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FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE HUSBANDMAN

Philosophers and Poets, from the deepest antiquity up to the present time, have so copiously bestowed their praises upon agriculture, as the source of human comfort and weal, that it would be next to impossible to add materially to what has been already said upon this subject, and said so admirably well. But one little crevice, sufficient for a short essay, still remains to be filled up. I know not that any one has undertaken to shew that agriculture redeems the earth from the curse denounced upon it at the lamentable period of the apostacy, & even turns that curse to a blessing. This I will attempt; and if my feeble attempt should fail to produce conviction, it will at least give scope for useful reflection.

Thorns and thistles shall it bear—was the burden of the curse that fit upon the ground. But it is not an irremediable curse; the industry of the skilful husbandman removes this foul stain which the fall brought upon the ground, and bedecks it with a thousand beauties. Those cursed thorns and thistles he grubbs out; whatever is noxious, or useless, or unsightly, he clears away; and rears up, instead, the tree that is good for food, the nutritious vegetable, whatever is pleasant to the eye or grateful to the palate. Look upon the field of golden wheat, rank and good, ripe for the sickle, and waving in the gentle breeze. Is there any visible curse remaining upon the field? No; with Eden itself it almost vies in delight-someness. Look now over the dominion of farmer THRIFT. What there do you see indicating that his ground is yet under the curse? Nothing. He has honorably redeemed it from the original malediction. There is nothing cumbersome remaining: every thing is there that should be, and every thing in the right place.

I have ventured to remark above, that by means of agriculture, the curse upon the ground is even turned to a blessing; or, in other words, that inestimable benefits have sprung out of it. Let us examine this point. Was then the curse upon the ground inflicted in mercy to man? I presume to hold the affirmative, and for it will offer the following considerations. The sentence is—Cursed is the ground for thy sake. It is not upon man that this curse falls, but upon the ground for his sake;—that is, in order to adapt it to the circumstances of his fallen nature.—It was no longer fitting that he should live without toil, for it would have been destructive to his vital interests. In a moral point of view, and in every important respect, it had become altogether necessary that he should labor and even labor hard, for his living;—that he should eat bread in the sweat of his face:—therefore such a change was mercifully wrought in the face of the earth, as should compel man to labor, and by this means save him from destruction. For suppose the whole earth had been, and continued to be, as "blooming Eden fair;" that there were no rubbish upon the face of it, no nuisance to remove; that every thing nutritious, every thing delicious, grew up spontaneously; and that man had nothing to do but to banquet upon the luxuries which perpetually surrounded him:—Would he have been happy? *Hophy!*—his condition would have been most wretched and deplorable. Torpid for want of motive to exertion, enervated by sloth, corrupted by luxury, and wallowing in the mire of profligate vice, the pigmy race would of all probability have been utterly extinct thousands of years ago.

Observe next the reverse of this hideous aspect. The thorn and thistle plucked away, the wilds turned to fruitful fields, the poisonous fens drained, and converted into rich meadows, the vallies clothed with corn, the cattle upon a thousand hills—All this brought to pass by the skilful industry of man, who, while he is tilling the ground, sows his body, grows robust in constitution, and invigorates the faculties of his mind. Meanwhile the Lord looketh down from above, visiteth him with his vivifying sun, with the rains and dews of heaven, and giveth him increase.

It is not in judgment, but in mercy, that the divine constitution of things compels man to labor; and of all labor, that of husbandry is the most congruous to his health, his peace, and his morals, & the most conducive to the development of the faculties of his body and mind. Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God: Severity, in smiting the ground with a curse so visible, that man must needs see the marks of it even to the last generation: Goodness, in making this very curse upon the ground the means of immense benefit to our apostate race—goodness, too, in blessing the work of our hands, giving us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness.

