



SEAT OF THE MUSES.

TO ESCULAPIUS.

CAN I journey so far in the east
This medical genius to find,
Who's to act as physician and priest,
And prescribe both for body and mind.

'Twas a cruel invention of your's,
To evade what you once undertook,
Since you cannot perform any cures,
But what are set down in your book.

Physicians, an envious band,
Shall snatch the young bay from your
head,
And wide o'er Columbia's land,
The report of your shame shall be
spread.

I'll tell the fair victims of love,
Who complain of the pangs they en-
dure,
That the Doctor of Hickory Grove
May wound, but he never can cure.

There's only one mean in your power
To prevent this assemblage of ill,
Which is, that in this very hour,
You engage to comply with my will.

Bid the son of Latona prepare
A robe of cerulean dye,
Or a still brighter vestment of air,
To convey the young sage through
the sky.

Then should he a recipe shew,
That will yield me contentment of
mind,
On him the reward I'll bestow,
And I hope you wont take it unkind.

For alas! I have nothing to give
But a hand and an innocent heart,
Which he ne'er would deign to receive,
Had I offer'd another a part.

SCRAPS.

From a late London Paper.

A correspondent suggests a New Scheme of Finance of a rather whimsical feature: He calculates, that the average sustenance for each person does not cost less than 7l. per annum, and, consequently, that the expence of maintaining the whole is seventy millions sterling per annum: he therefore proposes simply docking one day's allowance per week from every individual, when there would arise a revenue of ten millions, for two days twenty millions, and so on, as far as the subject can bear, which the Royal Society can, he supposes, as easily ascertain, as the time that a spider, a vulture, or any other animal can exist without food.

As the poorer classes of the community, after having spent their money in a dinner, would not have wherewithal to pay the tax, the best method he thinks, of collecting it would be by putting their bellies under the excise; but as it would perhaps, be found impossible to force the gauging stick down the throats of the refractory, each excise man should be supplied with a strap, properly marked, so that he may ascertain how much a belly distends after a good dinner, and how much it is shrunk by a day of fasting; and those who shall be detected in eating, contrary to the law, may be punished by a double allowance of fasting.

Great care however, he says, should be taken in not letting any modifications &c. have too great an operation in lessening the produce of this tax nor should discretionary power, on any account, be lodged in the hands of Parodical Commissioners, as they generally consist of the Squire, the Parson, and the most capacious stomachs in the parish, who from a sympathetic feeling, would be too apt to grant indulgencies.

So much for our correspondent's scheme, which, however of all others, we apprehend, is likely to be the least relished in England, where good eating is universally considered the bulwark of that constitution which we have pledged ourselves to defend with our last shilling.

A tower of strength,
Which they upon the adverse party want,
as the downfall of all the new systems of

Government that France has set up, since the revolution, clearly evinces to the understanding of a well bred Briton.

It seems that the noted Wallaghan, whose acquittal produced so severe a censure from Marquis Cornwallis,

has incurred,
Instead of hemp to be preferred.

It is said that he is appointed a Serjeant in the Fermanagh Militia, by the noble person who presided at this trial!

Assize of Bread,

Established April 19, 1799.
The Sixpenny Wheat Loaf } lbs. oz.
to weigh - - - - - } 2 0
Ditto Rye - - - - - } 2 13
And other Loaves in proportion.
WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
Mayor.

POST-OFFICE, ST. JOHN,
April 16th, 1799.
WANTED,

A VESSEL suitable for a Packet, to carry His Majesty's Mails, between this Office and the Post Office at Digby:—Proposals will be received at either of the said Offices, until the last day of this month, when the Vessel best calculated for the service will be employed. N. B. A preference will be given to a good Vessel belonging to this port.
WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
POST-MASTER.

In pursuance of a Vote of the Corporation of Trinity Church, made on the 25th of March last, the following P E W S will be exposed to Public Sale on Tuesday the 6th May ensuing, to satisfy the arrearages due thereon, viz:—
Lower Floor—No. 28, 39.
Gallery—No. 12, 30, 35.
April 19, 1799.

