

PARODY ON CATO'S SOLILOQUY.

*It must be so—my friend thou reason'st well!
Else, whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing for the happy wedding day!
Or whence this secret pining, and the fear
Of dying an old maid?—why turns my ear
As if a sham'd, while pleas'd to hear of marriage?
'Tis but timidity that stirs within me;
For heaven itself declares, we ought to marry,
And promises much happiness shall follow.
Much happiness!—thou pleasing anxious tho't!
Thro' what variety of untrod windings,
Thro' what rough scenes would I not pass to find
Thee?
The field of matrimony lies before me,
And settled sunshine seems to rest upon it.
Where will I hold?—if I have e'er a lover,
(And that I have, my neighbors all can witness
Thro'out the place) he must delight in wed-
lock,
And that which he esteems, must make me happy!
But where, or how—this town delights in scan-
dal,
I'm weary of contriving—thus 'tis ended:
Thus I am twice secure—my keys—a marriage.
Two methods of concealment are in view—
Two ways to secure me from the gazing crowd,
Or that will quickly wait us to the country.
The wife, secure in her fond husband, smiles
At old maids' jeers and laughs at all their envy.
For they will fade away, and lose their charms:
Grow grey with age, and ne'er get them hus-
bands.
But we shall live to crown each other's wishes,
Unchang'd, amidst the various scenes of life,
The smiles of fortune, or her darkest frowns.*

In an adjoining county to this, (Campbell) there exists a connexion between two families, formed by marriages, for which, perhaps, no precedents can be found from Adam down to the present day.—If any of your readers can state the consanguinity of the offspring of the two parties, no doubt it will afford some amusement to the lovers of riddles.

A Mr. Palmore married the daughter of a W. Westbrook, and the said Westbrook married the daughter of said Palmore—two of Palmore's sons married daughters of said Westbrook, and two of Westbrook's sons married daughters of said Palmore.
Lynchburg Gazette.

Gluttony—On Thursday, at a public house at Newington, a Scotch labourer undertook, for a trifling wager, to eat three pounds of bacon, a pound of treacle, thirty eggs, a half quarter loaf, and drink half a gallon of beer. He was allowed half an hour, but devoured the whole in 25 minutes, and afterwards offered a stalling to be permitted to sup off a goose then roasting for supper, which offer the host declined.—*Lon. pap.*

A very deplorable accident happened last week at St. Augustine, a few leagues from this city; a whole family of eight persons, and a woman belonging to the same parish who lodged in the house, were buried under the ruins of their house, which was crushed to pieces in the night, by the falling of a great body of snow from the Cape under which it was built. The accident was not discovered by the neighbours until the next morning; the place where the house stood was barely discernable; they however proceeded immediately to remove the snow and the ruins, and were so fortunate as to extricate two of the unfortunate family alive.—The mangled bodies of the remainder presented the most affecting sight; and the whole, consisting of a father, mother, four children, and the woman who lodged in the house, were taken to the neighboring church yard the following day, and buried in the same grave.

The name of the family is Villeneuve, the woman's name Laurencelle; she has left two children who lodged with her, but were provisionally at another house at the time of the accident.—*Sydney Gazete.*

From the Winchester Gazette of March 19.

COMMUNICATIONS—The most diabolical transaction perhaps ever recorded in the history of civilized nations, took place at the house of Mr. Asa Linton, of Hampshire county, at mid-day on Sunday the 10th inst. The family consisting three children, viz. two girls, the one rising eight the other six years of age, the third a fine boy about three years and a half old, had gone to meeting.—The doors of the dwelling house were all locked and bolted, and the children placed in the kitchen which was connected to the house by a passage. Some time after those who went to meeting had taken their departure from the house, a monster in the shape of a man, not more than eighteen or nineteen years of age, came into the kitchen, and enquired if all the family were absent except themselves; being answered in the affirmative, after a short pause he again repeated his question, and was answered as before.—He then walked out, went round the house and picked up an axe with which he burst open the door of one of the rooms, and ransacked a desk of drawers; from thence he proceeded to the door of the passage leading to the kitchen, which he opened, where he found the children, who, it is supposed, being attracted by the noise in the house, had gathered to that spot.
He then struck the boy on the head with the pole of the axe, and after he fell gave him another blow; this is the report of the eldest child, and seems confirmed by this circumstance, that the skull was fractured in two places, and some portion of the brain scatter-

