

NEW-YORK, July 15.

TO THE PUBLIC.

There appeared on Monday morning, in the "American Citizen," an affidavit, published by a Mr. John Wood, in which my name was unwarrantably used.—Part of that affidavit it is my duty to contradict, and part it becomes me to explain. While I do this, I hope a candid and discerning public will excuse an individual intruding on their patience.

Some time since Mr. John Wood, (who daily dined at my house) mentioned the intended formation of a society for the purpose of disseminating inflammatory hand bills in Scotland, which might be sent by every vessel that sailed for Britain.

I endeavoured to dissuade him from this purpose, and to convince him of the fatal consequences which were likely to result from such a measure. For several weeks this was the general topic of conversation at dinner at my house. When I found that Wood resolved to persevere in his plan, I told him I would take every open and honorable method of exposing him and his society, and I mentioned the circumstances to some of Wood's friends, in order that they might advise him to desist from his mad scheme. By this time it had become public.

On Thursday last I met a gentleman, whose name I then supposed was Waddington, but whom I have since found is Mr. Wallingford, who asked me if I knew of the existence of such a society; on my answering in the affirmative, he enquired if I was a member—I informed him I was not, and that I detested its principles. Mr. Wallingford then said that if I was an alien and member of that society, I could be demanded and easily carried on board a British ship, and that he had heard a Mr. Wood was reported to be a member thereof.

This had been converted upon at my house the preceding evening, by myself and one of my friends. Considering that these ideas might have some effect on Mr. Wood, and dissuade him from proceeding further in this business; for though I hated the principle, I had a regard for Mr. Wood. I went in the evening of Thursday last to Mr. Cheetham's Porter House in search of Wood, who had left my house two days before with the intention of once more pointing out to him the madness of his scheme. I called Wood into a private room and dissuading him from his plan, I told him my conversation as above stated, with a gentleman, whose name I informed him I was not then certain of, but believed to be Waddington. And I do expressly declare, that I did not say one word to Mr. Wood, or any other person, of his and Cheetham being carried on board a British ship; or of any plan being on foot for carrying them or any other person out of the country—and that I never heard of such a plan, except from Wood and Cheetham, who mentioned it the next day when they called on me.

After this conversation, Wood and myself returned to the Porter-room, where we remained some time; he then said he wished to speak to me privately, and on our retiring, he expressed a wish to see the gentleman who had given the information.

I assured him that I had only seen that person three times accidentally, once particularly at the Coffee-House, and that I knew not where he lived. Mr. Wood then mentioned that the British Consul had, that morning published an advertisement with regard to the society; I informed him, that from the circumstance of my having been employed as tutor to the family of the British Consul, I had the honour of being known to him; Wood then asked me to accompany him to the Consul's, as he wished to assure him that no such society did exist, as the design had been relinquished. I told him that I was very happy in this assurance, and that I would take the liberty of introducing him the next day; but on his insisting on going immediately, I consented, in order to relieve his anxiety.

Having knocked at the door of the Consul, we were told by his servant that he had retired to his chamber, but that he would go up and inform him of our being there. I believe that the lamp was burning in the Consul's hall, and as he came down stairs he asked us to walk into the office, at the same time ordering lights. I then told the Consul I wished to say a word to him, and on his going with us into the parlour.

I communicated to him in a few words the reason of our coming at so late an hour; this might have employed five minutes at the utmost, but I verily believe that I was not two minutes with the Consul in the parlour. On entering into the room where Mr. Wood was, I introduced him to the Consul, and in a few words, stated the reason of his calling; he then addressed the Consul, and after having acknowledged that there had existed a society, of which he was a member, for the purpose of framing and sending to Scotland, publications, tending to render the inhabitants of Great-Britain dissatisfied with their government, he assured the Consul, that the society was dissolved and the plan relinquished; and Mr. Wood added, that he had taken the liberty of calling upon the Consul, under the suspicion that from his advertisement of that day he had been informed of the society.

The Consul replied, that he was happy to learn that the society was dissolved—that he had long been informed of it, and had received constant information of their proceedings from one of its members—that hitherto it had been too insignificant to be noticed, but that if at any future period he should think their measure fraught with danger to the British Government he should do his duty in forwarding information to his Majesty's Ministers, who would seize the publications and crush the attempt with the ruin of those concerned, or words to that effect, and added, that such an attempt would make no more impression on society at large in Great-Britain than the bite of a Fly on an Ox.

