

THE SOCIAL CIGAR.

WHEN tired and sick of the bustle and
 mirth,
 Of vex with the cares and disquiets of earth,
 When sorrow's black cloud comes low'ring
 from far,
 I scatter the gloom with a social Cigar.
 The friend whom we cherish, the girl whom
 we love,
 May either ungrateful or traitorous prove;
 But their wiles and their falsehoods my peace
 shall not mar,
 And I'll puff away care with my social
 Cigar.
 Detraction her arrows may scatter around,
 And infix in some bosoms her poisonous
 wound;
 But I'd smile with disdain at her traitorous
 war,
 And laugh her to scorn with a social Cigar.
 Let others in wine or in women delight,
 And to gratify passions their powers unite—
 I scorn the enjoyment which conscience can
 bar,
 And solace myself with a social Cigar.
 Let the loud cannon roar, and the clarion's
 breath,
 Cheer the heart of the brave who march
 boldly to death;
 But pleasures more pure and more tranquil
 by far,
 May be found in the use of a social Cigar,
 'Tis mournfully sweet to remember the past,
 And backward our eyes on our journey to
 cast—
 To think where the friends of our bosoms
 now are,
 While the blue smoke ascends from the so-
 cial Cigar.

Singular Marriages.—A circumstance
 of some novelty in the annals of matrimony
 occurred a short time ago at Rugeley, in this
 County: it was the union of two couple,
 whose previous relative connection was such
 as to produce consequences, in the sequel, of
 a most extraordinary and ludicrous descrip-
 tion. An old man, of the name of Martin,
 of Longdon, aged 76, appeared at the altar
 with a girl of 17, as his intended bride;
 while her sister, two years older, was led
 thither by the grandson of Martin aged 19.
 The curious results of these alliances are as
 follow:—The old man recognised a brother
 in his grandson, and a sister in his wife; his
 spouse must submit (how much soever a-
 gainst her inclination) to the venerable epi-
 thet of Grandmother from her elder sister;
 and the young man may address the damsel of
 17 as his grandmother or sister at pleasure;
 while his wife may claim, as her just right,
 by reason of her maturer age, the submission
 of her sister, or to be called upon to exercise
 all the respectful docility of a grandmother
 towards her.

A SINGULAR OLD WOMAN.

Mrs. Sarah Dawber, died lately at East
 Retford, in England. She was 86 years
 of age, and would probably have attained a
 greater age, but for the accident of her
 clothes taking fire, by which she was so much
 injured that it caused her death. For sev-
 eral years she was impressed with an idea
 that every person who looked at her wanted
 to rob her, and to frustrate their designs she
 kept constantly well armed, having a small
 room nearly full of brick-bats, stones &c, and
 at times let fly a shower of them from her
 chamber window.

RATS.—In no country is there a crea-
 ture so destructive of property as the rat in
 Jamaica; their ravages are inconceivable.
 One year with another, it is supposed that
 they destroy at least about a twentieth part of
 the sugar canes throughout the island, a-
 mounting to little short of £200,000 cur-
 rency per annum. The sugar cane is their
 favorite food; but they also prey upon the
 indian corn, on all the fruits that are acces-
 sible to them, and on many of the roots. Some
 idea will be formed of the immense swarms
 of those destructive animals that infest this
 island, from the fact, that on a single planta-
 tion thirty thousand were destroyed in one
 year. Traps of various kinds are set to
 catch them, poison is resorted to, and terriers,
 and sometimes ferrits, are employed to ex-
 plore their haunts and root them out; still,
 however, their numbers remain undiminished,
 as far at least as can be judged by the ravages
 they commit. They are of a much larger
 size than the European rat, especially that
 kind of them called by the negroes raccoons.
 On the experiment being made of putting one

of these and a cat together, the latter declined
 attacking it.

Some gentlemen of a Bible Association
 lately calling upon an old woman to see if
 she had a Bible were severely reproved by a
 spirited reply, "Do you think, gentlemen,
 that I am a heathen, that you should ask me
 such a question?" Then, addressing a
 little girl, she said, "Run and fetch the Bi-
 ble out of my drawer, that I may show it to
 the gentlemen." The gentlemen declined
 giving her the trouble, but she insisted upon
 giving them ocular demonstration that she
 was no heathen. Accordingly the Bible was
 brought, nicely covered; and, on opening it,
 the old woman exclaimed, "Well, how glad
 am I that you have come; here are my
 spectacles that I have been looking for these
 three years, and didn't know were to find
 'em."

SHERIFFS' SALES.

To be Sold at Public Auction, to the high-
 est bidder, on Tuesday the 23d day of
 March next, between the hours of 12 and
 5 in the afternoon, on the Premises,

ALL the right and title of John Segee,
 of, in, and to all that Tract of Land,
 being the Lot number 4, in the
 Grant to Wm. F. Odell, Esq. and twenty
 others, containing 206 acres, situate at Ma-
 ryland, in the Parish of Fredericton, and
 County of York: The same having been
 seized by me from the said John Segee, by
 virtue of an execution issued out of the Su-
 preme Court of this Province.

