

BARTHELEMY.

If it were necessary to find any new instance in support of the precept, that man should never despair, the history of Barthelemy would afford it. After living to the age of forty, amidst all the conveniences and luxuries requisite to one born and educated in the first class of gentlemen; after a residence at the court of London, first as Secretary and then as Charge des Affairs for the King of France, he negotiated at Basle the peace with Prussia, and was then elevated (if elevation it can be called) to a place in the Directory of the French Republic. Amidst the pomp of this unhappy greatness, this miserable grandeur, he was seized on the 4th of September, 1797, by order of his colleagues, and others, and on the 8th, was placed in an iron cage on a carriage something resembling a gun carriage, and was thus removed, with several other persons in seventeen days to Rochefort, passing the night in the worst dungeons of the town, in which they stopped.

The next day, they were forced into the hold of a small vessel, and, when thirty six hours had elapsed since they had eaten or drunk, a pail of water was let down amongst them, accompanied with two of the crew's loaves. Barthelemy, with three others, were afterwards placed in a mere dungeon of this hold, infected with exhalations, without a hammock to lay their heads upon, though unable to keep themselves upright. Their food, during a whole voyage, which carried them across the Atlantic, was refuse biscuit, with boiled gourgane, or beans without seasoning, and in such insufficient quantities, that, at times, when they were not affected with sickness they felt the most excruciating torments from hunger. One of his companions, the unfortunate Desfontaine, uttered such cries of rage, that, says Ramel, "we were afraid, he would bite us."

On their arrival at Cayenne, Barthelemy and his companions were confined in a prison in the dungeon of Sinamary, each having a hammock to himself, but neither table, chair, or any piece of furniture, or utensil. Their food was prepared by a cook, taken from the house of correction, who twenty times threatened to poison them, and their bread was often too full of worms and ants to be eaten. Their dens were overrun with scorpions, millepedes, gnats, musquitoes, and many other species of insects and reptiles, not excepting serpents. They were tormented also with a species of bug, called Chieba, which enters the pores of the skin, and if not carefully removed, breeds there, and destroys the flesh so rapidly, as to render amputation necessary. Their whole prospect, even from the ramparts of the fort, was "a vast and impenetrable forest. The mournful howling of Tygers, that came within musket shot of the fort, the shrill and piercing screams of monkeys, the discordant notes of parrots, and the croaking of venomous toads, of which the forests and the muddy banks of the River were full, rendered this scene a wilderness of horror." Here died the brave General Murinais, one of his companions, a man of the most accomplished character, and of a large fortune, all sacrificed in the Revolution, which he himself had promoted, in its first stages. Here "Barthelemy, though so sickly, and so ailing, that even his existence, was a miracle, in the continuance of which he had himself believed as little as his profane brethren, possessed an internal principle of life and a strength of mind, which the calmness of his external appearance would scarcely have given room to suspect; but which shewed itself with energy on every occasion."

In this prison Francon de Coudray and Lafond, two of the 'deported' were poisoned. These two victims lay in the same room in their hammocks, which were their death beds, opposite to each other. The cries their tortures forced from them, reached our rooms and far beyond them. Nothing could appease their fatal vomiting. Lafond cried out with vehemence; he raised his hand towards heaven, and called aloud upon his wife and children. Their torments continued twenty five days, at the end of which they expired; and when the others complained to Aime, the Commander, who before the Revolution, had been a footman, he told them, "they ought to know they were not sent to Sinamary to live to eternity."

The preceding circumstances are collected from the narrative published by General Ramel, who was transported at the same time with Barthelemy, and who with him effected an escape, of which an account was published some years since. It is sufficient to the purpose of this article to add, that on the 20th of Sept. 1798, one year from the commencement of this series of suffering, Barthelemy entered the British channel; that he was protected for some time in England; and that after being restored to his native country, he is now in one of the best situations which it affords, and may thank GOD, that his "principle of life and his strength of mind" never was subdued by despair.

SCRAPS.

FROM LATE LONDON PAPERS.

An Englishman and an American, in Paris, having made a wager of 200l. as to which of them could remain longest under water, plunged both together into the Seine on the 4th Froctidor. The Englishman continued under water five minutes and sixteen seconds, and the American, five minutes forty-two seconds, which is considered as very astonishing diving. The Englishman has not yet given up the contest, but has challenged his antagonist to another trial for double the sum, which the American has accepted.