Commissary's Office,

ST JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK,
30th November, 1798.

SUCH Person or Persons as are desirous to enter into a Contract for the transporting of Provisions from Fredericton to the Posts of Presque Isle and Great Falls, for the use of His Majesty's Troops, (that is to say about Ninety-six barrels bulk) to each Post, one half to be delivered by the first day of June, and the remainder by the 15th day of October every year.

Sealed proposals will be received immediately by Mr. WILLIAM GARDEN, Assistant Commissary at Fredericton, or by me at this place, where the lowest offer will be accepted.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON,
Commissary of Provisions and
Stores of War.

Stop Thieves!

TAKEN out of the Harbour of Digby on Monday night, (the 2d instant December) a Schooner about 25 tons burthen, her bottom three streaks above the garboard, plank'd with oak, her upper works birch, her sides painted yellow, her stern blue, quarter-boards black, with a small white streak under the black and blue between the white and yellow, the inside of her waist and quarter boards red, carries a flying jib, and no topmast.—Had on board when stolen, one hoghead Molasses, 34 bushels of Indian Corn, one barrel of Rum, five new Rose Blankets, one barrel of Flour, between eight and nine pounds in Cash, some new Rigging, and sundry other articles of considerable value.—Whoever will apprehend the Thieves, so as they may be brought to justice, shall have Fifty Dollars reward, and a reward will be given to any person or persons, of One Hundred Dollars, who will give information of said Schooner, so as the Owner can get her again, by applying to the Subscriber.
JONATHAN RANDALL,
Digby, 20th December, 1798.

WANTED,

AS AN APPRENTICE to the Printing Business—a Lad from 12 to 14 years of age—he must be of good connections and bring a recommendation. Enquire of the Printer.

NOTICES.

THOSE Persons Indebted to the Subscriber, whose Obligations and Accounts have been long due, and who have made many fair and specious promises of payment (especially those long in Arrearage for Rent,) will please take notice, that unless they call and pay off their respective Balances before the First Day of May ensuing, they will positively be put into the hands of an Attorney for recovery.

THOMAS HORSFIELD,
MARCH 27th, '99. [t.f.]

ALL Persons having Demands against the Estate of the late GERHARDUS CLOWES, Esquire, of Mauder-ville, deceased, are desired to exhibit them properly attested to within Twelve Months—and all those indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

THOMAS HORSFIELD,
RICHARD CARMAN,
EXECUTORS.
Saint John, 26th October, 1798.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of HENRY UHTHOFF, late of the City of St. John, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment; and all persons who have any demands against the said Estate are requested to exhibit the same to

ADINO PADDOCK, Executor.
St. John, N. B. Feb. 24, 1799. 3m

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of the late GREGORY TOWNSEND Esq. deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the Subscribers, or one of them; and all persons having any demands against said Estate, are requested to present the same within eighteen Calendar Months for adjustment.

JAMES PUTNAM, } Executors.
E. B. BRENTON, }
Halifax, Nova-Scotia, Nov. 26th, '98.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of Hugh Cain, late of the County of St. John, in the Province of New-Brunswick, deceased, intestate, are requested to render their accounts for settlement; and all those indebted to said estate, are hereby called upon to make immediate payment.

GEORGE MATTHEW,
Administrator.

ALL Persons having any just Demands on the Estate of DAVID BLAIR, late of the City of Saint John, Merchant, deceased, are desired to render the same in; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

PETER BLAIR, } Executors.
WM. DONALD, }
SAINT JOHN, 12th Oct. 1798.

ALL Persons having any Demands on the Estate of RICHARD COOPER, late of St. Mary's Parish, deceased, will send in their accounts properly attested for payment; and those indebted to said Estate, will make immediate payment to

ALETHEA COOPER,
Administratrix.
St. Mary's, York County, } t. f.
February 22d, 1799. }

Digby, 1st February, 1799.

