

Poet's Corner.

The NEWCASTLE APOTHECARY.

A man in many a country town we know,
Professing openly with death to wrestle;
Ent'ring the field against the grimly foe,
Arm'd with a mortar, and a pestle.

Yet, some affirm, no enemies they are;
But meet just like prize-fighters in a fair:
Who first shake hands before they box,
Then give each other plaguy knocks,
With all the love and kindness of a brother:
So (many a suffering patient faith)
Though the apothecary fights with death,
Still they're sworn friends to one another.
A member of this Oculapian line,
Liv'd at Newcastle, upon Tyne:
No man could better gild a pill,
Or make a bill;
Or mix a draught, or bleed, or blister;
Or draw a tooth out of your head;
Or chatter scandal by your bed;
Or give a glister.

Of occupations these were quantum suff.
Yet still he thought the list not long enough,
And therefore midwifery he chose to pin to't.
This balanced things: for if he hurld
A few score mortals from the world,
He made amends by bringing others into't.
His fame, full six miles round the country ran;
In short, in reputation he was solus:
All the old women call'd him "a fine man!"

His name was Bolus.
Benjamin Bolus, though in trade,
(Which oftentimes will genius fetter)
Read works of fancy it is said;
And cultivated the Belles Lettres;
And why should this be thought so odd?
Can't men have taste who cure a pithific?
Of poetry though patron God,
Apollo patronizes physic.
Bolus lov'd verse; and took so much delight in't,
That his prescriptions he resolv'd to write in't,
No opportunity he e'er let pass
Of writing the directions on his labels,
Apothecary's verse, and where's the treason?
'Tis simply honest dealing; not a crime;
When patients swallow physic without reason,
It is but fair to give a little rhyme.
He had a patient lying at death's door,
Some three miles from the town—it might be
four;

To whom, one evening, Bolus sent an article,
In pharmacy, that's called cathartical,
And, on the label of the stuff,
He wrote this verse:

Which one would think was clear enough,
And terse?
"When taken,"
"To be well shaken."

Next morning early, Bolus rose,
And to the patient's house he goes;—
Upon his pad,
Who a vile trick of stumbling had:
It was indeed a very sorry hack,
But that's of course,

For what's expected from a horse,
With an apothecary on his back?
Bolus arriv'd, and gave a doubtful tap;
'Between a single and a double rap.

Knocks of this kind
Are giv'n by Gentlemen who teach to dance;
By fiddlers, and by opera fingers:
One loud, and then a little one to bind;
As if the knocker fell by chance.

Out of their fingers,
The servant lets him in with dismal face,
Long as a courtier out of place.

Portending some disaster;
John's countenance as rueful look'd, and grim,
As if th' apothecary had physick'd him,
And not his Master.

"Well how's the patient?" Bolus said:
John shook his head.
"Indeed!—hum! ha!—that's very odd!
"He took the draft?" John gave a nod.

"Well, how?—what then? speak out you
dunce."
"Why then?" says John "we shook him once."
"Shook him!—how?" Bolus stammer'd out:
"We jolted him about."

"Zounds! shake a patient man!—a shake
went do."
"No, Sir—and so we gave him two."
"Two shakes! odds curse!
"I would make the patient worse."

"It did so Sir!—and so a third we tried."
"Well, and what then?"—"Then, Sir, my
Master died."

From a late Philadelphia Paper.

EFFECTUAL CURE FOR THE STONE.

Through the channel of your paper, I request a publication of the following cure for the Stone by dissolution, together with the circumstances of its attestation. The gentleman, by whose consent and desire, and upon whose authority the subsequent facts are offered to the public, is a Richard Major, of Loudoun County, in the State of Virginia, Minister of the Gospel, in the Baptist Society, a man of integrity and much respected, being in company with him some few days ago, I had the following relation from his own mouth—that having, for a number of years been afflicted with this painful disease, he was at length informed that a certain physician, his name unknown, laboring under the same complaint, being at Berkeley Springs, a negro there presented to cure him. This he at first

disregarded, but expecting a speedy dissolution, unless some aid could be obtained, afterwards sent for the negro, who agreed to cure him for 3 pounds. He accordingly undertook, and in a short time effectually eradicated the disorder. The physician then gave him his choice of freedom, by purchase in lieu of the contract between them, on condition that he would disclose the means of the cure, to which the slave agreed.

The recipe is expressed the Juice of Horse-mint, and of Red Onions; one gill of each to be taken every morning and evening, till the complaint be removed. That he Mr. Major being urged to a trial of the above-mentioned remedy, submitted to it, though with some reluctance, as he conceived his term of life to be but short at most. Not having it in his power to procure green mint, so as to get the juice, he used instead thereof, a strong portion of the dried herb; in other respects strictly adhering to the above prescription, which had the desired effect. He began the experiment in August 1792, and within one week he had ocular demonstration of dissolution, by the slightest touch of a particle that had passed from him, which continued so to do, without pain or obstruction, until the Stone was entirely dissolved, and the cure completely effectuated before the ensuing spring. That from the time the disorder began to yield as aforesaid, he recovered health, strength and flesh, and was in as good plight as ever, age excepted, being at the time first above-mentioned seventy-two years of age; with the appearance to me corresponding with his own account, and as he further said, without the slightest attack of the disorder from the time he began to use the above means of cure.—This at his request, is communicated with great pleasure to the public, by

DANIEL ROBERDEAU.

