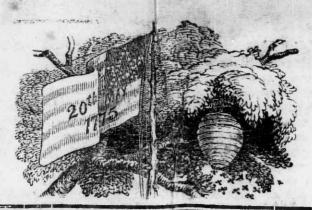
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"The powers granted under the Constitution, being derived from the People of the United States, may be resumed by them, whenever perverted to their injury or oppression." - Madison.

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#### Weekly Almanac for December, 1841.

DAYS.	SUN RISE	SUN SET.	MOON'S PHASES.		
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#### NOTICE TO Common School Committees.

Schools for Mecklenburg County, hereby notily the School Committees in the several Districts, that a meeting of the Board will be held at Char- Discount on Georgia Bank Notes, &c. lotte, on Tuesday of the ensuing January Court,at which time the said Committees are required to Balance due Treasurer of Int. Imp. Fund, make a Report of the number of Children in their spective Districts. In those Districts where no election has been held for Committee-men, the va cancy will be filled by the Board at the meeting as above appointed. Returns should be addressed to the "Chairman of the Board of Common School Commissioners," and may be left, previous to the Court, either with the undersigned, or with Charles T. Alexander, Esq., Clerk of the County Court, in Charlotte. WM. WILSON, Chairman. 39...tc

December 7, 1841. Charlotte Journal, copy.



#### POETRY.

HOW SELFISH ARE OUR TEARS! How selfish are our tears! Mine would not be repressed when first I learned Thy radiant soul had to its home returned, Earth's pain and toy and fear

Behind thee east, as from its cumbrous clay The spirit leaped exultingly away! Was it for thee, sweet friend,

Sinless and sainted! that my cheeks were wet, And my days darkened with a vain regret, A sorrow without end? No! for I knew that thou hadst found thy rest

Where gleam the 'many mansions' of the blest! Yet from my spirit passed

Gladness when thou wert gone-and hope was dead; From the green earth with thee had beauty fled; The sky was overeast With clouds whose mutterings were alone of wrath,

And the sick sun shone dimly oer my path. Wo for the heart which lays It is all of love upon an earthly shrine! Its altar shall be shattered, as was mine, And the bright hope which plays Around the ruins, fade in cold despair,

Leaving a double dessolation there. Too well I loved thee !-- ay, Call it idolatry, the deep, the intense, O'ermastering passion! but thou hast gone hence, Up to thy home on high!

Oh! selfish sorrow! for my tears are shed Not for thy sake, beloved: thou art not dead! Thou art not dead! The light

Which shone around thee ere thy work was done, The grave quenched not: in realms beyond the sun It beams with lustre bright, Caught from the "Great White Throne," whose steps before Anthems of praise resound for evermore!

The bitterness and gloom Of sorrow unassuaged, the gnawing care, And the heart's desolation none can share: These enter not the tomb! The dead sleep sweetly in their narrow bed; Why should the tear above their dust be shed?

Canst thou not here me; thou Whose ear caught greedily my faintest tone, And beat thy heart responsive to my own? I kneel and lift my brow

To thy faint starlight, and with fervent prayer, Whisper thy name to the caressing air! In vain-I list in vain

For the low answer which was wont to thrill My heart like life !- that tone of love is still, Never to wake again! Yet from thy starry mansion, it may be, Thine eye still lingers lovingly on me!

Then will I gird my soul With calm endurance, and await the time When I may meet thee in a happier clinic, Where grief hath no control. Not vainly are these passionate yearnings given, So that they lead us to Love's brighter Heaven :

Finances of North Carolina.

