

eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any Foreigner or Foreigners, Alien or Aliens, who has or have already made any bona fide contract of contracts, or received any patent or patents or other deed of conveyance, for or on account of the purchase of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, within this Commonwealth, may and shall take and hold the same, in fee simple, or for any lesser estate, according to the nature of his, her, or their several respective contracts, patents, or deeds of conveyance, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as any natural-born Citizen or Citizens might or could do; any law, usage, or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

GADWALADER EVANS, Jun. Speaker of the House of Representatives. ROBERT HARE, Speaker of the Senate. Approved April the eleventh, 1799. THOMAS MIFFLIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"Then certain Philosophers of the Epicureans and Stoicks encountered him."

Attacked by such enemies, St. Paul, I pity thee. Compared with the sophistical jargon of their tongues, the buffetings of Satan were the soft strokes of a feather. Encountered by Philosophers? What a perilous meeting! To be banished at Iconium, to die in prison at Philippi, or smart at all her whipping posts, were more tolerable, than to hear one moment the abstract impertinence, the visionary theories of a cold, and cold reasoner. His head is the web of a spider, his heart is the ice of Spitzbergen, his plans are the projects of Laputa, and his arguments turbid, as a hydropic's dream. If I should be asked, which was the most unlucky adventure in Paul's pilgrimage, I must reply, his interview with the philosophick babblers of Athens. None of his perils, and I think he enumerates eight varieties, compare with the peril of pragmatical philosophy. Ill fated spittle, the Epicureans and the Stoicks, encountering you, were worse company, than the barbarians of Melita, on whose rude coast you were stranded. Your night and day in the deep, your weariness and watchings, your frequent fast, and suspension in the basket of Danafucus, even if it were like Falstaff's buck basket, were "light afflictions, but for a moment," to the growl of the Stoick and the lullaby of the Epicurian.

Paul was not singular in this encounter. Personages as grave, as the faint, have been encountered by certain philosophers, in the present age. Yes they have met Common Sense, Morality and Religion. Thank God, they have not routed them.

Hold hold, hasty Lay Preacher; one philosopher has published what he calls "Common Sense." Yes, I remember the book well, and asked that sober matron how she happened, even in 1775, to appear in such disordered attire. 'Twas in a fit of lunacy, when she had escaped from her keepers.

Philosophick encounters are, in effect, often as bloody, as the battle of Buonaparte. One Helvetius, with several associates, many years since, opposed the fettered opinions of the French nation. The brain pans, they asserted, of all men were of similar capacity; but some were full, and others empty of education. Here was a rare discovery. Hence all the grades of intelligence. No such thing as a difference in the mental organization. Next man had no soul. After vegetating a time, he must die, without even a chance for immortality; without even the nine struggles of a cat. Bravo, belov'd the libertines. This is a divine doctrine, this is philosophy. Hawk eyed philosophy did not flap here. She looked into the Bible, and saw mouldy leaves. She looked up to the skies, and saw nothing. She looked down to the earth and beheld fishwives, butchers, brewers; and now was the glorious time for maudlin Philosophy to see double. They were larger than the life. They were magnified to a "Mountain," they were Citizens Directors, they were Executioners, Jacobins, Fiends, Reader of the writings of the Encyclopedists, believe thou my representation to be just? I know thou believest. I am persuaded thou wilt think with me that all the evils, all the atrocities of the French revolution originated in a false, impious and jaunting philosophy.

England has been infested with philosophers, as well as France. You may find a majority of philosophers on many a Parliamentary Journal. In the shape of a *crayman* you may find them sometimes, but not long, for they are prone to migrate. If such a passenger embarked on our shores you may know him easily. He is a busy and meddling priest. The noisy "Praise God Barebones" of the time. Addresser of deans and fapper of state pillars. Qualified to write verbose inscriptions for the charnel houses of France, to be her *Materia* in chief, and to reduce souls to a calx, like any substance in his chymistry. You may gaze, curious American, at his attired jar, and even behold the generous Cock agonized by his electricity, but when he interferes with your government, fowl sovereign contempt on the interloper.

