

Seat of the Muses.

FOR THE TELEGRAPH.

A FAVOURITE NEW SONG.

WITH thee all the hardships of life I could bear,
And brave the attacks of misfortune and care;
But care and misfortune my mind would subdue,
If the friend of my heart must partake of it too.

Had fate in its bounty propitiously lent
Enough but to furnish the cot of content,
The dictates of love in that cot I'd pursue,
For the friend of my heart would partake of it too.

But AGNES with nought but her truth to endear—
With nothing to give to distress but a tear;
Will ne'er look for comfort with ruin in view,
And the friend of her heart to partake of it too.

From the Portland Gazette.

BALLAD STANZAS.

I KNEW by the smoke, that so gracefully curl'd
Above the green elms, that a cottage was near,
And I said, "If there's peace to be found in the world,
"A heart that was humble might hope for it here!"
It was noon, and on flowers that languish'd around,
In silence repos'd the voluptuous bee;
Every leaf was at rest, and I heard not a sound
But the wood-pecker tapping the hollow beech-tree.
And "Here in this lone little wood," I exclaim'd,
"With a maid who was lovely to soul and to eye,
"Who would blush when I prais'd her, and weep when I blam'd,
"How blest could I live, and how calm could I die!
"By the shade of yon summit, whose red berry dips
"In the gulf of the fountain how sweet to recline,
"And to know that I sigh'd upon innocent lips,
"Which had never been sigh'd on by any but mine!"

REFLECTIONS ON MARRIAGE.

THERE is nothing of so great importance to us,
as the good qualities of one to whom we join our-
selves for life; they do not only make our present
state agreeable, but often determine our happiness
to all eternity. Where the choice is left to friends,
the chief point under consideration is an estate.—
Where the parties choose for themselves, their
thoughts turn most upon the person. They have
both their reasons. The first would procure many
conveniencies and pleasures of life to the party
whose interests they espouse; and at the same time
may hope that the wealth of their friend will turn
to their own credit and advantage. The others
are preparing for themselves a perpetual feast. A
good person does not only raise but continue love,
and breeds a secret pleasure and complacency in
the beholder.

I should prefer a woman that is agreeable in my
own eyes and not deformed in that of the world, to
a celebrated beauty. If you marry one remarkably
beautiful, you must have a violent passion for her or
you have not the proper taste of her charms: and
if you have such a passion for her, it is odds but it
would be embittered with fears and jealousies.

Good nature and evenness of temper will give
you an easy companion for life; virtue and good
sense, an agreeable friend; love and constancy, a
good wife or husband. Where we meet one per-
son with all these accomplishments, we find a hun-
dred without any one of them. The world, not-
withstanding, is more intent on equipages and all
the showy parts of life; we love rather to dazzle
the multitude, than consult our proper interest;
and it is one of the most unaccountable passions
of human nature, that we are at greater pains to
appear easy and happy to others, than really to
make ourselves so. Of all disparities, that in hu-
mour makes the most unhappy marriages, yet scarce
enters into our thoughts at the contracting of them.
Several that are in this respect unequally yoked, and
uneasy for life, with a person of a particular cha-
racter, might have been pleased and happy with a
person of a contrary one, notwithstanding they are
both perhaps equally virtuous and laudable in their
kind.

Before marriage we cannot be too inquisitive and
discerning in the faults of the person beloved, nor af-
ter it too dim-sighted and superficial. However per-
fect and accomplished the person appears to you at a

distance, you will find many blemishes and imper-
fections in her humour, upon a more intimate ac-
quaintance, which you never discerned, or perhaps
never suspected. Here, therefore, discretion and
good nature are to shew their strength; the first
will hinder your thoughts from dwelling on what
is disagreeable, the other will raise in you all the
tenderness of compassion and humanity, and by de-
grees soften those very imperfections into beauties.

Marriage enlarges the scene of our happiness and
miseries; a marriage of love is pleasant; a marriage
of interest easy; and a marriage where both meet,
happy. A happy marriage has in it all the plea-
sures of friendship, all the enjoyments of sense
and reason, and indeed all the sweets of life. No-
thing is a greater mark of a degenerate and vicious
age, than the common ridicule which passes on this
state of life. It is, indeed, only happy in those
who can look down with scorn or neglect on the
impiety of the times, and tread the paths of life to-
gether in a constant uniform course of virtue.

THE PUNISHMENT OF VICE,
AND THE REWARD OF VIRTUE.

(Continued from our last.)

