

FROM THE BOSTON GAZETTE.
THE GALLIC SLAVE—A SONG.
TUNE—"The Galley Slave."

O think on my fate, once I power enjoyed;
Was as great e'en as Baylies can be;
But greatness is fled, all my hopes are de-
stroyed,
And Congress I no more can see.
I was ousted by the feds—'twas the poi-
gnance of fate,
They drove me from all I adore—
When thought brings to mind my lost honors
of state,
I cry—I cry—I cry till I roar.
Hard, hard is my fate, O how cutting the
pain;
From a Coach, now to ride in a Cart;
And though 'gainst the people I fear to com-
plain,
Yet anger still rankles my heart.
I fear I shall shrink, while I feel their sharp
lash,
If my friends, all ashamed, give me o'er,
While around me the horrors of war fright-
ful crash,
I cry—I cry—I cry till I roar.
How fortune deceives—I had good things in
tow;
I'd a "Legion of Honor" in view;
But election day morn was o'erclouded with
woe,
And, dear Bona, I hurried from you.
Our falsehoods exploded, I bore me away,
To eat loaves and fishes no more;
My conscience gnaws my spirit, my heart
feels its prey,
He cry'd—he cry'd—let him cry, let him
roar.

HALIFAX, JUNE 19.

SHANNON AND CHESAPEAKE.

The following detailed account, being the result of diligent enquiry derived from authentic sources of information, may be relied upon as substantially correct:—

The *Shannon* was laying too, under top-sails top-gallant sails, jib and spanker, with just steering way, awaiting the approach of the *Chesapeake*, and leaving it in her power to commence the engagement as she pleased, either at a distance or close, either on the starboard or larboard side. She came down in a very gallant style on the *Shannon's* weather and starboard quarter till within half pistol shot. The *Shannon's* men having orders to fire as they could bring their guns to bear, commenced by firing first their after gun on the main-deck and then their aftermost carronade on the quarter-deck, just as the *Chesapeake's* bows were upon their quarter; these two guns were distinctly heard before the *Chesapeake* returned her fire, which then became furious on both sides; but the superiority of the *Shannon's* was so great that at her second broadside nearly all the men were swept from the upper deck of the *Chesapeake*. About this time the ships came in contact and the *Chesapeake* having shot ahead, was caught by one of the *Shannon's* anchors, and lay obliquely athwart her starboard bow, exposed to a most tremendous fire from the *Shannon's* after guns, which bat-tering her lee quarter and entering her port-holes, from thence towards the main-mast, strewed her main-deck with killed and wounded. A small open cask of musket cartridges in an open chest abaft the mizen mast of the *Chesapeake*, now caught fire and blew up; and when the smoke it occa- sioned had blown away, Capt. Broke saw the favorable moment, and instantly, with a few men, not exceeding 20, boarded her about the mizen-rigging, from her starboard bow. Not a man was left standing on the *Chesapeake's* quarter-deck when she was boarded, but about 20 made a slight resist-ance on her gang-way, who were instantly driven before the fore-mast, and being there obliged to stand fought desperately, but were quickly overpowered. A few en- deavored to get down the fore hatchway, but in their eagerness prevented each other; some jumped over, and one or two of them escaped by getting in again at the main-deck ports. Capt. Broke, and his first boarding party were almost immediately followed by between 30 and 40 marines, who secured possession of the *Chesapeake's* quarter-deck, dislodged the men from the main and fore-tops, that were firing down on the boarders, and kept down all who attempted to come up from the main-deck. Being thus completely captured, Mr. WATT the 1st Lieut. ran aft and seizing the Bri- tish colors from a sailor who brought them from the *Shannon*, bent them, and was in the act of hoisting them above the American, when he was struck in the forehead by a grape-shot and killed in the moment of vic- tory. He was shot by one of the *Shannon's* main-deck guns; the commanding officers of whom did not know that the contest was already decided. Just at the close of the

action as Captain Broke was earnestly call- ing on his men to desist, and give the ene- my quarter, one of them gave him a severe wound on the head; the man who did it was instantly killed; the Captain did not fall, but staggered back, and sat down on a coil of rope, when one of the *Chesapeake's* midshipmen who had been in the fore-top slid down a rope and alighted close to him: the poor fellow was saved from the fury of the boarders, by the Captain, who brought him with him back to the quarter-deck. Captain Broke faint from exertion, pain and loss of blood, was then brought on board the *Shannon*.

