

## THE COMMON LOT.

### A BIRTHDAY CONTEMPLATION.

ONCE, in the flight of ages past,  
There lived a man; and who was he?  
Mortal! how'er thy lot be cast,  
That Man resembled Thee.

Unknown the region of his birth,  
The land in which he died unknown;  
His name has perished from the earth,  
This truth survives alone:—

That joy and grief, and hope and fear,  
Alternate triumph'd in his breast;  
His bliss and woe—a smile a tear!  
Oblivion hides the rest.

The bounding pulse, the languid limb,  
The changing spirits rise and fall;  
We know that these were felt by him,  
For these were felt by all.

He suffer'd,—but his pangs are o'er;  
Enjoy'd—but his delights are fled;  
His friends—his friends are now no more;  
And foes—his foes are dead.

He loved,—but whom he loved, the grave  
Hath lost in its unconscious womb;  
O she was fair!—but nought could save  
Her beauty from the tomb.

The rolling seasons, day and night,  
Sun, moon, and stars, the earth and main,  
Erewhile his portion, life and light,  
To him exist in vain.

He saw whatever thou hast seen,  
Encounter'd all that troubles thee;  
He was—whatever thou hast been;  
He is—what thou shalt be.

The clouds and sunbeams, o'er his eye  
That once their shade and glory threw,  
Have left in yonder silent sky,  
No vestige where they flew.

The annals of the human race  
Their ruins since the world began,  
Of him afford no other trace  
Than this—THERE LIVED A MAN!

ALCAEUS.

## Foreign News.

Received by the arrival of the ship Prote-  
tress, at Norfolk.

St. Petersburg, January 29.

Respecting the system of politics which  
our monarch has adopted, and the future  
line of conduct to be pursued, the most pro-  
found silence is to be observed; and they re-  
main, of course, an impenetrable mystery;  
but, for want of external signs, the most ex-  
travagant kinds of rumour and conjecture  
take their full scope. In the interim, every  
thing returns to the state in which it existed  
before the war. Our armies retreating from  
Germany, approach the Russian frontiers, to  
occupy their garrisons.

Berlin, Feb. 11.

The king and queen, with the royal family,  
proceeded to Potsdam to witness the ac-  
tial of the regiment of guards, which takes  
place this day. To-morrow the infantry of  
Mollendorf, the gen d'armes, the battalions  
of grenadiers, and other troops will return  
hither.

M. Bock, a cabinet messenger, arrived  
here the day before yesterday from St. Pe-  
tersburgh. He is supposed to be the bearer  
of very important dispatches.

It has already been stated, that the regi-  
ments of the inspections of Berlin, Potsdam,  
Pomerania and the March, remain on the  
war footing; and that they have received or-  
ders, by Estafette, not to sell the horses em-  
ployed to carry their baggage and tents.—  
There remains in consequence on the war  
footing, a Prussian army of 100 squadrons  
and 80 battalions, without including the in-  
spection of Bayreuth, which is still ready to  
march.

Naples, Jan. 28.

The Russians left this place a fortnight ago  
in two convoys for Balz. In the road of  
Naples there are now only two Russian frig-  
ates. All the Russian generals who are  
gone, were to have sent back the horses of the  
requisition, but it is thought that they have  
suffered them to perish. The English de-  
parted about 20 days ago. They had pos-  
sessed Fondi, Terracina, Mollena, &c. but general  
Mikladi, with a garrison of 2500, Neapolitan  
troops of the line, refused to receive the Eng-  
lish in Capua. All the corps of the Neapolitan  
troops are broken up. Fort St. Elia,  
Porto San Paolo, several places in la Pannella,  
&c. have evacuated. General Damas is now  
in Naples, where it is expected, the king has  
intended him to resign. General Acton,  
brother of the late minister, is now inspector  
general of the troops which remain here.  
General Games has the chief command in  
this city. On Wednesday last the king sail-  
ed for Palermo in a Neapolitan vessel, accom-  
panied by two frigates. The crown prince, the  
queen and the rest of the royal family still re-  
main here. All the valuable furniture of the  
palace is embarked, and also all the money  
in the treasury. The two Russian frig-  
ates, in the harbour of Oria are ready to  
sail along with several gun-boats and ar-  
med sloops. It is said that some of the  
troops have refused to advance against the  
French.

BAYARIA, Feb. 7.

