THE COURIER.

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IT HAS been resolved, that all Advertisements, which appear under the Official Signature of either of the Secretaries of this Government, or of any other Officers of this Government, properly authorized to Publish them in the MADRAS COURIER, or MADRAS GAZETTE, are meant, and are deemed, to convey Official and strict Notice of the Board's Orders and Resolutions in the manner, as if they were particularly specific any Servant of the Compa[ny] or others to w[hom] such Orders

CLERK
to the
Board.

Civil Department, Fort St. George,
December, 1796.

Advertisement.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Public Sale of the Honorable Company's Copper and Broad Cloths, Advertised for Friday the 10th February, is postponed until Friday the 17th February next, when it will Commence at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon at the

The Articles to be paid for within thirty Days after the Sale, which they will be resold, and the Purchaser, the original Deposit forfeitable for the same.

The Purchasers to [illegible] in the hands of the Import Warehouse-Keeper as earnest Money to bind the Bargain.

By Order of the President and Members of the Board of Trade,

J. BRODIE.
Secretary.

Advertisement.

GOVERNMENT having [illegible] to be-fore issued to the contra[ctors] that there are Vacancies for Peons from the Zemindars and Polig[ars] under the Company's authority, resident in Madras, and that such appointments are [illegible] from defuded People for the purposes of [illegible] and extortion.

Notice is hereby given that all Peons of this description (except the Vakeels of Catagherry, Calastry, and Bomrauze Poligars) are hereby requiried to depart forthwith under penalty of incuring their severest displeasure.

By order of the Board of Revenue.

J. B. TRAVERS,
Act. Secretary.

Fort St. George, 14th January, 1797.

Bills on London,

DRAWN PAYABLE,
At 6, 9, and 12 Months Sight,
AND
In sets of £. 1000, 500 and 250 Sterling,
TO BE HAD AT
FAVORABLE EXCHANG.
OF
Messrs. Tulloh, Jervis & Br
Madras, January 5th

Navy B[ills]

FOR [illegible]
At Ninety Days
ON ADVANTAGEOU[S]
Apply to
The Honorable Basil [illegible]

Bills

Drawn at Twelve Months Sight, in

[illegible] Thousand, and Five Hundred Pounds, each.

TO BE HAD ON TERMS
BY A
Messrs. Kindersley [illegible]atts and

Bills

ON
Vizagapatam, or on Gunt
MAY BE HAD A[T]
USUAL EXCHANGE
By Application to Mr. HU[NT]
Fort, 27th Janu[ary]

Madeira Wine

Messrs. Mc Douall, Frater [illegible]ay,
HAVE FOR SALE,
MADEIRA W[INE],
OF AN EXCELLENT QUAL[ITY]
AND FIT FOR IMMEDIAT[E]
At one hundred and twenty-five [illegible] Pipe.

Theatre.

On account of the Indisposition of a principal Performer, the performance of the Comedy of the BUSY BODY, is unavoidably postponed until WEDNESDAY next, 1st of FEBRUARY.

27th January, 1797.

Theatre.

WEDNESDAY,
1st. of February.
will be performed the Comedy
OF THE
BUSY BODY,
Will be added
Three Pagodas, Gallery One Pagoda.
TICKETS, to be had of Mr. RICHARD CHASE, at his House in the FORT, and at a Tent at the THEATRE, on the Evening of Performance.
DOORS to be Opened at Seven o'Clock, and the PLAY to begin precisely at Eight o'Clock.

RICHARD CHASE,
Act. Secretary.

[illegible]unro and Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,
On Commission, an Elegant Assortment of PRINTS and LOOKING GLASSES.
Brown and Whitfords, first growth CLARET, at 95 Pagodas per Dozen.
And a Variety of Articles, received from the *Inatamee*, now in the Roads.
Ladies Habits, Army and Navy Uniforms.
AND
Cloths of all sorts made as usual.

Remittance to Europe,

BILLS in sets of £2000. each, drawn by the Supra Cargoes in China, on the Court of Directors, at 365 days sight, without any option of deferring payment, to be had of
Messrs. Cossé Sewell and Chase.
Fort St. George, 14th January 1797.

Notice.

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
William Lushington,
AND
James Law,
HAVING BEEN DISSOLVED
On the 30th Ultimo,
MR. LUSHINGTON begs leave to give Notice, that he has established a House of General Business in LONDON, under the firm of LUSHINGTONS and MAYOR, by which Commissions from Gentlemen of the Army or in the Civil Service, however minute, will be strictly attended to, and those from the Merchant and Manufacturer, meet with punctuality of execution and regularity of returns, so essentially requisite in mercantile affairs.

Madras, May 2d. 1796.

Garden House.

To be let for one Year or six Months certain, or sold by Private Contract.

THAT [illegible]ssessed on the Bank of [illegible] is finished in a neat elegant manner, the out-offices large and commodious, and the ground attaining 8 Caunies and upwards, a good Tanks and a Well, is well enclosed, and has about 700 Fruit Trees of various kinds in great frowardness.

An UPPER ROOMED HOUSE at the *Luz*, with a Garden containing upwards of 200 Cocoa-nut and other Fruit Trees, inclosed with a Brick Wall, with a detached Upper Room'd BUNGALOW, and Stabling, GODOWN's Coach HOUSES, &c.

Company's Paper at a reasonable discount will be taken in Payment, and if agreeable to the Purchaser, one half the amount of one, or both HOUSES may remain on Mortgage of the Premises for 12 Months, or longer as may be agreed on.

Apply to Mr. CASSIN at his Office in the *Exchange*.

Madras Races.

THE RACE COMMITTEE are sorry to be the means of disappointing the Public in general; but with a view to favor the Horses expected from the Southward and Northward, as well as those entered lately for the New Maiden, and the New Sweepstake; and especially to give time for a more full and respectable Meeting than can otherwise be expected, they have post-poned the Races from MONDAY, the 6th, to MONDAY, the 13th of FEBRUARY.

The Days of Running and the Plates to be the same as already advertised.

J. H. SKARDON,
Secretary.

*Englis*h Claret,

A FEW CHESTS OF BELL'S HIGH FLAVORED
English Claret,
BROGHT OUTBY
Capt. NEAL of the RESOLUTION,
MAY BE HAD OF
Messrs. MACDOWELL, FRASER, & HAY.
AT PAGODAS 108 PER 11 DOZENS.

Claret for Sale,

JUST IMPORTED ON THE *AMERICAN SHIP*
OCEAN,
Of a very superior Flavor,
FROM THE HOUSE OF
Scott, Idle & Co. of London.
At 80 Pagodas per Chest, containing 12 dozen,
APPLICATION TO BE MADE TO
Messrs. Colt, Baker, Day & Co.

Civil Fund.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, to the CIVIL FUND, are requested to attend a GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING to be held at the Civil Secretary's Rooms in Fort Square the 15th March next.

By order of the Trustees,

ROBERT WISSETT,
Secretary.

Madras, 24th January, 1797.

For Sale,

BY JOHN HUNTER,
FORTY BALES of Sadd Cotton, the produce of the interior Part of the Circars, and of which the finest Long Cloths are made, and of a superior Quality to that which is usually carried to China.
Six Boxes of the first Sort of Indigo,
One hundred Pieces of 1¼ Yard plain Muslins,
Twenty ditto of Ladies Handkerchiefs.

Fort St. George, 27th January, 1797.

Subscription Concert.

