

Literary.

The Life of Napoleon Buonaparte, Emperor of the French, with a Preliminary view of the French Revolution. By the author of Waverley. 3 vols 8vo. Philadelphia: Carey, Lea & Carey, 1827.

It may be doubted whether the annals of literature ever produced a book possessed of such powerful adventitious attractions in the names of its author and its hero, as this. A biography of Buonaparte, by the author of Waverley, is a history of the most celebrated warrior by the most celebrated writer of modern times. What circumstances can be better calculated to arouse attention in the reading world than are contained in the magical association presented to the imagination by the bare mention of a book so designated? Every one feels that the story of no man that ever figured in real life can be more extraordinary, more interesting, or more instructive, than that of Napoleon; and there are but few who will not acknowledge that there never was a writer better qualified to do that story justice, than Sir Walter Scott. It was, therefore, natural that the public desire for this work should be unusually great; and we believe the American publishers have found it such as sufficiently to justify the very large impression of eleven thousand copies, of which the present edition consists.

In producing this excitement of the public mind, in regard to this book, it is worth while to inquire whether the character of the hero or of the author has had the greater share. Such an inquiry, impartially made, we have no doubt would result in favour of the author, and the enviable superiority of first rate literary over first rate military fame, would be decisively established. We have no space to enter minutely into this question; but we shall mention one fact which, in our estimation, is in itself sufficient to settle it. There have been innumerable books published relative to Napoleon's career, and not a few of these are professed and formal biographies of this singular man. But which of these has excited half the attention of this by the "AUTHOR OF WAVERLEY?" The charm evidently lies in the last three words. It is their potent influence that has excited the public and produced the unprecedented phenomenon of a first edition of thirty-three thousand large volumes, being printed from stereotype plates! A glorious instance of the transcendency of literary over military fame!

But we must pass from considerations so animating to all who are attached to the pursuit of letters, to a brief and cursor of this important production. The first two hundred and seventy pages of the first volume are taken up with a preliminary narrative relative to the French Revolution—that terrible convulsion, which shook the civilized world to its centre, and occasioned a greater amount of human suffering and destruction than any other event recorded in history. The events of this dreadful tale, and the causes which produced them, have been related by so many well informed authors, that it was not to be expected that Sir Walter should very much enlarge our information on the subject. He has done, however, all that could be expected of a judicious and able writer in giving what can only be considered an abridgement of the history of such an eventful period. The facts are well selected, and grouped together with true graphical effect; and the man who peruses them must be as devoid of sensation as the detestable Jacobins whom they describe were of humanity, if they do not make a strong & lasting impression on his mind in favour of a solid government, armed for the support of social order, by just and wholesome laws, which define the extent of the ruler's power, and restrain it within safe and known limits. The reflections interspersed through this part of the work, arise naturally and properly from the incidents; and the reasonings are, in our view, just and convincing. We are, perhaps, the more pleased at the liberal tone of these reasonings in respect to politics, because they proceed from one who has always been placed prominently among the Tories of Great Britain. We have been so long in the habit of considering the political principles of the British Tories as friendly to high-handed and despotic power, that when we read in this book the strongly and repeatedly expressed sentiments in favour of representative government and popular rights, delivered by a writer long conspicuous for his strict adherence to the Tory faction, we could not but suspect that we must have misconceived the sentiments of that faction, and that we did them wrong by confounding their political creed, as they now entertain it with that of their predecessors in the early half of the last century. But whether we have done them wrong in this particular or not, of this we are sure, that if the political sentiments of the author of the work before us, be Tory sentiments we have met with many whigs who ought to be stationed in their ranks. Liberty and equality of rights, regulated and supported by firmly established laws, are more than once pronounced to be the greatest national blessings a people can enjoy. But the wild and licentious ideas of liberty and equality which were set afloat by the French re-

volution, and to which all its horrors may be justly ascribed, are shown to be absurd in theory as they have proved themselves to be ruinous in practice. Against them, indeed, Sir Walter embraces every fair opportunity to direct the whole force of that powerful reasoning of which this book shows him to be so complete a master.

