Hast thou e'er seen a form that rides in the cloud, Whose garment is snow, woven into a shroud;

Whose breath is the wintry blight; Her eyes spread a chill with their cold vacant glare. And the heart ne'er again shall know

hope or despair That once has cacounter'd her sight

Now whese is that form that floats in the air, Whose features though pallid are comely and fair; Whose looks spread a torpor a-

round? She pass'd o'er the scene that was lovely and gay,
But she swept all its freshness and ver-

Or she wrapt it in coldness profound.

E'en now Hope was sporting where Love fram'd his bower; But she felt the approach of that deso-

late power,
And fled from her ruinous foe, The bower was blooming and fragrant

before, But the bloom that has faded no sun can restore. Nor enliven the darkness of woe.

My Mora was lovely, more lovely and More peerless than even wild fancy could dare

To clothe with mortality here, But the ice queen was near with her snow-woven pall, And she spread an immoveable chill-

ness o'er all That once to my bosom was dear.

I loved her with feeling, I loved her with truth, 'Twas the pure, the devoted attachment

of vouth. 'Twas fraught with the breathing of

Other loves quickly kindled would quickly depart;
They held for a short time a place in my heart,

But Mora 'twas thou hadst the whole

Unneved at the ruin the spirit moves No smile of success in her features so

Disturbeth the vacancy there-And now she approaches, and now her

Hath stuck to my heart; and the chillness of death
Succeeds to the gloom of despair.

That breath, as it pass'd, from my heart rung a knell,

Its parting notes lingured with Mora, farewell! Henceforth thou art nothing to me The heart of whose hopes I once told

thee, is dead, The last ah of feeling was heav'd as

In a prayer, a blessing for thea.

Unmoved I have heard the threat'ning surge roar, Unheeded have suffered the element's

On my uncover'd hospm it fell; Then why have I trembled when Mora

was near. And why has my firmness been stained

When I bid her forever farewell?

THE SNOW SPIRIT.

Written in Bermuda. No! ne'er did the wave in its element steep An island of lovelier charms,

It blooms in the giant embrace of the Like Hebe in Hercules' arms.

The tint of your bowers is balm to the

Their melody balm to the ear;
But the fiery planet of day is too nigh,
And the Snow spirit cannot come

The down from his wings is as white as the pearl, Thy lips for their cabinet stole:

And it falls on the green earth as melting, my girl As a murmur of thine on the soul.

Then fly to the clime where he pillows the death, As he cradled the birth of the year

How sweet to behold him when borne on the gale,
And brightening the bosom of morn,
He flings, like the priest of Diana, a
veil,
O'er the brow of each virginal

thorn But think not the veil he so chillingly

D'the veil of a vestal severe; No, no! you will see what a moment it

Should the Snow spirit ever come

And he il weap all his brillianayding. To think that a bosom as white as his Should not melt in the day-heart like him.

Old lovely the print of those delicate

On his luminous path will appear, Flyt fly! my beloved, this island is But the Snow spirit cannot come

here:

Practical Reflections .- In free eective governments, the true chaacter of the people is clearly seen in that of their rulers. If these are wise men, fully competent to the duties of their offices, men who eschew evil, who fear God, and hate covetousness; it is then plain that such is the people which gave them. rule: that the freemen who put them into office, are themselves an enlightened and virtuous body. On the contrary, whenever and wheresoever, in a free country, the rulers are incompetent in point of knowledge, or of loose morals, or of tainted character and reputation, it

is an intallible proof that the people love to have it so: and of course that the people, or at least a maority of the people, are either deplorably ignorant, or deplorably corrupted in moral taste and feelng. As is the shepherd, so are the sheep. They have the shepherd's mark upon them. They are not only ear.marked, but the express image of the shepherd is impressed upon their foreheads.

Hence, rulers of superior excellence reflect honour on the people tney govern, because their wisdom. their integrity, their moral rectitude clearly evince the wisdom, the integrity, and the moral rectitude of the body politic that elected them, and which gives them support .- So. by the rule of contraries, incapable rulers, and rulers that are wrongheaded and wrong-hearted, reflect foul disgrace upon the people; because there is proof positive, that the people at large are either naturally or wiltuly blind, or else possessed of a grossness of disposition. The truth is, when rulers are naught, they are but the instruments, which, in the righteous judgment of heaven. a naughty people voluntarily, but blindly uses for its own punishment. What has been said is of a general character, and is not meant for any individuals other than those who shall see cause to take it to themselves .- Conn. Cou.

JAMES F. BRICE,

Attorney at Law, has just published Familiar Explanation of the Laws of Wills and Codicils, and of the Laws of Executors and Administrators, and the Rules whereby estates both real and personal descend, and are to bedistributed, in case no will be made, with instructions to every man to make his own will, the necessary form for that purpose, and the forms of other instru ments relative to the estates of deceased persons. The whole written as much as possible without the use of law vords or terms.

