





# THE VILLAGE HERALD

Princess Anne, Md.  
TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1828.

Extract of letter to the Editor, dated  
House of Delegates.

Dear Sir,  
The bill to regulate sales by  
auction has passed this house by an  
overwhelming majority after full dis-  
cussion—55 to 14. The general valua-  
tion bill, with a view to the mass of  
property which has hitherto escaped  
taxation, will be taken up next, and  
in succession other measures of great  
interest to the interior of the state, upon  
all of which success is anticipated in  
this branch of the legislature; but we  
fear that the influence of Baltimore will  
defeat and render vain our labours in  
the Senate. It is understood that the  
members present in that branch stand  
upon these measures, exactly balanc-  
ed, say 7 to 7. Unfortunately, one of  
our Senators is absent, and fears are  
entertained that he will not return to  
his post—and consequently the public  
interest may suffer to an extent which  
cannot be estimated.

Extract of a letter to the Editors of the  
N. Y. Morning Courier, dated  
Paris, Nov. 17, 1827.

"You will see by the papers the hor-  
rid massacres that have been commit-  
ted in the streets of Paris; upwards of  
130 citizens have been killed and  
wounded; on the side of the military  
10 officers and 102 private were  
wounded. All this is very alarming,  
and God knows knows how far it will  
go."

A ripe Pear, brought to maturity in  
the open air, without any peculiar  
cultivation, was produced at Charle-  
stown on the 4th of the present month.  
It is worthy of notice as a remarkable  
evidence of the warmth of the present  
winter.

## OUTRAGEOUS PIRACY.

Capt. J. L. Roberts and Mr. S. Kel-  
logg, supercargo of the schooner Ben  
Alam, arrived at N. York on Satur-  
day before last, after having made  
their escape from Panama, at the im-  
minent risk of their lives. Their ac-  
count is, "that they arrived off the  
harbour of Chagres, in October last,  
where they disposed of a part of their  
cargo, paid the duties, and port char-  
ges, and after clearing the schooner,  
and being ready to proceed on their  
voyage with the exception of a small  
quantity of ballast, which they had  
contracted to have delivered on board,  
they were boarded by an officer and  
twenty-five men. The officers and  
crew of the schooner were confined be-  
low and ill treated, the schooner tak-  
en into port, where they were detain-  
ed as prisoners 26 days in the most  
unhealthy climate in the world, and  
where a part of the crew died. The  
vessel and cargo were condemned,  
and the captain and supercargo con-  
demned to six years labour in the  
public works, and all without their  
being brought before any tribunal of  
justice, or allowed a hearing; and they  
are at this moment entirely in the  
dark, not knowing what they were ac-  
cused of, and are utterly ignorant of  
having done any thing contrary to the  
laws of Columbia."

The following paragraph is from the  
Washington, N. C. Recorder of Feb-  
ruary 6.

"There is no U. States Consul in  
Panama, nor is there any U. S. ship  
of war near the coast. The conse-  
quence is, our flag is not respected,  
while that of G. Britain floats proud-  
ly in the wind, and demands protec-  
tion to all her subjects."

Another warning—A man was fro-  
zen to death last week near to Cen-  
ter's Farm, in this country. He had  
been seen not many hours before  
he fell to the place where his frozen  
body was afterwards found, in a state  
of intoxication. A solemn warning  
to those of similar habits to be-  
ware!—Baldfoot Patriot.

## WAR.—The N. Y. Morning Courier of the 7th inst. contains the fol- lowing paragraph.

A letter received yesterday evening  
by a mercantile house in this city, per-  
taining to the late war, dated March 22,  
1827, which states, "Our news of this  
day gives information that the Grand  
Sultan has declared war against the Al-  
lied Powers."

The above letter is from a merchan-  
tile house of the utmost respectability  
in Gibraltar.

The editors of the N. Y. Mercan-  
tile Advertiser doubt its correctness.

A postscript to a letter from a merchan-  
tile house in New York to another  
in Baltimore, says, "The John Jay  
brings an account of the opening of  
the French ports for one month, for  
the importation of Grain."

## FRANK OF FORTUNE.

The Macon, Georgia Telegraph of  
the 28th ult. mentions that the draw-  
ing of the Monticello Academy Lotte-  
ry in that state, was completed on the  
10th ult. On that day, the highest  
prize (\$3000) came out, against a  
ticket held by an old negro fellow, the  
property of C. Cargile, and was own-  
ed jointly by himself, and two sons-in-  
law, who had appropriated a dollar a  
piece in the purchase of the ticket.

