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OR, THE

CHRONICLE OF FREEDOM.

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Just imported from EUROPE, via BALTIMORE, and to be Sold, by **WILLIAM NICHOLS, and Comp.** At their Store on the North Side of Market-Street, opposite the Indian King Tavern, at the most reasonable Prices for ready Money, or Bills of Exchange.

A large and neat Assortment of European and East-India Goods, Amongst which are the following Articles, viz. **BEST** Superfine Broad-cloths, with or without Silk Serge for lining, of the following Colours, viz. Scarlet, crimson, blue, green, plum, nut, grey, black, brown, drab, buff, claret, and mixt. Fine, middling, and coarse Cloths of various Colours, Ratteens, Shalloons, Tames.

A large and beautiful Assortment of light ground Chintzes and Calicoes, Of dark ground, Of Pompadour ground, Of double Purple ground, Of single Purple ground, Of Chocolate ground, ditto, A neat Assortment of printed Linens, Furs, pure Calicoes, Crimson coloured Superfine Durants, Pink, deep blue, Sky blue, laylock, green, black, and white, ditto.

A large Assortment of Superfine Camblets, suitable for Men's Summer wear, of the following Colours, viz. Chestnut, blue, green, grey, plum, nut, brown, mixt Camblets and Camblets, Men's mottled and white Silk Stockings, Men's Cotton and Thread do. Women's Silk, Cotton and Thread, ditto.

A large Assortment of Pins, Cambricks and Lawns, Fine Irish Hollands, Laxal Lins, Selvias and brown Hollands; Broad and narrow Britannias; German Dowls, Drillings, Damask Table Cloths, Diapers, Checkered and printed Linen Handkerchiefs, Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, Stripe bordered, Kenting Handkerchiefs, and Apron Patterns, Fine Silk Gauze Handkerchiefs, white, blue, red, and green bordered, Barcelona Silk Handkerchiefs, Spotted Bandana, ditto, Flowered Bandana, ditto, Silk Rumal Handkerchiefs, Cotton Romal, ditto, Millinet Gauze, Cat Gut Hook Mullin, Plain Jaquinet Mullin,

Said William Nichols, and Company, return their sincere Thanks to those who have been pleased to favour them with their Custom, and request a Continuation of their Favours, assuring them at the same Time, that no Endeavours shall be wanting on their Part, to give general Satisfaction. They do also most earnestly request all those who are indebted to William Nichols, or to William Nichols, and Company, by Bond, Note, or Book Account, to make speedy Payment, that they may be enabled thereby to be punctual in their Remittances, and have a constant Supply of the best and cheapest Goods, which they will vend to their Customers, at a moderate Profit. **WILLIAM NICHOLS, and Co.** Philadelphia, June 29.

Samuel Miles, Deputy Quarter-Master for Pennsylvania,

REQUESTS all persons who have public accounts to settle with him, to bring them in immediately. He shall not consider himself answerable for any difficulties that may arise in the settlement of such accounts in the Quarter-Master's department, as ought to be adjusted by him, to persons who neglect to bring them in before the first of January next, at which time he expects to be out of office. **November 22, 1782.**

John Compy has For Sale, at his store in Second-street, between Market and Arch-street, and the third door from the sign of the George, A general assortment of Dry Goods,

Amongst which are, A VARIETY of Superfine, Second, and coarse Cloths, also best Naps of different Colours, and a few pieces of best Cotton Velvets, Chintzes, Calicoes, and various articles suitable for the season; also Tinted silks, China, and sundry other articles of Hard Ware, Red and Yellow Lead ground in oil, which he will dispose of at the lowest price for cash. **Nov. 22. 43-55**

TO BE SOLD BY **ROBERT BARNHILL,** In Second-street, five doors below Arch-street, A quantity of Buck, Gouf, Duck, and Squirrel **S H O T,** WHALEBONE by the Pound, And, as usual, an assortment of **D R Y G O O D S.** 35-37

JUST IMPORTED BY John Richard and Company;

At their store in Front-street, two doors above Vine-street, A great VARIETY of Superfine and Second CLOTHS, **S A T T I N S,** **P E R S I A N S,** **M A N T U A S,** **P E L O N G S,** **R I B B A N D S,** **C A U Z E S,** &c. &c. 42

