

taken to round off in this way. By exchanges of contiguous territory it is divided according to the most approved models into suitable proportions of tillage pasture, and wood land, with the minor compartments of gardens and orchards. The General has planted three thousand apple trees, which are yet small, but thrifty opening in vistas all over his plantation. He is much engaged in the cultivation of fruit of the best kinds.

The soil of this large tract, though not perhaps remarkable for its natural fertility, has been highly improved by culture, and yields wheat with other agricultural products in abundance. It is finely wooded and watered. Half a mile from the house, in the direction of Rose, there is a large and living fountain, canalled in a green vale, and sheltered from the sun in summer by a grove of venerable oaks. Its limpid waters at this season repose on a bed of autumnal leaves, and are as pure as they are copious. From this rural and sequestered retreat, a distant view of the Chateau on one side, and of two little villages, with a spire to each, and the smoke curling above them, on the other, make a quiet and cheering picture. Not far from the fountain, Washington Lafayette, (whose name perhaps I use somewhat too familiarly to the sake of distinction,) is much engaged in constructing an ice-house, upon the plan of some of those he saw in our country. In short, nearly all the improvements of La Grange, now in progress, are according to American models.

To be concluded in our next.

FOREIGN.

The packet ship *William Thompson*, Captain *Roscoe*, arrived at New York on Tuesday from Liverpool whence she sailed on the 20th July. The most important articles of intelligence relate to the existing contest between the Turks and the Greeks, and to the affairs of these powers individually. There are rumors of engagements by sea and land which resulted favorably to the latter:—but on a much more certain basis, it is stated that Lord Cochrane has gone to the assistance of the Greeks, carrying with him several steam vessels, armed with Perkin's newly invented steam Cannon; which, if the European system of warfare has heretofore been a matter of wonder to the musketeers, what will they think of this more recent invention for destroying human life: and how will they be astonished, should the hero of Basque Roads, in defiance of wind or tide, pass the Dardanelles, and make a dash at Constantinople itself?

An article from Berlin states that the Prussian Committee in favor of the Greeks had sent a first subscription of \$30,000 or £7500 to Mr. Eyard, the Swiss Philhellene, to be employed as he would think it best for the aid or relief of that heroic people.

One hundred and thirty-three members have been returned to the New-Parliament from England and Wales, who were not members of the last Parliament. In Great Britain, the distresses among the commercial and manufacturing classes, so far from having abated, seemed almost daily to increase. Stocks were yet declining—Banks and Bankers suspending payment—Master Manufacturers giving up work—and thousands and tens of thousands of poor laborers reduced almost to starvation. The government evidently was perplexed and alarmed—and that the prices of American produce in the British Markets should, under such circumstances, continue to give way, can be surprising to none. The quotations of our Cotton at Liverpool on the 21st of July, were 5 1/2 a 7d—Tobacco J. R. Leaf, 2 1/2 a 7d—stemmed 3 1/2 to 3d. Poor encouragement this to the growers of these articles here!

The Liverpool Commercial Chronicle announces the arrival of Mr. C. at Lyons with his family.

The arrival of the ship *Emerald*, a Boston, 23 days from Liverpool, has put us in possession of English advices of July 21—one day later than those brought by Capt Bowne.

The brig *Maria*, of Liverpool, on her return from Buenos Ayres, sunk in the British Channel, and 37 persons, including several women and children, who were passengers, were drowned.

The profitable office of king's printer, for Scotland is conferred on Sir Walter Scott.

Mr Brougham is again returned for Winchelsea, and curiously enough with Lord Hoick (Earl Grey's eldest son,) an unsuccessful candidate for Northumberland. Mr. B's brother, Mr. J. Brougham, also a barrister, is returned for Tregony, along with Dr Lushington.

It is calculated that in the New-Parliament, there would be a majority of 41 in favor of Catholic emancipation.

Extracts from the Will of Thomas Jefferson.

"I give to my friend James Madison, of Montpelier, my gold mounted walking staff of animal horn, as a token of the cordial and affectionate friendship, which for nearly now an half century, has united us in the same principles and pursuits of what we have deemed for the greatest good of our country."