THE Subscribers to Mr. SANSONI's CONCERT, are informed that the *Committee* have fixed,
On FRIDAY, the 3d February,
FOR THE NEXT
Subscription Concert,
TO BE HELD AT THE PANTHEON,
N. B. To begin Precisely at 8 o'Clock.
Tickets, to be had as usual.

For Private Sale,

By D. Read Coachmaker,
A LIGHT Perch Europe-built CHARIOT, almost new, and neatly ornamented with Plated Mouldings, Patent Venetians, green silk spring Blinds; and Moons. Together with a pair of Stout Iron grey Hindostany Horses, and Harness complete.

Lost.

A FEW DAYS AGO,
NEAR THE
Governors Garden House
AN Oval wooden Case, containing the miniature Picture of a LADY, by Smart, set in gold, with a Lock of Hair in reverse.

Whoever will bring it to CHARLES BAKER, Esq. shall be very handsomely rewarded.

January, 12th 1797.

Messrs. Lane & Heefke,

Have for Sale on Commission,
AT THEIR ROOMS,
A very Valuable Investment,
OF EUROPE GOODS,
Brought out by Mr. PALMER first Officer
OF THE
PRINCESS CHARLOTTE,
CONSISTING OF
CLARET, from Barns and Little,
Very Excellent Old Hock,
Plate and Jewellry, a very extensive assortment.
White Dimities, and Superfine Cassimeer.
Books of the newest, and most esteemed Publications,
Sadlery, Consisting of Prince of Wales's Morning Saddles, and plated Snaffle Bridles with Martingales,
Chariot Harness, with extra tugs to answer for Curricle or Bandy.
AND
BANDY HARNESS, AND
WHIPS.
Ironmongery, a very Extensive assortment.
Gentlemen's Dress Shoes, and Military Boots.
Gentlemen's Tool Chests,
AND
A Very choice Collection of the NEWEST MUSIC, by the first Composers, Selected by an Amateur, &c. &c.

For Sale on Commission.
Lane and Heefke,
ARE NOW RECEIVING FROM THE SHIP
HELEN,
The following
China Goods.

FINE HYSON TEA, in Catties and Boxes
Gun Powder Tea, ditto, ditto,
Souchong Tea, ditto, ditto,
Sugar Candy, in whole and half Tubs,
Brown Nankeens,
Hams, and Sweetmeats, of different sorts, &c.

N. B. The above will be sold at very moderate Prices, and an allowance made upon taking a Quantity.

These Goods laid in by Messrs. Drummond and Sparkes of Canton, and warranted of the very best Quality.

For Sale on Commission,
EUROPE INVESTMENTS,
EXPOSED,
By Daniel Vanderwart,
At his Shop next to
Messrs. Wright & Hurst's Shop,
ON REASONABLE TERMS,
CLARET from Carbonel,
Ditto from Knox,
Port-wine from Knox,
Cheeses, Sauces, Fruit for Tarts, Mustard, & Capers, Confectionary from Hoffman, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Stationary, and a Fine Assortment of Toys.

For Private Sale,
By Wright, Hurst and Branson,
LACAMS CHARTS, with Directions for the BAY of BENGAL.
ROBERTSONS ditto of the CHINA Seas.

Fresh China Goods,
MR. HENDERSON,
Has received a Consignment,
BY THE SHIP
SETON—of Fine, New, PEARL TEA, Best Chenchew SUGAR CANDY, in whole and half Tubs, best broad brown NANKEEN, and a small Assortment of coloured SILKS.

Administration.

ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of LIEUTENANT JOHNROTH, having been granted to Messrs. DRING GORDON and LUSHINGTON, all Persons indebted to the said Estate are desired to pay the same forthwith, and all Persons having claims on the Estate, are requested to send their Accounts to the Administrators.

Fort St. George, 14th January, 1797.

Europe Investment.
BROUGHT OUT BY
CAPTAIN LINDSAY,
ON THE
ROCKINGHAM,
Now for Sale,
AT THE HOUSE LATELY OCCUPIED BY
MR. CHRISTIANI.

		P. P.
Liquors.		
CLARET, from Carbonal, per dozen,		10
Ditto, Stockdale,		9 22
Ditto, Brown & Whitford,		9 22
Ditto, Carstairs,		9 22
Carfac,		10
Port Wine, in half Chests, (pints) per dozen,		3
Pale Ale, and Porter, from Hodgson, per Hhd.		14
Ditto ditto, in Butts,		28
Essence of Spruce, in pots,		33
Oilmans Stores.		
Hams, Bacon, and Cheese, per lb.		10
Pine Cheeses, each,		1
Spiced Salmon, in kits,		3
Salted ditto, in firkins,		7
Red and White Herrings, in ditto,		4
Quarter Cases of Pickles,		6
Tongues, per keg,		10
Spanish Olives, per dozen,		6
Grocery.		
Bloom Raisins in Boxes,		4
Muscadell ditto, in ditto,		5
Vermacelli and Macaroni, in boxes		11
Confectionary from Hoffman,		
Strawberry Jam, in 6lb, jars,		5
Raspberry Jam and Current Jelly, in ditto,		3 22
Dried Sweet-Meats, in tin cases each		2 22
Comfits of sorts, per bottle,		1 22
Brandy Fruits, per dozen,		8
Preserved Fruits, for tarts per dozen,		4
Cherry and Raspberry Brandy, in pints per dozen,		4
Essence of Soup, of sorts, per bottle,		1
Perfumery form Smyth,		
Violet Hair-Powder, per dozen,		4
Marechalle, ditto,		5
Jamaica Pomatum, in Pots, each		18
Ditto Ditto, in rolls,		10
Lavender Water. Dentifrice—Aromatic Spirit of Vinegar, Bergamotte, and various other articles.		
Boots and Shoes from Stunt.		
Military Boots, per pair,		5
Jockey ditto,		4
Dress and Undress Shoes,		1 33
Slippers,		1 22
Children Morocco Shoes,		24
Ladies' Shoes,		2
Hosiery, Hats, Ladies Cloth, and Cassimeres,		
Ladies' and Gentlemens Silk Stockings, from		24 to 30
Ditto ditto Cotton,		10 to 14
Flannel per yard,		
Gentlemen's Round Hats,		33
Ditto ditto coloured,		3
Ditto coloured ditto,		4
Children's ditto ditto,		5
Ladies' superfine Broad Cloath, yard		2
Cassimere,		3 22
ditto,		2
Superfine Muslinet,		ditto, 1
Sadlery.		

Consisting of Hunting and Race Saddles and Bridles complete; Chariot and Bandy Harnets, Whips, &c. &c.

Mathematical Instruments, from Dolland.

Day and Night-glasses, Telescopes, of various sorts, Magic Loothorns, Microscopes, Thermometers, Cases of Instruments, &c.

Cases of Shooting and Fishing Tackle, complete.

Mahogany and Wainscot Tool-chests, Savigny's Cutlery, assorted.

Playing-Cards, per dozen, 2 22

Morocco Skins, various colours, each 2

An elegant *seven*-barrelled Gun, from *Knock*,

A double barrelled ditto, from *Manton*,

A pair of superb Looking Glasses, 72 by 38 inches,

ALSO

An elegant Assortment of Queen's Ware, Glass Ware, Jewellery, and a collection of valuable Books.

For Private Sale,

A LARGE upper roomed HOUSE with Convenient Offices, and an extensive GARDEN situated at St. Thome.

Particulars may be known upon application to MR. HENDERSON.

A Card,

Brown and Ashton,

Beg leave to inform their Friends and the Public,
That they are now Receiving
A VERY LARGE
Assortment,
OF
EUROPE GOODS,
From the Ships, now in the Roads,
CONSISTING OF
PLATE, JEWELRY, &c.

