

This is to certify, that I went on board the frigate Constitution at the request of Mr. Humphreys, with two other carpenters, to see if the air ports were sound on examination I found that a I could be were hauled in but not could, and the officers ordered me to haul, but I had failed in; but as they were not caulked I stuffed in the ports from inside all the hammocks, mattresses, pillows, and blankets, that I could lay my hands on, and I hauled it down, recollecting that I found that the make a great quantity of water, and on going aft I perceived the water pouring up to the gun deck through the water closet. I looked about for the plug, which I soon found, and from its friction had every reason to believe it had been put in, but was driven out by the great force of water—however, this I cannot be certain of. I then put it in and hauled it down, recollecting that Mr. Humphreys gave me particular orders to have the gun room port secured; by the time that was done, I found very considerable water in the ship when the gun was filled. All this was within half an hour.

Nathan Brown,  
Carpenter of the U. S. ship Philadelphia.

### FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

RESULT of the Conference held at Rainau, in the Hall of the College of Princes, dictated by the directory of Mentz, on the 24th of Feb.

It has been decreed in the name of three Colleges—

1. That the Protocol should be opened in ten days, that is, on the 6th of March, in order to deliberate respecting the ratification of the treaty of Amiens.
2. That the Directory of Mentz should be requested to dispatch a Courier to acquaint the Imperial Minister at Vienna with the foregoing Resolution.
3. That after the example of the emperor in which the full powers were made on the 24th of December, 1797, for the Denotation at Rastadt, it should be proposed to the Imperial Minister at Vienna to authorize the principal General of the Emperor at Rainau to ratify the treaty of peace, not only in the name of the Empire, but also to expedite the *caucationis* by which the Diet will ratify the treaty of Amiens directly to Count Cobenzel, at Amiens.
4. That the Directory of Mentz shall communicate to the principal General, in the full manner, the result of the present Conference, and request him to obtain from His Imperial Majesty the necessary powers to fulfil the object it has in view.
5. To make the General Directory of the Roll responsible for every delay that may retard the completion of the present business, which shall this day be transmitted to all the States, acquainting them with every thing that has been determined upon.

### LONDON March 14.

The *Moniteur* of the 14th Ventose, contains a variety of extracts of interesting letters from Lord Keith to the English Consul at Tunis, relating chiefly to the blockade of Mallesha, Tadmor and Nice, and intimating him to communicate to the Bey, thence velleil will be allowed to enter any of these ports. The Consul is also invited to bargain for supplies, which he may get the greatest in the Mediterranean. They mention that the British fleet and army failed from Malta for Egypt on the 24th of December; and give a description of the armament, which encourages every hope of its success. That our fleet had doubled on the Syrian coast is no longer doubtful.

Letters from Jaffa state, that the entire camp had fallen. The Grand Vizier had dismissed 4000 Mamluks, and had appointed Bey by the plague; his whole force was under 10,000 men, his levies from Albania were very tardy, and although he professed to expect a immediate reinforcement of 25,000 men, he feared that he could not receive a supply of more than 2 or 300 at a time. The application which the Vizier made for the assistance of a British army to aid in dispossessing the French of Egypt, amongst other fundations, required that this army should be placed under his command, and that it should retire from Egypt immediately as its fulfilment was effected. The Vizier thought 4000 British troops sufficient to his purpose, and he offered to you that that number. General Koehler, by means of plenary battalions, painted on small pieces of wood, labours to instruct the Turks in tactics, and by this methodical instruction, has done much towards per-

suading them of the advantages of discipline. General Koehler retains his rank, notwithstanding the arrival of Sir Ralph Abercrombie; he is engaged in fortifying Jaffa as a depot of forces and provisions, and as a point d'appui in case of an event of arms. Comparing, however, the means and energy employed, with the magnitude of the work, it is not probable that it will be completed in less than 12 or 18 months.

### March 16.

A letter from Oudenburg, of Feb. 17, states, 6000 Turkish troops at Lirazon were surprised by Palawan, Ogeron, in the night time; and the greater part of the Turkish army was afterwards driven up to pillage, and a great number of the Ionians reduced to slaves.

A Danish squadron has the orders to sail to the North Sea, with the first favourable wind. It consists of 4 ships of the line, and five frigates.

Tuesday arrives were received at the admiralty of the actual commencement of hostilities against the Swedes. The Drottningholm, commanded by her palgrave of the West Indies, sailed with a Swedish frigate. Capt. Mansfield willing to spare the unnecessary effusion of blood, sent a boat off to inform the Swedish commander the orders he received, and to offer him to detain all the vessels of that nation he might fall in with, and notifying to him the inevitable consequence of his not fulfilling the ship. Not receiving a satisfactory answer, he fired at the vessel, and the event was such as might be expected. The Swedish frigate has been brought into Cork, with the loss of 3 men killed, and 17 wounded.