THE LAY PREACHER. Extract of a letter from a mercantile house of the first respectability in London, to their correspondents here, dated March 7, 1800. The following resolution passed both Houses of Parliament yesterday: Resolved, That whenever the average price of wheat and fine wheat flour, ascertained and published in the London Gazette, under the authority of any act or acts of Par-

liament, shall be less than 90s per quarter of wheat or of such wheaten flour respectively, there shall be given on every quarter of wheat and on every barrel of fine wheaten flour, which shall be imported into Great Britain from any port of Europe, South of Cape Finisterre, or from any port in the Mediterranean, or in Africa, or from any of his Majesty's colonies in America, or the U. States, before the 1st day of October 1800, bounty equal to the difference between such average prices in the London Gazette, and ninety shillings per quarter of wheat, or barrel of flour respectively.

"That whenever the current price of rice imported into this kingdom, to be ascertained by the price in the London market, shall be less than one pound fifteen shillings per hundred weight, there shall be given on every hundred weight of rice imported into Great Britain before the 1st day of October 1800, a bounty equal to the difference between such average price, and one pound fifteen shillings."

The letter which incloses the above, states the average prices of wheat throughout England and Wales, to be 106 shillings per quarter, and rice in London at 46 shillings.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, April 30.

The bill from the Senate supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act intitled An act to augment the army of the United States, and for other purposes, was read a first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Harper, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a further report on the subject of the Revenue, which was committed for Monday.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate prescribing the mode of deciding disputed Elections of President and Vice-President of the United States—and Mr. Gallatin's motion to strike out that part of the bill which directs the manner in which exceptions taken to votes, shall be decided—and inserting, as a new principle, the following words "and the question on the Exception shall immediately and without debate be taken by yeas and noes, and decided by a majority of Members of both Houses then present"—being under consideration, a long debate ensued, and the question was finally negatived, yeas 44, noes 46. The bill was then gone through with, the Committee rose and the report was ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis their Secretary, informing the House that the Senate have passed a bill to amend an act intitled an act to establish the judicial Courts of the United States, to which they request the concurrence of this House. A bill to amend an act to establish the States to borrow in the public service, without amendment.—Adjourned.

NEW-YORK, April 29.

Capt. Baily, of the sloop Spectator, from Norfolk, informs, that on Thursday last a Duel was fought at Norfolk between a Mr. Dubois and a Mr. Cushing, nephew of Judge Cushing, of New Hampshire, both Midshipmen on board the United States frigate Congress. We are sorry to add, that Mr. Cushing was shot in the neck, and died on the spot. Mr. Dubois went on board the next day; but Capt. Sever, it was reported gave him up to civil authority.

Gazette Marine List.

Table with columns: Port of Philadelphia, ARRIVED, DAYS, and ship names like Brig John, Richardson, St. Sebastians, etc.

Table with columns: CLEARED, and ship names like Ship Swift Packet, Richard, Surinam, etc.

Table with columns: PRICES OF STOCKS, PHILADELPHIA, MAY 1, and various stock prices like Six per Cent, Three per Cent, etc.

THESEPIAN SOCIETY.

Having observed a performance given out at the Old Theatre, South Street, under the title of "The Theopian Panorama," the public are cautioned not to be led there by the name of Theopian, as 'tis evident the intention of this strange name, in assuming the title, is only to mislead the curious, and thereby gain a crowded house, and consequently crowded pockets. The friends of the members are well assured that the object of the Theopian Society was not emolument. It is therefore hoped that the public will not countenance impostors.

By order of the President, J. HAMILTON, Secretary. April 30.

Just Published,

And to be Sold by Robert Campbell, No. 30, Chesnut Street, and Wm. Woodhouse, No. 6, South Front Street,

AN EULOGY

ON GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, Pronounced at Boston, on Wednesday, February 19, 1800, before the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, by their appointment, and published at their request.

By JOHN DAVIS, Member of the Academy, and of the Massachusetts Historical Society,

AN EULOGY

ON THE ILLUSTRIOUS GEORGE WASHINGTON, Pronounced at Milton, Feb. 1800, By CHARLES PINCKNEY SUMNER, may 1

FOR SALE, 350,000 wt. of choice green Coffee, 150,000 wt. of Mucovado Sugar, 50 tons of Fufic.