FASHIONABLE Silver Shoe and Knee Buckles, Ladies' elegant Gold Ear-rings, and Necklaces, of the newest fashion, Gold Sleeve Buttons, Gold Watch Chains, Silver Curry Dishes, Silver Fish Knives, Table, Tea, Desert, Gravy and Sauce Spoons, Silver Tea and Coffee Pots, Egg-Frames, Cruet Frames, Mustard Pots, &c. Plated Curry Dishes, Plated Cruet Frames, &c. &c.

Cutlery.

Knives and Forks, Pen-knives, Scissars, Razors, &c. &c.

Mathematical and Optical Instruments.

Acromatic Telescopes, with brass and plated drawers, of various length, Quadrants, Sextants, Steering Patent Compasses, Boat Compasses, Spectacles with spare Glasses, Dunn's East India Directorary, with directions, Thermometers of different sorts, &c.

Hosiery, &c.

Men's and Women's Silk and Cotton Hose, Hats, Shoes, and Boots, Ladies' Spare Gloves, and Haberdashery, and Millinary an assortment.

Furniture, Cabinet Ware, &c.

Side Boards, Camp Stools, Tea Chests, Biddets, Card Tables in Sets, Dining Tables, Escritores, enlaid Mahogany Shaving stands, Claw, Work Tables, Gentlemen's Dressing Stands, Medicine Chests, &c. &c.

Looking Glasses.

The most elegant assortment ever brought to this Country.

Silver Watches, an assortment,—Glass-ware, an assortment of Lustres, Table and Wall Girandoles, rich sets of Glass,—Plain Glass, an assortment, &c. &c.

Paints and Painters Tools, an assortment. Tin Plates, a few boxes,

Confectionary, Orgeat, Cappilaire, Jams and Jellies, Tart—Fruit, Preserves, Brandy Fruit, &c.

ALSO

A general assortment of Eatables and Drinkables, laid in from the first Houses.

Sales by Auction,

To be sold by Public Auction,
By Brown and Ashton,
At their Rooms,
On TUESDAY, the 14th of February next,
And the Succeeding Days, to begin each Day, At Eleven o'Clock,
PRECISELY,
ALL THE PLATE, FURNITURE, CHINA AND GLASS-WARE, COOKING UTENSILS, &c. &c.
BELONGING TO
COLONEL TRENT,
NOW ON HIS RETURN TO EUROPE,
ALSO
All his valuable Collection of BOOKS.

Conditions of Sale.

The Highest Bidder to be the Purchaser, should any dispute arise between two or more Bidders, the lot to be again put up, the Goods to be paid for on delivery, and taken away within 5 days after the Sale, or will positively be put up and re-sold at the risk of the first purchaser.

Catalogues to be had on Application.

To be sold by public Auction.
(If not previously disposed of by Private Contract)
BY ROBERT HENDERSON,
At his Rooms,
On WEDNESDAY 15th. February.
At 12 o'Clock,

A LARGE and Commodious Dwelling House, with suitable Offices and several Godowns adjoining with an area, and range of Bankfals extending to the Beach situated in Moors Street *Black Town*,—the premises stand upon ground, measuring in length from North to South, 183 feet and in breadth from East to West on the North, 72 feet and on the South Side, 52 feet 9 Inches.

A Plan of the House and premises may be seen upon application to Mr. Henderson.

Conditions of Sale as usual.

Sale by Auction.

To be sold by Public Action,
BY ROBERT HENDERSO
At his Rooms,
On WEDNESDAY, the 15th Febru
At 12 o'Clock,

AN Enclosed piece of Garden ground situated at Kilpauk, measuring five Cawnies and Thirteen Grounds or thereabouts bounded by the Gardens of MR. REYNOLDS, MR. NIMMO, and CHINGLEROY MODELLIAR.—There is a variety of FRUIT & other TREES,—upon the ground in a very thriving state.

To be sold by Public Auction,
By Robert Henderso
At his Rooms,
On THURSDAY, the 2
At 11 o'Clock
A variety of COUNTR and EUROPE GO
Viz.

LONG CLOTHS, brown and bleached, LARNEE, and NORTH MUSLINS, TABLE CLOTHS, TO CAPPETS, CANVAS, &c. &c.
AND
STATIONARY, HOSIERY, PLATE CAMBRIC, New BOOKS, BOO d SHOES, &c.

To be sold by Public Auc n,
By Wright, H and anson,
At their Rooms,
On THURSDAY the 2d February,
At ock,
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESE
To close an Accoun
THIRTEEN CHESTS ENCH CLARET, of Excellent quality, in lots of Six Dozen.
ALSO
FOUR PIPES of WINE,
AND
FIVE CASKS of BRANDY.

To be sold by Public Auction,
By Wright, Hurst and Branson,
At their Rooms,
On THURSDAY next, the 2d February,
At Eleven o'Clock;
WITHOUT RESERVE,
The following Articles,
JUST IMPORTED.

FIFTEEN Casks of Ale and Porter, warranted sound and good—an Invoice of fine and coarse Cutlery consisting of Table Knives and Forks—Scissars—Pen-knives, &c. Six small Boxes of Stationary, well assorted, Six Boxes of Fine Cheeses, in good Order, Forty Pots of Hoffman's Confectionary.
AND
Eighteen Dozen of Bottled Fruit for Tarts.

To be sold by Public Auction,
By Wright, Hurst and Branson
At their Rooms,
On THURSDAY next, the 2d Februa
At Eleven o'Clock;
Forty Pices of Salampores.
ALSO
TWO PALANKEENS,
AND
Some Household Furn

Madeira Wine.

OF very superior Quality, — pa Consignment from one the Houses at Madeira,—at 120 and das per Pipe.

Apply to Mr. DRING.

English Claret.

MR. DRING has received ignment by the WILLIAM PITT, from BROWN and WHITEFORD, ranted of the Sodas P Chest.

Tickets of the
ARE FOR S
AT the CARNATIC GENT'S OFFICE, M frs. FAIRLIE, GILMORE, cutta;—by JAMES TATE, Esq. Bom and by Messrs. DE BURY, JO NES, SINAN, and Co. *Pondicherry*.

PRIZE TICKETS in the Exc LOTTERY, will be received in Payme Tickets, after the usual Deduction of 10 Cent.

☞ The drawing of the LOTTERY is to commence on the TWENTY-FIRST of FEBRUARY next, 1797.

*** The SCHEME, as published in the Gazette and Courier.

LANE AND HEEFKE,
AGENTS.

THE THIRD
Madras Charitable Lottery,
For One Hundred Thousand Star Pagodas,

Under the Management and Direction of KINDERSLEY, WATTS, & Co. COLT, BAKER, DAY, & Co. CHASE, SEWELL, & CHASE, TULLOH, JERVIS, & BRODIE. DRING, GORDON, & LUSHINGTON, STEPHENS, & COCKELL, M'DOUALL, FRASER, & HAY, THOMAS FRASER, JOHN HUNTER, SAUR & D'MONTE, JOB ARATOON, AVEIT SETH.