The Consul then advised Mr. Wood to refrain in future from intermeddling with politics, either European or American, and to apply himself to his private pursuits.

He added, that the object of the note to him under the signature of "An Englishman," was to urge him to prosecute Mr. Cheetham for some disrespectful expressions towards his Britannic Majesty; and as he, the Consul, did not think the words actionable, he had requested the writer to call on him, in order that he might be satisfied that a prosecution was improper. The Consul then told Mr. Wood, that he was no stranger to his and Mr. Cheetham's walks; and on being asked by Mr. Wood, what walks, he answered their political walks in general, and the society in particular.

The Consul then asked Mr. Wood, what would have been his sensations had he by his publications involved any unfortunate person in misery, and why since he had become a subject of the United States, he could not permit the inhabitants of Great-Britain to remain at peace—and Mr. Wood having answered that he considered himself a British subject, the Consul told him that it was a prophanation of the name—that he ought to be ashamed to call himself a subject to a government which he wished to subvert, and that if he was not under the protection of his house, he would knock him down—or words to that effect.

And I do expressly declare, that I did not hear the Consul make any mention of Mr. Cheetham, other than I have above set forth, that he did not use the word "spy," and that he did not say "he would accomplish the ruin of Mr. Wood and Mr. Cheetham," or any words to that effect.

And I do further expressly declare, that I did not hear, nor do I believe that the Consul in any part of his conversation said that he did not regard the power of the United-States more than a Fly—but I recollect the word Fly being applied by the Consul to Mr. Wood, and his society as above stated.

And I do declare that the whole of the Consul's conduct to Mr. Wood, was handsome and gentleman like, and his advice correct, and such as every honest man must have approved—but that when he was irritated by Mr. Wood declaring himself to be a British subject, he lost his temper, and as I have before stated, told him his house was his only protection.

JAMES MAIN.

New-York, July 13th, 1801.

State of New York, ss.

BE it known that on the day of the date of these presents, before me Charles Bridgen, a Public Notary, in and for the State of New-York duly commissioned, sworn and residing in the City of New-York, personally came and appeared Mr. James Main; and being by

me duly sworn, did depose and say, that all and every of the facts, matters, and things stated and contained in the hereunto annexed statement, are true.

In testimony whereof, the said James Main hath signed the said statement, and I the said Public Notary, have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal, this thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and one.

QUOD ATTESTOR.
CHARLES BRIDGEN, N. P.

N. B. The gentleman taken for a Mr. Waddington is a Mr. Wallingford, who has left the City, but is expected to return in a few days; when an affidavit of the conversation will be procured from him.—To Mr. Joshua Waddington, Mr. Main declares he never spoke in his life, to his knowledge—nor ever saw until yesterday, when he called to apologize for the mistake which he had that morning discovered.

SAINT JOHN,
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1801.

Thursday arrived the Snow Venus, Ward, and Schooner Argonaut, Finch, both in 8 days from New-York.

We have received Papers by the Argonaut to the 15th inst.—they contain but little matter of speculation.

The Leda and Active frigates, which lately sailed from England with a detachment of guards for Egypt, have taken with them five tons of dollars, about 2,000,000.

Mrs. BILLINGTON, says a late London paper, has an offer from the Proprietor of the Dublin Theatre, of 4000 guineas for the winter season, or 2000 for the summer. She has not yet determined on her engagements.

The MONITEUR, a French Journal, quotes, with very great approbation, the case of a prosecution against an obscene Book, which lately took place in the Court of King's Bench, and recommends the same attention every where to every thing regarding public morals!

WANTED,
For His Majesty's Service,

THREE Hundred Mazs, Yards and Bowspits—none of the Mazs to be less than 22 inches diameter, to be delivered in the Harbour of St. John in the month of May next. Such persons as are willing to Contract for the above number of sticks, or a part of them, not less than fifty in one contract, will apply to the Subscribers before the 15th August, when the terms will be made known, and licence given for cutting the timber.

