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Another earthquake was felt in this city on the morning of Friday last, the 7th inst. about three o'clock. The preceding sound awakened me and some others of my family: but it was not a rattling sound, like that of May 16, 1791, and which is usual; but a succession of thumps, like the bounding of a ball upon the floor, or like the steps of a heavy person walking slowly, and shaking the floor. The first impression which I and my family had, was that some person was walking in the house; but I soon perceived that the sounds became less distinct, and appeared to pass off to the southward or eastward. The interval between the sounds were nearly a second each. I perceived no great concussion; but in an upper room a loose window shutter was heard to crack. The continuance of the sounds after I awoke, was minute, or perhaps a little longer. A gentleman in my neighbourhood was awakened by the creaking of a loose board in the floor of a room, and I saw a looking glass vibrate and strike the wall a number of times. Other persons perceived the effect of the earthquake, but it being at a time when people are generally in sound sleep, it was generally perceived.

It is a fact not generally known, that the concussion of December sixteenth, was perceived in this town. An apothecary saw vials suspended to the ceiling, oscillating; but the motion was too small to be perceived, except by very sensible objects.