

Mr. PRINTER,

Please to give the following a place in your paper, and you will oblige one of your readers.

MR. B. S. a Member of the Hatfield Convention, &c. certainly merits a very high place in the list of political scribblers—he is furnished with a mind as capacious and as well replenished with ideas as perhaps can be found in any gentleman of the education that his writings discover him to be possessed of. He has a fine knack at scurrility, and is a found politician; for he has devised a mode, sui generis, of calling in public securities; but his ultimate object must have ever lain concealed, had he not at last told us that it was to vindicate himself among the medley of heterogeneous particles, and smoke, which he, volcano like, has disgorged; he has belted out some sparks which have alighted on the Old Republican, who, being composed of very combustible materials, has made one violent explosion, and since he is poised very near a comet, whose long and igneous tail has given him a slight brush, it is ten to one but he would burst out into such a notable blaze, as would let our political hemisphere on flame; were it not that he has fine taken his station among the planetary orbs, from whence perhaps we shall hear no more from him; and since he has left this earth, a comet is to be seen in the sky, double's the Convention Man may have a better opportunity (unless he is one of the luminous orbs) of displaying his superior skill in self applause, and heaping up honour and victory to himself, since his great abilities were so well known before, that none of his readers could have mistaken the author of his writings, had the initial letters of his name been omitted.

It is to be hoped altho that the Old Republican's exit will afford essential relief to the Peace-Maker, whose repose has been much interrupted by this his countryman, & that methinks he may with safety to the public drop his pen and give it respite, suffer his ink to freeze, and desert penning a third, although he has written a former piece, and proceeded to begin another, and return un molested to his old employment with his black frock on and his shoulders to the wheel, lifting the cart out of the mire, and undisturbedly improve his stony ground barrow, seeing the Old Republican is now incapable of untempering it by setting forth the necessity of the new birth in his preaching to it, by which the Peace-Maker may obtain a supply of eat, drink and clothing, to sustain his humble clay cottage almost broken down with fasting and prayer as long as he shall tabernacle here, which cannot be long in his own apprehension, as his will presented to the public fully denotes which cannot be so acceptable to the people as a dead, since he has not yet arrived to the meridian of life, it will and a firm constitution, and will probably continue till he has reached the patience of Job; and the more especially considering he finds that he has not lived as he ought to have done, which proves him to be too apt to change, and may induce him to apply to convention for a redress that supposed grievance, and disappoint the public of their expected possession. One word more: let every man stick close to his calling; and should the Peace-Maker accost himself with a robust bow I done, and consider what his abilities point

out to him to do, I flatter myself he would take the hint.

To drop his gander weapon,
And turn to raising flax;
Then sable frocks would cheapen,
And cloath Peace Makers backs.

The following was addressed, "To the good People of the Town of Deerfield.

At a meeting of the several officers commanding companies in the county of Hampshire, in the present movement of the people, for the regulating of matters of public concernment, viz. It is voted and agreed, that it is highly necessary that the several companies and regiments in the said county be properly organized and officered; Voted, a committee of seventeen be raised to see that the aforesaid vote be put in effect; Voted, Capt. F. K. of South Brimfield, & Capt. Colton, of Longmeadow, for the first regiment; Capt. Day, of West Springfield, and Capt. Sackett, of Westfield, for the second regiment; Capt. Juel, of Chesterfield, Capt. B. own, of Whately, and Mr. Samuel Morie, of Worthington, for the third regiment; Capt. Shays, of Pelham, Capt. Joseph Hinds, of Greenwich, and Capt. Billings, of Amherst, for the fourth regiment; Capt. Post, of Greenfield, Capt. Denmore, of Conway, Capt. Clarke of Colrain, and Capt. Hill, of Charlestown, for the fifth regiment; Capt. Grover, of Montague, and Capt. Powers, of Shutesbury, for the sixth regiment. Be the aforesaid committee, the county aforesaid being divided, voted and chose Capt. Powers (chairman); then that each member of the committee be empowered and directed to write to the several towns in their respective regiments, in the name and behalf of this committee, requesting them to meet and organize their companies as soon as may be, and that being done, the members of committee for the several regiments, to call together their officers of the several companies for the purpose of organizing the regiments agreeable to martial order.

D. done in Committee, at Pelham, 9th Dec. 1786.

"JOHN POWERS, Chairman."

"To the good People of the Town of Deerfield.