Literary.—Thomas Moore has lately published in London, "The Epicurean, a Tale," which we observe is for sale in this city. The Atlas (a London weekly) gives the following outline of the fable, and brief criticism on its merits as a literary production.

ALCIPHON, the youthful and accomplished president of the gardens of Epicurus at Athens, satiated with pleasure, and dissatisfied with the doctrine of his sect, that limits human existence to the present world, longs for the discovery of that Great Secret which shall teach him the art of Eternal Life. Worked upon by a dream, he bids adieu to the elegant gaieties of Athens, and seeks in Egypt, the land of sacred mystery, the solution of the melancholy difficulties which had beset him on the subject of death, and a satisfaction of his anxious desire of immortality. He first betakes himself to Alexandria, where he spends his time in a round of pleasure; he thence ascends the Nile to Memphis, in the hope that beneath its pyramids, and amidst its mystic halls, he may still pursue the investigation of which was nearest his heart. Arriving at Memphis on the eve of a festival, he witnessed the proud spectacle with which the priests of Egypt dazzled the understanding of a superstitious race. Alciphron is captivated by the beauty of one of the sacred nymphs of Isis, as she performs her part in a solemn dance; but loses sight of her among the crowds of her young sister worshippers, as she vanishes after the sacred bird into the temple. The philosopher becomes the creature of an irresistible passion, urged by which, he wanders every where in pursuit of the object of his sudden enthusiasm. In an adventure, into which he is led by an accidental vision of his lovely priestess, he is entrapped by the juggling priests of Memphis; who subject him, in their secret recesses and subterranean gardens, to various ordeals of a severely trying description. The fate of a philosopher of an opposing sect, in the hands of the cruel and powerful ministers of the Egyptian superstition, seemed scarcely dubious, when he is surprised, while watching the sacred veil of Isis, by the appearance of the lovely nymph whose charms have unconsciously led him to his present dangerous situation. Her difficulties of egress from the sacred precincts, enable the young philosopher and the beautiful priestess to escape together. About this time Christianity was making a rapid progress, and though periodically visited with the most bloody and unrelenting persecution, the fidelity of its adherents was unshaken, and their example produced a wide, powerful, but often secret effect upon others. The young priestess proves to have been privately educated a Christian by her mother; and meditates an escape to a retreat in the mountains, where Melanius, a venerable teacher of the new faith, worships the true God, and leads a life of sanctity in the desert. Alciphron is the companion of her flight, and there solitary voyage naturally increases his passion, and is naturally produces corresponding sensations in the bosom of the lovely Alethe. Her purity is her safeguard, and Alciphron is reluctantly compelled to deliver his charge into the hands of the aged Christian pastor. But incapable of enduring a separation from his beautiful companion; he feigns to be himself a convert to the Christian faith. Melanius receives him with benignity, establishes the president of the gardens of Epicurus in a neighboring cell, rudely carved from the rock, and before long looks with approbation upon the loves of his youthful disciples, and sanctions their betrothment. At this time a raging persecution of Christians breaks out; Melanius and Alethe are snatched from their retreat and hurried before the imperial magistrate of Rome in the neighboring city. Melanius is martyred, and Alethe dies in prison, poisoned by a coral wreath with which a malignant Egyptian priest had encircled her brow as she is led to prison, after having firmly and boldly proclaimed her faith. Alciphron, in endeavoring to rescue her from the Roman centurions, is himself wounded, & only arrives at the cell of Alethe, in the environs of Antioch in time to be recognised, and to see her breathe her last, under torture of the poisoned wreath. A biographical note is added to the tale, which states, that Alciphron, an Epicurean philosopher converted to Christianity, A. D. 257, by a young Egyptian maiden who suffered martyrdom in that year, died at an advanced age in the brass mines of Palestine, A. D. 297, where he had been condemned to hard labor for refusing to comply with an imperial edict.

