

The Hornet is now ready to take despatches to our Ministers in Europe, particularly to those in France and England, and it is expected that she will sail in a few days. THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IS OF A CHARACTER NOT TO BE MISTAKEN, and there is every reason to believe that it is one which the Congress will maintain and the nation approve.

CONGRESS.

The proceedings of Congress, received by the last Mail, are to November 18; on which day Mr. Randolph succeeded in bringing forward his Resolution, relative to an inquiry into the expenditures of the public money, since 1801. In the course of his observations, on the incomplete and unsatisfactory manner, in which every kind of information had been rendered on this subject, in previous sessions, Mr. R. remarked; That the object of the Committee, was to know in what way the Pursers of the navy received their money, and what was the amount of their emoluments. The answer they received, stated, "that the advances made to Pursers are by warrants drawn on the Treasury, sometimes by Navy Agents, &c." We enquired, said he, what were their emoluments, other than those allowed by law? Answer, "they arise from a certain per centage upon slops detailed to the seamen." It may not be amiss, said Mr. R. to inform country gentlemen, that by slops are meant ready-made cloathing, &c. It was scarcely possible to have given a more evasive answer. We asked what were their emoluments? They answer "a certain per centage fixed by the department;" but what that per cent was, the committee was left to find out by instinct. It had been understood, that large sums of money were advanced to these Pursers, who laid it out in slops, which they retailed to the seamen at an advance, in some instances of 20 per cent! This was a fact, Mr. R. said, which ought to be looked into. It was essential to the reputation of the government—essential to its honor—indispensable to the fair fame of those who administer the finances of the United States—that abuses such as these should be probed to the quick; to shew to the world, that if we cannot govern the great Beasts—the Mam-mouths of the Forest, we can, at least, poison the rats. And whose money, asked Mr. R. is this? It is the people's money—it comes from the pockets of the people of the United States. When he spoke of this abuse of public money, he wished no gentleman to understand him as speaking of the abuse under this, that or the other President of the United States. He considered them all as of one description of people; and it was not less necessary to guard against abuses in a country where the President is elected by the People, than in a country where he is put over them. He would dare to question the infallibility of all, and look upon all with jealousy and distrust. He wished not, however, to be charged with that mistaken opposition to government, which determines to exhibit abuses for the sake of doing so; or with shutting his eyes to the abuses of Thomas, while they are open to the abuses of John.—Mr. R. said he had no interest, distinct from the interest of his country. With respect to Princes and Potentates, the only favour he had to ask of them, was that they would keep their hands out of his pocket and off his person, and, to use a homely phrase "if they would let him alone, he would let them alone."

The Hornet, is expected to sail for Europe, immediately, with Messrs. Lieut. Biddle, and Mr. Taylor; one of which is destined for France, and the other for England, with despatches.

Assistant Commissary General's Office,
Saint John, New-Brunswick, 9th December, 1811.

CASH

Wanted for the Public Service in this District.

PERSONS desirous of purchasing BILLS of EXCHANGE drawn on the Right Honourable the Paymasters General, or Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, thirty days sight, are requested to send sealed proposals to this Office, stating the sum required, and directed to the Subscriber, with the words "Tender for Bills" marked on the letter, when the best offer will be attended to.

WILLIAM H. SNELLING,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE,

SAINT JOHN, New-Brunswick, 9th December 1811.
BILLS of EXCHANGE on the Right Honourable and Honourable Board of Ordnance and Paymasters of the Royal Artillery, to be disposed of at the above Office, to the best bidder.

POST-OFFICE, ST. JOHN, NOVEMBER 29, 1811.

DURING the Winter Months, the Mails for Great-Britain and Nova-Scotia will be closed every Wednesday at Sundown; those for Canada and Fredericton at the same time, unless an English Mail arrives, in which case the Courier (if in town) will be despatched in two hours after the arrival of said Mail.
N. B. No Letters will be received or delivered after dark.
WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Postmaster.

By the Ship OCEAN, from LONDON, and Brig ELK, from GREENOCK,
JOHN BLACK, & Co.

HAVE received an extensive supply of BRITISH MERCHANDIZE, and daily look for the remainder of their annual assortment in the Ship Dykes, from Liverpool.

N. B. PORT, SHERRY, LISBON, and MADEIRA WINES, and Bottled PORTER, and a quantity of Scotch COAL.

St. John, 27th May, 1811.

THE ROYAL-GAZETTE.