It is reported that there are 84 secret arti-  
cles annexed to the treaty of Presburg.—  
Eight hundred pieces of cannon and mor-  
tars, of the heaviest calibre, from the arsenal  
of Vienna, are now at Brannau. On ac-  
count of the badness of the roads, they could  
not be conveyed any further. They will  
consequently not be removed till the arrival  
of more favourable weather. Till the pre-  
sent time, 90 waggons with money have pas-  
sed under the escort of gens d'armes, thro'  
Bavaria to Strasburgh.

The present vice Reine of Italy speaks the  
Italian language very fluently.

FRANCONIA, Feb. 10.

At Mannheim, the marshal of the court,  
marquis de Montperny, is extremely busy in  
preparing the palace of that place for the re-  
ception of the electoral prince of Baden, and  
his future consort, whom the emperor Napo-  
leon intends to adopt, and to elevate to the  
dignity of princes of the empire.

Within these few days, several waggons  
filled with wild boars, for the chases of prince  
Murat, have passed through Suabia, on their  
way to France.

Forty orphan children of soldiers are go-  
ing from Munich to Paris, to be educated  
there at the expense of the emperor.

The electoral prince of Bavaria will proba-  
bly continue the whole year at Paris.

HANAU, February 15.

The Frankfort papers are quite silent  
respecting the circumstances in which that  
city is placed in consequence of the contri-  
bution imposed by the French army. It  
appears that it is not thought proper to  
indulge in any conjectures on that sub-  
ject. The French army in this quarter  
consists of the division of Angereau, the  
Bavarian troops, & the garrison of Mentz.  
These troops occupy the countries on the  
Maine, and extend to the Rhine and the  
Rhinegau. They are receiving reinforce-  
ments by the arrival of corps from Mora-  
via; and besides the division of gen. La-  
val, which, before the adjustment of the  
differences between Prussia and France,  
formed a part of the army of the north on  
the frontiers of Holland, and afterwards  
returned towards Strasburgh, has received  
orders to march to the banks of the Maine.

HANOVER, February 11.

Greater harmony cannot exist than that  
which prevailed between the Russian  
troops and the inhabitants of Hanover.—  
They departed with mutual feelings of re-  
gret. Yesterday the general Kojine gave  
a dinner here to count Munster, and some  
of the most distinguished persons, at which  
reigned reciprocal cordiality. Mr. Pierre-  
pot, the English ambassador to the  
Swedish court, was present. In the ge-  
nuine English character, he privately took  
his gold snuff box from his pocket, and  
gave it unobserved by the company, to a  
Russian soldier, who has been in the ser-  
vice thirty years, and wore three medals as  
tokens of his valour.

VIENNA, Feb. 5.

Baron Thugut, who has not been seen  
at Vienna since his retirement from ad-  
ministration, has, within these few days,  
suddenly made his appearance again in  
that city, to the great astonishment of  
every one. This astonishment has assumed  
a serious character, since a report has been  
circulated, that he is about to resume a  
part of his former influence. No credit  
indeed is given to this presumption, which  
in some is the effect of fear, in others of  
envy. This Ex-Minister, who before re-  
sided at Presburg, where he remained dur-  
ing the visit of the French, notwithstanding  
their animosity against him, gave a  
new proof of the energy of his character.  
While every one else was anxious to con-  
ceal himself, he caused the following in-  
scription to be placed, in large letters,  
on the front of his residence, "The Hotel  
of Baron Thugut." The French smiled  
at it, but they could not forbear speak-  
ing with effusion and commendation of this  
mark of firmness.

Prince Vidor, de Rohan, included among  
the general officers who have been  
penitented off, has, it is said, justified him-  
self from the official charge brought against  
him, for not having executed the orders of the  
Archduke John. He has proved, it is re-  
ported, that he never received those orders,  
and that he will, in consequence, be im-  
mediately employed again. All his offi-  
cers, and the French themselves, bear the  
most flattering testimony to his bravery.  
He is here to complete his cure, from a  
wound by a musket ball, which passed  
through the abdomen.

STUTTGARD, Feb. 7.

We are assured that the crowned Prin-  
ces of Bavaria, Wurttemberg, and Baden,  
will very soon form matrimonial con-  
nections. Measures have been adopted here  
to guard against the contagious distemper  
which prevails in several parts of Germa-  
ny. Its origin was attributed to the Rus-  
sian prisoners; but the physicians who have  
reported upon it, say it is a kind of ner-  
vous fever, which is common at this sea-  
son, and which has been augmented by

scarcity and the evil attendant on a state  
of warfare. In fact, it is found in parts of  
Suabia and Franconia, in which the Rus-  
sians never were.

MUNICH, Feb. 8.

