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RESPECTING a character so notorious as is that of Thomas Paine, much must be expected by the public. Much has already been written in the papers throughout the United States. It has, however, picqued the democrats exceedingly that the federal newspapers should abound with frequent comment and keep animadversion on this man, Thomas Paine.

"Why?" interrogate some of these gentry, "Why do the federal newspapers teem so unceasingly with invectives on Thomas Paine? We grant, say they, that Thomas Paine was reprehensible in publishing the *Age of Reason*; we grant, that as an American character he is buried in the grave of revolution; we grant the atrociousness of his offence when he assailed the reputation of Washington; we grant the impropriety of his forward & intrusive interference with the public concerns of this country, and of his groce ribaldry on characters of worth and eminence since his arrival. But why, continue they, why persecute him? Why persist in declaiming against one who can do no harm? Why, in short, harass him in accouise which must terminate in his disgrace?"

The plain question which paves the way for these *pathetic* remonstrances will not be denied. The sequel of the quotation, is, I believe, correct. Admit the fidelity of the citation and I will furnish a better answer, than the mere notoriety of his character.

The conduct of the executive of the United States in regard to Tom Paine is tantamount to an open declaration of a coincidence of opinion, with Paine, in whatever relates to politicks, in whatever relates to the awful subject of religion, and in whatever relates to the venerated name of Washington.

In this coincidence, in every respect so offensive to a virtuous people, the democrats may decry the reason which influences the federal editors in casting such a profusion of invectives on Thomas Paine.

I appeal to all impartial men, if the extraordinary attention to Paine, the voluntary protection which is extended to him, the strange countenance afforded to this atheistical vagabond, do not argue strong internal approbation of his conduct and principles. I appeal to all such men, if this assemblage of circumstances does not proclaim more forcibly than even language itself, approbation of the past, and incitement to renew the series of iniquitous actions; if it does not seal with his approval that that mischievous and detestable performance entitled "*The Age of Reason*," if it does not sanction beyond all controversy, that indecent and virulent libel on the character of the great Washington, styled his letter to Mr. Washington, which has been read by the honest citizens of this country with never ceasing execrations upon its author.

It is, on the part of the executive an open and daring avowal, to an enlightened people, that he nourishes principles averse to that "*balanced liberty*" which exists in its highest perfection in the United States of America.

It is, on the part of the executive, an open and daring avowal, that he entertains principles inimical to the religion of our country, to the pure doctrines of the christian faith.

It is, on the part of the executive, an open and daring avowal, that as he was hostile to the living merit of our illustrious Washington, so is he now, *even now*, at war with the good fame which a grateful people have allied to his memory.

That these are the opinions of the

Chief Magistrate of the American people, we cannot, at this time, harbour a doubt.

Else, why stoops he, to invite into the country, a wretch cast out by England and spurned at by France? Why, vanish personal and political dignity at the approach of the wretch, and in the familiarity of their meeting? Why, stoops he to bosom up the friend on his arrival? Why, bids he the stream of vanity and scurrility flow from his pen?

Degraded America! thrice degraded country! how pitiful is the estimate of thy dignity in the eye of European greatness! How feeble sounds thy name! How faded looks that flag which under the elevated and commanding auspices of an Adams, scuthoned in triumph the distant shores of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean! Blush the most humble peasant at the prostration of that dignity thou wouldst be proud to maintain! Blush, at the low, unhalloved entercourse between thy Chief Magistrate and the crime stained outlaw of England the scoffed scoundrel, remnant adventurer of France!

Arrest, imprisonment and ignominy would be the doom of him who dared to conduct into the presence of the first consul of France, a being so consummate in vice, so despicable for his habits, so debased by his association.

And shall the pride of the real republic of America crest itself less loftily than that of the tyrannic democracy of France? Shall the culprit who trembled at the frown of an usurper, fly into the embrace of the legitimate executive of an august nation?

Ye, who are the warm, but honest devotees of the present Chief Magistrate, as you value your religion, as you value your liberty, reflect, that the opinions of Thomas Paine, must be the opinions of this Chief Magistrate. Reflect, whether such a man is fit to preside over an enlightened, over christian nation. Reflect, I adjure you, how much the national character of your country, sinks in the name of an *asylum* for Tom Paine!

Our forefathers fought for independence. For religious, no less than for civil liberty they fought & bled. Let us shew to the world that we are the worthy descendants of such ancestors. Let us shew that we cherish at least enough of spirit to support that independence for which they fought and bled. That independence which cannot survive the deprivation of our morals and the overthrow of our religion. With the same calm determination, with the same steady valour, with which they faced a venal, corrupt and oppressive ministry, let us front the bodying forth legions of atheistical, licentious, overbearing democracy. Yes! Let us show ere it is too late, that we have sense to discover "*tyranny whatever garb it may assume*," that we disdain the mean and slavish temper which can brook the active despotism of irreligion and crime with their "*countless heads*," no less than the abject mind which crouches beneath the sway of kings and nobles. In solemn array then, let us prepare to guard and to secure our morals, our religion and our liberty against an executive who thus boldly affronts the opinions and the principles of the nation. In solemn array, let us present ourselves to an executive who heaps mockery and insult on the belief of the REDEEMER of the world.

