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March. Winds. W. N. W.  
1 Clear, very cold, high wind  
2 Clear, cold, river frozen, ice  
from 6 to 10 inches thick in  
creeks N. W.  
3 Clear, mild S. W.  
4 Clear, very warm, a weather  
breaker E. W.  
5 Rain all day, light breeze, fog-  
gy S. W.  
6 Clear, cold, heavy blow N. W.  
7 Clear, moderate, light breeze E. S. E.  
8 Snow & rain all the forenoon S. S. E.  
9 Cloudy, clear P. M. fresh  
breeze, ice all cleared out N. E.  
10 Clear, pleasant, frost, geese &  
swans going off S. E.  
11 Foggy part of the day, heavy  
blow at night S. E. S. W.  
12 Cloudy, thunder & lightning at  
night E. S. S. W. S. W.  
13 Flying clouds, fresh breeze N. W.  
14 Flying clouds, hard frost, snow  
squalls N. W.  
15 Clear, cold, skin of ice in river N. W.  
16 Rain, foggy, cold, light breeze N. E.  
17 Rain, hail & snow, P. M. clear  
heavy blow all night N. W.  
18 Flying clouds, hard frost, high  
wind N. W.  
19 Snow nearly all day and part  
of the night, snow 3 inches  
deep N. E. W.  
20 Clear part of the day N. E. W.  
21 Cloudy, snow in evening & all  
night, 4 or 5 inches deep W. S. E.  
22 Snow, heavy blow, cleared  
off at 9 A. M. N. W.  
23 Flying clouds with snow squalls  
N. W.  
24 Clear, cold, heavy blow N. W.  
25 Clear, cold, ground frozen  
hard, heavy blow N. W.  
26 Clear, cold, high wind N. W.  
27 Clear, cold, fresh breeze N. W.  
28 Clear, moderate, white frost,  
swans and ducks going off by  
thousands N. W. S. E.  
29 Clear, P. M. cloudy N. W.  
30 Rain nearly all day N. W. S. E.  
31 Clear, warm, weather breed  
er N. W. S. E.

## LAW OF MARYLAND

Passed at December Session, 1828.

An Additional Supplement to the  
act concerning Crimes and Pun-  
ishments, passed at December  
Session, eighteen hundred and  
eighteen, chapter seventy-two.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-  
eral Assembly of Maryland, That  
the directors of the Maryland Pen-  
itentiary shall have authority, and  
they are hereby authorized, to grade  
the salaries of the officers of the pen-  
itentiary according to the value of  
their respective services to that in-  
stitution, in the opinion of the said  
directors; Provided, that the aggre-  
gate amount thereof shall not exceed  
the sum paid for the services of the  
officers of the penitentiary for the  
year eighteen hundred and twenty-  
four.

An Act relating to County Clerks.

WHEREAS by a resolution passed at  
December session eighteen hundred  
and twenty-seven, No. seventy-seven,  
the clerks of the levy courts, or com-  
missioners of counties, were required,  
under the penalty of one hundred  
dollars, on or before the first day of  
January in each and every year there-  
after, to prepare and transmit to the  
treasurer of the western shore, a de-  
tailed statement of the aggregate of  
valuation, rate of tax per hundred  
dollars, amount of levy, and each gen-  
eral charge of expenditure in the  
several counties of this state, accord-  
ing to the form which appears in the  
journal of the house of delegates thro-  
ugh the said session, fronting page three  
hundred and twenty-two: And where-  
as the said treasurer, by the said resolu-  
tion, was required to report to the  
legislature, in the second week of  
every session, a general view of the  
said statements; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-  
eral Assembly of Maryland, That  
so much of the act of November ses-  
sion eighteen hundred and ninety-  
four, chapter thirty-three, section two,  
as requires the clerk of each county  
to prepare the said statement, and con-  
tain all the said annual account of the

assessment or rate of each county,  
and how the same has been disposed  
of by the levy court, and so much of  
the act of November session seven-  
teen hundred and ninety-six, chapter  
forty-three, section twenty-three, as  
requires the said clerks to make out  
and transmit to the clerk of the sen-  
ate, and to the clerk of the house of  
delegates, each a fair copy of the  
levy lists allowed by the justices of  
their respective levy courts, and of  
the several charges and sums levied  
and assessed on their respective coun-  
ties, be and the same are hereby re-  
pealed.