HALIFAX, Nov. 25.

We are requested to publish the following excellent Recipe, hoping it may prove a general benefit.

RECIPE

For an ulcerated sore Throat.

Take from 30 to 40 drops of spirit of sea-salt, an ounce of honey of roses, seven ounces of warm barley water; make these into a gargle, and use it frequently, 'till the throat is well: and if it is of the most malignant kind, the dose of the spirit of sea-salt may be increased to 60 or 70 drops."

POST-OFFICE.

ST. JOHN, December, 1st, 1802.

GEORGE HERRIOT, Esquire, His Majesty's D. Post-Master-General for the British Colonies in North-America, having received authority from His Majesty's Post-Master-General, to reduce the expence incurred in the conveyance of the MAILS between Quebec and Halifax, has directed me to find smaller vessels for the Packet service across the Bay of Fundy.

THEREFORE Proposals will be received until the First of March next, by JOHN WARWICK, Esq. Post-Master, at Digby, and the Subscriber, for Vessels from 22 to 28 Tons burthen, to go and return once a Fort-night; and for Vessels from 34 to 50 Tons, to go and return once a Week in case it should be concluded to employ only one Packet.—Until the same time Proposals will be received by STEPHEN JARVIS, Esq. Post-Master at Fredericton, and the Subscriber, for One or Two COURIERS, to go and return once a Week between this place and Fredericton.—No extra Allowance to be given for carrying any English MAIL.

William Campbell.

NEW GOODS.

An Extensive variety Imported by John Black & Co. In the Ships Duke of Kent from London, and Ruby from Glasgow and Liverpool, NOW OPENED FOR SALE At reduced Prices. ALSO—Antigua RUM, Brown SUGAR, and Leaf TOBACCO.

We think it our duty to re-publish the following Law, in hopes of correcting, in some measure, the daily impositions practised by the LICENSED Carmen of this City.

A LAW to regulate the RATES of CARTAGE in certain cases on the East side of the Harbour of the City of SAINT JOHN.

BE it enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, in Common Council convened, That the following and no greater RATES or PRICES of Cartage shall be taken by the licensed Carmen of this City, viz.—From the Market-Slip or landing, or any of the Wharves to the North of St. James's street, for a single load of Wood, containing a Quarter of a Cord, or for 12 Bushels of Coals, Potatoes, or other Articles measured by the Bushel, to any part of Water-street, to Mr. Robert James's house, to Mr. McCall's house, to Mr. Nicholas Hardenbrook's house, to any part of King-street below Germain street, and to every place within those limits Seven Pence Half Penny. And to any other part of King-street and that part of Germain-street North of the Church, Nine Pence; to any other part of King's ward, not already described, Ten Pence; to any part of Queen's ward North of St. James's street, and to that part of St. James's street West of Germain street, Eleven Pence; to any other part of Queen's ward, and all Duke's ward, One Shilling; to any part of Sidney ward, Ten Pence.

And be it further enacted, That if any Carman or owner of Carts, SHALL ASK, DEMAND, or RECEIVE from any Person, any other or greater RATES or FARE than is above allowed and prescribed, he or they shall FORFEIT and PAY the Sum of Ten Shillings to the use of the Poor of the Parish of Saint John.

Read and passed into a Law, the 13th January, 1797.

E. HARDY, c. c.

A LAW, in addition to a Law, intituled, "a Law to regulate the RATES of CARTAGE in certain cases on the East side of the Harbour of St. John.

BE it enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, in Common Council convened, That the following and no greater Rates or prices of Cartage shall be taken by the licensed Carmen of this City for Carting the under-mentioned articles from the Market-Slip or Public-landing, or from any of the Wharves to the North of Saint James's street, to any part of Water street, to Mr. Robert James's house, to Mr. McCall's house, to Mr. Nicholas Hardenbrook's house, or to any part of King-street, below Germain-street, or to any place within those limits, and for housing the same, viz.

	£.	s.	d.
For a Pipe of Wine, Brandy or Gin	0	3	0
A Puncheon of Rum	0	1	9
Ditto of Cyder	0	1	9
Ditto of Molasses	0	2	3
An Hoghead of Sugar	0	2	6
Ditto—of Tobacco	0	2	3
Ditto—of Lime	0	1	0
Ditto—of Earthen Ware	0	1	3
Six barrels of Flour	0	0	9
Four Ditto of Fish	0	0	10
Do.—of Pitch	0	0	10
Do.—of Tar	0	0	10
Do.—of Turpentine	0	0	10
10 cwt. of Iron	0	0	10
10 cwt. of small Cordage	0	0	10
A common load of Dry Goods	0	0	10
Cables and large Cordage per Ton	0	6	3

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no greater Rates or prices of Cartage shall be taken by the licensed Carmen of this City for carting the under-mentioned articles, from and to any part of the City and housing the same, than the following, viz.