Dated at Fredericton, the 22d day of
 September, 1823.
E. W. MILLER,
 Sheriff of the County of York.

By Virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias
 to me directed, will be sold at Public
 Auction, at the Court-House in Burton,
 on the 25th day of March next, between
 the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock,

ALL the right, title, interest and claim,
 of David Nevers, in and to a certain
 Farm and Tract of Land, situate in
 Maugerville, known and distinguished in
 the original Grant as Lot No. 3, at present
 occupied by David Tapley and James Tap-
 ley, seized and taken at the suit of Isaac
 Birdsill. Further particulars may be known
 by applying at the Sheriff's office.
GAB. DE VEBER, Sheriff, Sunbury.
 Burton, 25th August, 1823.

To be sold at Public Auction, on Monday
 the 14th day of June next, on the Pre-
 mises, at Gage-Town,

ALL the real estate of George Hume, consisting
 of Two Lots and a Half Lot of Land, situate
 in the Town Plat of Gage-Town, containing one
 Acre each, with the Buildings and Improvements
 thereon: Also Two Lots adjoining the said Town
 Plat, containing eight Acres each: Likewise Two
 Lots of Land, situate in the Parish of Wickham,
 on the Washademoak River, containing two hundred
 Acres each: The above having been taken by vir-
 tue of three several Executions issued out of the Su-
 preme Court, at the suit of Lauchlan Donaldson,
 Benjamin L. Peters, & Halsall, and Samuel Burns.
N. H. DE VEBER, Sheriff of Queens County.
 Gage-Town, 6th Dec. 1823.

To be sold at Public Auction, on Monday
 the 14th day of June next, between the
 hours of 12 and 5 o'clock of the same
 day, at George Hume's Tavern, in
 Gage-Town,

So much of the real estate of Jonathan Hartt,
 situate in the Parish of Gage-Town, in Queens
 County, as will satisfy two several executions issued
 out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of James
 Simonds, Esq. and Thomas Hartt.
N. H. DE VEBER, Sheriff of Queens.
 December 1st, 1823.

To be Sold at Public Auction, on Monday
 the 7th day of June next, at George
 Hume's Tavern in Gage-Town, in
 Queen's County, between the hours of
 12 and 5 o'clock of the same day,

ALL the right and title of David Poor and Sa-
 muel Lambert, in and to a certain Tract of
 Land, with the Buildings and Improvements
 thereon, situate at the Forks of the Gaspereaux and
 Salmon Rivers, in Queens County, and known as
 the Gaspereaux Mill, late the property of David
 Poor and Samuel Lambert, seized and taken in ex-
 ecution at the suit of David Hatfield, & Son.
N. H. DE VEBER, Sheriff of Queens.

At the same time and place, will be sold at
 Public Auction,

ALL the right, title, interest and claim, of Ed-
 ward Lenegan, in and to a certain Half Lot of
 Land, No. —, situate on the South side of the
 Grand Lake, in Queens County, late the Property
 of the said Edward Lenegan, seized and taken in
 execution at the suit of David Hatfield, & Son.
N. H. DE VEBER, Sheriff of Queens.
 Gage-Town, 1st Dec. 1823.

To be Sold by Public Auction, on Thurs-
 day the third day of June next, between

the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock in the af-
 ternoon, at the house of Abraham Bass,
 in Sackville,

ALL the right and title of Thomas
 Easterbrooks, of Sackville, in the
 County of Westmoreland, Yeoman,
 of, in, and to all that Farm and Tract of
 Land, consisting of Upland and Marsh, si-
 tuate in the Township and County above-
 mentioned, together with the Buildings and
 Improvements thereon, now in the occupa-
 tion of the said Thomas Easterbrooks—taken
 in execution issued out of the Supreme
 Court of this Province, at the suit of Dun-
 can Shaw and William Pipes.

ALSO, at the same time and place, two
 Lots of Marsh, Nos. 63 and 64, containing
 twenty-one acres each, lying on Cole's
 Island Marsh, and a ten acre Lot lying on
 the West Marsh, together with three hun-
 dred acres of Wood Land—taken in execu-
 tion at the suit of Thomas Hanford, against
 Duncan Shaw.

ALSO, at the same time and place,
 fourteen acres of Dyked Land, Lot No. 7,
 situate on the West Marsh—taken in execu-
 tion at the suit of Thomas Hanford, against
 the Administrators of Timothy Charters,
 deceased.

ALSO, on Wednesday the ninth day
 of June next, at the house of John Steers,
 in the Lower Village on the Petiscodiac
 River, between the hours of 12 and 5 in the
 afternoon,

One Moiety or undivided Share of five
 hundred acres of Land, situate in the rear
 of said Village, containing an inexhaustible
 Quarry of Plaster of Paris of superior qual-
 ity—taken in execution at the suit of Tho-
 mas Hanford, against Duncan Shaw.

JAMES SAYRE,
 Sheriff of the County of Westmoreland.
 Dorchester, 13th Nov. 1823.

