

POETS CORNER

AN ODE TO NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE

By Lord Byron

'Tis done—But yesterday a King! And arm'd with Kings to strive— And now thou art a nameless thing, So object—yet alive!

Is this the man of thousand thrones, Who strew'd our earth with hostile bones, And can he thus survive?

Since he, miscall'd the Morning Star, Nor man, nor fiend, hath fallen so far.

Ill minded man! why scourge thy kind, Who bow'd so low the knee? By gazing on thyself grown blind, Thou taught'st the rest to see.

With might unguish'd—pow'r to save— Thine only gift hath been the grave To those who worshipp'd thee; Nor till thy fall, could mortals guess, Ambition's less than littleness!

Thanks for that lesson—it will teach To alter warriors more Than high philosophy can preach, And vainly preach'd before!

That spell upon the minds of men, Brooks, (never to unite again,) That led them to adore Those Pagan things of sable swart, With fronts of brass, and feet of clay.

The triumph, and the vanity, The rapture of the strife,* The earthquake voice of victory, To thee the breath of life; The sword, the sceptre, and that sway Which men seem'd made but to obey, Wherewith renown was life— All quell'd dark spirit! what must be The madness of thy memory!

The desolator desolate! The victor overthrow'd! The arbiter of others' fate A suppliant for his own! Is it some yet imperial hope That with such change can calmly cope? Or dread of death alone?

To die a prince—or live a slave— Thy choice is most ignobly brave!

He who of old would rend the oak, Dream'd not of the rebound, Chained by the trunk he vainly broke Alone—how looked he round? Thou in the sternness of thy strength An equal deed had done at length And darker fate had found; He fell, the forest prowlers prey; But thou must eat thy heart away!

The Roman, when his burning heart Was stak'd with blood of Rome, Threw down the dagger—dared depart, In savage grandeur home. He dared depart, in utter scorn Of men that such a yoke had borne, Yet left him such a doom!

His only glory was that hour Of self-upheld abandon'd power.

The Spaniard, when the lust of sway Had lost its quickening spell, Cast crowns for rosaries away, An empire for a cell. A strict accountant in his leads, A subtle disputant in creeds, His dotage trifled well; Yet better had he neither known A bigot's shrine nor despot's throne.

But thou—from thy reluctant hand The thunderbolt is wrung— Too late thou hearest the high command To which thy weakness clung; All Evil Spirit as thou art, It is enough to grieve the heart, To see thine own unstrung; To think that God's fair world hath been The footstool of a thing so mean.

The earth hath splinter'd blood for him Who thus can hoard his own! And monarch's bowed the trembling limb. And thanked him for a throne; Fair freedom! we may hold thee dear, When thus thy mightiest foes their fear In humblest guise have shown. Oh! never may tyrant leave behind A brighter name to lure mankind.

Thine evil deeds are writ in gore, Not written thus in vain— Thy triumphs tell of fame no more, Or deepen every stain. If thou hadst died as honour dies, Some new Napoleon might arise, To shame the world again. But who would soar the solar height, To set in such a starless night?

Weighed in the balance, hero dust Is vile as vulgar clay; Thy scales, mortality! are just To all that pass away. But yet methought the living great Some higher sparks should animate, To dazzle and dismay. Now dead and contempt—could thus make mirth Of these the conquerors of the earth.

Granting, &c.—the expression of A. M. in his language to his army, previous to the Battle of Chalons, given in Cassiodorus.

And she, proud Austria's mortal How? Thy still imperial bride How bears her breast the torturing hour? Still clings she to thy side? Must she too bend, must she too share Thy late repentance, long despair, Thy throneless Homicide? If still she loves thee, hoard that gem, 'Tis worth thy vanished diadem!

Then haste thee to thy sullen Isle, And gaze upon the sea; That element may meet thy smile, It ne'er was ruid by thee! Or trace with thine all idle hand In loitering mood upon the sand That Earth is now as free!

That Corinth's pedagogue hath now Transferred his by-word to thy brow.

Thou Timur; in his captive's cage What thoughts will there be thine, While brooding in thy prison'd rage? But one—"The world was mine," Unless, like he of Babylon, All sense is with thy sceptre gone, Life will not long confine That spirit pour'd so widely forth— So long obey'd—so little worth!

Or like the thief of fire from heaven Will thou withstand the shock? And share with him, the unfortun'd, His volume and his rock? Foredoomed by God—by man accurst, And that last act, though not thy worst, The very fiend's arch mock? He in his fall preserved his pride, And if a mortal, had as proudly died!