ed around. It is supposed he then gave the eldest girl a blow (as her recollection at this period is lost) which by some fortunate circumstance, seems not to have effected as much as was intended, although it laid her senseless for some time. The other girl was then knocked down, and her skull miserably fractured. The first object which arrested the sight of the unhappy parents on their return, was their eldest girl, who had so far recovered as to crawl out of the house, and nearly fainting, in endeavouring probably to escape, had fallen repeatedly, and made a most hideous spectacle, being besmeared with blood and dirt. They next entered their late peaceful mansion, and horrid to relate, there discovered their two other darlings prostrate on the floor, near each other, almost covered with clotted blood and apparently lifeless; this was too much for human nature, they retired in agonies indescribable; even the neighbours stood appalled with horror, and it was some time before any could prevail on themselves to place their bodies on the bed. Signs of life being discovered, every aid which art could give were sought for, and obtained with the utmost celerity. The lives of the two youngest are despaired of, the eldest, it is hoped, may recover, being reserved perhaps by Providence for some special purpose.

The name of the perpetrator of this abominable atrocity, is Martin, he was known by the eldest child, she having for some time past been at the same school with him. For the cause of humanity it is hoped testimony sufficient to bring the perpetrator of this unheard of enormity to condign punishment may be obtained.

When the foregoing communication was forwarded to the editor hereof, Martin was in custody, had been examined before two magistrates and ordered to prison, but made his escape from the persons in whose custody he was, on the night of the 15th instant.

A person answering the description of the above Isaiah Martin, was apprehended in Baltimore, and examined before Judge Dorsey. He acknowledged that he had been taken into custody and made his escape, but denied having committed the crime of which he stands charged. He has been safely lodged in Baltimore county jail for further hearing.

THE bond of Doctor Nesbitt and his letter to Mr. Jonah Clark, (concerning a certain mulatto woman called Hannah, who formerly belonged to said Clark) having lately been put into my hands, and understanding that Dr. Nesbitt still threatens to make another attempt to carry her off in a clandestine manner, I have thought proper to lay them before the public through the medium of the Wilmington Gazette.

JOHN McFARLANE.
Wilmington, April 16, 1805.

KNOW all men by these presents, That I, Robert Nesbitt, of the State of South-Carolina, Physician, am held and firmly bound to Jonah Clark, of North-Carolina, planter, in the sum of Four Hundred pounds, current money of the State of North-Carolina, for the payment of which sum to the said Jonah Clark, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, I, the said Robert Nesbitt, do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, and dated this 24th day of April, 1797. The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, I, the said Robert Nesbitt, have purchased and possessed myself of a certain Mulatto Female slave, named Hannah, late the property of the said Clark, which said mulatto slave, I, the said Nesbitt have agreed with the said Clark, to manumit and set free, free, whensoever he, the said Clark, or any person for him or his representatives, or any person for them shall pay, or cause to be paid to the said Nesbitt, the sum of Three Hundred and Forty Spanish milled dollars, or in case of my death, to my representatives; now, therefore, if I, the said Robert Nesbitt, or my representatives, shall at any time after the date of these presents on application of said Clark or his representatives, and the payment by him or them as aforesaid, of the sum of Three Hundred and Forty dollars aforesaid, manumit, emancipate and set free, or cause to be manumitted, emancipated and set free agreeably to law, the said mulatto slave Hannah, so that she shall not be thereafter subject to the control, or command, or debt, or demand of any person whatever as a slave. Then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain and abide in full force and virtue.

In witness whereof, the said Robert have hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year aforesaid.

ROBERT NESBITT [Seal.]
(Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of)
G. HOOPER.

Mr. JONAH CLARK,
IT surprised me not a little at the return of my boy, without Hannah, after you had promised me so faithfully that she should be sent whenever called for, now after being with you near one twelve month, immediately upon sending for Hannah, down comes Sye with a letter from you mentioning Hannah's unwillingness to come, likewise that Sye would deliver me three hundred and forty dollars at the same time, putting me in mind of justice and honor in the nature of the contract between yourself and me.—Gods know if any justice or honor were thought of either by yourself or me when that penal bond was given you by me, as you

well know I was obliged to do so, to get my property delivered up to me by you—but again Sye never delivered this money as your letter to me specifies, no it is sent down to an Allston with a letter to them to see this business done and should I refuse to emancipate your daughter Hannah, to commence an action against me immediately for the recovery of the Penalty—but you were too fast, you thought you had things to your wishes, not knowing it was necessary that the wench must be down on the occasion as the law requires.