From the Fayetteville Observer. FINANCES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Governor of the State has just published, in the Raleigh Register, the Comptroller's and Treasurer's statements of their accounts for the year endas they necessarily enter into particulars; but we can give our readers a proper understanding of them by a brief abstract.

this Fund consist of-

Ballance on hand, Nov. 1, 1840, paper before the expiration of the first year without paying for | Entries of Vacant Lands, 5,761 21 mail. Roanoke Navigation Dividends. Interest received on loans, Interest on loans by Int. Imp. Board, Interest on Bonds of Wilmington R. R. Co. 2,550 00 employers and to the Department. Int. on Bonds of Ral. & Gaston R. R. Co. 8,400 00 Tayern Tax received from Sheriffs. Auction Tax. &c. Bank Dividends, Bank of the State, Bank Dividends, Bank of Cape Fear, 31,932 00

The Disbursements on account of this Fund have

Paid to Counties for Common Schools, Draining Swamp Lands, Expenses of Literary Board, Attornies' Fees, Clerk, Printing, &c. Loans by Literary Board,

Leaving a balance on hand to the credit of this

Internal Inprovement Fund .- The Receipts on account of this Fund consist of-From Cherokee Bonds, Bank Dividends, (Bank Cape Fear) Principal on loans by Int. Imp. Board,

\$16,283 94 The Disbursements from this Fund consist of-Expenses of the Board, HE Board of Superintendents of Common Commissioner of Nantahala Mountain S. Birdsall, Clerk to Int. Imp. Board,

46 50 Survey of Nag's Head, 130 00 on 1st Nov. 1840,

Leaving a balance to the credit of this

Treasury, are as follows: Balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1840,

Rec'd of Sheriffs, Public Tax for 1840, Bank Tax, Bank Cape Fear, Bank of State, Bank of Newbern, Sale of Revised Statutes, Dividends 10 shares C. F. Stock. Sale of Land, &c. Dividend Bumcombe Turnpike,

The Disbursements consist of Executive Dep't, Governor's Salary \$2,000 00 Private Secretary's do. Treasury do. Treasurer's Salary, Clerks' State do. Secretary's Salary, Comptroller's Salary, Adjutant General's do. Judiciary-3 Supreme Court Judges, 7 Circuit Court Judges, Attorney General and 6 Solicitors,

Reporter, Clerk, Marshal, &c. to Supreme Court, and printing Reports, 800 50 Pensioners, Public Printing and Advertising, Weights and Measures, Repairs of Government House, Presidential Election, Govenor's Election, Postage, different Departments,

Treasury Notes Burnt, Rebuilding Capitol, Council of State, Sup't Public Buildings, Public Library, Congressional Elections, Sheriffs for settling Taxes, Contingencies, Legislature,

\$118,704 48 Excess of payments over the receipts from this Fund,

Amount due Literary Fund, on 1st. Nov. Do. Internal Improvement Fund, \$120,319 37

Deduct amount due Public Treasurer, 1st November, 1841,

Leaves a balance in the hands of Public \$110,014 87 Treasurer, 1st Nov. 1841,

## THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The following circular has been transmitted by the Postmaster-General to the special agents of the Department. The abuses to which the Postmaster-General refers have been practised to no inconsiderable extent, and it is to be hoped they are now to be brought to speedy correction and termination. The vigilance, sagacity and economy, which the new head of this important and comprehensive bench of head of this important and comprehensive bench of head of this important and comprehensive bench of sist upon it," rejoined the first, "but how will that the service has brought into the office, will, we trust, restore it to the fullest prosperity and usefulness.

Circular Letter to the Special Agents of the Post Office Department.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, November 4th, 1841.

SIR: To the duties assigned you by any former instructions, as Special and Confidential Agent of this Department, I desire to add, that of strictly observing the manner in which the Post Offices are kept in the section and along the lines of route you

may be called to inspect and travel. charges its duties, must be stopped; and when such to the bar in silence.

cases fall within your knowledge, I desire that they shall be made the subject of special report.

Great carelessness in the opening and keeping the mail in insecure places and permitting persons, other than the Postmaster, or his sworn assistants, to have access to the same when opening or after it opened, has been charged, in general terms, upon many of the Postmasters in the small towns and vilages. This evil must be corrected, and when you have evidence of the fact, it is expected you will make it known to the Department, that the only efficient remedy may be applied. I will not continue in office those who will not themselves give their The Literary Fund .- The receipts on account of time and attention to the discharge of its duties, or who violate or who suffer violations of the rules of 78,007 06 the Department in opening and distributing the

> It is also desirable that you observe the deport-28,294 44 | ment of all carriers and drivers of mails, and report 6.426 61 any misconduct arising from wilful negligence or 1.510 52 carelessness and inattention to their duties to their

> Many complaints have been made against the 2.777 47 agents or travelling Postmasters on railroad routes: 460 77 you are expected to observe the conduct of such as 31.250 00 may fall within the range of your supervision.

