LATEST DATES.

New-York	jan. 23	Liverpool	dec 21
Boston	jan 21	London	dec 20
Philadelphia	jan 23	Havre	dec 16
Baltimore	jan 23	Paris	dec 16
Charleston	jan 23	Bordeaux	jan 12
Savannah	dec 23	Boston	dec 23
Mobile	dec 22	Rodgers	nov 14
New Orleans	jan 2	Matamoras	dec 16

COMMERCIAL.

SALES OF COTTON THIS YESTERDAY.

200	bales Mississippi	15½
104	do	15
48	do	15
9	do	14½
299	do Dudfield	13
	do	13½
740		

NEW YORK, January 12.

SALES THIS DAY AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

50	shares United States Bank	b 30 days		120
50	do	do		119
150	do	do		119½
50	do	do		119½
200	do	do	b tels week	120
100	do	do	this week	119½
50	do	do	b 30 days	120
25	do	do	do	120
200	do	do		120
	do New Orleans Gas Co.			103

SALES OF STOCKS AT PHILADELPHIA—JAN. 21.

$1679	State Fives, 1823	94½
100	shares United States Bank	118½
50	do do	119
50	do do 9 days	119
100	do do 30 days b o	119
50	do do this week	119
50	do do 6 days	119
150	do do 5 days	119
50	do do Feb 6	119
50	do do	119½
56	shares United States Bank	119½ a 119½

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS, Jan. 21.

COFFEE—The stock in first hands is light for the season, and the market remains exceedingly dull and heavy. Sales of about 300 bags Laguayra at 11½ cts for middling to fair quality, 4 a 6 mos; 100 b r at 11 cents.

FLOUR AND MEAL—There has been an increased demand from the trade for sixth brands, and a number of good brands of inspected flour being very scarce, some improvement has taken place in prices. Sales of Pa to good brands at $6 a $6 25 in the trade. Sales of uninspected at $6 10 a $6 37½ cts; inspection 88; old Penn, $8 50; fancy brands of Genesee sold at $9 12. A few hundred bbls Western Penna. sold without inspection at $6 75. Rye Flour is still very scarce; a sale of 200 bbls at $7 50 per bbl; some inquiry for Corn Meal continues dull of sale; sales held at $4 31 to $4 50 in bbls and $19 in hhds.

SUGAR—The small stocks in first hands are still further reduced, and during the last two days there has been more inquiry for all descriptions of Sugar. Sales of 150 boxes white Havana at 11 cts 6 months. This price is refused for another lot. A small lot at 10 cts, 90 days; about 200 boxes brown do, part of terms not known; 40 hhds Porto Rico at 8¾ cts 4 do Muscovado 8¼; 15 hhds St. Croix, terms not mentioned. The sales show a slight advance on prices obtained last week. A foreign shipment of upwards of 900 boxes and bbls is now going forward.

TOBACCO—The market continues exceedingly quiet and prices steady. Number of hhds and boxes inspected in Philadelphia, during the year 1836:

Kentucky Tobacco, hhds		2469
Do do	boxes	11
Ohio do	hhds	371
Virginia do	do	115
Penn. do	do	5

Stock on hand in Inspection Warehouses, Jan 1 1837

Kentucky Tobacco, hhds		2469
Ohio do	do	261
Virginia do	do	26

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.

First appearance of the Barnes'

THIS EVENING, FEBRUARY 2,

Will be presented Sheridan's sterling comedy of

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

Sir Peter Teazle, Mr Barnes
Charles Surface, Balls
Lady Teazle, Miss Barnes
Mrs Candour, Mrs Barnes

Grand Overture to Scipio.

To conclude with the favorite entertainment of

RAMMING THE WIND.

Jeremy Diddler, Mr Balls

Tomorrow evening

and appearance in New Orleans of the celebrated American Tragedian

Mr. A. A. Adams.

AMERICAN THEATRE,

CAMP STREET.

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JULIUS CEASAR.

Brutus, Mr C Mason, Marc Antony, Forbes
Cassius, Mr Forbes, Casca, Miss Russell

To conclude with the farce of

THE TURNPIKE GATE.

Clock, Mr S Cowell

MALTZEL'S EXHIBITION

of the

Automata Chess-Player, Trumpeter, Melodium, &c

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GREAT FIRE AT ST. JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK.
Correspondence of N. Y. Express.

