

The Merchant's Soliloquy.

BY A MERCHANT.

GENTEEL, or ungenteel; that is the question: Whether 'tis more polite to buy and sell Gauze, tape, and ribbands, in *Gentlemen's* attire; Or, with frock and trowsers, labour in the field, Like hardy, well-fed independent clowns. To work—to drudge for bread—to want no more— And thus escape the duns of honest creditors, The sheriff's warrants, and the prison's bars: The fate of being *polite*—'Tis an event Devoutly to be wished.—To work—to toil— Perchance be thought a clown—aye, there's the rub: For being thought a clown, what shame may come When we dismiss th'essential marks of *Gentlemen*, Our powdered hair and tawdry apbes.—This thought Strikes us with dread, nor leaves us room to doubt What course to take. For who would bear the shame Of homely dress, the farmer's plain coarse fare, The scorching sun, the rain and frost of winter, And what is more the pangs of ridicule, Too often aimed at honest industry, By well bred Fools and Knaves of Fashion? And all to be but honest independent men? Who would not rather deal out Pins and needles, Shine in silks and lace, the goods of other men, Quaff flowing bowls with men of taste and rank; Thunder o'er pavements in borrowed coaches; Or strut the streets with fashionable combs; Nay, would not rather cheat a little, And then be honourably imprisoned, Than not be thought genteel?

'Tis thus, O peasant! Custom, Fashion, makes us both poor and proud; Prompt us to quit the happiest scenes of life, To be what nature never made us for: The Coxcombs of a day, and Knaves, who tools for life.

Houdon, a French Sculptor of eminence, has lately finished a very fine bust of General WASHINGTON. To be enabled to execute this likeness, the Artist went to Philadelphia and lived six months in Washington's family. The character and attitude of the founder and defender of American liberty—of the representative of a happy and peaceful nation—of the protector of agriculture, that abundant source of national wealth—are happily imagined and as happily executed, in his performance. It was particularly this last mentioned character, the agriculturist, that Houdon had in view. The simple costume of the figure, expressly chosen with that view, has been much criticized in America, where taste is yet in its infancy. The Americans wished to contemplate a Roman hero, decorated with all the attributes of a conqueror: whereas Houdon, on the contrary, aimed to represent the protector of the arts, of peace, and of liberty. It was the interposition of Washington himself which decided in the general assembly the execution of the artist's idea.

The figure is arrayed in the simple and noble dress of a man in rural life, a light platted vest half buttoned, sandals on his feet, with a cloak fastened on his breast and flowing over his shoulders and back, suited to protect an agriculturist from the inclemency of the weather. One hand is supported by a staff; the other rests on the Republican fasces crowned with a cap of liberty. At his feet is a plough. [Lon. pop.]

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Cumberland County, January 22, '99.

THE last Will and Testament of Colonel Robert Rowan, lately deceased, having at the last term of this county court, been duly admitted to probate, and the subscriber having been duly qualified as Executrix of said Will, and taken on herself solely the execution thereof.

She hereby requires all persons who have any demands against the estate of the said Robert, to make known the same within the times limited by law.

She also requests those indebted to the estate of her testator, to discharge their obligations.

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SUSANNA ROWAN.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN AWAY from my plantation in Anson county, about the first of this instant, a certain Negro man named J A C O B, about twenty years old, about six feet high, has a scar on the left corner of his mouth, nearly in the shape of a V, his teeth broad and open before; had on common homespun, but is in possession of a blue broad cloth coat and overalls; is sensible and artful—was born in Washington, and I suppose will endeavour to get to some sea port town. The above reward and reasonable charges will be paid to any person that will deliver him to me on Brown creek, about six miles from Wadesborough—or TEN DOLLARS for securing him in any gaol so that I may get him

LAWRENCE MOORE,

Anson county, January 24.

NEGROES TO BE HIRED.