SAINT JOHN, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1811.

By a New-York Paper of the 13th ultimo, we with regret copy the following paragraph under the Charleston head of the 1st November.

"The French privateer brig Diligent, Capt. Marlet (late Grassen) from a cruise anchored in the Roads last evening; the Diligent sailed from Philadelphia about three months ago and has since been cruising along the Spanish Main, where she captured and destroyed a number of Spanish vessels and obtained plenty of Pargent—on the 8th of October off the Grand Caymans, captured the British brig Douglas, Captain Holly, from Jamaica, bound to St. John, N. B. with a cargo of Rum, which vessel they destroyed and Capt. H. and his crew are now on board the privateer; the Diligent has put into this Port to refit, &c. &c. &c."

This is all the information we have of this unfortunate capture.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 25.

Latest from Portugal.

An arrival at Salem has furnished some Portuguese papers containing the British official account of the skirmish near Ciudad Rodrigo. The following is an abstract of the despatch:—

"By the letter of Lord Wellington at his head quarters at Quanazaes, on the 29th of September, we learn that the English had an action with the French on the 26th and 27th of September. His Lordship represents that the English behaved with great bravery, and he is uncommonly particular in the praise of many of his officers. He says that the enemy had united their forces to relieve Rodrigo, and have been strongly reinforced by troops from Spain, which had come from the army of Naples, and their whole army amounting to sixty thousand men, of whom six thousand were of the cavalry, with 123 pieces of cannon, he could not pretend to continue the blockade of Rodrigo, and therefore not being justified in the risque for such an object, he had adopted the plan of his greater security. He then exhibits an account of the event of the two actions of Bodon and Aldea da Ponte.

"Bodon.—Lord Wellington says, in the action of the 25th of September on the heights of Bodon, besides the Portuguese total loss—1 Lieut. Colonel, 3 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Quarter Master of the Horse, 12 Sergeants, 3 Drummers, 139 soldiers, 87 horsemen, killed, wounded and missing—In the neighbourhood of Rodrigo.

"Aldea da Ponte.—In the action of the 27th of Sept. total of English loss, 1 Major, 5 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 2 sergeants, 1 drummer, 86 soldiers, 23 horsemen, killed and wounded.

"On the 28th the English were at Souto, about a league in the rear of the place they occupied on the 27th.

DIED] Suddenly, at Fredericton, on Monday last, Major-General WILLIAM BALFOUR.

JUST PUBLISHED

And for SALE at JACOB S. MOTT's Office,
An ALMANACK for 1812,
Calculated for the Meridian of SAINT JOHN.
Monday, 9th December, 1811.

SALE AT AUCTION,

By ANDREW CROOKSHANK,
At the Commissariat Stores, on WEDNESDAY the 18th instant, at 12 o'Clock,
TWO large COPPER BOILERS and a number of IRON GRATES.
Saint John, 5th December, 1811.

Liverpool China and Common Ware.

PUBLIC AUCTION

On FRIDAY the 13th instant, at 12 o'Clock, at the Store of Mr. NEHEMIAH MERRITT, on his Wharf, will be sold without reserve—

ONE Hundred and Eleven Crates LIVERPOOL CHINA and Common Ware, assorted for Store-keepers, and will be sold in lots to suit the Purchasers. Conditions will be made known at the time of Sale.
ANDREW CROOKSHANK.
Saturday, December 7, 1811.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE FIREWARDS intend calling at the different Houses and Stores within the City in the course of the present week, for the purpose of examining stoves, chimnies, &c. pursuant to the directions of the Corporation Ordinance, when it is expected they will find every Dwelling-House provided with FIRE BUCKETS agreeably to the provision of the same Ordinance.
Monday, December 9, 1811.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons who are indebted to the Subscriber, are hereby required to make immediate payment to W. Botsford, Esq. who is authorised to receive the same.
WILLIAM WHITLOCK.
Saint John, 5th December, 1811.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of ALEXANDER REID, late of this City, Merchant, deceased; are requested to present the same duly attested, within Twelve Mo. from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

ROBERT REID, Administrator.
Saint John, December 9, 1811.

NOTICE.

AS my Son GARRET is no more in my employ, this is to warn the Public not to trust him upon my account from the date of this publication.

JOHN TOOLE.

Saint John, 9th December, 1811.

ON THURSDAY NEXT,
(POSTPONED UNTIL THIS DAY AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.)