I give to the University of Virginia, my Library, except such books only, and of the same edition as it may already possess when this legacy shall take effect the rest of my said library remaining, after those given to the University shall have been taken out, I give my two grandsons-in-law Nicholas P. Trist and Joseph Coolidge. To my grandson Thomas Jefferson

preference to the golden one, because of its superior excellence. My papers of business going of course to him as my executor, all others of a literary or other character, I give to him as of his own property."

I give a gold watch to each of my grandchildren, who shall not have already received one from me, to be purchased and delivered by my executor, to my grand sons at the age of 21, and grand daughters at that of sixteen."

I give to my good, affectionate and faithful servant Botwell, his freedom and the sum of three hundred dollars, to buy necessaries to commence his trade of painter and glazier or to use otherwise as he pleases. I give also to my good servants John Hemings and Joe Fosset their freedom at the end of one year after my death: and to each of them respectively, all the tools of their respective shops or callings: and it is my will that a comfortable log-house be built for each of the three servants so emancipated on some part of my lands convenient to them, with respect to the residence of their wives, and the University, where they will be mostly employed, and reasonably convenient also to the interests of the proprietor of the lands; of which houses I give the curtilage of an acre to each, during his life or personal occupation thereof.

I give also to John Hemings the service of his two apprentices, Madison and Raston Hemings until their respective ages of 21 years, at which period respectively, I give them their freedom—And I humbly and earnestly request of the Legislature of Virginia a confirmation of the bequest to these servants, with permission to remain in this State where their families and connections as additional instance of the favour, of which I have received so many other manifestations, in the course of my life, and for which I now give them my last solemn, and dutiful thanks."

Charlottesville Gazette.

Daring and inhuman act.—The Warrenton Reporter of Friday last contains the following extract of a letter, from Enfield, in Halifax county, dated the 1st instant:

"On Friday night last, about half past eight o'clock, the wife of Ricks

Fort was shot dead in his own house, by some prowling assassin. Mr Fort and two of his children were in the porch: his wife came in, passed through the house with a candle in her hand, went into the back room on the left side, had taken some clothes out of a trunk, and just as she had risen, a gun was discharged through the window, and she fell and instantly expired. It is thought the person who did it mistook his object. It was the room in which Mr Fort generally sleeps; his life had been threatened—he was apprehensive of danger, and was so prudent as not to carry a light into the room when he went to bed. That night was the first time light had been carried in. The alarm was immediately given, and I was among the first who got there, and never was I so shocked before—to see the family in the greatest distress, her infant two months old incessantly crying, and the mother, an amiable and unoffensive woman, lying, just as she had fallen, weltering in her blood. Suspicion attached to two persons, but it is impossible at present to be found out who did it.

This happened on Friday night. On Saturday there was a large collection at Enfield, and in the evening, two men, after having got over the swamp, fought and one stabbed the other, though not dangerously.

SUMMARY.

James Wills, Esq. late Editor and proprietor of the *Edenton Gazette*, after a long and distressing illness died on the 8th instant. Mr. Wills was a native of the state of New York, but had resided in this State upwards of thirty-five years, and was, we believe, the oldest editor in the State. His widow, who has conducted the *Gazette* during the five months of Mr.

under her own management and for the benefit of the family. We hope, with Mrs. Wills, that the gentlemen of Edenton and the adjacent counties, will afford her such a share of their patronage and favour, as will justify her in the undertaking."

Nolan Edwards, of notorious memory, at present a candidate for the office of Governor in Illinois, in answer to a query on the subject of his outfit as minister to Mexico, says, that when he resigned his appointment, it was with the determination to settle with the Government for the amount of the outfit, and that as soon as his health allowed him, he transmitted through Mr. Cook, a sum to be placed at his credit in the Branch Bank of the United States, which left in his hands between 2 and 3000 dollars only, and that he took measures, last winter, for the settlement of all his accounts with the Government.

The mountainous districts of Virginia are severely afflicted with sickness. An epidemic, of peculiar malignity, is raging in an unexampled manner, attended with a mortality unusually great.

