

POLITICIAN'S CORNER

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

'Twas when the solemn hour of night
Wrapt earth in calm repose;
When darkness clo'd each beam of light
A scene of wonder rose!
The shining east, o'erspread with light,
Proclaim'd a beauteous morn;

CHARACTER OF BONAPARTE

[We do not give this extract either
as a model of correct composition,
or as subscribing to the truth of
all the opinions advanced in it.
It is a fine spirited sketch, in the
true taste of Irish eloquence, (we
mean that of Grattan and Curran,
) constantly straining at effect,
frequently rising to great elevation
and splendour, but sometimes
alike sacrificing good taste and
good sense to a trifling prettiness
or empty rant. It is to be lamented
that the author's flattering
augurings of future good to mankind
have not all been fulfilled.
Spain has not yet risen to the
blessings of a free constitution,
nor religion rejoiced over the last
ruins of the inquisition; yet we
must not despair; the progress of
human happiness and virtue may
be delayed for a time, but their
march, though sometimes slow, is
sure.
Fond impious man! think't thou' sanguine cloud,
Rain'd by thy power, can quench the orb of day?
Tomorrow he repairs his golden flood,
And glads the nations with redoubled ray.]
He is fallen! We may now pause
before that splendid prodigy which
towered among us like some ancient
ruin whose frown terrified the glance
its magnificence attracted. Grand,
gloomy, and peculiar, he sat upon
the throne, a sceptred hermit, wrapt
in the solitude of his awful originality.
A mind bold, independent,
and decisive; a will despotic in its
dictates; an energy that distanced
expedition; and a conscience pliable
to every touch of interest, marked
the outline of this extraordinary
character; the most extraordinary,
perhaps, that in the annals of this
world, ever rose, or reigned, or fell.
Plunged into life, in the midst of
a revolution that quickened every
energy of a people that acknowledged
no superior, he commenced his
course, a stranger by birth, and a
scholar by charity! With no friend
but his sword, and no fortune but
his talents, he rushed into the lists
where rank, and wealth, and genius,
had arrayed themselves, and competition
fled from him as from the chance
of destiny. He knew no motive
but interest; he acknowledged no
criterion but success; he worshipped
no God but ambition, and with
a stern devotion knelt at the shrine
of his idolatry. Subsidiary to this,
there was no creed that he did not
profess; there was no opinion he
did not promulgate. In the hope of
a dynasty, he upheld the crescent;
for the sake of a divorce, he bowed
before the cross; the orphan of St.
Louis, he became the adopted child
of the republic; and with a partial
ingratitude, on the ruins of the
throne and the tribune, he reared
the tower of his dominion! A professed
catholic, he imprisoned the
pope; a pretended patriot, he impoverished
the country; and in the