"To tip a wanton, and suppose her chaste,"

Land for Sale. The subscriber will sell a tract of land, containing about 400 acres, situated in Anne Arundel county, 9 miles from the city of Annapolis, 21 from Baltimore, and three from the navigable water of Severn river. The soil is suited to clover and plaster. There is on the premises a dwelling house, and other out houses, with garden and orchard. This property has the advantage of affording a great portion of fire wood & valuable timber, with between 20 and 30 acres of meadow. A more minute description is not unnecessary, as persons wishing to purchase can view the same, and know the terms, which will be found accommodating, by application to the subscriber, living within 2 miles of said land. August 4, 1814. Henry Woodward, Jr.

Private Sale. I will sell, at private sale, a Lot in Queen Anne, Prince George's county, conveniently situated, and an excellent stand for a person wishing to enter into the mercantile business, or to a person who wishes a stand for a tavern; and perhaps no village in the state can be found, at which a decent tavern is more wanted. On the lot is a large store house, with counter, shelves, &c. ready for the reception of a quantity of dry goods, and groceries, also a two story dwelling house, with two rooms above, and one below; a paved garden and yard, and an old building out of repair, with two rooms below and two above, for several years rented as a tavern. Terms may be known by application to Wm. Brogden, June 23, 1814.

State of Maryland, sc. Anne Arundel County Orphans Court, August 2, 1814. On application, by petition, of Thomas Gibbs, jun. administrator of Thomas Gibbs, sen. late of Anne Arundel county deceased, it is ordered he give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of six successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette. John Gassaway, Reg. Wills. A. A. County.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That the subscriber of Anne Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Gibbs, sen. late of Anne Arundel 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 October next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 2d day of August, 1814. Thomas Gibbs, jun. adm'r.

NOTICE. The subscriber having obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, letters of administration D. B. N. on the personal estate of Samuel Green, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, all persons having claims against said deceased are hereby requested to bring them in, legally proved, and those who are indebted to the same to make immediate payment, more especially those who are indebted for postage on letters, &c. Richard H. Harwood, Adm'r. D. B. N. Feb. 24.

Treasury Office, Annapolis, July 26, 1814. \$150,000 wanted on Loan

Whereas the Legislature of the State of Maryland passed a resolution at their May Session, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in the words following to wit:

MAY SESSION, 1813. Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate a loan, on such terms, and at such periods, as the Governor and Council shall approve, not exceeding the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the faith of the State is hereby pledged for the repayment of the principal and interest thereof; Provided always, That in no case shall a larger rate of interest be contracted to be paid than six per centum per annum.

And whereas, the Executive of Maryland have authorized and directed the Treasurer of the Western Shore to borrow, in behalf of the State of Maryland, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in pursuance of, and in conformity to, the provisions contained in the above recited resolution.

Be it known, That the undersigned Treasurer of the Western Shore will receive on loan, in behalf of the State aforesaid, any sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole \$ 150,000, upon the terms and conditions specified in the said resolution.

N. B. The Editors of the Federal Gazette and the American, of Baltimore; the Star and Monitor at Easton; the Republican, and Frederick-Town Herald, at Frederick-town, are requested to insert the above in their respective papers once a week for four weeks, and to admit their accounts to the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

Valuable Lands for Sale. The subscriber is authorized to dispose of at private sale, all that tract of land, formerly the property of Richard Chew, and lately of John Muir, Esq. deceased, consisting of 1095 acres, situated in Anne Arundel county, lying on the Chesapeake Bay, and forming the mouth of Henning Bay; twenty miles from Annapolis, fifty from Baltimore, and thirty-five from the City of Washington. This land as rich and fertile as any on the Chesapeake, affords the most luxuriant pasturage, has a large proportion of meadow land, and the greatest abundance of fire wood and timber, and for ship building the best timber on the Chesapeake may be had on this land. The situation is healthy, and as beautiful a prospect as any on the Bay, a good harbour, and the waters lying around the land afford the greatest abundance of excellent fish, crabs, oysters, and wild fowl. The very convenient situation of this land must be obvious to every person wishing to purchase, as the wood, timber, and the whole product of the land, can be removed from thence by water, and that in a few hours, to the markets of Annapolis and Baltimore.

