had juft announced in his political character. That day was to form a new æra in the life of that gentleman. Hereafter he was to exhibit himfelf as a plain, artlefs man, undifguifed in his views, who would frankly difclofe his object and march up to it in a direct line. But indeed it feems he has always had a bias towards this open and manly mode of proceeding. The gentleman has always had an abhorrence againft bills with fpecious titles, tending, as far as a mere title could do it, to deceive the public as to the real object in view. It would be a matter of amufement if the clerk fhould be called upon to read fome of thofe bills paffed under the gentleman's aufpices, whofe fpecious titles and fpecious defenders were unable to blind the public eye as to their real object; "An act in addition to an act for the punifhment of certain crimes againft the United States," in homely phrafe, called the fedition act—and fome others.

The gentleman declares his readinefs to vote money in fufficient quantity to prevent the delay in our future equipments, of which he complains in a recent inftance. It was one of which indeed the nation might alfo complain; but which neither money nor diligence in the navy department could remedy. It arofe out of a circumftance with which the prefent adminiftration had nothing to do. It was the neceffary effect of placing the capitol of the United States in a defert, and the principal navy yard of the union in a wildernefs. The confequence was that the workmen, the materials, the fhip's ftores, in fhort, the fupplies of every kind, were to be brought from a diftance (fometimes in carriages) at an immenfe expence of time and money. With fome of the faireft cities in the world & with more good ports than all Europe, perhaps could boaft, the United had chofen for their metropolis and naval arfenal fuch a fpot as Peter the great had been driven to fix upon by neceffity—a morafs at the head of a long and tedious navigation, where fhips are liable to be frozen up two or three months in the year. With this additional difadvantage, however, that a veffel of any confiderable draft of water cannot proceed to fea, without the delay of being attended by lighters to carry her guns, which fhe muft take in below. What was the fituation of the fhips now in the Eaftern Branch? Suppofe them ready for fea, and that circumftances required a fmall fquadron to be difpatched, only to protect the entrance of the Chefapeake. They muft wait for a thaw. The evils therefore of which the gentleman complains are in fome fort of his own creation. They cannot be remedied, until Wafhington fhall become a great commercial city and the rigors of the climate fhall be foftened by the benevolence of nature.

Mr. DENNIS did not think it neceffary to connect the city of Wafhington as the capitol of the United States, with the navy yard on the Eaftern Branch. The one might be the moft fit for its purpofe of any which human wifdom could point out, whilft the other might be liable to fome objections which had been urged againft it; and he did not deny but there were other places equally as commodious for all the purpofes of equiping veffels of war. But he confidered the arrangment of the navy yard at this place a meafure of found policy.

The queftion was taken on filling up the blank without a divifion, and carried in the affirmative.

MONDAY, Feb. 4.

Mr. *J. Clay* made a report in favor of authorifing the erection of a bridge over the Potomac, which was referred to a committee of the whole.

Refolved, that during the trial of the impeachment now depending before the Senate, this Houfe will attend at 10 o'clock, A. M. and proceed on the legiflative bufinefs before the Houfe, until the hour at which the Senate fhall appoint, each day, to proceed on the trial; and that the Houfe refolve itfelf into a committee of the whole, and attend the faid trial.

A meffage from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their fecretary.

Mr. Speaker. I am directed to inform this Houfe, that the Senate is ready to proceed upon the impeachment of Samuel Chafe, one of the affociate juftices of the Supreme Court, in the Senate Chamber, which Chamber is prepared with accommodations for the reception of the Houfe of Reprefentatives; And then he withdrew.

The Houfe then, in purfuance of a refolution agreed to, this day, refolved itfelf into a committee of the whole Houfe, and proceeded in that capacity to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial by the Senate, of the impeachment againft Samuel Chafe, one of the affociate juftices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and after fome time fpent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the Houfe, and Mr. Speaker having refumed the chair.