FOR THE
Military Male Asylum,
TOWARDS THE REPAIRING OF THE
K D S,
IN THE
Vicinity of Madras.
SCHEME,
N. B. The Prizes to be paid without any

	...uted to the last drawn		10,000
...to	5000		5000
...s of	2000		4000
...atto	1000		4000
Ditto	500		4000
20 Ditto	100		2000
50 Ditto	50		2000
87 Ditto	30		2000
3066 Ditto	15		45990
...h Day,	1 Prize allotted to the		
	First Drawn		1000
	1 ditto Last		500
Fifth ...	1 ditto First		500
	... Last		250
...tenth Day,	... First		1000
	1 ditto Last		500
Fifth ...	1 ditto First		500
	1 ditto Last		250
...th Day,	1 ditto First		1000
	1 ditto Last		500
Fifth Day,	1 ditto First		500
	1 ditto Last		250
Thirtieth Day,	1 ditto First		1000
	1 ditto Last		500
Thirty Fifth Day,	1 ditto First		500
	1 ditto Last		250
Fortieth Day,	1 ditto First		900
	1 ditto Last		as above mentioned
3256 Prizes,		Pags.	90,000
6744 Blanks,			
Retained for the above purposes and Expences,			10,000
10,000 Tickets, at 10 Pagodas each			
are Star Pagodas			100,000

☞ The Price of the TICKETS, at 10 Star Pagodas each.

...CKETS may be had at Madras, at ...matic Bank, and the Agents Office; Calcutta, of Messrs. Fairlelo Gilmore. ...Bombay, of James Tate, Esq. ...ickery, of Messrs. De Bury, ... and Co.

...ing of the LOTTERY is the Twenty First of Febru...

...ZE TICKE... ...e EXCHANGE LOT... ...e received in Payment for Tick... ...usual Deduction of 10 per Cent.

LANE AND HEEFKE,
AGENTS.
Fort St. George, January 31st. 1797.

For Sale,

AT THE MADRAS LIBRARY,

		Pice Pagr.
A SET of Mo... ...el History in,	42 vol.	50
...onderful	5 vol.	10
...ches lives ...ddition,	6	12
...of the Tw...acts,		4
...an,	2	5
...s Gibralter with many plates,		10
...or the British Government,		6
...d's life of Johnson,	3 vol.	8
...ice's ...iquity,	5	12
...story of the Dekan by Scott,	2 vol.	16
...Portraits, elegently cut plates,		10
...of Farces,	6 vol.	12
...lives of the Admirals,	4 vol.	10
...affairs,		9
...Domestic Medicine,		3
...the French Directory with coloured ...		
... Tacitus,	4 vol.	4
...ottages,		35
...of Rome with Elegant plates,		12
...at Variety of Scarce Books.		26

The Asylum Lo[ttery]

THE MANAGERS of [the] SYLUM and ROA[D] extremely concerned (owin[g] kets being yet fold) to Po[st]pone the ing of the Lottery until the 21st. of next.

January 31st.

Advertisement.

CAPTAIN ESPLIN

BEGS leave to inform the Public [that he] has, in addition to his ow[n] exposed for Sale at the House late[ly] by Captain Smith, in Court Hou[se] the Investment of Mr. W. BURGES [and] Officer o[f] [the] SEALE,

CONSISTING OF, AS [FOLLOWS]

CHOISE WINE
Cyder Beer [and] Ale,
Cabinet Ware
Glass Ware, [and] Looking Glasses,
Sadlery,
Stationary,
Jewellery,
Plate,
Elegant Mahogany Side Board [and] AN
Writing Desks,
Books,
Music and Musical Instrume[nts]
Toys,
Fishing Tackle,
Garden Seeds,
Perfumery,
Ladies Cloths,
Gloves,
Hats,
Morocco Leather,
Watches,
Confectionary,
Grocery,
Oilmans Stores
Shoes
Four elegant Moorm[an]
One pair elegant cut Gl[ass]
Lustres,

The above Articles to be Sol[d] LOWEST TERMS, and for READ NEY ONLY.

Indian Almanac,

FOR THE YEAR

1,7 9 7:

PRICE TWO PAGODAS.

May be had at the *Courier Press*, No. 7, Armenian Street, and of, — *Hope, Card & Co.—Wright, Hurst & Branson, — Mauro & Co* Europe Shops, At the Fort,—and at the Principal *Out-Stations.*

THE COURIER.

Madras: January 31st. 179[7]

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR, proceeded on the 25th Inst. on Tour to the Southward. On the of the 26th. His Lordship breakf[asted] Mr. PEACE, at Madarantag[am]. wards proceeded to Paramaco[il] dined. On the Morning [of the] Lordship arrived at Pondicherry, was received with every honor due to and ftation; the Troops forming through which his Lordship p[assed] to the Government House, when the usual Salute was fired, after which the Officers of Garrison, and the French Officers their respects to his Lordship. The day was closed with a sumptuous and splendid ENTERTAINMENT and BALL, given by GENERAL BRATHWAITE. On the 28th. his Lordship breakfasted with COLONEL ORR, and dined with Mr. KENWORTHY, at Cuddalore, whence he set [out] the Evening for Chillumbrum.

THEATRE.

Tomorrow Evening, will be performed the *Comedy* of "THE BUSY BODY"—*Miran[da]* by MRS. ORMSBY, late of the Calcutta Theatre,—a Lady whose excellence in every department of the Drama, and whose conception of every Character in which she has heretofore appeared, will, we doubt in the present instance, insure to her that kind *Patronage*, which discernment and liberality ever grants to unassuming Merit.

Yesterday arrived the Danish Ship Hercules, last from Madeira, which she left on the 12th of August—By this Vessel we do not receive a single head of information either novel or important.

The ship Peggy, Captain Bacon, has arrived at Bombay with military stores for that Presidency.

On Friday last arrived the Honorable Company's Extra Ship MARQUIS CORNWALLIS, Captain Hogan, from Calcutta.—Captain Hogan left the Pilot on the 18th. Instant, in Company with the *Europa*, and *Fort William* Indiamen, His Highness the Nabob's Ship, the *Success Galley*, and the *Recovery* and *Greenwich*, for Madras—and the *Bridgewater, Dublin, Thetis*, and *Berrington*, Indiamen for COLUMBO.

The Cornwallis parted company with the above Ships, on the same day they left the Pilot.

PASSENGERS,

ON THE CORNWALLIS,

Captain Raban, for the Cape, Captain Frankline—Captain Mc'Leod—Mr. Danson —Mr. Mitchell—Mr. Tufts.—and *Sixteen Chinamen*—for England,

General HARRIS, with his Family [are] to embarked on the Fort William.

Sir [ABER]CROMBY has taken his passage for England on the Berrington.

GOVERNMENT BILLS to the amount of *five Lacs of Pa[godas]* have been sent from Bengal for this Presidency, on the Ships abovementioned.

The Packet for the transmission of Letters by the Cornwallis, was closed at the Post office [on] Thursday afternoon, and tomorrow morning she will proceeded on her voyage to [Bengal].

On the 27th arrived the ship Phœnix, Captain Maxwell from Calcutta—The report, we have been brought by the Phœnix, that the ship Bombay, had been chased by two 50 Gun Ships, and a Corvette is deemed to be [unfriendly].

We have every reason to believe that excepting the Modeste, and another Privateer, lately [fitted] in the Eastward, the Enemy has not a single Vessel of war out of port.

The *Eight Privateers* mentioned in a [former] PAPER, three have been taken—*two*, near the Cape of Good Hope, and *one* on the Coast of Malabar; and we have every reason to indulge the pleasing hope, that *Captain Peach's* Squadron stationed off the Islands, will intercept the remainder, and their Prizes, from getting into port.

Lieut. General STUART has proceeded from Colombo, for Bombay, on the Swift Cruiser. The General will land at and inspect all the military stations on the coast of Malabar, prior to his arrival at Bombay.