JUST ARRIVED In the brig Mary & Amiable Adelle. JAMES YARD, May 1, dtf.

RIBBONS.

A large and very general assortment of Satin, Chinese and Love Ribbons, just imported in the ship Diana, capt. Pile, and for sale by LORAIN & SON, No. 5, North Third Street. may 1 dtf

For Sale,

THE FAST SAILING BRIG JACK,

has arrived from sea, eight hundred barrels of shingles, now laying at Bell's wharf. Apply to JOSEPH SHOEMAKER, Jun. No. 28, So. Front Street. may 1 dtw

AN ELEGANT & HEALTHY SUMMER RETREAT,

FOR SALE.

AT the Merchant's Coffee House on the 7th day of the fifth month, at 7 o'clock in the evening, will be sold by auction, that elegant and healthy Country Seat, the late residence of John G. W. De Frahan, deceased; with about 40 acres of land, situate on the old York road, about six miles from this city; on the premises is a handsome and well finished Dwelling House, with a kitchen and other improvements, well adapted for the accommodation of a genteel family; with two other well built Stone Houses suitable for a Farmer and Gardener; (one of them three stories high) an excellent stone barn with a cellar under it and stables adjoining, sufficient for 12 or 14 horses; a coach house almost new, over which is a granary; two small apple orchards, a large garden handsomely laid out and well stored with fruits, vegetables, &c. At a convenient distance from the dwelling is an excellent spring of water, with a stone house over it, and a pump of good water near the kitchen door. Possession may be had immediately after the sale. The condition will be made known at the time of sale.

JOHN CONNELLY, Auctioneers, may 1 dtf

A Stray Colt.

BROKE out of the Stable of the Subscriber yesterday morning, a bay filly, 2 years old past, about 14 hands high, well made and shews a good deal of blood. Has a small star in her forehead, black legs, mail and tail. Whoever will deliver her to me, shall be generously rewarded.

J. B. BOND, Corner of Market and Sixth Street, may 1 dtf

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from Gen. Ridgely of Baltimore, on the 20th inst. a light coloured negro man, who calls himself WILLIAM Mc. DONALD. He is about 24 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, neat in his dress, and has a good suit of hair. Had on when he went away, a good beaver hat, a light green cloth coat, edged with yellow, and a yellow gait button—a light buff cassimer, double breasted waistcoat, a pair of dark olive coloured thick felt pantaloons—a white linen shirt, white ribbed cotton stockings, and a good pair of shoes with strings. He took with him a dark blue coat, a pair of olive cassimer pantaloons, and a light corduroy pair of breeches; also a gold or pinchbeck watch, with a steel chain. He is fond of spiritous liquors, is insipient, has a stupid look, and chews tobacco.—He was bred in Charles county, Maryland, and purchased of col. John Thomas by gen. Ridgely. Whoever apprehends said negro, and secures him in any jail so that the owner may get him again, shall receive the above reward, with reasonable charges if brought home, or delivered to Joshua B. Bond, Philadelphia. may 1 dtf

Philadelphia Academy.

SAMUEL MAGAW, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, and formerly Vice-Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, AND JAMES ABERGROMBIE, A. M. One of the Assistant Ministers of Christ church and St. Peter's, HAVE OPENED, At No. 24, Spruce Street, AN ACADEMY,

CONSISTING OF 1. AN English School, in which will be taught Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Composition, Elocution, and Natural History.

2. A Mathematical School, in which will be taught Writing, Arithmetic, Mercantile Accounts, Geography, and the use of the Globes, Geometry, or the elements of Euclid, Trigonometry, both Plane and Spherical, Mensuration, Gauging, Surveying, Navigation, in all its parts, Drelling, Conic Sections, Fortification, Gunnery, Astronomy, Algebra and Fluxions, with their application to the different parts of Mathematics. This department will be conducted by Mr. PETER DELAMAR, formerly Professor of Mathematics in the Royal Military and Marine Academy, Dublin—and lately in the FRIGATE UNITED STATES.