Mr. Varnum, from the faid committee of the whole Houfe, reported, that the committee had according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the faid impeachment, and that fome progrefs had been made therein.

The feveral orders of the day were further poftponed until to-morrow.

And then the Houfe adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 5.

The bill from the Senate making further provifion for wounded foldiers and penfioners was read twice and referred to the committee of the whole for to-morrow.

A meffage received from the Prefident enclofing the application from the agent of Denmark for compenfation in the cafe of the brig Henrich, was referred, with the accompanying documents, to the committee of Claims, to whom was alfo referred all the papers prefented at the laft feffion on the fame fubject.

Mr. Newton prefented a petition of the agent from Upper, Louifiana praying the eftablifhment of a poft road thro' that territory.

On the call of Mr. Nicholfon, the bill for the more effectual prefervation of peace in the ports and harbors of the U. States, and in the waters under their jurifdiction, was taken up in committee of the whole, when after a fhort debate, the following amendment, previoufly offered by Mr. Nicholfon, in lieu of the fecond fection, and an amendment in lieu of the 5th fection, were agreed to. The bill fo amended was reported and ordered to be engroffed for a third reading.

Firft amendment in lieu of the fecond fection.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That whenfoever after the paffage of this act any felony, mifprifion of felony, mifdemeanor, or breach of peace, fhall be committed within the body of a county in any one of the United States, & any procefs of law fhall be iffued under the authority of the ftate, for the purpofe of arrefting the offender; if the faid offender fhall be on board of any foreign armed veffel, in any port or harbor of the United States, and within the jurifdiction of the ftate, in which the offence was committed, it fhall be lawful for the Governor, or other fupreme executive officer of the ftate, in which the faid offence fhall have been committed, upon due proof thereof, and upon his being fatisfied that the ordinary *poffe comitatus* is infufficient to enfure the execution of the faid procefs, to iffue his order directed to any officer having command of regular troops, or armed veffel of the United States in the vicinity, requiring him to aid the officer charged with the execution of the procefs, with all the force under his command or fuch part thereof as may be neceffary, in arrefting the offender and all thofe giving him aid and countenance in refifting the civil authority. And if the faid offender fhall flee to any place beyond the jurifdiction of the ftate, and within the exclufive jurifdiction of the United States, the officer charged with the execution of the faid procefs, fhall be and he is hereby authorifed to purfue the faid offender into fuch place, taking with him if neceffary the faid armed force and there arreft him, in virtue of the faid procefs. And if the faid offender fhall flee to and be on board of any foreign armed veffel being in any place beyond the jurifdiction of the ftate, and within the exclufive jurifdiction of the United States; the officer charged with the execution of the faid procefs fhall firft demand the delivery of the faid offender, of and from the perfon or perfons having charge and command of the faid foreign armed veffel, declaring the authority and caufe for which the demand is made; and if the faid offender be not delivered according to the faid demand, or if the officer charged with the execution of the procefs, be obftructed in attempting to make the demand, then he fhall ufe all the means in his power by force and arms, to enter on board of the faid foreign armed veffel, there to fearch for and arreft the faid offender, and all thofe who are with him giving him aid & countenance, in preventing and refifting the execution of the faid procefs, and the officer charged with the execution of the faid procefs, fhall convey the faid offender and deliver him over to the civil authority of the ftate, to be dealt with according to law; and all thofe arrefted for being concerned in refifting the execution of the procefs fhall be delivered over to the civil authority of the United States, and fhall be punifhed in the fame manner as if they had been concerned in knowingly and wilfully obftructing, refifting, or oppofing any officer of the United States, interfering or attempting to ferve any warrant or other legal or judicial writ iffued under the authority of the United States. But if any of thofe concerned in making the arreft be killed in a place within the exclufive jurifdiction of the United States, thofe engaged in refifting the civil authority fhall be punifhed as in cafe of felonious homicide; and if the perfon charged with the offence, or any of thofe concerned with him in refifting, be killed, in a place under the exclufive jurifdiction of the United States, it fhall be juftified.

