POET'S CORNER.

Communicated for the Commercial Advertiser.

ODE
FOR CHRISTMAS
1816.

Hark, from Heaven in joy descending,
Swells the seraph's glowing song,
With the hymned triumph blending
Warm from man's enraptur'd tongue!
Hark! the glad hosanna soaring
Kindles on the answering sky,
Wide o'er earth in gladness pouring
Notes of love and harmony!

Hail the morn, in beauty blooming,
Bright with heav'n's refulgent blaze,
Night's unfathom'd caves illuming
With its renovating rays;
When with loveliness resplendent,
Judah's star of glory shone,
When, in purity transcendent
Jesus left his Father's throne!

Hov'ring o'er the shepherd's slumbers
Angels told the joyful news,
As their soul entrancing numbers
Linger'd on the midnight dews;
Glorious, as to heav'n returning,
Rose the choir from mortal sight,
Lovely in the east was burning,
Christ's triumphant morning bright.

Guiding to the hope of ages
From the orient realm afar,
Sweetly to the eastern sages
Shone a heav'n directed star,
With unearthly splendor gleaming
Flam'd its bright and blessed ray,
Nations hail'd its radiance beaming—
Star of an eternal day!

To the lands of sorrow weeping
Shone the Saviour's soothing light,
Man, before in darkness sleeping,
Turn'd to him his raptur'd sight.
Earth's wild waste of desolation
Bloom'd anew with heavenly flowers,
As the tidings of salvation
Roll'd along the blissful hours.

Brought again to life and heaven,
Man lifts up his drooping head,
Paradise again is given.
Verdure blooms beneath his tread.
Heav'n expands its massy portal
To receive him exil'd long.
There to swell the strain immortal
Mingled with the angelic throng.

Loud the joyous anthem raising,
By his Saviour's side he sings,
Mid the pomp celestial blazing,
Borne upon seraphic wings;
There the endless chorus pealing
Sweeps thro' heav'n's extended reign—
Countless saints and angels kneeling
Echo the triumphant strain!

Mortals! join the anthem glorious!
Nations! swell the lofty cry!
Sing the Lamb of God victorious
Beaming from his Father's sky!
Oh! your high salvation prizing,
Mingle in the rapturous lay,
Hail the morning's lovely rising
That proclaims the Saviour's day!

Hark! from Heav'n in joy descending,
Swells the seraphs' glowing song,
With the hymned triumph blending
Warm from man's enraptur'd tongue!
Hark! the glad hosanna soaring
Kindles on the answering sky,
Wide o'er earth in gladness pouring
Notes of love and harmony!

Bristol, R. I. Dec. 25, 1816.

From the Phil. True American.

Retrospection of the Year.

This day another year commences, and bids us remember that time on his rapid pinions, is swiftly bearing us from the ephemeral stage of existence, to the solemn silence of the grave. Yet a few more years, yes, perhaps a few days, and the spot that now knows many of us, shall know us no more. The last sad obsequies shall be paid; & have among the little circles of friendship, our memories shall be handed over to oblivion, and the world forget that we have ever been. We do not wish to awaken gloomy sensations in the mind, upon the day when men are wont to receive congratulations. We sincerely congratulate our patrons on this New Year's morn, and wish them a continuance of every blessing they can desire or receive; but we may be suffered to invite the attention of our fellow creatures to a retrospection of the departed year, and when we look inward upon all the faults, which during that period, we may have committed, blush for our immorality and resolve upon amendment. Let him who has rioted in dissipation, look with sincere abhorrence on his revelings and resolve to forego his midnight orgies for a nobler life; let the mind enfeebled by intoxication, be restored to vigour by future forbearance, and him who has been lost in the deceitful wiles of the wanton, remember that her ways are the road to death and her steps take hold of ruin. He who would stake his all upon a cast and stand the hazard of the die, may cast a retractive observation, and from the ruin attendant on such a course, learn to forego the dice-box, the billiard and the faro. Strange infatuation! Such gain as this produces is obtained by robbery! Not by the common robber, who seeks the spot where undefended, wealth becomes an easy prey, but by the wily thief, who watches the moment when the admonitions of reason are lost in the vortex of passion, to lead his victim to the gaming table, where every thing is staked, and in a moment lost forever! Honour, wealth, domestic peace and all the social virtues are trampled upon, till the deluded wretch closes the eventful tragedy in suicide! Let us avoid it as we wish to prosper. In short, by a review of the past, men are made better, for the vicious cannot reflect on vice without abhorrence, and the good man by retrospection is confirmed in his determination to abstain from evil. May we, then, this morning resolve on future emendation, and be enabled to hope, ere the opening of another year, that our hearts have been made better, and the principles of religion and morality implanted more firmly in our bosoms.

