

SEAT OF THE MUSES.

O D E
FOR HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTH DAY,
1800.

By Henry James Pye, Esq. Poet Laureat.

STILL the expecting Muse in vain
Reluctant Peace impatient woos;
Still cruel War's destructive train
O'er half Mankind their vengeance
loose;
Still o'er the genial hours of Spring
Fell discord waves her crimson wing—
O'er bleeding Europe's ravag'd plains
The Fiend in state terrific reigns;
Nor oaten pipe nor pastoral song
Refound the waving woods among,
But, floating on the burthen'd gale
afar,
Rolls in tremendous peal the thundering
voice of war!

Yet, far from Albion's tranquil shores
The form of desolation roars;
And, while o'er fair Liguria's vales,
Fann'd by Favonius' tepid gales—
O'er Alpine heights, that proudly rise
And froud their summits in the skies,
Or by the Rhine's majestic stream,
The hostile arms of Gallia gleam!—
Fenc'd by her Naval Hosts, that ride
Triumphant o'er her circling tide,
Britannia jocund pours the festive lay,
And hails with deuteous voice her
George's Natal Day!

Yet, tho' her eye exulting sees
Valour her daring offspring crown,
And glory waft on ev'ry breeze
The swelling Pæans of Renown,
Not from the warrior's laurel leaves
The votive Garland now she weaves—
Sweeter than Maia's balmy breath,
Concord perfumes the Civic Wreath
Of flowers embued with die divine,
Which Albion and Ierne twine
To deck his brow, whom each with
grateful smiles
Owns Heir of Ocean's Reign—Lord of
the British Isles!

God of our Fathers rise,
And thro' the thund'ring skies
Thy vengeance urge,
In awful justice red,
Be thy dread arrows sped;
But guard our Monarch's head—
God save great George!

Still on our Albion smile;
Still o'er this favour'd Isle
O, spread thy wing!
To make each blessing lure,
To make our fame endure,
To make our rights secure—
God save our King!

To the loud Trumpet's throat,
To the shrill Clarion's note
Now jocund sing:
From ev'ry open Foe,
From ev'ry Traitor's blow
Virtue defends his brow—
God guards our King!

ANECDOTE

Of VOLTAIRE and Dr. YOUNG.

WHEN Voltaire was in London, he happened one day, to dine in company with Dr. Young, among other things, which happened to be the topics of conversation; the merits of Milton were particularly discussed. Voltaire indulged himself in some very illiberal observations on the genius of that celebrated poet; he reproached with all the bitterness of satire his Paradise Lost, particularly the description given of the Devil, under the idea of death and sin. Dr. Young, continued for some time silent, but marked Voltaire's expressions with particular attention, and almost looked him out of countenance, on which Voltaire asked him if he had got any thing to say, to which the Dr. with great animation replied, Sir,

You are diminutive, poor, crooked and thin, Altogether Milton's devil, death and sin, the severity of this remark, affected Voltaire so much, that he said but little during the rest of the sitting.

THE REVENGEFUL NEGRO.

SOME years ago, in one of the French West-India islands, a slave was tortured for a slight offence, of which he was not even guilty. Stung with resentment and agitated by the feelings of a Zanga, he seized upon the children of his oppressor, and carried them up to

the roof of the house. When the tyrant master was approaching to enter his dwelling, he beheld his youngest son dashed to pieces at his feet; he lifted up his eyes, and saw the second falling likewise. Seized with despair, he fell on his knees to implore the life of the third: but the fall also of the last of his offspring, together with that of the Revengeful Negro, plunged him into the lowest abyss of misery and despair.

Famine in Ireland.

By a representation of the Clergy and Church Wardens of the Parishes of St. Catharines, St. Luke, and St. James, in the city of Dublin, it appears that in these three Parishes alone, on the 15th of Feb. there were not less than 9,134 persons in the most abject state of poverty and want, and almost wholly destitute of employment. This number is stated to be daily increasing, owing to the excessive high price of all the necessaries of life and consequent failure of employment. The Clergy and Church Wardens have addressed the wealthy part of the community in behalf of these unhappy beings, in the most pressing manner—they state that no less than 15 persons have died since the 15th of Feb. in the single ward of Cole alley and Elbow lane, for want of food.

NEW-YORK, July 25.

Captain Stanwood, arrived here yesterday in 10 days from St. Bartholomews, informs, that he left Martinique on the 1st of July, instant; that on the afternoon he failed from thence, a British packet arrived there in 18 days from Falmouth, the Captain of which assured him, that on his passage he fell in with a British frigate, the Captain of which informed, that he was bound to the first port in England, with dispatches from Lord St. Vincents, stating, that the Brest Fleet was out, consisting of 51 sail of the line.

Captain Stanwood further informs, that on the day he failed from St. Bartholomews (the 14th inst.) a French gentleman gave him a written article in French, which stated, that he had just received information from Point Petre, Guadeloupe, of the arrival there of a French corvette, in 19 days from Bourdeaux; and that the News she brought is as follows:

"That the Negotiation between the American Commissioners and the French Republic had terminated amicably; all differences settled, and a peace concluded:—that Gen. Buonaparte had arrived before Genoa, in time to relieve Gen. Massena; that Buonaparte had made prisoners of three fourths of the Austrian troops under command of Gen. Melas; that Italy was entirely in the possession of the French; and that the French Gen. Moreau, had, in a third battle, defeated the Austrian troops on the Rhine,"—and further, that orders had also arrived there by the Corvette, prohibiting the capture of American vessels."