Amendment in lieu of the 5th section.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted* That whenfoever any officer of an armed veffel commiffioned by any foreign power, fhall on the high feas or elfe where, commit any trefpafs on any citizen or veffel of the United States, or any fpoliation of the property of any fuch citizen, or any vexation of trading veffels actually coming to or going from the United States, it fhall be lawful for the Prefident of the U. States, on fatisfactory proof of the facts, by proclamation forever to interdict the entrance of the faid officer, and of any armed veffel by him commanded within the limits of the U. States, and if at any time after fuch proclamation made, he fhall be found within the limits of the U. States, he fhall be liable therefor, to be arrefted, indicted and punifhed by fine and imprifonment, in any court of the U. States having competent jurifdiction, and it fhall be a part of the fentence that he fhall within fuch time after the payment of his fine, and the expiration of his term of imprifonment, as the court fhall direct, leave the United States, never to return. And if he fhall return within the limits of the United States after the paffing of fuch fentence, or be found therein, after the period limited by the court as aforefaid, he fhall again be liable to be indicted fined and imprifoned at the difcretion of the court. *Provided always*, That if the faid officer, fhall alfo have committed any other offence made punifhable by this act, he fhall be liable to profecution and punifhment, the provifions of this fection, to the contrary notwithftanding.

Mr. Dana from the committee of Claims, prefented a bill providing for the fettlement of fundry claims to lands within the Miffiffippi territory.

The bill was read a firft time.

Mr. *J. Clay* moved that it be rejected.

After a fhort converfation, the queftion was taken by yeas and nays—Yeas 52—Nays 58.

The queftion was then taken on reading the bill a fecond time at this time, and carried, Ayes 59.

It was then referred to a committee of the whole.

On the enquiry of the Speaker for what day it fhould be made the order,

Mr. *Dana* moved that it be made the order for to morrow.

M. *Leib* moved Monday week, in which motion he was fupported by Meffrs. J. Clay, and Clark.

The queftion was firft put upon *Monday week*, and paft in the negative—Ayes 53—Noes 59.

This day week was then named, and difagreed to—Ayes 55—Noes 56.

Monday next was then named, and difagreed to—Ayes 55—Noes 56.

Saturday was then named, and difagreed to—Ayes 52—Nays 61.

Friday was then propofed and agreed to—Ayes 61—Noes 51.

Mr. *Clark* moved the following refolution, which was agreed to—Ayes 59—Noes 56.

Refolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this Houfe an abftract of all the evidences of titles to land claimed under any act or pretended act of the ftate of Georgia paffed or pretended to be paffed, in the year 1789, & 1795, recorded in his office, noting the dates of the inftruments, the names of the parties, the quantity of land, with the fpecies of warrantee, and any provifo or condition that may be annexed.

The bill for extinguifhing certain debts due by the United States was confidered in committee of the whole.

Mr. VARNUM in the chair.

After fome time fpent in confidering the fame, the committee rofe and reported the bill; but were refufed leave to fit again.

On motion of Mr. R. Grifwold the bill was referred to a felect committee of five, to report. During this tranfaction Mr. Eppes had read a new bill in his place, which went to make immediate provifion for the debts ftill due to our revolutionary foldiers, and invalid penfioners, which it was intended fhould go before the committee juft appointed. The Speaker faid the committee had full power to confider the fame.

On motion of Mr Thomas the Houfe went into committee of the whole on the bill authorifing the erection of a Bridge acrofs a mill-pond and marfh in the navy yard on Long-Ifland leading from Brooklyn to Bufhwick,

Mr. TENNY in the chair.

The committee rofe and reported the bill with amendments, which being concurred in by the Houfe the bill was ordered to be engroffed for a third reading to morrow.

