The STARLING.—A Song.

A BEAUTEOUS Starling late I saw
On lovely Sylvia's hand;
To check his flight, around his leg
She ty'd a silken band:
In vain he flutters to be gone;
Confinement is his lot:
In vain he strives to break the band—
And can't untie the knot.

Cease! cease! she cried—here you shall feed;
And in my bosom rest:
No bird that ever wing'd the air,
Was half so much caressed.
If from my hand you should escape,
You may per chance be shot:
Then cease to peck—tis all in vain—
You can't untie the knot.

The bird contented grows, at length,
While Sylvia strokes his plumes;
Erect his little crest—and soon
His former notes resumes.
From what he'd heard the fair one say,
These words by rote he got;
And oft repeated every day,
You can't untie the knot.

One ev'ning youthful Damon sat,
With Sylvia by his side;
Reward my love at last, said he,
To-morrow be my bride.
Her blushes in his favour rose;
Yet she consented not;
For e'er she spake, the Starling cried—
You can't untie the knot.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

An ACT empowering Commissioners appointed to examine the claims of the creditors to insolvent Estates, to require of, and administer to them an oath or affirmation, the better to discover the truth of their claims.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing this act, the Commissioners who are, or shall be appointed by any Judge of Probate to receive and examine the claims of the creditors to the estate of any person deceased, when represented insolvent, shall be, and are hereby authorised and empowered to examine by the oath or affirmation of the creditor, the truth of any claims presented; and to that end, the said Commissioners, when they are sitting by virtue of such commission, and when it shall be adjudged expedient by a majority of them, may require of such creditor an oath; or being of the persuasion called Quakers, an affirmation; to be administered by any one of the said Commissioners in the manner following, that is to say,

YOU do swear or affirm, (as the case may be) that you will make true answers to the questions which shall be asked you by the Commissioners relative to your claim against the estate of (naming the deceased insolvent debtor,) now under consideration, So help you GOD.

(or, this you do under the pains and penalties of perjury, as the case may be.)

And thereupon such Commissioners may enquire of the truth of any writing, demand, or the charges in any accounts exhibited as a claim against such insolvent estate, and whether the same and every part of such claim remains actually due and unpaid; and may make such other questions relative thereto, as shall be material and tending to discover the truth of such claim.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person who shall take such oath or affirmation, having been administered as aforesaid, and shall thereupon wilfully and corruptly make any false answer or answers to any question or questions, material for the determination of the truth of the claim, in proof of which such oath or affirmation shall have been taken, and shall be thereof duly convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of the crime of perjury, and shall be liable to any and all the pains and penalties which are, or shall be by law inflicted, for the punishment of such crime.

In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1790.

This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted,

DAVID COBB, Speaker.

In SENATE, March 4, 1790.

This bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted,

SAMUEL PHILLIPS, jun. President.

Approved,

JOHN HANCOCK.

True copy—Attest,

JOHN AVERY, jun. Sec'ry.

The following is an extract from Dr. Price's Revolution Sermon.

"WHAT an eventful period is this? I am thankful that I have lived to it—and I could almost say, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." I have lived to see a diffusion of knowledge which has undermined superstition and error—I have lived to see the rights of man better understood than ever; and nations panting for liberty which seemed to have lost the idea of it.—I have lived to see thirty millions of people, indignant, and resolute, spurning at slavery, and demanding liberty with irresistable voice; their King led in triumph, and an arbitrary monarch surrendering himself to his subjects—after sharing in the benefits of one revolution, I have been spared to be a witness to two other revolutions, both glorious. And now methinks I see the ardour for liberty, catching and spreading—a general amendment, beginning in human affairs—the dominion of Kings changed for the dominion of laws, and the dominion of Priests giving way to the dominion of reason and conscience. "Be encouraged all ye friends of freedom and writers in its defence! The times are suspicious. Your labours have not been in vain. Behold Kingdoms admonished by you, starting from sleep, breaking their fetters, and claiming justice from their oppressors! Behold the light you have struck out after setting America free, reflected to France, and then kindled into a blaze that lays despotism in ashes, and warms and illuminates all Europe." "Tremble all ye oppressors of the world! Take warning all ye supporters of slavish government and slavish hierarchies—Call no more (absurdly and wickedly) reformation, innovation. You cannot now hold the world in darkness. Struggle no longer against increasing light and liberality. Restore to mankind their rights; and consent to the correction of abuses, before they and you are destroyed together."

Daniel Butler,

Has just received a supply of

GOODS,

Which he is determined to sell for Cash at a small advance from the cost, viz.

