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This was cut from the  
Balt. Federal Gazette  
John Howe's editor, his  
sister Orphe was the  
writer

**OBITUARY—** *Communicated.*

The illustrious BAYARD, a victim to love of country, is no more among men. The following account is from the private letter of a Lady in Wilmington.

"8th month, 7, 1815.

"BAYARD is gone!— Last evening, about 3 o'clock, he was released from sufferings; "such," he said, "as no mortal could imagine;" and which, I feel a hope, have not been in vain! [a religious reflection which the writer knew would be best understood by those to whom the deceased was familiarly known.] The Neptune cast anchor in our river last second day. The town was immediately all bustle. The arrival of President Madison would have caused no such agitation, democratic as we are, there is no man in the place so popular as James A. Bayard. He was not landed till after dark; was then carried by twelve sailors. He was surrounded by crowds of friends and townsmen who wished to carry him; but the sailors claimed it as their privilege; and the kind-hearted creatures would not quit the house till they had offered, together, a prayer for Bayard. From his first arrival, he said he should not recover; was thankful for the privilege of reaching his family, and appeared resigned. The gathering in his breast broke yesterday morning, and he had not strength to cast up the load of matter. Our physicians are unanimous in the opinion, that the death of this great man is owing immediately to the ignorance or mismanagement of his case in Europe. The bell now rings for the Town Council; who are assembling amidst the universal gloom, to offer some poor honor to the memory of our deceased Fellow-Citizen."

Baltimore 11 Mo 6. 1812

Honoured  
and } all,  
Beloved }

This morning, as Mother well knows, Edward  
Seever the 3<sup>d</sup> is 4 weeks old — and, what none of you  
could before know, he and his Mother are remarkably  
well, and have concluded to let Betty return to her  
own home.

Perhaps this information might  
not be considered of importance any where in Wilming-  
ton — but, that is (if so) because Wilmington chooses to  
indulge in its own little notions — and the intelligence  
is not the less interesting in a certain part of Baltimore,  
where I occasionally call.

However, perhaps I have information to in-  
form you, which is worth the postage. I do not mean that a  
knowledge of the fact, that my Express from Washington,  
got drunk on the road, is worth it to you — though it was  
amazingly vexatious to me. I mean, that I have  
finally and absolutely agreed & concluded on the sale  
to Wm. Gwynn, of my paper, for 20,000; 1/4 cash, and  
3 annual payments, with interest; reserving the House  
and Lot (in fee) for which he is to lease for 3 years, at  
250 \$ a year rent; with the privilege of purchasing  
them for 5000 cash, any time within the 3 years. — They  
I have sold for 3,000 \$ more than I paid (having paid  
2,000 on the lot) near 6 years ago. Gwynn pays me the  
same rent that my dwelling costs me.

Then, I have his	20,000
St Pauls Lane Lot & Office	5,000
Brooms 10 aere, paid all	2,500
Sharp-street Lot, part pd, say	1,600
Mechanics Bank	,600
Turnpike Stock	,700

And what my collections will produce 3,600  
over what I owe to be safe say

6000 a year saved for 6 years. (Legal interest) \$2160 p year. \$36,000

Conclusion — If I had dreamed that I could have been a very  
wealthy man; for the reality that I may be the  
same, I would have been a very  
rich man, & not left any of it.

✓  
Edward Hewes

Wilmington  
Del.



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George drew a prize  
in the Lottery of \$20,  
~~and he agreed to~~  
chase.

Mary Jones will.

Rachel wd send  
a lock of the Boy's hair



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