Mr. J. Clay prefented the petition of Nicklin and Griffith refpecting the fhip America, purchafed fome years fince of the houfe of Anthony and Co. as American property, but which has recently been difcovered to have been fraudulently covered by that houfe, praying fhe may now be allowed a fea letter as the prefent owners were intirely ignorant of the fraud. Referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. M'Creery the bill declaring the affent of Congrefs to the act of Maryland for the eftablifhment of an Health Officer at Baltimore went before a committee of the whole and was agreed to with an amendment limiting its duration to nine years, and until the end of the next feffion of Congrefs thereafter. The amendment was concurred in by the Houfe, and the bill ordered to be engroffed for a third reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY.

WEDNESDAY, February 6.

TRIAL of JUDGE CHASE.

On Monday the trial of Judge Chafe commenced before the High Court of Impeachments.

About a quarter before one o'clock, the Senate took their feats, every member of the body being prefent. Immediately after the Managers, viz. Meffrs. J. Randolph, Nicholfon, Rodney, Boyle, Early, G. W. Campbell, and Clark, appointed to conduct the impeachment, entered, accompanied by the Speaker and members of the Houfe of Reprefentatives, to whom feats were affigned. As foon as they were feated, Samuel Chafe, being called upon to appear, entered, attended by his counfel, Meffrs. Martin, Harper, and Hopkinfon, to whom feats were likewife affigned on the left of the Chair, the Managers being accommodated with feats on the right of the chair in the fame line.

The *President* (Mr. Burr) after ftating to Mr. Chafe the indulgence of time which had been allowed, enquired if he were prepared to give in his anfwer.

Judge Chase faid he had prepared, as well as circumftances would permit, his anfwer, which he begged permiffion to read by himfelf or counfel; this being granted, he commenced the reading of his anfwer about one o'clock, in which he was relieved by Meffrs. Harper and Hopkinfon, and which occupied the court till half after four.

Mr. *J. Randolph*, in behalf of the Managers, requefted time to confult the Houfe of Reprefentatives, and likewife to be furnifhed with a copy of the anfwer of Judge Chafe, for the purpofe of making a replication thereto.

The *President* faid the Senate would take the requeft into confideration, and make known to the Houfe of Reprefentatives the order taken thereon.

Whereupon the Senate retired, at the fuggeftion of the Prefident, to their legiflative apartment.

Yefterday the SUPREME COURT of the United States was opened—Prefent, Chief Juftice Marfhall, and juftices Cufhing, Paterfon, Chafe, and Wafhington.

THE Senate have, we underftand, rejected the treaty for extinguifhing the Indian title to certain lands within the limits of the ftate of Georgia; twelve votes being given in its favor, and nineteen againft it. The treaty provided for extinguifhing the Indian title to a tract of land not exceeding two millions of acres, and for the payment by the United States, of two hundred thoufand dollars, by the creation of an irredeemable ftock to that amount, and the payment of a perpetual intereft thereon of twelve thoufand dollars.

A Dublin paper of the 7th December, has been received at Norfolk. It however contains no new important intelligence.

On Thurfday the twenty-fourth ult. the Legiflature of the ftate of Delaware, appointed JAMES A. BAYARD, a Senator, to reprefent that ftate, in the Senate of the United States, for the term of fix years, commencing on the fourth day of March next.

Mr. Perkins has obtained leave to introduce into *the legislature* of Delaware, a bill for the gradual abolition of flavery within that ftate, which provides, that all children born after the paffing of the act fhall be free, but to remain the fervant of the owner of the mother until twenty-one years of age.—It provides alfo for the regiftering by the recorder of each county of all fuch children, and for all flaves now in this ftate, and declares that all not regiftered within fix months fhall be deemed free.—It alfo provides againft the feparation of a hufband and wife, or child, under 4 years of age, from a parent, it has paffed the committee of the whole Houfe, and its friends hope its final paffage.

London papers have been received at New-York to the 6th of December, and Irifh advices to the 10th. No articles of great magnitude are contained in them.

The Pope had arrived at Paris.

