

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

From the Sporting Magazine.

MICHAEL WIGGINS IN DEBT.

BT is a moule trap—when you once begin,
All find it no great matter to get in,
But rather puzzling to get out again:
Is fact one Michael Wiggins found to true,
At he determined to get out of view,
So took snug lodgings at a secret lane.
At his window plac'd, the cunning dog,
Lying himself on being thus *snag*
Reflected on the horrors of the Fleet,
True," he exclaim'd, "these lodgings are but
mean,
And in the day I cannot well be seen—
Still liberty, dear liberty, is ever sweet!"
It quickly broken were his reveries,
To lo! athwart the dusky street he sees,
A wretched, sinful, and despairing elf,
Winding a rope the iron lamp post round,
Counting the steps, and with a fatal bound,
Just going to take a swing and hang himself
Michael starts—compassion lends him wings,
Pushes down stairs—the door wide open flings,
And with his cries the neighbourhood alarms
Arriving just in time the rope to grasp,
Tie the death dispensing noose, and clasp
The sinking victim in his open arms
Ah!" cries the prostrate wretch, in deep distress,
How can I e'er my gratitude express,
Sav'd to myself, my children and my wife!
Oh! that myself, my wife and children seven,
May daily pour your name in prayers to Heaven?
Tell me, oh tell to whom I owe my life!"
Says Michael, with a blush of modest shame,
I'm but the instrument of Providence
Which mighty ends by humble means secures:
Oh! Heaven alone your gratitude should send,
To some howe'er, view your future friend!
My name is Michael Wiggins—what is yours?"
Quick starting up, and seizing Michael fast,
"So!" cries the man, "I've found you then at last!
There's no mistake, I've nab'd you now my lad!
By as you are, at length your fairly bit,
I am a Bailiff—this here is a writ,
So, master Wiggy, come along to quod!"

THE OWL.

FROM BURNS'S RELIQUES.

SAD bird of night, what sorrow calls thee forth,
To vent thy plaints thus in the midnight hour?
Is it some blast that gathers in the north,
Threat'ning to nip the verdure of thy bow'r?
Is it, sad Owl, that autumn strips the shade,
And leaves thee here unshelter'd and forlorn?
Or fear that winter will thy nest invade?
Or friendless melancholy bids thee mourn?
Shut-out, lone bird, from all the feather'd train,
To tell thy sorrow to the unheeding gloom:
No room to pity when thou dost complain,
Grief all thy thoughts, and solitude thy home.
Sing on, sad mourner! I will bless thy strain,
And plea s'd in sorrow listen to thy song:
Sing on, sad mourner! to the night complain,
While the lone echo wafts thy notes along.
Is beauty less, when down the glowing cheek
Sad, piteous tears in native sorrows fall?
Lest kind the heart when anguish bids it break?
Lest happy he who lists to pity's call?
Ah no, fair owl! nor is thy voice less sweet,
That sadness tunes it, and that grief is there:
That spring's gay notes, unskill'd thou can't re-
peat:
That sorrow bids thee to the gloom repair.
Nor that the treble songsters of the day,
Are quite estrang'd, sad bird of night! from
thee!
Nor that the thrush defers the evening spray,
When darkness calls thee from thy reverie—
From some cold tow'r thy melanchol. done,
While the grey walls and desert solitudes,
Return each note, responsive to the gloom
Of ivied coverts and surrounding woods;
There hoating, I will lift more pleas'd to thee,
Than ever lover to the nightingale:
Or drooping wretch, oppress'd with misery,
Lending his ear to some condoling tale.

Notice.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform all
those who are indebted to him by open
account, or otherwise, that he has given up
his part in the store to his son Benjamin
Wells, jun. in order to close his business,
there being some accounts in his own name,
and others under the firm of Benjamin Wells
and son, all which he wishes to be settled up,
and begs that all those whom it may con-
cern will come forward and settle their re-
spective balances, as it is entirely out of his
power to give any further indulgence. All
those who do not come forward may depend
on being dealt with as the law directs, es-
pecially those whose accounts are of twelve
months standing. The business will, in fu-
ture, be carried on by Benjamin Wells, jun.
who has on hand a good supply of groceries,
and some dry goods, which he will sell low
for cash, or produce on 60 or 70 days credit
to punctual customers.

