

POET'S CORNER.

FROM A LATE IRISH PUBLICATION.

ODE TO SLEEP.

I.
SISTER of Night! thy aid impart;
Oh! calm the throbbings of my heart;
The power is only thine;
Chace from my eyes the lingering day,
Bid grief and sorrow fly away,
And be thou only mine.

II.
Succour the couch where misery lies;
Where unprotected beauty dies,
Thy balmy aid bestow:
See where she sinks, all pale with fear;
Wipe from her eye the trickling tear,
And soothe the cop of woe.

III.
How vain is man! how vain his power!
A short liv'd plant, a fading flower,
He blossoms and he dies.
Soon shall his mighty projects fail,
An everlasting sleep prevail,
And close his wearied eyes.

IV.
Happy is he, who, free from strife,
Contented passes all his life,
Thrice happy is his lot!
Enjoys the pure untainted air,
Nor feels the bitter stings of care,
Beneath his humble cot.

V.
Soon as the busy day is fled,
In peace he lays his wearied head:
Oh, Sleep! the gift is thine.
No selfish thoughts disturb his rest,
Serene his soul and calm his breast:
May such a state be mine!

ANECDOTES.

THE scandalous sale of indulgences in the Roman Church, it is well known, produced the Reformation.—One Tetzel, Dominican Friar, and a retailer of indulgences, had picked up a vast sum at Leipzig. A gentleman of that city, who had no veneration for such superstition, went to Tetzel, and asked him if he could sell him an indulgence before hand for a certain crime which he would not specify, and which he intended to commit. Tetzel said "Yes, provided they could agree upon the price." The bargain was struck, the money paid, and the indulgence delivered in due form. Soon after this, the gentleman knowing that Tetzel was going from Leipzig well loaded with cash, way laid him, robbed him, and cudgelled him; and told him at parting, that this was the crime for which he had purchased an indulgence. George Duke of Saxony, a zealous friend of the Court of Rome, hearing of this robbery, at first, was very angry; but, being informed of the whole story, he laughed very heartily, and forgave the perpetrator of a crime that was thus spiritually pardoned by anticipation.

THE Gentlemen of Newcastle upon Tyne, who lately undertook to distribute the money, benevolently contributed for the relief of the poor, visited the houses of those whom they supposed might be in distress; and among the rest called on a cobbler who usually worked in a stall in the street, but the severity of the weather had compelled him to retire to his home. On entering the house, one of the Gentlemen addressed him on the severity of the season, and the distresses of the poor; the honest cobbler joined him in expressions of commiseration, and putting his hand in his pocket, said, "I am but a poor man, and I do not know what I may stand in need of myself, but if you will accept of this half crown, it may relieve some poor family that may want a morsel of bread." He was immediately told that they did not call upon him for a subscription, but to enquire if he wanted relief himself. He in reply thanked God, that "he had generally something to give to any poor creature in distress."—Here let the sons of wealth and luxury take a lesson from a poor cobbler, and proportion their charity to his half crown.

The power of orthography and punctuation.

The Husband of a pious woman having occasion to make a voyage, his wife sent a written request to the Parson of the Parish; but instead of spelling and pointing it properly, viz:

"A person having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the Congregation."

She spelled and pointed it as follows: "A person, having gone to sea, his wife, desires the prayers of the Congregation." The parson (who had not examined the contents of the paper) gave it out accordingly.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,

And possession given the 1st of May,

THE HOUSE and Lot on the South side of Saint James's Street and

next to the corner of German Street, at present occupied by the Subscriber.—It is a new, well finished House, has four rooms on a floor, 8 fire-places with an excellent Cellar, in which is a never failing Spring of good Water—a capital Smoke-house built in the body of the chimney that will smoke from 20 to 30 hams at a time—the Garden well stored with Plumb, Cherry, Gooseberry, Currant and other fruit trees, which bear luxuriantly every year—in short, every convenience that a family could wish for.—The terms will be made as easy as possible—apply to

FRANCIS WATSON.

JAN. 5, 1798.

NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER begs leave to inform all concerned, that the business put in Mr. Jas. Hayt's hands to transact not being closed, is now in his management, and every attention shall be paid thereto—He also stands ready to fulfil Mr. Hayt's engagements—and earnestly requests all Persons indebted to the said Mr. Jas. Hayt, to close the same without delay.