The original work, whence this com pilation is derived, was, as this also is chiefly intended for the benefit of those who are unacquainted either with the doctrines or the forms of law, & who wish to be instructed how to a out subjecting themselves to the necessity of communicating the knowledge of their private concerns to any other person. This, among other considerations, has induced the author to compile this treatise, that a book may be always at hand, to which immediate application may be had in those cases of emergency, when every moment is precious; and by means whereof many at least of those mistakes and omissions, now daily committed may be avoided. law suits prevented, and the peace of families thereby secured. The compiler has in connexion with the original work, and in order to render the present system the more complete, incorporated therein that portion of thelaw of this state which is applicable to the estates of deceased persons, and subjoined thereto a digest of the testamentary laws.

Bright are your bowers and balmy their at Mr. George Shaw's book store in breath, Coale, Baltimore.

The editors of the American & Federal Gazetta are rejusted to insert the above in their respective papers once a week for the space of six weeks. Annapolis, Oct. 16. tf.

NOTICE

The Levy Court of Anne-Arundel county will meet in the city, of Anna-polis, on the third Monday in March text, for the purpose of laying the county levy, &cc. By order,

WM. S. GREEN, CIL. Jan. 29,

Then by to his region, by open his By the Arcellescy Charles Midsely: \ State of Maryland; of Hamplon, Bequire, Governor of

A PROCEAMATION.

Whereas it appears by the deposition of Joseph Bienart, Reger Woolford. James Marshall, & Wm Jones, of Dorchester county, that about two o'clock on Friday the twenty-seventh of November last, a fire broke out in the store house of the said Steuart, which entirely consumed it, and that they have strong reason to believe it had been set on fire by some evil disposed person of persons. And whereas it is of the greatest importance to society that the perpetrator or perpetratory of such a crime should be brought to condign punish ment, 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 One Hundred Dollars, to any person who shall discover and make known the author or perpetrators of the said offence, provided he, she or they, or any of them bebrought to justice.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State of Maryland, this second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eigh

C. RIDGELY, of Hampt. By His Excellency's command,

NINIAN PINKNEY.

Clerk of the Council Ordered, That the foregoing procla nation be published in the Maryland Gazette, Federal Gazette, Federal Re publican. Frederick-town Herald: the Forch Light, Allegany Federalist, and Easton Gazette, once a yeek for the space of ten weeks.

QUICK TRAVELLING, To and From Balcimore. FARE TWO DOLLARS.

The proprietor of the daily line of Mail Stages, announces to the public, his determination to run this line thro', to Baltimore, in rive and an Half Hours, commencing on Thursday January 1st, to start from Mr William Brewer's Tavern, every morning, at eight o'clock, and positively arrive at Baltimore by half past one o'clock in the afternoon; thus enabling his pas sengers to breakfast and dine at sea sonable hours.

John Gadsby. N. B. Wanted to purchase, Three Likely Male Servayis, suitable for Waiters, from 16 to 27 years of age. Those from the country would be preferred. Jan. 15.

Public Sale.

ursuant to an act of the general as semply and a decree of the nigh court pancery, the subscriber will offer at Public Sale, on Wednesday the 25th day of February next, if fair, if not, the fiat fair day thereafter, at the late dwelling of John Cross, deceased, for merly the property of Joseph Selby, all that tract of Land, lying on Deep creek, in Antie A undel county, called Selby's Lot, containing 300 3-8 acres of land, more or less. The aforesaid land has on it a comfortable dwelling house, and The aforesaid land has other necessary out buildings; it has on it a choice collection of fruit trees; is well wooded and has an excellent land well wooded and has an excellent land ing—making it chivenient to carry produce and marketing to the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis. The soil is well adapted to the growth of tobacco and all kinds of grain, and is particularly suited to the early growth of all kinds of market stuffs. The above land will be sold on a credit of welve months, the nurchaser giving band with two the purchaser giving band with two approved securities with interest thereon from the day of sale. Sale to com mence at 11 o'clock.

At the same time and place will be sold a part of the personal property of said John Cross. Terms will be made known on the day of sale.

All those having claims against the said deceased, are requested to delfibit them to the subscriber, and those in debted to the deceated, to make in mediate payment to

Thomas Beilmon, trustee & adnir. Feb. 5.

SUBSCRIBERS To Robbins' Journal.

Are informed that the work is received and ready for delivery, at the Book Store of Mr. Geo Shaw, and at the Office of the Maryland Gazette. Feb 11.

Public Sale.

