

Miscellaneous.



FOR THE FREE PRESS.

To Miss — Ann —, of Hlfa Cty.

Those orient orbs of ebon hue,
Your eyes,
Give evidence of the purest virtue
And love combined—
Exhibiting at one glance,
A heart unsullied,
And overflowing with love divine.
The graces, all, with one accord,
Unite to sing thy praise,
With the heavenly muse.
Goddess of beauty, hail!
O! awake from thy slumbering pillow,
And lend your aid
To describe that beauteous form—
Whose image
Finds its way, by fancy led,
To the inmost recesses of the mind's eye.
But lo! my powers fail,
My hand grows numb, and [sign.
Refuses to prosecute the contemplated de-
Enough is said, however,
To convince you of my devoted attachment,
Which nothing but death
Can dissolve.
Those silken cords of love,
Which first entwined my heart with yours,
Are still unshaken;
And "like the rock of ages,
Will last till meaner things
Have pass'd away. NARCISSUS.

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PRIDE.

Should man be proud? Go, ask the great;
The great in wealth, or power, or name;
You will not find with all their state,
The true in heart, or pure in fame.
The world with its infectious breath,
Hath scatter'd wide the taint of sin;
Like marble o'er the place of death,
Though fair without, all's foul within.

Should man be proud? Ask poverty,
Degraded oft below the brute;
Will not its burning tears reply,
In language eloquent, though mute—
Its ceaseless tale of bitter wrong,
Its deep abasement—e'en to dust,
Will answer loud, and answer long,
And answer true—as true it must.

Should man be proud? Go, ask the grave;
The cold, the lone, down-trodden tomb;
Where sleep the monarch and the slave,
In kindred dust, and kindred gloom.
Go to the place where sages sleep,
In still oblivion's midnight shroud;
And o'er the wreck of Science weep,
And ask—ask there—Should man be proud?
MARMION.

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LIFE.

Life at best is but a trouble,
And like the ocean's fleeting bubble,
That lingers to be gone:
We hail its morn, and ere 'tis noon,
Our race is run, alas! how soon
Does nature leave us shorn!
But should kind nature bid us live,
To fourscore years—then we would give,
A million to be free:
To pass this time, without control,
In the "feast of reason and flow of soul,"
Would be a Jubilee!
Then friend would meet his fellow friend,
And love the gloomy brow unbend,
Where sat despondency:
Then conscious peace would cheer the mind,
And leave no fear or dread behind;
Because it would be free.
Then love would meet its fond return,
With equal glow two souls might burn,
And make each other blest;
Whilst ev'ry eye, with glist'ning pleasure,
Would hail thee, freedom! as a treasure,
To soothe the aching breast.
Yes, freedom! yes, most gladly would we,
Claim thee, as ours, and be thy votary;
But cruel custom frowns—
Based on time, she claims the right
To trespass, in the holy sight
Of reason's sacred grounds.
Enroll'd among thy cruel band,
We see the aged parent stand,
And scold his darling child;
With many a sob, and tearful eye,
Her bosom heaves the gentle sigh,
And feels distraction wild.
Oh! cruel custom, come end thy reign,
And parent, be thyself again—
Let nature be thy guide:
She'll lead thee on, the good old way,
Reckless of what the world may say,
She'll lead thee right beside.
You know that nature made us free,
We ask no more of heaven or thee,
Then grant the humble boon:
Then smoothly we shall glide along,
Tho' worldly cares around us throng,
We'll bear them as our own.
HALIFAX.

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To my Cat, Tom Jones.

Tom, a tender-hearted Bard somewhere,
Is fearful that your hide and hair,
Your soul, your bones, and flesh all will
Be treated by your master ill.
Now why he is so fearful, puss,
Or why 'bout you he makes a fuss,
Marcy knows—but I can't see,
Why he troubles himself 'bout thee.
(He seems to think it very odd,
For you to nab a mouse—bless God!
Isn't this a talent nature has given,
To all the Tom Cats under heaven.
Surely he was rais'd in some backwood,
Where ne'er a barn nor warehouse stood;
And where a cat would never stray,
In search of mice, a mouseless way.)
Halifax, he calls himself,
Do ye know him? speak, ye purring elf!
Do ye know this Halifax, I say,
If ye do, tell which away
He lives, ye dog, and I will soon,
(Perhaps to-morrow afternoon.)
Write him word to grieve no more;
That I have look'd your misdeeds o'er,
And pardon'd ye on conditions that
Ye'll never nab another cat,
And sarve him like ye used to do,
Waste his fur and make him mew,
And meow, and squall so loud, by gum!
As to make one think the devil had come:
That ye'll cease to be a wors'er, you
Will cease to be a rusher too;
That ye'll still continue to nab a mouse,
Any where about the house;
That ye'll be what ye ought to be,
Love a rat and hate a flea;
That ye'll try and alter for the better,
Behave to cats, nab rats, hate fleas, et cetera.
But if ye violate the law,
I'll gouge your gizzard, your very maw,
Out o' your ribs, and hang ye up,
You ringtail scrouger and cut-ear'd pup—
I will, unless through sorrow and grief,
Halifax buys ye, ye rogue, ye tief—
I'd take of him for ye one nigger,
But I vow and declare I'd pull a trigger
'Pon you before (for less than two)
I'd take from any one else for you.
That's all I've got to say just now,
To you, ye dog, I tink as how—
So scat, ye bitch—scat, be gone,
And shew that phiz no more till morn.
If ye do, dodging your soul,
I'll bury ye alive in some dirt hole;
And send ye whirling fast, ye hear?
To one hot place, no where 'bout here.
The Tobacco Seller.

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AN ENIGMA.

There are eight letters I can name,
Each used but once—no two the same;
Which in pure English rightly spell
Ten words—and now those letters tell. N.

