

Seat of the Muses.

EXTRACT

From "LOVE and SATIRE," a small volume of poetical correspondence, between a young Lady and Gentleman, lately published in London.

To Eliza, with a Dove.

* Accept, dear maid, the most delightful Bird
That ever Venus to her chariot bound:
By Love adopted, and by peace prefer'd,
For meekness valu'd, and for faith renown'd.

* A Bird in which such rare perfections meet,
Alone is worthy to be counted thine:
His Beauty, fair one, is like your's complete,
And his fidelity resembles mine.

JULIUS.

To Julius, with a Goose.

* Swain, I accept your all accomplish'd Dove,
With rapture listen to his plaintive moan,
And vow with constancy the Bird to love,
Whose beauty thus reminds me of my own.

* I cannot prove my gratitude too soon,
For such a mark of tenderness conferr'd;
So long for song be thine, and boon and boon,
Kindness for kindness, swain, and bird for bird.

* Lo the best fowl that Lincoln can produce,
My choice has singled from a tuneful group;
Accept, Sweet Bard, from me as Great a Goose,
As e'er was fatten'd in a poulterer's coop.

* Your verse the merit of the Dove displays:
The compliments I pay my Bird are few;
Yet 'tis, methinks, no niggard share of praise,
To say how strongly he resembles you.

ELIZA.

THE PUNISHMENT OF VICE,
AND THE REWARD OF VIRTUE.

(Continued from our last.)

SUCH conversations as these, not only raised the worthy Mr. Morley to the highest admiration of his auditors, but greatly amused Mr. Mason; and by strengthening his fortitude, gave him courage to support himself, under the trial which awaited him. Serina saw the eventful time approaching, which must either clear her father's character, or doom him to infamy, with a dread the most poignant. Her heart was heavily oppressed, her spirits failed her, and even in the presence of her father she could not always restrain her feelings. Mr. Morley, by amusing him, took something from her employment, and having more leisure for reflection, her fears and her anguish became more insupportable. This would not have escaped the notice of her father, had not his time been wholly employed in preparing for his trial. No light had yet been thrown upon the murder, and though in the search of Mr. Mason's house nothing had been found which corroborated the fact, yet even those who knew the uprightness of his character, were staggered when they reflected on the suspicious circumstances which appeared against him. Mr. Morley was now their constant visitor, whenever his other avocations called him not away; and his friendly attentions proved the most salutary balm to the wounded mind of Mr. Mason. The evening preceding the trial, when he paid his accustomed visit he found Mr. Mason with manly fortitude struggling against his calamities. Serina, however, by her countenance, which ill concealed the feelings of her heart, shewed how much she suffered. Seeing this, Mr. Morley endeavoured to draw them from their own sorrows, by relating those of others, and shewing them how much bliss they still possessed, whilst no self-reproach robbed them of repose. "I am just returned," said he, "from beholding, in one of the apartments of this prison, a scene of very aggravated calamity. A young officer who has distinguished himself in a military capacity, but by imprudent waste has spent a good fortune, is confined here for debt. His wife and three chil-

dren live in his melancholy cell, where they are almost starving. Yesterday was the first of my seeing them. When I entered the room, the two oldest children were crying with cold and hunger; the youngest was at its mother's breast, but grief had exhausted this source of nourishment, and the poor baby was also crying from its unavailing efforts to satisfy its wants. The lady tried in vain to rock it to repose; her husband observed her useless endeavors, and knowing that hunger was its only complaint, he put his hands involuntarily into the tatters of his waistcoat, to find the means of purchasing food; but soon recollecting his penury, he struck his forehead in an agony of despair, and exclaimed, 'Oh, has my folly reduced me to this? Must I see my wife and children starving around me, yet have nothing to give them? Gracious Heaven, in pity look down upon our sorrows?—I have been the only offender, let me be the only sufferer!' Here he burst into a convulsive agony of tears, his wife ran towards him, the children rose from the floor, and clung about him, telling him not to cry, for they would not ask him any more for something to eat, and the weather would soon be warmer, and then they should not want fire. I had for some minutes been an unobserved spectator of this scene, but I now advanced, and introduced myself to their notice. They were astonished to see a stranger, but I endeavoured to convince them I came a friend; and when I left them I hoped their sufferings were somewhat alleviated. But guess my disappointment, when I found them to day in deeper affliction than before. The eldest child, a lovely boy about four years old, had just overset a kettle of boiling water, by which he was scalded in so terrible manner, that he expired a few minutes after. The lady, when I entered, was in strong hysterics, her husband hanging over her in speechless misery. I immediately called in medical assistance, but for the child it was in vain: for the little cherub was united to kindred angels in a better world. The sorrows of the parents would yield to no medicine, and I left them overwhelmed with affliction. I most sincerely pity them, and shall be amongst the first to rejoice at their better fortune." The next morning Serina awoke but little refreshed by the slumbers of the night; sleep had been a stranger to her pillow, the image of her father condemned, perhaps, to death haunted her imagination, tormented her with horrid ideas, when she closed her eyes, and awakened in her soul dread and affliction.

