

To ROBERT THUNDERBOLT, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have lately observed in the papers, several hints from you concerning the establishment of a swearing Academy; and though such an institution might in some degree clash with the interests of my profession, yet I have every disposition to encourage an undertaking of such public advantage.

I am Sir one of those personages who devote themselves to the business of instructing and entertaining their fellow creatures; who are unremitting in their efforts to please—who live entirely on the noise of clapping of hands—who bask in the sunshine of public good humour, and expire in a desperate fit of starvation at the hiss of a critic.

To keep you no longer in suspense Sir, I am an actor—at least in my own opinion, and have long trod the stage with rapidly increasing merit.

The theatre, Sir, has hitherto answered most of the purposes of a swearing academy, as all the oaths that have been uttered there, from time to time have been carefully collected by the young gentlemen who attend, and circulated about town for the edification of the public.

Now, though your institution will supersede the importance of the theatre in this respect, yet as I have before observed, I wish it the utmost success.

To be candid with you, I am in hopes that you will provide among your other arrangements a theoretic tutor, who shall be appointed to wait upon us during rehearsals, for the purpose of giving lessons in the true method of swearing handsomely—an accomplishment of which many of our corps are very deficient. Nothing can be more ridiculous than the awkward manner in which some of us are delivered of an oath, it either creeps out so minced and mumbled, and indistinct that its beauty is entirely lost, or else it bounces forth with a roar—broadside fore and aft in your face like a cork from a bottle of sparkling champagne.

One would almost think that we should be perfect masters of the art, seeing how much practice we have had of late. For since the introduction of German dramas we have little to do but pray and swear from one end of the play to the other. One moment we are elevated to the climax of passion, and swearing with all the grace and eloquence of a Trooper; the next, down on our knees praying with the most fervent devoutness. Some of our dramatic authors have thought proper to unite these two characteristics of a modern play; and we now and then "swear a prayer or two" with the most affecting pathos.

This custom of praying I find turns rather expensive in the end, for, as we think proper always to go down on our knees on these occasions, it has a most melancholy effect on the knees of our small clothes, and I have had half a dozen pair rendered unfit for service on that very account.

I am now in a state of the tenderest anxiety for the health of my only remaining pair; as we are old friends, I cannot but feel the most lively affection for them; they are a kind of Jack of all trades, that have accompanied me in all my changes from king to cobbler; a pair of stockings rolled over the knees fit them for the habiliments of an old codger, a flash or two of silk renders them the court dress of a Spanish grandee, while three slips of tinsel and gilded leather convert them into the armour of an ancient warrior. Thus do these accommodating small clothes demean themselves to every situation in life, and figure to equal advantage in Alexander the Great, or Alexander the Coppersmith. How they will stand our another praying campaign I cannot imagine; but I very much fear they will soon have to accompany the exile of the unfortunate black breeches and half boots that formerly graced the extremities of the worthy king of Scotland.

"Duncan's are in their grave!" Rather than my black velvets should share their untimely fate, I will employ my friend Shapter to cut them up and convert them into masks to cover the faces of our performers in carnival festivities.

"But hold!" if I do not check myself I may expose all the domestic arrangements of our wardrobe; I may tell all contrivances in turning inside out, and outside in; of metamorphosing a morning gown into a royal Mourning mantle; a helmet into a night cap, and a coat of mail into an under-jacket; I might tell how some performers dress

for half a dozen characters at once, and change their appearance by taking off a suit at the end of every scene; so that one who, with half the wardrobe of the company on his back at the commencement of the play, might have waddled in a complete Falstaff, shall sink off the stage a perfect Malter, Blunder at the falling of the curtain.

I might mention the convenient red dresses worn by a detachment of those whom Mr. OLDSTYLE terms the *Buckrams*; but who, from the colour of their clothes, and the graceful manner of their crawling on the stage, they are termed by the wags of the green-room the *Travelling Lobsters*. These pleasant geniuses seem to have adopted a dress suited to all ages and countries, the same suit serves for the armies of contending nations, and the only way of finding out to which party they belong in any battle, is to notice whether they come in at the right side or the left.

All these, and many more interesting particulars, I could relate, but that I never permit myself to indulge in digression. Were that not the case, oh! Mr. Thunderbolt, "I could a tale unfold."

"But this eternal blazon must not be."

So to the point. The increased habit of swearing has likewise increased the demand for oaths; and we have of late been unable to procure enough to supply our necessities. You can't think, Mr. Thunderbolt, the great advantage it is to an actor to be well versed in the vocabulary of swearing; when he is out in his part, nothing is more convenient than a string of oaths to utter while the prompter is giving him his cue. When a comedy or farce goes off heavily, a few smart oaths, scattered here and there, have a wonderful effect in exciting mirth among the gods.

But it is time for rehearsal; I must therefore conclude with entreating you to take into consideration the expediency of appointing a tutor to attend the theatre; and, in the mean time, hope you will send the manager an assortment of the handsomest oaths you have on hand as a temporary supply during the benefit season.