## THE BIBLE.

The total population already re-  
ported, concerning which it has been  
resolved by the different Bible socie-  
ties, that every family shall be cov-  
ered by the supply of the sacred volume,  
is 4,250,159.

To which add Wayne co., 11,233  
Stark county, do, 13,407  
Washington city, 13,247

Total 4,267,755

The Washington city society have  
also resolved to aid the exertions of  
the Young Men's Society of Balti-  
more, by engaging to supply within  
one year, every destitute family in the  
four adjoining counties of Maryland,  
namely, St. Mary's, Charles, Prince  
George's and Montgomery.

## MURDER.—Mr. Godfrey Bowyer, a highly respectable citizen, while sit- ting in his house at York's Mines, Jefferson County, Missouri, after dark, on the evening of the 14th ult., in conversation with some of his friends, was killed by some person on the outside of the house, shooting through the window. He was shot in the head and instantly died. Mr. Bow- yer had been to St. Louis, to obtain process against several persons who had been committing depredations upon the mines of Messrs. B. and Francis Valle, (of which Mr. B. was the manager, or some way interested therein,) and had returned but a few minutes before he was shot, bringing with him the sheriff to serve the pro- cess. By whom this murder was com- mitted, is not certainly known; suspi- cion, however, has fallen on one of the leaders of the party against whom the process had been issued.

## A CURIOUS MOUSE TRAP.

A gentleman in Portsmouth having  
purchased some oysters in the shell on  
Wednesday evening, deposited them in  
a pantry until the next day, when  
as the servant was taking them out to  
be served, one of them exhibited the  
novel spectacle of two mice sus-  
pended from its mouth, having their  
heads fast gripped within the shells. It  
would seem that the mystery, being  
somewhat distressed by the warmth of  
the weather, had opened its jaws to  
inhale a little fresh air, when the wit-  
ness, tempted by the luring bait  
within the tesselated portal, thrust in  
their heads, and were caught fast by  
the sudden collapsing of the shells,  
thus subjecting the intruding vermin to  
a new sort of *Outremer*.

## CONGRESS.—Monday, Jan. 14.

The Speaker laid before the House a  
communication from the Post Master  
General transmitting the following  
statement of the net revenue of the  
year in each State and Territory for  
one year, ending March 31, 1827, viz:

New York \$237,781 72  
Pennsylvania, 127,821 51  
Massachusetts, 94,620 41  
Virginia, 71,526 76  
Maryland, 39,335 38  
South Carolina, 40,402 00  
Georgia, 32,250 15  
Connecticut, 29,763 92  
Louisiana, 28,763 92  
North Carolina, 27,571 81  
Maine, 25,143 01  
Kentucky, 24,573 26  
Alabama, 20,163 68  
Tennessee, 17,990 78  
New Jersey, 16,227 41  
Vermont, 15,537 93  
Rhode Island, 13,207 32  
New Hampshire, 12,550 51  
District of Columbia, 10,526 55  
Mississippi, 10,114 87  
Illinois, 9,512 36  
Indiana, 8,670 30  
Florida, 2,000 00  
Michigan, 2,284 41  
Arkansas, 1,016 49

Total \$289,676 10

## Abstract of the general annual returns of the Militia of the United States, by States and Territories, accord- ing to the act of March 24, 1803, tak- en from the latest returns received at the Department of War.

Maine, 40,209  
New Hampshire, 36,500  
Massachusetts, 54,585  
Vermont, 25,581  
Rhode Island, 9,460  
Connecticut, 25,731  
New York, 150,027  
New Jersey, 42,283  
Pennsylvania, 167,775  
Delaware, 7,451  
Maryland, 40,001  
Virginia, 100,662  
North Carolina, 60,660  
South Carolina, 36,429  
Georgia, 39,056  
Alabama, 25,000  
Louisiana, 12,774  
Mississippi, 12,574  
Tennessee, 42,085  
Kentucky, 60,266  
Ohio, 110,364  
Indiana, 37,787  
Illinois, 83,110  
Missouri, 3,224  
Michigan Territory, 1,603  
Arkansas do, 2,028  
Florida do, 0  
District of Columbia, 2,317

1,150,158

## Legislature of Maryland.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Friday, February 8.

Petition of the following titles,  
were this day severally presented:

By Mr. Hiltch, the petition of Ben-  
jamin H. Gordy, of Somerset county,  
praying that he may be remunerated  
for the loss of his property, which was  
seized, consequent upon the execution  
of a writ of *habere corpus*, against  
Powell, Williams of Worcester, and  
Dennis.

By Mr. Donohoe, the petition of  
sundry citizens of Worcester and  
Somerset counties, praying for a law  
authorizing the building of a draw-  
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