The following remarkable circumstance may be depended on as a fact: The ship Fair American, was lost, about six years ago, off the Isle of Wight, and many boxes and other property were stolen from her. Yesterday morning, (Aug. 20) however, Messrs. Hopkins and Gray, who were principally interested, received a box, containing 19 watches—and within it this short notice:—"Advertise these, that the right owner, may have them; and when I see that done, I will feed you the remainder."

A most extraordinary leap was taken by a horse belonging to the 17th light Dragoons, a few days ago, on the Greenes near Lancaster. As two of the men were going through the fourth division of the sword exercise, on horseback, fully accoutred, and being at full speed, one of them perceiving a large hole in the ground just before him, clapt his spurs into the horse, and cleared it. It was afterwards measured, and found to be 26 feet 5 inches over.

The liberties some newspapers take with the lives and deaths of great men are truly shocking. The Irish Giant has been under the necessity of contradicting the report of his death by affidavit, in which he swears that he is not only now alive but was so at the time he was said to be dead!

A gentleman passing through High Street, St Giles's, observed to his friend, that the glass was very high. "Indeed it is, quoth an Irish labourer (who happened to hear him) "a halfpenny higher than it ought to be!" One thought of Fahrenheit, and the other of his glass of gin.

The author of The Religion of Nature delineated, asked a bigot, how many religions and sects he thought there might be in the world? "Why, says he, "I can make no judgment, I never considered that question." "Do you think," said Wollaston there may be a hundred? "O yes, at least?" "Why then," said the philosopher, it is ninety nine to one you are in the wrong."

FACTS IN SEDUCTION. A girl intimated a prosecution against a young man for seduction; but on stating her case, her lawyer did not think she had facts enough to support it. She left him very melancholy, but returning next day with an air of triumph, she said, "Another fact, Sir! he has seduced me again this morning."

In the year 1587, it was decided at Grenoble that a child, borne by the wife of Mauleon de Beaumont, in the course of four years during which he had been absent from her, was legitimate, and that she had conceived by thinking on her husband. The decision was founded on the examination of Midwives who all declared that such had frequently been their case.

ANECDOTE.—An extravagant fellow, who had got into the King's Bench prison for debt was called upon by his creditor to know if there were any terms he could propose, as he did not wish to keep him there, "I'll pay you 5s. in the pound," said the debtor. "But," replied the other, "you offered ten before." "True," answered the debtor, "but I've learnt a great deal here, and since you sent me to College you must even pay for my education."

A lady seeing the Sheriff of a county, who was a very handsome young gentleman attending the Juage who was an old man, was asked by a gentleman standing by, which she liked best, the Judge or the sheriff? The lady told him the sheriff—"Why so?"—"Because, says she, though I love judgement well, I love execution better."

Medical Society.

THE next annual meeting of the Medical Society of North Carolina, will be holden at the city of Raleigh on Wednesday the first day of December next.

As the business of the meeting will be more than usually important a punctual attendance of the members is requested.

By Order, OR 16. CALVIN JONES, C. Secy.

A PETITION will be presented to the next General Assembly, praying the Establishment of a Superior Court at the Town of Henderson, for a District to be composed of the Counties of Randolph, Montgomery, Anson and Richmond; of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice. Henderson, 24th September, 1802.

From the Recorder.

MRS. WALKER.

In the Recorder of the 13th current, reference was made to a circumstance, which had occurred a considerable time since, between a certain great personage, and a lady in Albemarle county. We meant to publish it for various reasons. One of them is that the public have a right to be acquainted with the real characters of persons, who are the possessors or the candidates for office. A second reason is, that an enemy cannot refuse the right of being attacked with his own weapons. Every body must well remember the noise which was made by the democrats in summer, 1797, concerning a personage of the opposite party, who had fallen into an illicit commerce with another man's wife. Sauce for the goose, sauce for the gander, says the proverb.