A letter from a personal friend of Commodore Porter to Mr. Niles says, "Do not be surprised that Com. Porter should at the head of the allied natives of Mexico and Columbia, become the terror of the Spanish Coast. If I err not, it is his destiny to exact from the mother country, by the brilliancy of his achievements, an acknowledgment of the Independence of the Southern Republics."

It is computed that the blacks increase about sixty thousand a year in this country, and that the Colonization Society remove a thousand a year.

Forty villages in Indostan, containing about 40 000 inhabitants, have publicly renounced heathenism, and become converts.

A duodecimo volume of original poetry, entitled "*Lyric Poems*," by William G. Simms, jr. a young gentleman of Charleston, S. C. whose productions, says the *Courier*, have occasionally graced our periodical publications, is in the press and will soon be published.

An ineffectual attempt was made on Friday night the 11th inst. to rob the Norfolk Stage of its baggage. The

attempt was repeated near the same place, not far from the house of a Mr. Miles Parker, on the next Tuesday night. A passenger, who was armed, snapped his pistol in the face of the depredator, who fled without effecting his purpose.

The *Free Press*, formerly printed at Halifax, has been transferred to Tarborough and its publication was resumed on the 22d inst.

The *Knoxville Enquirer* of the 2d inst. says, "an unexpected disaster has befallen us. The Corn crop, our only hope of a supply for sustenance, is now greatly injured by the worm, and they are daily extending their ravages. Many fields are already nearly destroyed. We have been informed of one field of twenty acres in this neighborhood, that will not, it is believed, yield more than ten bushels. On night before last, we had a very copious and refreshing shower, which is the first for many days."

Wm. Haile, esq. is elected to take the place of Mr. Rankin, late member of Congress from Mississippi at the second session of the present Congress.

Mr. King, late minister in London, with his family, have arrived at New York in the ship *Acasta*.

The English ministry have placed the Steam boat *Comet*, at the disposal of our ingenious countryman, Mr. Perkins, for the purpose of experiment.

The venerable John Jay, of New-York, is the only surviving member of Congress of 1774.

The powder mills of Messrs. Keating and Bell, two miles from Cincinnati, Ohio, were blown up on the 31st July. Two of the workmen were killed.

A French fleet of considerable force has anchored in Hampton Roads. It is from the West Indies to escape the autumnal gales.

Providence R. I. Aug. 5.

We learn of Captain Carpenter, from Honduras, arrived at Providence at Quarantine, that he took on board as passengers Colonels William Perkins and Carlos Beneske, Commissioners from Guatemala, who have been negotiating for the Canal to be soon opened from the River Guatemala to the Pacific Ocean, the distance of which to be cut through land is ascertained to be only eighteen miles, and that believed to be not difficult. The above passengers were on 27th ult. lat. 37 50. placed on board the brig *Eleanor*, bound to Philadelphia. The *Columbus* was for seven days between 37 degrees and 37 50.

Shocking Effects of Intemperence.—An instance of the horrid effects of his beastly sin, has recently occurred in this county. We are informed, that on Thursday last, a man named Walter Downs, an habitual drunkard, residing in Peterboro, went to his house in a state of partial inebriation. A little child, whose breath he had already poisoned by frequently feeding it with the intoxicating liquor, approached him, crying for whiskey. The monster, under a pretence of curing an appetite which his inhuman hand had created and cherished, administered nearly a pint of liquor, from the effects of which the child never recovered, but died in the course of the following day, and even before the father was sufficiently recovered from intoxication, to realize the fatal effects of his crime. A coroner's jury reported that the death of the child was occasioned by whiskey administered by its father.

Cazenovia N. Y. Monitor.

The ceremonies attendant upon taking the *Black Veil*, were performed at the Convent in Georgetown on Tuesday last; when the vows which are to separate her from the world, & to confine her in future within the precincts of the Convent, were taken by Miss Jones, daughter of Com. Jones, of the United States Navy. The *White Veil* was taken by Miss Jones about a year since.—*Nat. Jour.*