* Leave Edenton at 2 *p m*, arrive at Plymouth on Wednesday and Sunday by 6 *a m.* Leave Plymouth at 6 1-2 *a m.* arrive at Washington the same days by 6 *p. m.* Leave Washington at 7 *p m*, and arrive at Newbern on Thursday and Monday by 4 *p m.* *Returning*—Leave Newbern every Tuesday and Friday at 5 *a m*, arrive at Washington by 5 *p m.* Leave Washington at 6 *p m*, and arrive at Plymouth on Wednesday and Saturday by 4 *p m.* arrive at Edenton on Sunday and Thursday at 9 *a m.* Leave Edenton at 9 1-2 *a m* and arrive at Suffolk on Monday and Friday by 9 *a m.*

11. From Williesville by Speed and Wilson's store, Walden's store, Sterlingville and Normanton to Mount Tirzah once a week.

Leave Williesville every Saturday at 10 *a m* and arrive at Mount Tirzah on Monday by 11 *a m.* Leave Mount Tirzah at 1 *p m* and arrive at Williesville on Tuesday by 6 *p m.*

12. From Wilkes c. h. to Ash c h in North Carolina once a week.

Leave Wilkes c h every Monday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Ash c h by 6 *p m.*

Leave Ash c h every Tuesday at 6 *a m.* and arrive at Wilkes c h by 6 *p m.*

13. From Fayetteville by M'Fallsville, Windfieldsville and Cheraw c h to Camden once a week.

Leave Fayetteville every Tuesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Camden on Thursday by 8 *p m.*

Leave Camden every Friday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Fayetteville on Sunday by 8 *p m*

14. From Jonesborough by River Bridge and New Lebanon to N. W. River Bridge once a week.

Leave Jonesborough every Tuesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at N. W. River Bridge on Wednesday by 3 *p m.*

Leave N. W. River Bridge every Wednesday at 4 *p m* and arrive at Jonesborough on Thursday by noon.

15. From Jonesborough to Elizabethtown in Tennessee once a week.

Leave Jonesborough every Monday at 5 *a m.* and arrive at Elizabethtown by 9 *a m.*

Leave Elizabeth town every Monday at noon, and arrive at Jonesboro' by 4 *p. m.*

16. From Knoxville to Burrsville once a week.

Leave Knoxville every Monday at 4 *a. m.* and arrive at Burrsville by 11 *a. m.*

Leave Burrsville every Monday at 1 *p. m.* and arrive at Knoxville by 8. *p. m.*

17. From Nashville in Tennessee by Franklin, Occachoppee, M'Intoshville to Grindstoneford once a week.

Leave Nashville every Tuesday at 4 *a. m.* and arrive at Grindstoneford the next Monday by 8 *p. m.* *Returning*—Leave Grindstoneford every Tuesday at 4 *a. m.* and arrive at Nashville the next Monday by 8 *p. m.*

18. From Grindstoneford by Greenville, Hunston, Washington, and Natchez, to Fort Adams, or Loftus Heights, once a week.

Leave Grindstoneford every Tuesday at 4 *a. m.* and arrive at Natchez by 7 *p. m.* Leave Natchez on Wednesday at 8 *a. m.* and arrive at Fort Adams by 8 *p. m.* *Returning*—Leave Fort Adams every Sunday at 4 *a. m.* and arrive at Natchez by 7 *p. m.* Leave Natchez every Monday at 4 *a. m.* and arrive at Grindstoneford by 8 *p. m.*

19. From Charleston by St. George's and Orange c. h. to Columbia, once a week.

Leave Columbia every Monday at 10 *a. m.* and arrive at Charleston on Thursday by 10 *a. m.*

Leave Charleston every Thursday at 2 *p. m.* and arrive at Columbia on Sunday by noon.

20. From Washington by Burris's, Lexington, Athens, and Clarksburg to Jackson c. h. once a week.

Leave Washington every Tuesday at 2 *p. m.* and arrive at Jackson c. h. on Wednesday by 6 *p. m.*

Leave Jackson c. h. every Thursday at 6 *a. m.* and arrive at Washington on Friday by noon.