To be Sold by Robert Cocks,

In Water-Street, below Walnut-Street, Wholesale and Retail; **O L D** Madeira Wine, **O**ld Bell Jamaica Spirits; French Brandy, Ditto Remy, Most excellent Vinegars; Durham Mustard, Codfish of the first quality, Alum Salt; A few Dry Goods, One trunk of Hair-Powder, Best polished Sad-Irons, and A few pair of Bellows. 40

TO BE SOLD BY SAMUEL LEWIS WHARTON;

At his store in Water-street, the fifth door from the corner of Walnut street, An elegant assortment of **F I G U R E D** Silks, **T**ambour silk Vests, Silk knit Vests, Sewing silks, Black silk Breaches Patterns, Cravats, Blond Laces, Manchester Mullins, Plated Shoe and Knee Buckles; Folio and quarto Writing Paper; A quantity of Linens, all which will be disposed of reasonable for cash. 50

Philadelphia, October 25, 1782. **T H E** subscriber intending to go to Europe early in the spring, to purchase a large and fashionable stock of furniture for the Coachmaking business, in all its various and extensive branches, thinks it necessary to enter into a co-partnership with some careful and industrious person, any such person inclining to become a partner, will please to apply on or before the first day of December next. **35-37 GEORGE WAY.**

T O T H E P U B L I C. Philadelphia, November 23, 1782. **A L L** persons, purchasers or dealers in spirituous liquors, are hereby notified, that the Excise-Office is removed from Chestnut-street to Third-street, between Arch and Race-streets; opposite the Golden Swan, where all liquors aforesaid, which are by law made excisable, must be duly entered, with the particular marks, numbers, and true contents of each cask. **44-46 EDWARD BARTHOLOMEW, Collector.**

From Hall and Sellers's Gazette, and Bradford's Journal, of last Wednesday.

(Inserted by particular desire) **MR. OSWALD,** By giving the enclosed copy of a genuine letter from a Member of Assembly to his friend in ----- county, a place in your paper, you will oblige many of your readers.

DEAR COLONEL, I WOULD have wrote to you sooner, agreeable to my promise, but not having time till now to give you a full account of public matters, I hope you will excuse my long silence. I shall now gratify your curiosity, by letting you into a detail of the principal matters that have been carried on in the House.

The late law for compelling the members to attend punctually had its desired effect. We made a House in three days after the time appointed by the constitution for our meeting. Mr. Reed's party opened the session with an attempt to throw Mr. Muhlenberg out of the chair. This was looked upon by our Friends as a signal for the renewal of the disputes of last year. There cannot be a better man than Mr. Muhlenberg, nor a man more qualified for the Speaker of a public Assembly. The attempt to turn him out of the chair was viewed as an act cruel in its nature (for it would have confirmed all thelanders that had been published against him) and as tending to shew the Germans, that we did not mean they should ever share in the honors of the State. We therefore united to continue him as Speaker, and we happily carried him by a majority of four votes. Joseph Montgomery was opposed to him, who is a brother-in-law to Mr. Reed, and violently attached to his measures and party.

The next thing we did, was to chioice our President and Vice-President. Mr. Dickinson and General Potter were the candidates for the Chair of the State. The former was carried by a majority of nine votes. I dare say you are astonished that General Potter should ever think of being chosen Governor of Pennsylvania. He was once a tolerable clever man, but he is so altered by keeping company with Reed's party, that he is quite a different man from what we once knew him. At no time of his life was he ever qualified to be a great man. You know how very illiterate he is. He can hardly spell his own name. But he has made him self ridiculous in the eyes of every body, by attaching himself to one Osborne, an Irish lad, who came over here two or three years ago. This fellow came to this city an entire stranger. He says he is a lawyer, and he professes to know us, the trade in this country. There is a most scandalous story propagated about him, which has never been contradicted. Potter, under all these disadvantages in respect to character, has made him his Aid-de-Camp, and Solicitor in the great cause between Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and appears with him at all times as his friend and companion.

