

COMMODORE PORTER.

A few words will suffice to explain the origin of the following letters. In a late number of the British Quarterly Review, there appeared a highly abusive attack on the character of Commodore Porter, the accomplished hero of the Essex. This article we did not notice, nor did we copy the comments that had been made on it, because it appeared to us unworthy even of castigation.

TO COMMODORE DAVID PORTER, OF THE UNITED STATES' NAVY.

SIR—In the last Quarterly Review but one, there was a very base attack upon your character and conduct. In order to convince you, that you ought not to suppose that all my countrymen approved of such vile publications, I inserted in No. 11, of this volume, a letter to the author or editor of that work, whose name is William Gifford; I there gave an account of this literary hero; but in my statement of what he received out of our taxes, I was, I find, guilty of an omission, which I now proceed to correct.

I gave an account in No. 11, of the conduct of this writer in the cases of Peter Pindar and Anthony Pasquin, and also of the conduct and character of the Judge Keason. In short, I showed what the baseness of Reviewing really was in England. But, sir, I must again beg of you and your countrymen, and all foreigners, to keep your eye steadily fixed upon this fact, that writers like Mr. Gifford, are in this country, absolutely in pay of the government; that is to say, they live upon the taxes, and, of course, assist in producing pauperism and misery.

You will naturally ask, how we can tolerate, how we can endure, how we can submit to see our money raised from us in taxes, and emitted with our sweat and almost with our very blood; you will naturally ask, how we can submit to see our money given to a man like this, while we see nearly two millions of paupers overspread the land.

However, sir, I think I can now defy Mr. Gifford's talents at falsehood and deception as far as relates to America; and if he continue to deceive the people here, those people are not to be pitied. He is one of those, whose labors, though they tend to keep up the delusion for a while, will in the end, make the fall of the tyranny more complete and more memorable.

they have received the admiration which is due to them; and there are many men in England, amongst whom I am one, who most sincerely wish your health, happiness and success in your present important employment, of adding to the strength of that navy, towards the fame of which you have so largely contributed.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant, WM. COBBETT.

P. S. This very minute I have received a letter from a gentleman in Sussex, whom I never had the pleasure to see in my life, informing me that accident has put into his hands, and that he has forwarded to me, a part of the guided ropes, made use of in the vessels engaged in the ever memorable fight on the Serpentine river, which ropes I will, as soon as possible, most assuredly send to you.

TO MR. WM. COBBETT, BOTLEY, ENG.

WASHINGTON, JULY 29, 1816. SIR.—Messrs. Gales and Seaton, Editors of the National Intelligencer, did me the favor yesterday to send me a copy of No. 17, vol. 30, of your Register, containing a letter addressed to me, which I read with much attention, and felt myself gratified and flattered by the notice you have taken of me.

I had previously read the Review to which you would have drawn my attention, and although unacquainted with the name of the author until it was made known to me by your letter, I was fully persuaded it was the production of one of those pensioned writers, who have for some time past been employed to blacken our National Character, hoping thereby to make that of their own country appear by the contrast more fair.

You, sir, have seen your prints teeming with abuse against me, you, sir, have been my only advocate in England, I have silently borne the insults that have been heaped on me, although I have seen myself hung in effigy beside our venerable and dignified respected chief magistrate; every epithet that could disgrace and add infamy to the character of man has been most bountifully lavished on me; I have

been cowardly deceived, and basely attacked, while confiding in the neutrality of a port, and in the word of a British officer, and while he professed to me gratitude and friendship. I have been cruelly arrested in my progress to my country, while confiding in the sacred character of a flag of truce, wantonly insulted in my own feelings, and witnessed the insults to which my brave officers and men were subjected, whose wounds and sufferings became a mockery to a cruel and overbearing enemy.

I had hoped that the late war, by making us better acquainted with each other, would have made us respect each other the more; but it really appears that the breach between us grows wider and wider. We bear the fogging we got during the war, without murmuring; why should Englishmen be less patient than ourselves? Nay, we not only bore their triumphs on the ocean, but we let them crack their jokes at us on the Serpentine river, without complaining.

With great respect, Your obedient servant, D. PORTER.

A RUNAWAY.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 3d instant, two Negro men, named DANIEL and SAMPSON. Sampson is about 23 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, well made and very likely, quite dark complexion; he was bought from Work and Davison, of North Carolina, who purchased him of John Coffield near Edenton, Chowan county, North Carolina.

