

Dr. Gordon, of Roxbury, near Boston, has, for some time past, been collecting materials for an history of the late revolution, and we are told is now employed in writing this necessary but arduous work. Congress have permitted their secretary, conformable to the petition of the Doctor to that august body, to lay before him, in order to assist his undertaking, any papers or files, excepting instructions to the ministers at foreign courts, and acts or records, which hitherto have been considered as confidential or secret.

On making Port Roseway mariners discover an island upon which is only a single inhabitant, named M. Bud. This singular man conceived a disgust at the world, several years ago, and resolutely determined to seclude himself from it; to accomplish this he chose as dreary a retreat as has been discovered in this frigid country; for this purpose he carried a small number of domestic animals, and a suitable assortment of utensils; without an associate or servant, either male or female, he has lived fifteen years in perfect health and tranquility. His habitation is situated near the shore, and when any vessel appears he invites the people to his place, where he liberally

distributes a plenty of provisions, which a little industry enables him to reap from a fertile soil.

Notwithstanding the time of permission for the personal security of adherents to the king of Great-Britain is expired, yet a considerable number of those natural enemies to the peace and welfare of this country still continue among us. As some persons may cavil at this necessary caution, as being unproved, the following list of passengers returned from Shelburne, in the schooner *Betsy*, Daniel Stevens, master, will sufficiently demonstrate that the State is in great danger of being over-run by a set of ambitious, disappointed persons, which are of all others, a sort of people from whom mischief is to be expected.

Colly Cairns, Edward Hannon, Richard Cornish, Joseph Tutly, James Maur, Matthew Stockly, Melacton Cornell, Alexander M'Leod, James Curwin, Robert Norris, Thomas Curwin, Joseph Tomkins, John Thompson, Isaac Lathrope, James Mays, Hannah Duer, &c.

September 13. Saturday last arrived here the brig *Mary*, Capt. Roxberrough, in forty-five days from Greenock. In said vessel came passengers the Reverend Dr. John Witherspoon, and several other gentlemen of the clergy.