It has been considered by the officers of the several companies in the county of Hampshire returning from the movement to Worcester, met in consultation at Pelham, on the 9th day of December instant, to be a matter of the greatest importance, that the several companies and regiments in the said county be properly organized and officered: I am, therefore, directed by a committee appointed for that purpose, to request you in the name and behalf of the committee aforesaid, forthwith to assemble your companies to chuse a Captain and other officers necessary, and make return of the person so chosen to me as soon as may be.

"By order of the Committee,

"GRADIAH FOOT.

"Greenfield, Dec. 9, 1786."

Please to take notice.

TAKEN up in the road in Shrewsbury; on the last day of November, a man in Convulsion Fits, which were repeated almost incessantly, until the third of this inst. when he expired; he was never capable of telling from whence he came, but by some circumstances it is supposed he was from SANDSFIELD, and by a receipt found in his pocket (which

was the only paper found about him) it is cho't his name was NATHAN SMITH, which receipt was signed by Lemuel Mayo, and witnessed by Thomas Wood and James Adams, dated the tenth day of November, but no town mentioned: He had two Horses, some cloathing in his saddle-bags, and some medicines suitable for a person subject to Fits; the friends of the above described person, are desired to apply to the Selectmen Shrewsbury for the horses, and other articles; which they may have upon paying cost; or they may be sold at Vendue.

JOH RUSHING,
ASA RICE,
JOHN BRAGG,

Selectmen.

Shrewsbury, Dec. 15, 1786.

LOST between Eastampton & Northampton, on the 6th inst. a small Pocket Account Book, containing sundry notes and papers, viz. one Note against John Backster, of Hebron, of 5l. 10s. one against Longman Little, of Hebron, of 3l. 5s. 6d. one against Job Strong, of Eastampton, of 6l. two Connecticut State Notes, one about 12l. the other about one Deed for land, and sundry other writings of no consequence to any person but the owner. Whoever has found said Book with its contents, and will return it to the owner, or give information where it may be had, shall be handsomely rewarded, by

ELEAZER TIFFANY.
Eastampton, Dec. 16, 1786.

STRAYED from the Garrison's farm, in June last, two yearling HIFTERS, one a dark red, with a white face; the other a brown, with a black face; both horses, both marked with a half crop the upper lip of the right ear, and a bit under the side of the same. Whoever will take up said creatures, and give information where they may be had, so as to be proved, or the said creatures shall be handsomely rewarded, by

ADOLPHUS JORD.
West Hampton, Dec. 13, 1786.

Just come to hand, and to be sold by
Tappan & Fowle,
At their Shop, opposite the Court-House, in Northampton.

The following Articles, viz.
SCARLET, London known, Broad, Black and white Laces and Ribbons, Pink and White Tissues, Wide and narrow Ven. Broad, Black and white Laces and Ribbons, Edgings of various kind, Men's and women's Laces, Ladies white and colored Ribbons, Black and white Silk, Pink and white Ribbons, Men's Worsted Caps, Dressed Sheet Shirts, A good assortment of new, dead beat, and barbed tools, Quality, coat and shoe making, Pins and Needles, Temple, and other Spectacles, Shoe and Knee Buckles, Brass and Iron C. needles, Japanese, do. with Scales, Knives and Forks, Pen Knives, Shears and Scissors, He's and H's, of all sizes, five, Six, & Larks, Looking Glasses, A variety of Paper Hangers, Writing Paper, by the sheet, White Tea, Chocolate, Laps, Peppers, Alpice, Indigo, Snuff, Pewter Basins and Porting, Large and small Spoons, and a variety of other articles, Country Produce of most kinds will be received in payment for the above Goods.
Dec. 13, 1786.

FOR SALE,
At the Printing-Office in Northampton,
Webster's Institute.
Watt's Palms—Primers—Blanks of most kinds, Writing-Paper, and a few copies of Col. Humphrey's Form.

HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1787.

NORTHAMPTON: PRINTED BY WILLIAM BUTLER, A FEW RODS EAST OF THE COURT HOUSE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six. An ACT for rendering Process in Law less expensive.

