

had arms, but were poorly equipped, and had not one bayonet to three of them; they were led on by one Shays, a deranged officer of the late army, a Capt. Day, and several others of the same stamp; the desperation of whose circumstances had ripened them for scenes of *pell mell havoc and confusion*—That a report having been spread, that the militia were determined the mob should not pass by the Court-House, they were to exasperated, that they instantly loaded with ball, and began their march; on which, the militia likewise loaded, the mob, however, thought proper not to advance too near—That although they affected an obstinacy and tenacity worthy a better cause, Gen. Sheppard was confident in his superiority—and had given them to understand, that his men were determined to support government, law and justice, and to oppose any who dare endeavour their obstruction—and that unless they (the mob) offended, no offence would be offered them.—That the insurgents had sent in a request to the Court, the object of which was, that no indictments should be found against any of the late rioters, and that none but criminal actions should be tried at this term—That the Court returned for answer, that they should make the law the rule of their conduct—and adjourned to the following day (Wednesday).

(8) The Courts of Common Pleas, and Sessions, for the County of Essex, were held at Newbury-Port, on Tuesday last, without interruption.

(9) Yesterday a petition from the town of Dracut, Middlesex County, was read and committed to a Committee of both Houses of the Legislature, the prayer of which is, that Acts may be passed making real and personal property a tender in payment of debts—to annihilate the Courts of Common Pleas, and to have the business usually done thereby, recognizable before a Justice of the Peace—to abridge the salaries of the several civil officers of government, particularly that of the Chief Magistrate's, which they suggest might be 500l. instead of 1100l.—and to remove the General Court, out of the town of Boston, &c.

(10) A committee of eleven, five on the part of the Senate, and six on the part of the House, was yesterday raised to take into consideration his Excellency's address, and the papers accompanying the same.

On a motion of Mr. Bacon, (member from Stockbridge) in the House of Representatives, yesterday, a committee was also appointed to investigate the several salaries of the civil officers of government, and to report a statement thereof to be laid before the people at large.

(11) On Sunday se'nnight, arrived here from New-York, his Excellency Peter John Van Berkel, Ambassador from the United States of Holland, to the United States of America.—And on Thursday last a Committee was appointed by the Legislature to draft an address to his Excellency, congratulating him on his arrival in this town.

(12) On Thursday last, the venerable old veteran, Major-General Putnam, passed through this town on his way to Connecticut.

(13) The Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which were by law to have been held at Plymouth, in the county of Plymouth, on Tuesday next, are by a resolve of the General Court, prorogued to the 2d Tuesday in December next.

(14) Setting the want of honesty aside, the greatest grievance really existing among our country brethren is their extreme "*ignorance*," a striking instance of which was discovered in a number of the "*mised rabble*" at Concord, during the late disturbances there—who declared the principal burthen they laboured under, to be the Governor's salary, which they positively declared was SIXTEEN THOUSAND Pounds, *per annum*. Misrepresentations, respecting the salaries of other officers, equally as absurd as the above, are in circulation and find believers in almost every part of the country.

(15) On Thursday last, five of the criminals sentenced at the late Supreme Judicial Court, were publicly whipped at the Market place in this town. The post, on this occasion, was erected in the centre of a wooden cage, which was fixed on wheels, and previously drawn into the square—in the body of which were the criminals—who were separately taken out, and conducted to the top of the cage, where they received their punishment—after which they were drawn therein through the market, and up thro' State-Street to the gaol.

(16) The Honourable Major General Knox; Secretary at War, arrived at New-York from this town, on Tuesday se'nnight, in good health. — On the afternoon of the same day, his Lady was safely delivered of a daughter.

BOSTON, Saturday, Sept. 30.

(7) By a gentleman who left Springfield in the county of Hampshire, on Tuesday evening last, we are made acquainted with the following particulars attending the late insurrection in that county, *viz.*—Information having been received, that a body of armed men, intended obstructing the business of the Supreme Judicial Court, which was by law to set at Springfield, on Tuesday last; previous thereto, about 120 men from Northampton, and the Springfield company, in arms, took possession of the Court-House and were joined by others, making in the whole, about 800 armed men, chiefly men of property, well disciplined, officered, and equipped; commanded by Major-General Sheppard—and who were, to a single man, determined, at the risk of their lives, to support the dignity of government, and protect the Court in the due administration of law and justice—That the Court met on Tuesday, in the Court-House, and that owing to the tumults of the day, and to the want of Jurors, did not open until near night—That about the same time, with those in favour of law and government, the insurgents began to march into town, and on Tuesday amounted to 1000 men, 700 of whom