BANGOR, Jan. 17th, P. M.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—By a gentleman who has just arrived from St. Johns, N. B. we learn, that a most awful conflagration, about 9 P. M. a very destructive fire broke out in that city, which, before it could be arrested, destroyed almost ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUILDINGS, situated on South Market Wharf, on Water and Prince William streets. The quantity of goods destroyed was immense, including about 3000 barrels of Flour. The fire commenced in Mr. Whitney's store, at 9 P. M. and raged 12 hours with unabated fury. The stores upon South Market Wharf were all owned, and from 3 to 4 stories in height. They were full of all kinds of merchandize, very little of which could be saved. The engines appeared to be of no use, being very much out of order, and the weather was extremely cold. Fear seemed to paralyze the exertions of most of the citizens.

A large number of families, by this calamity, are rendered houseless, and many who were in good circumstances are now beggars.

Only one brick building was left standing in the whole "burnt district," which, if I recollect, was the case in New-York, at the great fire.

Two printing offices were burnt—the Observer and the Chronicle.

The loss has hastily been est.mated from between two and three millions of dollars.

FAILURE IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.—The last Newburyport Herald says, that a mercantile house in Salem has failed for $130,000.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Sitting of the 1st Feb.

Mr Armant conformably to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Roman Catholic church of St Michel in the parish of St James.

Mr Johnson having obtained a dispensation of the rules, introduced a bill augmenting to $500 more the salaries of the district judges, with the exception of the first district. He also moved that this bill be made the special order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr Bosier was opposed to granting this. The senate had before it many bills of great importance. He himself, had introduced several bills which had not yet been acted upon. He did not see the propriety of giving a priority to the bill of the hon gentleman from Iberville.

Mr Johnson withdrew his motion.

Mr Labauve moved that the senate take into consideration a certain bill he had previously presented, authorizing district courts to emancipate minors. This bill had been made the order of the day for a certain day upon its second reading, but on account of his absence it had been laid upon the table subject to his call.

Mr Hoa begged the hon member from Iberville to postpone his motion. There was at present before the senate, a bill of considerable importance, whose reading had been continued at the two previous sittings. He desired to see this bill finally disposed of.

Mr Labauve agreed to the proposition of the senator from Orleans.

SECOND READING.

The senate took up the bill incorporating the Mandeville and Pearl river road company.

The last section of this bill been read and adopted.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, it was read for a third by its title, and passed.

Mr Penn moved that a bill authorising a subscription on the part of the State to the New Orleans and Nashville Rail Road company, be postponed till Monday next. The disposition of the bill was important, and it was desirable that members should have such a space of time, in order to give a proper view of the question.

Resolution inviting our Representatives and requesting our Senators to procure from the general government a township of land for the Providence and Red River Rail Road.

Mr. Winn moved that the word "township," in the bill be effaced, and that six sections be substituted in its place.

Mr. Scott offered an additional section to said bill, setting aside grant for the Baton Rouge and Port Hudson Rail Road company.

Mr. Penn moved that this resolution be made the special order of the day for Friday next, thus affording members time to prepare such other amendments as would produce salue favor for other companies. Agreed to.

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Mr. Brashear moved to refer the letter to the committee of contingent expenses.

Mr. Walker moved that the house take no notice whatever of the letter, as there was no responsible signature to it—Negatived.

The resolution appointing a joint committee of both houses to examine into the condition of the Charity Hospital, was adopted.

Mr. Grymes said that yesterday he had made an unfavorable report, from the Judiciary Committee, on the bill to organize separate parishes forming in the parish of Jefferson. Mr. G. said he had after understood that many of the inhabitants of that parish experience a long at a remote part of the. son some great inconvenience from the want of such a tribunal, it is very difficult for them to attend the ordinary courts of the parish. He, therefore, moved that the said bill be reconsidered.

Resolution offered by Mr. Pain, providing that no bill shall be committed after the 24 reading.

A message from the Senate, requesting the concurrence of the house in the act relative to public notices.

Mr. Walker moved to dispense with the rules, and take up the bill relative to the Academy of Mansfield and that of Alexandria in Rapides.—The motion was lost.

The bill to amend the act relative to juries in civil cases, and other purposes, was taken up.