As I happen to mention our benefits, I will add, that we feel flattered and grateful for the countenance the public have shewn to those of us who have already had their nights. Whatever may be our feelings or imperfections, we have hearts warm with sentiments of gratitude to those who honour us with such unequivocal and substantial marks of their good will.

Sir, your fervent,  
AN ACTOR.

On Friday, the 1st of July,  
Will be Sold  
At the Collector's Office, in  
Newbern one Barrel of  
WHISKY;  
which was condemned by the  
District Court, and ordered for  
sale.

JOHN S. WEST, Marshall.  
Newbern, June 3.

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.  
RUN-AWAY, from the subscriber,  
R about the 4th March last, a negro fellow named

J I M;  
HE is of a yellow complexion, his teeth very wide, has long slim arms, thin hair, is about Twenty years of age, and about six feet high; was formerly the property of Benjamin Woods, Esq. of Newbern.

I will give the above reward to have him delivered to me, or so to have him secured, that I get him.

Masters of Vessels and others are forbidden harboring or carrying him away at their peril.

Edmond Hatch.  
Jones County, May 27 1803.

FOR SALE  
THE elegant two story house, in Front street, formerly the property of the late Richard Ellis, Esq. (now occupied by Mr. Jennings)—an indisputable title, and a liberal credit will be given to the purchaser. For terms enquire of  
JOHN C. OSBORN.

WANTED TO HIRE  
A NEGRO WOMAN.  
FOR ONE WHO IS HONEST;  
A good WASHER, and COOK; a generous price will be Given.  
Enquire of the PRINTER.

List of Letters, remaining in the Post Office, Newbern, which if not taken out in three months, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead Letters.

Newbern, June 1st, 1803.

NATHAN Adams, Carteret county; James L. Armitage; Capt. Anderson, brig Hoppet.

Arthur Barrino, near Trenton, Miss Martha L. Baker, Beaufort; Abraham Barge, Allen Backhouse; Blake Baker; John Bragg; John Brown, Mount Pleasant; Joseph Brickell; R. Blackledge; Capt. Benthall; Benjamin Brickell; Niel Brawley; Benajey Bogy; John Barrus, Trent bridge; Asa Bishop, Beaufort; W. G. Berry; Elizabeth Bencroft, Jones county; Miss Sarah Battistier, Beaufort; Wm. Bridges; John Barrow, Beaufort county; Wm. Blin; Benjamin Birch; Capt. Mark S. Blount.

Mrs. Lucretia Coons; Mrs. Colman; Longfield Cox; Robert Chappman; Peter Clemmons, Wm. R. Cray; John Chapman; Robert Carmolt; John Collier, Onslow; James Clark; Philip Crandon; Henry Carraway; Elijah Crandle, Beaufort; William Chase; Thomas Cottrell; John Cox; Noah Champion.

Robert Dudley, Swansborough; Samuel Dewhurst, Oliver Dewey, Capt. John Dunn; Mrs. Dunn; James Davis, Tar River; James Dickson; Christopher Dudley, Swansborough; Capt. John Doane; Joseph W. Davis, Carteret County; Robert Dickey, Beaufort; Thomas Dudley, Jones county.

Henry Ellison, Beaufort county; Samuel Easton, Beaufort; Andrew F. Ehrefrom, care of Mr. McKialay; Isaac R. Eaves; Shadrach Emery; Merret Edwards, Onslow county; Joseph Edwards, Richard Ellis, Beaufort.

John D. Friou; Citoyen Fabre; Wm. Ferrand, Swansborough; Frederick Focuss; Wm. French, Onslow; Micajah Farnwell, Onslow county, John Farr, Swansborough; F. Farnham; Lewis Fovuelle; David Furlow; Wm. Farris; John Fell; Fisher and Fuller, Beaufort.

Wm. George, Jones county; Amelia Green, Richard Gaul; Archibald Gibson, Onslow county; John Gooding, sen. Craven county.

A. Henderson, Thomas Holder; Elias Hawes; Peter Henry; Robert Hay; Zachariah Haiker, Beaufort, Miss Harriet Harriwood; Chandler Holmes; Sarah Hancock, Carteret county; Mrs. Mary Haines; James Hancock, sen. Richard Hubbard; Abiezer Holbrook; Mrs. Hannah Hall; Jesse Hughes; Joseph Heane; Edward Harris; Solomon Halling; Jacob Henry, Beaufort, Joseph Harrison; Durant Hatch.

John D. Jennings; Thomas Johnston; Rachel Jarmen, Jones county, Jacob Johnston, Jones County; Solomon Jagle; Sel. don Jaffer; Thomas Jarrett, Onslow county; John Jerrard; Constant Johnson; Daniel Jenkins, Onslow; Amos Johnson, Jones; Kirby Jones, Swansborough; John Jiler, Jones; Joseph Johnston, Beaufort; Capt. Benjamin Ingram; Wm. Jarmain, Jones; Arthur Jones.