On the 13th instant, arrived at Bombay, the following China ships, under Convoy of the *Hobart*, Captain Page—The *Sarah*, M'c Intosh, *Friendship*, Smith, *Travancore*, Gardner, *Hornby*, Mc'Kenzie, *Lowajee Family*, Elliott, *Tebangeer*, Sylvester,

By intelligence, via Bombay, we are informed—that the *Exeter, Brunswick, Bombay Castle*, and *Earl Howe*, with the *Prince of Wales* Extra ship, were to leave China on the 20th of December.

The American ship Cleopatra, Captain George Deckay, arrived at Lisbon in June last, after a passage of three months and twenty-five days from Calcutta.

The Cleopatra carried a full cargo of goods which have found a favourable market at Lisbon.

On the 14th Instant a very handsome ship of 700 Tons burthen, named the INDRA, launched from the yard of Messrs. Edmund Gillett, and Larkins, at Calcutta.

SHIP LAUREL 9th JANUARY.

"just quit of the Pilot. The *Hay* vessel three days ago, but did [not] gain her—We carry two 42 pounders [on] the quarter, ten 18 pounders ditto, and [eight] 6 pounder Guns. Besides the [ship's] crew, we have one Captain of Artillery, two Lieutenants, twenty-four Artillery-six of the 76th, and [a] supernumerary Artillery men, [and] two Surgeons."

TELEGRAPH.—*17th January*,

Last night we received letters from the *Laurel*, Captain Foggo—which gives a [short] account of the following [transactions] there [were] written [the night] of the 14th off the Neelgur hills.

[On] the [13th] and very soon [after] at 7 o'clock, the Hon. Company's Schooner, the GANGES, was seen [by] Foggo, used every possible exertion; [and] her being calm at the time, he could [only] use his boats, without delay, which he [soon] dispatched them.

[About] a quarter [before] 10, one of the boats returned [from] the *Laurel*, with part of the schooner's crew, [and] some of those that were on board her; and at [about] 11. the disappeared.

[About] past 2 A. M. the other boats returned, with the remainder of the detachment, and the [people] that had been most providentially saved on this dreadful occasion.

Our correspondent's letter is, in some parts, scarcely legible, from the situation in which he wrote, and the confusion that must have reigned on board, whilst writing it: we have however the satisfaction to state, that the loss is confined to one private of the 2d European battalion, four natives killed, and five wounded:—among the latter are Mr. Wade the Pilot, and the boatswain, whose leg is so dreadfully shattered as to require amputation.—Mr. Wade left the *Laurel* off the Neelgur hills, for Calcutta.

The fire appears to have broke out from a natural cause; originating in a quantity of oil and water being confined without the benefit of air:—a similar accident happened some years ago, by which the store-rooms in Fort William were burned.

On the 13th Instant, the American ship *Ganges*, Captain John Green arrived at Calcutta from Philadelphia, which she left on the 4th of August.

From letters received by the Ganges, in date the 3d of August, we learn, that the Bengal, and other Indian ships, have all succeeded well:—many articles sold at an advance of one and a quarter dollar on the rupee, and scarcely any under one dollar.—Bengal sugar sold at 14 dollars per hundred weight.

AMERICA continues to present a striking proof of the advantages of that pacific system which she had so wisely adopted. Under the auspicious influence of a mild and enlightened Government, aided by the co-operation of *national tranquillity* her people are happy and contented beyond the example of any other modern nation. Her agriculture, commerce, and the arts, are daily improving and stimulated by their success to further industry and exertion.

The continued *emigrations* from Europe to the United States, are adding considerably to their population, and extending more widely the foundations of their prosperity. Such is the rapidity with which new districts are peopled, that a fifteenth State has been lately incorporated into the Union, by an act of the general Legislature, Two years since there were not with in the limits of their new State *five thousand inhabitants*, which by a late census, appeared to contain upwards of *sixty eight thousand*, exclusive of negroes.

The treaty between Great Britain and the United States, which has been carried into effect, has afforded almost universal satisfaction In Virginia alone some dissenting opinions were expressed on this subject. The Legislature of that State had passed certain resolutions in favour of some proposed alterations in the Federal constitution, relative to the power of making treaties; but these resolutions were not seconded in any other state. It was the general opinion in the Legislature of the different states, "that alterations should not be made in the constitution, unless some material defect is apparent, that, the people are now happy beyond example under their present form of federal Government; and that, therefore, it was, inexpedient to make any alterations."

The Fortress of Niagari, which had been held in possession by the British troops until the ratification of the late Treaty, was delivered up in the beginning of July, to the United States.

Extract of a letter from Ganjam, dated the 7th. Instant.

"Two days ago, the *Hay* pilot schooner, now the *Pichegru*, passed our Roads, and captured the brig *Peggy*, Captain Carey.

"The *Peggy*, was returning in distress from the Andamans, but the French Captain not liking her, she was released.

"Captain Gardiner, who had been also captured by the *Pichegru* on the 4th instant, off Juggernaut, in the *Lark* cutter, which he was navigating to Bengal, was put on board the Peggy."

By letters from the Malabar Coast of the 15th instant, we have been advised of the revolt of the Cotiote Rajah, on that Coast, who is said, to have commenced his refractory conduct on the 18th instant, by firing on a detachment of Sepoys under the command of Captain Lawrence, in the neighbourhood of Cootiungarry.

On the same day, Captain Bowman and Lieutenant Bond, were sent with a detachment to take possession of a strong hold, near the last mentioned place, were decoyed by an Hircarrah, employed on the occasion, into a narrow defile, where, a strong party of Nairs, in ambuscade, availing themselves of the disadvantageous situation of the detachment, and their mode of attack, beset the party with a ferocity peculiarly their own, when Captain Bowman and Lieutenant Bond were almost immediately over-powered and killed. several sepoys, it is also added, were killed and wounded on the spot.

Captain Lawrence, on hearing the report of the mutsquetry, proceeded with all possible expedition, at the head of a body of grenadiers, towards the succour and support of Captain Bowman's detachment, but having experienced a similiar breach of faith, in his guide, was also attacked in the same defile; but after a warm and fortunate resistance effected his retreat, and took post in a Pagoda the whole night, and part of the next day, hemmed in by upwards of a thousand of the Rajah's troops. On the 9th, however, he was permitted to retire with his men to Tellicherry.

We are sorry, in addition to the above melancholy relation, to say, that Captain Troy, who had been employed in mustering the native troops, and Captain Sheen on his return from a visit, fell in with a party of these sanguinary savages, who having surrounded them, coolly and unprovokedly put the first to death, and wounded the latter a in shocking and barbarous manner.

It would appear from the foregoing circumstances, that these inhuman wretches chiefly aimed at the destruction of the officers, but, particularly, from their subsequent barbarity; the bodies of Captain Troy and Lieutenant Bond having been since found decapitated; their heads, as it is supposed, having been sent to the Rajah: the corps of Captain Bowman was snatched from a similar fate and conveyed to Tellicherry.

We understand, the number of sepoys, that fell on this unhappy occasion, amount to 20, and about 50 wounded and missing.

General Stuart to whom the intelligence was sent to Cannanore, had, it seems, recommended to Major Anderson immediately to take the Field to punish so daring an outrage.

The force to be assembled for this purpose, will consist of 250 men of the Bombay regiment, under the command of Captain Grammont: a detachment of Artillery, with light guns, about one thousand Sepoys, together with a Corps of Mopals, consisting of about 200, raised expressly for the purpose of hunting and counteracting the Nairs in their woods and fortresses.