name of Brutus, he grasped with
out remorse, and wore without
shame, the diadem of the Caesars!
Through this pantomime of his
policy fortune played the clown to
his caprices. At his touch crowns
crumbled, beggars reigned, systems
vanished, the wildest theories took
the colour of his whim, and all
that was venerable, and all that was
venerable, and all that was novel,
changed places with the rapidity
of a drama. Even apparent
defeat assumed the operations of
victory; his flight from Egypt confirmed
destiny; ruin itself only elevated
him to empire.
But if his fortune was great, his
genius was transcendent; decision
flashed upon his councils, and it was
the same to decide and to perform.
To inferior intellects his combinations
appeared perfectly impossible,
his plans perfectly impracticable;
but, in his hand, simplicity marked
their development, and success
vindicated their adoption. His person
partook the character of his
mind; if the one never yielded in
the cabinet, the other never bent in
the field. Nature had no obstacles
that he did not surmount; space no
opposition that he did not spurn;
and whether amid Alpine rocks,
Arabian sands, or polar snows, he
seemed proof against peril, and
seemed empowered with ubiquity!
The whole continent of Europe
trembled at beholding the audacity
of his designs and the miracle of
their execution. Scepticism bowed
to the prodigies of his performance;
romance assumed the air of history;
nor was there aught too incredible
for belief, or too fanciful for expectation,
when the world saw a subaltern
of Corsica waving his imperial
flag over her most ancient capitals.
All the visions of antiquity became
common places in her contemplation.
Kings were his people; nations
were his outposts; and he disposed
of courts, and camps, and
churches, and cabinets, as if they
were the titular dignitaries of the
chessboard.
Amid all these changes he stood
immutable as adamant. It mattered
little whether in the field or drawing
room; with the mob or the levee;
wearing the jacobin bonnet, or the
iron crown; banishing a Braganza,
or espousing a Lorraine; dictating
peace on a raft to the Czar of Russia,
or contemplating defeat at the
gallows of Leipsic; he was still the
same military despot.
Cradled in the camp, he was to
the last hour the darling of the army.
Of all his soldiers, not one
forsook him till affection was useless,
and their first stipulation was the
safety of their favourite. They
knew well that if he was lavish of
them, he was prodigal of himself;
and that if he exposed them to peril,
he repaid them with plunder.
For the soldier he subsidized every
people; to the people he made even
pride pay tribute.
The victorious veteran glittered
with his gains; and the capitol,
gorgeous with the spoils of art, became
the miniature metropolis of the world.
In this wonderful combination,
his affectation of literature
must not be omitted. The jailer of
the press, he affected the patronage
of letters; the proscriber of books,
he encouraged philosophy; the persecutor
of authors, and the murderer
of printers, he yet pretended to
the protection of learning! the assassin
of Palm, the silencer of De Stael,
and the denouncer of Kotzebue,
he was the friend of David, the
benefactor of De Lisle; and sent
his academical prize to the philosopher
of England.
Such a medley of contradictions,
and, at the same time, such an individual
consistency, were never united
in the same character. A royalist,
a republican, an emperor; a mahometan,
a catholic, and a patron
of the synagogue; a subaltern
and a sovereign; a traitor and a tyrant;
a christian and an infidel; he was,
through all his vicissitudes, the
same stern, impatient, inflexible
original; the same mysterious, incomprehensible
self; the man without
a model, and without a shadow.
His fall, like his life, baffled all
speculation. In short, his whole