Such are the outlines of the story of the Epicurean; a tale which, in style, subject, and method of treatment, differs most essentially from the productions of the day. It is conceived in the spirit of that language, and savors strongly of the Alexandrian school of poetry and rhetoric. It is elegant without force, it is ornamental without splendor, it is beautiful without life—it is, in short, the composition of a student of refined taste and cultivated imagination, rather than the effusion of an ardent and powerful genius. The luxuries of the gardens of Epicurus are described with much more felicity than the stern mysteries of Memphis; the passionate love of the hero, and the tender purity of Alethe, are described with much greater effect than the vigorous firmness, the simple Christian virtues of the primitive teacher and martyr of the new faith; a hue of Alexandrian softness, a touch of Epicurean feebleness, is felt throughout the whole story. Nevertheless it is a tale of much graceful invention, both for the polish of its style and the elegance of its ornaments, and moreover for the fidelity and beauty of many of its descriptions of natural feeling and natural scenery, it is raised far above the ephemeral trash of the circulating library.

NOTICE. WILL BE SOLD at the late residence of Elijah Cratch, dec'd, on Bay river, on Tuesday the 18th of September next, all the perishable and personal estate (except the negroes of said deceased,) consisting of Corn, Horses, Cattle, Farming Utensils, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Ten Timber 1 Canoe, &c. &c.

ALSO, WILL BE SOLD at the Court-house in Newbern, on Saturday, the 22nd of September next, a number of likely negroes.—Six months credit will be given for all sums above Five Dollars, the purchasers giving Notes with two good securities.

Notice. ON the 3d instant, the subscribers, transacting business in the town of Trenton, Jones County, under the firm of M. W. Jarvis, & Co., dissolved the copartnership. All persons indebted to the late concern, are requested to settle their respective accounts.

PRICES CURRENT.

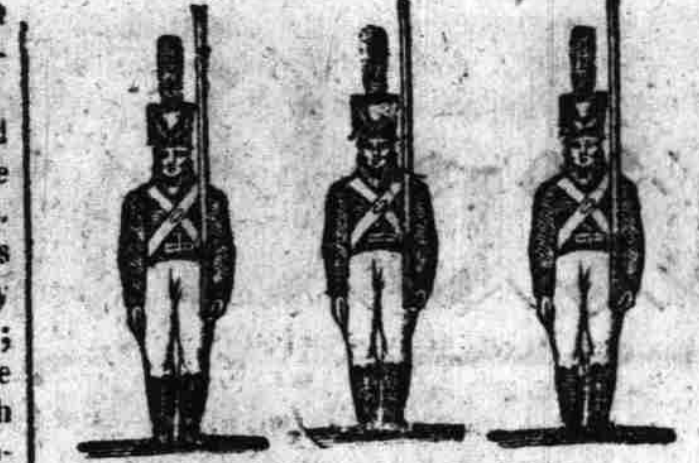
Newbern, September 15, 1827.

Articles.	Per D. C.	D. C.
Bacon, lb.		8
Beef,	4	
Butter,	12	18
Bees Wax,	23	
Bread—Navy, 100 lbs.	3 25	3 25
Pilot	4 50	4 50
Crackers 100 lbs.	6 50	6 50
Brandy, French, gall.	1 50	1 75
Apple,	40	50
Peach,	75	50
Corn, bbl.	2 00	25
Cotton, 100 lb.		10
Coffee, lb.	18	
Cordage, 10 lb.	14	15
Candles, lb.	15	
Flour, bbl.	6 50	
Flaxseed, bush	70	80
Feathers, lb	35	40
Gin, Holland, gall.	1 00	125
Country,	45	50
Glass 10 by 12, 50 ft	5 00	
8 by 10	3 50	4 50
Iron, Pig, lb none	00 00	00 00
country, Bar,	5	5
Russia,	6	8
Swedes,	6	8
Nail Rods,	7	8
Castings,	5	
Lumber—Flooring M ft	14 00	15 00
Inch Boards,	12	
Square Timber,	18 00	20 00
Pine Scantling,	8 00	10 00
Shingles, 22 inch, 1000,	1 25	1 50
Staves, w. o. hhd.	16 00	18 00
do. red oak do.	8	10
do. white oak, bbl	7 00	
Heading, w. o. hhd	17 00	20 00
Lead, lb	9	10
Lead, bar, cwt	10 00	
white, dry,	16 00	00
ground in oil,	16 00	17 00
Leather, seal lb	20	27
upper,	2 00	3 00
Meal, bush	50	32
Molasses gall	29	
Oil, Castor, bottle,	1 00	1 25
Linseed, gall	1	
Nitrate Stores, Jar, bbl	30	50
Patch,	1 00	
Rosin,	1 00	1 25
Turpentine,	1 40	
Spirits do. gall	40	
Pork, cargo bbl	10 00	
Mess	13	14
Peas, black eyed bush	60	75
Rice, cwt	3	3 25
Rum, Jamaica gall	90	1 00
W. I.	85	90
American,	40	45
Salt, T. I bush	60	
fine	65	
Sugar, Loaf lb	22	23
Lump	18	20
Brown 100 lb	9	10
Havana, White none		13
Blistered, lb	10	20
German,	18	
Tallow,	10	
Wine, Madeira gall	3	3 75
Teneriffe	1 60	1 25
Sherry	2	2 50
Country bbl.	15	
Whiskey gall	30	