A more minute description of this valuable property is thought unnecessary, as any person wishing to purchase can view the same by applying to Dr. Richard T. Hall, who resides thereon, or to Mr. Pillemon L. Chew, who lives within a few miles of it. Terms will be made known on application to the subscriber.

20 Dollars Reward. Ran away on the 2d of May, a Negro Man called Ned, who, with several others, added that of Jones, and brought suit in Anne Arundel county, by John Golden, for their right to freedom; which suit, at the last term of the court, was dismissed for the want of proof. He is a straight likely black fellow, 22 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, and has under one of his eyes, a scar about an inch long and broad. No descriptive information can be given as to his cloaths; he went off with a straw hat, a country round about striped jacket and trowsers, and good shoes and stockings. It is probable he may endeavour to get to Baltimore, or to the City of Washington. I will pay a dollar a mile on the distance he may be taken, if committed to goal, so that I get him again; fifteen dollars if taken at Annapolis and committed; ten dollars if taken in the neighbourhood; or twenty if taken in Calvert county.

I am informed that an old yellow woman resides in Calvert who calls herself Hannah Jones, and who my Negroes, who claimed their freedom, call aunt—she is wife to a miller, who attends or did attend a mill, once the property of a Mr. Smith, and purchased by Capt David Carcaud.

Blank Bonds, Declarations on Bond, Appeal Bonds, & Common Warrants—For sale at this Office. April 7.

By his Excellency LEVIN WINDER, Esquire, Governor of Maryland. A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by an inquisition held on the body of a certain negro man, a slave, the property of a certain John Cover, on the fifth of July last, it was found that the said negro came to his death from the unmerciful beating, and other ill treatment received from his said master, John Cover; and it has been represented to me, that the said John Cover has fled from justice, and it being of the greatest importance to society that the perpetrator of such a crime should be brought to condign punishment, I have therefore thought proper to issue this my proclamation, and do, by and with the advice and consent of the council, offer a reward of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS to any person who shall apprehend and deliver the said John Cover to the sheriff of Frederick county.

Given in council, at the city of Annapolis, under the great seal of the state of Maryland, this first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

By his Excellency the command, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

Ordered, That the foregoing proclamation be published four weeks in the Maryland Gazette, Federal Republican, Federal Gazette, Frederick-Town Herald and the Plain Dealer.

NOTICE. The subscriber has placed in the hands of Thomas H. Bowie, Esq. his attorney at law, in Annapolis, all the bonds, notes, and accounts, due to the estate of the late Mr. Bennett Darnall, deceased; and takes this method of informing all those who are in any manner indebted to that estate, that he has directed suits to be instituted against every person without distinction, that shall fail of discharging the amount due, when the same is demandable. The purchasers at the sale made by the executor are requested to pay particular attention to this notice. John Mercer, August 2, 1814.

Anne Arundel County Court, April Term, 1814. On application to the judges of Anne Arundel county court, by petition, in writing, of John Simmons, of said county, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, and of the several supplements thereto, 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 by the said act, being annexed to his petition, and the said county court being satisfied by competent testimony, that the said John Simmons has resided the two preceding years prior to his said application within the state of Maryland, and the said James Hammond, having stated in his petition that he is in the custody of the sheriff of Anne Arundel county, and prayed to be discharged therefrom; it is therefore ordered and adjudged, by the said court, that the said John Simmons be discharged, and by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette or Maryland Republican once a week, for three successive months, before the third Monday of September next, give notice to his creditors to appear before the said county court, to be held at the city of Annapolis, on the third Monday of September next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said James Hammond should not have the benefit of the said acts & the supplements thereto as prayed.

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Anne Arundel County Court, April Term, 1814. On application to the judges of Anne Arundel county court, by petition, in writing, of James Hammond, of said county, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, and of the several supplements thereto, 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 by the said act, being annexed to his petition, and the said county court being satisfied that the said James Hammond has resided the two preceding years prior to his said application within the state of Maryland, and the said James Hammond, having stated in his petition that he is in the custody of the sheriff of Anne Arundel county, and prayed to be discharged therefrom; it is therefore ordered and adjudged, by the said court, that the said James Hammond be discharged, and by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette or Maryland Republican once a week, for three successive months, before the third Monday of September next, give notice to his creditors to appear before the said county court, to be held at the city of Annapolis, on the third Monday of September next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said James Hammond should not have the benefit of the said acts & the supplements thereto as prayed.

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An ORATION. Delivered at the United Celebration, September 20, 1814, on the late glorious events in Europe.

By JOHN H. THOMAS, Esq.

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