

o'clock this morning, by the Governor from Col. Davis, commanding at Lewistown. You will no doubt give them immediate publicity.

S. H. BLACK.

Head-Quarters, at Lewis, April 6, 1813.

Sir—This evening the Belvidera and two small vessels came close into Lewis, and commenced an attack, by firing several 32 pound shot into the town, which we have picked up; after which a flag was sent, to which the following reply was returned.

Sir—In reply to the renewal of your demand, with the addition for a "supply of water," I have to inform you that neither can be complied with. This, Sir, you must be sensible of; therefore I must insist the attack on the inhabitants of this town is both wanton and cruel.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

S. B. DAVIS, Col. Commandant.

H. Quarters, at Lewis, April 6, 1813.

Sir—Since the reply to Com. Berresford's letter, which I communicated to you by express, I received the following about 4 o'clock.

Belvidera, off the village of Lewis, &c.

Sir—No dishonor can be attached in complying with the demand of Sir John Beresford to Lewis, in consideration of his superior force.

I must therefore consider your refusal to supply the squadron with water, and the cattle that the neighborhood affords most cruel upon your part, to its inhabitants. I grieve for the distress, the women and children are reduced to, by your conduct, and earnestly desire they may be instantly removed.

I have the honor &c. to be,

Sir, your most obedient servant,

R. BYRON, Captain.

N. B. The cattle will be honorably paid for.

S. B. Davis, Esq. Col. Com.

To which I have returned the following reply verbally—"That Col. Davis is a Gallant man and has already taken care of the ladies."

The attack immediately commenced, and continued till near 10 o'clock. The fire from our battery silenced one of their most dangerous gun boats, against which I directed the fire from our 18 pounder for which I request you will immediately send me a supply of shot and powder. They have not succeeded with their bombs in reaching the town. And the damage from their 32 pounders and cannister, cannot be ascertained till day light.

I hope sir, in this affair you will find the honor of the State has not been tarnished.

I have the honor to be, sir, &c.

N. B. While writing the above the enemy has recommenced firing.

S. B. DAVIS, Colonel Commandant.

Joseph Haslett.

A letter that accompanied the above despatch says, that the governor had that moment left Dover for Head-Quarters, to superintend the movements of the militia, all of whom were determined to sacrifice every thing rather than treasonably submit to the demands of the enemy. The Belvidera lies within less than 2 miles of the town.

BALTIMORE, April 9.

We have collected some of the particulars of the battle in Rapahannock River: The following vessels from Baltimore, to wit, privateer Dolphin, Capt. Stafford, the letter of marque Lynx, Taylor; Racer, West; and Arab, Fitch; had went 15 miles up the Rapahannock, near Urbana; where this gallant little squadron were pursued by a far superior force detached from the enemy's fleet. Several British frigates advanced as far as they dare without running aground—they then detached a squadron of 17 barges, with 40 or 50 men each, carrying heavy cannon. A sanguinary battle was well fought by the American squadron, before they fell into the grasp of the invader. Our vessels particularly the Dolphin, are

said to have fought desperately, and made considerable havoc; two of the English boats were sunk, they captured all our boats, numbers of killed and wounded not yet known. The British have good pilots, and are said to be coming up the bay.

[ANTICIPATED.]

From the National Intelligencer, April 15.

We have now ascertained that the President has appointed Mr. Gallatin and Mr. Bavard, with Mr. Adams, the present Minister of the United States at St. Petersburg, in a joint commission as Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary, to open negotiations for a peace with England, at St. Petersburg, under the mediation of Russia. We are happy to state, that the measures preparatory to their departure are in great forwardness, and that they will probably embark in about 10 days. In the success of this mission we entertain much confidence. The high character of the Emperor of Russia justifies a belief that he will promote an adjustment of all the differences between the United States and G. Britain, on fair and just condition, and such the United States are willing to accept. From the talents and integrity of the three gentlemen, to whom the President has committed the important trust, the public will be satisfied that the rights and interests of our country will be ably supported. If peace can be made upon such terms as ought to be accepted, it may reasonably be expected to result from this mission.

Highly Important.

Extract of a letter from a Merchant of Philadelphia, to his friend, dated Lisbon, 29 of March, received by the Unicorn, at New-York.

"Letters from London of the 9th inst. say, peace is concluded between England and Denmark, and the latter power with Prussia have declared war against France. Dantzic with its garrison of 30,000 men, have fallen into the power of the Russians, and that the Conscrips had absolutely refused to march. The Portuguese papers say, Soul has left Madrid with from 10 to 20,000 men for France—the armies here are quiet.—We have New-York advices by the Carolina Ann, to the 25th ult. with the account of the capture of the Java. The pilot boat Traveller from New-York, has arrived in 26 days, her object a secret at present, but suppose an Embargo in the United States."