Abraham Konegay, Jones county; Thomas King; Jonathan Key, Jones county; Stephen Kinley, Jones; Daniel Koonce, nie, Jones; Jonathan Ketcham, Onslow county.

Nancy Long; Dr. Nathaniel Loomis, Onslow; Capt. Lingo, Samuel Lewis, Beaufort; Gerthon Lyvere; Martha Lewis; Capt. Wm. Lambert; Capt. Ezra Lewis.

Sally Marshall, Beaufort; Robert McKie; William Marshall, Beaufort; Capt. Wm. McCulloch; Thomas Mahon; Nathan Millet, Wm. Mallison; Isaac Mundy; Dr. Edward Marcy, Onslow; Andrew Mashon.

Dean Nickerson; Joseph Norris, Matthew Norris, Sheriff of Carteret; George Nicholls; Mrs. Sarah Nixon.

Micajah Pigott, Beaufort; Edward Phelps, George Parris, Broad creek; Matthew Peck; Mrs. Parrot, Beaufort.

Samuel Rand; Daniel Reynolds, Beaufort; Lot Russel, Carteret county; Ludwig G. Roberts, do. Gilbert Rumbly, Beaufort; James Ringgold; Gaius Rowe, Onslow; Joseph Robinson, Beaufort; James Robertson, Swansborough.

Mr. Smith; James Stanton, Beaufort; Mrs. Betty Smith; John Staple; Mary Strong; Wm. Snead; Barnabas Swain; Benjamin R. Smith, Jones county; Amos Simmons; Henry Salter, Shell castle; Capt. James Sandy; John Sheffield; Col. Thomas Smith; Edward Simpson; Mrs. Scanlar; Capt. Shotwell, Charles Stewart; Charles Schroeder, Smith's creek; Roland Smith; Joshua Sturtevant; Thomas Steel.

Reuben Thomas; Col. John Tillman; Philip Thompson; Wm. Taylor, Jones county; Capt. Enoch Toley; Miss Margaret Taylor; Charles Thomfon, Onslow; Thomas Tippet, Beaufort; John Thomas, Carteret; Jane Thomson, do.

Miss Ann Winsett, Jones county; Robert Winsett, do. Capt. Wm. Wickham; Gov. John Wallace; Joseph Winsett; James Worley, Jesse Willis, Swift-creek; George Wilton; George Ward, Onflow; Wm. Watson; Robert Watson.

John S. Pasteur, P.M

SCHEME OF A LOTTERY,  
For the purpose of completing the building of MASON'S HALL, in the town of Newbern.

1 Prize of 2000 is	2000 dollars
1 do	1000 1000
1 do	500 500
3 do	250 750
15 do	100 1500
40 do	50 2000
60 do	25 1500
200 do	10 2000
1000 do	5 5000
1 first drawn 1st day	250
1 do	2d day 250
1 do	3d day 250
1 last drawn Ticket	500
1025	17,500
2175	

3500 Tickets at 5 dol. is 17,500 dols. Not two blanks to a prize.

The drawing will commence as soon as the Tickets are disposed of, of which due notice will be given. It is expected this will take place on or before the first day of August next.

Prizes will be paid immediately after the drawing, subject to a deduction of fifteen per cent.

All prizes not claimed in six months after the drawing, will be considered as a donation to the Masons Hall.

JAMES M'KINLAY,  
WILLIAM SHEPARD, } Man.  
SILAS W. ARNETT. }

John Snead,

At his Store in Pollock Street, three doors above Mr. H. Bertners nearly opposite the Church, has just imported and now opening, a very handsome and general assortment of

SPRING GOODS.

ALSO  
Loaf Sugar, Hyfon Tea, French Brandy, Gin, Sherry Wine, Jamaica Rum, Coffee, Sugar, and Molasses.

A few Ladies elegant Bonnets, &c. all of which will be sold cheap for cash, or short credit.  
May 13.

Abner Pasteur

INFORMS his friends and the Public, that he has imported from New-York, a general and handsome assortment of

Spring Goods;

Which he is determined to sell low, for Cash or country produce.  
May 20.

MILLS AND LAND FOR SALE.

THE subscriber, wishes to dispose of her mills, and land, on Swifts-Creek—any person inclined to purchase, would have the terms of payment made easy to him—only part of the purchase money would be required to be paid down, and a generous credit allowed on the balance.  
ELIZABETH HASLEN.  
January 10, 1803.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And for SALE at this Office,  
A new and cheap edition of the very highly celebrated  
LETTERS  
of Mrs. Chapone;  
On the IMPROVEMENT of the MIND,  
addressed to a YOUNG LADY.

THE PERSON WHO some time ago borrowed SHENSTONE'S WORKS, is requested to leave them with the Printer. April 8.

Rags

CASH will be given for clean Linen and Cotton Rags, at this office.

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