### LONDON, March 27.

The declaration of the new minister in the house of commons on Wednesday, certainly leaves no room to doubt that measures are to be proposed to open a negotiation with the French republic. He stated that,

With respect to the subject of peace, the ministry, he continues, are the honorable members of the ministry, were earnestly disposed to that desirable object, and determined to oppose nothing on their parts unfair or unreasonable to impede an event so devoutly to be wished. They are not refracting to the enemy's proposals for peace, or desirous of throwing in its way any insurmountable obstacles.

The idea of a negotiation being about to take place, has produced a considerable stir in the funds.

### HAMBURG, March 17.

While the Danes were contracting batteries along the Elbe, flattening armed vessels, and making preparations of defence, Sir James Crauford, the British minister at Hamburg, whose talents have been long celebrated, has just been ordered to resign his office. It is said that he had received a party to dinner, which was very remarkable. Among the sitters were general Schlegel and general Dymon, two nobles, and a Russian near Altona, with the Duke d'Avary. The two generals met there for the first time. Pebraga said that he was very happy to see Dymon, as he had served under him in the revolution at the front of artillery in the garrison of Strasbourg.

### AUGSBURG, February 23.

It is fitted in a letter from the prince of Coode's head-quarters, that he, the 10th, left his serene highness, in general orders, issued the following note, which he had received from the British minister, Mr. Wetherill.

In answer to the last notes which your royal highness addressed to me from Graz and Windisch Feildorf, under the dates of the 20th, 29th, and 30th of January, I have the honor to inform you, that I have not been authorized to declare the future destination of the corps of Genie; but, in the present circumstances, it will be embarked and employed in the expedition to the Mediterranean. So far as the present circumstances of the corps of Genie in Egypt is the place of its destination. In the mean time it will be under the orders of Gen. Abercrombie, who has the chief command of all the British troops in the Mediterranean, and the corps of Genie will be employed according to the intentions of this general, and as his plan and circumstances may require.

It is, as is very probable, the corps of Genie will be immediately embarked, there it will be left behind, in a place of security, all the sick and wounded, and, in general, all those who are disabled from serving; where they shall remain until the return of the entire corps.

It is in order to prepare, without delay the vessels necessary for their embarkation, and to acquaint Gen. Abercrombie with the exact amount of the reinforcements he will receive, it is necessary to transmit to me a list of the names of the corps. For this purpose his Royal Highness is requested to make known that each officer or soldier must declare before the 20th of February, whether he intends to remain with the corps. Such as shall not have done so, are not to expect to be included in the provisions granted by my king. But if at the time of embarkation, the corps shall be found weaker than is respectively the king, my masters, were completely obliged to permit the officers and the soldiers who composed it to enjoy the same protection which they have hitherto enjoyed.

The prince of Genie published this note without any comment, but in a postscript stated that he cordially declared he would not embark.

The publication of this note of Mr. Wickham produced the utmost dissatisfaction through the whole corps.

### CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 16.

The Grand Vizier's array is for the most part disbanded at Jaffa, where the plague has been entirely cured. The Turkish army is made dreadful havoc. Even the Grand Vizier's physician, and some of the English officers of artillery, have fallen by the sword. General Koehler is dead; an English officer had the honor to be killed. The Grand Vizier, a few days before he departed, whether or not the co-operation of the Grand Vizier against Egypt will take place at present undetermined.

The English fleet, which sailed against the Egyptian coast, it is said the Turkish fleet will depart in 12 days. To repair the very great loss the army of the Grand Vizier has sustained by the plague and desertion of his troops, it is thought will be sent from hence. They are to be allowed by others.

The report is confidently revived that 5000 French had landed in Africa, on the coast of Algeria, and are on their march towards Egypt. It is said that general Mena is at the head of this corps.

It is said that a change is on the eve of taking place in the Turkish ministry. The present minister, who is a native of Vienna, is to be appointed Res Effendi. We are assured that the Grand Vizier will be recalled.

The plague in the Turkish camp daily increases, and has killed several persons. The Grand Vizier is of course unwell, and is said to have marched towards Syria coast of 2000 men.

### CITY OF WASHINGTON.

Commissioners Office, 16th March, 1803.  
In virtue of an act of Assembly of the State of Maryland, passed on the 24th of January, 1803, for the better governing the territory of Columbia and City of Washington, the commissioners will receive on the 15th day of May next, at Mr. Rhoads's Tavern, in the field called the following lots, to wit, Lot No. 3 in square 18, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 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