Capt. LAWRENCE received his mortal wound from some of the *Shannon's* top men, and had been carried below before the boarding commenced.

The *Shannon* suffered most on the fore part of the main-deck; and fore-castle, and her greatest loss of men were on those parts. The *Chesapeake* was terribly battered on her larboard bow and quarter: amidships there are not many marks of shot, which must have entered here port-holes, as the whole of her main-deck was strewed with dead and wounded.

Thus ended in 13 minutes from the firing of the first gun, one of the fairest, shortest, severest and most decisive actions that ever was fought between two ships of equal force.

SHANNON'S GUNS.

Main Deck—28 long 18-pounders,
Quarter Deck—12 32-pound carronades,
1 12-pound do.
2 long 9-pounders.
1 brass 6-pounder.
Forecastle—4 32-pound carronades,
2 long 9-pounders.

Total number of guns 50
Weight of metal—1070 lbs.

CHESAPEAKE'S GUNS.

Main Deck—28 long 18-pounders,
Quarter Deck—16 32-pound carronades,
Forecastle—4 32-pound do.
Do. 1 long 18-pounder.

Total number of guns 49
Weight of metal—1162 lbs.

The *Shannon* we find, mounted one gun more than the *Chesapeake*, yet the *Chesa- peake* was superior in weight of metal by 92 lbs. She victualled 389 men, who were all but one, on her muster-roll, and more were said to have joined her from the *Con- stitution* on the morning of the action, but this assertion has not been proved by any evidence that could be obtained. The *Shannon* victualled 335 men; 20 of whom were taken into the ship the day before from a vessel from Ireland bound to New-f. land.

KILLED AND WOUNDED.

The SHANNON had
Killed in action, 26
Wounded, and rec'd in Hospital, 37
Several others wounded slightly.
The CHESAPEAKE had
Killed in action, 64
Wounded severely and received into the Hospital, 71
Prisoners, of whom 20 were wounded slightly, 250
Received in the Hospital sick, 4
Making her original number 389
These accounts are taken from the Navy Hospital books, and the books of the agent for Prisoners of War.

American vanity, raised to the most in- ordinate height by their former successes in three very unequal contests, has been mor- tified in the extreme, and stung almost to madness by this unequivocal proof of their inferiority to us in fair and equal comba: hence, we account for the ridiculous and extravagant falsehood of their statements, the baseness of their calumny, and inveteracy of their malice. According to them the fire of the *Chesapeake* was more " vivid and effectual" until the *Shannon* threw on board of her " an immense body of combustibles " and inflammable matter, (like an INFER- NAL MACHINE of new and horrible con- struction,) which enveloped the *Chesa- peake* in a volume of flame to her very " tops" and that to the effects of this all destroying explosion, the *Shannon* was entirely indebted for her victory.

The only circumstance that could have given rise to this wonderful tale of mysteri- ous horror, was the cask of musket car- tridges which caught fire and blew up abaft the *Chesapeake's* mizen-mast; which had been placed there by themselves to supply their marines. These cartridges not being confined, exploded with so little violence, that scarce any of the effects are to be trac- ed on her quarter-deck; the only appear- ance of a singe that is to be found, is a small portion of the spanker-boom; and that so slight as to be scarcely visible.

Their assertion that the superiority of the *Chesapeake's* fire is " proved by the " fact of its having carried away the jib- " boom, and fore, and mizen royal-masts of

" the enemy," is totally false. Neither of the ships lost a single spar. The damage sus- tained by both was in their hulls; and that of the *Shannon's* is trifling indeed, compar- ed with the *Chesapeake's*.

