

Selected Poetry.

THE AYRSHIRE POET'S DEAD.

Ev'n thou wou'st mourn'th the Daisy's fate,
That fate is thine—no distant date;
Stern Ruin's Ploughshare drives, elate,
Full on thy bloom,
Till crush'd beneath the furrow's weight,
Shall be thy doom.
BURNS.

[Died, at Dumfries, Scotland, the 21st of July last, in the 38th year of his age, ROBERT BURNS, the celebrated Scottish bard. Animated by the fire of nature, (for he was a ploughman) he uttered sentiments, which by their pathos melted the heart to tenderness, or expanded the mind by their sublimity: as a luminary emerging from behind a cloud, he arose at once into notice; and his works and his name can never die while poetry shall agitate the cords of the human heart.—The honest pride and independence of soul, which are oft' times the Muse's only dower, break forth in all his works—and that situation, humble as it was, in which he wooed the Muse, was not free from grief and misfortune.—We have extracted from his Poems a dirge applicable to the occasion, and every feeling heart will lament that he had cause "to mourn."]]

MAN WAS MADE TO MOURN.

WHEN chill November's surly blast
Made fields and forests bear,
One evening, as I wandered forth
Along the banks of AYS,
I spy'd a man, whose aged step
Seem'd weary, worn with care;
His face was furrow'd o'er with years,
And hoary was his hair.

Young stranger, whither wand'rst thou,
Began the rev'rend Sage;
Does thirst of wealth thy step constrain,
Or youthful pleasure's rage?
Or haply, prest with cares and woes,
Too soon thou hast began,
To wander forth with me, to mourn
The miseries of man.

The Sun that overhangs yon moors,
Out spreading far and wide,
Where hundreds labour to support
A haughty lordling's pride;
I've seen yon weary winter Sun
Twice forty times return;
And ev'ry time has add'd proofs,
That Man was made to mourn.

O Man! while in thy early years,
How prodigal of time;
Mispending all thy precious hours,
Thy glorious, youthful prime!
Alternate follies take the sway;
Licentious passions burn;
Which tenfold force give nature's law,
That man was made to mourn.

Look not alone on youthful prime,
Or manhood's active might;
Man then is useful to his kind,
SUPPORTED in his right;
But see him on the edge of life,
With cares and sorrows worn,
Then age and want, Oh! ill match'd pair!
Show man was made to mourn.

A few seem favorites of fate,
In pleasure's lap carell;
Yet, think not all the rich and great,
Are likewise truly blest,
But, Oh! what crowds in ev'ry land,
All wretch'd and forlorn,
Thro' weary life this lesson learn,
That man was made to mourn.

Many and sharp the num'rous ills,
Inwoven with our frame!
More pointed still we make ourselves,
Regret, remorse, and shame!
And man, whose heav'n erected face,
The smiles of love adorn,
Man's inhumanity to man,
Makes countless thousands mourn!

See yonder poor, o'erlabor'd wight,
So abject, mean, and vile,
Who begs a brother of the earth
To give him leave to toil;
And see his lordly fellow wretch,
The poor petition spurn,
Unmindful, tho' a weeping wife
And helpless offspring mourn.

The poor, oppressed, honest man,
Had never, sure, been born,
Had there not been some recompense
To comfort those that mourn!

O Death! the poor man's dearest friend,
The kindest and the best!
Welcome the hour my aged limbs
Are laid with thee at rest!
The great, the wealthy fear thy blow,
From pomp and pleasure torn;
But, Oh! a blest relief to those
That weary laden mourn!

ANECDOTE.

WHEN the late Dr. FRANKLIN was discouraging with a foreign Prince, upon the advantage derivable from conquests, he threw upon the ground an ox's hide tanned and dried, and putting his foot upon the edge of it, by pressing down one part, he raised up all the rest—then going all around it, did the same, after which he placed himself in the middle, when they were all equally kept down. "This (said he) will serve to shew Kings, that they ought not to amuse themselves in conquering distant countries, but reside in the center of their own dominions by which means they would keep the surrounding provinces from rising, and all their subjects in equal subjection."