I have but a slight acquaintance with Mr. Dickinson, having been but once in his company, but I have long admired his character. The pieces published against him are all false and scandalous, as will appear in a little while; for I am told he is preparing to lay before the State a true account of his conduct in 1779. The appointment of this man does honor to us in the eyes of every body, and I have no doubt will have an effect upon our enemies. What can they expect, when they see a man of the first character among us at the head of the government, and how will ever they think of making us give up our independence, when they see a man who once opposed it, taking an oath to support it with his life and fortune.

The papers will tell you that General Ewing is Vice-President. This would not have happened, if Potter had not had the weakness to oppose himself to Mr. Dickinson. Mr. Ewing seems an honest, independent man, and every body seems pleased with him. I cannot help taking notice, that both these appointments were received with the utmost pleasure by the inhabitants of Philadelphia. A greater number of people attended the proclamation, than ever was seen before upon a like occasion, and testified a degree of joy, by repeated huzzas, that shewed their entire approbation of what we had done. Indeed, many people assured me they had never seen in much and such universal joy in the city of Philadelphia since the taking of Lord Cornwallis.

You will see in the papers, addresses to General Potter from a number of militia officers. They seem to hold up his services in the field as a reason why thought to have been Govern'r. I have no objections to seeing military men treated with respect, and I think a good soldier, when he acts the part of a good citizen, is the first character in the world; but I think to found dominion in arms is as absurd, as it would be to found dominion in grace, agreeable to the notions of our neighbour Alexander. If great services in the army are to command civil power, then the officers of the Pennsylvania line will have a better right to govern the State when they come home than any of us, for they have been constantly in the field for these seven years. There is but one origin of power in a free country, and that is, **THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE,** or their REPRESENTATIVES, and it is absurd, as well as unreasonable, to oppose it. I hope the brave men who have signed their lives in the field, under equal circumstances, will always have the preference in the opinions of rulers and the people; but I should be sorry to see a man raised to the first honors of the State, who had no other quality to recommend him than bravery. At this rate, a brave Sergeant or Corporal, or even a brave dragoon horse, might put in a claim to be made a Governor.

The papers will inform you who our new delegates are. I am acquainted with none of them but Mr. Wilson and John Montgomery, but they all bear excellent characters as good whigs, and honest, sensible men. General Mifflin, whom you knew at Trenton, is much thought of, and I believe will be very useful in the Congress. I have not time to say any thing of our new laws. The taxes will not be more than half as heavy this year as last. We shall raise money to pay the interest on the Loan-Office Certificates, and on other public debts. We intend to do our utmost to recover and establish public credit in the State.

Herewith you will receive the four last numbers of Bailey's paper. It is, as usual, full of scandal against the best men in the State; but nobody minds it here. The writers in it are, principally, Potter's friend Osborne, Jonathan Sergeant, and



POET'S CORNER.

 The Lines on WISHING parodied.
 WISHING, the first of blessings fore on earth,
 To other blessings can alone give birth;
 'Tis that which banishes all human woes,
 Consoles our minds, and adds to sweet repose;
 Fills all our souls with rich ideal dreams,
 And makes us lords of mansions, parks, and streams;
 Saves us from hell, and lifts us to the sky,
 It soothes, it pleases, and we know for why;
 Though poor as Job, think of a South-sea dream,
 And riches flow in a perpetual stream:
 Nay though, like Cræsus, blest'd with countless store,
 Withing alone will double it o'er and o'er.

Philadelphia, December 23, 1782.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is to be held at the Lodge, in Lodge-Alley, on Monday, the 23d of December inst. at ten o'clock, A. M. at which time and place all officers of lodges holding warrants under this Grand Lodge, will punctually attend.

Grand officers for the ensuing year are to be elected, and other business of consequence to be transacted.

By order of the R. W. Grand-Master,
 JOSEPH HOWELL, jun.
 D. G. Secretary.

To be sold to the highest Bidder,

ON Saturday the 7th of December inst. at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Coffee-house in this city, sundry lots situate in the Northern-liberties of the city of Philadelphia, adjoining to Vine-street, as they are laid out, or otherwise. One half of the purchase-money to be paid at the executing the deeds; credit will be given for the remainder, with security, if required. For the right of title and other particulars inquire of JOHN ROLSTON, on Market-street wharf.

