

Court of Apollo.

POLITICAL RUMOURS.

Some say that BONAPARTE's dead,
Some say he'll live for ever;
Some think the Peace will soon be made,
While others think 'twill never.

Some say that the Millenium's come,
Some say the Devil's dominion;
Some think the Pope has got his doom,
Some think 'tis all opinion.

Some say a Squire, a Duke, a Lord,
Our helm will quickly govern;
While some, as knowing, give their word
The secret's with our sovereign.

Some say 'tis false, some say 'tis true—
But wherefore all this pother?
The truth is, equal credit's due
To one side as the other.

THE PIOUS THEFT.

A true story, founded on the late scarcity of Bread.

[From a late London Paper.]

WHILE our school-books are full of the generous instances of devoting life to principle in an heroic age, and among a people for whom futurity had no terror, let us record a late event to which Birmingham was witness, and upon the authenticity of which our readers may rely.

A widow woman went one morning to the Baker's, during the delivery of bread to the people, and taking up a loaf, hurried away with it to her home. The Baker observed it, and followed her immediately.

The house to which he traced her wore the appearance of a neat poverty—Sluttishness was not there to degrade misfortune.

When he entered the room he saw the loaf divided among three children, who devoured it with the most ravenous haste.

He taxed the woman with the fact, which she did not hesitate to acknowledge.

"I know (said she) I must suffer for the theft, and I am content to do so, but not to see my children perish."

It is not easy, at all times, to verify the complaints we hear, and the baker doubted the widow's story.

"I fear (said he) you are accustomed to such actions, and live by theft—What have you in that cupboard?"

"Look (said she) and satisfy yourself."

He perceived a dish, which he thought had meat in it, and exclaimed, "I suppose this was stolen also!"

"Look nearer it and judge," said the wretched mother.

The man approached and beheld the remains of a dog!

He shuddered—his eyes filled with tears! His hand spontaneously sought his pocket—he put half a crown in her hand, and charged her to call frequently upon him.

The man went to the wealthy part of his customers, and told the story with the plain eloquence of truth. He procured a liberal subscription for this poor family, and has been the happy instrument to preserve worth, beyond what poets have immortalized in past ages.

Manner of transporting slaves to the WEST-INDIES.

"SLAVES are packed together in the ships side by side like herrings in a barrel. In the men's apartment the space allowed to each is six feet in length by sixteen inches in breadth. The boys are each allowed five feet by fourteen inches. The women have five feet ten inches in length by sixteen inches in breadth; and the girls four feet by one foot. The Kitty, of 137 tons, had only one foot ten inches, and the Venus of 146 tons, had only one foot nine inches, perpendicular height between each layer of slaves. Thus crowded, the men are fastened together, two and two by handcuffs on the wrists and by irons riveted on their legs. One hundred thousand slaves are annually exported from Africa; and of these forty-five thousand, as experience has proved, perish yearly, either in transportation or in seasoning."

SCRAP.

Beware of those vices which resemble virtues.

NEW-YORK, March 20.

Our readers, in the perusal of the following extracts, will find a story of such extreme distress, and told in so artless a manner, as to call up the strongest sympathy of the human heart.

Extract from the Log-book of the brig Hance, Capt. Ingersoll, of Portland, furnished by the Mate who kept it, and who arrived here on Saturday morning, in the sch'r. Roebuck, Capt. Dawson, from Gibraltar.