BENJAMIN WELLS, Sen.

Notice.

THE repeated trespasses committed on
the lands of the subscriber, lying in
the vicinity of Annapolis, and on Fishing
creek, have constrained him to prohibit all
persons hunting thereon, with dog or gun, or
in any manner trespassing on the same.

JEREMIAH TOWNLEY CHASE.

Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the high court of
chancery of the state of Maryland, the
subscriber will sell, at Public Sale, on the
premises, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of
January next, at 12 o'clock,

A PART of the dwelling plantation of
Thomas Cowman, late of Anne-Arundel
county, deceased. The terms of sale are,
that the purchaser or purchasers of said pro-
perty shall give bond, with approved security,
for the payment of the purchase money, with
interest thereon, within one year from the day
of sale.

The creditors of the said Thomas Cowman
are hereby required to exhibit their claims,
with the necessary vouchers, into the chancery
office, within six months after the day of
sale.

THOMAS H. HALL, Trustee.
Dec. 18, 1809.

Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the honourable the
Chancery Court of the state of Maryland,
will be Exposed to Public Sale, on the pre-
mises, on THURSDAY, the first day of Fe-
bruary, one thousand eight hundred and
ten, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

ALL the land that was devised to Alex-
ander Frazier and John Alexander
Frazier by their father, viz. a very valuable
tract of land, lying in Calvert county, con-
taining eight hundred and eighty-eight acres,
about three hundred acres of which are va-
luable meadow ground; the improvements are,
a neat and convenient dwelling-house,
kitchen, and quarter, and several other con-
venient and comfortable buildings; there are
on the premises three apple orchards of choice
fruit. This property lies within three miles
from the Chesapeake bay, twenty-five from
the city of Annapolis, sixty from the city of
Baltimore, forty from the city of Washing-
ton, and four from Lower-Marlborough, and
is situated in an agreeable neighbourhood, and
convenient to houses of public worship and
mills. The above tract of land will be sold
in convenient parcels. The terms of sale
are, that the purchaser or purchasers shall
give bond, with good and sufficient security,
with interest, to be paid in eighteen months
from the day of sale.

RICHD. H. HARWOOD, Trustee.
December 26, 1809.

Public Sale.

Will be Exposed to Public Sale, on Thurs-
day, the 11th day of January next, if
fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter,

THAT fertile and valuable tract of land,
late the residence of Thomas W.
Walker, deceased, lying in Anne-Arundel
county, called and known by the name of
Part of Roe Down Security, supposed to
contain about 325 acres; it is situated be-
tween Patuxent and South rivers, within
two miles of Queen-Anne, and eleven of the
city of Annapolis. The soil is extremely
fertile, and peculiarly adapted to the growth
of tobacco and corn, and, in point of situa-
tion, whether as it regards salubrity, conveni-
ence, or prospect, inferior to but few seats in
the county. The whole is enclosed by a good
and substantial fence, is well timbered, and the
houses are in a state of tenable very repair.
The above property should particularly de-
mand the attention not only of those who
are desirous of procuring a convenient and
comfortable country residence, but also of
any person who is disposed to enter in specu-
lative purchases of real property.

It will be sold on the following terms and
conditions, to wit: on a credit of thirty days
from the day of sale, a failure of payment to
be a release of the purchase in the discretion
of the seller. Any person wishing to view
the premises will call on Mr. Samuel Tyler,
residing thereon.

At the same time and place will be offered
for sale, all the personal property of the said
deceased, consisting of a number of valuable
negroes, amongst which are many able bodied
men, women, boys and girls; also horses,
cattle, hogs, sheep, plantation utensils of every
description, household and kitchen furniture,
and all the corn and tobacco made the last
season. The terms of sale are, nine months
credit for all sums above ten pounds, the pur-
chaser to give bond, on interest, with ap-
proved security; and all sums under ten
pounds, the cash to be paid on the delivery
of the property. Sale to commence at 10
o'clock, and continued from day to day until
sold.

BENJAMIN HODGES, Executor.

