

SELECTED POETRY.

LINES BY MR. ROSCOE.

On receiving from Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, a piece of the Tree under which William Penn made his Treaty with the Indians, and which was blown down in 1812, converted to the purpose of an Island.

From clime to clime, from shore to shore,  
The war-fiend raised his hateful yell,  
And midst the storm that realms deplore,  
Penn's honour'd tree of concord fell,

And of that tree, that ne'er again  
Shall Spring's reviving influence know,  
A relic o'er th' Atlantic main,  
Was sent—the gift of foe to foe!

But though no more its ample shade  
Wave green beneath Columbia's sky,  
Though every branch be now decayed,  
And all its scatter'd leaves be dry;

Yet, midst this relic's sainted space,  
A health-restoring flood shall spring,  
In which the angel-form of peace  
May stoop to dip her dove-like wing.

So once the staff the prophet bore  
By wondering eyes again was seen  
To swell with life through every pore,  
And bud afresh with foliage green.

The withered branch again shall grow,  
Till o'er the earth its shade extend—  
And this—the gift of foe to foe—  
Became the gift of friend to friend.

THE PUZZLED LANDLORD.

The following anecdote, from its originality, may not be unworthy of insertion:—Being deputed to make choice of a house, and to order an annual dinner for a party of gentlemen, I determined upon one pleasantly situated on the banks of the Thames, in the village of Mortlake. Having agreed with the landlord as to terms, and the precise dishes that were to be placed on the table, I informed him, that in the event of the party being likewise satisfied, I would transmit him a letter, by post, naming the day, &c. Their consent being signified, I wrote—merely stating, that on such a day he might expect us, to the number of twenty-two—at 30. much per head, and to guard against any misunderstanding, I thought it prudent to recapitulate the dishes we had previously agreed upon—beginning, viz. fish, veal, ham, &c.

By the return of post I received the following curious answer, the original of which I transmit you, being aware that without good proof the merit of the anecdote might be lost in the idea of its being manufactured:

SIR—I received your commands, but I don't know what you means by Videlect, as I didn't hear you mention it when you was at Mortlake, every thing else shall be obeyed.—Yours to command,

Edw. B.—D.

O.—S.—p. Mortlake, July 4.

This letter, of course, afforded considerable mirth to those who perused it—but it appeared to me strange that my landlord should be incapable of understanding the contraction, and yet write the word at length, though improperly spelt. To reconcile this point I was at considerable trouble, and I cannot convey the result of my enquiries in a better form, than as the dialogue actually took place upon the receipt of my letter, at which time the landlord, his wife, and a waiter were in the inn.—“Why wife, did you ever hear me mention such a dish as viz, when the gentleman was down here ordering the dinner?”—“Lord husband no: what is viz?”—“A gentleman who had just paid the waiter for his morning beverage, hearing the last question, politely answered, ‘It means Videlect, madam,’ and passed on. Here mine host was again at a pause, when he suddenly exclaimed—‘and what is Videlect?’—‘I never heard of such a dish as that in my life.’—Nor I husband, though I have lived in the first families—aye, and where every kind of made dish has been sent to table.’—“Thomas, do you know what is Videlect?”—“No Sir; but I suppose it's some of those new-fangled dishes that the French are so fond of:—I'll ask in the kitchen. The inquiries in the kitchen

were equally unsuccessful; but Thomas, upon recollection, thought he had heard of a fish of that name. To the beach my landlord immediately proceeded; all the river fishermen were in turn applied to, but all were equally positive that Videlect did not grow in the river Thames, or else they must have caught him—perhaps it might be a salt-water fish; but that opinion was not supported by the landlady, who declared that Videlect was any thing it was a made dish; and, not to expose their ignorance, they agreed to apologize, and make no further inquiries.

On the day of dinner, which, to do the landlord credit, was excellent, the idea of viz. was not forgotten; the inquiries for it were so numerous that the landlord who waited in person, thought proper, with many apologies, to express his regret that he had not been able to procure it in time—the letter came too late—the notice was too short—but desirous to oblige, he had placed on the table in its stead, a giblet pye.

This explanation, produced such an involuntary, such a general burst of laughter, that we all sensibly felt for the landlord's embarrassment, from which, however, he was adroitly relieved by one of the party observing—“Why really, Mr. B. I admire your substitution; your giblet pye is excellent, and so like Videlect; that I shall never again eat of one without thinking of the other.”—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

London Mag.

