Apollo's Fount.

FOR THE STAR.

VERSES

ON A CHILD WHO WAS POISONED.

WHILE wrapp'd in contemplation's fond career,
Transported thus the muse from heav'n relates,
And sees in distant periods, prospects near,
Of future blessings which the good awaits.

Is not some compensation to them due,
Who oft from heav'n felicity obtains;
Yet scarce received, 'til ravish'd from their view,
And nought but vain, illusive hope remains?

How short the bliss which earthly pleasures bring,
How gilded and how transient are its joys;
Life once expanded breathes a genial spring,
Nipp'd in the bud, but flatters, fades and dies.

Rear'd by our hand and form'd to charm our eyes,
To youth with fond delight our tho'ts should turn,
Our toiling hands their little want supplies,
And all the parent in the bosom burn.

While in succession each fond transport flows,
Pleas'd while around the little wantons play,
Oft in the lip, the eye, the mouth or nose,
Of each, some image of ourselves survey.

As ope'ning flowers their beautious tints display,
And sweets dispense by evenings dewy show'r,
So ANNA bloom'd!—hope drew the prospect gay,
And time's soft wing pourtray'd a golden hour.

Say, rude invader of a form so fair,
How could'st thou smiling innocence destroy,
With impious hand the deadly potion bear
To lips, whose ev'ry smile gave nought but joy?

How could that tongue offend whose artless tale
And angel rhetoric simple truth convey'd?
Or from that face why ought but love exhale
Whose dimpl'd smile but innocence betray'd?

If at the throne of grace thou mercy plead,
Can'st thou expect a boon thyself denied?
Could not her youth thy murd'rous hand impede,
Nor cause thy savage vengeance to subside?

Sure conscious guilt, whene'er that poison'd bowl
Recurs, will haunt thee with her murder'd shade;
Horror's dark gloom must fill thy guilty soul,
And keen remorse thy flinty heart pervade.

Life's transit now has seal'd her awful doom!
Its conflict o'er—Its vital stream suppress—
On earth a bud, now gone to heav'n to bloom,
Mourn her sad fate and *leave to heav'n the rest.*

J. S——n.

Centreville, May 19.

THE VOICE OF LOVE.

ANONYMOUS.

Sweetly, on the hawthorn spray,
Shakes the thrush his silver lay;
Sweeter, in the listening dale,
'Plains the pensive nightengale:
But a music far above
Is the gentle Voice of Love.

Smooth the servile note of praise
That the courtier's care repays,
When, in fortune's flattering hour
High he holds the helm of pow'r;
But a music far above
Is the gentle Voice of Love.

Grateful to the soldier's ear
Thrills the glorious din of war;
Grateful, o'er the embattled ground
Swells the cannon's solemn sound;
But a music far above
Is the gentle Voice of Love.

Welcome to the farmer's toil
Ceres yields the golden spoil;
Loud the peals of joyance come
Ush'ring in his harvest home;
But a music far above
Is the gentle Voice of Love.

Be but bright ELIZA mine!
Pow'r, and fortune I resign;
Flattery, with your syren crew,
War, with all your charms, adieu;
For *your* music far above
Is the gentle Voice of Love.

Entertainment.

FROM A LONDON PAPER.

New mode of teaching English.

At a little school at Chapel in Weardale, an eccentric character has adopted the following method to teach children their alphabet:—All the furniture in the school-room is made after the shape of the four-and-twenty letters; and if there be a difficult letter or two, he has that part of the furniture altered, to serve as a punishment to the pupil in some shape or other. By this means, our informant assures us they are enabled to learn their letters in a few days.

Quere—May not the method of Father O'Prosody have suggested this to our Weardale sage? That he may not, however, be accused as a plagiarist, without the means of vindicating himself, we shall detail a sample of the Irish schoolmaster's impressive lesson to the little puny whipsters of his school.

Addressing himself to the youngest scholar, (who, by the bye, knew as much of the four-and-twenty letters as he did of the longitude) you, little O Shaughnessy, come hither vid yourself, bring your primmer in your hand, and your copper in your fist—blow your nose, and hold your head up like a man; arrah now, don't be counting the flies across the ceiling, but cock your eye, and look straight at your book.