N. B. All persons having claims against the
said estate are hereby requested to exhibit them
properly authenticated, on the day of sale to
the subscriber.

December 16, 1809.

Notice.

I FORBID all persons dealing in any man-
ner with any of my slaves, without a note
from me.

RICHARD HARWOOD, of THOS.
Annapolis, December 27, 1809.

In Chancery,

December 29, 1809.

Thomas McKenny, John Constable and James
Harris,

vs.

Avrilla Dudley & James & Robert Cruik-
shank.

THE object of the petition is to have a
deed recorded. The bill states, that
the defendant, by deed dated the 28th April,
1807, conveyed to William McKenny, John
Constable and James Harris, part of a tract
of land in Kent county, called Mount Plea-
sant; that William McKenny hath since de-
parted this life, leaving several children, to
whom the said Thomas McKenny is guardian
and brother; that the said deed, without any
fraudulent intention, has been omitted to be
recorded; it is thereupon adjudged, ordered
and decreed, that the complainants, by causing
a copy of this order to be inserted in the Ma-
ryland Gazette once in each of three succe-
ssive weeks before the first day of February,
1810, give notice to the defendants to appear
in this court, either in person or by solicitor,
on or before the first of June, 1810, to shew
cause, if any they have, wherefore a decree
should not pass as prayed.

True Copy,

Test. 2 NICHOLAS BREWER,
Reg. Cur. Can.

In Chancery,

December 29, 1809.

James Hodges, Jun: Maria, William, John
and Samuel Collins,

vs.

Nicholas Smyth, John Kersey, and Sarah his

THE object of the petition is to record
a deed. The petition states, that Ni-
cholas Smyth, and Catherine his wife, in right
of the said Catherine, conveyed by deed,
dated the 3d day of April, 1797, to William
Collins, lot number 30 in Chester-town; that
William Collins has since deceased, leaving
Maria, William, John and Samuel Collins,
his only children, all minors, and by his will
appointed James Hodges, Jun. his executor,
with power to sell the said lot: The petition
also states, that the said deed, without any
fraudulent intention, has been omitted to be
recorded; it is thereupon adjudged and or-
dered, that the complainants, by causing a
copy of this order to be inserted in the Ma-
ryland Gazette once in each of three succe-
ssive weeks before the 1st day of February,
1810, give notice to the defendants to appear
in this court, either in person or by solicitor,
on or before the first day of June, 1810, to
shew cause, if any they have, wherefore a
decree should not pass as prayed.

True Copy,

Test. 2 NICHOLAS BREWER,
Reg. Cur. Can.

In Chancery,

December 26, 1809.

Nathaniel E. Magruder, and others,
against

Eleanor Offut, Benjamin Edwards, and Mar-
garet his wife, Samuel Lane, William
Coleman, and Lydia his wife, John Keene,
and Kittura his wife, Maurice Edwards,
and Elvone his wife, Thomas Swearingen,
and Juliet his wife, Harrey Lane, James
Lane, Hardage Lane, William H. Lane,
Andrew Waggon, and Teresa his wife,
Zeruah Beale, and Charlotte Beale, heirs
at law of Ninian Beale.

THE object of this bill is to obtain a
conveyance for the land therein men-
tioned. The bill states, that some years since Ni-
nian Magruder sold to a certain William Rick-
etts a tract or parcel of land, situate in Mont-
gomery county, and gave his bond for con-
veyance thereof to Ricketts, in fee simple, that
the said Ricketts having died, his heirs sold said
land to the other complainant Nathaniel E.
Magruder; that the said Ninian Beale is
also dead, leaving the defendants his heirs
at law; that the whole of the purchase mo-
ney has been paid, but owing to the nonre-
sidence of many of the defendants he has
been unable to obtain a conveyance. It is
thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the
complainant, by causing a copy of this order
to be inserted for three weeks successively in
the Maryland Gazette before the 25th day
of January next, give notice to the absent
defendants to appear in this court, on or be-
fore the 25th day of May next, to shew
cause, if any they have, why a decree should
not pass as prayed.

True copy,

Test. 2 NICHOLAS BREWER,
Reg. Cur. Can.

Sheriffalty.