An opposition, thus manly, seasonable and patriotic, will serve to obviate those pernicious effects which might, in all human probability, result from a tame acquiescence in the conduct of the executive as it concerns Thomas Paine.

These moral effects will be enlarged upon in a future paper.

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Hillsborough Academy.

THE Trustees of Hillsborough Academy respectfully inform the public, that it will be again opened on the first Monday in January for the reception of youth of both sexes, under the direction of George Johnston, A. M. lately from Edinburgh, who will teach the Greek, Latin, French and English Languages, with the plainer branches of the Mathematics; natural and moral Philosophy, Arithmetic and Writing. The price of Tuition the same as the last year. Board may be had upon cheap terms in respectable private families.

The Trustees pledge themselves to cause the greatest attention to be paid to the morals and the improvements of such as may be sent to the Academy.

WALTER ALVES,  
WILLIAM KIRKLAND,  
WILLIAM WHITTED,  
WILLIAM CAIN,  
DUNCAN CAMERON.

Hillsborough, Jan. 1, 1803.

Sixty Dollars Reward.

STOLEN from the Subscriber, living in Franklin county, within two miles of Mr. John Hunt's, on the night of the 26th of August, a valuable GELDING, a chestnut sorrel, 10 or 11 years old, about 5 feet high, remarkably broad across the neck, joining the withers, a natural trotter—neither branded nor dock'd. Whoever will recover said horse so that the owner may get him, shall receive a handsome reward, and for the thief, upon conviction, Sixty Dollars.

September 3. MOSES NEALE

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

STRAYED, or was stolen from the lot of Thomas White, late of Fayetteville, dec. about the 11th of Sept. last, a dark Roan Mare, branded G. D. on the buttock of the mounting side; she is a natural pacer, neither her age or height is recollected, but supposed to be about nine years old; she has been worked in the waggon of the dec. and will probably bear the mark of the traces, and she is well known about Fayetteville. The above reward will be paid on delivery of her to the subscriber, or a much greater Reward if she was stolen and the thief can be convicted. ISABELLA WHITE.

Fayetteville, Dec. 10, 1802.

CAUTION!

SOME time in the month of November, 1800, as nearly as I can at present recollect, I entered into an obligation with a Mr. William Brown of Sumpter District, South Carolina, to deliver him at Statesburg, in the said State, about the beginning of January, 1801, a likely negro weanch about 20 years old, and having a child about a year old, for which he paid me in advance 200 dollars in cash, and delivered me a horse at 140 dollars; and was at the time of delivering him the weanch and child, to have paid me the further sum of 125 dollars. Some time since, I understood that a certain Jesse Lee, then of Fayetteville, N. Carolina, purchased and took up the said obligation, and I did hope for the purpose of having the same discounted in part of his debt with me—but having understood that the said Lee has removed from his former residence, to some distant parts, and fearing that he may attempt to transfer the said obligation,—I do thus publicly forwarn all persons whatever from taking an assignment thereof, being determined not to settle the same with any other person than the said Jesse Lee, who owes me vastly more than that amount.

JAMES HOWARD.

Fayetteville, November }  
8th, 1802.

SULTAN,

RISING four years old, will stand the ensuing Season, at my plantation on Dry Creek, in Chatham County, and will cover Mares at the low price of Five Dollars the Season; Two and a half Dollars the single Leap, and Ten Dollars to insure; for the Season and for Insurance, the Money to be paid on or before the first day of January, for which Notes will be taken; from those not living in the neighborhood, Security will be required; by the Leap, the Money to be paid at the Stable Door.

This Colt is untried, but by some of the best Judges he is esteemed correctly made, he is upwards of five feet high, remarkably strong and active, a dark chestnut colour, well marked.

SULTAN was got by Dolon, whose pedigree it is unnecessary to recapitulate, as he is well known to be of the first blood in this country, and has got some of the fastest horses in it. Sultan's Dam is high blooded, she was imported into Wilmington from Boston by a Gentleman of the Turf, but broke down on her first trial; she is large and well made, and is to be seen with the Horse, as the Subscriber will keep her for breeding.

Should the price for the Season and Insurance be paid by the first of November, it may be discharged in Corn at Market Price.

The Subscriber will not hold himself liable for any accidents whatever, but he will have all possible care taken of the Mares. Good pasturage well fenced gratis; and the Mares fed with grain if required at the usual rates. CHARLES LUTTERLOH.

Dry Creek, Chatham County, }  
Dec. 25, 1802.

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