The frigate Macedonian, Captain Jones, is completely refitted, and has dropped into the Roads, preparatory to a cruise.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Sacket's Harbor, to his friend in this City, dated April 9, 1813.

A great number of our brave tars have died this winter with the lake fever, and a number are sick yet.—Yesterday was launched the pilot boat built schooner, The Lady of the Lake. Our fleet is completely rigged and manned, and consists of the following vessels, viz.—Ship Madison 28 guns; brig Oncida, 18 guns; schooner Hamilton, 9 guns; schooner Governor Tompkins, 6 guns; schooner Conquest 3 guns; schooner Growler, 5 guns; schooner Pert, 3 guns; schooner Fair American, 4 guns; schooner Julia, 2 guns; schr. Ontario, 1 gun; schooner Scourge, 8 guns; schooner Elizabeth, 2 guns; schooner Lady of the Lake, 3 guns; and schooner Mary, bomb vessel. This day the keel was laid for another ship that is to carry 32 guns. The ice will break up in ten days, and we have our sails bent; so before I write again we may expect a battle. Kingston is thirty miles from this place, and the Royal George and Earl Moira are there, and as the ice breaks up later there, we may have a chance of taking them before they form a junction with the vessels at Little York. The Fair American is commanded by Lieutenant Chauncy, brother to the Commodore. There are about five thousand troops here ready to march the moment we sail for Kingston.

The taking of Berlin will be the signal for the rising of all Germany.

The reports from Sweden are that the Austrian army has retired under a convention between Kutusoff and Schwartzburg. That Ministers had been sent from Vienna to Wilna and London—that the Duke Constantine is raised to the throne of Poland, that Denmark refills the requisitions of Bonaparte—that Dantzic was taken Jan. 27.

THE CITY GAZETTE.

SAINT JOHN:

Saturday, May 1, 1813.

Since our last we have received Halifax Papers to the 26 h. ult. from which we have extracted a variety of interesting articles for this days Gazette.

Reports are in circulation that the United States frigate Essex has been captured near Lisbon by the Melpomene of 38 guns, after an action of 1 hour and 20 minutes—This account comes via Newfoundland, by a vessel arrived there, the Captain of which saw both ships after the action at anchor off the Bar of Lisbon.

It is also reported, that the Bream schooner, Lieut. Hare, has been captured by the American privateer Leon of 20 guns, and carried into Portland. Previous to the capture of the Bream, it is said, the Leon had been partially engaged with the Rattler, but her superior sailing enabled her to escape.

The ship William, Cunningham, of and from this Port for Barbados, has been taken by the American privateer Gen. Armstrong—She was owned by Mr. N. Merritt of this City.

The account of the capture of two French frigates by the British and Andromache near Lisbon, appears to be an American fabrication.

Sailed on Monday, H. M. Brig Nova Scotia, with Transport ship Nautilus, and the Trade for the West-Indies under convoy, for Halifax.

As this Paper was going to Press, we received two Bolton Papers of the 15th and 17. h.—nothing later than already received.

The American prints mention the mediation of Russia as a circumstance about to take place, but they do not seem aware of the nature of what they wish to call mediation—Great Britain needs not a mediator—Great Britain stands on high ground, the wonder and admiration of the world, which she has single handed miraculously rescued—the will not submit to a mediator; Justice is her motto, and Valour her support; her own claims she is able to enforce, and no doubt can be entertained that the magnanimous Alexander will lend his aid, to gain retribution for injured Spain, and to hold up the would-be-Bonaparte of America (possessing all the diabolical qualities of his prototype, divested of his talents, political and military) in his proper light.

[Halifax Acadian Recorder.]

Halifax, April 22.—Ar. Sloop Consolation, with Flour, &c. from New-York for Nantucket, prize to the Liv. Packet, captured 15th inst. The Consolation spoke the sloop of war Rattler near Geo. Banks, who informed them that the Emulous had taken an American privateer of 10 guns.

April 26.—The ship William, Cunningham, of and from St. John, N. B. bound to Barbados, was captured by the priv. schr Gen. Armstrong, on the morning of the 20th Feb. last, within six miles of that Island—her crew, with the exception of Capt. Cunningham, second mate and cabin boy, were taken on board the privateer, and the ship ordered to New-York.—the Captain, mate and boy were landed on the 24th at Diamond Rock, from whence they proceeded to Martinique. Captain C. arrived here in the Gen. Hodgson.