A Supplement to the act, entitled,  
An act to regulate the issuing of  
Licenses to Traders, Keepers of  
Ordinaries, and others, passed at  
December Session eighteen hun-  
dred and twenty-seven, chapter  
one hundred and seventeen.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-  
eral Assembly of Maryland, That  
the said original act shall not be de-  
emed to apply to persons who do not  
buy or sell with a view to profit in  
the regular prosecution of some trade  
or business.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That  
the clerks of the several county  
courts, and of the city court of Bal-  
timore, upon application of the per-  
sons interested, and at such time, and  
in such manner as they shall find most  
convenient, be and they are hereby  
authorized and directed, to repay (out  
of any money belonging to the state  
in their hands,) to those whom, at  
any time since the first day of May  
last, they have licensed in virtue of  
the said act, a ratable allowance for  
the interval between the said day,  
and that on which such license was  
granted; and in licensing hereafter,  
shall make a like deduction for the  
interval between the first day of the  
preceding May, and the time of  
granting each license: Provided al-  
ways, that any person who may  
have obtained a license under said  
act, since the first day of May last,  
shall have the option of using, exer-  
cising or following, his trade or pur-  
suit or calling under the same, until  
the expiration of one year after the  
actual issuing of the same, in lieu of  
the deduction or ratable allowance  
accorded to him by this section.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That  
any person or persons who shall com-  
mence at any time in the course of  
the year, shall be entitled to, and may  
obtain a license from the clerk of the  
county or city court, as the case may  
be, on paying therefor a ratable al-  
lowance, and every such license shall  
be limited to, and expire on the first  
day of May next thereafter.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That  
it shall be the duty of the several  
clerks of this state issuing licenses  
under this act, or the act to which it  
is a supplement, to furnish to the  
grand juries of their respective courts,  
a list of all the licenses issued by  
them, in which shall be specified the  
period at which the same was actual-  
ly granted or issued.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That  
the second section of the act to which  
this is a supplement, so far as it re-  
quires that the clerk issuing the same,  
shall specify the place at which the  
same is to be used, shall be and the  
same is hereby repealed to huck-  
sters, and all others coming within  
the operation of said act, whose oc-  
cupation or pursuit exercised or fol-  
lowed under said license, is in its  
nature transitory, or carried on by  
removal from stand to stand, or from  
place to place, and that all such li-  
censes may be issued generally as be-  
fore the passage of said act; Provid-  
ed always, that any such license shall  
not authorize the licensee to use the  
same at more than any one stand or  
place at one and the same period.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That  
in case of the death of any person or  
persons who may have taken out a  
license under the original act to which  
this is a supplement, it shall be law-  
ful for the widow, executor or ad-  
ministrator, to sell under the said li-  
cense for the residue of the year for  
which the same shall have been grant-  
ed; any thing in the said act to the  
contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That  
nothing herein contained shall be  
construed to require persons to take  
out license, who sell only casks,  
bread, beer or cider, apples, water-  
melons, chestnuts and other domestic  
fruits, or any or all of said articles.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That  
the right of removal, with a view to  
a permanent settlement, secured to  
retailers by the first proviso of the  
second section of the said act, be and  
it is hereby extended, upon the same  
conditions, to keepers of ordinaries  
also, any thing in the said original  
act to the contrary hereof, or of the  
enactments of this supplement, not-  
withstanding.