American farmers! yours is the choicest of callings; and so great a body of people in no other part of this globe has such ample means of independence and comfort. Of the ground you till, you yourselves are lords. Every goodly tree you plant, every acre you meliorate,

tends directly to your own benefit, and that of your wives and children. "Be up and doing." Think not hard, concerning your work and the toil of your hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed." To the industrious it is a blessing in disguise. Say not, "a little more folding of the hands to sleep," if the thorn and thistle are still growing in your enclosures. Expel them from, with all speed, every nuisance, every deformity, occasioned by the wiles of the serpent. Destroy the teeth of the old dragon, wherever you find them scattered within your premises. Make every acre of your ground turn to some good account. To industry add skill. Seek earnestly, and by all means in your power, to increase your own knowledge in practical agriculture. To skilful industry add strict economy. Be frugal; let your living be good, but plain and uncostly; so you will avoid the curse of debt, which is not remediable like that brought upon the ground.—Dash from your lips the cup of intemperance; its deadly poison is more to be dreaded than the envenomed tooth of the adder that hisses under your sheaves. Bring up your children in the habits of industry and frugality, and in the fear of the Lord. Grudge not to school and educate them well, that they may become intelligent, virtuous, useful, respectable men and women. In all your toils and labors, in all your secular affairs, in all your domestic concerns, seek the guidance of that wisdom which is from above, and the blessings of heaven will rest upon you.

Looking through the vista of a few years, methinks I see in prospective the auspicious period when these U. States shall possess an agricultural population far superior in numbers, and equal in knowledge and virtues, to any that the world has ever known; when millions, and many millions, of tillers of the ground, shall be spread over this vast territory, enjoying the comforts of moderate independence, the lamp of divine truth, the lights of science, social and domestic happiness, and distinguished no less for their moral and Christian virtues, than for the pre-eminent goodness of their lot and portion. SENEX.

BY AUTHORITY.

An act to remit the duties on a Statute of George Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the duties which have accrued, or may accrue, to the United States, upon the importation of a Statute of George Washington, by order, and for the use of the State of North-Carolina, be, and they are hereby, remitted. Approved—Feb. 24, 1820.

An act for the relief of Jennings O'Bannon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed equitably to settle the account of expenses incurred by Jennings O'Bannon, in a suit erroneously instituted against him in behalf of the United States, on the exhibition of proper vouchers; and the sum which shall be found due shall be paid to the said Jennings O'Bannon, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act for the relief of John Harding, Giles Harding, Sohn Shute, and John Nicholls.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to audit and settle the claim of John Harding, Giles Harding, John Shute, and John Nicholls, for fifteen boats belonging to them, and detained at Baton Rouge, by Major-General Thomas, in the year eighteen hundred and fifteen; and to allow them any sum not exceeding, in the whole, nine hundred dollars; which allowance, when made, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal representatives of John O'Connor, deceased, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to a tract of land situated on Buffalo creek, in the state of Mississippi, containing eight hundred arpens, granted by the Spanish government to William Conway, by patent, dated the fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and conveyed to John O'Connor by the said Conway, on the 26th day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven: Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall affect the claim or claims of any other person or persons to the said land, or any part thereof, derived from the United States, or any other source whatever. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act for the relief of Robert Swartwout.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized to audit and settle the account of Robert Swartwout, and to allow him such sum as may appear equitable and just, in consequence of the loss sustained in the sale of certain Treasury notes, for and on account of the United States. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act for the relief of John A. Dix.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to John A. Dix, a lieutenant in the army of the United States, one hundred and twelve dollars, in full for extra services performed as adjutant, under the command of Colonel John B. Walbach, in Portsmouth harbor, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen; and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That Anthony Cavalier, and Peter Petit, of the state of Louisiana, shall be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their claim to a tract of land containing two thousand and sixty five acres, being an island in the Mississippi river, known by the name of Apple Island; for which tract of land the said Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit shall be entitled to a patent: Provided, That nothing in this act shall affect the claim or claims of any person or persons to the same land, or any part thereof, derived from the United States, if any such there be, or to the claim or claims of any other person or persons whatever. Approved—Feb. 28, 1820.

An act further to extend the charter of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the district of Columbia," and the act supplementary to the same, passed on the twenty-fourth of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four, and the act entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington," be, and the same are hereby, extended to the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, unless sooner repealed. Approved—Feb. 28, 1820.