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20 Dollars Reward.

The above reward will be paid for lodging in gaol, or bringing home negro Sophia, a bright mulatto woman, about eighteen years old, well grown, she has large grey eyes, and her hair rather light. The above woman ran away from Col. Waring of Mount-Pleasant, about the 15th June, (of whom I purchased her.) She has been heard of in the neighbourhood of Mr. William Tillard's near Pig-Point, where it is supposed she has been waiting to get a passage in the packet to Baltimore She has acquaintances in Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis, and Norfolk. Her cloathing not recollected excepting a green stuff frock.

Wm. B. Beanes.

Upper-Marlbro' Sept. 26. } 15 tf.

Houses for Sale.

The subscribers offer for sale the three following Houses and Lots in the city of Annapolis, to wit: The house and lot formerly occupied by Captain James Thomas, as a Boarding House, and at present in the occupancy of Mr. Rezin D. Baldwin: The house and lot on the north side of Church-street, and adjacent to the Stadt-house, occupied by Mr Gilbert Murdoch; and the house and lot occupied by Mr. Jno Munroe, on the north side of Church-street. The above are large and commodious brick buildings, and situated in the most public parts of the City. The terms, which will be accommodating, will be made known on application to either of the subscribers.

George C Steuart,
Benedict Steuart,
Charles Steuart,
Edward H. Steuart.

Nov. 7. 12 tf.

NEW GOODS.

H. G. Munroe,

Has recently received a general assortment of

Seasonable Goods,

Principally purchased at Auction, for cash, which he will dispose of very cheap.

Also,

On Consignment

Hearth Rugs, (a variety of Patterns,) and 4-4 and 5-8 Carpeting, which is offered for sale at the Baltimore prices.

Oct. 24. 14 tf.

NEW GOODS.

WARFIELD & RIDGELY,

Have just received, and offer for sale, a handsome and complete assortment of

DRY GOODS,

CONSISTING OF

Superfine and second Cloths and Cassimeres, Blue and White Kersey. Plains, Bocking Baize, Coatings and Mole Skins, do. 4-4 Irish Linens, Russia Sheeting, 4-4, 6-4 Cambric Muslins, 4-4, 6-4 Figured and Plain Lenos, and Jaconet Muslins, 3-4 Russia and 6-4, 8-4 Table Diapers, Ticklinburg, Brown Burlaps &c. &c.

They have also a good assortment of

GROCERIES, viz,

Best Cogniac Brandy, Spirit, Holland Gin, Madeira, Lisbon, Port, Malaga and Cherry Wines, Loaf, Lump and Piece Sugar, Brown do. Imperial, Hyson, Young Hyson, Green and Souchong Teas, &c. &c.

With an excellent assortment of Queens Ware and Ironmongery.

All of which they are determined to dispose of at the most moderate prices for Cash, or on short credit, and to punctual customers as usual.

Annapolis, Oct. 17, 1816. 15 tf.

For Sale,

Several valuable plantation hands. Inquire at this office.

December 5. 7

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office, Annapolis, January 1st, 1817.

Wm. Adair, D. D. Addison, Ann B. Auld, Hugh Arthur, (2) Thomas H. Bowie, John Brewer, Sophia Brooks, Mark Collins, (3) Peter Cavenaugh, Jas. Campden, Walter Cross, John S. Campden, Mr. Chegett, Jeremiah Cosden, Captain Cooper, Doctor De Butts, Gen. John Davidson, John Fordice, Samuel Fountain, (2) Augustine Gambrill, Abraham Gardner, Wm. Grey, John Gaither, Richard Harwood, (2) Philip Hammond, Matthias Hammond, Samuel S. Hopkins, Jas. Hunter, Mingo Jones, Aaron Jones, Letty Jackoe, Edward Journey, Wm. Kilty, (2) Edmund Key, John L. Kerr, James Knight, Wm. Legg, Capt. James H. Marriott, John Muir, Eleanor M'Pherson, James Mills, Enos Holbrook, (2) Richard Owens, Moses Orme, Lettecia Orme, Ceaser Peterson, Rev. Jas. Reid, Jas. G. Ringgold, Arthur Shaff, Basil Shepherd, Gustavus Schmidth, Josias Sunderland, Len Scott, (2) John Smith, (2) Margaret Shepherd, Charles Stuart, Philip W. Thomas, John Trost, Wm. Turner, The Sheriff of A. A county, Nicholas Watkins, of Thos. (2.) Richard West, Robert Welch, Jos. Ben. (2) Francis Welch, Robert Wilson, (2) Alice Watkins, John Wells, Charles Waters, Miss M. Waymun, Mr Wheeler, Mr Welch, Daniel H. Wiggins, Robert Wright, Burton Whetcroft.