The unhappy fate of so many Officers, in being cut off from their friends, and relations, in this cruel and insidious manner, cannot be too much lamented, and furnishes a melancholy example of the inherent ferocity which has ever been the characteristic of the cast of Nairs.

[*Gazette.*

The ARTS and SCIENCES in ITALY.

On this subject General BUONAPARTE addressed the following Letters to the Astronomer ORIANI, and the Municipalities of *Pavia* and *Milan*.

BUONAPARTE, *Commander in Chief of the Army of Italy, to the Astronomer, Citizen* ORIANI.

"The Sciences, which do honour to the human mind; the Arts which embellish human life, and transmit illustrious actions to posterity, should be peculiarly respected in all free Governments. All men of genius, all those who have obtained a distinguished rank in the Republic of Letters, are *Frenchmen*, whatever may be the country in which they were born.

"The States of Milan did not enjoy the consideration to which they were entitled. inclosed in the recesses of their Laboratories, they esteemed themselves happy, if the Kings and Priests were kind enough to do them no harm. At this day it is not so. Opinions are free in *Italy*. Inquisitions, Intolerance, and Despots are no more!

"I invite the learned to assemble, and propose to me their views, their means; or the assistance they may want to give new life and existence to the sciences and fine arts.—All those who may be desirous of going to France shall be received with distinction by the Government. The people of France set a greater value on the acquisition of a learned mathematician, a painter of reputation, or any distinguished man, whatever may be his profession, than in the possession of the richest and most abundant city.

"Be you then, Citizen, the organ of those sentiments to all persons in the Milanese distinguished for their learning.

(Signed) "BUONAPARTE."

BUONAPARTE, *Commander in Chief of the Army of Italy, to the* MUNICIPALITIES *of* PAVIA *and* MILAN.

"I desire, Gentlemen, that the University of Pavia, celebrated by so many titles, should resume the course of its studies. Acquaint the learned Professors and the numerous scholars of that University, that I invite them to repair forthwith to Pavia, to propose to me such measures as they think proper to be taken to increase the activity, and give a more brilliant existence to that renowned University.

(Signed) "BUONAPARTE."

DEATHS.

On the 25th Instant, departed this life at Maddepollam, Mrs. CATHARINE CUNINGHAME,—Where so many valuable qualities were combined, it is unnecessary that any one should be particularized, to evince the loss Society has sustained by the death of so kind, so amiable, so good an Ornament.—She *lived* but to be useful:—the affliction of her friends and acquaintances at her *death* prove, to what extent, her exertions were happy in effect.

In the Fort, after a severe fit of illness, which he bore with becoming fortitude, Mr. WILLIAM WARREN, a Gentleman of a respectable Family, whose consistency of behaviour, and Sauvity of manners, gained him in an extreme degree, the confidence and esteem, of all his acquaintances.

At Bombay, LIEUTENANT PAGE, Aid du Camp to MAJOR GENERAL BOWLES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURIER.

SIR,

OBSERVING in your paper of the 20th Instant an Epistle which seemed to begin in a rational manner, reasoning on the frailties and imperfections of Human Nature, I was induced to read it through. But, Good Heavens! Mr Editor how can I express the Surprize I experienced, to find the Moralising writer, before he had proceeded Ten lines, plunging head-long into an excess of the identical folly, his letter seemed aiming to proscribe.

That Amicus, Perronius or "Tit for Tat" (or as Mercury has Sacrilegiously termed them, three in one") were extremely Vulnerable, I make no doubt, (though not in the same part as Achilles,) Yet Mercury could expect little credit for discovering, what had been so much played upon before.

Mercury not satisfied with telling us the very *Interesting* story of his Acquaintance, who was wont to purloin from the works of others, proceeds to give us a Specimen of his own Talents that way, and has repeated almost Verbatim, the many liberal observations bestowed upon the unfortunate head of Petronius—Nay so great is the similitude to the Rap over the Knuckles, that I almost conceive the Author of that production, has been trying his veritality of writing, and transposed his old lucubration for want of something new—I would recommend to Mercury to preserve *his* head (if he has one) like that of Amicus, unshorn and unshav'd, for, if the Razor should once displace the present covering, some friend may take advantage of the occasion, to apply a blister.

The Essay of Mercury, Mr. Editor, is so completely sterilized, that it must have been produced by a mind fraught with as much imbecility, as the debilitation often occasioned in the Human frame, by a chymical preparation of a like name—I know not whether Mercury's folly or vanity is most predominant—The first in writing so much nonsence; the latter in expecting you would publish, or the world read it.

If Mercury's signature is in allusion to the Messenger of the Gods, recommend to him Mr. E. to use his wings and fly, from—himself; If to the plant of that name, tell him that a little cultivation may improve him—If to Quicksilver let it be killed, to form a Mirror, to enable the Gentleman to see his own folly—But if he facetiously adverts to the Modern Mercury's (i. e. News-men) I fancy Mr. E. you are convinced the sale for *your* paper will not be much enhanced by his exertions.

BOLUS,

Mount, 22d Jan. 1796.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Head-Quarters, Cunatore, 9th January, 1797.

G. O. By Commander in Chief,

Major General Clarke, had occasion to notice the late Review, of the Cavalry Corps at Ascot, in terms of the highest approbation,—It now gives him pleasure to say that the performence of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry at the Review this Morning afforded him equal satisfaction.

The appearance of the corps in regard to its appointments, the Chiefs and mode of riding of the men, and the excellent condition of the Horses attracted his notice in particular, whilst the regularity and rapidity with which the Regiment performed to great a variety of movements, were deserving of his fullest praise.

Head Quarters, Arnee 9th January, 1797.

G. O. By the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief, being about to return to the Presidency, cannot avoid repeating how much he has been gratified at the different Stations, in observing the love of Order, and the high degree of Discipline that are so general among the Troops.—The fine appearance of the 2d. Battalion 5th. Regiment, at the review this Morning—its steadiness under Arms.—it expertness in firing, and the facility with which it performed the prescribed manœuvres are satisfactory proofs of the minute attention paid by Lieutenant Colonel Torrens and his Officers to every part of the Dress and Discipline of the Corps.—And although the Commander in Chief, would have been happy to see the 2d. Battalion 6d. Regiment further advanced in its Drill, in which it was much impeded by its late divided state, yet the good appearance of the Corps, and the regularity with which it passed in review,—afford a sufficient earnest that no time will be lost in perfecting it in every part of the established System of Exercise.

Fort St. George, 12th January, 1797.

G. O. By Government,

The Honorable Court of Directors having been pleased to permit Brevet Captains Philip Henry Keay, and Allan Grant, to return to the Service, they are accordingly re-admitted on the Establishment, the former to Rank immediately above Brevet Captain David Blair, and the latter next under Brevet Captain William Youngstone.

The following Gentlemen, having been appointed Cadets by the Honorable Court of Directors, are admitted Ensigns on the Establishment, each of rank to be settled hereafter.

Mr. T. A. S. Ahmuty,	Richard Heming,
Thomas Fraser,	Daniel Campbell,
Æneas Macleod,	Charles McDonald,
Duncan Grant,	Willim Collins,
George Munro,	Kay Mangnall,
James Bruce,	Joseph Dilion,
Joseph Taylor,	John Stewart,
John Fish,	Anselm Jones,
Garnett Warburton,	William Munro,
E. P. Stevenson,	Robert Barclay,
Peter Preulfman,	John McDonald,
David Newall,	John White,
Francis Evans,	John Dymock,
Patrick George Blair.	

