

United States Laws, Passed at the first Session of the 20th Congress, No. 15. An Act making appropriations for certain Fortifications of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Approved: 19 March, 1828. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. An Act granting the right of preference, in the purchase of Public Lands, to certain settlers, in the St. Helena Land District, in the State of Louisiana.

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mathematical, drawing, chemical, and mineralogical departments, and for the Library and Conferences, for the Military Academy at West Point, excluding the items for Quartermaster's Clerk, Adjutant's Clerk, and Quartermaster's Sergeant, thirty-two thousand two hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-eight cents.

Sec. 4. And he it further enacted, That the sum of five hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty-one cents, being part of an appropriation made by the act of fifth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William Lawrence and others, and which was carried to the Surplus Fund on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated.

Valuable Property. BY virtue of a writ in partition, issued from the court of common pleas held in Lancaster, February term, will be sold at the courthouse in Lancaster, on the first Monday in August, all the LANDS belonging to the estate of Churchwell Anderson, dec'd, consisting of four several tracts, designated as follows:

Ten Dollars Reward. A BSCONDED from the subscriber, in the town of Salisbury, on the 21st of the present month, May, a negro fellow named Scipio; he is about 21 years old, between 5 feet 7 and 10 inches high; Scipio is a mulatto man, very likely; he carried off with him very few clothes; a pair of blue cassimere pantaloons, and a blue cassimere or black silk waistcoat, and a whitish coloured woollen round-about jacket, and probably one other shirt and waistcoat besides the one he wore off, and an old white fur hat.

POETRY. Mr. White: You are at liberty to insert in your paper the following epigram: Written on hearing of the death of Mr. David O. Neely.

Friendship. Just like Friendship is yon bubble Floating down the limpid stream; Not a breath its course to trouble, Glittering in the noon-tide beam.

MISCELLANEOUS. JOSEPH BONAPARTE. A Philadelphia paper publishes the following merited tribute to this amiable and unassuming man. His residence is on the Jersey side of the Delaware river, near B rden-town, 20 miles above Philadelphia.

Breeding of maggots, &c. Dr. Mitchell states in the N. E. Farmer, that the rearing and multiplication of maggots, for profit, is a regular business at the horse butcheries, near Paris. They are sold by measure, for feeding birds and poultry, and for fish-bait.

The Crocodile. As the Crocodile feeds in the Nile, says Herodotus, "the inside of his mouth is always lined with bdella. All birds, one alone accepted, fly from the crocodile; but that bird, the trochilos, on the contrary, flies to him with eagerness, and renders him a great service; for every time that the Crocodile lands to rest himself, and stretches himself out with open jaws, the trochilos enters his mouth, which it clears of the bdella that it finds there. The Crocodile is grateful, and never does any injury to the little bird from which he receives so good an office."

Plumb Stones. In August, 1826, Mr. Martin, of Schoharie county, New York, ate a quantity of plumbs, and under the impression that they would be less liable to injure him, swallowed pits and all. He was shortly after taken ill, and has been out of health ever since, until about two weeks, when he took a powerful emetic, and singular as it may seem, he vomited up rising of thirty plumb pits, which must have remained on his stomach from the period of his having eaten the plumbs in 1826, to that time, about 18 months.

INFLUENCE OF THE MOON. The moon is supposed to have influence on the weather. The following table, ascribed to the illustrious astronomer, Dr. Herschel, is constructed upon a philosophical consideration of the attraction of the sun and moon in their several positions, respecting the earth; confirmed by the experience of many years actual observation, and will, without trouble, and with great truth, suggest to the observer, what kind of weather will follow the moon's entrance into any of her quarters.

Table with columns for Moon's Position (New or Full Moon, Quarter, etc.), Time of Day (Morning, Noon, etc.), and Weather (Very rainy, Changeable, etc.).

Christian Liberty. Died, in Manchester, Vermont, lately, Joseph Burr, Esq. aged 84. By assiduity and economy, he had acquired a fortune estimated at \$150,000. Being a Bachelor, and having no near relatives but what were wealthy, he made the following, among other liberal bequests: To the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions \$17,000.

IS MAN A COWARD? All men are by nature cowards, says one adage—a state of nature is a state of war, says another—man is naturally pugnacious, says a third. Can all three be true? Why is courage one of the most common, perhaps, of all qualities, held in such high esteem by the ladies! From the consciousness of weakness which requires protection.

Physical courage, which depends on tough sinews and sale leather nerves, is no great affair. Some men are brave from very stupidity; they do not shrink from danger, because they are too dull to apprehend it, and too gross to feel it. A man of high animal spirits and excitable construction, possesses bravery of a more active character. He is entitled to no more praise than a cat is for her capabilities of scratching, or a bear for the compressive power of his paws.

FROM THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE. The following was written at the request of a young lady, who desired the author to furnish an ACROSTIC ON THE ONE I LOVE BEST. M atchless maiden! I will obey Your mandate, and endite my lay. S wift as the flight of thought, I frame E ach letter of the 'loved name: I, licensed in freedom by myself— P rown not, Eliza—tis—myself!