



Repository of Genius.

SONNET

TO MIRANDA.

A few short months—and I, with that delight Which purest friendship only can create...

TO THE

Editor of the Raleigh Register.

SIR,

A variety of occupations have prevented me from indulging a favourite amusement, that of throwing together my desultory thoughts on paper...

Duelling (to use the expression of Edmund Burke on another occasion) is an evil "that has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished."

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forfeiting a life which the Almighty gave him for the noblest purposes, and depriving a charming wife and family of their legal protector.

"Forgiveness to the injur'd doers belong." Alas! how few are capable of exercising this mastery over their passions.

"Exalted SOCRATES! divinely brave! Injur'd he fell, and dying he forgave!"

Like all old people, I have a great propensity for story-telling; and, if you allow it, I will relate a circumstance, which I know to be a fact...

At N. a town something larger than your city, and where the inhabitants kept up nearly the same friendly intercourse, resided a gay, easy man, named Lynch, at whose house a certain consequential lawyer, named Allen, whose assuming airs had procured him the nickname of Count, visited in the familiarity of friendship.

"YOU have had the extreme goodness to invite me to the very agreeable alternative of having my brains blown out, or of being hanged for blowing out yours, neither of which circumstances seem to accord with my feelings..."

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And was not this better than running the risk of leaving a family to want and misery?

THE HERMIT OF WAKE.

May 30.

The following Letter appears in the Philadelphia Aurora of the 17th ult. addressed TO THE EDITOR.

SIR, I heard some days ago, that my federal friends of Northumberland, and the neighbourhood, with whom, notwithstanding our differences of political opinion, I have always lived in habits of kindness...

I have since heard repeatedly, that this measure is generally expected here also, to take place on the part of the President; and I am not so attached to my present lodgings, but I should be very glad to quit them, if I could do it under circumstances of propriety to my own character.

But I am of opinion with Mr. Adams, that "repentance should precede forgiveness," and until I receive myself, and hear that Dr.

Priestley has received, a satisfactory acknowledgment from Mr. Adams, of the impropriety of his conduct to us, I may be turned out from hence, but I will not leave the place under the acceptance of a favour from the President Adams.

Nor will I be the voluntary cat's-paw of electioneering clemency. I know the late events have wonderfully changed the outward and visible signs of the politics of the party, and good temper and moderation is the order of the day with the Federalists now, as it always has been with their political opponents.

MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY.

The following is the entire motion made in Congress, by Mr. DAVIS, from Kentucky, in favour of an amendment, relative to the Government of the above Territory.

WHEREAS, the extensive territories of the United States, exclusive of the particular States, have rendered subordinate governments indispensable for local and temporary objects, and a system of this nature, calculated for the N. W. Territory has been applied to that of the Mississippi, and now pervades the whole by separate Jurisdictions...

And whereas it is in particular represented to Congress, by the people of the Mississippi Territory, that Winthrop Sargeant, the present Governor thereof, has acted under the influence of a faction, and pursued the principles of Despotism, by excluding from his confidence a majority of the well disposed Citizens...

That he has practised an avarice hateful to a liberal people, and an extortion odious and oppressive to free Citizens, by exacting and receiving fees for passports, and for marriage licenses...

And Whereas, it appears to this House, that the said Winthrop Sargeant, did acknowledge, that he had deviated from the ordinance for the government of the territories, by which it is enacted, "that the governor and judges, or a majority of them, shall adopt and publish in the district, such laws of the original states, criminal and civil, as may be necessary and best suited to the circumstances of the district..."

be found in the laws to which we had access, we have not so far diffused our authority, as not to take immediate steps to prevent their growth and continuance.

That by the authenticated transcript of the laws thus enacted, which have been officially transmitted to Congress, it does not appear whether the said laws have been taken from the code of laws of any of the states.

That by one of the aforesaid laws, intitled "a law authorising the Governor to establish public ferries," after declaring in the preamble of the same, "that no law concerning ferries, can be found for adoption, it is enacted, that the Governor be authorized to declare by proclamation or otherwise, from time to time, what ferries shall be established and by whom to be kept; and that if any person, without authority as aforesaid, shall keep a ferry, he shall forfeit to the use of the county, the sum of fifty dollars."

That by another of the aforesaid laws, intitled "a law respecting crimes and punishments," it is enacted "that any person or persons, guilty of Treason, shall upon conviction thereof, suffer the pains of death, and shall moreover forfeit all his, her or their estate real and personal to the Territory..."

That by another law passed by the said Governor and Judges, intitled "A law to regulate taverns," &c. it is enacted "That the Governor should have and receive for every license by him granted pursuant to this law, to any person to sell wine and other liquors, the sum of eight dollars, although the Governor receives as such, the sum of 2,000 dollars, per annum from the United States."

And that by another law thus passed by the Governor and Judges, intitled "A law establishing and regulating fees," &c. it is enacted "that the Judges of the Supreme Court, shall be entitled to receive fees for allowing writs of errors and superseatas, &c. for taking bail, filing bail, &c. for the first motion in every civil cause, taxing bills of costs, signing judgement, and for a variety of other services, particularly enumerated in the aforesaid law, although each of the said Judges receive as such a salary of 800 dollars per annum, from the United States."