HAVING been solicited by a number of
my friends again to be a candidate for
Sheriff, in consideration of which I again offer
myself as a candidate at the next regular
election for that important office. I return
my sincere thanks to those of my friends who
supported me at the late election, and again
solicit a continuation of their favours, and the
suffrage of the public in general.

R. WELCH, of BEN.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Edward Lloyd, Esquire,

GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has been represented to
me; by the memorial of Jacob Staley,
of Frederick county, that on the night of the
sixteenth of December last, his new barn,
with the following contents, was set on fire
and consumed, viz. In wheat and other small
grain, about fourteen hundred bushels, two
tun of hay, six head of valuable horses, and
nine head of horned cattle; and that on the
night of the twenty-fifth of October last, ano-
ther barn belonging to the said Staley, with
the following contents, viz. about eight hun-
dred bushels of wheat, fifteen tun of hay, and
fodder to a considerable amount, was like-
wise consumed by fire, and that he has rea-
son to suspect that some malicious person or
persons wilfully set fire to the same: And
whereas it is of the greatest importance to
society, that the perpetrators of such crimes
should be discovered and brought to justice,
I have therefore thought proper to issue this
my proclamation, and do, by and with the
advice and consent of the Council, offer a re-
ward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
to whoever will discover the author or per-
petrators of the said offences, provided he,
she, or they, or any of them, be convicted
thereof; and moreover, I do, by virtue of
the authority and power vested in me, hereby
promise a full and free pardon to any persons
being an accomplice, who shall discover the
perpetrator or perpetrators of the said of-
fences, on the aforesaid condition.

GIVEN at Annapolis, under the seal of
the State of Maryland, the ninth day of
November, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and nine, and
of the Independence of the United
States of America the thirty-fourth.

EDWARD LLOYD.

By his Excellency's command.

NINIAN PINKNEY,

Clerk of the Council.

ORDERED, That the foregoing Procla-
mation be published twice in each week, for
the space of five weeks, in the American and
Federal Gazette, of Baltimore, the Maryland
Gazette and Maryland Republican, at An-
napolis, the National Intelligencer, the Es-
ton Star, Mr. Grieve's paper at Hagar-
town, Mr. Bartgis's paper at Frederick-town,
and the Frederick-town Herald.

By order, NINIAN PINKNEY,
Clerk of the Council.

Anne-Arundel County, sc.

ON application to me the subscriber, in
the records of the court, as one of the
associate judges for the third judicial district
of Maryland, by petition, in writing, of
William Wootton, of Anne-Arundel county,
praying for the benefit of the act for the re-
lief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the se-
veral supplements thereto, on the terms men-
tioned in the said acts, a schedule of his pro-
perty, and list of his creditors, on oath, as
far as he can ascertain them, being annexed
to his petition; and the said William Woot-
ton having satisfied me, by competent testi-
mony, that he has resided in the state of Ma-
ryland two years immediately preceding the
time of his application, I do hereby order
and adjudge that the said William Wootton,
by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in
the Maryland Gazette for three months succe-
ssively before the first Monday in April next,
to give notice to his creditors to appear before
the county court on the third Monday in Ap-
ril next, for the purpose of recommending a
trustee for their benefit, on the said William
Wootton's then and there taking the oath
by the said act prescribed for delivering up
his property, and to shew cause if any they
have, why he, the said William Wootton,
should not have the benefit of the several acts
of assembly for the relief of insolvent debt-
ors. Given under my hand this eleventh day
of December, 1809.

RICHARD H. HARWOOD.

December 12, 1809.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living on
Greenberry's Point, near Annapolis, on
Sunday the 3d inst. a negro lad named JACK,
but commonly calls himself Jack Bowie. He is
about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 17 or 18 years
of age, his cloathing a light bottle green broad
cloth furttout coat, a good deal worn, his over
jacket blue, trimmed with red bannel, white
country cloth trousers, much patched with
blue, a pair of new red leather shoes without
nails, and an old felt hat—He has lost the
first joint of the middle finger of the right
hand. Whoever takes up the said negro, and
secures him so that I get him again, shall re-
ceive the above reward, and if brought back
all reasonable charges paid.

MAREEN B. DUVAL.

Dec. 11, 1809.

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