A Supplement to the act, entitled,  
An act to authorize the Governor  
and Council of Maryland to ap-  
point the Inspectors of Flour of  
this State, passed at December  
Session eighteen hundred and  
twenty-five, chapter one hundred  
and seventy-four.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-  
eral Assembly of Maryland, That  
from and after the passage of this act,  
it shall not be lawful for any inspec-  
tor to condemn any flour barrel, or  
half barrel, which can, in his opin-  
ion, be repaired at a reasonable ex-  
pense, and it shall be the duty of the  
several inspectors of flour for this  
state, under the penalty of five dol-  
lars for each barrel, in all cases where  
they pronounce a barrel or half bar-  
rel to be unmerchantable, and cap-  
able of being made merchantable, to  
direct the said barrel to be repaired  
at the expense of the owner or own-  
ers, his, her or their agent, stating at  
the same time by a certificate of the  
inspector who may have inspected the  
said barrel, the brand and cooper's  
mark, with the defect or defects  
of the same, and whether the cause  
of such defect or defects is, in his  
opinion, owing to the neglect of the  
cooper, wagner, miller, or other-  
wise, as the case may appear to the  
said inspector, together with the nec-  
essary costs of repairing the said  
barrel, which said certificate, so pre-  
pared, shall be delivered by the said  
inspector to the owner or owners,  
his, her or their agent.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That  
if any barrel shall have been so dam-  
aged, or otherwise defective, as not  
to admit of its being repaired, it shall  
be lawful for the owner or owners,  
his, her or their agent, to substitute  
a good and sufficient barrel, and pay  
for the packing of the same, or to  
make such deduction from the flour  
as may be agreed upon between the  
owner and purchaser; and the inspec-  
tor inspecting such damaged or  
defective barrel, shall, under the like  
penalty as above, certify to what in  
his opinion, such damage or defect is  
owing.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That  
all penalties incurred under the pro-  
visions of this act, shall be recovered  
before any justice of the peace for  
this state, in the same manner as  
small debts are now collected, and  
one half thereof to the informer, and  
the other half to the state.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That  
all acts or parts of acts, inconsistent  
with, or repugnant to the provisions  
of this act, be and the same are here-  
by repealed.

An Act relating to the owners and  
occupants of the Shad, Herring,  
and Ale-Wife Fisheries in any  
of the waters of this State.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-  
eral Assembly of Maryland, That  
from and after the passage of this act,  
it shall be the duty of the clerk of  
any county court in this state, and  
he is hereby authorized and required,  
upon application being made by any  
person within his county, to grant  
a license for two calendar months to  
sell spirituous liquors, and other ar-  
ticles, during the season for catching  
said fish; provided the owner or oc-  
cupant of such fisheries shall be  
engaged in catching said fish for  
sale.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That  
the said clerks shall charge and re-  
ceive for such license the sum of six  
dollars, and such license shall be  
granted in the same manner, and up-  
on the same conditions, as are now  
prescribed by law.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That  
the clerks of the several county courts  
in this state, and the clerk of the city  
court of Baltimore, be and they are  
hereby authorized and required, upon  
application, to grant a license to sell  
spirituous liquors at any horse-race,  
or militia muster, and the said clerk  
shall charge and receive three dollars  
for each and every day such license  
is granted.

An Act to repeal an act, entitled,  
A Supplement to an act, entitled,  
An act to prevent the unlawful  
exportation of Negroes and Mu-  
lattoes, and to alter and amend  
the Laws concerning Runaways,  
passed at December session eight-  
een hundred and twenty-four,  
chapter one hundred and seventy-  
one, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-  
eral Assembly of Maryland, That  
an act, entitled, A supplement to an  
act, entitled, An act to prevent the  
unlawful exportation of negroes and  
mulattoes, and to alter and amend  
the laws concerning runaways, passed  
at December session, in the year  
eighteen hundred and twenty-four,  
chapter one hundred and seventy-one,  
be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That  
in all cases in which a negro or mu-  
latto shall be committed to the goal  
of any county within this state, un-  
der the acts relative to the appre-  
hension and commitment of run-  
aways, if the said negro or mulatto  
shall ultimately be discharged agree-  
ably to the requisition of the sixth  
section of the act of eighteen hun-  
dred and seventeen, chapter one hun-  
dred and twelve, the expenses of  
keeping said runaway in confinement  
shall be ascertained by the levy court,  
or the commissioners of the county  
in which such negro or mulatto may  
be committed, as the case may be, or  
by the mayor and city council of  
Baltimore, if committed within said  
city, and shall be certified by said  
levy court, commissioners, or mayor  
and city council, as the case may be,  
to the treasurer of the western shore,  
who shall, upon the production of  
such certificate, pay the amount so  
certified to the person or persons en-  
titled to the same, or their order.