ON Tuesday the 12th inst. will be hired until the last day of December next, a number of Negroes, consisting of Men, Women and Children, belonging to the Heir of Thomas England, dec.

Feb. 2. ROBERT COCHRAN, Guar.ian.

FOR SALE.

2300 Acres of swamp land on both sides of Shoe-Heel and Juniper creek, in Richmond county.

600 acres of excellent low land in Robeson county, on Drowning creek.

150 acres of land on North-west Cape Fear, 16 miles below Fayetteville, whereon James Sims now lives—good river land.

One-fourth of 11 acres of land in the town of Fayetteville, on both sides of the creek near the Cool Spring.

100 acres in Sampson county, on the south side of Little Cohery, late the property of D. Cameron.

150 acres of land in Cumberland county, joining the lands of Taply Johnston.

2000 acres of land on Rockfish, in Duplin county.

320 acres of land in Duplin county, on Mill-branch creek.

450 acres of land in New-Hanover county, on Top fail Sound.

100 acres of land on Rich Inlet, New-Hanover county

Also a general assortment of

DRY GOODS,

East and West-India Goods,

MEDICINE,

Either by whole sale or retail, low for Cash or country Produce—by

Fayetteville, Dec. 20. D. ANDERSON.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, will please make immediate payment, as no indulgence will be given after the first of February next.

DAVID ANDERSON.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Will be sold on Wednesday the 6th of March next, at the court-house in Fayetteville, the following LANDS, (not given in) or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1797, viz.

150 Acres of land near Tweed Side, on the east side of Cape Fear river, owned by John Campbell.

640 acres near the lands of Elijah Fisher, on the east side of Cape Fear river, owned by Miss McNicholas.

87,872 acres lying in different parts of the county, supposed to be the property of John Gray Blount.

P. HODGES, late Sheriff.

January 26.

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ENTERTAINMENT.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he has lately removed to that well known dwelling house in Lumberton, lately in the possession of George Moore, esq. where he intends to open a house of entertainment for travellers and others who may be kind enough to favour him with their company.—Also a few genteel boarders may be accommodated.

NOAH PITTMAN.

Lumberton, January 22.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

JUNE 27, 1798.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of an act, passed during the present session of Congress, so much of the act entitled "An Act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt"—passed the third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, as bears from settlement of allowance, Certificates, commonly called Loan Office and final settlement Certificates, and Indents of Interest, is suspended until the twelfth day of June, which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

That on the liquidation and settlement of the said Certificates, and Indents of Interest, at the Treasury, the Creditors will be entitled to receive Certificates of funded Three Per Cent. Stock equal to the amount of the said Indents, and the arrearages of interest due on their said Certificates, prior to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

That the principal sums of the said Loan Office and final settlement Certificates, with the interest thereon, since the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, will be discharged after liquidation at the Treasury, by the payment of interest and reimbursement of principal, equal to the sums which would have been payable thereon, if the said Certificates had been subscribed, pursuant to the Acts making provision for the debts of the United States, contracted during the late war, and by the payment of other sums, equal to the market value of the remaining Stock, which would have been created by such subscriptions as aforesaid, which market value will be determined by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

OLIVER WOLCOTT,

Secretary of the Treasury.

B L A N K
Tobacco manifests,
For sale at this Office.

The beautiful, high bred, imported Horse SILVER,

Much celebrated for his running in England, late the property of Lord Sackville, and whose racing performance at New-Market, was equal to any in England of his day, was imported from London in the month of November, 1797, by John Drew, sen.—The pedigree of Silver will bear the strictest scrutiny, and for the information of gentlemen that wish to put mares, the following is extracted from the Racing Calendars for the years 1793, 1794 and 1795; which may be seen on application to the subscriber.

SILVER, in the second October meeting, 1793, carrying 8st. beat the Duke of Bedford's Golden Rod, 8st. 2lb. one mile for 50 guineas.

