

POET'S CORNER.

SELECTED.

ELEGIAC BALLAD.

[The following Lines on the recent death of a beloved child, were written by a gentleman of Boston, during the performance, on the Piano-Forte, by his lady, of the beautiful ballad, entitled "Hope told a flattering tale." It was a daughter of the Muses inspiring Apollo.]

"Hope told a flattering tale."

YES, Hope's delusive tale, My easy faith beguiled, And in life's blooming vale, Her vernal flowers smiled. But, ah! one fatal day, Proved all her visions vain, And left my heart a prey To agonizing pain. Beside the ice-bound stream I shiver in the blast, The short, extatic dream, Of promise'd bliss is past. Some friendly evergreen Shall shade my wretched head, And flourish, where, unseen, I mourn my Anna dead. Wild o'er the drifted snow, The winter tempests roar, The rivers cease to flow, The torrents dash no more; — But thro' December drear Can bind the captive wave, He cannot freeze the tear, That bathes a daughter's grave. Soon, soon returning Spring, Will nature's charms renew, And then, sweet flowers I'll bring, Round Anna's turf to strew. And then, her verdant bed, I'll deck with pious care, And oft, my aching head, I'll fondly pillow there.

CHEVALIER DE LA PEROUSE.

We stated in our paper of yesterday the discovery of some documents which were supposed to relate to the late voyage, or melancholy catastrophe of this celebrated and unfortunate circumnavigator, at Van Dieman's Land, in New Holland. The following particulars of this extraordinary event have been communicated to us through a channel, which induces us to place the fullest reliance in their accuracy:

An officer of the name of Edwards, belonging to the 8th regiment of light dragoons, which has been long on service in India, was proceeding to New South Wales in the Venus, for the benefit of his health. When the vessel was off Van Dieman's Land, lieutenant Edwards and some others landed for the purpose of amusing themselves, and seeing a little of the country. After walking about for some time, some of the company perceived an inscription cut in the bark of a tree, the characters of which were nearly obliterated or filled up. The date, however, was legible, which, by a singular coincidence, proved to have been inscribed exactly that very day 17 years. As the whole of the inscription, from the circumstances we have stated, could not be deciphered, the company returned on board, giving up all idea of further research. The extraordinary discovery having made a deeper impression on Mr. Edwards than it did on his fellow passengers, he determined to make another attempt to decipher the inscription; for which purpose he went on shore the next morning, accompanied by some persons to whom he imparted a portion of his zeal and curiosity. Their first proceeding was to clear away the bark from the tree, by which means they found that the impression on the body of the tree was so strong as to be legible. They ascertained from it that something of consequence was buried at the foot of the tree.

Mr. Edwards immediately set to work with an iron instrument they had brought on shore, and after digging for a short time, it came in contact with a glass bottle and broke it, but fortunately the contents were not injured. Upon examination they were found to consist of four letters; two of which were addressed to persons at that time filling situations in the government of France and the other two to ladies. A paper also accompanied the letter, which was carefully sealed, requesting whoever should find them to forward them to their respective addresses. Mr. Edwards, under these circumstances, as well as in observance of the sentiments which should animate an officer and a gentleman, did not feel himself warranted in opening the mysterious papers, but carried them in the state they were found to the governor of New South Wales, at whose disposal he was anxious to place them. The governor, however, considering lieutenant Edwards as best entitled to the merit of the discovery, submitted to him the propriety of transmitting them himself to the British government. This suggestion was adopted, and Mr. Edwards

forwarded the letters unopened, with an account of the manner in which they were discovered, by the Dromedary storehouse, to his father, in London; who, in conformity to his son's request, intended to put them this morning into the hands of the secretary of state for the colonial department.

That the letters contain some information relating to the fate of that very able and much lamented mariner, Perouse, is most probable; for the latest intelligence obtained of him was not far removed from the date of the inscription, when he was continuing his researches in the same quarter.

As the delicacy which lieutenant Edwards, gratified, with respect to these interesting letters, we have reason to presume, will also be observed by the earl of Liverpool, and that they will be transmitted by his lordship to France in the precise state he received them, it is possible that we may be condemned to the mortification of being kept in ignorance of their contents.

Buonaparte is so much out of humour with England, so implacable and unaccommodating, that we should not be surpris'd at his withholding from us the gratification of learning what has become of a man whose talents we as much respected, and whose supposed melancholy fate we as much deplored, as the country which had the honour of giving him birth. We think we have a right, on this occasion at least, to a reciprocity of good offices from the government of France.

M. DE LA PEROUSE.

To the Editor of the Statesman.