Fort St. George, 12th January, 1797.

G. O. By Government,

The following regulations to take place in the MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Senior Assistant Surgeons of each Regiment of Native Infantry, to be attached to the 1st Battalion, and the Junior Assistant Surgeon, to the 2d, each Assistant, to draw for Medical Allowance &c. in the absence of the Surgeon, in proportion to the Number of Men under his charge, agreeable to the Orders of the 8th of November 1796.

Assistant Surgeons at present attached to Regiments of Native Infantry.

1st Regiment, Alexander N. Brown,
2d ditto, John Goldie, James Gilmour,
3d ditto, John James,
4th ditto, Samuel Macmorris, John Carrier,
5th ditto, John Abernethie, William M'Kintosh,
6th ditto, William Prichard,
7th ditto, Jacob C. Fancourt, Richard Stone,
8th ditto, Duncan Mc Gi[illegible],
9th ditto, John Mc Arthur, James Barter,
10th ditto, John Underwood, Alex Inverarity,
11th ditto, William Martin, Simon Howard.

Fort St. George, 13th January,

G. O. By Government,

The Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to Appoint the *Reverend* Mr. Rosenhagen, to be *Military Chaplain*, upon this Establishment, subject to the approbation of the Honorable Court of Directors.

The Reverend Mr. Rosenhagen, to do duty at *Columbo*.

Lieutenant Robert Gordon McMillan, to be *Adjutant* of the 2d Battalion 2d Regiment Native Infantry, Vice Vesey.

G. O. By Government.

Fort St. George, 17th January, 1797.

The following promotions to take place.

Captain Samuel Jeannerett, to be Major, vice Kennedy deceased, date of Commission 20th July 1796.

Captain Lieutenant John Hall, to be Captain of a Company, vice Jeannerett promoted, date of Commission 20th July 1796.

Lieutenant Leeson Reilly, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Hall promoted, date of Commission 20th July 1796.

Captain Lieutenant Geo. Martin, to be Captain of a Company, vice Fenwick deceased, date of Commission 5th January 1797.

Lieutenant William Berkley, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Martin promoted, date of Commission 5th January 1797.

Captain Lieutenant Thos. Green, to be Captain of a Company, vice Helals deceased, date of Commission 13th January 1797.

Lieutenant Robert Mondon Grant, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Green, promoted, date of Commission 13th January 1797.

The Honorable Court of Directors, having been pleased to permit Major General Patrick Ross, to return to India, without prejudice to his rank, he is accordingly re-admitted on the Establishment, as Colonel and Chief Engineer, from the 1st of June 1796.

The following Gentlemen having been appointed Cadets by the Honorable Court of Directors, are admitted Ensigns, on this Establishment, date of rank to be settled hereafter.

Fort St. George,—21st January 1797.

G. O. By Government,

Ensigns Brown and Blair, are removed to the Corps of Artillery.

The President in Council is pleased to notify that no contingent charges exceeding the established regulations for the removal of corps, from one station to another, in time of Peace, will on any occasion be admitted, unless the necessity of them shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the commander in chief, and by him recommended to Government.

24th, January 1797.

G. O. By Government,

That part of His Majesty's 74th Regiment now at the Presidency, to march on Saturday morning next, three companies to Tripassore, and remainder to Pondamallee.

Lieut. Colonel Burr, appointed to the command of Condapillee.

Lieut. R. R. Sheppard, to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalion of the 9th Regiment native infantry vice Green, promoted.

Captain David Blair, to be Town Major of Pondicherry.

24th, January 1796.

G. O. By Government.

Captain Thomas Stevenson, appointed to the command of Rajahmundry.

Lieut. Henry Evens, to command at Itchapour.

Messrs. James Deneslown Brown,—Henry Cranstoun,—John Genny's.

17th January 1797.

The following promotion and Arrangment to take place in the Corps of Native Cavalry.

Major John Pater, to be Lieutenant Colonel vice Younge, deceased—date of Commission 31st December 1796

Major John Orr, to come upon the Effective Establishment, vice Pater—promoted.

Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson is removed from the 3d to the 4th Regiment, vice Younge deceased.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Orr, succeeds to the Command of the 3d Regiment, vice Stevenson, removed.

The Command of the 4th Regiment devolves on Major Dallas, in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson, on Furlough to Europe.

FOR THE COURIER.

Account of an useful Invention.

OF THE FREN[illegible]

AMONG the institutions favourable to the speedy dispersion of information, one has been called forth at Paris, by the [illegible]rical state, and diffusive culture of the peopl[illegible] may deserve imitation in other countries. It is called in France a *Cabinet de Lecture*, or reading-shop. All the streets of Paris are supplied with [illegible]ese rooms, some on the ground-floor, some, and these are most quiet, above flairs. The owner provides periodical publications, such as the princi[illegible] papers, magazines, reviews, annual registers, &c.; provides a standing library, consisting of [illegible]aps, gazetteers flantifical dictionaries, and of the [illegible] eminent political writings; and provides all [illegible] pamphlets and hand-bills of the time, with impartial profussion.—These shops are open from eight in the morning until [illegible] the evening. They are shaded in summer by blinds, warmed in winter by stoves, and, at dark, are illuminated by Argand's lamps. Desks and Chairs are commodiously arranged for the customers. Tents, or moveable shops of this kind, are occasionally pitched in the Garden of Equality, in the Thuilleries, in the Elysian Fields, in the groves of [illegible]

Persons are allowed to subscribe [illegible] the month, the week, the day; and, in consequence of such subscription, can [illegible] the any of the books with which it is [illegible] shop-keeper, mostly a female, delivers. To a single sitting, any one is admitted for pence, and may thus acquaint himself with topics of the day, in the speeches and pamphlets of the leading public characters. A small [illegible] is sufficient to found such a library, which most supports itself with profit. It is common for these shop-keepers to be in connection with some principal book-seller, and to vend any of the articles exposed for perusal, at a price marked in the title-page. Neither coffee nor conversation is admitted. The silence of a church prevails. These reading-rooms have done more to form the public mind of the Parisians than the conversations of the Coffé de Foi, the disputations of the Jacobins, or even the galleries of the National Convention. The proprietors vie with each other in the affected elegance of their defignations. One shop calls itself the *Altar of the Muses*, another the *Temple of Instruction*, a third the *Cradle of Opinion*, and a fourth the *Coffin of Prejudice*.

SPANISH SQUADRON.

Aug. 26. The failing of the two Spanish squadrons is an event which with great reason, attracts the attention of every politician. Of these squadrons, one is destined for America, the other is to cruise on the ocean. The latter, commanded by Don Juan de Langara, having under Major General Don Juan Joseph Garcia, ships, of the line, and eight smaller vessels.

Guns.		
St. Trinidad	136	Firme
Mexicano	112	Grienta
St. Nicholas	80	Atlante
Neptuno	80	Terrible
St. Telmo	74	Glorioso
Frigates,		
Guadaloupe	36	Catilina
Corvettes		
Atribida	32	[illegible]
Helena	22	18
Brigs.		
Arocha	22	Tartar

The squadron for America, commanded by Marquis del Socorro, having [illegible]nim General Don Joseph Quiroga, consists of ships of the line besides frigates, viz.

[illegible]	[illegible]onquistador	74
San Vin[illegible]	Arrogante	74
	[illegible]	74
Soberano	7[illegible]	
	Frigates.	
Flora	40	D[illegible]
Ceres	40	Cordilla
Helena	36	Thetis

Message of the French Directory to the Council of Five Hundred.