A Yankee guesses, that the great Sea Serpent seen in our bay a few days since, is the male consort of the famous Gloucester aquatic Serpent; and that he was in search of his mate, whose long absence had excited his jealousy, least the dainties and delicacies of our numerous bays and harbors should seduce her from her allegiance and native seas.

Bible Anecdote.

The following instance will prove the influence of the Sacred Volume on the minds of seamen. A pilot residing within our district, called on one of the committee for the purpose of purchasing a Bible; after he had obtained the wished for object, he had witnessed two remarkable instances of the good effects of reading the Holy Scriptures. He had been engaged to conduct two vessels successively to the Downs, and being struck with the astonishing quietude and good order on board, he was anxious to know the cause; this he speedily discovered to be the same on board both ships. The morning's toil commenced, and the evening's labor concluded, by reading a portion of the Scriptures to the assembled crew, accompanied with prayer to the Almighty Father for his blessing and watchful care over them. From the Docks to the Downs he declared he did not hear a single oath or profane expression; and before he resigned his charge, he could not help acknowledging to the respective masters, that in no instance whatever had he beheld the duties of a seafaring life so well and faithfully performed.

ANECDOTE.

Of a Negro Christian Slave.

Many of the negro slaves who had been baptized by Mr. B. (a man of color) in Jamaica, were threatened with severe punishment by their proprietor, if they did not desist from attending public worship in the meeting-house. He accordingly put chains on them, which passed round their necks and bodies; and thus loaded, they were compelled to perform their daily labours, from five in the morning till six in the evening. After a few days, all of them, excepting one, to get rid of their misery, promised not to go again. This man addressing his proprietor, said, “Massa, whether you take off the chain, or let it stay on me, I will go and hear parson B; except you take away my life, then I cannot go.” To bring down his obstinate spirit, as his tyrant called it, this poor fellow was worked in his chains for about a month, and during that period was several times severely flogged; but still he held fast his integrity respecting his former declaration. While in this situation, the present Governor in making his annual tour, visited this case, and being struck with the appearance of the poor slave, asked his master why he was loaded with that chain?—“Your Grace,” he replied, “this obstinate fellow will not

submit to my orders, but tell me that he will go and hear parson B. unless I kill him.” The negro confirmed his statement in the presence of the Duke, saying he would do any thing to serve his massa, but he would not be prevented from serving God! To the honor of the Duke let it be recorded, that he instantly ordered the chains to be removed; and the master, from this period, has not prevented any of his slaves from hearing parson B. many of whom constantly attended his preaching.

Evang. Mag.

Paris, March 26.

A remarkable discovery of a murder.

The murderer of Mr. Martin, a receiver of taxes at Bilgny, says a letter from Barsur-Aube, was discovered a few days ago in the most singular manner, and arrested. The crime was committed on the 9th of February on the high road, at one o'clock in the afternoon. The shot entered Mr. Martin's heart, and he fell down dead. He was returning from collecting, and had only 130 francs about him, of which he was robbed, as well as of his watch and a ring. The charge of the gun was rammed down with a written paper.—This had been carefully taken up, and carried away with the body. The writing was still legible. On this piece of paper there were expressions which are used in glass manufactories, and a date of near 15 years back. Upon this single indication, the judge went to the owner of the glass manufactory at Bilgny, examined his books, and succeeded in finding an article relating to the delivery of glass, of which the paper in question was the bill of parcels. The suspicion immediately fell on the son-in-law of this individual; the latter had been out of the country for more than ten years. Order was given to arrest the person suspected. When the officers came to him he was on his knees, praying. In his fright he confessed the deed on the spot, and even showed where the watch and ring were, which were indeed found under the thatch of his house.

NOTICES.

ALL those Indebted to the Subscriber, neglecting to settle, their Accounts will be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

JEDEDIAH SLASON.

Frederickton, 9th March 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of PETER BROWN, late of the Parish of Ludlow, deceased, are requested to render their accounts duly attested, within nine months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

LOT HOSMORE, } Administrators.  
WILLIAM FISH, }

Ludlow, 17th February 1818. gmp.

ALL Persons, (in the Province of New-Brunswick) having any demands against the Estate of BENJAMIN AYCRIGG, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested to within three months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

MARY P. WOLHAUPTER.