Within these few days, every thing has  
assumed the appearance as if our army were  
again to take the field. All the furloughs  
which had been given had been recalled,  
and all the troops collected in the depots  
have received orders to hold themselves in  
readiness to march. It is hoped, how-  
ever, that the circumstances which may  
have given rise to these measures, will be  
speedily adjusted. The Marshals Berthier  
and Bernadotte are arrived here.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.

There is a rumour here that a flag of  
truce has been sent from England to  
France, to demand passports from the  
French government for negotiators for a  
general peace. Even from Paris, we  
have had letters expressing, that since the  
death of Mr. Pitt, new hopes have been  
indulged upon that ground.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4.

The English Admiral, Collingwood,  
has written a letter to the Swedish com-  
mercial agent at Malaga, offering his pro-  
tection to all the Swedish ships lying in  
that port, and promising them a convoy as  
far as Gibraltar.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 11.

Since the 8th the French and Batavian  
troops in our environs have been conside-  
rably reinforced—and it appears that, in  
conjunction with the garrison of Mentz,  
a considerable army will be formed on the  
Upper and Lower Maine. The report is,  
that there will be an army of 200,000 men  
extending from Balte to Holland, which  
will remain in that position till all the for-  
eign troops in the North of Germany  
shall have entirely quitted that country.

The electoral Prince of Baden has ar-  
rived here, and will set out immediately for  
Paris, whither he is going to marry Ma-  
demoiselle De Beauharnois, whom the em-  
peror Napoleon means to adopt, and  
raise to the dignity of royal highness.

NEW-YORK, April 28.

City of New-York, ss.

Jesse Pierce, master of the sloop Richard,  
a coasting vessel of Brandywine, being duly  
sworn, deposes and says, that as he was ap-  
proaching Sandy Hook, and was about a  
quarter of a mile from the beach, and two  
miles south from the Light-House, in his said  
vessel, on Friday evening about 5 o'clock,  
two shots were fired at different times from a  
large British ship of war, with two tier of  
guns, supposed to be the Leander.—That one  
of the said shot struck about forty yards a-  
head of the said vessel, and the other went  
nearly over her—upon which the deponent  
rounded to his vessel, and about five minutes  
after another shot was fired from the said  
ship, and struck the taffel rail and quarter  
rail, and killed immediately a man at the  
bein, named John Pierce, brother of the  
deponent, and who was a hand on board of  
his vessel.—That the deponent cannot actual-  
ly determine the distance of the sloop from  
the Leander, but he conjectures it to be a-  
bout a mile. That the deponent then con-  
tinued his course, and entered the Hook  
without any further molestation.

JESSE PIERCE.

Sworn 28th April, 1806, be-  
fore me De Witt Clinton.

Hezekiah Pratt, master of the brig Sally,  
deposes, that he was approaching the said  
port from St. Thomas on Friday evening,  
and within 20 rods distant from the within  
mentioned sloop, he observed the facts stated  
in the foregoing affidavit of capt. Pierce, and  
that to the best of his knowledge and belief,  
they are true, except the killing of the man,  
of which the deponent has no personal know-  
ledge. That there were at that time three  
ships of war in the offing, and that the one  
mentioned in the within affidavit, was a two  
decker and the largest. That all the said  
vessels of war fired at the deponent's vessel  
at least twenty shots in the whole—but that  
he proceeded on without coming to. That a  
sloop of war fired at the deponent's vessel  
when he was about a quarter of a mile from  
the shore, and after the within mentioned  
death is said to have occurred. That about  
twenty sail of vessels were coming into port  
at the same time, and that upwards of a hun-  
dred shots were fired at the said vessels by  
the said ships of war.

H. PRATT.

Sworn 26th April, 1806, be-  
fore me De Witt Clinton.

TO THE PUBLIC.

In this posture of our national affairs, in-  
sulted and oppressed as we are by the detes-  
tated tyrants of the ocean, I have considered  
it my duty to this community to inform them  
that the common council have made an ap-  
plication to the president for a naval force.  
The following memorial was unanimously  
adopted and transmitted to the seat of go-  
vernment by this morning's mail.

TUNIS WORTMAN.

Clerk of the city and county  
of New-York  
April 28, 1806.

## To the President of the United States.

The memorial of the mayor, aldermen and  
commonalty of the city of New-York.

Respectfully sheweth—

That your memorialists repose full confi-  
dence in the wisdom and patriotism of the  
present administration of the United States.  
They are sensible that the general govern-  
ment is disposed to afford a sufficient and ad-  
equate protection to every portion of the  
Union.