The above intelligence, so far as regards the relief of Genoa, is confirmed by the following extract from a letter which was received by a very respectable commercial house in this city yesterday morning, from their correspondent at Salem, dated

"Saturday morning, 19th July.

"Captain Joseph Orne, in the brigantine Essex, arrived last evening in 32 days from Gibraltar, brings the pleasing intelligence that Massena is relieved.—On the 18th May he made a fall from Genoa, and gained a complete victory over the Austrians, routed the besiegers, killing and making prisoners of a great many men, Genoa was never destitute of provisions, as it was supplied by boats from Barcelona and the Spanish coasts. The news may be relied on. Captain Orne saw many of the wounded officers."

Extract of a letter from a merchant at St. Jago de Cuba, to a merchant in Baltimore, dated June 21, 1800.

"I invite you, particularly to ship flour and salt provisions to this part of the island. Within a few days past flour has risen to an exorbitant price, as has also salt provisions and dry goods. Several shipments have recently been made to the south part of St. Domingo, which have, notwithstanding several arrivals from Curacao, and St. Thomas, answered admirably well. In that department coffee keeps down at 12 and 14 sous, and flour up at 30 dollars.

"Rigaud's army is in good condition, and keeps in awe that of Touffaint, which these 40 days past has taken post before the bridge of Miraguane; both armies have remained inactive ever since. It appears that Rigaud will maintain himself against the efforts of Touffaint. You have learnt, no doubt, that the former was obliged to retreat at the passage of the bridge of Leogane. The troops of Touffaint committed the most barbarous acts of murder and pillage; and the inhabitants of the south, seeing that the traitorous and savage Touffaint was intent on their lives and property, rose en masse against him, and beat him out of the post he occupied, from St. Michael's to the aforeaid bridge.

"The merchants of Aux Cayes and other places have formed an association for the purchase of powder and lead; and I am informed, have raised, by subscription, the sum of 60,000 dollars for that purpose. Rigaud maintains his influence in his department; and one and all have determined rather to perish than to submit to the hypocrite Touffaint.

"Two pilot boats lately arrived at Jeremie, and loaded with a cargo of powder and lead, which will be of great service to that department. Five ships from Bourdeaux have lately arrived at Aux Cayes and Aquin; they inform that captain Dupeyrat who was the bearer of Rigaud's dispatches to the Consuls of France, gave information that those dispatches tended to change the government very much against the conduct of Touffaint; and it was generally believed that he was greatly influenced by the English and French Emigrants, which are in great number at the Cape and Port Republican.

"Every thing was tranquil in the department of the south on the 16th June, the day that a Spanish schooner left Aux Cayes—Rigaud had set off the day before for the army, before the bridge of Miraguane; and it is believed that the cause of his departure was to repulse Touffaint as far as Grand Guave. Sanguine expectations are entertained that this will not be a difficult task for him.

"Many inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Miraguane, have been massacred by bands of soldiers from the west. It is said, that Messrs. St. Croix, father and son, formerly governor of the south of St. Domingo, are among them.

"You may depend that a shipment of flour for this place will turn to good account."

CAUTION.

WHEREAS some evil minded person, set on by the instigation of the Devil, has been on board of the SHIP I am now building near the Old Fort at CARLETON, and have maliciously, or in a fit of insanity, cut the edges of the ceiling plank, so that they are damaged thereby.

I hereby Caution all persons whatsoever, on their peril, whether out of malice, madness or otherwise, to desist from the like practices in future as I am determined to prosecute the offender to the utmost extremity of the Law.

ARCHIBALD GILLIES.

St. John, 24th July, 1800. 2w.

IMPORTED

In the Ship AMERICA, Capt. MACKIE, and for sale 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. under the Retail price,

A Parcel of CLOTH,

Either by the piece or small quantity.

A L S O,

A few Crates of EARTHEN WARE, in good order.

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N. B.—WATCHES and CLOCKS, Gold Rings, Silver Tea Spoons, &c. made and repaired on reasonable terms—Please apply as above.

Ready Money given for old Gold and Silver.

Digby, 1st February, 1799.

ALL Persons having any Claim 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.

JACOB S. MOTT,

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Thick Quarto Post, gilt and plain, Folio Thick Post, Blank Books of various kinds and sizes, Medium, Demy and Fools Cap Memorandum Books, Hall's Metallic Memorandum Books, clasped, black and red, Receipt Books clasped of various sizes, Merchant's Letter Files, Blank Cards, Slates, Lead Pencils, Holland Quills and Pens, Ink Powder, Wafers, Sealing Wax and Sand, Penknives and Razors, &c. &c.

NOTICE—ALL PERSONS

HAVING any demands on the estate of Lieut. JOHN NESS, late of the King's New-Brunswick Regiment, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same properly attested within Eighteen Months from the date hereof—And all Persons indebted to said estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN SIMONSON, Administrator.

St. John, February 1, 1800.

NOTICE—ALL PERSONS

HAVING any Demands on the Estate of ABRAHAM VANEMBURGH, of the City of Saint John, deceased, are requested to present them properly attested within Twelve Months from the date hereof—And all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN WOODWARD, Administrator.

St. John, May 30, 1800.