I would notwithstanding have sent Hannah up for her cloths—not Sye—and being apprehensive of the consequence would not venture as you have deceived me more than once, you will deliver the clothes to my servant or cause them to be delivered at the request of Hannah and myself.

You may conceive a great deal of honor in my penal bond, but there is really none except what the laws of my country will make me comply with, which is either to emancipate Hannah or pay the penalty of eight hundred dollars which when paid will be no more than four hundred and sixty out of my pocket, and believe me, should you pushe and I expect nothing else and indeed it is my wish, will and shall exert myself to pay you in your own coin, that is, will endeavour to procure your antique mouldy papers wherever they may be procured either below or above the value, for am not a little irritated at your conduct after my handsome behaviour to you and yours — But on the contrary if you will leave it in my breast to emancipate, which I promise you I shall on these conditions—that she continue with me my life, I will return you the money that I have received from you by Mr. Allston whatever intent it might have been given for—I wish you to consider the business maturely as it concerns Hannah's welfare much, like consider if you have any bonds still out unpaid, if you have, be assured I will endeavour to purchase them, likewise consider what an enormous price negroes sell at in So. Carolina, a likely young handsome female with good qualities and disposition will bring a price extraordinary—I have been offered for Hannah 1,200 by one 1,750 dollars by another but Sir, that and twice as much more will not tempt me to part with her, unless am provoked and find it not safe to keep her (that is to say people of bad stamp should put notions in her head to abscond from me, which I am certain she will never do otherwise.

However to come to a conclusion—whatever has been said above is really from a candid mind, that never meant to injure you, nor yours, but rather were it in my power would assist if occasion wanted and I request you to write me as candidly by my servant, whatever you think on the subject and what you wish to be at, whether you will accede to my proposals or what you first intended, am prepared for either, Hannah says she is satisfied with my offer.

I remain Sir, expecting to hear from you by my servant, your most obedient
ROBERT NESBITT
Waccamaw, 15 Nov. 1801—
Mr. Jonah Clark, North-Carolina

N. B. I have been just now inform in bring the horse across the river to the main, he has got staked and he being the only horse I can spare, the other being rode down, Sye will deliver this to you, unless I change my mind—
Send the clothes belonging to Hannah over to Mr. Howes so that when my boy should come he may not be detained unnecessarily
R. N.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-Office at Wilmington.

A. ROBERT Adam and Co. 3; Samuel Aibro 2; Mrs. Auderton, Benjamin Aydelott 2; William Alexander, on board the brig Two Nancy's of Washington, captain Ebenezer Andrews, Rev. Francis Asbury, Edward L. Allen, care of Thomas Thurston 3.

B. Robert Ball 2; William H. Beatty, captain Isaac Burr, care of J. Potts; Miss Rachael Brown, captain Avery Bill, captain Joshua Bangs, of brig Dolphin; Miss Anne Bond, Timothy Bloodworth, James Blake, Peter Burrells, col. William Blanchard, John Brown, William Baker, Ezekiel Bryan, Brunswick; Daniel Billune, Brunswick; Samuel Black, John Browning, Joseph Britts, Richard Burgefs, William Brage, Miss Beifey Bateff, the Sheriff of Brunswick county 2.

C. Captain Obediah Congar, William Couillard, of brig Hamilton; Mrs. Hannah Cook, captain John Choat, Mr. Cowan 2; Samuel Crufe, William Creighton, John Campbell, James Coxeter, Lewis Conner, Thomas P. Carley, Henry Cuddy, joiner 2; captain Jesse Clark, care of Thomas Snead; captain William Cowel, Edward Cotton, Josiah Chadwick, in Brunswick; Miss Cutler, William Cutlar, James N. Crosby, Margaret Crosby, Marsden Campbell.