Information has been communicated to this Department that drivers and carriers of the mail, on the more distant and unimportant routes, are in the habit of carrying letters in violation of law, there-by lessening the income of the Department. As this may be done in ignorance of the law, you will 47,513 82 inform and instruct the contractors to charge the 1,313 83 carriers and drivers not to violate the law in this 172 00 particular. The act of 1825, section 20, directs that all the carriers shall deliver such letters, whether sealed or unsealed, to the first Post Office at which they arrive after receiving them, and the Postmaster is directed to rate and charge the postage.

If you become satisfied that any Post-Office is not of public utility, and not required for the public accommodation, you will report that fact and the reasons for the opinion.

Upon the active exertion and vigilant supervision of the Special Agents of this Department, mainly depend the regularity, security and efficiency of mail transportation, and I cannot too strongly impress upon you the importance and high responsioility of your stations. It is to you the Postmaster-General must look for accurate information upon all subjects pertaining to the outdoor operations of the Department. Give me your efficient aid, and I do not despair of making the Post-Office Department eminently useful and popular,

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, C. A. WICKLIFFE.

Horrible Murder .-- The Athens (Tenn.) Courier property !" brings us the details of a most horrible murder, which was perpetrated at the house of Mr. John The Public Fund.—The Receipts of the Treasu- McMahan, about four miles north of that town, in ry proper, applicable to the ordinary demands on the the forenoon of Monday, November 15, 1841 .--The victims of this enormous outrage were the wife, aged about 35, and the daughter, 13, of Mr. Mc-Mahan, a most respectable family. Two of Mr. 2.250 00 M's black boys, Jim and Pete, are implicated in

562 50 the murder. 587 33 On Monday morning Mr. M. started to Decatur, 60 00 Meigs county, taking Jim with him. His two lit-401 80 the sons also went to school, leaving only Mrs. M., her daughter and an infant, beginning to walk, at home with Pete. About 10 o'clock, P. M., Mr. Hamilton called at Mr. M.'s gate-saw a woman 300 00 repeated calls. He thought it strange that the wo- rising portion of our community—an Irish hod car-1,500 00 man should be lying there and not answer his calls. 500 00 but apprehended nothing serious and passed on, and presently met with two men to whom he related the circumstance-they took no alarm. He stopped at a house about two miles from Mr. M.'s and again 13,650 00 related the circumstance. From this place they 2,982 09 after the deed had been consummated.

The infant had been about its mother-its foot prints from the blood were all over the floor .- It had finally gone into the kitchen and was found sit-1,713 36 ting on the body of its sister. Poor child!

Information was immediately despatched to Mr M. As he was about starting home, Jim whom he home by himself or he would be killed too. This cow, half starved in the parish pound—"It is'nt at expression, induced by nothing but the workings of expression, induced by nothing but the workings of under the parish pound—"It is'nt at home ye are in your prisint situation."

What do you mane by all this goster?" said Jer-34 35 Jim's own mind, naturally excited suspicion as to 34 35 Jim's own mind, naturally excited the start of the 1,134 31 denied knowing any thing of the murder. Being 6,332 51 asked why then did he warn his master, he replied 37,058 56 that he said that before he thought of it. This went to confirm the suspicion. Jim afterwards confessed be a legislathur-and instead of bein' an ordinary that Pete and himself had formed a plot to kill all mimber of the hod fellows society, you'd make a the family but the child. That Pete on Monday mighty purthey mimber of the national society for was to kill those at home, and then way-lay the the diffusion of legal knowledge." road at a particular hill and as Mr. M. would be stopping to prop the wagon, they were to knock him 13,354 96 in the head, and then make their escape to a free the poylice, I always thought I had a little talent in State. Jim is in jail. Pete was seen, as supposed, that way—that I could'nt fail to make a good oppy after he had completed the deed, going from the house to the stable, and again across the field to the back of the plantation. Diligent and extensive search has been kept up for him, but as yet he has not been arrested nor certainly heard of.