MISCELLANY.

THE FIRST AND THE LAST  
DINNER.

From the London Atlas.  
[In the well-written and highly in-  
teresting composition that we here con-  
dense from the London Magazine, a  
correspondent gives a valuable and  
striking lesson. Thousands who might  
pass heedlessly over a sober essay de-  
signed to inculcate the same reflections  
will have them irresistibly impressed  
on their minds by such a picture as is  
here spread before them. Its most af-  
fecting display, and darkest shades,  
may all be found in the realities of  
life.]

Twelve friends, much about the same  
age, and fixed by their parents, their  
family connections, and other local in-  
terests, agreed one day when they  
were drinking their wine at the Star  
and Garter at Richmond, to institute  
an annual dinner among themselves,  
under the following regulations: That  
they should dine alternately at each of  
their houses on the first and last day  
of the year; that the first bottle of wine  
uncorked at the first dinner, should be  
uncorked and put away to be drunk by  
him who should be the last of their  
number: that they should never admit  
a new member; that when one died, a  
leaven should meet, and when another  
died, ten should meet, and so on; and  
that, when only one remained, he should  
on those two days, dine by himself, and  
sit the usual hours at his solitary table;  
but the first time he so dined alone, he  
it should be the only one, he should then  
uncork the first bottle, and, in the first  
glass, drink to the memory of all who  
were gone.

There was something original and  
whimsical in the idea and it was eagerly  
embraced. They were all in the prime  
of life, closely attached by reciprocal  
friendship, fond of social enjoyments,  
and looked forward to their future  
meetings with unalloyed anticipations  
of pleasure. The only thought, indeed  
that could have darkened those antici-  
pations, was one not very likely to in-  
trude itself at this moment, that of the  
happiest might who was destined to un-  
cork the first bottle at his lonely repast.

It was high summer when this frolic  
compact was entered into; and as their  
pleasure yacht skimmed along the dark  
bosom of the Thames, on their return  
to London, they talked of nothing but  
their first and last feasts of eating  
their first and last feasts of eating  
their first and last feasts of eating

the brown wig, and others decently  
dressed out in a new suit of mourning,  
for the death of a great-grand daughter  
or a great-grand son.

"As for you, George," exclaimed one  
of the twelve, addressing his brother  
in law, "I expect I shall see you as dry  
withered, and shrunken as an old elk-  
skin, you mere outside of a man; and  
he accompanied the words with a hearty  
slap on the shoulder.

George Fortescue was leaning care-  
lessly over the side of the yacht, laugh-  
ing the loudest of any, at the conversa-  
tion which had been carried on. The  
sudden manual salutation of his bro-  
ther-in-law threw him off his balance, &  
in a moment he was overboard. They  
heard the heavy splash of his fall, be-  
fore they could be said to have seen  
him fall. The yacht was proceeding  
wisely along—but it was instantly stop-  
ped.