DURING the recital of the account given by
Mr. Morley of that unfortunate wretch, the
countenances of every one betoken'd surprize and
satisfaction, all, except the three witnesses, who, at
this unexpected discovery of their guilt were so
unfounded, that they confessed the whole affair.
They were tried and condemned, the two who
were concerned in the murder to death, and the
carrier to be transported for life.

The feelings of Mr. Mason at this attestation of
his innocence are not to be expressed; every one
crowded to congratulate him, and the Judge also ex-
pressed his satisfaction at the event. Mr. Mason
was instantly liberated, and left the court with Mr.
Morley. "Oh," cried he, addressing this worthy
man, "but for the interposition of Heaven, and
your goodness, a shameful death would have been
my portion! Never can I express all that my heart
dictates; but before I offer you any proofs of my
gratitude, let us hasten to my beloved Serina, whom
I left in the deepest affliction."

As soon as she saw her father she sprung to em-
brace him, but fearing to ask what was his doom,
she stood in trembling silence. "Dispel every fear
my Serina," said he, "I am honourably acquitted,
and free to leave this dismal abode."

"Is it possible?" exclaimed she, whilst the most
rapturous joy sparkled in her eyes, "are we indeed
released from every apprehension? Then Heaven
be praised, for I have nothing more to wish! Oh,
with what emotions have I waited your return! E-
very step I heard I fancied was your's, and then the
dread of what might be your lot made my heart sink
with apprehension.—Let us go instantly from this
horrid place, where we have passed so many hours of
sorrow. Our peaceful home will appear, if possible
ten times sweeter than before."

Mr. Morley congratulated her upon her father's
release, and then, having nothing more to detain
them, they left the prison. As they proceeded to
Mr. Mason's house, he informed his daughter of
all that had passed on his trial, and how much they
were indebted to Mr. Morley. "Next to Hea-
ven," said he, "I consider him as my deliverer,
and you must assist me to prove my gratitude; yet
never can I recompence him as I could wish."

"I ask no recompence," said Mr. Morley, "the
pleasure of being instrumental to your happiness is
a sufficient reward. I have before said, pleasure is
best received when it flows from the joy of others.
To receive it thus is my highest delight; and when
I see my fellow creatures smiling around me, every
wish of my heart is gratified. I detest the narrow
soul which would live only for itself. No; let
me from my large store distribute to others, let me
as far as I can, mitigate the calamities of life, and I
shall possess as much happiness as reason can de-
fire."

Mr. Mason and Serina were again reinstated in
their peaceful abode, and the remembrance of their

past sorrows gradually wore away; or was remem-
bered only to convince them, that however to the
partial sight of mortals the wicked may for a while
appear successful, it is only to make their fall more
dreadful, and to convince mankind, that Heaven,
though sometimes slow in its judgments, will at
last guide the rod of vengeance, and point against
the wicked the arrows of destruction.

The good, the virtuous, the philanthropic Mr.
Morley, whose life was a continued series of bene-
volent actions, released the officer before mention-
ed, and his family, from prison, and enabled them
to provide for themselves in an honest manner.

He continued not long in that neighbourhood,
but eager to dispense the riches he possessed, to mi-
tigate the sorrows of others, and to befriend the
friendless, he travelled from place to place,

"Where'er mankind and misery are found," be-
loved, esteemed, and revered by all who knew him;
happy in the constant enjoyment of an approving
conscience, and crowned with the favour and bless-
ing of Heaven.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

WHEREAS some evil disposed person or per-
sons have, on the night of the 8th inst. girdled and
otherwise injured the Poplar Trees in front of the
Rev. Mr. PIGEON'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 Of-
fenders at this Office shall be entitled to the above
reward, and may depend on his name being kept se-
cret, 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 At-
torney, to be put in suit indiscriminately.

FREDERICTON, 20th Sept. 1806.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber, are hereby re-
quested to call and settle their respective Accounts with-
out 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.

E. 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. BRANNAN.—For terms and other par-
ticulars, apply to

J. H. LAMB.

Notice.

TO Save Costs—ALL those indebted to Mrs. SARAH BRAN-
NAN, 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 respec-
tive sums within Three Months from the date hereof to the
Subscriber,

20th August, 1806

J. H. LAMB.

Wanted,

ONE or two Journeymen Taylors, that may be relied on for
steadiness. The highest wages will be given, and suffi-
cient employment till the 1st of May next, by applying to

JOHN PAYNE.

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