ALEXANDRIA, July 6.

Saturday last the anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in this town with the usual demonstrations of joy and festivity. The day was ushered in by 16 discharges of cannon. At 11 o'clock the military paraded and marched to the ground west of the powder house, where they performed a variety of evolutions—from whence they proceeded to Spring-Garden, and were joined by a number of citizens, and partook of an excellent dinner provided for the occasion by Mr. Overall. After dinner the Declaration of Independence was read in the centre and at the extremities of the table. The following toasts were drank, accompanied with discharges of artillery:

1. The day, and all who honor it.

2. The memory of those brave heroes who fell in defence of American liberty.

3. The memory of our illustrious chief, General George Washington—may his services be remembered, and his virtues imitated, as long as the earth bears a plant, or the sea rolls a wave.

4. The constitution of the United States; purity to its administration, and perpetuity to the republican principles upon which it is founded.

5. The President of the United States.

6. The Vice-President of the United States.

7. The Heads of Department—may they be able to say with truth, that their endeavours have been to exhibit to the world an administration founded on the maxim of equal rights to all men of whatever political denomination.

8. Agriculture, commerce and manufactures; ample rewards to those who pursue them, and peaceable enjoyment of the fruits of their industry.

9. Commodore Dale and his squadron—may they pay the savage aggressors their tribute in harder coin than gold, and faster than they are willing to receive it.

10. The legislature of the United States—may their deliberations be conducted with wisdom and temperance, and eventuate in measures promotive of the public good.

11. Party rage, the bane of civil society, and enemy of social intercourse; may it be consumed by a patriotic flame, enkindled in the breasts of freemen, produced by a general union for the public good.

12. The Judiciary of the United States.

13. The people and District of Columbia—prosperity to its commerce and improvements, and health and happiness to its inhabitants.

14. The rising generation; may they receive from their fathers the glorious inheritance of a free republican government, and transmit it untarnished to posterity.

15. The militia of the United States—the cheap, efficient, and certain defence of government and laws bottomed upon the will of the people.

16. The fair daughters of America—may we properly appreciate their worth, and none but friends to their country partake of their charms.

THE MAN WITH THE IRON MASK.

A French author, M. Roux-Fazillac, has just published, at Paris, a treatise, in which this subject, about which curiosity has long been so much employed, is again brought under examination.

M. Roux-Fazillac has long been engaged in historical investigation relating to the reign of Louis XIV. and previous to the revolution he had obtained from the government permission to collect, in the archives of that period, all the information he required. By this means he was enabled to see and compare every document that could throw light on the question.

M. Roux-Fazillac, in his book, which is entitled "Historical and Critical Researches concerning the Man with the Iron Mask," first endeavors to refute the different hypotheses that have been maintained. He shews that the prisoner could neither be Fouquet, nor Lauzun, nor Monmouth, nor Vermandois, nor Beaufort, nor an elder brother, nor a twin-brother, nor an illegitimate brother of Louis XIV.

His opinion is, that the arrest and confinement of the Man with the Iron Mask was the result of a diplomatic intrigue, of which he gives the following explanation:

In 1632, the French Monarch had purchased from the House of Savoy, Pignerol and its territory. But, as one of the keys of Italy, Casal was of greater importance. The difficulty, however, was to prevail upon the Duke of Mantua, a Prince governed by his mother, who was much in the interest of Austria, to agree to give up that fortress. The Abbe d'Estrades, French Ambassador at Venice, the year 1677, undertook this difficult negociation. A person of the name of the Count de Matthioly, a kind of intriguant, but much in the good graces of the Duke of Mantua, was applied to. Matthioly, ambitious of acting an important part, engaged to manage the affair, and brought over the Duke to it. He waited upon the Abbe d'Estrades at Venice, where they drew up a treaty. He then repaired to Paris with full powers, was well received and rewarded by the King, who ratified the treaty. Matthioly was to procure the ratification of the Duke of Mantua; but on his return to Italy, he told the secret of this intrigue to the Dutchess of Savoy, who imparted the treaty to d'Estrades. Louis XIV. indignant at being duped by a sharper, concurred in a proposal of d'Estrades to get hold of his man. He was entrapped to the French frontiers, seized by Marshal Catinat, and put into the hands of St. Mars, who had the custody of him till his death.