Mr. Mason awoke early; he considered this day as decisive of his future fate, as the day on which his reputation would be cleared from every stain, or deeper involved in the cloud which already shaded it. He endeavored to arm his mind with the courage and fortitude becoming his innocence; and waited with the utmost composure for the officers who were to conduct him to the court. At length they arrived, Serina, in an agony she could not conceal, sprung from her chair, and threw her arms round her father's neck. "Recover yourself, my child," said he, embracing her, "remember your father goes not as the trembling culprit to be judged by men, but with the firmness of integrity to assert his innocence, to vindicate a character so infamously aspersed, and to convince those who have dared to defame him, that though their malice may wound his repose, guilt alone could rob him of peace."

[To be Continued.]

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

WHEREAS some evil disposed person or persons have, on the night of the 8th inst. girdled and otherwise injured the Poplar Trees in front of the Rev. Mr. Pidgeon's dwelling—the above Reward is offered by the Wardens and Vestry of Christ's Church, to any one who will give such information as may bring him or them to conviction.

Any person who will leave the names of the Offenders at this Office shall be entitled to the above reward, and may depend on his name being kept secret, if required.

8th OCTOBER, 1806.

Notice.

THE Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of CHRIST'S CHURCH in Fredericton, give PUBLIC NOTICE to those indebted to said Church, for Pew Rent, or otherwise, to the 24th of July last, of their determination to put every Account (that may be unpaid on the 24th of next October,) into the hands of an Attorney, to be put in suit indifferently.

FREDERICTON, 20th Sept. 1806.

Five Pounds Reward!

BROKE GAOL, in Fredericton, on Friday night the 12th inst. JOSEPH HART and CHRISTOPHER SMITH, confined for Felony. Hart, is a tall thin Man, Swarthy complexion, Pock marked, and a Cast in one or both Eyes, down-looking, lounging gait, inclining to stoop, upwards of 50 years of Age.

SMITH, is a short Man, fair complexion, by trade a Currier, about 35 or 40 years of Age. Whoever will apprehend them and lodge them in any of His Majesty's Gaols, or otherwise secure them so that they may be brought to Justice, shall receive a Reward of FIVE POUNDS, or TEN DOLLARS for either of them, to be paid by the Treasurer of the County of York.

Examining their Wrists, may assist a discovery as they have been Iron'd near Two Months,
FREDERICTON, 15th Sept. 1806.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber, are hereby requested to call and settle their respective Accounts without delay, that he may be enabled to satisfy the demands of his creditors.

MATTHEW BRANNEN.
FREDERICTON, Oct. 4, 1806.

Wanted,

BY the Subscriber, Fifty FAT OXEN, not under Six Years Old, for which the Cash will be paid on delivery.

P. Fraser.

H. W. Miller,

HAS Just received—a fresh supply of BRITISH & WEST-INDIA GOODS, which he will dispose of on the lowest terms for Cash.

20th August, 1806.

For Sale,

THAT well known WIND-MILL, adjacent Fredericton, belonging to Mrs. BRANNAH.—For terms and other particulars, apply to
J. H. LAMB.
20th August, 1806.

Michael Ryan,

HAS Just received, and for Sale at his Store, late in the occupation of E. W. Miller, an assortment of Groceries,

Which he will dispose of on the most reasonable terms for Cash or good Bills.

ALSO—A small assortment of Books, consisting of ancient and modern, miraculous, queer, odd, strange, supernatural, whimsical, out of the way and unaccountable productions, which, together with a small quantity of Stationary, he flatters himself, will be well worth the attention of the public.

Notice.

TO Save Costs—ALL those indebted to Mrs. SARAH BRANNAH, formerly of Fredericton, in the County of York, and Province of New-Brunswick—either by Bond, Note, or Book Account, are hereby requested to make payment of their respective sums within Three Months from the date hereof to the Subscriber,

J. H. LAMB.

Notice.

ALL Persons having any demands against the late Co-partnership of LUDLOW FRASER & ROBINSON, are requested to call on the Subscriber, and receive payment.

P. FRASER.
FREDERICTON, SEPT. 20th, 1806.

Wanted,

A QUANTITY of Merchantable BEEF, PORK, FLOUR and CORN, for which the highest prices will be given.

EDWARD W. MILLER.

Wanted,

ONE or two Journeymen Taylors, that may be relied on for Readiness. The highest wages will be given, and sufficient employment till the 1st of May next, by applying to
JOHN PAYNE.

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