3. A Classical School, in which will be taught the Latin and Greek Languages, in conjunction with Chronology, Civil History, Rhetoric, and Institutes of Moral Science. Philad. April 30. 1800.

An Original American Work.

BY SUBSCRIPTION. PROPOSAL To publish for the Author a periodical Work, ENTITLED

THE LAY PREACHER;

OR Essays, Moral, Economical, Political and Literary.

"May not I strive, amid the motley throng, ALL PALE AND FENSIVE, as I muse along, To frame a work, which leads to cheap renown in my lay habit—not the sacred gown?—Once, in my morn of life, a wizard said You ne'er shall rise by baseness, or trade; But find, remote from consequence or fame, A LOCAL SOMETHING and a SHADOWY NAME; Through crowds shall mark your solitary way, Ardent, though thoughtful, and though serious, gay, Bow to no populace for golden views, Your portion, memory, and best gift, your muse." Pursuits of Literature.

CONDITIONS.

These essays will be comprised in two volumes royal octavo. The work will be printed on wire woven paper, and with a large, elegant and distinct type. The price will be Four Dollars; one half of which must be paid at the time of subscription. These volumes will contain many unpublished numbers in addition to those, which, at various periods have appeared in the Farmer's Museum, and the Gazette of the United States. A list of the Subscribers will be recorded in the front of the first volume, as a proper tribute of respect, on the part of the Publisher and Author to those, who patronize the efforts of young men, solicitous to disseminate correct principles in Morals and Literature.

The Work will be put to the Press, as soon as the subscriptions will justify the expense of printing it with peculiar elegance and care. Subscriptions will be received in this city, by John Ward Penn, the Publisher; and by Thomas Dobson, James Humphreys and Aubrey Dickins, in New-York by William Cobbett. In Boston by James White. In Salem by John Dabney. In Providence by John Carter. In Hartford by Hudson & Goodwin. In Baltimore by George Hill. In Richmond by Augustine Davis. In Charleston, S. C. by Wm. P. Young. In Trenton by Carleton Cr. In New Brunswick by Jacob Tallman. In Newark by Jacob Halsey; and In 10 towns by Cadell & Davies in the Strand, and Messrs. E. & C. Livingston; and by Bell and Broadsie, Edinburgh. April 30.

DICKINS' PROPOSALS

For importing the following periodical Publications, The British Critic, The Anti-Jacobin Review and Magazine, The Gentleman's Magazine, The New Yearly Register, Le Mercure Britannique, or The British Mercury.

The preceding publications will be received regularly at Philadelphia by the way of New York, about two months after their publication in London.

Subscriptions will be received for all or either of them from any part of the Continent, at Dickins's Book Store, No. 65, North Second Street, opposite Christ Church, Philadelphia. dtf April 29

Baltimore and New York Mail Stage Office

IS removed from No. 13 South Fourth Street, to No. 18 South Third Street. An Office for those stages is also kept at Mr. Hardy's Inn, No. 98 Market Street. General Post Office, April 28.

FOR GREENOCK,

THE SHIP HANNAH, Of Philadelphia, DAVID BROWN, Master, WILL sail in about ten days, betwixt 3 and 4 years old, newly repaired, sails fast, and is expected to return early in the Fall.—For freight or passage apply to the captain on board at Latimer's wharf, or to WILLIAM YOUNG, No. 52, South Second Street. April 25. dtf.

LANDING, From on board the brig Jack, Alabam—Master, from Cape Francois, AND FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBER, Green Coffee, in hogheads, AND A quantity of Logwood, JOSEPH SHOEMAKER, Jun. No. 28, South Front Street. April 29. dtw

FOR HAMBURG, THE SHIP ROEBUCK. To sail with all convenient speed. For freight or passage, apply to No. 28, Front Street. April 29. dtf

NOTICE.

