

We announced, yesterday, the lamented death of WILLIAM PINKNEY, noticed in the preceding paragraph.— To depict the general gloom, which pervaded our city at the reception of the intelligence, or to give a mere outline of the character of the illustrious deceased, are tasks, for which we feel an utter incompetency. We can merely touch on some points, which render his loss to his country, and to MARYLAND irreparable. Into the sacred recesses of private sorrow, we dare not to intrude. It is the public loss, alone, we presume to notice.

Reports of his illness had before reached our city, and the deep interest excited proved how justly his fellow-citizens estimated his value. More favorable indications were reported; and the flush of hope gave general animation.— It was but the prelude to the last, the fatal announcement. The dying lamp had but given a quivering parting ray; and expired, not to be relumined in the reign of time.

It is not our present purpose to notice in detail the public offices, which have been held by this distinguished scholar, lawyer, and statesman; the laurels, which he shed on his native land, when he stood as her representative in the most important Courts of Europe; the extensive knowledge as a civilian, which combined with the taste of the scholar, and the polish of the gentleman, to give him a proud rank among the most accomplished diplomats of Europe—the confidence, which he uniformly enjoyed, of the purest patriots and leading politicians of our country;—the spirit with which he aided in defending our invaded rights, in the field, and his unanimous choice, as Senator of the U. States, which proved the competency of superior talent and public virtue, to silence even marshalled opposition. We select, in common with the public, his pre-eminence at the bar, as the test of his extraordinary talents and acquirements. He had here competitors with whom it was honorable to “break a lance.” In this important profession, which comprizes, in its range, the application of every branch of science, and in its embellishment, every grace of literature, he shone “first among the foremost.”—His genius enlivened every topic, which his judgment had selected, or his extensive reading furnished; and it is probably to his devotion to the interests of those who had entrusted to him the management of those interests, that his premature decease may be attributed.

There is one topic in the character and history of Mr. Pinkney, which we would especially urge on the attention of young men of the profession he adorned. It was not from rank or parentage, or wealth, that he derived the means of greatness. He emerged from obscurity by the efforts of his own application, by the buoyancy of his own genius. His was not a bequeathed, but an acquired reputation: And when the future aspirant for fame and wealth and honor, in the prosecution of an honorable profession, shall seek the means of attaining his objects, let him look to the case of Pinkney, emulate his devotedness to the science, to his clients, to the midnight lamp and not despond.

*Sic itur ad Astra!* [Pat.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, of Md. the order of business of the day was dispensed with, and a recess at the pleasure of the House was directed.

Soon afterwards a message was received from the Senate, announcing the death of the Hon. WILLIAM PINKNEY, a Senator of the United States from the state of Maryland, and that his funeral would be attended on to-morrow from the Senate Chamber, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr SMITH, of Md. then rose and submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:

*Resolved,* That this House will attend the funeral of the Hon. William Pinkney, late a member of the Senate from the state of Maryland, to-morrow at 11 o'clock; and, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, will go into mourning, and wear crape for thirty days.

And then the House adjourned over to Thursday.