Elastick & Forest Cloths, Callico and Chintz, Irish Linnen, Florentem & Lastings, § Royal Rib, § Janes, § Fustians, § Fine Cotton Hose.

—ALSO—

An Assortment of

HARD WARE,

Consisting of almost every article commonly called for.

A good assortment of

CROCKERY and GLASS WARE,

China Cups and Saucers, &c.

STONE WARE—of all sizes.

7 by 9, and 6 by 8 Window Glass. Best Hyson Tea, Loaf Sugar, Nutmegs, Cloves, Cinnamon, Pepper, Allspice, § Redwood, § Logwood, § Fustick, § Allum, § Copperas, § Rohn, § Snuff by the bladder or less quantity.

WANTED,

A large quantity of yard wide TOW CLOTH and BUTTER, and a generous price given.

ALL Persons having demands against the estate of *TIMOTHY DWIGHT*, Esquire, late of Northampton, deceased, are desired to exhibit them to the subscriber, (who is appointed administrator with the will annexed, in the room of Mary Dwight, and Timothy Dwight, executors of said will) that they may be adjusted—And all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. For the purpose of expediting the business of a settlement, the subscriber will attend at Northampton from the 22nd to the 28th of July next.

THEODORE DWIGHT.

LAND,

In the State of Vermont, for sale.

Enquire of the PRINTER.

FRESH GOODS,

Just received and now selling by

Seth Dwight,

At his Store in Williamsburgh, half a mile North of the meeting house, a large and general assortment of

English Goods,

on as low terms as they can be purchased at any Store in Northampton. Among which are the following articles, viz.

Broadcloths, Coatings, Rattems, Baizes, Velvet, Royal Ribb, Sattinett, Lastings, Shalloons, Durants, Tammys, Janes and Fustians, Callicoes and Chintzes, Black and White Gauze, Do. Millinett, Cambricks and Lawns, Sattins and Modes, Shawls, Pocket Handkerchiefs, Black Barcelona do. Ivory stick and common Fans, Black, White, Green and Blue Sarsnetts, Sewing Silk and Twist, Black Callimanco, Irish Linnen, Pins and Needles, Ribbons and Tastes, Fancy Vest Patterns, Apron Tape, Shoe and Knee Buckles, Fancy and Common Buttons, Quality and Shoe Binding, Men's Cotton Hose, Silk and Worsted Mitts, Castor and Felt Hats, Testaments, Plain Books, Webster's Spelling Books, Shears and Scissors, Knives and Penknives, Dutch Looking Glasses, Pickles of all sizes, Writing Paper, Snap and other Wire, Knives and Forks, Tempele Spectacles, Snuff and Tobacco Boxes, Sealing Wax and Wafers, Ivory and Horn Combs, Best British Ink Powder, Powder and Shot, 4 & 10 Nails, 5 by 6, and 9 by 7 Window Glass, Chalk, Pipes,

—ALSO—

A good supply of

West-India Goods.

CASH or any kind of Produce will be taken in payment for any of the above articles.

WANTED,

A quantity of BUTTER and TOW CLOTH at said Store, for which any of the above Goods will be given at Cash Price.

May 17, 1790.

The famous bright bay horse

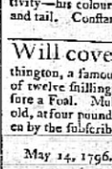
YOUNG DRIVER,

will cover this season at the stable of the Subscriber, in Northampton, at the moderate price of twelve shillings the season, or six shillings the single leap.

ERASTUS LYMAN.

Northampton, May 17, 1790.

YOUNG DOVE,



WILL Cover this season at Seth Dwight's stable, in Williamsburgh, at 12s. the season, or 8s. the single leap. This Horse needs no other recommendation than to say that sire was the noted Horse called the DOVE, formerly owned by Mr. Douglass—and he is equal for goings, strength and activity—his colour is a bright bay, with black mane and tail. Constant attendance will be given, by

SETH DWIGHT.

Will cover this season at Worthington, a famous Jack Ass, at the moderate price of twelve shillings the season, and twenty-four to insure a Foal. Mules will be purchased at four months old, at four pounds in cash, and proper attendance given by the subscriber.

BENJAMIN LATHROP.

May 14, 1796.

Taken up by the subscriber, on the 13th inst. a bay HORSE, about 14 hands high, star in his forehead, one hind foot white, is a little hipp'd. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

SETH WOOD.

Northampton, May 19, 1790.

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CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, May 12.