Jan. 9. 3 *John Munroe, P. M.* 3w.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, November 19th, 1816.

On application by petition of Thomas Waters, of Plummer, administrator of Henry Deaver, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that 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 and Political Intelligencer.

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 Henry Deaver, 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 sixth day of May next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this nineteenth day of November, 1816.

Thomas Waters, of Plummer,
Administrator.

Dec. 19. 6 6w.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County, Orphans Court, November 19, 1816.

On application by petition of Thomas Waters, of Plummer, and Benjamin Carr, junr administrators of John Beall, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that they 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 and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
A. A. County.

This is to give Notice,

That the subscribers of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel County, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of John Beall, 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 subscribers, at or before the 21st day of February next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 29th day of November, 1816.

Thomas Waters, of Plummer,
Benjamin Carr, Junr, } *adm'rs.*

FOR SALE.

The subscriber will sell,

Thomas's Point,

And the lands adjoining, lying on the Chesapeake Bay, South River, Oyster and Fishing Creeks. These lands abound with ship timber, and wood of almost every description. There is a large quantity of firm marsh belonging to it, and some low ground, which may be converted into meadow at a small expense. There are several small buildings on it. The whole contains between three and four hundred acres. This place is remarkable for fish, oysters and wild fowl.

Nov. 21. 9 *J. T. Chase.*

Benjamin Sewell,
BOOT & SHOE-MAKER,

Respectfully informs the public, that he has just received a complete stock of good Leather, and is now prepared to do work in the neatest and best style, both for Ladies and Gentlemen, having employed Journeymen for both branches, who are first rate workmen.

He has for Sale Leather and Shoemaker's Utensils.

N. B. He has just received a few pair of Old England and Boston Bend Soals, suitable for Boots for the present season.

Dec. 26. 5 3w

New & Cheap Goods.

Nicholas J. Watkins,

Thankful for the liberal patronage which he has received, informs his friends and the public, that he has just supplied himself with a new stock of goods, consisting of the following:

Best Saxon and Blue Cloth,
do. Black do.
Fancy Brown do.
London Brown do.
Fashionable Mixtures,
Best double Milled Drab,
Second do.
Black Cassimere,
Grey mix'd do.
Light do.
Light and dark mixtures,
Paris Olive Cloth,
Fashionable Light Cord,
Black Florentines,
Best White Marseilles,
Coloured do
Fashionable Toilinet,
Olive Cords and Flannel, &c. &c.

Any of the above goods will be made up so as to suit purchasers in the best manner and on the shortest notice. Those who want bargains will find it to their advantage to give him a call.

September 26, 1816. 18 tf.

New & Cheap Goods.

EVANS & IGLEHART,

Respectfully inform their friends, and the public generally, that they have just received a choice and select assortment of

New & Fashionable Goods,

Suitable to the present and approaching season—among which are,

Real Superfine Cloths, assorted in Colours, Second ditto. 6-4 and 5-4 ditto Cassimeres assorted, Marseilles. Tollinetts Florentines, and other Vestings. Pelisse Cloths, Coatings, Flushings, Plains, Kerseys, Baizes, Sheeting and other Flannels assorted, Rose Blankets, from 6-4 to 11-4, Matchcoat ditto. assorted, Cords and Velvets, 6-4, 8-4 and 10-4 Table Diaper, 3-4 ditto. 7-8 & 4-4 Irish Linens, Shirting, Knapped Cotton Coverlids, German Linens assorted, 4-4 and 6-4 Cambrick, Book and Mul Mul Muslin, Levantines, Lustrings and Florence, Crapes, Pattinet Lace, Ribbons, Gloves, Silk, Cotton, and Worsted Hoiceroy, &c &c.

With an assortment of

Ironmongery & Cuttlery.

Also a general assortment of

Glass, China & Queen's Ware.

GROCERIES.

Prime Fresh Imperial, Hyson and Young Hyson Teas, Hyson Skin and Souchong ditto Brown & Loaf Sugars, Coffee, Chocolate, Allspice, Pepper, Mace, Cinnamon & Cloves, Best Chewing Tobacco, Common ditto. &c. &c. Old Madeira, Port, Sherry, Lisbon and Malaga Wines, Old Cogniac Brandy, Spirit, Rum, P. Brandy, Holland Gin, Whiskey, &c &c.

A small quantity of

Nice Liverpool Salt for Sale.

Many of the above Goods were purchased for *Cash* at the auction prices, and will be sold *Cheap for ready Money*, or to punctual customers on a short credit.

October 24. 14 tf.