The utmost consternation now pre-  
vailed. It was all nearly dark, but  
Fortescue was known to be an excel-  
lent swimmer, and, starting as the ac-  
cident was, they felt certain he would  
regain the vessel. They could not see  
him. They listened. They heard the  
sound of his hands and feet. They  
hailed him. An answer was returned,  
but in a faint gurgling voice, and the  
exclamation "Oh God!" struck upon their  
ears. In an instant, two or three, who  
were expert swimmers, plunged into  
the river, and swam towards the spot  
whence the exclamation had proceeded.  
(One of them was within an arm's length  
of Fortescue—he saw him, he was strug-  
gling and buffing the water; before he  
could be reached, he went down, and  
his distracted friend beheld the eddy-  
ring circles of the wave just over the  
spot where he had sunk. "He dived  
after him, and touched the bottom but  
the tide must have drifted the body  
onwards, for it could not be found!")

They proceeded to one of the near-  
est stations where drags were kept, &  
having procured the necessary appa-  
ratus, they returned to the fatal spot. Af-  
ter the lapse of above an hour, these  
succeeded in raising the lifeless body  
of their lost friend. All the usual re-  
mends were employed for restoring sus-  
pended animation, but in vain; and  
they now pursued the remainder of their  
course to London, in mournful silence,  
with the corpse of him who had com-  
menced the day of pleasure with them  
in the fullness of health, of spirits and  
of life! Amid their severer grief, they  
could not but reflect how soon one of  
the joyous twelve had slipped out of the  
little festive circle!

The months rolled on, and cold De-  
cember came with all its cheering round  
of kindly greetings and merry hospi-  
tialities, and with it came the usual re-  
collection of the fate of poor Fortescue  
eleven of the twelve assembled on the  
last day of the year, and it was impos-  
sible not to feel their loss as they sat  
down to dinner. The very irregularity  
of the table, five on one side, and one  
only four on the other, forced the melan-  
choly event upon their memory.

There are few sorrows so stubborn as  
to resist the united influence of wine,  
a circle of select friends, and a season  
of prospective gaiety.

A decorous sigh or two, a few becom-  
ing ejaculations, and an instructive ob-  
servation upon the uncertainty of life,  
made up the sum of tender posthumous  
offerings to the mane of poor George  
Fortescue, as they proceeded to dis-  
charge the more important duties for  
which they had met.

By the time the champagne had gone  
down, in addition to sundry potatoes,  
they had ceased to discover any thing  
so very pathetic in the inequality of the  
two sides of the table, or so melancholy  
in their crippled number of eleven.

[The rest of the evening passed off  
very pleasantly in conversation, good  
humoured enjoyment and conviviality,  
and it was not till towards 12 o'clock  
that "poor George Fortescue" was again  
remembered.]

They all agreed, at parting, how-  
ever, that they had never passed such a  
happy day, congratulated each other  
upon having instituted so delightful a  
meeting, and promised to be punctual  
to their appointment the ensuing even-  
ing, when they were to celebrate the  
new year, whose entrance they had  
welcomed in bumpers of claret, as the  
watchman bawled "past 12 o'clock,"  
beneath the window.

They met accordingly, and their  
gaiety was without any alloy or draw-  
back. It was only the first time of  
their assembling after the death of  
"poor George Fortescue," that made the  
recollection of it painful; for though  
but a few hours had intervened, they  
now took their seats at the table as if  
eleven had been their original number,  
and as if all were there that had been  
ever expected to be there.

It is thus every thing. The first  
time a man enters a prison—the first  
time an author writes—the first time  
an artist executes—the first time  
a General wins—say, the first time a  
rogue is hanged—for a rotten rope  
may provide a second performance, o-  
ven of that ceremony, with all its in-  
congruities of character—differ inconceiv-  
ably from their first repetition. There  
is a charm, a spell, a novelty, a fresh-  
ness, a delight, inseparable from the  
first experience, (hanging always ex-  
cepted, be it remembered,) which no  
art or circumstance can impart to the  
second. And it is the same in all the  
darker traits of life. There is a degree  
of poignancy and anguish in the first  
assaults of sorrow, which is never found  
afterwards. In every case, it is sim-  
ply that the first fine edge of our feel-  
ings has been taken off, and that it can  
never be restored.