To be sold by public auction, on Monday
 the 2d day of August next, between the
 hours of 12 and 5 o'clock in the after-
 noon, on the premises,

THE real estate of Ichabod Lewis, situate
 in Dorchester, in the County of Westmor-
 land, consisting of about 180 acres of up-
 land, and 40 or 50 acres of dyked marsh,
 together with the buildings and improvements
 thereon—taken in execution issued out of
 the Supreme Court of this Province, at the
 suit of Munson Jarvis and William Jarvis.

JAMES SAYRE,
 Sheriff of Westmorland.
 Dorchester, 1st Jan. 1824.

On the 3d day of May next, at the Court-
 House in New-Castle, in the County of
 Northumberland, between the hours of
 12 and 5 in the afternoon, will be
 Sold by Public Auction,

ALL the real estate of Donald Stewart, in
 the said County, to wit, that house and pre-
 mises in which he at present resides, situate
 on the Northwest branch of the River Mi-
 ramichi, in the Parish of Northesk, and on
 the front of that lot lately owned and oc-
 cupied by Niel M'Lean: also a back lot, No.
 —, on the Southwest side of the same
 branch, and in the Parish aforesaid, taken
 by me under execution, at the suit of Patrick
 Henderson, 28th Oct. 1823: Also, on the
 2d day of June next, at the same place, and
 between the same hours aforesaid, will be
 Sold by Public Auction, a lot of land, No.
 —, situate on the Northwest side of the
 Southwest branch of the river aforesaid, im-
 mediately between the Bush Tavern, and that
 estate owned by the late deceased Stephen
 Sherwood: also a lot situate at the mouth of
 the Northwest branch of the river aforesaid,
 in the Parish of Northesk: also another lot,
 situate at bay Du Vin, in the Parish of
 Glenelg, taken by me under and by virtue
 of an execution of Test. Fi. Fa. from Pa-
 trick Taylor, at the suit of Samuel Cun-
 nard.

R. S. CLARKE,
 Sheriff of Northumberland.
 Dated New-Castle, 29th Nov. 1823.

REMOVAL.

JOHN RISTEEN, respectfully in-
 forms his friends and the public in-
 general, that he has removed from Camper-
 down Alley, to the corner of King and
 Regent Streets, where he now carries on
 the *Wheelwright and Chaise-Making Bu-
 siness.* He returns thanks for past favours,
 and hopes by his assiduity, to merit a conti-
 nuance of them.
 Fredericton, 6th Jan. 1824.

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Parish of Springfield, lying on the Great
 Road, leading to the Washademoak. Also
 —A Lot of Land lying in the Parish of
 Greenwich, containing 200 acres more or
 less, late the property of Jeremiah Nick-
 erson, deceased. Also—a Lot of Land lying
 in the Parish of Kingston, containing 200
 acres, late the property of Ebenezer Scrib-
 ner, deceased. Likewise—A Lot of Land
 in the said Parish, containing 200 acres, late
 the property of John Dann, deceased.
 Also—The Estate real and personal of Uriah
 Morie, lying in the Parish of Westfield, con-
 taining 200 acres—and all the right, title,
 interest and claim of Robert Craigg,—be-
 ing one moiety or undivided right of all
 lands late the property of John Craigg, of
 the Parish of Westfield, deceased.

The above lands, taken by virtue of His
 Majesty's Writ of *fi. fa.* will be struck off
 on the abovementioned day, to the highest
 bidder, by

WALTER BATES,
 Sheriff of Kings.
 Kingston, 20th January, 1824.

To be Sold on Wednesday the 17th of
 March next, to the highest Bidder, be-
 tween the hours of 12 and 5, at Mr. J.
 Bubar's,

ALL the right and title of
 Thomas T. Estabrooks, of, in, and to all
 that Farm and Tract of Land with the I-
 slaud in front, situate on the Nashwalk, with
 the buildings and improvements thereon,
 being known as Lot No. 10, containing
 350 acres.

Good merchantable Pine Timber will be
 taken in payment for this property.

Dated at Fredericton the 22d day
 of December, 1823.
E. W. MILLER, Sheriff of York.

To be sold at auction, at Avery's Hotel, in
 Fredericton, on Wednesday the 7th day
 of July next, between the hours of 11
 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon,

ALL the right, title, and interest, of An-
 drew Dumphy, of, in, and to all that mes-
 suage and tract of land, containing 550
 acres, more or less, situate in the Parish of
 St. Mary, and County of York, being the
 tract heretofore granted to William Garden,
 deceased—the same having been taken from
 the said Andrew Dumphy, by virtue of an
 execution issuing out of the Supreme Court.

E. W. MILLER,
 Sheriff of York.
 Fredericton, 5th Jan. 1824.

To be sold at Public Auction to the highest
 bidder, on Tuesday the 30th March next,
 at Mr. Avery's Hotel, in Fredericton,
 between the hours of 11 in the forenoon
 and 5 in the afternoon,

ALL the right, title, and interest of
 Isaac Bonnell, of, in, and to the Lots
 No. 37 and 38, containing 449 a-
 cres, situate in the Parish of Wakefield,
 County of York: The same having been
 seized by me by virtue of an execution
 issued out of the Supreme Court.
E. W. MILLER, Sheriff of York.
 Fredericton, 30th Sept. 1823.