STATE OF MARYLAND, sc.

Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, December 31st, 1816.

On application by petition of John Murray, administrator with the will annexed of John Muir, late of A. A. County, deceased, it is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to bring in 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 and Political Intelligencer of Annapolis, and the Federal Gazette of Baltimore.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
A. A. County.

This is to give Notice,

That the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration with the will annexed, on the personal estate of John Muir, 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 thirty first day of March next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 31st day of December, 1816.

John Murray, Admr. Will Annexed.

Carriages for Sale.

JONATHAN HUTTON,

Has, at his Shop, in Corn-Hill street, the following Carriages for sale:

One light, fashionable,

New Gig,

well finished, and in complete order;

A light second-handed Jersey Wagon, calculated for country use; and

A second-handed Chaise.

The above carriages will be disposed of on the most accommodating terms for Cash.

Annapolis, Oct. 17. 15 tf.

To Travellers

Persons travelling to Baltimore will find it much the nearest and best road by way of the Middle Ferry, (formerly Holland's ferry) which is now kept in good order and constant attendance, by Henry Johnson and Wm. Arnold, where liquors and horse feed can be had. The road between the ferry and Baltimore has lately been straightened and improved, and is only three miles from the ferry to Mrs. Carroll's Bridge, where it intersects the Washington turnpike road.

Jan. 1, 1817. 1 one year.

NOTICE.

A malicious lie having been industriously propagated, that I had been as low as Huntingdon, in Calvert county, endeavouring to purchase corn; that I had stated, that it was for Col. Mercer's family, and that I had actually agreed with one man for ten barrels, but afterwards insisting that it should be delivered at the cove, the bargain was broken off. I do hereby certify, that the above report is in all its parts untrue. I have not been in Calvert since July last, and then only for 36 hours, and that for a very different purpose, nor have I ever offered to purchase corn of any person in Calvert, or any where else, for nine years past.

Thomas Leitch.

West River, Jan. 6, 1817.

I should not have noticed the above contemptible and groundless falsehood, had it concerned myself only; but at the desire of Mr. Leitch, whom it may be intended to injure at this time when an alarm exists from a real scarcity, I readily certify, that I never gave him, or any one else, any authority or direction to purchase corn for me, either directly or indirectly, for several years past.

John F. Mercer.

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United States of America

District of Maryland, to wit:

WHEREAS informations have been filed in the District Court of the said United States, for Maryland District, by Elias Glenn, Esquire, attorney for the same, against the schooner Arismandi, alias Snap Dragon, alias Mendozina, for that certain goods, wares and merchandize, of large value, to wit, of the value of four hundred dollars and upwards, were brought in said vessel from some foreign port or place to the said attorney unknown, into the said United States, and were unladen and delivered from said vessel, within the United States, to wit, at the District of Annapolis, without a permit being first had and obtained from the collector of said district for such unlading and delivery, and praying a condemnation of said vessel, for the use of the said United States And also against one hundred and seventy four bales, packages and trunks, of dry goods, the property of some person or persons to the said attorney unknown, for that the said goods were imported into the said United States, to wit, into the port of Annapolis in the district aforesaid, from some foreign port or place to the said attorney unknown, in the said schooner or vessel, which vessel is the property of some person or persons to the said attorney unknown: which said goods were seized by John Randall, Esquire, collector of the customs for the district of Annapolis aforesaid, as forfeited, and which said goods, at the time of seizure, were subject to duty and which said duty had not been paid or secured to be paid.

And also against sundry goods, wares and merchandize, to wit—sixty six pieces of check, thirty six pieces of marseilles, seventy five pieces of cotton cambric, eighty-nine pieces of handkerchiefs, forty-two pieces calico, twenty five pieces of striped cotton, two pieces cotton shirting, and thirty dozen cotton hose—for that the said goods were imported into the said United States, to wit, the district aforesaid, from some foreign port or place to the said attorney unknown, in a ship or vessel, at the district aforesaid, without a permit being first had and obtained therefor from John Randall, Esquire, the collector of the customs of said district, where the said goods were unladen and delivered; and praying a condemnation of the same, as forfeited according to law.

And whereas the honourable James Houston, judge of the said court, hath ordered and directed, Tuesday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of same day, for holding a court, at the Court-House in the City of Baltimore, for said trials, agreeably to the prayer of said attorney.

Notice is hereby given, that a district court will then and there be held for the trial of the premises; and all owner or owners, and all persons who may have or claim any interest therein or thereto, are hereby cited to be and appear at the time and place aforesaid, to shew cause, if any they have, why final determination should not be made.

By order of the court,

Philip Moore, Clk.

Dec. 17, 1816. 3