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### GRAND STATE LOTTERY of Maryland.

**TICKETS** in the above Lottery may now be had in a great variety of numbers, at \$10 each, (but will soon advance.) The official list of each day's drawing will be regularly received. Apply at the Store of **JOSHUA SKINNER, Jr.** 6th August, 1821. *tf775*

**Dissolution.**  
**THE** Copartnership heretofore subsisting between the Subscribers, under the firm of **SUTTON, M'MORINE & CO,** was by mutual consent dissolved, on the 1st day of March last. The business of the late concern will be settled by Benjamin Sutton; or in his absence, by either of the other partners.

**BENJAMIN SUTTON, JOHN M'MORINE, ASHBURY SUTTON,**  
Elizabeth-City, July 24, 1821. *tf774*  
The undersigned having purchased the interest of his late Partners in the **TANERV,** will continue the business in his own name.  
**JOHN M'MORINE.**

**CORN & MEAL**  
FOR SALE  
At James C. Johnston's Mill.  
Apply to **AUGUSTUS D. SHEELE.**  
July 18, 1821. *tf773*

**CASH.**  
I will give **CASH** for any quantity of **PIPE STAVES,** delivered in Edenton, or at any convenient landing in the neighborhood.  
**GEORGE BLAIR, jr.**  
19th July, 1821. *tf773*

**FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.**  
The good Schooner **CONCORD,**  
Capt. Stewart, burthen about 600 barrels, hourly expected from Richmond, and is in complete order for the reception of any cargo.

**FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER,**  
Either Coastwise or to any port in the W. Indies.  
The fast sailing live oak and cedar built Schooner **ANN,**  
Capt. Anthony, burthen about 400 bbls. Apply to either of the Masters on board, or to  
**GEORGE BLAIR, jr.**  
Edenton, July 21, 1821. *tf773*

**Rum, Brandy, Whiskey, &c.**  
**18 Hhds. 3d & 4th proof W. I. RUM,**  
50 Bbls. Northern Apple BRANDY,  
26 Do. Southampton Do. Do. 3 years old and very fine flavored,  
25 Bbls. WHISKEY,  
10 Bbls. Rye-GIN,  
40 Dams London PORTER,  
10 Hhds. MOLASSES.  
Madeira and Port WINE,  
For Sale at reduced prices by  
**JOHN PECK.**  
Plymouth, July 7, 1821. *6w772*

**James R. Urcecy**  
Has just received an addition to his STOCK of **GOODS,** and offers a great variety of **Seasonable and Fancy Articles** for **SALE,**

on moderate terms for Cash or good Notes. He will also trade for  
**CORN** at the market price delivered at Edenton, or any convenient landings in the neighborhood.  
He has a handsome Assortment of  
**Superfine Cloths & Cassimers,** Cambrics, Jaconets, Lawns, Muslin's Lincens, Bombazines, printed Rattinets, Calicoes, Nankia and Canton Crapes, black and fancy colored Poplins, black and fancy colored Bombazines, superior buff and fancy Vestings—second Cloths—Domestics, a great variety—Flannels, Bazines, Blankets, Ladies, and Gentlemen's woollen, cotton and silk Stockings—Gloves—half-hose sewing Cotton, Thread, thread Edgings & Cambrics, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Table Covers, Quilts—Plains D-mities—Floss Silk, Tape—very superior Imperial TEA, in leaden boxes of 2 1-4lb for families, Leaf sugar, &c. &c. &c.  
Edenton, Nov. 30, 1820. *tf741*

**SEINE TWINE**  
**THOMAS TURNER**  
Has still on hand a quantity of **SEINE TWINE,** of good quality, which he will sell at the following prices.  
Twine manufactured in Petersburg by **Stephen G. Wells, Esq.** 40 cts. cash—45 cts. payable June 1st, 1822.  
Twine manufactured in Europe, at 35 cts. cash—40 cts. payable June 1st, 1822.  
Plymouth, July 17, 1821. *6w773*

