

POET'S CORNER.

KISSING:

By PETER PINDAR, Esquire.

WHEN we dwell on the lips of the lass
we adore,
Not a pleasure in Nature is missing:
May his soul be in heav'n; he deserved
it, I'm sure,
Who was first the inventor of Kissing.
Master ADAM I very well think was the
man,
Whose discovery will ne'er be sur-
pass'd—
Well, since the sweet game with creation
began,
To the end of the world may it last!

ANECDOTE.

AFTER the famous battle fought be-
tween the English and Dutch fleets in
the year 1665, off Harwich, in which
Opdam's ship was blown up, and the
Dutch fleet completely routed by the
squadron under the command of the Duke
of York, the States General were infor-
med by Van Tromp that his misfortune
was principally attributed to the coward-
ice and inability of several of the Cap-
tains. The States plainly saw, that to
further such conduct to pass unpunished,
would be at once to renounce all preten-
sions to maritime greatness. Seven Cap-
tains were brought to trial, of whom
three were shot, four had their swords ig-
nominiously broke over their heads by
the common hangman, two were super-
seded and declared incapable of ever fill-
ing any honourable station, and the
chief pilot was sentenced to walk under
a gibbet with a halter about his neck,
and afterwards banished. The effects
of this instance of just and well timed
severity were long felt in the Dutch navy.

ORIGIN of the CORONER'S JURY.

A Gentlewoman in London, after ha-
ving buried six husbands, found a gen-
tleman hardy enough to make her a wife
once more. For several months their
happiness was mutual; a circumstance
which seemed to pay no great compli-
ment to the former partners of her bed,
who as she said, had disgusted her by
their fortitude and infidelity. In the
view of knowing the real character of
his amorous mate, the gentleman began
frequently to absent himself, to return at
late hours, and when he did return, to
appear as if intoxicated. At first re-
proaches; but afterwards menaces, were
the consequences of this conduct. The
gentleman persisted, and seemed every
day to become more addicted to his bot-
tle. One evening, when the imagined
him dead drunk, she unfixed a leaden
weight from one of the sleeves of her gown,
and having melted it, she approached to
her husband, who pretended still to be
sound asleep, in order to pour it into his
ear through a pipe. Convinced of her
wickedness, the gentleman started up
and seized her; when having procured
assistance, he secured her till the mor-
ning, and conducted her before a magi-
strate, who committed her to prison.
The bodies of her six husbands were
dug up; and as marks of violence were
still discoverable upon each of them, the
proof of her guilt appeared so strong up-
on her trial, that she was condemned and
executed. To this circumstance, says
the compiler of the *Dictionnaire d'Anec-
dotes*, &c. is England indebted for that
useful regulation, by which no corpse
can be interred in that kingdom with-
out a legal inspection.

Anecdote of David Beck, the disciple of Vandyke.

A singular adventure happened to
David Beck, a portrait painter of Swe-
den. As he travelled through Germany
he was suddenly taken ill at his inn, and
was laid out as a corpse, to all appear-
ances quite dead. His servants expres-
sed the strongest marks of grief, for the
loss of their master; and while they sat
beside his bed, they drank very freely,
by way of consolation.

At last one of them who grew very
much intoxicated, said to his compani-
ons, "Our master was fond of his glass,
while he was alive; out of gratitude,
therefore, let us give him a glass now
he is dead." As the rest of the ser-
vants assented to this proposal, he raised
up his master's head, and endeavoured
to pour some liquor into his mouth. By
the fragrance of the wine or more pro-
bably, by a small quantity, which im-
perceptibly got down his throat, Beck
opened his eyes! and the servant being
excessively drunk, and forgetting that

his master was considered as dead, com-
pelled him to swallow the wine which
remained in the glass.

The painter gradually revived, and
by proper management and care, reco-
vering perfectly, escaped interment.

A REFLECTION.

THERE is nothing that hath a great-
er tendency to preserve the mind from
contagion, than a reverential idea of the
Supreme Being, and a constant recollec-
tion of his omni-presence.

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

WANTED,

For the Use of His MAJESTY'S
Troops, the following quanti-
ties of FUEL, to be deliver-
ed on or before the 1st Octo-
ber, 1798, at the Government
Wharves, or into the respec-
tive Fuel-Yards at the follow-
ing 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 there-
of 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.

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 occupa-
tion of Mr. WM. ROGERS.

The House is two and
half stories high, in good re-
pair, and replete with accom-
modations and conveniences
for business, as well as for fa-
mily purposes—it fronts on
Market Square 50 feet, and
on King Street 36 feet, exclu-
sive of additional rooms an-
nexed to it, on the same street
—and a complete Cellar un-
der the whole House.—It has
rented for the last 7 years at
100l. per ann. and the Pro-
prietor is offered 150l. for
the ensuing year.—The situ-
ation of the Premises, and the
advantages attached to it, are
so well known, as render any
encomiums or further de-
scription unnecessary.—The
Lot is 50 by 80 feet, and ha-
ving 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.

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 Germain
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 bo-
dy of the chimney that will
smoke from 20 to 30 hams at
a time—the Garden well sto-
red with Plumb, Cherry,
Gooseberry, Currant and o-
ther fruit trees, which bear
luxuriantly every year—in
short, every convenience that
a family could wish for.—
The terms will be made as ea-
sy as possible—apply to
FRANCIS WATSON.
JAN. 5, 1798.

PLASTER PARIS.

THE Subscriber having
opened a famous Quar-
ry of PLAISTER PARIS of an
excellent quality, will be pre-
pared to deliver any quantity
early in the Spring, on the
lowest terms, at the commo-
dious Creek near the entrance
of the St. Croix River, (New-
port side) where there is wa-
ter sufficient to receive Ves-
sels of any burthen, with the
greatest safety and conveni-
ence.—Those Persons who
may please to favor the Sub-
scriber with their commands,
may depend on proper atten-
tion 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,

ANEAT two story HOUSE,
situate on the North side
of Broad-Street, now occupi-
ed by Wm. S. OLIVER, Esq.
—It has three handsome, well
finished rooms, with fire-pla-
ces; bed-rooms; a large com-
modious garret; a good cel-
lar, 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 an-
nexed to the Premises, well
inclosed with a good board
fence, and under high culti-
vation for a Garden.—For
further particulars apply to
the Subscriber.

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

BLANKS,
Of various kinds may be had
at this OFFICE.

To be SOLD or LET,
And possession given the first of
MAY,

THE HOUSE lately oc-
cupied by Mr. HARRY
RADDEEN, on the North side
of King-Street—four doors
above the Store of Mr. PUT-
NAM.—It has four rooms—
two of which have fire-pla-
ces—an excellent Baker's O-
ven, and a number of conve-
niences for a small family,
with a good Cellar under the
House, and a building in the
Yard, which will answer ei-
ther for a Stable or Wood-
house.—For terms apply to
ARCHD. GILLIES,
9th Feb. '98. CARLETON.

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 with-
out delay.
A. CROOKSHANK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GI-
VEN, To all Persons to
whom THOMAS KITCHEN,
Cordwainer, deceased, late of
the City of SAINT JOHN, is
indebted, to render their Ac-
counts to the Subscriber; and
those who are indebted to the
Estate of said deceased are re-
quested to settle the same
without delay.

A. CROOKSHANK,
Administrator.
Nov. 30. [3m.]

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

AND
COLVILL & CROOKSHANK,
being this Day dissolved by mutual con-
sent—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. 2M.

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

Hugh Johnston, }
Wm. Donaldson, }
Arthur Dingwall, }
St. John, July 31st, 1797.