

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Not Genius? No—his rays
From the Comets blaze,
In fiery threats abroad,
Th' Heav'n's illimitable road.

A SPINSTER'S ORIGIN.

Spin with art, in ancient times has been
Not beneath the noblest dame or queen.

ADMONITION.

MYRTILLA, rising with the dawn,
Her robes from the blushing morn;

IN COUNCIL,

Annapolis, February 8, 1809.

ORDERED, That the resolution of the legislature, passed at the last session, requesting the governor and council to procure information as to the probable expenses of erecting and furnishing a building of sufficient dimensions for the manufacturing annually one thousand stand of arms complete, be published twice a week for the space of four weeks, in the American and Federal Gazette, at Baltimore; the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis; the Republican Advocate, at Frederick-town; the National Intelligencer; the Maryland Herald, at Hagar's-town, and in Mr. Smith's paper at Eallon.

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clk.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to procure, and submit to this house, at their next meeting, information as to the probable expenses of erecting and furnishing a building of sufficient dimensions for the manufacturing, annually, one thousand stand of arms complete, fifty brace of horseman's pistols, one hundred horseman's swords, and one hundred swords suitable for artificers, and the practicability of procuring workmen sufficient for the same, and the most eligible site for the erection of such buildings, the machinery of which, if necessary, to be worked by water, steam or otherwise; and that by publication of this resolution, they give notice that they will receive description of, and proposals for the sale of such site. And that they procure if practicable, the annual report of the different establishments of the same kind in the United States.

WHITTINGTON & COLLINSON, HAVE just received a large assortment of GROCERIES of almost every description, and as they intend to sell for cash and produce, their goods of course will be sold on very accommodating terms. Their Nail Factory will be in operation on the first of January, they will then be ready to furnish nails of every description, wrought and cut, on the shortest notice. All orders from the country, or otherwise, will be thankfully received, and punctually attended to.

N. B. They have a quantity of plank, oats, bran, and corn, also Alexandria crackers and loaf sugar. W. Whittington, of John, requests all persons indebted to him, either by note or open account, to come forward immediately and settle their respective balances, as a further indulgence cannot be given, necessity compels him to settle his old business, having engaged in a firm.

FOR SALE,

BY the subscriber, at his Farm, near Annapolis, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. JEREMIAH TOWNLEY CHASE. October 31, 1808.

Annapolis:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1809.

LIST OF ACTS.

Passed at the Second Session of the Tenth Congress.

- 1. AN act to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same.
2. An act authorizing the president of the United States to employ an additional number of revenue cutters.
3. An act authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the secretary of war at the seat of government.
4. An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard.
5. An act to revive and continue in force for a farther time the first section of the act, entitled, "An act farther to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."
6. An act for the relief of Augustine Ser-ry.
7. An act authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record.
8. An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled, "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States," and the several acts supplementary thereto.
9. An act supplementary to an act, entitled, "An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds in certain cases, and for other purposes."
10. An act for the relief of Edmund Beaumont.
11. An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress.
12. An act for the employment of an additional naval force.
13. An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments.
14. An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the sea-port towns and harbours of the United States, and to defray the expenses of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi, the canal of Carondelet.
15. An act supplementary to the act, entitled, "An act to amend the act, entitled, "An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio."
16. An act to revive and continue for a farther time the authority of the commissioners of Kaskaskia.
17. An act to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the city of Washington.
18. An act making appropriations for the support of government during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine.
19. An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes.
20. An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson.
21. An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi territory, claimed under Spanish grants, reported by the land commissioners as ante-dated; and to confirm the claims of Abraham Ellis and Daniel Harregal.
22. An act for the relief of Daniel Cotton.
23. An act for the relief of certain Alibama and Wyandott Indians.
24. An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes.
25. An act making provision for the farther accommodation of the household of the president of the U. States.
26. An act farther to amend the judicial system of the United States.
27. An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States.
28. An act making a farther appropriation towards completing the two wings of the capitol at the city of Washington, and for other purposes.
29. An act to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, jun. the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards.
30. An act for the relief of Jacob Barnitz.
31. An act supplemental to the act, entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."
32. An act concerning invalid pensioners.
33. An act to authorize the making a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria.
34. An act farther to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the treasury, war and navy departments.
35. An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year 1809.
36. An act supplementary to an act to amend the charter of George-town.
37. An act authorizing the further augmentation of the marine corps.

From the Aurora.

THE CASE OF OLMSTEAD.

It seems as if infatuation and folly had become epidemic at Boston, and had spread to Congress and communicated its infection to Lancaster.

The following message, it is said, has been communicated to the state legislature. The governor, no doubt, is sworn to obey and support the laws of this commonwealth, and there is a law on this special subject, which authorizes the executive to call out the militia and protect the parties.

But then there is this infelicity in the case, that the laws of the U. S. are also part of the laws of this commonwealth; and the decisions of the supreme court of the U. S. are, and must be, a paramount authority to any such law.

The law of this commonwealth is in reality an ex post facto law, produced by intrigue to cover injustice, and to violate the first principles of human rights in human society.

It is further aggravated by the facts, that the money, which is the hard earned and sole property of Gideon Olmstead, is now in the state treasury of Pennsylvania; and that the state has neither in law nor in equity, any lien, nor is there any pretence of claim on the part of the state, to the money of this injured man.