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.**  
Westminster, June 7.  
**Ridd vs Duggin**—Mr. Terton opened the declaration in this case. It was an action for a breach of promise of marriage. The damages were laid at 1000.  
Mr. Sergeant Fell laid the plaintiff's case before the jury. They had heard, he said from the opening of Mr. Terton, what the nature of the case which they had to try, was. It was an action brought by the plaintiff, Anne Sophia Ridd, against the defendant, Thomas Duggin, to recover compensation for the breach of an engagement into which he had entered with her. The plaintiff, who was a very young woman, was the daughter of the treasurer of the Richmond theatre; and he would challenge the strictest and most severe scrutiny into her conduct, moral and religious; although her father and mother were both dead. Deprived of their protection at an early age, she was brought up to business in the hat line, in which she had been employed since their death. The defendant was a hatter, and kept a shop in New gate-street, where he had a respectable share of business. In the early part of 1819 the plaintiff became acquainted with the defendant; she was then intimate with the family of a man named Salt, whose son was at one time disposed to enter into a serious engagement with her. She had not however accepted of him, although he wished by all fair means to gain her affections. An intimacy then commenced between her and the defendant, during the continuance of which she had every reason to expect that she should become his wife. In some time, however, his love began to cool—whether it was that prudential considerations had checked the current of his affections towards her whom he had desired to be his wife; or not, it was impossible to say; but in the course of the last year he gave her to understand that she need not expect him to fulfil those intentions towards her which he had before expressed. He should now read some of the correspondence which had taken place between them; parts of which were indicative of strong attachment; and parts of a most ludicrous description; and it were well if this young man could read the character and style of his address, before his next correspondence took place with a young lady. The learned sergeant then read some extracts from the defendant's letters. (They were verbatim, but not literally; we do not affect to give the orthography of the original as follows:—) The first was dated the 15th of February, 1819.  
“Dear Miss—I take the liberty of once more writing, of which intrusion I hope you will excuse; and must beg another favour, that is by keep this letter to yourself, as the sentiments of my heart I am about to open, prompt by the affection of nature for you alone. You will say my affection is soon gained, as it fell on you after knowing you such a short time; but, dear Miss, believe me it is not soon as you think; for I know young ladies for length of time, and my affection has never left on them as it has on you; for your charms, dear Miss, is enough to gain love

and affection of any young gentleman; for I do declare, the first hour I saw you, you gained my strongest love and affection, and was satisfied in my own mind you would make me a happy wife.”  
“Dear Miss, I do firmly and solemnly declare that you gained my greatest affection that ever a man could have for a female. I have been much grieved as not having a half-hour intercourse with you that I might had the gratification of acknowledging my affections to you before present moment. Dear Miss, you say it is very far from your wish, to deceive any person, particular on this subject. I feel myself extremely glad and happy you think it such a tender part; for to trade with affection is like touching the vital veins with a sharp instrument, of which will soon prove death if not stopped in time.”  
“Dear Miss, I have now taken up my pen a gain to finish this letter with eyes free from tears, which was not the case when I left it. In reading your letter you my son are engaged to a gentleman, which it would be impossible for you to break off. My dear Miss, pray judge for yourself, for a member your engagement will be for life.”

The next letter was dated March 24 the:—  
“O my dearest girl! hasten your private consent to relieve the burden of your lover. —Oh my dearest Anne! fear not Mr. or Mrs. Salt. Pray leave it to me; I will settle all disappointments with them, with the help of almighty that is all sufficient. Then my dearest girl give me your consent that I may arrange matters to procure your employment, as I lately required part of my property, which will furnish a house for your comfort. We, my dearest girl; need not mention it to any body, until our union of happiness is completed; and then God will take us under his care for ever; and we shall live together like angels in paradise, among all the blessings of heaven; and loved by all that know it, for joining in such happy union.”

**THOS DUGGIN.**  
“My dearest Anne.—I am extremely sorry I could not have the pleasure of seeing you yesterday, as I fully expected. Just as I was going to make a start, a tremendous storm came on; I being small was much afraid of being washed away with flood. After the storm was over, I was taken with a violent inflammation of my bowels. Could not step outside the door; I was in bed by half past seven.—Dear Anne, I should much wish to know what has been said or done respecting your leaving home. If you can drop me a line I shall be glad. I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you on Wednesday or Thursday next.—I remain your affectionate lover, till death.”

The learned sergeant, after commenting upon the letters as he read them, stated that shortly after this the defendant, he did not know why, withdrew his attentions. He understood that he had said he would recover the consequences of an action thus early, she was so addicted to untruths. Let him prove it.  
George Payne was the first witness called. —He proved the handwriting of the defendant, who had been his apprentice, and also the commencement of the acquaintance of the parties with each other. The plaintiff was then living with her aunt, and did business for Mr. Salt. The defendant proposed taking lodgings for her, as he intended to marry her; but the witness thinking that indelicately took her into his own house, where she remained for 5 or 6 months, during which time she was frequently visited by the defendant, and her conduct was perfectly proper. On his cross examination he said that the plaintiff did not represent herself as having a large property. He once heard her speak of a West India connection; but he represented to her the fallacy of any expectations from that quarter. He never understood that she possessed more than 700 and he afterwards heard that she had but 50. She did not show him a sealed packet addressed to Mr. Home Popham, which she said contained her title to that property. She never told witness she had been married before. She left her house two or three months before the match was broken off, because he became embarrassed. The plaintiff is 22 or 23 years of age.  
Mary Hubbard lives at 35, Snow-Fields, where the plaintiff has been residing with her for nearly a twelve month. Witness is a married woman, and has daughters who live with her.