Mr. Canon said, this was a bill of the utmost importance to his constituents, and he should be wanting in duty if he did not support it with all the ability of which he was capable. The trial by jury was brought to this country from England, where it was practised in its purity, and, notwithstanding this, opinions very various in regard to its utility. The trial by jury was a very different thing in England, and in the other states of the Union, from what it is in Louisiana. In those countries juries tried the facts of the case, and there was no appeal from their decision.—Here the Supreme Court tries the facts as well as the law. The consequence which, is, the case is again and again sent back to the jury, accumulating costs and expenses to an unlimited extent. This bill provides all the necessary safeguards for the trial by jury. Under the present system, it frequently happens that the jury comes to no decision, from the circumstance of the law requiring the whole twelve to be unanimous; the consequence of which, is, in the country where the district courts sit only twice, and also only once a year, that justice is delayed to a very injurious degree, amounting sometimes to a total denial. Mr. C. said, he was very anxious for the passage of this bill, as it involved, in a serious manner, the interests of his constituents. If any gentleman has objections to the bill he should be glad to hear them stated, being convinced that he was able to obviate them. He has some experience in suits at law and jury trials, and he assured the members that the passage of this bill was absolutely necessary to the administration of justice in the first judicial district.

Message from the Senate, informing the house that the Senate had passed the resolution relative to the establishment of a Post Office in the parish of Plaquemine.

Mr. Grymes said he supported the bill (relative to trials by jury) with reluctance. He was averse to touching the trial by jury in any manner whatever. He conceived that it offered the greatest, and almost the only security for life, liberty and property. It would be better, in his opinion, to revise the law which was in force in this state some years ago, which allowed each party to a suit to make a statement of facts, on which the jury found a verdict. This old law met his views more nearly than the bill now before the house. Still it cannot be concealed that great inconveniences are experienced in the first district in the trial of civil suits, from the diversified nature of the population. You may get twelve men on a jury in New Orleans, and from the force of their prejudices, it is frequently impossible to induce them to be unanimous in their verdict, even in the plainest cases. He moved to strike out the first section, so as to make the consent of nine members of the jury necessary to a verdict, instead of seven, as it now stood. The motion was lost.

Mr. Slidell said, the house seemed averse to the bill, which he deeply regretted. He assured the gentleman from the country that the people of New-Orleans were suffering under the present system. The service on jury was extremely onerous to them, and he begged gentlemen to permit a remedy to be applied to the evil. He therefore moved that the provisions of the act should be made applicable to the first districts only.

Mr. Sparks was opposed to granting privileges exclusively to one district or one set of individuals, in preference to others; and he was still more opposed to meddling with the trial by jury, which he regarded as the bulwark of our rights and liberty.

Mr. Canon, said he thought the gentleman from Assumption mistaken in asserting that the trial by jury was the bulwark of liberty. In criminal cases it might be so, but in those of a civil nature its only use was to save people from paying their debts. The passage of this bill will give a great amount of dispatch, and it will render the administration of justice speedy, prompt and efficacious. The credit of people in the country was low in New Orleans, in consequence of the evils of the present system. The district courts in the country often sit but once a year, and from the uncertainty of procuring a verdict, it frequently happened that a merchant in New Orleans was unable to recover money due him in the remote parishes under five or six years. I have some experience in suits, and I affirm that juries in the countries are excessively ignorant; nor are they much better in the city. It's absurd to call such an institution the bulwark of liberty. It would be much wiser to leave the decision of causes to the judge alone.

Let the gentlemen from the country keep to themselves the trial by jury in all its deformity. But we demand of their candor and their justice, to relieve us of the first districts from the evils it inflicts upon us.

Mr. Grymes said he could not entirely agree with either of the gentlemen who had spoken last. He had so high an opinion of the glorious trial by jury that he was averse to interfering in it, and he did not consent to any measure that has the slightest tendency to bring it into disputes. The gentleman from Assumption was mistaken in his views of the exclusive privileges which this bill will confer on the people of the first district. If he will reflect one moment he will find that the local laws of the various parishes often differ—and it ought to be so, for laws ought to be adapted to the habits, manners and situation of the people. The population of the country is not so homogeneous, and the trial by jury may there be administered in its primitive purity. The laws respecting roads are very different in different parts of the state. At present it is often impossible to induce the inhabitants of the other parts of the state to agree upon