A. CROOKSHANK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, To all Persons to whom THOMAS KITCHEN, Cordwainer, deceased, late of the City of SAINT JOHN, is indebted, to render their Accounts to the Subscriber; and those who are indebted to the Estate of said deceased are requested to settle the same without delay.

A. CROOKSHANK, Administrator.

THE COPARTNERSHIP of JOHN COLVILL & ANDREW CROOKSHANK, under the Firm of JOHN COLVILL, & Co.

AND COLVILL & CROOKSHANK, being this Day dissolved by mutual consent.—ALL Persons having Demands against the said Firms are requested to present the same for payment; and all those who stand indebted to them, will please settle the same without delay to either of the Subscribers.

JOHN COLVILL, ANDREW CROOKSHANK. Saint John, Jan. 10, 1798.

Exchange Coffee-House.

FOR SALE,

THAT large & commodious HOUSE—and eligible stand for business, situate at the corner of King and Prince William Streets, now in the occupation of Mr. WM. ROGERS.

The HOUSE is two and half stories high, in good repair, and replete with accommodations and conveniences for business, as well as for family purposes—it fronts on Market Square 50 feet, and on King Street 36 feet, exclusive of additional rooms annexed to it, on the same street—and a complete Cellar under the whole House.—It has rented for the last 7 years at 100l. per ann. and the Proprietor is offered 150l. for the ensuing year.—The situation of the Premises, and the advantages attached to it, are so well known, as render any encomiums or further description unnecessary.—The Lot is 50 by 80 feet, and having the benefit of both fronts makes it an object to those inclined to purchase.—For further particulars apply to the Proprietor.

CHAS. M'PHERSON.

St. JOHN, 5th Jan. 1798.



A NEW Milch Cow

FOR SALE—APPLY TO STEPHEN HUMBERT. St. JOHN, February 2, 1798.

Store-Keeper General's Office, FREDERICTON, 9th Dec. 1797.

WANTED,

For the Use of His MAJESTY'S Troops, the following quantities of FUEL, to be delivered on or before the 1st October, 1798, at the Government Wharves, or into the respective Fuel-Yards at the following Ports, viz.—

At FREDERICTON: One Thousand Cords.

HARD WOOD.

At SAINT JOHN: Five Hundred ditto.

ANY Person or Persons willing to contract for the same or any proportion thereof not under 200 Cords, will send in Proposals sealed to this Office on or before 1st day of March next.—The Proposals for both places to specify for the delivery of the Wood either into the Fuel-Yards or at the Government Wharves.

Geo. SPROWLE, Store-Keeper General.

BLANKS,

Of various kinds may be had at this OFFICE.

PLAISTER PARIS.

THE Subscriber having opened a famous Quarry of PLAISTER PARIS of an excellent quality, will be prepared to deliver any quantity early in the Spring, on the lowest terms, at the commodious Creek near the entrance of the St. Croix River, (Newport side) where there is water sufficient to receive Vessels of any burthen, with the greatest safety and convenience.—Those Persons who may please to favor the Subscriber with their commands, may depend on proper attention being paid to them.

THOS. WHITEHEAD, Windsor, (Nova-Scotia,) 30th Jan. 1798.

To be Sold or Let,

And possession given the first of May next,

A NEAT two story HOUSE, situate on the North side of Broad-Street, now occupied by Wm. S. OLIVER, Esq.—It has three handsome, well finished rooms, with fire-places; bed-rooms; a large commodious garret; a good cellar, under the whole House, with necessary out buildings, all in good repair, and a most excellent well of water in the yard, which never fails.

There are two Lots annexed to the Premises, well inclosed with a good board fence, and under high cultivation for a Garden.—For further particulars apply to the Subscriber.

JOHN THOMSON. St. John, 9th Feb. 1798.

MADEIRA WINE.

A FEW Pipes, Hogheads and Quarter Casks of NEW-YORK & LONDON PARTICULAR of the first quality, just received, and to be sold cheap for CASH by JAMES CODNER.

St. John, Dec. 29, '97.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of WILLIAM DONALDSON, Esq. of the City of St. John, Province of New-Brunswick, Merchant, deceased, are desired to present the same within the space of Eighteen Calendar Months from the Date hereof; likewise all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Hugh Johnston, Wm. Donaldson, Arthur Dingwall, Executors.

St. John, July 21st, 1797.

To LEASE,

SUNDRY valuable Building LOTS—fronting the Market Square.—They have a Southern aspect and are the best situated for business in the Town of Fredericton.—Any Person in want of so desirable a situation, may be accommodated by making application to

HENRY SMITH.