ALL Persons having any Claims or Demands against the Estate of THOMAS HOLDSWORTH, late of Digby, Mariner, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same, properly attested, within Eighteen Calendar Months from the above date.—And all Persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JAMES A. HOLDSWORTH,
Administrator.

THE Subscribers being appointed Administrators on the Estate of Mr. PETER ETTER, of Westmorland, Province of New-Brunswick, deceased, do notify all Persons who have any legal claims against said Estate to exhibit the same within Eighteen Calendar Months from the date hereof; and every Person indebted to the said Estate are requested to make speedy payment.

SARAH ETTER,
WILLIAM ALLAN,
Westmorland, May 25, 1798.

THOSE Persons indebted to the Subscriber, are hereby earnestly called upon to make immediate payment—and those accounts which remain unsettled in Three Months from the Date hereof, will most assuredly be put into the hands of an Attorney at Law to sue for;—And all Persons having any Demands are requested to exhibit their Accounts for settlement to the Subscriber, living at the head of the Long Reach—Col. Kemble's grant.
JOHN URQUHART.
LONG REACH, 16th Jan. 1799. 3m.

Digby, 1st Nov. 1798.

ALL Persons having any Claims or Demands against the Estate of JAMES ATKINS, of Digby, Mariner, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same properly attested within Eighteen Calendar Months from the above date;—and all Persons indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment, to

JAMES A. HOLDSWORTH,
Administrator.

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON the first Tuesday of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the House of ABRAHAM VANDERBEAK, Innkeeper in Fredericton, certain lots or tracts of Land, the property of DANIEL MURRAY, Esq. taken in Execution at the suit of WILLIAM GARDEN, Esq. and to be sold by Public Auction, agreeable to a law of this Province made and provided:

ONE tract lying in the Parish of Prince William, in the County of York, opposite to Long Island in the said Parish, and containing one thousand acres, more or less, a considerable number of which are cleared and in cultivation.

ALSO, one other tract lying in the said Parish, in the County abovementioned, known by the name of Poquiack, and containing two thousand acres more or less, a number of which are cleared, and have been in cultivation, on which tract have been a very valuable set of Mills, lately destroyed by fire, the seat of which is quite contiguous to the river St. John.

The above premises will be exposed for sale at the time and place above mentioned, by

WILLIAM ANDERSON,
Sheriff of York.
Fredericton, New-Brunswick, } [6m.
Oct. 31, 1798. }

NEW-BRUNSWICK, }
31st JANUARY, 1799. }

AT a Meeting held by the

Principal Mechanics of FREDERICTON, for the better regulation of Working Hours, (it ever being their determination to give full satisfaction to their Employers) RESOLVED, that the Hours for One Day's work in future shall be TEN, from Six in the Morning, till Six in the Evening, allowing one Hour for Breakfast, and one Hour for Dinner; That when the short Day's will not admit, the wages to be reduced accordingly.

They flatter themselves, their Employers will be better satisfied, and commence their buildings, &c. earlier, and continue later, it being the just mode practised in Great-Britain and the neighbouring Province.

TO BE SOLD,

AN excellent Tract of Land, lying on the Nashwalk, and on that Tract granted to the d'Bandes of the 42d Regiment. It lies about 18 miles from Fredericton, and consists of about 700 acres.—There is a good stream on the Premises capable of turning a Grist and Saw-Mill of any dimensions. If agreeable to the purchaser, the Stock on hand, and Farming Utensils will be left on the place.—For further particulars apply to HENRY M'KAY, on the place, who will shew the Premises, or to JAMES HAMILTON LAMB, merchant, Fredericton, who will conclude a bargain.

N. B. ALSO, Four excellent Farms on, and adjacent to the main River—on one of which is an excellent Mill in good employ—and a few miles from Market.—As the Proprietors are about leaving the Province great bargains may be expected.—Apply as above.
Fredericton, 27th Dec. 1798.