A melancholy event has taken place.—  
This day consigns to the grave the remains  
of John Pierce, a fellow-citizen inharm-  
fully and wantonly murdered by the British. Our  
port is blockaded—our vessels intercepted—  
our seamen impressed—our commerce in-  
terrupted, and our jurisdictional rights most  
grossly violated. A British squadron is now  
before our harbor, evincing a disposition to  
renew its outrages and to perpetrate addition-  
al enormities.

We therefore, respectfully request that a  
naval force may be immediately stationed at  
this port, and that three or more American  
frigates may, without delay, be sent for our  
protection.

DE WITT CLINTON.

By order of the common council

T. WORTMAN, City Clerk.

OUTRAGE UPON OUTRAGE. The  
LIEUTENANT of the LEANDER is now  
in this City. Captain John Shepherd, of the  
Schooner Concord, from Norfolk, who, a-  
bout six days ago, was boarded by the Lieut-  
enant of the Leander, and cruelly treated,  
knows him well. Capt. Shepherd states that  
he yesterday morning saw on the battery, and  
elsewhere in the city, the LIEUTENANT of  
the LEANDER disguised, in company with 9  
or 10 FEDERALISTS! If this statement  
be publicly denied, it shall be substantiated.—  
Yes, fellow-citizens, when the FEDERAL-  
ISTS are hypocritically passing resolutions  
deploring the death of PIERCE—when by e-  
lectioneering artifice they are endeavouring  
to turn the MURDER to the advantage of the  
BRITISH PARTY—when we were solemnly  
and religiously devoting the day to the  
awful funeral of our MURDERED COUN-  
TRYMAN, behold the FEDERALISTS  
walking arm in arm with his MURDERER!  
Walking arm in arm did I say? Behold  
them DISGUISED the MURDERER to  
SCREEN him from the indignation of our  
citizens, and the offended laws of our coun-  
try! [American Citizen.]

Capt. John Shepherd of the Schooner Con-  
cord, personally appeared before me, and be-  
ing duly sworn, saith, that on Sunday last  
the 27th inst. he saw an officer of the Cambrian  
frigate, walking on Murray's wharf alone.  
He believes and feels confident that this offi-  
cer is a lieutenant, as he had a lieutenant's u-  
niform on when he boarded the Concord off  
the Hook. After this officer turned the cor-  
ner of Murray's wharf, into South-street, he  
was joined by four or five gentlemen, neither  
of whom were known to capt. Shepherd, ei-  
ther as to their political or national character;  
He farther states, that he saw the same offi-  
cer yesterday morning the 28th inst. at about  
eight o'clock, walking on the same wharf as  
before, and alone. He knows the person of  
the officer well, as the abusive language he  
gave him off the Hook, on Friday evening  
last, imprinted him pretty strongly on his  
memory. And this deponent further saith,  
that he never saw the said officer on the bat-  
tery.

JOHN SHEPHERD.

Sworn the 29th day of April, 1806,  
before me, JOHN KAPPA, Pub. Notary.

New-York Election.—On Thursday ter-  
minated the election for Representatives in  
Congress, and Senators and members of  
Assembly, to the State Legislature. We  
have not yet been able to obtain authentic  
returns of votes for the different candidates.  
An evening paper states, that the Demo-  
cratic Ticket for Congress succeeded by a Ma-  
jority of about 600. We learn from Staten  
Island, that Mr. Musseman, has been se-  
lected a member of the Assembly, by a ma-  
jority of 17 votes over Mr. Duann the Fed-  
eral candidate.

Yesterday arrived, ach's Evander, Capt.  
Sturges, 13 days from St. Thomas, who in-  
forms that the Dances had, by proclamation,  
prohibited all trade and intercourse between  
the Island of St. Thomas and the Empire of  
Hayti. [Chloro pop.]

From the Raleigh Register.

N. Carolina Gold Mine Company.

We observe that a company is formed un-  
der this title in Washington City. It ap-  
pears that Dr. William Thornton of that Ci-  
ty, has purchased 25,000 acres of land in  
Montgomery county, (which is supposed to  
contain Gold in considerable quantities) late  
the property of Col. Thomas Carson, dec-  
which he has vested in Trustees for the use  
of the Company. The property is divided  
into shares, and seven Directors were to be  
chosen out of the stockholders on the first  
instant.

The result of the Massachusetts election  
is at length ascertained to be in favor of fed-  
eralism. The total number of votes given, in  
401 towns, was 70,934; of which Sullivan,  
the republican candidate, had 34,735; Strong  
the federal candidate, had 36,203, majority  
for Strong 1,468.