Several years had elapsed, and our  
eleven friends kept up their double an-  
niversaries, as they might aptly enough  
be called, with scarcely any perceptible  
change. But, alas! there came one din-  
ner at last, which was darkened by a  
calamity they never expected to wit-  
ness, for on that very day their friend,  
companion, brother almost, was hang-  
ed! Yes! Stephen Rowland, the wit,  
the oracle, the life of their little circle,  
had, on the morning of that day, for-  
feited his life upon a public scaffold,  
for having made one single stroke of his  
pen in a wrong place. In other words,  
a bill of exchange, which passed into his  
hands for 700*l.*, passed out of it for 1700*l.*;

he having drawn the important little pre-  
fix to the hundreds, and the bill being  
paid at the banker's without examining  
the words of it. The forgery was dis-  
covered—brought home to Rowland—  
and though the greatest interest was  
used to obtain a remission of the fatal  
penalty, poor Stephen Rowland was  
hanged. Every body pitied him; and  
nobody could tell why he did it. He  
was not poor; he was not a gambler; he  
was not a speculator; but philology  
was discovered in his head, after his  
execution, as large as a pigeon's egg.  
He could not help it.

It would be injustice to the ten to  
say, that even wine, friendship and a  
merry season, could dispel the gloom  
which pervaded this dinner. It was a  
grieved befriended that they should not  
allude to the distressing and melanc-  
choly theme; and thus having interdicted  
all their thoughts, the natural conse-  
quence was, that silent contemplation  
took the place of dismal discourse; and  
they separated long before midnight.

Some fifteen years had  
now glided away since the fate of poor  
Rowland, and the ten remained but  
the steely hand of time had written  
sundry changes in the most legible  
characters. Raven locks had now be-  
come grizzled—two or three heads had  
not as many locks altogether as may be  
reckoned in a walk of half a mile along  
the Regent's Canal—one was actually  
covered with a brown wig—the crow's  
feet were visible in the corner of the  
eye—good old port and warm madeira  
carried it against lock, claret, red bur-  
gundy and champagne—steaks, hashes  
and ragouts, grew into favour—crusts  
were rarely called for to relish the  
cheese after dinner—conversation was  
less boisterous, and it turned chiefly  
upon points of landed property—ap-  
ologies were made for coming in thick  
shoes and warm stockings—the doors  
and windows were more carefully pro-  
vided with list and sand bags—the fire  
more in request—and a quiet game of  
whist filled up the hours that were wont  
to be devoted to drinking, singing and  
riotous merriment. Two robbers, a  
cup of coffee, and at home by eleven  
o'clock, was the usual cry, when the  
fifth or sixth glass had gone round after  
the removal of the cloth. At parting,  
too, there was now a long ceremony in  
the hall, buttoning up great coats, try-  
ing on woollen comforters, fixing silk  
handkerchiefs over the mouth and up  
to the ears, and grasping sturdily walk-  
ing-sticks, to support unsteady feet.

Their fiftieth anniversary came, and  
death had indeed been busy. One had  
been killed by the overturning of the  
mail, in which he had taken his place,  
in order to be present at the dinner,  
having purchased an estate in Mon-  
mouthshire, and retired thither with his  
family. Another had undergone the  
terrible operation for the stone, and ex-  
pired beneath the knife—a third had  
yielded up a broken spirit two years  
after the loss of an only surviving and  
beloved daughter—a fourth was carried  
off in a few days by a cholera morbus—  
a fifth had breathed his last the very  
morning he obtained a judgment in  
his favour by the Lord Chancellor,  
which had cost him his last shilling,  
nearly to get, and which, after a litig-  
ation of nearly eighteen years, declared  
him the rightful possessor of ten thou-  
sand a year—ten minutes after he was  
dead a year—a sixth had perished by the  
hand of a midnight assassin, who broke  
into his house for plunder, and ac-  
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