You see that letter, which looks for all the world like the gable end of your father's cabin, with a beam across it, now that is called A, agussee A—and that letter, the next door neighbor, is namesake to the little gentleman that sucks the flowers, fills the honey-pot, and carries a long sting at his tail; that is master B, and B stands for blubber-lip; arrah now, what makes you put your lip so? Tuck in the selvage of your mouth, blow your nose, and hold your head like a man. The next is for all the world like the sign of the half moon, where Judy Maglutery sells ale and whiskey; and that is called C, and C stands for coblers and coppers: And you see that next, that is for all the world, like the broken handle of a pair of snuffers that is called D, and D stands for daughter, agusee blubberlip cobler's copper daughter: and the next is called E, which the English flats (botheration to them) call EE, as there were two of them. By my soul, they may as well say, *cheek* handkerchief, instead of check-handkerchief, though it was made for the *nose*; arrah, that's true, blow your nose again.

And the next you see, that is the gibbet, with a little plug half way up for the hangman to set his foot upon (heaven bless you, my dear, and keep your mother's son from the like of it, my jewel!) well that is called F, and that stands for five; and that next is what the carmen say when they want their horses to go further, and that is called G.

And if any person should ask you now, which of your hands goes barefoot for want of a glove? you may say H, which is the same as both: and H stands for horses, and J stands for jockies, and now, my little fellow, agussee blubberlip coblers copper daughter eat up five gingerbread horses, jockies and all. Oh! mercy upon us, what a devil of a twist I have for a scholarship! Now, my jewel, I've taught you one third of your lesson, and I'll teach you the other two halves when you have knock'd the first under your scullap! So now run home vid yourself, before the scalpions ate up the butter milk and potatoes, my jewel!

Lately a vessel in the Guinea trade having arrived at Exeter, a negro boy, the captain's servant, called Pompey, being on shore on Sunday noon, observing several people resorting to a baker's for different pies which had been left in the morning, and each person throwing an halfpenny upon the counter for the baking, which he considered as the purchase money—He returned on board, exclaiming, "Massa, massa, give me one halfpenny, and I will bring you one great big pie!" His master not understanding what he meant, but having a mind to humor his intentions, complied with his request; he hastened to the baker's threw down his money, and the woman asking him which was his? eyeing the whole group, he picked out the largest, exclaiming, "Dis is my pie;" the woman helping it on his head, he repaired with the prize to his messmates, who was not a little gratified with an unexpected repast, procured by untutored simplicity, at the expense of some person's hunger.

Poor human nature is likely soon to be in a perplexing dilemma, suspended, like the tomb of Mahomet, between heaven and earth. If the Galvanic, Oxygen, and Vaccine systems go on, it will be impossible to *die*; if provisions keep up their price, it will be no less impossible to *live*. [*London pap.*

What is the reason, said one Irishman to the other, that you and your wife are always disagreeing? Because, replied Pat, we are *both of one mind*—she wants to be master and so do I.

Certain coquettes, gaily dressed, and well rouged, being lately at a ball, asked a foreigner present, how he liked French beauties. "Ladies, (answered he, with great naivete) I am no judge of *paintings*."

In a morning paper, Mr. *M'Glue* announces a separation from his spouse.—We should suppose a husband, so *tenacious* of his rights as this *adhesive* name would indicate, would *stick* close to his partner.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, are hereby requested to make immediate payment, as the nature of his business will not admit of further delay.—He has on hand a quantity of plank, some small house frames, and scantling, shingles and stone lime, of excellent quality, for sale on the lowest terms, for cash.

The subscriber will also offer at public sale, on Tuesday the 31st instant, at 3 o'clock, some excellent household and kitchen furniture, with many other articles too tedious to mention.—Cash will be required for all sums under three dollars, and for all sums over three dollars, a credit will be given of three months, by giving notes with approved security. The house now occupied by the subscriber to be rented for the present year.

JOSEPH TELFORD.

Easton, May 24th, 1803.

AT a meeting of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, held at Wilmington, on the third day of May, 1803,

Resolved, That a payment of five dollars on each share in this Company be required of the subscribers, to be made on or before the first day of September next, to either of the following persons:

Joshua Gilpin	Philadelphia
Joseph Tatnall	Wilmington
Kensey Johns	Newcastle
George Gale	Cæcil County, Md.
Samuel Chew	Chestertown.

Books of subscription for the remaining shares in the Company, are now in the hands of the above persons, by whom subscriptions will be received.

JOSEPH TATNALL, President.

May 24, 1803. 15

Wanted to Hire

For the remainder of the Year,

A NEGRO MAN who understands gardening, and taking care of a horse. Apply at the Star Office.