A third reason for publication is that we have been loudly accused of a design to attack the character of a most respectable lady, whereas such a thing never once came into our heads. The Bee had published the story, with a contradiction or denial of it. Meriwether Jones, with his wonted judgment and delicacy, transplanted the article into his Examiner, so that the Recorder cannot be charged as the first publisher of the tale. Instead of arraigning, we are going to vindicate the lady's character, if indeed a character so uncommonly respectable and amiable could be supposed to stand in want of vindication. We beg to be understood that, if Jones had been silent, we should, most probably, have been likewise. But a certain great personage has got such an absurd set of defenders about him as could be sufficient for destroying the character of any man. We never before witnessed to complete an example of literary suicide. Without any common place declamation upon the sanctity of the seventh commandment, or the guilt of seduction, on such true matters, we shall tell plain story that is universally believed, and that ought long since to have been published.

Mr. John Walker of Albemarle is a gentleman of independent fortune, and a most irreproachable character. His lady is universally represented as worthy to be the pattern of her sex. A great personage who resides at some distance from Mr. Walker's, and who had been at school with him, had, after Mr. Walker's marriage, been in some measure domesticated by him. Upon all occasions he was received in Mr. Walker's family, with that cordial hospitality, for which a Virginian country gentleman is so proverbially distinguished. The return to this friendship was an attempt, as foolish, as it was infamous, to injure the virtue of Mrs. Walker, and the happiness of her husband. He was repulsed with the contempt he deserved; and his intended exertion of his ENERGIES for the multiplication of our species, was, in this instance, disappointed. The lady, at the request of the great personage, consented to the concealment of the proposal. She did this, on the promise of better behaviour, in time to come. Matters remained in that situation, for a certain period; how long we do not exactly know.

We did not suspect that the great personage had possessed that order of constitution, which was necessary for the renewal of so desirable, and so desperate a scheme. We have been, within the last fortnight, almost overwhelmed with reputable affirmations of what was, before, sufficiently credible. A second attempt was made, by slipping a billet into the lady's hand.

In the commission of the very same crime, a multitude of subordinate circumstances may lessen or augment the proportion of guilt; and there is not, perhaps, any vice, where the degrees of guilt admit of a greater diversity than in that which is the subject of the present article. Upon a topic so delicate we decline the hazardous office of endeavoring to expatiate. We only say that, in combining the circumstances of this Albemarle conspiracy, there is not a single point of alleviation.

Whether the great personage was, at that time, married, we do not pretend to say. We have, in relating this affair, adhered to a generality of expression, to prevent the little contradictions of our precious public printer. On receipt of the billet, Mrs. Walker took her husband aside. She put the paper into his hand, and told him of the former attempt, that she had conditionally promised to suppress. The great personage received immediate permission to quit the house; and it is almost needless to add that this permission was accepted.

Mr. Walker never mentions the name of the great personage but in epithets of the most ardent detestation. We have been assured that he received from the great personage either one or more letters of deprecation; and that, if any clamour shall be raised by the democrats, these letters, or that letter, will burst upon the indignation of mankind. Now, dont give us any more challenges to publish letters. You have had

quite enough of that. For, in spite of the childish prattle of the Examiner, the Recorder of October 6th. made an impression which can never be recalled. Dont give us any more defiance to do all that we can do. If you had not violated the sanctuary of the grave, SALLY and her son TOM would still, perhaps, have slumbered in the tomb of oblivion. To charge a man as a thief, and an adulterer is, of itself, bad enough. But when you charge him with an action that is much more execrable than an ordinary murder, even that at the Bloody Run, is the party injured not to repel such baseness, with ten thousand fold vengeance upon the miscreant that invented it?

Result of the New Jersey Election.

It is with much satisfaction that we are enabled to announce to the Federal Republicans of the United States, the favorable change which has recently taken place in the political character of New Jersey. The late election, like every one that has preceded it since the sitting of Congress, where Americans govern themselves, has resulted favorably to the Washingtonian Policy. Last year the democrats obtained a majority of nine in the house of assembly and one in Council; this year the Federalists have a majority of one in the assembly, and the adverse party one in Council—in joint meeting, where the Governor and other state officers are appointed, the two parties will be equally balanced.

The Federal Ticket in Cape May, we are credibly informed, succeeded by a majority of nearly three to one.

Mr. Stockton, it is said, will be the Federal candidate for Governor, in New Jersey. [Trenton Fed.]

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