Gideon Olmstead commanded an American armed vessel during the revolution, he was captured and carried into Jamaica, and brutally incarcerated in a dungeon for several months; with one or two others he was put on board a vessel to be sent to N. York, and on the passage, by an enterprise, the spirit, intrepidity, humanity and effect, of which, ought to have obtained for him a statue, and in Greece or Rome he would have obtained one; he, with two other persons and a boy, seized the vessel, with 12 or 14 men on board, and brought her into the Delaware. The vessel was condemned, and the property has been hung up now 30 years in law suits; the man has grown into years and into want; he has had decisions of the old congress and of the state courts, and ultimately of the supreme court in his favour, and now, rather than render this veteran of the revolution justice, or pay the man his money, which is his own, the militia is to be called forth. Lamentable indeed is the state of morals and justice in society, when such transactions as have been exhibited in Massachusetts, in Connecticut, and now in the case of Olmstead, can occur!

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN—

I have received information that the supreme court of the United States hath ordered a peremptory mandamus to be issued to the suit of Gideon Olmstead, and others, versus Elizabeth Sergeant and Esther Waters, executrixes of the late Mr. Rittenhouse, and that immediate application will be made to Richard Peters, judge of the district court of Pennsylvania, for an execution against the persons and effects of Mrs. Sergeant and Mrs. Waters, or that rather, as it is an admiralty proceeding, an attachment against their persons will be the compulsory process adopted on the occasion.

By the act of the 2d April, 1803, Mrs. Sergeant and Mrs. Waters are directed to pay a sum of money, arising out of the sale of the British sloop Active, captured during the revolutionary war, into the state treasury. With the requisitions of that law the said executrixes have complied; it now becomes my duty, agreeable to the provisions of that act, to protect the persons and property of the said executrixes, against the said process.

Painful as the duty is, I am compelled, and am now making arrangements to call out a portion of the militia for that service; that being the only means in the power of the executive. As the execution of this law may produce some serious difficulties, as it respects the relation between the state governments and that of the U. States, I have thought it proper to make this communication, on which the legislature can act as in their wisdom they shall think expedient.

SIMON SNYDER.

The hon. James Ingle, Esq. Speaker of the House of Representatives. Lancaster, Feb. 27, 1809.

The following resolution, in relation to the above case, was adopted by the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania on the 1st instant.

Resolved, That the secretary of the commonwealth be required to lay before the house information, touching the measures the governor may have taken to call out the militia to protect the persons and property of Elizabeth Sergeant and Esther Waters, in pursuance of an act of assembly of this commonwealth.

On Tuesday, the 7th instant, the Senate of the United States adjourned sine die.

In CHANCERY, March 6, 1809.

John Welsh, of Robert.

The State of Maryland, and the legal Representatives of John and Samuel Buchanan.

THE object of the bill is to obtain a deed from the Chancellor for a tract of land called WELSH'S FOLLY, lying and being in Anne-Arundel county. The bill states that about the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, the complainant being indebted to a certain John Buchanan, a subject of the king of Great-Britain, in the sum of three hundred and twenty-two pounds, eight shillings and three pence, sterling; to secure the payment of the same assigned to a certain Samuel Buchanan, son of the said John Buchanan, a certificate of the said tract, purchased of the then lord proprietor, by the complainant, and as an additional security executed his bond for the payment of the said sum, with interest: That it was agreed, in writing, between the said Samuel Buchanan and the complainant, that a patent should issue on the said certificate, so assigned, in the name of the said Samuel Buchanan, and that upon the complainant's paying up the sum due on his bond the said Buchanan would make a conveyance of the land to the complainant, and deliver up his bond to be cancelled; that patent did accordingly issue in the name of the said Samuel Buchanan, and that the complainant has fully discharged the money due on his said bond. The bill further states that Gilbert Buchanan is the sole surviving representative of John and Samuel Buchanan, that being a British subject, and not entitled to hold real property within the state, the complainant has been unable to obtain the legal title to said land; it is thereupon, on motion of the complainant, ordered and adjudged, that he cause a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette published in the city of Annapolis, three successive weeks, before the 10th day of April next, to the intent that the said Gilbert Buchanan, as the representative of the said John or Samuel Buchanan, may have notice of the present application, and of the object of the bill, and be warned to appear in this court, in person, or by solicitor, on or before the 10th day of August next, to shew cause why a conveyance should not be had as proposed.

True copy. NICHOLAS BREWER, Reg. Cur. Can.

ANNE-ARUNDEL COUNTY,

Annapolis, January 5, 1809.

APPLICATION having been made to the subscriber, in the recess of Calvert county court, by the petition, in writing, of WILLIAM TYLER, of said county, praying for the benefit of the act of assembly for the relief of insolvent debtors, on the terms mentioned therein, a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his said petition, and the subscriber being satisfied, by sufficient evidence, that the said William Tyler has resided the two preceding years within the state of Maryland prior to the passage of the said act; and the said William Tyler, at the time of presenting his petition, having produced, in writing, the consent of such of his creditors as have due them the amount of two-thirds of the debt due by him at the time of preferring his petition; and the said William Tyler having satisfied the subscriber he hath given the notice prescribed and directed by the act relating to insolvent debtors; it is thereupon ordered and adjudged, that the said William Tyler, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette weekly for three months successively, before the 10th day of May next, give notice to his creditors to appear before the judges of Calvert county court, on the second Monday of May next, for the purpose of recommending a trust for their benefit, on the said William Tyler then and there taking the oath prescribed by the said act for delivering up his property.

JEREMIAH TOWNLEY CHASE, Chief judge of the third judicial district.

In CHANCERY, March 2, 1809.

THE real estate of Joshua Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, having been sold under a decree of court, passed in 1804, it is ordered that trustee give notice, by advertisement in the Maryland Gazette, to be inserted three successive weeks before the 10th day of April next, to the legal representatives of the said Joshua Dorsey, to make known their claims to the auditor before the 10th day of May next, after which a distribution of the proceeds will be made, on application, in such of the representatives as shall appear be entitled thereto. True copy.

NICHOLAS BREWER, Reg. Cur. Can.

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