SIR, In the article relative to the chevalier La Perouse, in your paper of this day, you lay the latest intelligence obtained of him was not removed from the date of the inscription, when he was continuing his researches in the same quarter. In another part of the same article that date is said to be "exactly 17 years," from the time of the discovery of the inscription on the tree, on Van Dieman's land, by lieutenant Edwards. I wish the period of Mr. Edwards's discovery had been stated; but as it appears from the context to be of a date very remote, I shall consider it as having taken place within the two last years. Now, I saw La Bouffle and L'Atrolabe, under the command of monsieur De La Perouse, enter Botany Bay, and anchor there, on the 26th of January, 1788. On the 24th of February following I breakfasted and dined with the chevalier De La Perouse, on board La Bouffle. A few days after three of the French officers crossed from Botany Bay to Port Jackson, where they dined passed the day, and remained till next morning, as the guests of myself and some other British marine officers. On or about the 12th of March, 1788, De La Perouse failed from Botany Bay; and, as I believe, was never after heard of.

I shall subjoin my name and place of address, although it is not necessary that they should appear, should you consider this communication worthy a place in the Statesman. I have the honour to be, your very obedient servant,

W. T. Col. of Royal Marines.

Woolwich, Nov. 6th, 1810. P. S. Mons. De La Perouse told me that he had failed from Brest in Aug. 1785. Except himself and the chevalier Cleward, who commanded the other ship, all the French officers with whom I conversed were eager to return to Europe; but they believed, in general, that their voyage of discovery would not terminate in less than four years from its commencement; for which period of time, I have reason to believe, the equipment of the expedition was calculated.

NOTICE.

ALL those who are indebted to the late firm of Michael and B. Curran, either by note, bond or open account, are requested to come and pay the same, as a longer indulgence cannot be given; and the subscriber earnestly requests their particular attention to this notice, as suits will be commenced against all delinquents to April term.

B. CURRAN.

B. CURRAN respectfully informs the citizens of Annapolis and the public generally, that he has a few articles in the dry goods line, purchased for cash, which will be sold low for the same; also a quantity of writing paper, quills, ink powder and a few dozen of Boston made Morocco Shoes, &c.

The Subscriber

TAKES this method of informing his friends and the public, that he has taken the house formerly occupied by captain James Thomas, and lately by Mr. William Brewer, where he intends keeping a PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE. All those who may favour him with their company may depend on his best endeavours to give general satisfaction.

WILLIAM TUCK. Annapolis, April 10, 1810.

Paul's Domestic Infallible Columbian Oil.

THE inventor of this highly esteemed medicine is a native of America, and the composition is the production of American soil, consequently it is in every sense of the word domestic. It is not puffed up with a numerous train of pompous foreign certificates of persons from whom the great distance that separates us 'tis impossible to obtain information, therefore the public has better security for their money as there cannot be the least shadow of deception to cover his medicine, for he simply appears before the community with his invention and an experimental detail of the various cases in which it really is so wonderfully efficacious, and in which he is supported by the following certificates of respectable characters, whose names are not only subscribed, but their persons may be also consulted, being residents within the circle of our own neighbourhood. The following are the complaints in which the Columbian Oil has been found so efficacious and rarely ever fails of effecting a cure—viz Rheumatism, Consumption, Pains in any parts of the body, but particularly in the back and breast, Colds and coughs, Toothach, Pleuritis, Cholick, Cramps, External and Internal Bruises, Sprains and Fleth Wounds, Scalds and Burns, Whooping Cough and Mumps, and Dysentery or Bloody-flux, Croup and the summer complaint in children, and in a weak stomach that is caused by indigestion, a constant sinking and loss of appetite, it will act as a powerful brace to the relaxed fibre and restore it to its proper tone.

It seems also of its nature had ranked it the first of the class of all pectoral, and expectorals for the relief of the breast and lungs, as it largely excels in removing obstructions in either, particularly those who are troubled with Pthisick or Asthmatic complaints, who in the act of walking fall, drooping or lying down, are almost suffocated, half a tea spoonful of the Columbian Oil will render some relief instantaneously, and if continued agreeable to the directions in such cases, will prove a radical cure by producing the full power of inflation to the lungs and free expansion to the breast.

CERTIFICATES OF ITS EFFICACY.

No. 1. Sept. 1809. I do certify, that I have been ailing nearly two years with a hectic cough and violent oppression at the breast—I applied to the most eminent physicians and could get no relief from my low state of health, until I got Paul's Columbian oil, and found immediate relief. I take this method of informing the public of the efficacy of this valuable medicine, from the cures which I have experienced—I think it an incumbent duty to offer the same to the public.