By write of an order from the orphana court of Anne-Arundel county, he subscriber will expose to public sale, on Tuesday the 24th February next, at the late in sidence of John Lane, son deceased, near a yon creek bridge. The personal estate of said deceased, consisting of negroes, some Stock, household and kitclen furtiure, are Termis of sale cash, bale to commence at 10 o'clock. John J. D. Lane, dm'r. Jan. 22.

application by pelition of Charles Walteld, administrator of Vachal Way feld, tate of Anne-Arundel county, de field, late of Anne-Artinger county, accessed, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for crieditors 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 Intelligeneer. John Gasaway, Reg. Wills,

Notice is hereby given,

A. A. County.

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundal county, bath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundal county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Vichel Warfield; late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby varied to exhibit the same, with the volchers thereof, to the subscriber, at on before the therwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this sixth day of January,

Charles G. Warfield, adnr. Jan. 8.

State of Maryland, sc. Anne-Arundel County, Orphans court, February 3, 1818.

On application by petition of James Mackubin, administrator of Frederick Mackubin, 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, for A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of Frederick Mackubin 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 24th day of March next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 3d day of February, 1818.

James Mackubin, adm'r.

40 Dollars Reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 15th ultimo, a black man by the name of Phill, (who calls himself Philip Ad dison,) about 40 years of age, 5 feet 1 or 2 inches high, square built, with rather a pleasing countenance when spoken to, has a shaking of the right arm, occasioned by bleeding; his cloathing not recollected, except a great-coat of dark flushing edged with red, very much worn. It is probable he is harboured in the neighbourhood of Mr. William Sanders, where he has a wife

The above reward will be given for securing him in any gaol, so that I get him again, and all reasonable expences paid, if brought to me, living in Prince oper Marlbro', near Mr. Jennis gruder's mill.

William g. Sanders. Jan 8, 1818.

tate of Maryland, sc. Arundel County, Orphans Court, December 23, 1817.

On application by petition of Benjamin Thomas, administrator with the will annexed, of Ebenezer Thomas, late of Anne-brundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and hat the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

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Benjamin Thomas, adm'r

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ALEXANDER GRAHAM Easton, December 18172.

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speech of Mr. Mercer of Virginia, Our purpose in re-publishing ac-this time, the speech of this newmember on the doctrine of con-tempts, after the occasion has gone by, is to afford our readers an opportunity of judging of his very hindrone parliamentary talents, and at the same time to preserve mon our files a complete discuson upon principle, of the merits of leading question.
MR. MERCER'S SPEECH,

Os the right of congress, to punish for contempts.

Mr. Mercer rose immediately after Mr. Tucker, and addressed the nouse in substance as follows:

If the honorable gentleman who ast sat down felt it necessary to erminate his argument abruptly, rather than consume the time of the louse, much more does it become me, sir, at this late hour of the day, o apologise for detaining you one moment lunger.

Nor should I offer any observaions on the subject of the present lebate, if I were not inclined to ustain the authority of the house pon grounds somewhat different rom those which have been alreay occupied by the gentlemen who have preceded me. The resolution on your table

Mr. Speaker, involves the decision ftwo distinct propositions. Has empts? Have the proceedings of he house been such as to warrant is farther prosecution? Does the house derive from the

onstitution the power of punishing contempt? My honorable coleague, who just preceded me, in a pirit of accommodation, I have no oubt, has proposed to introduce a ill to punish by law an attempt to ribe a member of congress. If he power of punishing such an act s comprehended among the privi-

eges of this house, the wisdom of ny such law may well be question-d. Were the contemplated law estricted to a description of that articular species of contempt to hich our consideration is now urned, it would not lead to the inriference that this house recognisdno other. And if, to obviate is difficulty, a complete enumeraon were attempted of every possile insult to the privileges, rights nd dignity of this house, the prosed law would be swelled to the ge of the largest volume on your ble. It may also be doubted wheer a right which this house does ot derive from the constitution in be created or protected by an t of ordinary legislation. Those atlemen who are desirous of a w to define the privileges of this taining to its of use and to provide for punishing econtempt of them, admir their istence, as well as the power of s house to punish their violation, the mode of reasoning which ey have adopted.

Before I inquire into the origin this power, allow me to disavow ery feeling which militates ainst the most deliberate and imtial exercise of my judgment. 1 mot but deplore the unhappy sition of the prisoner, whose head bleathed by the snows of many diers, and who if really guilty of atrocious act imputed to him, is object of still greater commiseion, as his turpitude is without extenuation of youth or inex,

oit, said Mr. M. I never beheld riminal arraigned at the barrof tice without this feeling, nor e I found it difficult to obey the al injunction to believe the inice of the accused until he has filew is that of the heard in his defence and judi, me birth. It is ly convicted. This maxin of state of this wid illian charity is comprehended On its broad and that admirable system of practi- free constitution wisdom, which has been repes- as well as that no ly referred to in this discussion; is committed to recommendate the committed to the programment of the people of the United turf, and the broken and discommendated the committee the c

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