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GENERAL ORDERS.

GEN DANIEL BOON will review the several Regiments, composing the 12th Brigade of the North Carolina militia, at the following places, to wit: That of Wayne county, at Waynesboro' on Tuesday, 23d; that of Lenoir, at Kinston, Wednesday, the 24th; and that of Jones, at Trenton, on Thursday the 25th of October next. All concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

JOHN L. HAYWOOD, Aid
Sept 1, 1827—'95 98.

A CARD.

M. R. THOMPSON KIDDER gives public notice, that after a long and tedious negotiation, and at a great price, he has at length succeeded in obtaining the Recipes M. S. for compounding all those valuable Medicines formerly prepared by the late Dr. W. T. Conway. The Recipes are in the Doctor's own hand writing, and were obtained through the agency of Dr. J. P. Hall of this city, and T. Wiggin Esq. of London, and were delivered to the latter gentleman by the widow of Doct. C. with full and entire transfer to Mr. Kidder, and with exclusive right, after being sworn to in due form, at the mansion house, before the Lord Mayor of London, on January 31st last. They were brought out by Capt. Mackay of the London Packet. Mr. K. is now preparing to furnish the public with these valuable Medicines fresh and genuine.

The former Agents of Dr. Conway, who wish a supply to sell on commission, or to purchase outright, will please write, or call on Mr. K. at Counting Room over No. 70, Court-street, near Concert Hall.

Printers of newspapers throughout the country, who published the advertisements of the late Dr. Conway, are requested to give this three insertions in their respective papers, and forward their bills to Mr. K. for payment.

Boston, July 18, 1827—91—94.

NOTICE.

WILL BE SOLD, on Monday the 17th of September next, at the late residence of William Mitchell, deceased, in the Town of Newbern, sundry articles of Household and Kitchen Furniture; and on Tuesday the 18th, at the Plantation of said deceased, all the perishable property belonging to the estate, viz: Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and Farming Utensils; together with the crop of Corn, Cotton, &c. as it now stands.

Six months credit will be given, the purchasers giving notes with approved security.

H. B. MITCHELL,
Administrator.
Newbern, August 25, 1827—93 95

50 LABOURERS WANTED immediately.

Apply to
J. L. SMITH, Capt. Corps of Eng
Fort Macon, Aug. 31, 1827—94 59

Fresh Family Flour, &c.

BY the Marthas, this day from N. Y. the subscriber received the following articles, which he offers for sale:
Fresh Family Flour, in bla. & half bl's.
Mess and Prime Pork,
6 Trunks of Shoes, consisting of ladies 1st, 2nd, & 3rd quality morocco,
Childrens' Morocco and Prunelle Boots and Shoes,
Gentlemens' fine light calfskin Shoes, Morocco pumps.

JOHN G. KINCEY.
Aug. 1, 1827.

FORT MACON.

ON the 30th of this month, the accounts for Fort Macon will be closed for the year, in conformity to the standing regulations of the Engineer Department. It is therefore requested of those who may have claims against the Fort, that they will, at that date, attend at the Fort to settle them, or empower others to attend for that purpose.

J. L. SMITH,
Capt. Corps of Eng.
Fort Macon September, 16—49

Morgan's

ILLUSTRATIONS OF MASONRY,
For Sale by
T. WATSON.
July 28.