There was found on the *Chesapeake's* decks more shot than could have been fired away, had the battle lasted several hours; among which were (beside grape, cannister and double headed shot) bars of wrought iron connected by links so as to form an extend- ed length of five feet, and others with four bars of more than a foot each, all connected at one end by a ring, which expanded in four points as they flew. The *Shannon* had only round shot, grape, and cannister: but many of the *Chesapeake's* cannisters have since been opened, and have all been found to contain in the centre, angular and jagged pieces of iron of various shapes and sizes: and all their musket cartridges had three and some four buck-shot loose in the powder. The evident design of which must have been, not merely to disable and destroy: for round balls are equally effectual for these purpo- ses; but to increase the torment, retard the cure of the wounds they inflicted. They had also a large cask of unslacked lime with the head open, standing on the fore-castle, and a bag of the same on the fore top; and their intention was (if they had time) to throw it by handfuls into the eyes of our men when they attempted to board. Let Madison, who with the innate malevolence of an un- derling demon, is forever canting about hu- manity; and his lying partizans who have accused our honest tars with unfairness: let them reconcile such conduct to the prin- ciples of honorable warfare, or endeavour to learn candour and veracity.—They can- not do either.

Neither the foregoing particular narra- tion, nor the observations on the subject are published with the vain expectation of kindling the blush of shame on the cheek of an ungenerous enemy; but to gratify the rational curiosity of British subjects, and do justice to Captain Broke and the brave officers and crew of the *Shannon*; whose deeds when fairly stated, are their own best and highest panegyrick.

QUEBEC, JUNE 3.

We are happy to announce from our own observation, as well as from reports from different parts of the Province, that the Wheat has been sown this year in good sea- son, and presents at present the most prom- ising appearance. The quantity sown we believe is little short of that usually sown, and in the event of a good crop, will be fully sufficient to restore that abundance to which we have been accustomed in this Province. We shall besides probably have in the market a quantity of Wheat of last year's crop, saved by the speculators and the pre- sent high prices; and no exportation.

BOSTON, JUNE 7.

Loss of the Privateer Gov. Plumer.
The privateer schooner Gov. Plumer, Mudge, of this port, was captured off Jesso- ries, on Thursday 27th ult. by the British privateer Sir John Sherbrooke, ordered for Halifax. The second officer and nine of her crew were paroled, put on board a fishing boat and arrived here on the morning of the 28th ult. Capt. Mudge, and the remainder of the crew were probably sent to Halifax. The Gov. Plumer, has taken the following prizes—April 21, recaptured a schooner from Norfolk with corn, which had been captured by the frigate Orpheus, and order- ed her in—May 14, captured British brig Heten, from Pool for Newfoundland, in bal- last, and burnt her—May 13, brig David, from Waterford, (Ireland) for Newfound- land, with provisions and ordered her in —May 19, ship Dick from do. for do. with a valuable cargo, and ordered her in. Off Newfoundland, the G. P. was attacked by 6 barges containing about 30 men each, sent out for the purpose of capturing her: when within pistol shot, the Governor Plumer opened a severe fire upon them and they made for the shore, with the loss of one boat. Next day, a Packet, of 12 guns and well manned, was sent out for the same purpose, an engagement took place, which lasted about an hour and an half, when the packet sheered off with considerable loss. The G. P. had but 30 of her crew on board at the time of the engagement, and 52 pri- soners. A few of her men were slightly, wounded.

HALIFAX, JUNE 19.

Thursday, Arrived, schooner Lark, Capt. Terrio, from Clare, County of Annapolis, captured on Tuesday last by the Young Teazer; recaptured same day by the Borer brig; at which time the Teazer, and a brig and schooner (prizes to the Retrieve of Windsor, but recaptured by the Teazer on Monday last, off the Light,) were then in

sight. [Both taken by the Borer and ed here on Thursday last.]