Troops to be kept upon the Footing of Peace.

In this message the Directors take an [illegible] view of the former military [illegible] comparing it with what it is to be [illegible] admit, as to many weak points, [illegible] they suffered much from their inferio[illegible] in point of cavalry, an augmentation of which beyond the former Peace Establishment they consider indispensible.

[illegible]ry artillery which has contributed so [illegible]ccess, they state to be as yet far [illegible]rfection. To is necessary, they say, [illegible]alogy which it bears to the [illegible]French character, and from its [illegible] by [illegible] that every attention [illegible] paid to [illegible] movement. [illegible]rtified [illegible] they add also, have been [illegible] regimen, to fall into decay [illegible] to often saved France, as in the [illegible] where they so happily retarded the enemy at Thionville, Lisle, Dunkirk, Maubeuge, Landau, Cambray, and Perpignan. To [illegible] these completely, they therefore consider [illegible] expensive mode of preventing future [illegible]

[illegible] new establishment of the army, however, [illegible]re of opinion, may be lowered considerably [illegible]h the former standard, and for these reasons.

[illegible]dition of territory does not very [illegible] add to the [illegible]ening of the frontier and the [illegible]

The [illegible] of the [illegible], and the abolition of [illegible]s, will reduce very considerably [illegible] annual expence.

[illegible]8 Twenty five thousand men, to be maintained by the Batavian Republic, will answer the double purpose, they say, of protecting their territory and [illegible]ding their Northern frontier, without adding to [illegible] expences of that ally.

[illegible]nce confidering that in a Republican state [illegible] soldier, and that of the whole [illegible]n be successively opposed to [illegible] enemy, the Directory is of opinion, [illegible] establishment of the army may with [illegible] safety be [illegible]ced to [illegible]00 men, not including [illegible] of H[illegible]

[illegible] maintainance of this force they estimate at [illegible] millions of livres. But in this annual expence is comprised the augmentation of the cavalry, the improvement of the light artillery, and the repair of the fortified places.

This force and this expence is arranged according to the following estimate:

	Men.	Livres.
[illegible]ry	100,000	35,000,000
	40,000	30,000,000
	[illegible]000	20,000,000
	[illegible]	6,000,000
	5000	2,000,000
Legislative } Directory }	2000	2,000,000
[illegible]andants, and [illegible]mmaries of War.	1000	8,000,000
[illegible]ances	1000	1,000,000
[illegible]ary Police and Instruction		1,000,000
	170,000	100,000,000

This is offered as the *minimum* of the peace establishment. The Directors recommend however, an addition of twenty millions to be expended in perfecting the Military art. They add, that the state owes also much to its defenders, and that many years must elapse before they can expect to arrive at an habitual Peace. To meet these emergencies, they propose a gradual diminution as follows:

1st year after Peace	:	:	150 millions.
2d ditto	:	:	140 ditto.
3d ditto	:	:	130 ditto.
4th ditto	:	:	120 ditto.

They state in the conclusion, that the army of Italy, which was at first of great expence to the Republic, is abundantly now provided, and even sends supplies to the Treasury. It is the same with the armies in Germany. These successes, [illegible]infer, without doubt, must soon be crowned [illegible]e attainment of an honourable Peace.

EAST INDIA COMPANY.

[illegible]20th of August, a deputation of the Directors of the East India Company waited on Mr. [illegible] state their embarrassments; to make [illegible] *their warehouses were crammed with goods they could not dispose of them*; and that [illegible]rticles could not be obtained at the [illegible] which was therefore been suspended. It was [illegible]ded, that although we had taken the *Dutch* [illegible]s, and were loaded with *their productions*, [illegible]were of no use, as *a market could not be found*. [illegible]olland, the retail warehouse of Europe for East India goods, was immediately pointed out [illegible]lace of relief; but the difficulty of disposing the goods there was this:—The Traitorous correspondence bill forbade the remitting of money to Holland, and therefore it was reasonably concluded, that although the goods might be sent thither in neutral bottoms, yet it was not to be expected that Dutchmen would pay money to a country wherein their existed a positive law forbidding any to be paid to them.—To obviate this difficulty, the [illegible] Council issued, and it was [illegible] the [illegible] conquered by the French.

CORSICA.

It is currently reported, that the expediency of evacuating Corsica has been debated in council, and that this measure has been resolved on. The troops at Corsica, if our information be correct, will be partly sent to Gibraltar, and partly to St. Fiorenzo. In the present state of affairs in Italy, and particularly so in the event of a war with Spain, it will be extremely difficult to maintain Corsica; and perhaps both our land and sea forces may be more usefully employed in other parts of the world.

Orders, it is said, have been sent out, and a ship actually dispatched from Gibraltar, to bring home Sir Gilbert Elliot and his suite from the island of Corsica.

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THURSDAY, 2d *February*, 1797.

YESTERDAY EVENING ARRIVED the Honorable Company's Extra Ship BERWICK, Captain Wauchope, from LONDON, which she left on the 27th of October, [illegible] ore which date, six other Ships, for Bengal, had sailed from the River Tha[illegible]

The he[illegible] of Intelligence we are at this moment, enabled to present are few, though important,—[illegible] ment we are in possession of more ample detail, which we hourly expect to [illegible] av[illegible] not be withhholden from our Readers.

[illegible], it appears, met on the 6th of October, at which period, and as indica[illegible] by His Majesty's Speech,—the French Republic had not acceded to the pro[illegible]ons tendered by Great Britain for the conclusion of PEACE on fair and equitable terms—LORD [illegible]T. HE[illegible]NS, however, remained at Paris, and hopes were intertained that the much desired object of a GENERAL PACIFICATION would shortly be obtain[illegible]

In Ita[illegible] the Republicans had been every where *defeated* and their army nearly anhilat[illegible]ops had surrendered themselves PRISONERS of WAR.

[illegible]an Territories, the French had not been more successful,—the ARCH D[illegible]ARL[illegible]S, is represented as having given repeated checks, to the Armies of [illegible]our[illegible] and M[illegible]u, who are also represented as retreating before the Victorious Arms of Austri[illegible] daily loss of Men, Ammunition, and Warlike Stores.

RUSSIA [illegible]tinued, as heretofore, to promise much, but to effect nothing.

PORTUGAL, though in daily alarm remained unmolested, a SECRET TREATY however, was at issue, between SPAIN and the FRENCH REPUBLIC, the tenor of which, when the Berwick left England, was enveloped in perfect obscurity. WAR between SPA[illegible]N and [illegible]GLAND, had not been declared, nor had it been warranted by any dire[illegible] o[illegible]part of Spain.

[illegible]s, or ACTIONS, we have only learnt, that ADMIRAL RI-CHER[illegible]DRO[illegible], had proceeded to the British Settlement of *St. John's* at *New-fo*[illegible]ber of English Vessels, had been captured by the Enemy;—Ac[illegible]done some damage to the Settlement, but which from its Nature wou[illegible]pair[illegible]

From [illegible]and Richery proceeded for the French Coast, but had not been long on his Voya[illegible]e was incountered by a British Squadron, Commanded by ADMIRAL COLPOYS, a gallant action ensued, when the FRENCH SQUADRON *(as usual)* were totally DEFEATED, with great loss and slaughter.

Whether any of Richery's Ships were captured by the British Admiral, we have not yet ascertained,—it appears however, that Richery's squadron bore away for the Coast of America, in a very shattered state, and it was imagined that several of his Ships were so much damaged, as to render their getting into Port nearly impossible.