The draught of the above lots may be seen at the Coffee-house.
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To be SOLD,

A Genteel two story Brick House, with a good lot, in Vine-street, between Second and Front-streets. For terms apply to
 ISAAC FRANKS, Broker.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the honorable Thomas M'Kean, esq; chief justice, the honourable William Augustus Atlee, esq; second justice, the honourable John Evans, esq; third justice, and the honourable George Bryan, esq; fourth justice of the Supreme Court, and the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have issued their precept, bearing date the 24th day of November instant, to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, at the State-house, in the city of Philadelphia, for the city and county of Philadelphia, on Monday, the sixteenth of December next.

NOTICE is hereby given to all justices of the peace, the coroners, escheators, and constables, within the said city and county, that they be then and there in their own persons, with their rolls, records, indictments and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices, in that behalf appertain to be done: Also, all they who will prosecute against the prisoners that are or then shall be in the goal of the said city and county, are to be then and there, to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Dated at Philadelphia, the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and in the seventh year of American Independence.

WILLIAM WILL, Sheriff.
 GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH!

A good price will be given for a Negro slave, man or boy, from 17 to 25 years of age, with a good character. Inquire of the printer.

PETER LOHRA,

Begs leave to inform the public in general, and his friends in particular,

THAT he has opened a Commission Store and Broker's Office, at the northwest corner of Arch and Water-streets: Where he receives to sell on commission, all kinds of merchandise; also buys and sells bills of exchange on France, Spain, Holland, and other parts of Europe, the West-Indies, and inland bills, Loan-Office, Quarter-Master General's, and other certificates; buys and sells houses and lands, gets notes and bills discounted, and procures money on loan for a short time, and transacts every other kind of business as a Broker. Those who may please to favour him with their custom, may depend on having their business done with the greatest secrecy, care and dispatch.

N. B. He has for sale several valuable tracts of land, a few casks of Port Wine, &c. &c.
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To be Sold by the Subscriber,

Living on the Dock near the Drawbridge,

A QUANTITY of Best Ben Soles & Draw Legs.

He also takes this method to inform his former Customers, and the Public in general, that he

Has again began Business for himself,

Tanning, Boot and Shoe-making, wholesale and retail.

He also takes in

Hides to tann on the Shares.

Gentlemen that please to favor him with their custom, may depend upon being served punctually, and to their satisfaction, By the Public's

Very humble servant,

ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD.

N. B. Merchants in town and country, Captains of vessels, and others, that take any quantity of boots or shoes, shall have reasonable allowance.
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Two Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY, on Sunday last, from the subscriber, living in Christian-street, between Water and Front-streets, Southwark, an apprentice lad, about 19 years of age; born in Germany; had on when he went away, a round castor hat, light coloured upper and under jackets and trousers, a green vest, a pair of good shoes, and a pair of large silver buckles. Whoever takes up the said apprentice and confines him in any goal, so that his matter may have him again, shall have the above reward and reasonable charges paid by

JOHN M'LEOD.

N. B. All masters of vessels and other are forbid to harbor or carry him off at their peril.
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NONES and COHEN,

BROKERS.

At their Office in Front Street, next Door to the Post-Office, in the House formerly occupied by Mr. Philip Syng.

TRANSACT every Kind of Business as Brokers, such as buying and selling Bills of Exchange on France, Spain, Holland, and other Parts; likewise Loan-Office and other Certificates, State Money of this and other of the United States: They will also receive and sell on Commission all Kinds of Dry and other Goods.

Their Employers may be assured of having their Business done on the most equitable Terms, Dispatch, and Punctuality of Payments.

Constant Attendance will be given at their Office, fore-said, and at the Coffee-House, at the usual Hours of transacting Business there.

Edward Hanlon, wine-cooper,

In Walnut-street, between Front and Second-streets, Is much obliged to his Friends and Customers in general,

For the favor of their orders and employment, for many years past.

Hoping, from his well known abilities, In Curing and Refining all kinds of Wines, Cyder, & Malt Liquors,

He may still continue to deserve the custom and friendship of all his former acquaintance, and the very respectable public in general, as he is determined to use his utmost endeavours for their satisfaction and accommodation.