From whence it is evident, that the said Winthrop Sargeant, being in conjunction with the Judges, entrusted with the important power of adopting for the territory such laws of the individual states as might be suited to the circumstances of the said Territory, has, in conjunction with the Judges, abused the power thus delegated by usurping an authority of making new laws, not to be found amongst the laws of the individual states, by prescribing penalties inconsistent with the constitution of the United States, and by combining with the said Judges in enacting laws for the purpose of exacting sums of money from the inhabitants of the said territory, for his and the said Judges private use and emolument—Therefore,

Resolved, that the laws passed by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi territory, and the petition of Caro West and others, together with all the documents relative thereto, be transmitted to the President of the United States.

Culture of Tobacco in India.

From a London paper.

The cultivation of this Plant in the northern Circars, is attended with uncommon success, and the samples which have been produced are esteemed, by persons competent to the decision, to equal, if not surpass, in richness and flavour, Tobacco grown in any other part of the world.

Valuable discovery.

A Mr. Barrett, announces in the Charleston papers having made a discovery, by which he can make CEMENTS, in the wettest seasons, and in the highest pitch of the tide, as dry and salubrious as any apartment under the same roof.

ANECDOTE.

A person of an odd turn of humour, riding a horseback, met with another equal to himself, in a lane so narrow that neither could pass without one gave way, which neither would do. Both made a halt, and not a single word was spoken, till the first mentioned deliberately took a newspaper out of his pocket, which he began to read to himself with the utmost composure; when the other, determining to prove an equal degree of patience, took his snuff-box from his pocket, and very leisurely taking a pinch of snuff, gravely said, "Sir, when you have done with that paper, I shall be glad to look at it," which so pleased the humourist, that he immediately took off his spectacles, and seized him by the hand, insisting, at the same time, that he should go home and dine with him.

WARRENTON RACES.

WILL commence on Friday the sixth of June. The first Day two Miles Heat; the second Day one Mile Heat for any Horse, Mare or Colting, that never started for a Purse of thirty Dollars Value previous to the 21st April last.

LANDS.

In North-Carolina,

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

THIRTEEN Hundred and thirty Acres in Surry County, two Hundred and twenty-five in Halifax County, two Lots in the City of Raleigh on Halifax Street, and joining Union square, No. 211 and 212, for which I will take Lands in the State of Tennessee, either in the Military Reservation or Indian Boundary, or in the Territory North West of the Ohio. For Terms apply to the subscriber, THOMAS E. SUMNER, Warren County, March 3, 1800.

PETER CASSO

TAKES this method of returning his sincere Thanks to those who have favoured him with their Patronage, and inform them, that as Circumstances have not permitted him to dispose of his House and Lot in this Place, he continues to keep his Public House as usual, where, by his Attention and Assiduity, he hopes to merit a continuance of the Favours he has so liberally received for many Years past.

He has just returned from Petersburg, (Virginia) where he has purchased a fresh Assortment of Goods for his Store; and will endeavour to keep a general Supply of every necessary for the House as well as for the Store. Amongst many others he has the following Articles for Sale:

- Champagne, Malaga, Sherry, Port, London Porter, Anisette, Noyeau, Cream of Coffee, Oranges, Lemons, Teas, Coffee, Loaf Sugar, Peaches, Fruits and Sweets.

Also a considerable Assortment of suitable Goods for the present and approaching season, consisting of Linens, shirtings, Cambricks do, Thread do, Bed-Ticking, Coloured Velvets, Swansdown, Kerseys, superfine Broad Cloth, Scarlet Cardinals, Sewing Silk, Cascoes & Chintzes, Mullins, Do. Tamboured Cambricks, Callimancoes, Bombazets, Brown Thread, Cotton, and worked Hose, assorted Dimity, Martindale Quilting, Brown and white sheeting, Linens, assorted Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Sandals, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hats, Military and Ladies' Frasers, Ribbons assorted, Raincoats & Cambrion Segars and Snuff, Hardware of all Sorts

- Broad Hoes, No. 1 to 4, Pins and Needles, assorted, Clamps & Brushes, White wash & paint, Brushes, Horse-whips, Leading Lines, Bar Iron, Glue, Oil and white Lead, Window Glass and Putty, Plates and Percils, Puddles and Gougs, Fine Needles, Writing Paper and Quills, Hair Powder and Pomatum, Nails assorted from 2 to 10, Sifter Bottoms, rish and Hoops, Sickles, scythes, Cutting Knives & Spades, Stock Locks, Curtain Pins, Hardware of all Kinds, Plates & gut buttons, Blacking for Tools, assorted, Glass & Tin Ware.

All which he will dispose of, at a moderate Profit, for ready Pay. He still offers for Sale his House and Lot. Raleigh, May 3, 1800.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber has for Sale, a valuable TRACT of LAND, lying on both Sides of Cedar Creek, and on the road leading from Louisburg to Tarborough, containing between twelve and thirteen Hundred Acres. There are also to be sold, a Parcel of the best Low Ground in this Part of the said Land, lying within about five Miles of Louisburg, thirty from the City of Raleigh, and forty from Tarborough. There is on said Land a very good Dwelling-house, about thirty-two Feet by twenty-eight, neatly lined in the Inside with Brick, a Brick Kitchen below Stairs, floored with the same, in two Rooms; a Smoke-house, Granary, and other Out-houses; a good Well, within twenty Steps of the Door, about twenty Feet deep, neatly bricked from the Bottom. There is also a good Apple and Peach Orchard. The Situation of the Place is high, healthy and pleasant.

The Terms of the above Land are, one Half Cash, and the other a Cash Credit. Possession will be given the First Day of January next.

He will take a young, active House Girl, as Part of the first Payment. ABRAHAM PERRY, Franklin County, May 17, 1800.