ELISHA SOWARD.

Baltimore, No. 16, Water-street, sign of the plough.

No. 2. Sept. 1809.

SIR, From the great benefit I received from your Columbian Oil, I am induced to state, I was taken with a violent fever about the 26th of Aug. last, which continued till the first of the month, when I applied your oil externally, and washed the part affected with the oil diluted in the same quantity of molasses, which took away pieces of putrid flesh and healed my throat in about 48 hours.

N. B. I also certify, that I nursed my grandchild, an infant of 17 months old, which was taken about the first of August with slow fevers and loss of appetite. We immediately applied for a physician who gave every attention for about 10 days but all to no effect; the child was given up by the physicians, and had every appearance of death, when I applied for Paul's Columbian Oil, and gave five drops morning and evening for five days, when the child began to recover, and is now in perfect health.

MARY UNDERWOOD

Baltimore, by Peters's Bridge.

No. 3. Sept. 6.

I hereby certify, that I had a cough and pain in my stomach for upwards of two years, when I was recommended to Paul's Columbian Oil. I procured one phial of that valuable medicine, which has restored me to a good state of health again.

THOMAS ELLIOTT.

On the Hook's-town road near the turnpike gate.

No. 4. Feb. 12, 1809.

I have great reason to be very thankful for being recommended to Paul's Columbian Oil. I had been afflicted with a violent pain in my back, that I was not able to walk. I procured one phial of the oil, and I received immediate relief, & I have been very well ever since.

N. B. I had a violent tooth-ache about three months ago, when I dropped a few drops of the above oil on some lint, and applied it to the tooth affected, and I received immediate relief.

ELEANOR ELLIOTT.

No. 5.

SIR, I comply with your request, of stating my opinion of Paul's Columbian Oil, being an effectual remedy for the tetter worm. I have been afflicted with the tetter in my hand for 12 years, and have made trial of many medicines which have been recommended, but all to no effect. Hearing of Paul's Columbian Oil, about the 15th of January last, proving an effectual cure for the ringworm and similar complaints, I immediately got a phial of your Oil, and applied it agreeably to the directions for about two months successively—when the tetter left me, and has not made its appearance since.

SUSANNA PURDEN.

N. B. My Susanna, a child aged twenty months and six days, was taken about the middle of July last with a violent cough, which the neighbours said was the whooping cough; I gave her six drops of the Columbian Oil, which gave immediate relief, and proved an effectual cure.

Saratoga-street, Baltimore, Aug 21, 1809.

The above valuable Medicine for sale by JOHN C. ROSS, At Mr. Nicks Store.

Anne-Arundel county court

September term, 1810. ON application to the judges of the county court, by petition, in writing, John Dove of said county, praying the vest of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, on the terms mentioned in the said act, a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, as directed in the said act, being annexed to his petition, the said county court being satisfied by competent testimony that the said John Dove resided the two preceding years prior to the passage of the said act within the State of Maryland; and the said John Dove, at the time of presenting his petition as aforesaid having produced to the said court the affidavit in writing, of so many of his creditors as have due to them the amount of two thirds of the debts due by him at the time of the said petition, it is thereupon adjudged ordered by the said court, that the said John Dove, (by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in one of the newspapers published in the city of Annapolis, once a week, three successive months before the third Monday of April next,) give notice to his creditors to appear before the said court, to be held at the city of Annapolis, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the third Monday of April next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit on the said John Dove then and there taking the oath by the said act prescribed for verifying up his property.

Signed by order, W. M. S. GREEN, CL. Anne-Arundel county court. Dec. 18. 1810.

For Sale.

THE Subscriber offers for sale his book, treating the dock in the city of Annapolis, where he formerly resided and kept a store, it is one of the most eligible stands in the city for the retail business, and will be upon accommodating terms. If not sold before Tuesday the 22d instant, it will then be offered at Public Auction to the highest bidder.

JAMES MACKUBIN.

The Subscribers,

ONCE more return thanks to their friends generally, for past favours, and solicit the continuance of their custom, assuring them that their present arrangements will enable them to keep a good choice of goods, both on the best terms, (by one of the parties living in Philadelphia) and they are determined to sell cheap for cash, good tobacco at fair market prices, & to such customers as make good payments, on their usual credit.

RIDGELY & WEEMS. Annapolis, January 2, 1811.

N. B. All persons indebted to us on bond, note, or otherwise, of more than 12 months standing, are now requested to make speedy payment.