December 15, 1801, got under way from Portland harbor, bound to St. Lucia, in co. with the ship Numa, bound for Liverpool. At 12 M. Cape Elizabeth bore N. W. distance 5 leagues; from which we took our departure. Dec. 16, fresh gales from the N. W. and the latter part of the 24 hours our vessel began to leak, the wind and sea very high. At 3 A. M. close reefed the fore-top-sail and all hands went to work in throwing overboard the after part of our deck load, when the leak abated a little, the pumps continually going; by misfortune in heaving over our deck load lost our axe; had nothing to help ourselves with but a carpenter's adze; the wind increased and the leak gained upon us, while the weather was so thick we could not take an observation. Dec. 17, the wind increased to a gale from W. N. W. with much rain, the leak gained fast upon us. Though both pumps going from 5 to 6 could not free her; then handed the top sail and hove too, under two reefed main-sail; in the space of half an hour one pump sucked, and the other would not free her. At 7 P. M. the deck load shifted; the Capt. then took the adze and cut away the lee lashings and then the weather ones, the boards then all going to leeward, the first sea that struck her she upset; by the Captain's orders I cut away the weather lanyards, the mast snapped off at the deck; in the space of 15 or 20 minutes she righted, the main-mast tearing up part of the deck and carrying away the starboard pump, we then being in lat. 41, 6, long. 56, 12; the boom being lashed in the crotch I cut the hoops and lashings of the trisail-mast, secured the boom, main-sail and gaff, and got the trisail-mast on board and secured it: then went to secure some water and provisions, but found it very difficult; I got my chest and the Captain's out of the cabin and 24 bags of crackers, when a sea came and washed all overboard. The cabin being full of water there was no possibility of going below; all went forward—the keg of rum washed up so that we got it and carried it forward with us, this and 6 pieces of salt beef. Now all our stock of provisions consisted of these 6 pieces of salt beef and 6 or 7 gallons of new rum. O Heavens! what were our thoughts at this time! So ends the day.

December 18th—The first part of the 24 hours got the main-sail forward, and made a shelter to keep us from the spray and the rain, if possible. This day Elijah Bangs died with cold and drinking rum. A brisk wind and bad sea—we looked on one another with silent grief.

December 19—Nothing remarkable this 24 hours, the weather very rough, and we look on one another as near to death.

December 20—Rough blowing weather. I fixed the companion-way so as to sleep there myself and boy.

December 21—Saw a sail, which gave all a pleasant sensation. We had hopes that Providence would send some one to our relief; but she was so far off as not to see our hull. It continued rough and cloudy. Nothing remarkable till the 24th, when Lawrence died. The weather very rough all this 24 hours—Oh! for some water! we despaired of life and wished to die!

25th—This day began to eat the flesh of our fellow sufferers, but could not keep it down. The weather very rough. This day Harry Thompson departed this life. Water! oh, for water! I die! this was the cry. Nothing remarkable till the

27th. This day Captain Ingersoll departed this life. The weather rough and blowing.

29th. This day more moderate, and began to rain, I got the tarpolin fixed over the companion-way, so that I got about one quart of rain-water, which I immediately drank up, and in the morning I got a man's thigh and made a hearty breakfast.

December 30. These 24 hours moderate, with rain, so that we caught 3 gallons of water, and Joseph Willard

drank so much that in the space of 12 hours he departed this life for a better to come. We still continued to live on our fellow sufferers. The weather continued blowing very heavy, with rain.

January 1—At 3 P. M. saw a sail, and at 5 she stood for us, but being to leeward of us, could not fetch us on that tack, but at 8 she came up with us, and proved to be the Morgan Ratler, of Danbury, Captain Job Sampson, bound to Marseilles, who sent his boat to us, this being in lat. 39, 3, long. 52. We continued on board the Morgan Ratler, until the 5th of February, when we spoke the sch'r. Roebuck, Capt. Dawson, from Gibraltar, bound for New-York, in lat. 33, 12, who took us on board and treated us in the most humane and generous manner. The boy, John Green, whose feet had been badly frozen on board the horrid wreck, was now taken great care of by Captain Dawson, so that he is able to walk about. Thus after being 24 days, and subsisting for 19 on human flesh, without water, were two of us, myself and boy, mercifully preserved. The rest, five in number, all died.

The Mate now begs leave to make his own and fellow sufferer's heart-felt thanks, both to Captain Sampson and Captain Dawson, and to assure them that nothing can ever diminish their gratitude.

From a late Philadelphia Paper.

MISTAKES OF THE NIGHT.