The author adduces a great number of proofs to show that this Matthioly was the man with the iron mask. But this hypothesis will encounter much incredulity unless the proofs are very strong and direct. It is scarce credible that Louis XIV. should have descended so low as to inflict this species of vengeance on a faithless diplomatic agent of such inferior importance. No adequate motive can be assigned for the treatment.—Most of the preceding hypotheses had the advantage in this respect, however difficult it may be to ascertain the real person doomed to the singular fate of the man with the iron mask.

RUSSIAN UKASE.

St. Petersburgh, April 7.

The following is the most gracious Imperial Ukase of our new sovereign:

We, Alexander the First, by the grace of God, Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias:

Inasmuch as we are desirous of affording a proof of our affections, and of our particular regard towards the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, we therefore declare that we take it under our Imperial protection, and that we will employ our utmost means to reinstate it in all its rights, honours, privileges and immunities.

To this end we command our Field Marshal Bailly, Count Nicholas Von Solikoff, to exercise the functions and authority of Lieutenant or Vicar of the Grand Master of the order, and to convoke an assembly of the Great Council, and to make known to the same, that it is our intention that this our Imperial residence shall be considered as the capital of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, till circumstances shall admit of its having a Grand Master appointed according to its ancient forms and statutes.

In expectation of that epoch, we command, in our character of Protector, that the same council shall maintain the government of the order; make known this our determination to all nations and Priorates; and invite them for their own advantage, to submit to the Decrees of the Council.

We confirm, by the present declaration, our two Russian and Catholic Grand Priorates, constituted within our empire, in the enjoyment of all the properties, privileges and administrations, conferred upon them; and we ordain, that they, in our name as Protector, shall act in obedience to the directions of our Field Marshal General Bailly Count Nicholas Von Solikoff, Vicar or Substitute of the office of Grand Master.

As soon as an agreement shall have been concluded with other courts for appointing a proper place, and the necessary means, a general chapter of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem shall be convened; and it shall be one of the first endeavors of our Proclamation, that such chapter shall proceed to the election of a Grand Master, who is worthy to preside, and capable of restoring to the order its ancient constitution.

Given in our Imperial residence at St. Petersburgh the 16th March (O. S.) of the year 1801, and the 1st of our reign.

(Signed) ALEXANDER.

(Countersigned)

COUNT VON PAHLEN.

(Magnus Cancellarius.)

BROHAWN AND BOYS,

BEG leave to inform the citizens of Washington, that they have taken Mr. N Young's wharf, very conveniently situated to the Capitol and President's Square; where they have opened a LUMBER YARD, and expect to go pretty largely in that line of business; and in about two or three weeks will have a general assortment of the first quality of groceries that can be procured in Baltimore.

Washington June 24, 1801.

N. B. Any gentleman wishing to apply for bills of scantling of any size or dimensions, may obtain it at the shortest notice by applying as above. tf

PROPOSALS

For carrying the MAILS of the United States on the following routes, will be received at the General Post-Office in Washington City, until the 15th day of July next inclusive.

IN RHODE-ISLAND.

47 From Providence by Warren and Bristol to Newport, three times a week.

May 1 to November 1—Leave Providence every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 7 *A M*, and arrive at Newport by 4 *P M*—Leave Newport every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8 *A M*, and arrive at Providence by 4 *P M*.

November 1 to May 1—Leave Providence Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8 *A M*, and arrive at Newport by 4 *P M*—Leave Newport every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 *A M*, and arrive at Providence by 4 *P M*.

48 From Providence by East Greenwich and Little Rest, to South Kingston, once a week—Leave Providence every Friday at 4 *A M*, and arrive at South Kingston by noon—Leave South Kingston every Friday at 2 *P M*, and arrive at Providence on Saturday by 10 A M.