THE bill for repealing after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon Wines, imposed from foreign ports or places, and laying others in their stead, was read the second time, and referred to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The house then proceeded to reconsider such of their amendments proposed in the bill sent from the Senate, entitled, "An act for giving effect to the act therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North-Carolina, and to amend the said act," as were agreed to by the Senate and thereupon the house

RESOLVED, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of said amendments; and that Mr. White, Mr. Steele, Mr. Foster, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Williamson, be appointed managers at the said conference on the part of the House.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire. The motion for striking out the clause which proposes a tonnage of 100 cents on foreign bottoms was put and negatived. A motion was then made to insert 75 cents in lieu of 100. This was also negatived. The committee rose and reported progress.

Sundry petitions from the joint committee of both houses appointed to consider and report their opinion on the question, "When, according to the Constitution, the times for which the President, Vice-President, Senators, and Representatives, have been respectively chosen, shall be deemed to have commenced, and also to consider of and report their opinion on such other matters as may shall concerning to have relation to this question," made a report, which was read, and is as follows.

"That the terms for which the President, Vice-President, Senators and Representatives of the United States are respectively chosen, shall, according to the Constitution, commence on the 4th of March, 1789, and to the senators of the first class, and the Representatives, will not, according to the Constitution, be entitled by virtue of the same election by which they hold seats in the present Congress, to seats in the next Congress, which will be assembled after the third of March, 1791. That whenever a vacancy shall happen in the Senate, or House of Representatives, and an election to fill such vacancy, the person elected will not, according to the Constitution, be entitled by virtue of such election, to hold a seat beyond the time, for which the Senator or Representative, in whose stead such person shall have been elected, would if the vacancy had not happened, been entitled to hold a seat.

That it will be advisable for Congress to pass a law or laws for determining, agreeable to the provision in the 3d sec. of the 2d art. of the Constitution, the time when the electors shall, in the year which will terminate on the third of March 1793, and so in every fourth year thereafter, be chosen, and the day on which they shall give their votes, for declaring what officer shall, in case of vacancy, both in the cases of President and Vice-President, act as President—for assigning a public office where the lists mentioned in the 2d paragraph of the 1st sec. of the 2d art. of the Constitution, shall, in case of vacancy in the office of President of the Senate, or in his absence from the seat of government, be in the mean time deposited; and for directing the mode in which such lists shall be transmitted. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 13.

Sundry petitions were read and referred.

In committee of the whole.

On the proposition in the report of the select committee for enhancing the duty of tonnage on foreign bottoms.

Mr. Seney in the chair.

Mr. Smith (S. C.) moved an amendment to the clause—postponing the commencement of the duty to the first of January next: this amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Maddison after a debate of considerable length, proposed an amendment to the proposition, by adding after the words "foreign bottoms," these words, "belonging to nations not in commercial treaty with the United States."

This motion was opposed by Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Ames, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Wadsworth—and supported by Mr. Page and Mr. Williamson—the question being put it was carried in the affirmative—Ayes 32, Noes 19. The resolution as amended, was then agreed to by the committee, and stands thus—

That the tonnage on all foreign built bottoms belonging to nations not in commercial treaty with the United States, be raised to the sum of one dollar per ton, from and after the first day of January next.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

The report of the committee on the memorial of the officers of the late navy of the United States was read; this report was in favour of granting the prayer of the memorialists, viz. that they should be placed on a similar footing with the officers of the late army of the United States—and be allowed five years pay—laid on the table. Adjourned.

Amount of the duties received on Tonnage from the first September to thirty-first December 1789.

States.	Foreign tonnage.	American tonnage.	Total amount of tonnage.
New-Hampshire,	469 30	339 30	808 60
Massachusetts,	4,839 37 1-2	3,855 60	8,694 97 1-2
Connecticut,	618 8	722 47 1-2	1,340 55 1-2
New-York,	8,739 87 1-2	1,496 86 1-2	10,236 74
New-Jersey,	83 50	224 31	307 81
Pennsylvania,	11,887 64	1,515 36	13,402 70
Delaware,	663	123 60	786 60
Maryland,	4,994 51 1-2	1,728 18 1-2	6,722 44
Virginia,	11,210 93 1-2	1,413 30 1-2	12,624 24
N. Carolina,	4,630 39	453 64	5,084 43
South Carolina,	2,600 17	125 65	2,726 82
Georgia,			
	50,166 72	11,990 5	62,156 77

FRIDAY, May 14.

In committee of the whole house on the report of the select committee respecting an enhanced tonnage on foreign vessels.

Mr. Boudinot in the chair.

Mr. Maddison moved an addition to the resolution agreed to yesterday in the following words, viz. That from and after the day of next, the tonnage on all such vessels be raised to and from and after the day of next no such vessel be permitted to export from the United States any unmanufactured article being the growth or produce thereof.

This motion occasioned a debate—but was finally carried in the affirmative, 28 to 19.