M. Frere had left Madrid.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Gottenburg, Nov. 2.

Yefterday morning about 2 o'clock, a dreadful fire broke out here, which continued to burn with unremitted fury until ten, during which time (the houfes being chiefly of wood) it confumed the whole fouth-weft part of the city; the large new barracks which were built with brick, and coft 40,000l. fterling, the two royal magazines of grain, the poft-office, and the epifcopal houfe, the freemafons charity fchool, together with about two three or hundred houfes were entirely deftroyed; the diftreffes of the fufferers, particularly of the poor, at this inclement feafon, is very great, but every means is taken to alleviate it; the rich and patriotic merchant, Mr. John Hall, has, with a humane zeal which always diftinguifhes him, opened his fpacious houfe and premifes for as many as it will contain, and has given up his private theatre for the ufe of the freemafons charity children: feveral others have followed his example. It is afcertained that the fire has diflodged more than 7,000 people and has fadly deformed one of the handfomeft cities in the north of Europe.

ENGLISH MERCHANDIZE.

The General of brigade Alexander Roufteau, charged with the command and fuperintendance of the coaft and ports of the Meufe.

To the Lords of the Magiftracy, forming the government of the city of Rotterdam.

Head quarters, Rotterdam, 24th Brumaire, Nov. 15, 1804.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you, that the General in Chief having received frefh orders from his Majefty the Emperor relative to Commerce, and the extraordinary meafures to be adopted againft England, has charged me to acquaint the Merchants, that fhips known to have come from England, or the Captains of which fhall declare on oath that they come from Englifh ports, fhall be feized.

The moderation of the general in Chief made him exclude from this meafure all colonial produce, and apply the feizure only to prohibited merchandize; but he has received orders to feize the whole cargoes of the fhips, if there be any Englifh merchandize on board.

Such feizure is to take place, and to be effected without any exception or modification.

Yet fuch is his affection, that he has charged me in his letter of 21 Brumaire (12th November,) to inform the trade, that he will not put this meafure into execution till after the expiration of 14 days, in order to give the merchants time to make the neceffary difpofitions for the arrival of the fhips configned to them from Embden or neutral ports.

I requeft you, therefore, gentlemen, to inform the trade of the fame immediately, and in the official way, and to acknowledge the receipt hereof.—I falute you with particular efteem.

(Signed)

ROUSSEAU.

The Managers of the WASHINGTON DANCING ASSEMBLIES inform the fubfcribers that an ASSEMBLY will be held at the Theatre on THURSDAY Evening.

Should there be any LADIES, to whom tickets of admiffion have not been fent, they are requefted to fend for them.

The MYSTERY.

THE Proprietor wifhing to give the citizens of Wafhington an opportunity of viewing one of the greateft phenomena that has appeared in this *New World*; has removed that celebrated machine to the city, where it will be exhibited in the houfe of

Mr. GEORGE BLOUNT,

Oppofite Rhodes's Tavern, Pennfylvania Avenue till Saturday next.

Thofe therefore, who wifh to vifit this aftonifhing machine will take the prefent opportunity; another may never offer, as the proprietor pofitively leaves the city on Saturday evening.

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A Family of Negroes FOR SALE.

THE fubfcribers will difpofe of by private fale (purfuant to the will of Ann Digges deceafed) the following negroes without dividing any one of the family from the other, viz. GEORGE, aged about 47 or 48 years, ftout and healthy, a very handy negro for every part of field work and a good mower, reaper and ftacker of grain, &c.——GRACE his wife, aged about 37 years, brought up in a regular family as a houfe fervant, to which fhe is fully equal, and is a remarkable good feemftrefs, laundrefs, and a tolerable cook. Alfo their two children, one a girl about three years old, and an infant at the breaft.

Application to be made to

THOS. DIGGES of Warburton
near Pifcataway, or
WM. CARROLL, Rock creek,
Montgomery county, Executors.

Jan. 30——w3t