For the further convenience of the public, the said HANLON Hath taken a store-cellar,

In Front-street, next door to Mr. John Reynell, at the corner of Front and Walnut-streets, Where he has for

S A L E, Claret, Port, and Madeira Wines;

And is preparing an ASSORTMENT of the very BEST Bottled Beer and Cyder,

For the ensuing season; all of which he will sell on the lowest terms.

N. B. He gives the highest price in CASH, for Empty Bottles and best Velvet Corks,

By the quantity. 42

Twelve Pounds Reward.

STOLEN, in the night of the first of October last, from the subscriber, living in Marple township, Chester county, a dark sorrel HORSE, six years old, fourteen hands and a half high, trots and canters well, branded on the near shoulder, and under the mane, C. D.; hath a star and snip. Whoever takes up the said horse and secures him so that the owner may have him again, shall have Six Pounds Reward with reasonable charges, and Six Pounds for the thief on conviction, paid by

46--48 ISAAC MARIS.

HAYM SALOMONS,

Broker to the Office of Finance, to the Consul General to France, and to the Treasurer of the French Army,

AT his Office in Front-street, between Market and Arch-streets, buys and sells on commission, BANK STOCK, BILLS of EXCHANGE on France, Spain, Holland, and other parts of Europe, the West-Indies, and Inland Bills, at the usual commissions.

He buys and sells LOAN OFFICE Certificates, CONTINENTAL and STATE MONEY, of this or any other State, Pay-Master and Quarter-Master General's Notes; and every other kind of Paper Transactions (Bills of Exchange excepted) he will charge his Employers more than ONE HALF PER CENT for his Commission.

He procures MONEY on LOAN for a short Time, and gets Notes and Bills discount.

Gentlemen and others, residing in this State, or any of the United States, by sending their Orders to this Office, may depend on having their Business transacted with as much Fidelity and Expedition as if they were themselves present.

He receives Tobacco, Sugars, Tea, and every other Sort of Goods, to sell on Commission, for which Purpose he has provided proper Stores.

He attests himself his Affiduity, Punctuality, and extensive Connections in his Business, as a Broker, is well established in various Parts of Europe, and in the United States in particular.

All Persons who shall please to favour him with their Business, may depend upon his utmost Exertion for their Interest, and PART of the MONEY ADVANCED, if desired.

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R I D I N G,

With Letters, Dispatches, or Matters of Trust,

WILL be performed at an Hour's Notice to any Distance, within (if necessary) the shortest limited Time possible. The Confidence of the Public in this Matter arises from the Excellency of the Horses which he has dedicated to this Purpose, and his Knowledge of the Roads. He is also persuaded, that he shall acquire himself of the Undertaking to the Satisfaction of his Employers; because he would not forfeit a fair and good Character. Any reasonable Security (if desired) will be given, for the Performance of his Engagements. Please to inquire of the Printer.
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I M P O R T E D

In the last vessels from France, Holland, and Spain, and to be Sold wholesale, by

JOHN LEARY, Jun. and Company,

At their Store in Second-street, a few doors above Arch-street.

An assortment of Merchandise, suitable to the season, Among which are,

SUPERFINE Broad Cloths, Swanskins, Flannels, Dimities, Jeans, Gauze and Gauze Handkerchiefs, Sattins, Chintzes, Calicoes, Laces, Cambricks, &c. &c. &c. All which are of the first quality, and laid in on the best of terms.
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To be Sold by Jacob Mayer,

In Chestnut-street, between Front and Second-streets,

Some excellent Havanah Lime

Juice, fresh Sallad Oil, Capers, Anchovies, Almonds, Jar Raisins, Keg ditto, Currants, Citrons, Pur'd Barley, split Peas, and Preserves in small jars, such as Strawberries, Peaches, Fox Grapes, Currant Jelly, &c. &c. and some

Confectionary of the best kind.

Likewise Sirups of Orange,

Lemon, Capillaire and Almonds. Also a general Assortment of Spices and Perfumery as usual.

November 26, 1782.

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