Knoxville Argus.

Duelling .- In ridicule of this practice, Dr. Franklin used to tell the follownig story: One person said to another in a Coffee House, "Sir, sit a little farther off, you smell offensively." "Sir," anmend the matter? If you kill me, I shall smell too, and if I kill you, you will smell worse than you do at present.

A humorous young man was driving a horse which was in the habit of stopping at every house on the road side; passing a country tavern, where was collected together some dozen countrymen, the beast as usual ran opposite the door and stopped, in spite of the young man, who, applying the whip with all his might to drive the horse on, the men The Postmaster-General expects that every Fost Office, whatever may be its importance, shall be attended to or supervised by the Deputy Postmaster. The practice which, I regret to learn, has obtained in many portions of the U. S., of one man holding the commission of Postmaster, whilst another distance the commission of Postmaster, whilst another distance the commission of Postmaster, whilst another distance the duties must be storned; and when such learns its duties must be storned; and when such learns a most pleasing compliment to his wife, when on being asked by a friend what he intended to do with his girls, he replied, "I intend to apprentice them all to their excellent mothing in the young man, "but I cannot recommend the processing compliment to his wife, when on being asked by a friend what he intended to do with his girls, he replied, "I intend to apprentice them all to their excellent mothing in the young man, "but I cannot recommend the processing compliment to his wife, when on being asked by a friend what he intended to do with his girls, he replied, "I intend to apprentice them all to their excellent mothing intended to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him, as he has belonged to a butcher, and will stop him to him the fitted to be come like her—wives, mothers, and the fitted to be a friend to apprentice them all to their excellent mother what he intended to do with his girls, he replied, "I intended to do with his girls, he replied, "I intended to a property in the head of the property in the p

Variety.

From the Uncle Sam.

WON'T TAKE TWENTY DOLLARS. Some waggish students at Yale College, a few years since, were regaling themselves one evening clothing. "Oh, that is of no consequence, for the at the "Tontine," when an old farmer from the country entered their room (taking it for the barroom,) and inquired if he could obtain lodging there. The young chaps immediately answered him in the affirmative, inviting him to take a glass of punch. The old fellow, who was a shrewd Yankee, saw at once, that he was to be made the butt of their jests, but quietly laying of his hat and telling a worthless little dog he had with him to lie under the chair, he took a glass of the proffered beverage. The students anxiously inquired after the health of the old know I could not wear it all dripping wet." A week man's wife and children, and the farmer, with affeced simplicity, gave them the whole pedigree, with numerous anecdotes regarding his farm, stock, &c.

the wags. "Yes, the Lord be praised, and so did my father

"Well, I suppose you would not tell a lie," replied the student.

"Not for the world," added the farmer. "Now, what will you take for that dog?" pointng to the farmer's cur who was not worth his weight

"I would not take twenty dollars for that dog." "Twenty dollars! why he is not worth twenty

"Well, I assure you I would not take twenty dol-

"Come, my friend," said the student, who, with his companions, were bent on having some capital fun with the old man. "Now you say you won't tell a lie for the world, let me see if you will not do it for twenty dollars. I'll give you twenty dollars for your

"I'll not take it," replied the farmer. tempt you to tell a lie," added the student, producing a small bag of half dollars from which he commenced counting numerous small piles upon the table. The farmer was sitting by the table with his

silver, I will give you that for your dog." The old farmer quietly raised his hat to the edge of the table, and then, as quick as thought, scraped compounded with his creditors, in a few months, all the money into it, except one half dollar, at the while his loving wife ran off with a Colonel.

same time exclaiming, "I won't take your twenty dollars! Nineteen and a half is as much as the dog is worth—he is your

A tremendous laugh from his fellow students showed the would-be-wag, that he was completely "done up," and that he need not look for help from that quarter; so he good naturedly acknowledged himself beat, insisted on the old farmer's taking another glass, and they parted in great glee, the stu-dent retaining his dog, which he keeps to this day, as a lesson to him never to attempt to play tricks on men older than himself, and especially to be careful how he tries to wheedle a Yankee farmer.