Administratrix.

JAMES M'INDOE, Junr.

Administrator.

Frederickton, 5th May, 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of DANIEL FLETCHER, late of Sheffield, deceased, are requested to render their accounts attested to, within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

DAVID FLETCHER, Adm'r.

Nashwalk, 14th April, 1818.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late JOHN M'KEEN, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within twelve calendar months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

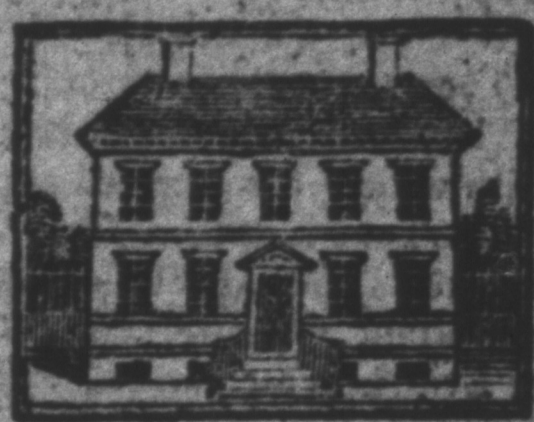
MARGARET M'KEEN, Administratrix.

WILLIAM M'KEEN, Administrator.

Maugerville, 10th April, 1818.

HALF Pay Certificates & Military Allowance; Bills, of Exchange; Indentures, & Bail-Bonds for Sale at this Office.

FOR SALE, — By the Subscriber,



HIS FARM situated two miles below FREDERICTON in the Parish of St. Mary's, fronting on the river

116 rods—containing 850 Acres, with all allowances; the improvements are extensive; under good Fence, and in the neatest order; in addition to which, is a quantity of Marsh Land, drained and nearly fit for the Scythe—a young Orchard bearing fruit—a great quantity of Hard Wood contiguous to Market, and Cedar sufficient to Fence the Farm for ages. For further particulars Enquire of

CALEB FOWLER.

St. Mary's the 10th Feb. 1818.

FOR SALE.

THAT well known Property formerly belonging to DAVID BETTS in the Parish of Northampton, (County of York)

—ALSO—

The Property belonging to ENOCH BAIRD in St. Mary's, opposite the lower end of Sugar Island—containing about 600 Acres of high Land, well timbered—about 40 of which is under improvement—two good Barns and a comfortable dwelling house thereon, and can be made to cut with a very little labour 40 tons hay annually.—Likewise 20 Acres of Island right directly opposite. For further particulars enquire of

E. SLOOT.

VALUABLE PROPERTY For Sale.

THAT valuable and noted FARM situate at the confluence of the Naquewickack Stream and River Saint John, containing 770 Acres of Land, between thirty and forty of which are well cleared, and free from stumps, would at present, cut from 15 to 20 Tons of Hay, and may be made at a very small expence, to cut 40 or 50. It is 120 Rods front, and runs three miles back; takes in both sides of the Stream, which is excellent Intervale and abounds with Grass; there is also a quantity of good Pine Timber upon it, some of which is near the River; it has numerous other advantages, and an excellent opportunity is now offered to the industrious Farmer, and to those who may be desirous of obtaining a good situation for a Tavern or Store; a Ferry is about to be established on the Property, which will also add to its value. For particulars enquire of Captain SHORE, Frederickton, or of Major M'KAY, at the Naquewickack. Frederickton, 23d March, 1818.

TO LEASE,

For a Term of twenty-one Years, SEVERAL Lots of COLLEGE LAND, containing 25 Acres each; and several Building Lots in the Town Plat of Frederickton.—Inquire of J. M. BLISS. 3d June 1817.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING any demands against the Estate of HENRY GREEN, late of Queensborough deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested—and all those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to

ELIZABETH GREEN, Administratrix.

JOHN DAYTON, Administrator.

Queensborough, 1st March, 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late JOHN M'LEOD, deceased, will render their accounts for adjustment, and those indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment.

JEDEDIAH SLASON, } Executors.  
M. NEEDHAM, }

Frederickton, 7th April 1818.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late JONATHAN SHERWOOD, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within three months from the date hereof, and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

MARY SHERWOOD, Administratrix.

DAVID NEWMAN, Administrator.

Miramichi, 27th February, 1818.

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