An act for the relief of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department audit and settle the claim of Mary Cassin, widow and administratrix of Patrick Cassin, deceased, for moneys advanced by her said husband to soldiers in the army of the United States, on account of pay due to them at the time said advances were made; and to allow and pay to the said Mary Cassin, administratrix as aforesaid, out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury, such part of said claim as shall not appear to have been paid to the said soldiers respectively by any officer of the United States; Provided, That the said Mary Cassin, administratrix as aforesaid, shall, previous to the receipt of the moneys which may be allowed her under this act, deliver to the Comptroller of the Treasury a bond of indemnity, in such sum and with such sureties as he may direct. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue letters patent to Richard Wilcox.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to issue letters patent to Richard Wilcox, for his invention of a rotary portable oven, and for his improvements of the ovens now in use; and also for his several inventions and improvements in the process of distillation, and modes and means of conducting the same, upon his complying with the directions of the act entitled, "An act to promote the progress of the useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose," and an act entitled "An act to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees," except so far as the said acts, or any part or parts of them require a residence of two years in the United States; in like manner, in all respects, as if the said Richard Wilcox had resided two years within the United States. Approved—April 5, 1820.

An act for the relief of Ether Shipley, administrator of Thomas Buckminster, late lieutenant in the thirty-third regiment of United States infantry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Thomas Buckminster, deceased, late lieutenant in the thirty-third regiment of the United States' infantry, upon the principles of justice and equity: Provided, however, That the sum so to be allowed shall not exceed the amount charged to the account of said deceased, on the books in the office of the third Auditor of the Treasury Department. Approved—Feb. 28, 1820.

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be authorized to audit and settle the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased, on account of a certificate issued to the said Nicholas Vreeland, on the thirtieth of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, for two hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-six ninetihs, and numbered sixteen hundred and fifty; which certificate is alleged to have been accidentally destroyed, and appears by the records of the treasury, to be outstanding and unpaid; and to pay to the surviving executors of said deceased, for the use and benefit of the heirs and representatives of the said deceased, the principal of said certificate, and so much of the interest thereof as may remain due thereon: Provided, That the said surviving executors execute and deliver to the Comptroller of the Treasury a bond of indemnity, in such sum and with such security as the said Comptroller may direct and approve. Approved—April 5, 1820.

\$300 REWARD.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber about the first of November last, a young negro fellow named SAM or SAMUEL, nineteen years old, light complexion, fine countenance, very likely, well made, five feet six or eight inches high, and has a small scar on his forehead near the edge of the hair. He was caught in the neighborhood about two weeks after he went off, since which period, I have not had any certain information of him. From the manner which he left home, and other circumstances, I am induced to believe that he has been kidnapped. Any person that will deliver the above fellow and kidnapper to the subscriber, near Columbia C. H. (Georgia) shall receive the above reward on conviction of the kidnapper, or Fifty Dollars for the fellow alone, or for information, so that I get him again, if taken out of the State, or Twenty-five Dollars if taken in the State.

ZACH. WILLIAMS, Columbia C. H. (Georgia) } 62 13w

LAND IN HALIFAX COUNTY.

THE subscriber living in the upper end of Halifax county on Fishing Creek, and in the neighborhood of Gideon Alston, wishes to sell the Lands on which he resides, containing about 1000 Acres. Also one half of 333 Acres adjoining the above lands, on which there is a newly erected Saw and Grist Mill. The above lands would be divided so as not to injure the sale thereof.—The quality ranks with the land in the neighborhood, and I think I would be justified in saying it is as healthy as any in the State. However, those wishing to purchase will please call and view for themselves, as I am determined to sell.

WILL. BRINKLEY, September 1. 41 tf

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, GUILFORD COUNTY.

SARAH BRINSFIELD, Wife of Clement Brinsfield, has been lately advertised in the public papers by her husband, forbidding any person or persons from harboring or having any dealings with the said Sarah Brinsfield, wife of Clement Brinsfield.