49 From Newport by South Kingston, Charleston, Westerly, Stonington, C. and Groton, C. to New London, C. once a week—Leave New London every Thursday at 1 P M, and arrive at South Kingston on Friday at 1 P M, and arrive at Newport by 3 P M. *Returning*—Leave Newport every Saturday at 6 A M, and arrive at New London the next Monday by 10 A M.

IN CONNECTICUT.

50 From Hartford by Lebanon and Windham, to Norwich, once a week—Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Norwich by 6 *p m*—Leave Norwich every Monday at 6 *a m*, and arrive at Hartford by 6 *p m*.

51 From Hartford by Middletown, East Haddam and Colchester, to New London, once a week—Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 1 *p m*, and arrive at New London on Wednesday by 7 *p m*—Leave New London every Thursday at 11 *a m*, and arrive at Hartford on Friday by 7 *p m*.

52 From Hartford by Simsbury, New Hartford, Winchester, Norfolk, Canaan, Sheffield, Hillsdale and Claverack, to Hudson, once a week—Leave Hartford every Wednesday at 8 *a m*, and arrive at Hudson on Friday 10 *a m*—Leave Hudson every Friday at 2 *p m*, and arrive at Hartford the next Monday by 3 *p m*.

53 From Hartford by Farmington, Harwinton, Litchfield, Washington, New Milford, Danbury, Ridgefield, Salem N Y and Bedford, N Y, to Stamford, C. once a week.

May 1 to November 1—Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 2 *p m*, arrive at Litchfield on Wednesday at 10 *a m*, at New Milford by 3 *p m*, and at Stamford on Thursday by 7 *p m*. *Returning*—Leave Stamford every Saturday at 1 *p m*, arrive at New Milford on Monday by 10 *a m*, at Litchfield by 3 *p m*, and at Hartford on Tuesday by 10 *a m*.

November 1 to May 1—Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 8 *a m*, arrive at Litchfield by 3 *p m*, at New Milford on Wednesday by 10 *a m*, and at Stamford on Thursday by 3 *p m*. *Returning*—Leave Stamford every Saturday at 10 *a m*, arrive at New Milford on Sunday by 2 *p m*, at Litchfield Monday by 10 *a m*, and at Hartford on Monday by 5 *p m*.

54 From New Haven by Derby, Southbury, Woodbury, Bethlehem, Litchfield, Goshen and Canaan, to Sheffield, Ms. once a week—Leave Newhaven every Tuesday noon, arrive at Litchfield on Wednesday 2 *p m*—Leave Litchfield at 11 *a m*, and arrive at Sheffield by 7 *p m*. *Returning*—Leave Sheffield every Monday at 5 *a m*, arrive at Litchfield by 3 *p m*, and at New-Haven on Tuesday by 10 *a m*.

55 From Litchfield by Cornwall and Sharon, to Poughkeepsie, once a week—Leave Litchfield every Wednesday at 2 *p m*, arrive at Sharon by 6 *p m*, and at Poughkeepsie on Thursday by 1 *p m*. *Returning*—Leave Poughkeepsie on Thursday at 4 *p m*, arrive at Sharon on Friday by noon, and at Litchfield by 7 *p m*.

IN NEW YORK.

56. From New Rochelle by White Plains, North Castle, Bedford, Salem, South East, Dover, Kent C. Sharon C. Salisbury C. Sheffield Ms. Great Barrington Ms. Stockbridge Ms. and Lenox Ms. to Pittsfield Ms. once a week. Leave New Rochelle every Monday at 5 A. M. and arrive at Bedford by noon. Leave Bedford at 1 P. M. arrive at Sharon on Tuesday at 4 P. M. leave Sharon at 5 P. M. arrive at Sheffield on Wednesday at 10 A. M. at Stockbridge at 2 P. M. and at Pittsfield by 7 P. M. *Returning*, Leave Pittsfield every Thursday at 6 A. M. arrive at Stockbridge by 10 A. M. at Sheffield by 2 P. M. at Sharon on Friday at 9 A. M. at Bedford on Saturday noon, and at New Rochelle by 7 P. M.