May 24, 1803. 3

To the free and independent

VOTERS OF TALBOT COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN,

TO gratify the solicitations of a number of my fellow-citizens, I offer myself as a Candidate to represent you in the next General Assembly.—I claim no merit from former services; but if from your knowledge of me you think I can render you any service, I will cheerfully serve you to the utmost of my abilities; if any other person offers who will serve you with more zeal, or is more attached to your interest, I beg you to elect him; for I assure you that I have no views separate from your interests.

I am your obedient servant,

DAVID KERR.

Easton, 17th May, 1803. 3

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber of Caroline county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Caroline county in Maryland, letters testamentory on the personal estate of *John Ridgaway*, late of Caroline county, deceased; all persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at or before the tenth day of December next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 12th day of May, 1803. 3q

JAMES RIDGAWAY, Ex'or.

To be sold at public sale,

On Saturday the 4th of June next, at the late dwelling plantation of John Dickinson the 4th, *of Talbot county, deceased, (where Christopher Bruff now lives,*

ALL and singular the house hold furniture goods and chattles of the said John Dickinson the 4th, deceased, which were left unsold and unadministered by John W. Harrison the former administrator—The terms of sale will be made known on the day of sale, by

BETTY DICKINSON, Adm'trix.
de bonis non of the aforesaid John Dickinson the 4th, deceased.

May 17th 1803. 3

WAS committed to the jail of Baltimore county, as a runaway, on the 19th ultimo, a negro man named JACOB, who is about 23 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout and well made; has a scar under his right cheek, about an inch long has on a short green coatee with red cape, blue waistcoat, Russia sheeting trowsers, and oznaburg shirt, mixed grey worsted stockings, and half worn shoes and wool hat. He says he belongs to Mr. Robert Hodgson, of the state of Georgia. If the owner of said negro does not release him, he will be sold for his jail fees according to law.

JAMES WILSON, Sheriff.

Baltimore May 3, 1803. tf

For Sale,

A TRACT OF LAND,

SITUATED on Elk river, about two miles below French-town, containing 300 acres, about sixty of which only are cleared, and the remainder is heavily timbered. There is on this farm a good dwelling house, with two rooms on the first, and three on the second floor; a kitchen, barn with stables, and a corn house. The convenience which navigable water affords for transporting timber to Baltimore market, which might be prepared here for ship-building, renders this property a valuable one, to any person who is engaged in this kind of business. A family may at all seasons be supplied with as many fish as they can make use of, from a ware, within one hundred yards of the dwelling. Wild fowl are found here in great numbers.

I will also sell

Another Tract of Land,

Situated in Kent county, on Chester river, containing between 5 and 600 acres, about 400 of which are arable; 40 of this might be with little expense, converted into excellent meadow, and the remainder is well timbered. On this farm, there is a good dwelling house, barn, granary, stables and carriage house. The whole of those houses have been lately thoroughly repaired. Through the middle of this farm, runs a stream of water, upon which a mill formerly stood; the dam might be again put up with a small expense, and the situation is a good one for country business.

Any person inclining to purchase, will either personally, or by letter, apply to me at George Town Cross Roads, Kent county, Maryland—The terms will be made accommodating as to time of payment, and an indisputable title given by

GIDEON PEARCE.

April 12, 1803. 2m

For Sale or Rent,

A VALUABLE and well improved Farm, containing about 450 acres of land, of which 300 are cleared, under good fencing, and is at present in a high state of cultivation. This Farm is situated on the Main Ditch of the Long Marsh in Caroline county, and adjoining an estate of Mr. William Hemsley—distant from Duck Creek about 20 miles, and from Centreville 15. Upon it are, a dwelling house, negro quarters, stable, meat house, and other necessary buildings for a farm, also two houses for the curing of tobacco—to the growth of which the soil is well adapted. There is likewise a flourishing orchard of upwards of 300 apple trees.

To a person who would pay down one third of the purchase money, a liberal credit would be given for the balance. If a sale should not be made before the 1st day of September next, then the farm will be to rent. Persons who would wish to view the above mentioned property, are requested to call on the Rev. Samuel Keene, Jun. or Mr. Woolman Warner, residing on the March, who will shew the property, and are authorized to contract for the same, or if convenient, application may be made to the subscriber in the city of Baltimore.

JAMES CHESTON.

