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## Philadelphia, May 28.

Thursday arrived the ship Charleston, capt. Allibone, in 9 days from Charleston, and the brig El Buon Gen, captain —, in 42 days from Cadiz.

With captain Allibone came passengers,  
Mrs. Young and her two daughters  
Miss Randolph and Miss Gualdo  
Mr. Graves, consul for the state of South Carolina, from the United Netherlands  
General Pinkney and lady  
Colonel Harriot  
Major Butler, his lady and four daughters  
Captain Butler  
Captain Smith  
Mr. Hartshorne  
Mr. Gardner  
Masters John and Peter Simmons, and several others

General Pinkney and major Butler, we hear, are delegates to the convention.

Friday, at the state house in this city, seven states were fully represented in convention: these forming a quorum, they proceeded to the choice of a president, and his excellency general Washington was unanimously elected to that important station.

Major William Jackson was at the same time appointed secretary to this honourable board.

On Saturday morning, between the hours of twelve and one, as Mr. Peter Knox, from Barrenhill, was coming to this city on horseback to market, he was attacked a little to the southward of the bridge over Peggs Run, near the one-mile stone, by three footpads, all of them dressed in short blue jackets and trowsers; they demanded his money, knocked him off his horse with a club, bruised his head, wounded him in the breast with the butt end of a pistol, and robbed him of his hat, silk handkerchief, and five silver dollars.

A gentleman being summoned by a rap at his door, was astonished upon opening it, to find one of the convicts soliciting charity, out of the reach of the keeper, unincumbered by chains, and reeling with intoxication. He was afterwards seen paying similar visits to several houses in the neighbourhood. The repeated instances of unpardonable neglect in the execution of the late penal law, must evince, that in the business of legislation, it is as essential to consider what is practicable as what is wise and humane: that government is poorly cal-

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