RIGGING.

IN consequence of the fall in the price of Hemp, the subscriber will, in future sell Rigging at the reduced price of \$14 per 100.

JOHN HARVEY.
Aug. 18—91—94

TO RENT,

HOUSE & LOT, No. 213, on Broad Street. Apply to
W. W. ORMSBEE.
March 16, 1827.

NOTICE.

THE Subscribers give notice that the Notes given by the purchasers at the sale of Benjamin C. Good, deceased, are now due; and they inform all concerned, that unless said notes are paid by the first of October next, they will be under the necessity of handing them to an Attorney for collection.

FREEMAN WOODS,
JOHN FRANKLIN,
SALMON HALL,
Executors of Benjamin C. Good, dec'd
Newbern, August 22, 1827—92 95

NOTICE.

AT the August Term, A. D. 1827, of Craven County Court, the subscriber obtained letters of administration on the estate of Mr. William Mitchell, dec'd. Persons indebted to the estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it, will present them within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred of recovery.

HENRY B. MITCHELL, Adm'r.
Aug. 18, 1827—'91 95.

Valuable Lands and Negroes

FOR SALE.

WILL be offered For Sale, at the Court-House in Newbern, on **WEDNESDAY** the 24th of October next, **SEVERAL TRACTS OF VALUABLE LAND,** and **Thirteen Likely Negroes,** the property of Benjamin S. Tillman, Dec'd. One Tract of 640 Acres, known by the name of the Gattlin Tract, near to John Miller's Plantation, and John Washington's Lands on Bay River. An undivided Fifth part of 2,200 Acres on Gales' Island, famous for the raising of Cattle. A Plantation containing between 7 and 800 Acres of very **Valuable Land,** both for timber or cultivation, purchased of Joseph Barney; at the landing of which, any vessel that can pass the Swash may load.—Also, Four Young Likely Mules, well broke.—A **JACK.** A wheat Threshing Machine—all the Gear Machinery complete of a Cotton Gin—a quantity of Red Oak Staves—and **SEVEN SHARES OF STOCK** in the **BANK OF NEWBERN.**

Six months credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving Notes with approved securities, negotiable at the Bank of Newbern.

JOHN W. GUION, Ex'r.
September 1, 1827—'95 99.

WANTED,

A JOURNEYMAN BOOT & SHOE MAKER. To an approved workman of steady habits, good wages and constant employment will be given, by
J. H. GOLDSTON.

FOR RENT,

THAT eligible stand for business, lately occupied by Dr. John Cameron, corner of Craven and South Front Streets.—Apply to
T. WATSON.
September, 8, 1827—'94.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having demands against the estate of Benjamin S. Tillman, dec'd. to present them to the subscriber within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred of recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment.

JOHN W. GUION, Ex'r.
July 20, 1827—'88—94

NOTICE.

AT the August Term, A. D. 1827, of Craven County Court, the subscriber qualified as Administrator on the estate of Mr. Elijah Cratch, dec'd. Persons indebted to the estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it, will present them within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred of recovery.

ELIJAH CLARK, Adm'r.
Aug. 18, 1827—'91 96.

Five Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, a negro man named **AARON**—formerly the property of the heirs of the late Wm. Shepard, Esq.—Aaron is of a yellow complexion, 5 feet, 6 or 7 inches high, and about 40 years of age. It is supposed that he is lurking about Newbern.—All persons are forewarned from harboring or employing said negro, and Captains of Vessels from carrying him out of the State, under the penalty of the law.

GEORGE REID.
June 9, 1827—'81.

PITTMAN & SANFORD

HAVE just received from New York a general assortment of **BLACK & DRAB HATS,**
By the case or single.
Mess Beef & Pork, City Inspection,
And a general assortment of **SHOES, &c. &c.**

All of which they will dispose of low for cash.—Newbern, July 21st, 1827 37

FOR SALE,

THE HOUSE and **LOT** in Newbern, lately occupied by the undersigned, at the corner of Craven and New-Streets. Terms of sale will be made known of application, to Wm. S. Blackledge, to the Subscriber, or at this office.

Wm. BLACKLEDGE.