NOTES:

1. The Postmaster General may expedite the mails and alter the times of arrival and departure at any time during the continuance of the contracts, he stipulating an adequate compensation for any extra expence that may be occasioned thereby.

2. Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for opening and closing the mails at all offices, where no particular time is specified.

3. For every thirty minutes delay (unavoidable accidents excepted) in arriving after the time prescribed in any contract, the contractor shall forfeit one dollar; and if the delay continues until the departure of any depending mail, whereby the mails destined for such depending mails, lose a trip, an additional forfeiture of five dollars shall be incurred.

4. Newspapers as well as letters are to be sent in the mail; and if any person making proposals, desires to carry newspapers, other than those conveyed in the mail for his own emolument, he must state in his proposals, for what sum he will carry with the emolument, and for what sum without that emolument.

5. Should any person making proposals desire an alteration of the times of arrival and departure above specified, he must state in his proposals the alterations desired, and the difference they will make in the terms of the contract.

6. Persons making proposals are desired to state their prices by the year. Those who contract will receive their pay quarterly in the months of August, November, February and May, in one month after the expiration of each quarter.

7. No other than a free white person shall be employed to convey the mail.

8. Where the proposer intends to convey the mail in the body of a stage carriage, he is desired to state it in his proposals.

9. The Postmaster General reserves to himself the right of declaring any contract at an end whenever three failures happen which amount to the loss of a trip each.

10. The contracts for the above routes are to be in operation on the first day of April next, and are to continue in force for one year.

GIDEON GRANGER,
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office, Washington City, Nov. 23, 1803.

A Double Barrell Gun,

WAS taken from a room at Mrs. Johnson's, near the Bank, on Thursday evening or Friday last. The gun is bush'd with gold, and lettered on the barrels with gold leaf. The stock, which has been split at the end, is secured by two silver clasps, and the Butt contains a small chamber, which opens by a spring. It is old and has been much used.

Five dollars will be paid to any person returning the gun with a liberal allowance for detecting the thief, if stolen.

W. HOWISON.

Nov. 23—3t

District of Pennsylvania, to wit:

BE it remembered, That on the ninth day of May, in the twenty-seventh year of the independence of the United States of America, William Young Birch, and Abraham Small, of the said district, have deposited in this office the title of a book, the right whereof they claim as proprietors, in the words following, to wit:

"*BLACKSTONE'S COMMENTARIES,*

"with notes of reference, to the constitution "and laws of the Federal Government of the "United States, and of the commonwealth "of Virginia, in Five Volumes, with an "Appendix to each volume, containing "short tracts upon such subjects as appeared "necessary to form a connected view of the "laws of Virginia, as a member of the Federal union, by St. GEORGE TUCKER, "Professor of Law, in the university of William and Mary, and one of the Judges of "the General Court in Virginia".

In conformity to the act of Congress of the United States, intituled, "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of Maps, charts and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned;" and also to an act entituled, "An act supplementary to an act, entituled, an act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts and Books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned. And extending the benefits hereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical, and other prints."

(L. S.) D. CALDWELL,
Ck. of the District of Pennsylvania.

☞ The above work may be had at John March's book store, George Town, and of the booksellers in the city of Washington.

November 23—1m

Grocery & Liquor Store.

SAMUEL M'INTIRE informs the inhabitants of Washington and the public in general, that he has opened a grocery and liquor store at the Navy yard opposite Mr. Prout's, where he has and intends to keep a supply of every thing in his line of the best quality. He has now on hand, best

Coniac brandy,	Imperial tea,
Bourdeaux. do.	Hyson,
Holland gin,	Young Hyson,
Jamaica spirits,	Hyson skin,
Whiskey, &c.	Loaf, lump, and
Madeira wine, very fine	brown sugar,
for immediate use,	Soap and candles,
Sherry do.	Bacon first quality,
Lisbon wine,	Best Spanish segars,

And a variety of other articles all which he intends to sell on the lowest terms for Cash.

N. B. A lot for sale in an eligible situation on the Capitol hill, New Jersey Avenue.

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