

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

LINES

Deposited on the Pillow of a Friend, with some Poppies—
The well-known property of this Flower is to procure Sleep.

BLEST Flow'rs! while to my lips I press
Your proudly brilliant scarlet glow,
Oh! be ye mov'd, by soft caresses,
And now the boon I beg bestow—

For I your swelling buds have nurs'd—
For I have watch'd your op'ning bloom;
And as ye fade, for fade ye must,
Have destin'd ye an envied tomb.

Haste then, fair flowers, the pillow strew
Where Zelia droops her pensive head;
Steep every sense in Lethæan dew,
And spread sweet slumber round her bed.

While midst that slumber, visions, gay
As Youth's first hopes, or Love's first smile,
Their evanescent charms display,
And sooth with quickly varying wile.

So may your buds, untouch'd remain,
Nor pluck'd unworthy, deeper glow;
When giddy folly, loud and vain,
Would deck the object of his vow.

Light o'er your forms, his glance shall rove,
Nor heed the virtues they contain—
Dear flowers! the aid of suffering Love,
Of Friendship's sympathetic pain!

A nobler doom to you is given—
Pale sickness asks of you repose;
For pining grief ye open Heaven,
And speak oblivion to his woes.

And oft Affection too, shall prove,
Of claim, like me, your healing pow'r,
To lose the languid orbs we love,
And steal, from Care, one blissful hour.

The Monitor.

SATURDAY EVENING MEDITATIONS.

UNCERTAIN is the tenure of life. Those who now experience the loss of a companion that but yesterday like them was vigorous and hopeful; who were called to view the lifeless remains, the solemn mournful procession, and consign to the tomb a partner and a friend—have reason awfully to pause and seriously reflect, that whatever may be their present condition, however health may invigorate their frame—however fortune smile, and worldly pleasures, with pleasure's aspect, promise long enjoyment; to-morrow may behold them, swept as a flower before the hand of death—their youth, their beauty, wealth and worldly pleasure, "buried in a common grave"—their spirit—where? Their conduct must determine. An hour may turn the scene, and a death-bed prove the pleasures of the world to be but glittering vanity, which, disposed before the mirror of Truth, without Virtue—a chaos of darkness and fearful remorse ensue. Serenity and peace attend the virtuous. Temperate are their pleasures; innocent and exhilarating their amusements; their employments rational and useful. Gliding on in an even tenor—their lives are contented and comparatively happy; and their end glorious. View the dying Christian! Cheerful and serenely happy, he yields his breath, and in his Saviour's arms, his soul reposes in the sure hope of a glorious immortality. "Vast are the works of the Almighty! Sublimely beautiful the appearance of the Heavens!"—"Order is Nature in her course!"—and wonderful the structure of the earth!—more vast—more beautiful—far more transcendently glorious is true Virtue, in its operations and effects!—more valuable than the "Gold of Ophir" is Religion; and more to be prized than the plaudits of mercenary millions, is the testimony of an approving conscience.

Union Tavern, Annapolis.

CHARLES HENRY WILLIGMAN respectfully informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has taken that justly celebrated Inn in this city, called the Union Tavern, lately in the possession of Mr. Samuel J. Coolidge; he hopes, by his assiduity and attention, to give the greatest satisfaction to every person, as no exertion on his part shall be wanted to keep up the high character which this tavern has, as being one of the best in the union.

Charles H. Willigman likewise begs all persons not to deal with his servants, or to let them have any thing without a permission in writing from him, or he will be, very much against his inclination, compelled to take those steps which the law directs for preventing them, if they do not attend to this warning.

Annapolis, July 15, 1808.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber intends to apply to the next county court of Prince-George's county, or one of the judges thereof, for the benefit of the insolvent law.

DENNIS M. BURGESS.

July 1, 1808.

For Sale,

On a short credit,

SEVEN or eight YOUNG NEGROES. In-
quire of the Printers.

Maryland Gazette.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, August 18, 1808.

INSERTED BY REQUEST.

ON the 19th ult. we published an extract of a letter from a gentleman in London, to his friend in this county—the authenticity of which has been questioned by persons disposed to credit nothing that might prove the correctness of the embargo, even in the opinion of some of the first mercantile characters in Europe, among whom, honestly of sentiment may be found, but in America, British partizans have divested themselves of every species, except the depreciation of their own government; at the shrine of its oppressors—to put the credibility of said extract out of doubt, Mr. Harrison has furnished us with the original letter, with authority to publish it entire, which we annex—the high standing of the writer is well known to many importers in this country.

[Easton Star.]

(DUPLICATE.)

London, 4th May, 1808.

Mr. SAMUEL HARRISON, Broad Creek, Talbot county, Eastern Shore, Md.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE this moment received your favour of the 8th February, by the Ojage, which is the first letter I have received from you for a very long time past. Your very long silence led me to fear you were dead, but I am happy to find you are in good health.—Your order for the last fall's assortment never reached me, otherwise the goods should have been shipped.—The order you mention to have in contemplation to send shall be attended to when received. There is nothing doing here in tobacco, because nearly all the continental ports are shut against this country. In Holland prices are very high, because no more can go there directly from America or from this country. I hope America will avoid a war with France or England; this, I fear, will be difficult for her to do, and nothing but your embargo will prevent it. If your embargo was removed, your situation would be little or no better than it is, as it regards commerce; I mean as long as the French decrees and the orders in council of this country remain in force; both are equally hostile to your commercial interests.

I am, respectfully, dear Sir,

Your most obedient serv't,

WM. MURDOCK.

Per Ojage.