General Assembly.—BARTLETT YAN-
CEY, Esq. of Caswell county, was ap-
pointed Speaker of the Senate—and hav-
ing been conducted to the Chair, by the
gentlemen who nominated him, he ad-
dressed the Senate as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate—My
thanks are due to this body for the
continued confidence which you
have manifested, by the vote which
has just been given; and I take
this opportunity of presenting them
to you, with that feeling inspired
by a deep sense of the obligation I
owe you.—The only amends I can
offer you, will be a promise on my
part, rigidly and impartially to ad-
minister those rules, which you
have adopted for your government.
In discharging the duties of this
station, I shall often need your kind
assistance; and experience has
convinced me, if I should deserve
it, I shall always receive from you,
efficient and able support. While
I shall endeavor to discharge the
duties of presiding officer, I have
a right to expect and to hope, a
correspondent disposition on the
part of each individual Member, &
that our mutual labors may termi-
nate for the good of our common
Country.

The following are the Standing Com-
mittees of the Senate:

Committee of Claims.—Messrs.
Love, Gray, Spaight, of Craven,
Leak, Matthews, Baird, of Burke,
Sellers and Bell.

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Messrs. Speight, of Greene, Mont-
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lan, Boddie, Gilchrist, Davenport,
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Stokes.

In the House of Commons, JOHN
STANLY, Esq. the member from the
town of Newbern, was appointed Speak-
er—on being conducted to the Chair, he
addressed the House as follows:

Under any circumstances, an e-
lection to preside over the delibe-
rations of this respectable and en-
lightened branch of our Legisla-
ture, would be received by him as
a distinguished and unmerited hon-
or.—But, after the opportunity
which many of this body have had
of witnessing the imperfect man-
ner in which only he was able to
discharge the duties of the Chair,
the call again to occupy it, evinced
a kind and friendly indulgence.

The experience of every delibe-
rative assembly has taught the ne-
cessity of rules for the regulation
of its proceedings and for the pre-
servation of decorum in debate.
Order and regularity in our pro-
ceedings are essentially necessary
to economy of time, to due delib-
eration and to despatch of busi-
ness.—To secure these, nothing
more is required than to observe
the rules which we ourselves es-
tablish, or which long usage has
sanctioned. Decorum in debate
cannot be too earnestly recom-
mended; without it a legislative
body cannot retain the respect of
their constituents, or their own self
respect. To insure harmony and
preserve the dignity of our station,
as Representatives of the People,
it is only necessary to observe in
our deportment in this house, that
urbanity and kindness which is
observed in our intercourse abroad
—to act toward each other as leg-
islators, as we are accustomed to
act toward each other as gentle-
men.

To watch, and if possible, by a
call to order, to check the course
of observations which violate de-
corum and tend to disturb the har-
mony of our deliberations, is the
right of every Member—it is par-
ticularly the duty of your Speak-
er. Aware of its importance, Mr.
S. said, he should endeavor to dis-
charge this delicate duty with
promptness and with firmness.

In every part of his duty he should
need, and he should hope for the
indulgence and support of the
House.

The following are the Standing Com-
mittees of the House of Commons:

Committee of Claims.—Messrs.
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ill, Patterson, Walton, Barnard,
Cox, Ellison, M'Millan, W. W.
Jones, Brower, Alexander, Mar-
shall and Hodges.

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inson, Gilmour, Morehead, Moore,
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tham, King, Dozier, Ball, Cox,
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rence, Simpson, Wailsworth and
Smith.

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Messrs. Richardson, Edmonson,
Boon, Webb, Flowers, Sharp,
Bateman, Bozman, Adams, Kilpe-
trick, Frederick, Best, Walker,
Linn, Gilmour & Alford.

Distressing.—We have this mo-
ment heard, that the Sch'r Samu-
el Tredwell, Capt. S. Etheridge,
of this port is entirely lost, and the
whole crew:—She was run down
at sea; her Stern with the name
on it, and some other parts of the
wreck, came on shore near New
Inlet.—Edenton Gaz.

[The Edenton Gazette of the 22d
ult. gives an account of the death
of two black men, who perished
in the severe weather of the pre-
ceding Monday—one of them was
in a boat which was capsized in
going from Edenton to Plymouth
—the other "was found on Tues-
day morning, in a cove on the eas-
tern side of the Bay, about three
miles from Edenton, sitting erect
on the seat of his canoe, with his
arms folded on his breast, and fro-
zen entirely to death. It is sup-
posed that owing to the extreme
darkness of the night he missed
his course, and after contending a-
gainst the wind and the weather,
until his strength was exhausted,
he resigned himself to the direction
of the wind, and was probably fro-
zen to death before his canoe drift-
ed ashore."]

Hard Times!—We shall be
glad at all times, to receive from
our country subscribers, in pay-
ment for the paper, any sort of
produce they may have on hand,
such as Beef, Pork, Poultry, But-
ter, Eggs, Cheese, Meal, Potatoes,
Turnips, Pumpkins, Onions, Cab-
bages, or any thing else under
heaven, that will keep us poor de-
vils from starving to death.
Newport Rep.

State of North-Carolina,

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

JUSTICES COURT.

Isaac, Braswell, Jr. } Original Attach-
vs. } ment, returned
Nathan G. Braswell, } levied on hogs,
corn, and sundry other articles.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the
Justice of the Peace, that the defen-
dant, NATHAN G. BRASWELL, is not an
inhabitant of the County of Edgecombe:
It is therefore ordered, That publica-
tion be made in the Tarborough Free
Press for thirty days, that the defen-
dant, Nathan G. Braswell, appear within
that time, answer, plead, &c. or judg-
ment will be entered up against him as
confessed, and execution issue accord-
ingly.

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