March 22, 1803.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber living in Snow-hill, Worcester county, Maryland, on Saturday the last day of April past, a negro man by the name of DANIEL, but very likely he may have changed his name; he is about thirty-three or four years of age, an excellent house-carpenter, can write a good legible hand and is a tolerable good accountant; he is six feet about one or two inches high; a dark mulatto; he has remarkable long feet; he has a scar on his breast about as big as the end of a finger, also has a small dint or hole on one of his cheeks; he had on and took with him sundry clothing, a drab coloured napt coating cloak bound with yellow ferret, a deep blue cloth coat, a country fustian ditto, a pair of brown cloth or casimere pantaloons, and sundry other clothing; he has also a pinchbeck watch; and he stoops very much when walking, with his toes turned in; he took with him sundry carpenters tools. Any person who may take up and secure said fellow in any goal so that the subscriber get him again, shall have the reward; and if brought home all reasonable charges paid

JOSHUA BRITTINGHAM.

May 17, 1803. 3q

JAMES TROTH,

Clock & Watch Maker Easton.

THE Subscriber having purchased the stock and materials of Mr. Benjamin Willmott, intends carrying on the above business in all its various branches; and from his knowledge in the line of his profession, and a determination to pay the strictest attention to such orders as he may be favored with, hopes to render general satisfaction.

Clocks made and repaired by the year.

The subscriber takes the liberty of recommending to the attention of the public, and his friends in partcular, Mr. James Troth, who will continue the Clock and Watch Making Business, in the shop that he occupied,

BENJAMIN WILLMOTT.

Easton, October 26, 1802.

In Council, Annapolis, April 19, 1803.

ORDERED, That the act to alter, change and abolish, such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the establishing a general court and court of appeals, be published once in each week, for the space of three months successively, in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis; the Baltimore American, the Telegraphe, the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore; the National Intelligencer; Mr. Smith's paper, at Easton; the Republican Advocate, at Frederick-town, and Mr. Grieves's paper, at Hagar's-town.

By order,

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk.

An ACT to alter, change and abolish, such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the establishing a general court and court of appeals.

BE *it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of March, eighteen hundred and four, there shall be a court of appeals, composed of three persons of integrity, and sound judgment in the law, who shall be styled in their commissions Judge of the Court of Appeals, whose judgment shall be final and conclusive in all cases of appeal from the court of chancery, county court or orphans court; and that the court of appeals shall hold two sessions on the western shore and two on the eastern shore in each year, at such time and places as the future legislature of this state shall direct and appoint.

And be it enacted, That from and after the said first day of March, eighteen hundred and four, this state shall be divided into five judicial districts, viz. Saint Mary's, Calvert, Prince George's and Charles counties, shall be the first district; Cæcil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties, shall be the second district; Anne Arundle, Baltimore and Harford counties, shall be the third district; Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, shall be the fourth district; and Washington, Frederick, Montgomery and Allegany counties, shall be the fifth district; and that there shall be appointed for each of the said districts two persons of integrity, and sound judgment in the law, who shall reside in the district for which they shall be appointed, who shall be styled in their commissions District Judges of the county courts in such district; and there shall be appointed for each of the counties of this state one person of integrity, experience and knowledge, resident of the county for which he shall be appointed, who shall be styled in the commission Associate Judge of the county court of the county for which he shall be appointed; and the said district judges in their respective districts, together with the said associate judge in the respective counties, shall compose the county court; and the county courts so established shall have, hold and exercise, all the powers, authorities and jurisdictions, that the general court and county courts of this state has heretofore held, used and exercised, except the appellate jurisdiction of the general court; and that the county courts shall hold their sessions in the respective counties at such times and places as the future legislature of this state shall direct and appoint.

And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendment of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing in the said constitution and form of government contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it enacted, That all and every part of the constitution and form of government that relates to the court of appeals, or the general court, as now established, or to the judges thereof, or that is in any manner contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be and are hereby declared to be repealed and abolished, on the confirmation hereof.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the Commissioners of the Tax, for Talbot county, will meet at EASTON, on every Tuesday until the thirteenth day of April next inclusive; and afterwards as often as occasion may require until the last day of May next, in order to make such alteration in the assessment of property as may be required according to law. Per order,

THOMAS BANNING, Clk.

March 29, 1803. 10

James Berry,

Gold & Silversmith, EASTON.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has commenced business in the house lately occupied by Mr. *Ludwick Wainer*, Washington street, and solicits the patronage of a generous public, with assurances on his part of the strictest attention and assiduity to their commands.

Easton, January 4, 1803.

N. B. The highest price given for old Gold and Silver.