#### A PUN BY A PADDY.

A boss builder, who had some men employed in lifting an old Spanish constructed house yesterday in Burgundy street, met with a slight accident, which had the effect of raising a small bump on his cranium, just where that of casuality should be: it lying on the kitchen floor, but no one answered his gives rise to a pun, too, on the part of one of that

As the "boss" was descending from the roof, one of his "hands" let a brick inadvertently fall, which at the moment stunned him severely. Finding it was done unintentionally, he let the ebullition of his wrath escape by bestowing a few execrations on Irish awkwardness. As soon as the boss withdrew, 3,020 00 went immediately to Mr. M.'s, and discovered the murder. It was about two o'clock, and four hours round of the laborers, who ascended the "topmost round of the ladder" and deposited his mortar on the scaffold, turned to him who was the object of the present reproachful epithets, and in a poke-me-under-the-fifth-rib kind of humor, said-

"Jerry, Jerry, it is'nt here you ought to be at all at all; nathur was chayted out iv her intintions altogether intirely when you was put to your prisint implayment-it does'nt shoot (suit) your gaynus-you are like a drunken man at a timperance mating, or a mimber of the Universal Payce Society at an Irish was leaving with the wagon, told him not to go fair. As Jim Molowney said when he found a stray

> to be a mimber of Congress, makin' motions in Washington instead of makin' morther in Arlayus instead of being an assistant slayther, you ought to

"Well, then, do you know, 'Iim," said the recipient of this string of compliments, "do you know Tim, that since the time I used to lay plans for paythin sishun mimber-but, thin, I hav'nt the larnin."

"Divil a matter about that," said Tim, "it doesn't require a man to know flucshuns, and conisecshuns, and thrigenomethry, and all them dead languages, to be a legislathur. The way you threw that last brick at the boss, Jerry, convinces me that you can head Captain Tyler betther than Botts, or Potts, or whatever you call him, altogether intirely."

The very negroes present gave a yaw! yaw! yaw! at the play upon words by Tim, or literal application of a political pun.

The Natches Courier tell's "sich a good 'un about a man's losing his identity. It seems that Ma jor D-and Major Stimmell, two characters formerly well known about Hinds county, met at Raymond, and were put in the same apartment, immediately over the bar-room. The former had just returned from Texas, and they concluded to assist the relation of his adventures with a bottle of the "inwairiable." The bottle was not as full as it had been, when Stimmell suddenly rolled down the steps, into the very midst of the occupants of the bar.

"Why, major! is this you?" was the general cry:
"Why, no—that is—yes, sir," said he with some confusion, as he slowly gathered himself up, "I rather believe it is, now, I knew some Major had fell, but I thought it was that d-d Texas Major." N. O Picayune

Mothers and Daughters.—It was a judicious reso lution of a father, as well as a most pleasing compliCONJUGAL LOGIC.

"My dear, did you not buy a handsome shawl for fifty dollars?" "Yes, my love." "So I thought." -"Well, it is lying on the floor in the other room. As the times are hard, and I can scarcely pay my notes, I hope you will be a little careful of your fine shawl must be cleaned before it is used again." "My dear, one of the children has just thrown your hand-some shawl into the cistern." "Indeed, I am really sorry, but it needed washing, and I will have it taken out presently." On the next day, the husband desiring his lady to accompany him a short dis-

tance into the country, she dressed for the purpose. "My dear, why don't you wear your new shawl?" It is not taken out of the cistern yet: I will attend to it, the first thing, when we come home.—You afterwards, a servant hooked up the shawl by accident, with a cistern pole. This elegant article was now transformed into a dirty rag, and punched full of holes. "My dear, if you had taken it out when "Do you belong to the church?" asked one of I first mentioned it, all would have been well." "Oh no, my love, it would never have been fit to wear, after being put into that muddy cistern." "But, my dear, if you had picked it off the floor when I first mentioned it, it would never have got into the cistern." "I suppose it dropped from the table where it was laid, which I am sure could not be helped." But, my dear, if you had put it in its proper place, when you first took it off, it would never have fallen from the table." "And if I had kept myself in my proper place, I never should have been the companion of such a wretched, miserly, busy body as yourself."-"My dear, you are always too dilatory. If you had not deferred that speech until after our marriage, you never would have been taken from the arms of your beggerly old father." "Then I never should have gone from under the protection of a gentleman to shelter under the roof of a fellow. "I wonder, my dear, how a lady of your refined and exalted notions can continue under the roof of a fellow." "You will give me time for the horses to be put in the carriage." She rings and orders the car-"You will not? Here, let us see if this won't riage, puts on her things, and moves slowly towards empt you to tell a lie," added the student, produthe door.—"My dear, are you really going?" "Yes, but why do you speak so kindly, if you hate me?" "I did not say that I hated you, my dear." "Did you not? But the shawl." "Let that go, my dear. hat in his hand, apparently unconcerned. "There," It is not worth a thought." "Now you speak like added the student, "there are twenty dollars, all in yourself. What a dear love." They kissed affectionately. After this little scene the lady always did as she pleased with her shawl; and her "dear love,"