JOHN BLACK, & Co.
N. B.—Security will be expected for the performance of such Contracts as may be entered into.
St. John, 21st July, 1801. 3w*

HUGH JOHNSTON,
HAS RECEIVED
By the ship America from LIVERPOOL, and William from GREENOCK,
A General Assortment of
BRITISH GOODS,
Suitable for this Country, and are now opening for Sale on the most reasonable terms.

ALSO,
A few Puncheons of High Proof
JAMAICA SPIRITS,
Imported in Sch'r Ann from Jamaica.
St. John, 14th July, 1801.

Donaldson & Hendricks,
HAVE JUST RECEIVED
By the Ship WILLIAM, Captain Cambridge, from GREENOCK,
A very General and Handsome Assortment of
British Merchandize,
Which they are now opening for Sale, upon very reasonable terms,
AS USUAL.
St. John, 23d May, 1801.

WANTED,
AS AN APPRENTICE to the Printing Business—a Lad from 12 to 14 years of age—he must be of good connections—Inquire at this Office.
St. John, 12th June, 1801.

JOHN L. VENNER,
HAS IMPORTED
IN THE MINERAL SPRING, FROM
LONDON,
An Extensive Assortment of
BRITISH GOODS,

Which are opening for Sale at his Store, on the Market-Wharf.

THESE GOODS are perfectly adapted to the consumption of the Country—they have been put up under Mr. VENNER's own inspection, and in a way that enables the Subscriber to sell unusually low, and to warrant the articles in general of a superior quality.—His former friends it is presumed will find it greatly advantageous to renew their orders, they may be assured the business will be conducted in the same liberal manner, and as much to their satisfaction as heretofore.

For the accommodation of purchasers out of town, payments will be received in the Produce of the Country on the fairest terms.

ZALMON WHEELER.

CASH and the highest prices always given for SKINS and FURS.
St. John, 21st July, 1801.

TO BE SOLD,
AT PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON THURSDAY the 17th of September next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court-House in the town of SAINT ANDREWS—All the Right, Title, and Interest of HENRY GOLD-SMITH, Esq. in or to certain Houses and Lands lying in the Parish of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte—One tract about ten miles from the town of Saint Andrews, on which is erected a good Dwelling House, a Grist and Saw Mill—two tracts adjoining the town of Saint Andrews, on one of which is a new Dwelling House and Barn—The payments to be made easy to the purchasers on giving good security—Other conditions made known at the time of Sale.

JOHN DUNN, Auctioneer.
Saint Andrews, July 14th, 1801.

LUDLOW, FRASER, and
ROBINSON,
HAVE RECEIVED
By the AMERICA from Liverpool, the WILLIAM from Glasgow, and the ATLANTIC from London,
A very General Assortment of
MERCHANDIZE,
Which they are now opening for Sale, at their Store in St. John-Street, on the most reasonable terms,
Comprising, among others, the following Articles, viz:

SUPERFINE, Second and Coarse Cloths; Coatings and Cal- simeres, Flannels and Baizes, Duffels' Blanket- ing, Calamancos, Durants, Moreens, Rattinets, Wildbores, strip and plain, Camblets, 4-4 and 7-8 Irish Linen, Irish Dowlas, Brown and white Russia Sheetings, Irish and Lanca- shire ditto, Flax and Tow Oznaburghs, Romal Handker- chiefs, Pullicat do. Check Linen do. Long Lawns, French Cambrics, Book and Jaconet Muslins, Cotton and Muslin Shawls, Dimitics, Men's & women's	Cotton Stockings, Children's ditto, Men's Cotton pan- taloon Socks, China and Satin Ribbon, Barcelona Hand- kerchiefs, Silk Romal and Bandanna do. White, black, and colour'd Pelong, Sewing Silk and Twist, Ladies long Silk Gloves, Pound and Paper Pins, Ladies Kid & Mo- rocco Slippers, Children's Moroc- co Shoes, Hyson, Souchong, and Bohea Teas, Loaf Sugar, Raisins and Cur- rants, Prunes and Figs, Pepper & Pimenta, Scented Pomatum, Port, Sherry, and Lisbon Wines, An assortment of Cutlery, Ditto of Buttons, Sieves and Sheet Iron.
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With a great variety of other Articles.
St. John, 30th May, 1801.

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may be had at this Office.