JOHN L. VENNER,

IN pursuance of his annual practice, will commence the SALE by AUCTION of his remaining Stock of ENGLISH GOODS,

and continue it daily until the whole shall be disposed of.

A very liberal Credit, as usual, will be allowed to bidders, giving approved security and buying more than the amount of Ten Pounds, viz. FIVE MONTHS from this date on one half the amount of their purchases and SEVEN MONTHS on the other half.

As an encouragement to those who may wish to use their READY MONEY on this occasion, 30 Day Bills of Exchange of undoubted credit, drawn upon London or Liverpool, will be taken at only five per cent discount from all who may purchase to the extent of Fifty Pounds and make prompt payment.

Besides the accustomed well chosen assortment of Manufactures, there will be offered a valuable parcel of IRON and SAIL CLOTH.

ANDREW CROOKSHANK.

Saturday, 30th November, 1811.

ARTHUR DINGWALL,

Has received by the LEANDER, NEIL KENNEDY, Master, just arrived from LIVERPOOL,

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF GOODS,

Amongst which are the following, which he offers for Sale on the most reasonable terms:—

WIDE and Narrow Cloths, Rose Blankets, Red and White Flannels, $\frac{1}{2}$ Irish Linens, Lancashire Sheetings, Printed Cottons, Dimity, Bed Ticking, Flaxen Oznaburgs, Nails 8d. to 20d. Spikes, Sheathing Nails, and best Bolt Iron, Boy's and Men's Hats, Spades and Shovels, Iron Pots, Bake and Frying Pans, Iron Tea Kettles, Sauce Pans, Knives and Forks, Window Glass, Loaf Sugar, Soap, Candles, Starch and Mustard.

A General Assortment of Slops, and Tin Ware, Likewise EARTHEN and GLASS WARE well assorted, and Stone Jugs from one to four gallons, Stone Butter Pots from one to three gallons, and about 6000 Bushels LIVERPOOL SALT.

Saint John, 2d December, 1811.

FOR TOBAGO,

OR WINDWARD ISLANDS,

THE new Schooner MESSENGER, FELIX THOMAS, Master;—Will sail about the First of JANUARY next,—has half her cargo engaged; any Person wishing to freight the remainder, or any part, will please apply to JOHN WARD and SON, or the Subscriber.
FELIX THOMAS.

Saint John, November 29, 1811.

AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

FOR SALE,

On THURSDAY the 12th Day of DECEMBER next, by the SHERIFF of the City and County of St. JOHN,

THAT LOT of LAND situate in Saint John-Street, in the City of Saint John, with the Wharf adjoining thereto, and the Dwelling House and other buildings thereon, now in the Possession of WILLIAM WHITLOCK, Esq.—Also three Lots of Land in Union-Street, in King's Ward, in the said City, known as Lots numbers 222, 223, and 224.—Also one Lot in King's-Street, in the said City, known as Lot number 385, and half of Lot number 386 in the same street.—Also Lots numbers 1027 and 1028 in Queen or Charlotte-Street, in the said City.—Also half of a Lot of Land at Mispick, so-called, in the County of Saint John, and known as Lot number 4.—Also a water Lot at Carleton.—All and singular the above Lots of Land and Premises having been taken in Execution by the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, at the Suit of WILLIAM GOODALL and JAMES TURNER, against the said WILLIAM WHITLOCK.

The above Sale will be at the said Dwelling House of the said WILLIAM WHITLOCK.

WILLIAM S. OLIVER, Sheriff.

St. JOHN, 10th JUNE, 1811.

The SALE of the above Property is postponed until TUESDAY the 3d of MARCH, 1812.
Monday, 9th December, 1811.

FOR SALE,

THE Valuable and highly improved MANOR of TALWINGTON, in the Parish of WESTFIELD, King's-County, situated 12 miles from the City of St. JOHN; containing 6000 acres, well covered with Pine and Spruce Spars, great quantities of the finest Ship Timber and other hard Wood as yet uncultured, possessing several convenient places for Ship Building; an excellent Salmon and Herring Fishery; a large Grist and Saw Mill that are doing extensive business; four well settled Farms, each having extensive meadows with high and low intervals sufficient to maintain a large stock, together with the Farming Utensils of each.

The greater part of the enclosures are under Cedar fence, with a navigable River running through the centre of the estate. The well known local advantage of this property and its commanding prospects renders any further description unnecessary.—Terms of Payment will be made easy to the purchaser.

4th November, 1811. J. COFFIN.