Sunday Morning Atlas.

Absurdities .- To attempt to borrow money on the plea of extreme poverty. To make yourself generally disagreeable, and wonder no one will visit yeu unless they gain some palpable advantage by it. To sit shivering in the cold because you won't have a fire till November. To suppose the reviewers generally read more than the title-page of the works they praise or condemn. To keep your clerks on miserable salaries, and wonder at their robbing you. Not to go to bed when you are tired and sleepy, because it is not bedtime. To make your servants tell lies for you, and afterwards be angry because they

tell lies for themselves. To tell your own secrets, and believe other people will keep them. To render a man a service voluntarily, and expect him to be grateful for it. To expect to make people honest by hardening them in jail, and afterwards sending them adrift without the means of getting work. To fancy a thing is cheap because a low price is asked for it. To say a man is charitable because he subscribes to an hospital .-To arrive at the age of fifty, and be surprised at any vice, folly, or absurdity your fellow creatures may be guilty of. To vote for a candidate at an election because he shakes hands with your wife and child and admires the baby.

Old, but good-A Tacitus.-A British East India Captain being sent to make a survey and report, on a group of savage Islands, thus dispatched the several heads of religion—manners, and customs.—
Religion, apparently none. Manners,—none, Customs,—not fit to be described.

A village editor, visiting New York, was by mistake, picked up and put in the bundle of an old wo-man who was out picking up rags.—H. Review.

When Milton was blind, he married a shrew .-The Duke of Buckingham called her a rose. "I am no judge of colors," replied Milton, "but it may be so, for I feel the thorns daily."

Really Small .- "That is really the smallest horse I ever saw," said a countryman on viewing a Shetland pony. "Indade, now," replied his Irish companion, "but I've saw one as small as two of him."

A Tar's Timepiece.—As a thorough paced tar was passing St. Paul's the other day, the clock struck twelve. Jack instinctively put his hand to his pocket, and pulling out his newly bought watch, exclaimed with evident satisfaction and a few nautical embellishments, "There! if this little chap has'nt beat that great lazy lubber an hour !"-Mechanic.

Dead or Alive.—"Pomp, what de debbil am a jury ob inkest." "Wal, de fact is, niggar—a jury ob inkest am a lot of fellars what sits down on a dead man to find out whedder he am dead for sartin, or only playing possum."

Capital Punishment.—Being kissed to death by a pretty girl.-Troy Budget.

The Mechanic.—The following beautiful article is from "The Carpenter of Rouen," a popular play:
The mechanic, sir, is one of God's noblemen.— What have mechanic's not done? Have they not opened the secret chambers of the mighty deep, and extracted its treasures, and made the raging billows their highway, on which they ride as on a tame steed? Are not the clements of fire and water chained to the crank, and to the mechanic's bidding compelled to turn it? Have not mechanics opened the bowels of the earth, and made its products con-tribute to his wants? The forked lightning is their

play-thing; and they ride triumphant on the wings of the mighty winds. To the wise they are the flood gates of knowledge, and kings and queens are decorated with their hand works: He who made the Universe, was a great mechanic. Rather Sectarian.—"Sambo, are you willing to be damned, if it be the Lord's will?" enquired a Calvinist of a favorite colored servant. "O, yes Massa, and more too: I willing to have you damn-,