A disturbance took place at Hamburg, on Easter Tuesday. About 1000 persons being shut out of the city by the gates being closed at an unusual hour; they assembled and insisted on admission to their families; and being refused, they proceeded to pelt the French soldiers. The troops fired, and 7 or 8 poor fellows were killed, and many more wounded. At this juncture a fire broke out, and the alarm bell was rung. The French commandant thought it the signal for a general insurrection, and sent a courier for a reinforcement of troops. The senate assembled, and order was restored. The next day the French issued a proclamation, declaring that any person throwing a stone at a French soldier should be shot; and any person ringing the alarm bell without an order from a French officer should suffer death. If more than four citizens were seen talking together, they were to be required to separate; and if they disobeyed, were to be fired upon.

Thirty men are employed at Plymouth, at two dollars each per night, to protect Commerce.

ITALY.

ROME, April 4.

His holiness persists still in the same dispositions with respect to the concessions that have been required of him. Towards the end of the last month his holiness addressed, through his secretary of state, the following circular letter to all the cardinals who had received orders to quit Rome—conceived in these terms:

"His holiness, our master, has commanded his secretary of state, cardinal Doria Pamphila, to make known to your eminence, that his heart has been penetrated with the most poignant grief, on being informed of the order given by the French general to so many members of the sacred college to quit Rome within three days. His holiness, who clearly sees that this measure tends to overthrow the empire of the church, since those members are removed from his person who are necessary to the direction of his affairs, and at last his minister, alias vicar, cannot in conscience permit this departure. He prohibits therefore every one, upon his oath of obedience, to remove from Rome unless absolutely compelled by force: and his holiness foreseeing this case, that after having torn your eminence from his bosom, you might be left at a certain distance from Rome, is of opinion that you should not continue your journey, unless compulsion should be used, to the place designated to you; in order that it may be a matter of public notoriety, that your removal from the head of the church has not been voluntary, but by compulsion. The virtues of all the individuals who have received the order to depart, alone support the afflicted soul of his holiness, and are a pledge to him that, according to his example, they will support these persecutions with patience; and that the sentiments of the sacred college far from being weakened, will be strengthened."

REMARKABLE.

On Thursday the 4th inst. was witnessed in Newbury, the singular circumstance of four generations mowing in the same field at once—viz. the father, son, grandson and great-grandson. Mr. Samuel Coffin, aged eighty, led the van, his son Stephen followed; his son Nathaniel followed him, and Samuel Threlow; Nathaniel's sister's son, a lad aged ten years, brought up the rear.

On Monday last a trial of a new invented gun carriage for artillery of every size and description was exhibited at the navy yard in the city of Washington, and we are happy to say that the good opinion formed by judges on sight of the model was fully justified, to the great satisfaction of all the spectators, among whom were several of the most experienced officers in the service of the U. States. This carriage is admired for its simplicity; for the great savings in point of expense and of safety, and for the facility in practice, for which it is remarkable. Indeed it is the only one we have ever seen, that can make the barbett or complete covering battery as formidable to the enemy as those with exposing embrasures. The inventor is Mr. James Hoban of this city, and the secretary of the navy has great credit for his penetration and patronage in this instance.

[National Intelligencer.]

A volcanic eruption has happened lately at Fayal, one of the African Islands called Azores, or Western Islands. The lava flowed five miles into the sea, making destruction in its way. The light was seen 27 miles from the island.

[Salem Reg.]

We regret to state that the crops of wheat on Long Island, as far as we have heard, are very much injured by the mildew. In very many instances, bad weather at the time of harvesting is likely to cause a total loss of the crop. Flax is also injured.

[N. Y. Ad.]

We understand that the ship Beaver, belonging to John J. Astor, of this city, has got permission to take out to China, the Mandarin Chief and his secretary, who have been detained in this country ever since the embargo was laid.

[Ibid.]

It will be recollected that the National Intelligencer lately stated in a very formal manner, that a Chinese Mandarin had visited the president, and represented to him the necessity of his being permitted to return to his country; and that in consequence, his excellency has given permission for the ship Beaver, of N. York, to depart for China.—It now turns out, that the president has been most vilely imposed on; the person who declares himself to be a Mandarin, being nothing more than a common China Pedlar. Representations to this effect have been forwarded to Mr. Gallatin, in order to prevent the success of this artifice.

[Ibid.]

Lusus Naturæ.

An African woman, the property of col. W. Astor, was delivered on Sunday the 7th ult. we are informed, of a living female child, of the following description: It had no nose, nor the slightest appearance of one, nor was there the least puncture where the nostrils ought to have been. The cheeks commenced at the brows, without there being the smallest indenture where the eyes are generally placed. It has one large eye in the middle of the forehead, covered with a thick, hanging lid. The body and limbs were of a dead white, the face black. With the exceptions above mentioned, its organization was perfect—the mouth was unusually well formed for a negro.

[Georgetown Gazette.]

Removal by the President.

Edward Pope, collector and inspector of the port of New-Bedford, in Massachusetts, for not using due diligence in the execution of the embargo laws—Isaiah Weston is appointed in his place.

Humanity.

The schooner Experiment, Fitch, sailed from New-London on the 1st of August for the uninhabited island of Trinidad, on the coast of Patagonia, for the purpose of taking off 5 men, (among whom was Mr. Joseph Barney, of Nantucket,) who were unavoidably left on that island, 5th May last, by the ship Leonidas, of N. London.

JOHN GOLDER,

WISHING to resign the office of hay-weighter to the Corporation, requests all in arrears upon his or the late clerk's books to call and adjust their respective balances by the 15th instant. Those who are without cash will obtain further indulgence upon application.

August 3, 1808.

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. ELIZABETH WATKINS, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are hereby requested to bring them forward, properly authenticated, to the subscriber for payment.

BENJAMIN HODGES, Administrator.

July 13, 1808.

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