I now wish to inform the citizens of this State the reasons for my leaving of his bed and board. He first proposed to hire me to go away, and that then he could marry a woman of a very great fortune. I still refused to go. He then fell to beating me, for nothing, and swore if I did not clear out he would take my life. I left him; and in a few weeks he came after me and persuaded me to go home with him again and he would treat me well, and do great things. I went back.—In a few days he took my clothes and set a log heap on fire and put them in it, and then came back to the house and took me by the hair of the head and dragged me to the fire to see my clothes burn; and there beat me severely and swore that he would take my life if I did not go away clear out of these parts, so that he would not hear of me, failed to go. He then, to aggravate me equalled himself with the brutes in my presence, and continued to beat me until he had to run away and leave him altogether for such a man no person could live with. SARAH BRINSFIELD, March 28. 73 2t

PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT.

R. R. JOHNSON.

HAVING purchased and taken possession of the House in Warrington formerly occupied by Mr. Ruffin and recently by Col. Dancy, will accommodate Travelling Families and Individuals. Every attention will be paid to those who favor him with their company; and their Horses will be well fed and carefully attended to. April 6, 1820.

\$20 REWARD.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Fairfield District—South-Carolina, about the last of May 1819, a Negro Man named JIM. He is a tolerable coarse Shoemaker, spare made, very black and full eyed, about five feet ten or eleven inches high.—He was bought in Prince William county, Virginia, and it is probable he may wish to get back there again. His clothing not recollected. Any person that will apprehend said negro, and commit him to any jail so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward and my thanks. JOHN HARRISON. April 1, 1820. 73 3c

\$50 REWARD.

THE above reward of Fifty Dollars will be given for the apprehension of the Thief who entered my bed room, some time in the month of January last, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, and bore off my WATCH & Establishment. It is a Gold Watch of the following description; made in Liverpool, by M. J. Tobias, No. 1452; two seals of fine gold; the Key also of fine gold, and the Chain of common jeweller's gold. The subscriber will give the above reward for either the Watch or the Thief. W. M. H. WHITTED. Hillsborough, April 3. 73 3w

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, HERTFORD COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term, 1820. Titus Darcen, Or. Att. Levied on a grey or white Mule. Thomas Whitaker.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant Thomas Whitaker is not a resident of this State. It is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Raleigh Register for three months for the defendant to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Hertford, at the Courthouse in Winton, on the fourth Monday in May next, and reply and plead to issue, or judgment final will be entered against him. Witness, Joseph F. Dickinson, Clerk of said Court, at office, the fourth Monday of February, 1820. JOS. F. DICKINSON, Clk.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, HERTFORD COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term, 1820. Simmons J. Baker, Jud. Atta. Levied on a Grist Mill. William Whitfield.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant William Whitfield is not a resident of this State. It is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Raleigh Register for three months for the defendant to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the county of Hertford, at the Courthouse in Winton, on the fourth Monday in May next, and reply and plead to issue, or judgment final will be entered against him. Witness, Joseph F. Dickinson, Clerk of said Court, at office, the fourth Monday of February, 1820. 73 JOS. F. DICKINSON, Clk.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, HERTFORD COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term, 1820. James S. Jones, Esq. &c. Jud. Atta. Levied on a tract of Land, &c. William Jones.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant William Jones is not a resident of this State. It is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Raleigh Register for three months for the defendant to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Hertford, at the Courthouse in Winton, on the fourth Monday in May next, and reply and plead to issue, or judgment final will be entered against him. Witness, JOS. F. DICKINSON, Clk.

TO CABINET MAKERS.

THE Subscribers have the satisfaction to inform all persons engaged in the above line, that they have just put into operation, in the City of Charleston, their SAW-MILL, (the only one at present in the Southern States,) erected for the sole purpose of Sawing Mahogany into Veneering, &c. From the samples produced of its cutting, and inspection of the Machinery, it has been pronounced by the most competent judges, to be equal to any in the Northern States. They now offer to supply such persons as may favor them with their custom, with any quantity and quality of Mahogany Boards or Veneering, agreeable to order, and at the shortest notice. Having supplied themselves with a large and choice assortment of the above Wood, they will be able to supply their customers on as low, and perhaps lower terms than they ever had before. All orders from abroad, directed to the subscribers, post paid, and with due reference to some person in this place, will meet with the strictest attention. JOHN EGGLESTON and B. S. RIDGWAY, Charleston, S. C. March 11, 1820.—73 3m