In the second spring meeting, 1794, 8 st. 2lb. he beat W. Taylor's St. George, 8 st. 2lb. two miles, for 200 guineas.

In the second spring meeting, 1794, 8st. 2lb. he beat Mr. Howorth's Anthony, 8st. half mile for 100 guineas.

In the July meeting, 1794, he won 60 gs. 2 miles, beating the Duke of Grafton's Grouse, Lord Oxford's Bruster, Lord Grosvenor's Excelsior, Lord Clermont's Paynator, and Lord Egremount's Seagull.

In the first October meeting, 1794, 8st. he received 20gs. from Lord Egremount's Seagull, 8st. 7lb. one and an half mile, for 200 guineas.

In the second October meeting, 1794, 8st. 2lb. he ran a dead heat with Lord Egremount's Seagull, 8st. 1lb. and one and an half miles.

In the second October meeting, 1794, he won a handicap plate, two miles, beating the Duke of Grafton's Garland, Lord Egremount's Cinnabar, Sir Chas. Bunbury's Robin Gray, Mr. Taylor's Helmet, Duke of Queensberry's bay filly, by Diomed, and Lord Titchfield's Quetzalcoatl.

In the Craven meeting, 1795, 8st. he beat Lord Darlington's St. George, 8st. 6lb. four miles, for 300 guineas.

In the first spring meeting 1795 he won the main of the Outlands stakes, 200gs. each two miles, beating Mr. Wilson's Bennington, Mr. Delme's Gabriel, and the Duke of Queensberry's Pecker.

In the Houghton meeting, 1795, 8st. 4lb. received forfeit from Mr. Bowe's Volunteer colt, 7st. 1 mile, for 100 guineas.

SILVER has improved surprisingly in size and beauty since he was imported; and the last season altho' not generally known, covered upwards of one hundred mares, and has signalized himself for his success in getting foals. The owner flatters himself that his colts will ensure the credit and fame of his horse.

He will stand the ensuing season at Scotland Neck, 25 miles below Halifax Town, N. C. at two and an half guineas the leap, five guineas the season, and eight guineas to ensure, in which case the mare is not to be parted with until it is ascertained whether she be with foal or not; and half a dollar to the groom.

The money for the season or insurance to be discharged in cash, or any kind of country produce at cash price, either at Halifax or Scotland Neck, the 1st of January, 1800; and the money for the leap, together with that for the groom, to be paid at the time of covering.

SILVER, is a beautiful dapple grey, 5 feet 2 inches high, bred by the Duke of Grafton. He was got by Mercury, who was got by Col. O'Kelly's Eclipse out of a Tartar Mare; his dam was the Linous Herod Mare, bred by Lord Melington; his grand-dam Young Hag, by Skim; his great grand-dam Hag by Crab; his great great grand-dam Ebony by Chiblers; his great great great grand-dam Ebony by Billo; his great great great great grand-dam by the lively Turk; his great great great great great grand-dam by Leeds's Arabian.

Good and extensive clover and meadow pasturage, well secured, grazing; and the greatest attention paid to Mares, but will not be liable for accidents or escapes of any kind. Gentlemen that wish their Mares fed or to run on cat fields, will have it done on the most reasonable terms.

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JOHN DREW, Jun.

Scotland Neck, Halifax County, January 14.

A SALE.

THE Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Fodder, Corn, and Household Furniture, late the property of Colonel Robert Rowan, deceased, will be sold according to law, at the Plantation, on Saturday the 16th instant.—At the same time two valuable Negro Fellows will be hired out.

SUSANNA ROWAN, Executrix.

February 1.

WANTED

AS a principal Teacher in the St. David's Academy near Cheraw court-house for the ensuing year, a person well recommended, capable of teaching the Rudiments of the English, Latin and Greek languages, and the other usual branches of literature.—Such a person will meet with a generous encouragement by applying to the committee of said society.

SAMUEL WILDS, Secretary.

December 23, 1798.

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