On her cross-examination, she denied that she ever received any complaints of the conduct of her daughters of the plaintiff. She never heard any thing respecting a midshipman.  
Several letters from the defendant having

been read, the case for the plaintiff closed here.  
Mr. Sergeant Vaughan admitted that a young woman had a right to procure a husband for herself if she could; but then, she must use fair play, and make no wild misrepresentations, as had been done in this case. Nothing had ever been better got up, on the Richmond stage than the present plot. (The plaintiff, a pretty looking girl, with her sister, was sitting in the gallery opposite the jury box, and she was here herself to-day to take a part in the last act. Nor was there ever a man more formed by nature to become the easy victim of an artful woman, than the defendant. He hoped that the jury even might not have their passions inflamed with the plaintiff in full view with her pretty face and handsome bonnet.  
There she sat “in green and yellow melancholy.” However, he thought from her presence that she was likely to survive the present shock; and, he dared say, when she procured their verdict, if she got out, she was quite ready to exclaim with Dryden,  
“—Agais I stand.”

The next bachelor in the land.  
He would prove to the jury that she acknowledged she had slept three nights with a young midshipman; and as to her attachment to the defendant, she had declared that she did not love him; that she preferred Salt's little finger to his whole body. He would show also that she had represented herself as a large fortune; and carried the facts so far as to fold up a parcel directed to Sir Home Popham, calling it her title to her fortune in the West-Indies; and that she had stated that she was married; and if so, one husband was sufficient for her; no reasonable woman ought to have two.

Ether Eola, a schoolmistress, at whose house the plaintiff resided for some time, was examined principally as to a communication which she said she had received from Mr. Croft, a solicitor, in Chancery-lane, respecting a large property and a box of diamonds, to which she had a claim in the West-Indies. Mr. Croft's name he did not know the plaintiff, nor had he ever had any communication with her.  
On his cross-examination he admitted he knew her brother Benjamin, at Richwood 3 and also her mother, who once held a respectable station in society. The brother called upon him two years ago, with reference to supposed right of property in the family through an uncle who had gone to the West-Indies.

Jane Robinson was a servant in Mr. Salt's family when Sophia Ridd was living there. —One time, upon hearing witness speak of Mrs. Benton, who had made a present of a parcel to some person, the plaintiff's countenance changed color, and she asked whether that Mrs. Benton had a son. Witness replied that she had three sons, two of whom she had seen, but the third had been absent for about five years. She afterwards told witness, that if she would keep a secret; she would acquaint her with something that would surprise her. Witness promised to keep her secret; the plaintiff then said that she could marry neither Mr. Salt nor Mr. Duggin, for she had been married five years before to this Mr. Benton, and that they lived three days together. She stated nothing further than that they slept together the first night. Witness afterwards told this to Mr. and Mrs. Salt, after the son had first communicated it to them, for he too had been informed of it by the plaintiff; and the three were now in Court.

On her cross-examination she stated that the plaintiff said she had been married at a friend's house at Richmond. It was after the plaintiff left Mr. Salt's that she communicated this circumstance to the family. She, however, visited there for two or three months afterwards.—Witness left Mr. Salt's in June, 1819, and had made the defendant acquainted with this circumstance about a month before.  
Two other women, at whose houses the plaintiff had lodged, were called principally to prove that she had not upon two or three occasions required home regularly. Nothing, however, very material was elicited from their examination, except that she had called the defendant a little dandy, an insignificant puppy; but said she could not love him.  
Sarah Morgan, milliner, swore she had never been at a ball with the plaintiff, nor had she slept with her, as one of the preceding witnesses said she had stated upon one occasion, when she had remained from home all night.  
Andrew Spiller, a watchman, has seen the plaintiff and the Miss Hubbards return home at all hours of the night from ten to two, accompanied by young men, who used to stand shaking hands with and kissing them for a considerable time.  
Mr. Sergeant Fell having observed upon the defendant's case, with great indignation,