history was like a dream to the
world, and no man can tell how or
why he was awakened from the reverie.
Such is a faint and feeble picture
of Napoleon Bonaparte, the first
(emphatic) and it is to be hoped the last
emperor of the French.
That he has done much evil there
is little doubt; that he has been the

origin of much good there is but a
little. Through his means, intentional
or not, Spain, Portugal, and
France, have arisen to the blessings
of a free constitution; superstition
has found her grave in the ruins of
the inquisition; and the feudal system,
with its whole train of satellites,
has fled forever. Kings may learn
from him that their safest study,
as well as their noblest, is the
interest of the people. The people
are taught by him, that there is no
despotism so stupendous against
which they have not a resource;
and to those who would rise on the
ruins of both, he is a living lesson,
that if ambition can raise him from
the lowest station, it can prostrate
them from the highest.
From the Salem Gazette.
DECEMBER 13.
TO-MORROW
Will complete fifteen years since
the death of the illustrious WASHINGTON,
the patron of federalism
and the father of his country. His
ungrateful countrymen have ignominiously
refused to grant any memorial
of his important services and
distinguished virtues; it is the disgraceful
boast of this nation that it holds
in equal favour the demagogue and
the patriot, it grants no rewards and
inflicts no punishments, it erects
neither monuments in memory of
national benefactors for scaffolds or
gibbets for the execution of those
profligate and unprincipled rulers
who have seduced, betrayed, and
ruined their degraded country.
The dominant party in this country,
instead of erecting a mausoleum
to the memory of WASHINGTON,
endeavoured to blast his fame and
aspire his character; the day of his
departure from office, they hailed as
a season of jubilee when a name
should no longer legalize corruption;
the Vandal faction now in power
has endeavoured to deface and
subvert all the monuments of his
policy and measures! and his administration
and his institutions no longer
remain to reprove and admonish
our guilty rulers.
WASHINGTON and his federal
co-patriots gave the nation the CONSTITUTION,
which the ruling
faction have violated and annulled—
they gave us COMMERCE and
PROSPERITY and HAPPINESS, of all
which we have been plundered by
Democracy—and if a foreigner who
had read our history and the record
of the exploits by which WASHINGTON
has made this nation HAPPY,
should at this moment visit our
shores, he would witness that we
are as MISERABLE and degraded as
if WASHINGTON had never existed.
The wildfire of Democracy has ragged
through all this once delightful
region—it has consumed and blasted
all our foliage and verdure, and has
left nought but blackness, barrenness
and deformity, where once was fertility
and beauty and luxuriance.
WASHINGTON emphatically foretold
that the Democratic party would
be "the CURSE of this country!"
"Time is a friend to Truth"—we
who live at this day know and feel
the truth of his declaration. Wherever
you walk abroad, you behold
melancholy countenances and hear
only murmurs and lamentation: for
seven long years have you been cut
off from COMMERCE, and imprisoned
by your own rulers; you have
been scourged by a ruinous and disgraceful
WAR; and we now witness
the consummation of the labors of
Democracy; we now with our
own eyes behold that "rage and
phrenzy will pull down more in half
an hour, than prudence, deliberation,
and foresight, can build up in a
hundred years."
This day witnesses that WASHINGTON
has lived in vain; his
memory is held in derision by his
countrymen, his labors are frustrated—
his maxims and principles are
condemned!
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 pailed 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. 21