For a pipe of Wine, Gin or Brandy	0	3	6
A puncheon of Rum or Cyder	0	2	6
An Hhd. of Sugar	0	3	0
Ditto—of Lime	0	1	6
Ditto—of Tobacco	0	2	6
A puncheon of Molasses	0	2	6
Six barrels of Flour	0	1	3
Four do. of Pitch, Tar, Turpentine or Fish	0	1	6
A load of Household Furniture	0	1	6
A common load of any kind of Goods or Merchandize	0	1	0
Bricks per Thousand	0	6	0
Potatoes, Coals and all articles measured by the bushel, for each bushel	0	0	1 1/2

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Two Sixty Gallon Casks or Four barrels or quarter Casks, shall be considered and paid for as equivalent to a pipe or puncheon.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no greater Rate or price shall be taken for the Cartage of Lumber from the Mills near the City, into the City, by the licensed Carmen of the City, than the following, viz.

From Mr. Simonds' Mill, for every Thousand Feet	0	6	0
From Mr. Hazen's do. do.	0	4	0

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the licensed Carmen of this City, to demand and take One Shilling per load for carting Wood from the Market-Slip or Public landing, or from any of the Wharves North of Saint James's street, to any part of Sydney Ward, any thing in the before-mentioned Law, to which this is an addition, to the contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

Read and passed into a Law, 25th July, 1797.

E. HARDY, c. c.

Notices.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of William Wier, late of this City, Mariner, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested for settlement, within Twelve Months from this date; and those indebted to the said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

HUGH JOHNSTON, OR JAMES GRIGOR, Adms. ST. JOHN, 15th September, 1802.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of JOHN JADIS, Esq. late of Margeriville, deceased, are requested to present the same within Six Months from the date hereof; And all those indebted are desired to make immediate payment to the Subscriber, or his Agent at Halifax, Nova-Scotia.

CHAS. JADIS, Administrator. WINDSOR, 1st Sept, 1802.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of Wm. WILLIAMS, late of King's County, deceased, are requested to send in their accounts within Twelve Months from the date hereof;—and those persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

MUNSON JARVIS, Adm'r. ST. JOHN, 14th July, 1802.

ALL Persons having any demand against the Estate of the late BENJAMIN BELCHER, Esq. deceased, are requested to send in their accounts for payment.—And all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

SARAH BELCHER, Executrix. BENJ. BELCHER, Executors. Wm. CAMPBELL. CORNWALLIS, (N. S.) May 17, 1802.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late BENJAMIN BELCHER, deceased, are requested to send in their accounts for payment.—And all Persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

SARAH BELCHER, Adm'x. CORNWALLIS, (N. S.) Oct. 12, 1802.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of LEWIS DEBLOIS, of the City of Saint John, Merchant, deceased, are requested to present them properly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof, to either of the Subscribers.—And all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

THOMAS LAWTON, OR WILLIAM WHITLOCK, Administrators to said Estate. ST. JOHN, 8th December, 1802.

Notice to Debtors.

FURTHER and friendly Notice is hereby given to all those indebted to the Estate of LEWIS DEBLOIS, of the City of Saint John, Merchant, deceased, either by Note or Book account, that unless they come forward and discharge their Debts they owe said Estate, by the First day of November following the date hereof, their accounts will be put into the hands of an Attorney at Law to collect, without any respect or further indulgence to any one.—The Estate must be settled and the Administrators must be obliged to do it according to Law.

THOMAS LAWTON, WILLIAM WHITLOCK, Administrators to the Estate of LEWIS DEBLOIS, deceased. ST. JOHN, 15th September, 1802.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of NATHAN NEVENS, late of the County of York, and Parish of St. Mary's, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested, within Three Months from this date.—And all those indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to JOHN WILMOT, Adm'r. FREDERICTON, 24th Oct. 1802.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of REUBEN WILLIAMS, late of the Parish of Waterborough, in the County of Queen's, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the Subscriber.—And all Persons having any demands against said Estate are desired to exhibit their accounts for settlement, within Twelve Months from the date hereof.

MARY WILLIAMS, Administratrix.

TAYLOR & PAYNE.

TAYLORS AND HAT-MAKERS, RESPECTFULLY inform their Friends and Employers, they have joined in Company in their respective Businesses;—who most respectfully acknowledge the favors they have both received from their Friends and Employers, in the line of their business.—They flatter themselves, by their assiduous attention to their business, to merit the favour of those Gentlemen and Ladies who shall honor them with their future commands.

N. B. Wanted one or two Journeymen Taylors who understand their business perfectly, may have a constant seat of Work, and the best wages given in this place.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And FOR SALE at this OFFICE, Price 1/3.

OPINIONS of several learned Gentlemen of the Law, on the subject of Negro Slavery, in the Province of Nova-Scotia.