The second resolution proposed by the select committee for an addition of ten per cent. on the duties already imposed by law on goods imported from places to which American vessels are not admitted, Mr. Lee moved should be expunged from the report, this motion was seconded by Mr. Parker, and carried in the affirmative. The committee then rose and reported progress.

The house took up the resolution, which was further amended, by adding the following proviso, viz.

Provided that this resolution shall not extend to prohibit vessels of any nation which permits the importation of fish, and other salted provisions, grain, and lumber in vessels belonging to the citizens of the United States. The resolution being thus amended was adopted by the House, and a committee of three appointed to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A message was received from the Senate informing the house that they have adopted the report of the joint committee appointed to consider and report their opinion, when according to the constitution, the terms for which the President, Vice-President, &c. have been respectively chosen, &c. and request the concurrence of the House. That they have also passed a bill for the encouragement of literature, by securing to authors, &c. the copy right of their works—with amendments.

Mr. Bland of the committee appointed to take into consideration the arrears of pay ordered to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia and North-Carolina lines of the late army, brought in a report.

A petition from the American prisoners in Algiers was introduced by the Speaker—read and referred to the Secretary of State.

A report on the petition of Thomas Jenkins and Co. was read, which was in favour of granting the prayer of said petition.

MONDAY, May 17.

An amendatory bill to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, was read the second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole on Wednesday next.

The following is a List of the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives.

County of SUFFOLK.

HON. William Heath
William Phillips
Cotton Tufts
Stephen Metcalf
Thomas Dawes
Benja. Austin, jun. Esquires.

County of ESSEX.

Hon. Samuel Phillips
Samuel Holten
Azor Orne
Stephen Choate
* Jonathan Greenleaf
* Aaron Wood, Esquires.

County of MIDDLESEX.

Hon. Nathaniel Gorham
Eleazer Brooks
Ebenezer Bridge
Joseph Hosmer
Joseph B. Varnum, Esquires.

County of HAMPSHIRE.

Hon. * Samuel Lyman
John Hastings
David Sexton
Samuel Fowler, Esquires.

County of PLYMOUTH.

Hon. Daniel Howard
Joshua Thomas
* Isaac Thompson Esquires.

County of BARNSTABLE.

Hon. Solomon Freeman, Esquire.

County of BRISTOL.

Hon. Phanuel Bishop
* Walter Spooner
* Elisha May Esquires.

County of YORK.

Hon. Nathaniel Wells
Edward Cutts, Esquires.

DUKES COUNTY and NANTUCKET.

Hon. Peleg Coffin, jun. Esquire.

County of WORCESTER.

Hon. Moses Gill
Abel Wilder
John Fessenden
* Samuel Baker
Amos Singletary, Esquires.

County of CUMBERLAND.

Hon. Josiah Thatcher, Esq.

County of LINCOLN.

Hon. Dummer Sewall, Esquire.

County of BERKSHIRE.

Hon. Thomson J. Skinner
Elijah Dwight, Esquires.

☞ *The Names of the Gentlemen with this Mark * were not of the Senate the last Year.*

By the Returns from the several Towns in this State the following Gentlemen are chosen to represent them the Year enjoying.

County of SUFFOLK.

BOSTON { Dr. Charles Jarvis, Samuel Breck, Esq. * John Coffin Jones, Esq.
{ Jonathan Mason, Esq. Dr. William Eustis,
{ * Jonathan Mason, jun. Esq.

Roxbury, John Read, Esq.
Dorchester, James Bowdoin, jun. Esq.
Milton, * Col. Seth Sumner.
Braintree, Brig. Gen. Eben. Thayer.
Weymouth, * Nathaniel Bayley, Esq.
Hingham, Col. Charles Cushing.
Dedham, Joseph Guild, Esq.
Needham, William Fuller, Esq.
Stoughton, James Endicot, Esq.
Sharon, * Mr. Joseph Hewins.
Medfield & Dover, Mr. Olliver Ellis.
Medway, Mr. Moses Richardson, jun.
Walpole, * Seth Bullard, Esq.
Wrentham, * Lemuel Kollock, Esq.
Franklin, Mr. Hezekiah Fisher.

County of ESSEX.

Salem * Mr. Ebenezer Beckford,
* Mr. John Saunders, jun.
Newbury-Port, Hon. Jona. Greenleaf, Esq.
Theophilus Parsons, Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Marsh.
Newbury, * Mr. Nathaniel Emery,
Marblehead, Samuel Sewall, Esq.
* Joshua Orne, Esq.
Gloucester, Capt William Pearson,
Ipswich, Dr. John Manning,
Beverly, * Larkin Thorndike, Esq.
Mr. Joseph Wood.