THE subscriber intending to remove from this part of the State. Requests all persons indebted to him to make immediate payment, or by the 1st day of January next.—He wishes to sell the lot and improvements where he now lives, for which he would receive one half the purchase money paid down and give a reasonable time for the payment of the balance, the purchaser giving bond with security, or a mortgage on the premises. Those improvements are subject to a mortgage of about £. 500, which is not payable until five years after next June.—If they are not sold at private sale before the 1st day of January next, they will be then sold at public vendue, subject to the above conditions.
WILLIAM SLADE.

November 26.

FOR SALE,

THE Plantation and lands whereon the subscriber now lives, containing about one thousand acres, lying fifteen miles below Newbern, and on Neuse river and Slocomb's creek. There are on said lands three plantations all in complete order for farming, and every house needful for farm or family. The terms are, one third of the purchase money in hand, one third in one year, and the remainder in two years, and if not sold by the eighth day of December next, it will be put up at public vendue upon the premises. At the same time and place a quantity of household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and stock will be sold for three months credit. Also a quantity of corn will be sold for ready money.
ADAM TOOLEY.

October 24.

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And for Sale at the Printing-Office,
THE
NORTH-CAROLINA
ALMANACK,
For the Year of our Lord, 1797.
And of AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, XXI, XXII,
Being the 1st after LEAP YEAR.
Calculated for the Meridian of RALEIGH, 35
Deg. 54 Min. North Lat. 3 Deg. 36
Min. Longitude, West from PHILADEL-
PHIA.
Nov. 26.

FOR SALE,
A FEW
TICKETS
In the Canal Lottery, No. 2.
(Application should be made early.)
THOMAS ELLIS.
November 26.

RUN-away from the subscriber, in the month of September, two negro men, LENO AND WILL, LENO is a stout made negro, of a yellow complexion, with a large scar on one of his cheeks. WILL, is a tall stout made negro, and very black, the small of one of his legs is larger than the other, they are both armed, and by the best information I can gather, are gone to Newbern, or Clubfoot's creek but a few days past. Any person that will apprehend and secure said negroes, so that I get them, shall be entitled to, and receive a reward of ten pounds, or five pounds for either of them, and all reasonable expenses paid.

JOSIAH HOWARD.
New-River, Onslow county, October 3.

FOR SALE,

SIX hundred and forty acres of land lying in the State of Tennessee, and in the county of Davidson, on the Cumberland river. An undoubted right will be made the purchaser: for terms apply to
THOMAS CURTIS.
November 19.

TO BE SOLD,

FOR the payment of the taxes, agreeable to an act of assembly, passed at Raleigh, in December, in the year 1794. Sunory lands entered in Carteret county, as follows, 640 acres entered for Richard Blackledge; 400 acres entered for Thomas Blackledge; 400 acres entered for William Blackledge, and 400 acres entered for Benjamin Blackledge. All the above was entered by Richard Blackledge, on the 8th day of May, 1778, 6 tracts of 640 acres each, 1 do. of 410 acres, 1 do. of 400 acres, and 1 do. of 420 acres, entered by Joseph Leech, on the 5th day of February, in the year 1780, and 127 tracts of 640 acres, entered for David Allison, on the 22d day of September, in the year 1794. As the subscriber has already been compelled to pay the public tax on the above said lands to the treasurer, they will be exposed to public sale, sixty days after date, at Beaufort in Carteret county, if no one appears to pay the respective taxes due on the same, before that time.
WILLIAM THOMPSON, jun. Sheriff.
Carteret county, October 16, 1796.

FOR SALE,

THE house and lots, now occupied by Dr. William McClure, the lots may be had separately or together. Also one lot on broad street, near the Court-House, and one house and lot, adjoining Mr. Thomas Cox's.
The whole the property of Mrs. Mary Edwards.
October 15. NATHAN SMITH.

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