THE Creditors of the subscriber, of every description, are earnestly requested to attend at the Coffee House fourth Second Street, on Friday evening next, the 2d of May, at six o'clock, to take into consideration proposals he will then make them.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON ORR. April 29. dtf

ON FRIDAY,

The second of May at 7 o'clock in the evening, will be sold by Public Auction, at the Merchant's Coffee House, the following

VALUABLE PROPERTY:

A Three Story Brick House, WITH extensive back buildings, erected in Front below Pine Street. The house contains two large rooms on each floor, and is 22 feet 8 inches in front, and 22 feet 6 inches deep. The first story is 19 feet 6 inches in length, and 12 feet 6 inches in width, in which is carried up an elegant stair case. The back buildings are 45 feet in depth and 23 feet 8 inches in width, and contain on the first floor, a parlour, kitchen, pantry and stair case. The second and third stories are divided into convenient chambers; the lot is 133 feet 6 inches deep, and has the privilege of a court into Lombard Street. The house is not plastered, but the carpenter's work is nearly finished. Persons willing to view the premises previous to the day of sale, will please to apply to No. 168, South Front Street, for the keys.

A Lot of Ground, Nineteen feet 11 inches front, and 37 feet in depth, upon the court leading into Lombard Street; the purchaser of the house will be entitled to this lot.

Conditions as follows, viz: One 4th in 60 days—one 4th in 6 months—one 4th in 12 do.—the 4th in 18 do, approved security and interest on the three last payments. JOHN CONNELLY, Auctioneer, April 28.

THE Governor of the State having thought fit to deprive the subscriber of his commission, of Register of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the city and county of Philadelphia, (which he had held for eighteen years past) and to give the same to his Excellency's son, Jaf. B. McKean, Esq. he informs his friends and the public, that he has opened an office at No. 113, North Water Street, as Attorney at Law, where the strictest attention shall be paid to the business of such of his friends and fellow citizens as may think proper to apply to him; he further informs them, that a number of probates of wills with copies annexed; also certified copies of wills and of sealed accounts, yet remain in the office of the subscriber, which the persons concerned are requested to call for.

GEO. CAMPBELL. Philadelphia, 22d April. sawif

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the estate of PHILIP SUPER, late of the Northern Liberties, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment; and those having demands on the same, to bring in their accounts duly attested, at No. 35 Key's Alley.

PHILIP SUPER, Junr. JACOB SUPER. April 30. coit

Theopian Panorama.

The members of this society are truly sorry to find that they should, by any means whatever, hurt the feelings of the Theopian Society, by assuming, it seems, their title. But this we will beg leave to observe to them, is a grand mistake, as it was a thought of Mrs Rowson's own (who is now a member of this society) for her benefit at Mr. Ricket's Circus, in May 1798;—and what they mean by cautioning the public against a gang of impostors, they are very easily proved, that Mr. Durang and Mr Rowson, as well as the rest of the company, have always conducted themselves with the strictest propriety, both in Mr. Ricket's company and others which they have played in; and why the Theopian Society should wish to be libellous as to injure and prevent in any degree, honest industry from gaining a livelihood; is only to be answered by illiberal minds.

Jno Durang, Jno. B. Rowson. May 1.

Old Theatre, South Street.

THE THESPIAN PANORAMA. On Thursday evening, May 1, will be presented, a Comedy, (in one act) called THE COBLER AT HOME; Or, The Devil upon Two Sticks. DANCING ON THE WIRE, By Mr. Durang. Clown to the Wire, Mr. La Feuvre. The much admired Ballerina, called Rosina, or Harriet Home. Told in action. With Songs, Dances, &c.

To which will be added, a grand Pantheimatic Entertainment, with music, scenery, machinery, tricks, leaps and decorations, prepared for the piece, called HARLEQUIN NEPTUNE; Or, The Temple of Hymen;

Doors will be open at half past six, and the curtain to rise precisely at half past seven o'clock. Box, three quarters of a dollar.—Pit half a dollar.—Gallery one quarter of a dollar. Tickets to be had of Mr. North, next door to the theatre. Places in the Boxes may be had of Mr. Rowson, at the Box Lobby, from ten to one o'clock, every day, and from two to five on the play day. N. B. No tobacco to be smoked in the house, nor no person admitted behind the scenes on any account. 915