THE following singular occurrence took place in a house in Philadelphia. All the family, except a young gentleman and a little servant girl, had retired to rest. The fire being nearly exhausted, the young gentleman went to the cellar, accompanied by the girl, to split some wood to re-kindle it. While in the act, the little girl remarked that she heard somebody at the outside of the cellar door. The gentleman disregarded her, until he himself heard the door open, and the footsteps of a person coming down the cellar stairs, inside of the house, upon which he advanced with the axe in his hand, and there met a man without a hat. With the axe elevated he demanded the stranger to give an account of himself, and what was his object—The stranger immediately made a catch at the axe, and roared out murder! A scuffle ensued in which, after many severe blows, the intruder succeeded in getting the axe from the hands of the gentleman of the house, with which he levelled a desperate blow at his antagonist, which fortunately was averted, the handle only striking the gentleman. This however had the effect to stun him, and gave the stranger an opportunity to run out into the street, hallooing as he run, murder! murder! His adversary, however, soon recovering from the blow, made out into the street, and pursued him with the cry of stop thief. In this manner they were both arrested by the watch, and conducted to an Alderman, to whom the gentleman of the house stated the facts as they had occurred. The convicted intruder was on the point of being committed, when the master of the house in which the occurrence had taken place, having got out of bed and dressed himself, made his appearance at the Alderman's. To the astonishment of all parties, the gentleman immediately recognized the supposed thief, who proved to be a gentleman lodger in a neighbouring house, and who stated, that he thought he had entered his own house, and observing that the family had gone to bed, he proceeded to the kitchen to take off his boots, when he met the person with the axe, whom he supposed to be a robber! Each therefore, thinking the other the intruder, acted as has been stated. An eclatification took place, and the parties returned home to attend to the wounds they had respectively received in the contest.

ANECDOTE.

A Spanish poet, describing his passion, says, That in thinking of his mistress he fell into a river, where the heat of his passion had such an effect on the water, that it bubbled up, and boiled the fish, inasmuch that those that come to take him out, were diverted from their object by the delicacy of the fish, which were swimming about ready cooked.

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TO BE SOLD,

A FARM on the River Nashwalk, nine miles above Fredericton, containing 450 acres of Land, 30 which is cleared, with a House and Barn on the same.—If not sold at private sale by the 24th June next, it will be sold on that day on the premises at public Auction:—For particulars apply to the Subscribers.

MAYHEW RAND.

FRANCIS M'BEATH.

Fredericton, 25th March, 1802.

TO BE SOLD,

(And possession given immediately.)



THE FARM in Hampton, lately owned by Mr. JAMES FOWLER, deceased; has on it a well finished frame House, and is conveniently situated

for a Tavern or retail shop of goods—is on the Fredericton and Westmorland road—16 miles from the Market-House in Saint John, and 8 from Bickle's Ferry. For a more particular description and terms of sale, enquire of the Printer or of Mrs. RASHALE FOWLER, at Hampton.—If not sold by the first of May, it will be Let for one year. St. John, 24th March, 1802.

Province of New-Brunswick ff.

The Hon. Joshua Upham, one of the Justices of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature for the Province of New-Brunswick.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

NOTICE is hereby given, That upon the application of Charles M'Pheron of the City of Saint John, in the County of Saint John, and Province of New-Brunswick, Brewer, to me duly made, according to the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, I have directed all the Estate as well real as personal within this Province, of Peter M'Pheron, late of the City and County aforesaid, (which same Peter M'Pheron is departed from and without the limits of this Province, or concealed within the same, with intent and design to defraud the said Charles M'Pheron and other creditors, if any there be, of their just dues, or to avoid being arrested by the ordinary process of law) to be seized and attached, and that unless the said Peter M'Pheron doth return and discharge his said debt or debts within three months from the Publication hereof, all the Estate as well real as personal of the said Peter M'Pheron, within this Province, will be sold for the payment and satisfaction of the creditors of the said Peter M'Pheron.

Dated at the City of Saint John, the twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

JOSHUA UPHAM.

J. M. BLISS, Attorney.

St. John, 24th March, 1802.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons who have legal demands against the Estate of JOHN BETTEL, late of King's County, deceased, are requested to send in their accounts duly attested to the Subscribers, within Six months from the date hereof—And all persons indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN M'LEOD.

JOHN WATERBURY.

Administrators.

St. John, 3d Nov. 1801.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of ABRAHAM VANDERBEAK, late of Fredericton, in the County of York, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment—and all persons having demands against the said Estate, to exhibit the same to

HANNAH VANDERBEAK,

Administratrix.

JOHN MURRAY BLISS,

Administrator.

Fredericton, 2d July, 1800.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of NEMHIAN MARKS, Esq. late of St. Stephen's, in the County of Charlotte, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment; And those having any demands against the said Estate, to exhibit the same to

ELIZABETH MARKS,

Administratrix.

NINIAN LINDSEY,

Administrator.