Boston and New-York papers were received in town on Friday last; the former to the 15th and the latter to the 17th inst. from which we have made a variety of interesting extracts.

Lisbon papers to the 15th, and letters to the 22d March, have been received in the States, and furnish intelligence from London and the North of Europe, several days later than was received by the Jubilee.

A gentleman at Lisbon writes to his friend in Philadelphia under the late date of March 22, that letters from London of the 9th of that month had been received there, stating that "Peace had been concluded between England and Denmark, and that the latter Power with Prussia, had declared war against France!—That Dantzic with its garrison of 30,000 men, had fallen into the power of the Russians.—That the Conscrips had actually refused to march; and that the Portuguese papers stated that Soul had left Madrid with from 10 to 20,000 men, for France.

All-important as may be considered the above events, we see nothing improbable in the

intelligence—up to the date of the last official accounts from the Russian Armies, they continued uninterrupted in their brilliant career. Where was it to be checked? What Power could esteem it? And the surrender of Dantzic was naturally to be expected. And if in Prussia or in Denmark a spark of Liberty remained, the time had arrived when it should brighten to a flame, and the oppressive power of France be thrown off, and its Tyrant defied.

LEWISTON SAFE.

PHILAD. APRIL 12. The mock tragedy of the Bombardment of Lewis has ended. The Belvidera fired at the town for about 22 hours, with 18 and 32 pounders; but as she could approach no nearer than two miles to the shore, her shot were chiefly thrown away, and only a few houses were damaged. She has since hauled down to the Capes, and on Thursday went to sea in pursuit of a sail. She did not as reported make any attempt to land, excepting to obtain water, which they have found at Newton's pond. The boys of Lewis amuse themselves in digging the shot out of the banks into which they have been fired. All the damage done can be repaired for 500 dollars. A letter from Dover, of the 13th, says, "It is greatly to be deplored, that we have no prospect of any sort of force, gunboats or schooners, or any thing else, on the Delaware; it is said ten gun boats have been ordered down, but the people do not believe it; they would at least protect the river trade from their light craft, and we would give them plenty of hands on both sides of the river."

ANNAPOLIS, APRIL 9.

It is reported that the British squadron is 30 miles above the Patuxent, bound here. We are all in arms.

DIED] On Sunday morning last, Mr. WILLIAM TAYLOR, aged about 65 years, an old inhabitant, and well known for many years, as an honest and faithful servant at the Exchange Coffee House in this City.—His remains were interred on Tuesday, respectfully attended.

ASSIZE OF BREAD,

PUBLISHED 1st MAY, 1813.

THE Sixpenny Wheaten Loaf lb. oz. to weigh 1 1/2
Ditto Rye ditto 1 1/3
And other Loaves in proportion.
WM. CAMPBELL, Mayor.

FURNITURE FOR SALE.

ON Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, will be sold at Auction, by Mr. CROOKSHANK, at the house of Mr. GEO. TAYLOR in Germain Street, a Quantity of New and Old HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Saint John, May 1.

WILLIAM HAY

INFORMS the Friends and Customers of his Father JOHN HAY, deceased, that he carries on the BAKING BUSINESS, in Duke Street, where the best of Loaf Bread, and small Bread of all kinds may be had, and the smallest favor gratefully acknowledged.

St. John, 26th April, 1813.

WILLIAM MARK,

Spinning-Wheel & Chair-Maker,

RETURNS his unfeigned Thanks for the liberal encouragement given him during his residence in Saint John—He now inform the Public that he has removed to the Parish of Hampton, in King's County, where he carries on his Trade as usual, in all its various branches.

Orders from Town or Country, forwarded to Mr. NATHANIEL GOLDING's, at French Village, will be strictly attended to.

Windfor and other Chairs, &c. of his make, may be had at all times from Mr. JOHN GRANT, Painter; and all orders in the Turning line forwarded him by Mr. J. BIRNIE, St. John.

Hampton, King's County, May 1, 1813.

POST-OFFICE, HALIFAX,

APRIL 5, 1813.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Mail for Windfor, Horton, Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, and the Settlements adjacent, will be regularly sent from this Office in future every Monday.—A regular Weekly conveyance is also now established between Truro, Pictou and Prince Edward Island. Letters for which places, will be sent from this Office every Tuesday.—On both the Mail days, the Office will be closed at 12 o'clock, and the Couriers dispatched at two.

As it is necessary, that the Couriers should not be detained, no Letters can be received after 12 o'clock.

J. HOWE, Post-Master.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having Demands against the Subscriber, are requested to present the same within THREE Months from this date; and those indebted, are desired to make immediate payment.

WILLIAM STENING.

Saint John, 1st February, 1813.