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E. Captain Josiah Eldridge, Elizabeth

Earl 2; Mary Earl, George F. Eldkirk, Samuel S. Erving.
F. Silas Farren, on the Sound, care of John Barret; John Fye, William French, care of A. Hall; Robert Fittie, Walter Faile, William Farris.
G. Noah Gardner, care of Benjamin Smith, George Gary, Israel D. Guntman.
H. Moses Howard, John Hopkins, Roger Hazle, William Hamond, captain Hunt, of the brig Hope; Henry Harrison, care of Richard Lloyd; John D. Hawkins, Joel Henry, care of Mr. Gabie; Henry Hunter, T. Hains 3; Thomas Hunter, Jobe Hatch, Robert Hart, Onslow county, John Hayes, on board ship Adamant, Archibald M-Lean Hooper, Mrs. A. Heron, John Hill.

I. David Jones, Charles Jordan, Samuel R. Jocelin, Mr. Joibs.
K. Angus Kerr, Robert Kirt, Daniel Kerr, New-Hanover county, care of John M-Caleb.

L. Thomas Lovitt, Ellis Luthey, Samuel Lunday, care of William Dick; captain Abner W. Lovitt, Thomas S. Lovitt, Monsieur Lambert 2; B. Lalspeyr.

M. Captain John M-Lellan, Alexander Martin 2; Peter Mallett 3; George M-Donald, Nire Hall; Donald M-Donald, care of Mr. Wilkinfon; Walter M-Failaw, captain Daniel M-Donald, captain Alexander Morgan, care of David Smith; Archibald M-Donald, John G. Morris, Black River; captain Ambrias Martin, George M-Kay, George Mathas, care of F. Fontaine; Peter Man-geon, Margaret Moore, Rocky Point; John Murray, South Washington; Neil M-All, New Hanover; Samuel I. Mirrill, on board brig Lark.

N. Olias Nettleton.
O. Ebenezer P. Owen, 3.

P. Thomas Payer 4; John T. Peabody, captain George Phillips, care of Joshua Potts; captain Thomas-Pattin 2; captain Robert Patin, on board brig Belona.

R. John Redman, Andrew Reail, M-Lean's Bluff; Samuel Ruffel, Smithville; Samuel Rourk, John Riley, care of Hillory Moor, Margaret Richards, Thomas Robelon.

S. John Shuter, captain R. Shapleigh, care of William Giles, Francis Sherrard, on Barton Joy, George Simpson, John Simpson, captain Benjamin Swarton, of brig Eliza 2; John Special, Lemuel Sawyer, William Smith, James Staphord, Wallace Stiron, Charity Sibley, Thomas Sutherland, on board the Revenue Cutter, Fort-Johnfon; Robert Scott, John Snow, Edward S. George, Mrs. Ann Smith 2; Archibald Smith, Dugald Stewart, care of General Smith; captain Daniel Scou, care of John M-Lellan; captain Jonathan Skerry, captain David Snow, Mons. Sefero, M. de Sigou, Mrs. Sarah Smith, William F. Studwick, care of J. Brownlow; Richard Smart, on board ship Bedford.

T. John Tolman, James Tincir, care of John Barret, William Tatham, care of Thomas I. Beatty, Dean and Thurber, V. Mary Vance.

W. Eliza Whiclock 2; John Williams 3; captain Swing Wilfon, Daniel B. Wheaton, Edward Ward and son, Onslow 2; Peter Walker, William Wilkings, James Walker 2; Mrs. Tom Walker, care of Thomas Callender, Samuel Wallace 2; James Wilkerfon, Miss Francis Waddle, John Waddle, Mr. Wilfon, Campbell's wharf.
Y. Mrs. Young, Dock-street, William C. Young.

JOHN LORD, P. M.
Wilmington, April 16, 1805.

FOR SALE,

AN excellent Plantation and Saw-Mill, situated on Morgan Creek, fifteen miles from Wilmington—the Mill contains two Saws, is now completely finished and in good order for Sailing, and rafts may be taken from the Mill race; a Grist Mill may also be erected at a very small expence.

The plantation contains six hundred and forty acres of Land, one hundred and fifty of which is well adapted to the culture of Corn—about fifty acres cleared and under good fence, one hundred of valuable Tide Swamp, and the remainder is fraught with pine and other timber, suitable for sawing, and lies in as good Summer and Winter range as any in the county.

Prompt payment will be required for one-third of the purchase money, one third in six months, and the balance in twelve months.

Those inclined to purchase may treat with the subscriber on the premises.

AARON MORGAN.
New-Hanover county, Morgan Creek, March 12, 1805.

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