

THE MARE OF THE REVOLUTION

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It would appear that, when a resistance was contemplated by the colonies, a naval force was not taken into consideration. Such an idea might have been discouraged by the utter hopelessness of contending with the mistress of the ocean. It was not until provoked by wanton aggressions upon their defenceless commerce, that they adopted measures of retaliation.

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BENIN GOROD, A HIGHLAND TALE. The name of Benin Gorod, in Mull, a mountain with basaltic pillars, 209 feet in height, discovered by Mr. Raspo in the year 1789, and far superior to Staffa, the giant's Causeway, or any other specimen of the kind hitherto known, arises from a record of so tragical a nature that it should be preserved. There are many traditions respecting it, but the following is said to be the most authentic. A powerful chieftain who was Lord of the Island of Mull many years ago, was no less distinguished for the extent of his territories, where he lived in feudal magnificence, than for a ferocity of temper which knew no bounds; and a spirit of avarice which he found no means of satisfying but by grievously oppressing his tenants and vassals, and seizing their property and estates. He was above all particularly anxious to acquire the possessions of a neighboring chieftain whose name was Gorod, on account of their extent and contiguity. But he had long abstained from any attempt of this kind, both as Gorod, though above fifty years of age, had remained unmarried, and failing of him and his heirs, the estate reverted to the chieftain; and because his only son, who was reared according to the custom of those times in the family of a vassal, was in his custody. Gorod, however, contrary to the expectations of every one, married a young lady of great beauty and accomplishments, whom he had accidentally met with in one of the neighboring islands; and the chieftain had reason to apprehend that the expectations with which he had flattered himself of getting his vassal's estate by a failure of his posterity, would be frustrated. Impelled by lust and disappointment, he resolved to destroy the hopes and happiness of Gorod by the seduction of his wife, which he with difficulty effected, and fast carried her in triumph to his castle. Gorod conceived his rage, and while he inwardly cursed his conduct, and having contrived in the course of a great hunting party at which the chieftain and his son, Gorod, and the lady, and all the principal people of the island assisted, to bring the whole company to the summit of a lofty mountain, he seized the youth, and standing by the brink of a frightful precipice he exclaimed, "This instant I plunge myself and this boy down to death by the hands of this seducer. The chieftain trembling for the safety of the only support of his family, and encouraged by the promises of his unhappy mistress, who pressed her breast to receive the blow, reluctantly obeyed. Gorod then cried out, "I am revenged, but that tyrant must be punished; thy springing from the mountain with the unhappy youth in his arms, they were almost instantly dashed in pieces. The place has ever since been known by the name of Benin Gorod, or the Hill of Gorod.

COTOPAXI. This mountain is one of the loftiest of those volcanoes of the Andes, which at intervals have undergone eruptions. Notwithstanding it lies near the equator, its summits are covered with perpetual snows. The absolute height of Cotopaxi is 18,776 feet, or three miles and a half consequently it is 2,622 feet, or half a mile higher than Vesuvius would be, were that mountain placed on the top of the peak of Teneriffe. Cotopaxi is the most mischievous of the volcanoes in the kingdom of Quito; and its explosions the most frequent and disastrous. The masses of scorica, and the pieces of broken thrown out this volcano, cover a surface of several square leagues, and scintillate from their heaped together, a prodigious mountain. In 1833, the flames of Cotopaxi rose to 3000 feet, upwards half a mile, above the brink of the crater. In 1774, the roaring of this volcano was heard at the distance of 600 miles. On the 4th of April, 1763 the quantity of ashes ejected at the mouth of Cotopaxi, was so great, that it was dark till three in the afternoon.

The explosion which took place in 1803, was preceded by the sudden melting of the snows which covered the mountain. For 23 years before, no smoke or vapour, that could be perceived, had issued from the crater; but in a single night, the subterraneous fires became so active, that at sunrise the external walls of the cone, heated to a very considerable degree of temperature, appeared naked and of the dark colour which is peculiar to vitrified scoria. At the part of Quaysquil, (observes Humboldt) fifty leagues distant in a straight line from the crater, we heard day and night, the noise of the volcano like the discharge of a battery; and we distinguished these tremendous sounds even on the Pacific Ocean.

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CURE FOR LADIES RHEUMATISM

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CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS

The Cumberland Advocate announces JOHN V. M'Graw, esq. a candidate to represent the western district of Maryland in the twentieth Congress.

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