57. From New York by Jamaica, Queen's C. H. Jericho, Huntingdon, Dixhills, Winnacomac, Brookhaven, Suffolk C. H, Southampton and Bridgehampton to Sagharbor once a week. Leave New York every Thursday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Sagharbor the next Saturday by 6 P. M. Leave Sagharbor every Monday at 8 A. M. and arrive at New York the next Wednesday by 3 P. M.

58. From Albany by Duanesburg and Durlock to Cherry valley once a week. Leave Cherry valley every Wednesday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Albany on Thursday by 10 A. M. Leave Albany every Thursday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Cherry valley on Friday by 6 P. M.

59. From New-York by Bergen N. J. Hackinsack, N. J. Pyramus N. J. New Antrim N. Y. Chester, Goshen, Wardsbridge, Shawangunk and Newpaltz to Kingston once a week. Leave New York every Friday at 6 A. M. arrive at Goshen the next day by 6 P. M. Leave Goshen on Saturday at 5 A M & arrive at Kingston by 7 P M. *Returning*, Leave Kingston on Monday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Goshen by 7 P. M. Leave Goshen every Tuesday at 6 A. M. and arrive at New York the next Wednesday by 6 P. M.

60. From New York by Kingsbridge, Yonkers, Peekskill, Mount Pleasant, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Redhook, Clermont, Hudson and Kinderhook to Albany three times a week. Leave New York every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 P. M. arrive at Tarrytown by 8 P. M. Leave Tarrytown every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Poughkeepsie by 7 P. M. Leave Poughkeepsie every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Kinderhook by 7 P. M. Leave Kinderhook every Thursday, Saturday, and Monday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Albany by 8 A. M. *Returning*, Leave Albany every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 P. M. arrive at Kinderhook by 7 P. M. Leave Kinderhook every Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Poughkeepsie by 7 P. M. Leave Poughkeepsie every Wednesday, Saturday, and Monday at 4 A. M and arrive at Tarrytown by 7 P. M. Leave Tarrytown every Thursday, Sunday, and Tuesday at 4 A. M. and arrive at New York by 11 A. M.

61. From Albany by Schenectady, Fort Hunter, Conajoharry, Herkimer, German Flats, Uttica and Whitestown to Rome twice a week. Leave Albany every Monday, and Thursday at 2 P. M. arrive at Schenectady by 6 P. M. Leave Schenectady every Tuesday, and Friday at 6 A. M. arrive at Conajohary by 6 P. M. Leave Conajohary every Wednesday, and Saturday at 6 A. M. arrive at Uttica, by 6 P. M. Leave Uttica every Thursday, and Sunday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Rome by 11 A. M. *Returning*, Leave Rome every Sunday, and Saturday at 2 P. M. arrive at Uttica by 6 P. M. Leave Uttica every Tuesday, and Friday at 6 A. M. arrive at Conajoharry by 6 P. M. Leave Conajoharry every Wednesday, and Saturday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Schenectady by 6 P. M. Leave Schenectady every Monday, and Thursday at 5 A. M. arrive at Albany by noon.

62. From Uttica by Whitestown, Oneida, Manlius Onondaigua, Marcellus, Aurelius, Cayuga bridge, and Geneva to Canandorque once a week. Leave Uttica every Thursday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Manlius by 7 P. M. Leave Manlius on Friday at 6 A. M. arrive at Cayuga on Saturday by 9 A. M. and at Canandorque by 6 P. M. *Returning*, Leave Canandorque every Monday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Uttica on Wednesday, by 5 P. M.

63. From Canandorque by Hartford to Niagara once a week. Leave Canandorque every Monday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Niagara on Wednesday by 3 P. M. Leave Niagara every Thursday at 9 A. M. and arrive at Canandorque on Saturday by 6 P. M.

64. From Cayuga to Scipio once a week. Leave Cayuga every Saturday by noon and arrive at Scipio by two P. M. Leave Scipio at 5 P. M. and arrive at Cayuga by 7 P. M.

Nail Manufactory,

ALL kinds of Cut Nails for Sale by Wholesale and Retail at the Factory on F Street, and at the Hardware Store of the Subscriber, where persons building and all others wishing to purchase may be supplied with any quantity at the most reasonable rates.

JOHN JACK.

Washington Feb. 4, 1801.