Anne-Arundel County,

ON application to me, the subscriber, of the records of Anne-Arundel county as one of the associate judges of the judicial district of Maryland, by petition in writing, of William Applebee, of said county, praying the benefit of the acts for the relief of insolvent debtors, on the terms mentioned therein, a schedule of his property, a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his petition, and having stated in said petition, that he is now in actual confinement for debt, he prayed to be discharged from said confinement on the terms prescribed by said acts, I do therefore hereby order and adjudge, that the said William Applebee, be discharged from his confinement, and that by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette three months successively, before the fourteenth day of April next, he give notice to his creditors to appear before the county court of said county, at ten o'clock in the morning of the third Monday in April next, to show cause why the said William Applebee should not have the benefit of the several acts of assembly of this state for the relief of insolvent debtors prayed.

Given under my hand this 23d day of August, 1810.

RICHARD H. HARWOOD.

NOTICE.

I INTEND to apply to the next county court for the benefit of the acts entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and of the several acts thereto.

HORATIO CLAGGETT. Charles County, Jan. 14, 1811.

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[LXVIIIth YEAR.]

Literary Intelligence

GEORGE SHAW, Has for sale, a valuable collection of Books in many departments of literature.

IN THEOLOGY. THE Holy Bible, (small neat & cheap edition. Testaments. Prayer books of various sizes and editions. Trimmer's Catechism. Catechism of Pro Episc. Church, recommended by the bishop and clergy of New-York. Gibbons on Religion, Christian Journal. A new translation of Isaiah by bishop Lowth. Porteus on the Evidence and Divine Origin of the Christian Religion. New Manual or Private Devotions, Seabury's Sermons, Smith's Lectures, Fordyce's Sermons, Bowden on Episcopate, Hobart's Apology for the papal order, Arguments on the morality of the Clergyman's Company, Daubney's Guide to the Church, Sacred Extracts, A call to the unconverted, by Baxter, Knox & Johnson on Lord's Supper, A Companion for the Sick, Festivals and Fasts, Hymns suited to do.

MISCELLANEOUS. Paradise Lost, Cowper's Poems, Calista in Search of a Wife, A World without Souls, Mañon on Self Knowledge, Mrs. West's Letters to a Young Lady, Rastell's Man of Feeling, Goldsmith's Works, Ferguson's Roman History, Select Reviews, Beinet's Letters, Mrs. Chapone's W Tales of Fashion, Life of Miss W, Sketches in Verse, Walfsh on the Fr Government, Junius's Letters, Burn's Works, Campbell's Poems, Shaw's do, Dialogues on Eloquence, Essay on Sheep,

SCHOOL BOOKS, &c. Spelling Books, Walker's Pronouncing Dictionary, American Tutors Assistant, American Lady's Preceptor, a new work, Virgil Illustr'd Romæ, Horace's Nature Displayed and new Universal Pronoun Dictionary, Comly's Grammar, Murray's do, Do. Introduction, Blair's Lectures abridg'd, Butler's Geographical Map Exercis'd.

District of Maryland, sc.

BE it remembered, That on this twenty-first day of January, in the thirty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America, William Kilty, of the said district, hath deposited in this office the title of a book, the right whereof he claims as author, in the words following, to-wit: "A Report of all such English statutes enacted at the time of the first emigration of people of Maryland, and which by experience have been found applicable to their local circumstances, and of such others as have since been made in England or Great-Britain, and have been introduced, used and practised, by the law or equity; and also all such parts of the same as may be proper to be introduced and incorporated into the body of the statute law of this State. Made according to the directions of the legislature, by William Kilty, Chancellor of Maryland. To which are prefixed an Introduction and lists of the statutes which had not been found applicable to the circumstances of the people with full and complete Indexes."—In conformity to the act of the congress of the United States, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning by securing the copies of maps, charts and books, the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned; and also for the extension thereof to the arts of designing, engraving and etching, historical and other prints, (L. S.)

WILLIAM MOORE, Clerk of the District of Maryland.

Notice.

THE Public are notified, that I have authorized JOSEPH McCNEY, Esquire, to transact the business of my Office of Sheriff. All persons indebted for officers fees, or otherwise, are requested to make immediate payment to Mr. McCney, whose receipt shall be a discharge.

JOHN CORD, Shff. A. A. January 19, 1811.

The Subscriber

TAKES this method of informing his friends and the public, that he has taken the house formerly occupied by captain James Thomas, and lately by Mr. William Brewer, where he intends keeping a PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE. All those who may favour him with their company may depend on his best endeavours to give general satisfaction.

WILLIAM TUCK.