B. CURRAN,
(In the house formerly occupied by Mr.
Gideon White,) has the pleasure of informing
his customers, and the public
generally, that he has opened a good
assortment of Cloths and Cassimers,
and a good supply of Domestic Shirts,
Stripes, and Gingham, together
with a quantity of Spun Cotton Yarn;
all of which he will sell on good terms.
Annapolis, Dec. 15, 1814. 6w.
Nicholas J. Watkins,
TAILOR,
Nearly opposite the City Tavern,
Respectfully informs his friends, and
the public in general, that he has just
received a fresh supply of elegant
Cloths, Cassimeres, Cords, and a choice
selection of Vestings, which he is ready
to make up in the most fashionable
manner, at the shortest notice, and on
the most accommodating terms, that
the times will admit of. He returns
thanks to his old patrons for their custom,
and solicits a continuation of the
same.
Annapolis, Dec. 17, 1814. t. f.
NOTICE.
A list of tracts and lots of land in
Calvert county, held by persons not residents
of said county, with the names
of the persons charged with the same.
The taxes and list being now due and
unpaid, and no personal property can
be found on the same, or in the county
liable for, or chargeable with the payment
thereof.
Leonard Covington, Seamore's Neck
and Addition to ditto.
Sarah Chilton's heirs, 1 Lot in Lower
Marlborough.
John A. Frazier's heirs, part of Stirling's
Chance, and part of Stirling's
Nest.
William Harrison, part of Islington.
William Lambeth's heirs, part of
Smith's Lot.
Eleanor Lyles, part of Brooke Partition.
Velinda Mitchell, part of Bradford
Thomas Mules, part of St. James's.
Notice is hereby given, that unless
the county tax, proportion of advertising,
and other legal charges due on the
lands aforesaid, shall be paid to Benjamin
Leach, collector of the first district
of Calvert county, on or before Tuesday
the 3d day of January next, the lands
so charged as aforesaid, or such parts
thereof as may be necessary to raise
the sum due thereon shall be sold to
the highest bidder for the payment
of the same.
By order of the Commissioners of
Tax for Calvert County.
John Turner, Clk.
December 8, 1814.
NOTICE.
The Commissioners of the Tax for
Anne-Arundel county, will meet on
the first Monday in February next.
Henry S. Harwood, Clk. c. t. a. s. c.
December 8, 1814.
Anne-Arundel County Court,
September Term, 1814.
Ordered by the judges of Anne-Arundel
county court, that the said court
stand adjourned from the third Monday
of September last, until the 1st Monday
of February next, on which day all
jurors and witnesses summoned to the
said September term, and all other persons
having business in the said court,
are hereby notified to attend on the
said first Monday of February.
Test
Dec. 8. Wm. S. Green, Clk.
50 Dollars Reward.
Ran away from the subscriber on
the 2d of October, 1814, a negro man
named DICK: he is a short, yellowish
complexioned fellow, about 35 years of
age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and very
polite when spoken to. He took with
him a pair of cotton country cloth trousers,
with a broad blue stripe, & a round
white country cloth jacket and waistcoat.
He is a rough shoemaker and
took away with him his tools. Whoever
brings home the said negro or secures
him so that I get him again, shall
receive the above reward with all reasonable
charges.
Benjamin Harwood, of Rd.
A County, South River
Neck, near Annapolis.
N. B. It is supposed the above negro
man may have gone to Montgomery
county, where his mother lives with a
Mrs Murray, near Montgomery Court
House, and may have a pass. B. H.
December 1.
A STRAY.
Taken up by the subscriber, living
near Bladensburg, in Prince-George's
county, a trespassing stray gray Mare,
about 13 hands high, 10 years old, or
upwards, shod before, paces, and has
no perceivable brand; her mane appears
to have been cropped some time past.
The owner of the above described
mare is requested to apply, prove property,
pay charges and take her away.
James Crawford, of Basil.
Nov. 3, 1814. 3w.
By the Committee of Claims
The Committee of Claims will sit
every day, during the present session,
from nine o'clock in the morning until
three in the afternoon.
By order,
William K. Lanlden, Clk.
Coroner's Sale.
By virtue of a writ of fieri facias,
issued out of the court of appeals,
returnable to the court of appeals,
term, and to me directed, will be
posed to public sale, on Saturday
the 31st of December at 11 o'clock,
M. at the Sheriff's Office, in the
City of Annapolis, for cash, the following
property, to wit:
One parcel of Land called Clarke
Inheritance, containing one hundred
acres, more or less. Also three near
men called Joe, Charles, and Will.
The above is taken as the property of
James Sanders, and will be sold to satisfy
a debt due John F. Cox, and wife
James Hunter,
Coroner A. A. county.
Dec. 8. 4X
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 Golder, 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 roundabout
striped jacket and trousers, 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
gaol, 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
attended & attended a mill, once the
property of a Mr. Smith, and purchased
by Capt. David Carcaud.
Wm. Brogden.
Jun 27, 1814.
NOTICE.
The subscriber having obtained from
the Appans court of Anne Arundel
county, letters of administration D. B.
N. in 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,
Admr. D. B. N.
Feb. 21.
Anne-Arundel County, sc.
On application to me the subscriber,
chief judge of the third judicial district,
in the recess of Anne-Arundel county
court, by petition, in writing, of Philip
Clayton, 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, &c. oath, as far as he can
ascertain them, as directed by the said
act, being annexed to his petition: and
being satisfied that the said Philip Clayton
has resided the two preceding
years prior to his said application within
the state of Maryland, and the said
Philip Clayton, having stated in his
petition, that he is in actual custody, and
praying to be discharged therefrom; I
do therefore order and adjudge that
the said Philip Clayton be discharged
from his confinement; and by causing
a copy of his order to be inserted in
the Maryland Gazette or Maryland
Republican once a week, for three successive
months, before the first Monday
of February next, give notice to his
creditors to appear before the said
county court, to be held at the city of
Annapolis, on the first Monday of
February next, for the purpose of recommending
a trustee for their benefit,
and to show cause, if any they have, why
the said Philip Clayton should not have
the benefit of the said act, and the
supplements, as prayed.
JEREMIAH T. CHASE.
Wm. S. Green, Clk.
By the Committee of Grievances & Courts of Justice.
The Committee of Grievances and
Courts of Justice will sit every day
during the present session, from nine
o'clock in the morning until three in
the afternoon.
By order,
Louis Gastaway, Clk.
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