Same Day—Arrived ship Princess Mary, Story, with Rum, Sugar, and Coffee, 37 days from Jamaica. Sailed with a fleet of about 140 vessels under Convoy of the Ven- geur, 74 guns, and several sloops of war, for London; on the 23d May the Princess Mary sprung a leak, and making water very fast, was compelled to make the first English port. Parted with the convoy, 2d June.—Spoke 6th June, lat 39, 48, long. 61, brig Arabella, from hence for Jamaica.

A gentleman who arrived in town yester- day from the Gut of Canso, saw His Majes- ty's schooner Paz, lying in the Gut on Sun- day; he was informed by a person who had been on board, that she had captured an American privateer off Liscomb Harbor, and sent her into Arichat.

The privateer "Fly," Stanwood, from hence, arrived at Yarmouth on Friday the 11th inst. Previous to her arrival, off Shel- burne, brought too an American sloop from Nantucket with Naval Stores; took out her crew and detained her about 12 hours. The American Captain first said she was bound to Teneriffe, and then to Halifax, and shew a British Licence; Capt. Stanwood suffered her to proceed; but owing to the want of an English pilot she has unfortunately miss- ed this port.

The Young Teazer, captured a fishing schooner from this place for the Labrador, the Master arrived in town yesterday; he was informed by the Captain of the Y. T. that he had captured five vessels, among them he mentioned the Highland Lass, Clark from Jamaica with Rum, taken in sight of the Light house.

The privateer "Weazel" of this port, has sent into Shelburne, an American schoo- ner under Swedish colours, loaded with Flour and Naval Stores. [She has since arrived at this port and been restored to the owner.]

YARMOUTH, (N. S.) JUNE 19.

Last evening arrived His Majesty's ship Acasta, Capt. Kerr. She sailed from New- London Sunday last, for this place, in Co- with the Valiant 74 guns. Left the Ramil- lies and Orpheus, blockading Commodore Decatur's squadron: They had been taken up out of the reach of our vessels, and 800 Militia were constantly employed in throw- ing up fortifications. On Thursday last the Acasta and Valiant captured, after a chase of 13 hours, the brig Porcupine, from Ba- yonne for Boston with Brandy, Silks &c. The Valiant and Porcupine are coming up.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Charlotte ss.

TAKEN by Execution and will be sold at Public Auction on Monday the twenty-eighth of June, at the Court House in the Town of Saint Andrews, at eleven A. M.—All that Tract or Parcel of Land the property of Daniel Davis Woodbury, on the Island of Grand Manan, described as follows; bounded southerly on lands be- longing to Wm. Gadcomb, westerly on lands granted to Bingham & Quigley, northerly on lands granted to John Moss, and easterly on Long Island Bay, containing 800 acres more or less; on the Premises is a dwelling house, a Grist and Saw Mill, a large and valuable Marsh, which with a lit- tle improvement may be made to cut 100 tons of Hay, with the buildings thereon, and all the rights, privileges and apperte- nances therunto belonging.

E. ANDREWS, Sheriff of Charlotte. St. Andrews, 3d December, 1812.

For Sale on Reasonable Terms,

THREE hundred acres of good Land, 18 acres of which has been improved; it is situate on the River Kennebeckacis, 16 miles from this City, and has an excellent growth of hard wood of nearly 120 acres. Any person wishing to purchase the above Land, may know the particulars by apply- ing to Mr. ROBERT LINDLEY, at York Point. St. John, 19th April, 1813.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of JOHN BLACK, & Co. being, by the consent of all the partners dissolved; All persons having any demands against the same, are requested to present them for settlement without delay, and those indebted to the said Firm are desired forth- with to make payment and settlement with WILLIAM BLACK, & Co.

JOHN BLACK, & Co. Saint John, N. B. January 1, 1813.

CARDS.

MERRY ANDREW and HENRY the VIIIth Playing CARDS of a good quality, for Sale at J. S. Morr's Office, by the dozen or single pack,