

LAST DAYS AT MOUNT VERNON.

The year 1799 was its last month: Washington had nearly completed his sixty-eighth year; the century was fast drawing to its close...

Not was Washington's health declining, but the progress of time, his liability to be called at any moment to that bourne from which no traveler returns...

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A SCENE IN PATAGONIA.

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THE CELEBRATION.

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13th. Norfolk and Portsmouth—Let us shake hands.

14th. Ocean Steam Navigation—With its assistance our most sanguine hopes will be fulfilled. Responded to by Jas. Lovegrove, Esq., of Baltimore, who gave, in concluding, "Public Schools and Internal Improvements."

15th. Woman—Without her, steam is worthless, and Railroads are but connecting links with misery and sorrow.

16th. The Ladies of Baltimore, Portsmouth and Raleigh—Their fascination and beauty are only rivaled by their attachment to Union.

17th. The Fair of our Country—May they be wiser to their husbands, mothers to their children, mistresses to their families, and Angels in the next world.

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