

The South

TWO MORE LETTERS OF GEN. WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON. To the letters we published yesterday, we add two more, one to Bryan Fairfax, Esq., and the other to Capt. Robt. Mackenzie, with whom Gen. Washington served in Braddock's expedition...

TO BETTER FAIRFAX.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 13th instant comes to this place, forwarded by Williamsburg, and I am glad to know it sooner, in hope that it will find time, before I begin my journey to Philadelphia, to answer it fully, if not as speedily as I wish.

I am very glad to learn that my friend Stewart writes from New York, that he has not heard of you since he left London five years ago, nor heard of him since he left London five years ago, nor heard of him since he left London five years ago...

Thomas Aquinas was so eminently simple and reserved in his conduct, that his fellow-students regarded him as a very mediocre person, and occasionally called him The dumb ox of Sicily. His master, Albert, not knowing himself what to think, took occasion to rebuke him on several very profound questions...

I intended to write no more than an apology for not writing sooner, but I find I am insensibly drawn out to a length I did not expect, and therefore shall conclude with remarking that, if you disapprove the right of Parliament to tax us, unrepresented by us, you are in the same predicament as we are, you are in the same predicament as we are...

P. S. Pray what do you think of the Canada Bill?

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT MACKENZIE.

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I do not mean by this to insinuate, that an officer is not to be trusted, even when chance places him in a disagreeable situation; but I conceive, when you condemn the conduct of the Massachusetts people, you reason from effects, not cause; otherwise you are not consistent, you are not consistent, you are not consistent...

Stierne has told an anecdote of what happened to him once at Halifax. The schoolmaster had the ceiling newly whitewashed, and the mischievous boy mounting the steps almost before the job was completed, dashed with a brush on the ceiling the words, in capital letters, 'L'ATIN'.

Many predictions were made in respect to Napoleon, about whose youth there must have been something remarkable. His aged relative, the arch-deacon of Ajoedo, when dying, said to the young Buonapartes kneeling around his bedside to receive his last blessing, 'You need not think about the fortune of Napoleon; he will make himself.' Josephine put on the eldest of the boys, 'Betty, you are the chief. Have a care over your future.' 'Not only his uncle, but all who knew Napoleon, predicted that he would become an instrument for great purposes.

THE HANDKERCHIEF.

This appendage to the toilet has attained the highest degree of refinement. Anne of Austria was a princess in every respect, but she is particularly distinguished by her dress, and principally in her linen, that the Cardinal Mazarin said of her: 'When she shall be in purgatory, doing penance for her sins, they will make her sleep in Holland as they do in France.'

Madame Campan relates that Napoleon one day playing with a handkerchief belonging to the Emperor, and that he was very much amused by the texture and embroidery, asked how much a handkerchief like that was worth? 'Six,' replied a lady of honour, 'every word he says is worth a crown.'

Generations. A generation is usually admitted to occupy, on an average, a space of thirty-three years. It is the period in which a man is born, grows up, and dies. It is the period in which a man is born, grows up, and dies.

THE DEAD OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.—The whole channel of the Mediterranean must be strewn with human bones. Carthage, Syracuse, Sicily, and the islands, are all the same. They lie, side by side, beneath the eternal waves, and the modern ship that fetches freight from Alexandria, sails in its whole course over buried nations. It may be the descendant of the vessel that sailed in the days of the Phoenicians.

SCARF MUD.—There is a common nuisance in New Orleans, the mention of which to a London beggar would make him spit water, viz.—that a gentleman brings home upon his boots, after a walk on the levee, a sugar-sand, the springs of which would about keep a man's feet from the mud. The gentleman is the innkeeper's bog-head and boxes of this, their great staple of merchandise, are prodigally careless and perpetual.

FRANKLIN OF SPELLING.—Dr. Franklin says, in one of his letters:—'You need not be concerned, in writing to me, about bad spelling; it is generally the best; as conforming to the sound of the letters.' To give you an instance, I enclose you a letter, which I have written in the following manner: 'Not finding Brown at home, I delivered your message to his wife. The gentleman called his wife to help him to read it. Between them they picked all the g's, which they could not understand, because Betty says she has the best knack of reading bad spelling of any one I know.'

THE SECRET OF CHINESE CARVING.—The means by which the Chinese carve their figures, which come from China and are carved out within the joints, has long been matter of dispute. No joining has long been used, but it is now ascertained, that the figures are all carved out of a single piece of wood, and that the joints are all made by the use of a peculiar strong cement, which is called 'the secret of Chinese carving.'

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