THE undersigned Commissioner, acting under the authority of an act of the General Assembly of 1813, entitled "An act to provide for the better accommodation of the Governors of this State," and of a Resolution of 1814 on the same subject, will sell at Public Auction, on the premises, on the 21st day of August next, at six and twelve months, for negotiable paper at the State Bank, according to the said act, FOUR LOTS OF PUBLIC LAND in the suburbs of Raleigh numbered 45, 46 & 47, which were hid off at the sale in May, 1815, by persons who have failed to comply with the terms of sale, and who will therefore be answerable for the deficiency, if there be any.

Morgan pretended the Spaniards had done it, perceiving that his own people reflected on him for that action. Many of the Spaniards and some of the pirates did what they could, either to quench the flame, or by blowing up houses with gunpowder, and pulling down others, to stop it, but in vain: for in less than half an hour it consumed a whole street.

Such was Captain Henry Morgan, the "gallant" and "disinterested" hero of the learned critic, whose attention has been so forcibly drawn to my journal. Of Ann Bonny, his other pattern of nautical excellence, I have not been able to obtain any particulars. Such bright examples, indeed, are less familiar to us on this side of the Atlantic than on the other.

I am persuaded, sir, that you think with me, that I have shewn a great deal of patience and forbearance. How I have deserved the resentment of Englishmen, I do not know, unless it was by doing my duty to my country; but, in doing it, I endeavored to make the evils of war bear as lightly as possible on the individuals who fell in my power.

I thank you sincerely for the present you intend me—and I shall not regret the abuse that has been bestowed on me, since it has been the means of putting me in possession of so disgraceful an evidence of the folly and imbecility of the British government. Say what they will of me & my nation, I shall be content, while I possess, the guided ropes of the ever memorable battle of the Serpentine.

With great respect, Your obedient servant, D. PORTER.

NOTICE.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

THE subscriber will again open his hotel for the accommodation of such Gentlemen and Ladies as may visit the Spring Waters this season, and think proper to call on him. Every exertion will be made for the comfort and convenience of such persons as may board with him.

Gentlemen who may send themselves to the Stages, will find a ready conveyance from Warrington to the Springs, by applying to Mr. Ruffin, who intends furnishing a Hack for the accommodation of those persons.

ED. J. JONES, Warrington County, July 9, 1816.

A TEACHER WANTED.

THE Trustees of the Salisbury Academy are desirous of engaging a person well qualified as a Teacher of Youth, and as a Preacher of the Gospel, to take charge of their Institution, and to preach to the citizens of Salisbury.

Letters addressed to the subscribers will be punctually attended to. JOHN FULTON, JOHN McCLELLAND, CHARLES FISHER, Committee.

May 28, 1816.

PHYSIC AND SURGERY.

THE subscriber, through the medium of the Raleigh Register, informs the citizens of Sampson and Duplin counties that he is prepared to practice Farina and Surgery. He flatters himself that he will be considered competent to do justice to those who may employ him.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, Executive Court, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Session, 1816.

James Downing, Petitioner for William Jones and Amy his wife, heirs of Charles H. Owens, real estate.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is not an inhabitant of the State; it is therefore ordered, that publication be made three weeks successively in the Raleigh Register, unless he appears at the next Court to be held for said County, at the Court-house in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday in August next, and answer to the said petition, otherwise the same will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte against him.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, Stokes County—June term, 1816.

George Hauser, Plaintiff against Adam Fiskey, Original attachment levied on a tract of land lying on the waters of Town Fork, and in the hands of Solomon Spawthover.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is not an inhabitant of the State; it is therefore ordered, that publication be made three weeks successively in the Raleigh Register, unless he appears at the next Court to be held for said County, on the second Monday in September next, and reply, final judgment will be taken against him.

A GREAT SALE. ON Tuesday the 20th of August next, (the week of Wake County Court) Wm. R. Sord to the highest bidder, a large and General Assortment of Merchandise, a Horse, Gigs and Harness, three head of Cattle, and other things, the property of Wm. GARRISON, deceased, late of Raleigh.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS REWARD. RAN AWAY from the subscriber living in Rowan county, North Carolina, the Yankin, Alfred Gyovin, an apprentice, bound to the subscriber by the County Court of Rowan, to learn the art or mystery of a Blacksmith—said apprentice is between sixteen and seventeen years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, straight made black hair, and black eyes, red complexion, and generally forward in company; and when he eats holds his knife in the left hand, and strikes with the edge of the right hand.

THOMAS HUGHES, August 1, 1816. 81 74