WHEREAS it is the duty of the Legislature to provide means, whereby the decision of civil causes should be as speedy, and attended with as little expence to the citizens of this Commonwealth, as the nature of the things will admit: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That every Justice of the Peace within this Commonwealth, is hereby empowered to take cognizance of all civil actions, of the value of more than four pounds, arising or happening within their respective counties, triable by the common or statute laws, of what nature or species soever, excepting all actions wherein the title of real estate is to be determined, in the manner hereafter prescribed; and it shall be the duty of every Justice of the Peace, upon application made by any person or persons, who shall first exhibit his, her, or their debt or demand, to issue a writ of attachment or summons thereon, or an original summons, directed to some proper officer within the same county, empowered by law to execute the same, directing the person or persons, against whom such writ or summons shall issue, to appear before him the said Justice, on a day therein mentioned, to confess such debt or demand; and such writ or summons shall be duly served by such officer, at least fourteen days before the day therein set for confession; or otherwise the party summoned shall be held to answer thereon. Such summons to be in the form following.

(Summons for appearance.)
S. To the Sheriff of the said county of S. L. S. To the Sheriff of the said county of S. or either of his Deputies, or any of the Constables of the town of B. within the said county. Greeting.

IN the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to summon and give notice unto T. B. of B. aforesaid (addition) if he may be found in your precinct, that he appear before me, J. D. Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid, at my dwelling-house in B. on the day of at the clock in the noon; and there to answer to E. L. of M. (addition) and confession make, if he see cause of the debt, trespas or demand, (as the case may be) here inserted in the declaration as shall then and there appear, with other due damages, and of this writ, with your doings thereon, you are to make true return unto myself, at or before the said day of Dated at B. aforesaid, the day of in the year of our Lord, J. D. Just. Pacis.

(Capias or attachment.)
S. To the Sheriff of the said county of S. or either of his Deputies, or any of the Constables of the town of B. within the same county. Greeting.

IN the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to attach the goods or estate of T. P. of B. aforesaid (addition) to the value of £. and for want thereof, to take the body of the said T. P. if he may be found in your precinct, and him safely keep, in that he may be bid before me, J. D. Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid, at my dwelling-house in B. on the day of at the clock in the noon; and there to answer to E. L. of M. (addition) and confession make, if he see cause of the debt, trespas or demand (as the case may be) here insert the declaration as shall then and there appear, with other due damages. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this writ, and of your doings therein, unto myself, at or before the said day of Dated at B. aforesaid, the day of in the year of our Lord, J. D. Just. Pacis.

(Summons when the goods are attached.)
S. To T. P. of D. in the county of S. (addition.) Greeting. IN the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are commanded to appear before me, J. D. Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid, at my dwelling-house in B. on the day of at the clock in the noon; to answer unto E. L. of M. (addition) in a process of confession, where I here insert the declaration. Which process the said E. L. hath commenced to be heard before me. And your goods or estate attached to the value of £. for security to satisfy the judgment which the said E. L. may recover upon the aforesaid process. Fail not of appearance at your peril. Dated at B. aforesaid, the day of in the year of our Lord, J. D. Just. Pacis.

To T. P. of D. in the county of S. (addition.) Greeting.

IN the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are commanded to appear before me, J. D. Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid, at my dwelling-house in B. on the day of at the clock in the noon; to answer unto E. L. of M. (addition) in a process of confession, where I here insert the declaration. Which process the said E. L. hath commenced to be heard before me. And your goods or estate attached to the value of £. for security to satisfy the judgment which the said E. L. may recover upon the aforesaid process. Fail not of appearance at your peril. Dated at B. aforesaid, the day of in the year of our Lord, J. D. Just. Pacis.

And any attachment of real or personal property, duly made, in consequence of the aforesaid writ or summons, shall be held good and valid, through the final process that may be had on the case, to final judgment; and until thirty days after the time provided by law, for execution to issue, unless the defendant shall be directed therefrom, by order of law. And the body of any person attached by virtue of the aforesaid writ or attachment, shall be held until he be discharged, by the creditor, or by order of law.

And if the defendant shall appear to confess the debt or demand, the confession shall be in the form following. KNOW all men, that I C. D. of in the county of S. do owe unto E. L. the sum of £. of the lawful money of Massachusetts, to be paid to the said E. L. on the day of 17 and if I shall fail of the payment of the debt aforesaid, by the time aforesaid, I will and grant, that the said debt shall be levied of my goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and in want thereof, on my body. Dated at B. aforesaid, this day of in the year of our Lord, 17 Witness my hand and seal. C. D. (.)

S. Acknowledged the day and year last mentioned, before me. A. B. Just. Pacis.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if after such writ or summons shall be duly served, the party summoned, after being duly called, shall not appear to answer to the same suit, the charge against him in the declaration shall be taken to be true, and the Justice shall give judgment against him for such damages as he shall find the plaintiff hath sustained, with costs: And in case the defendant shall appear, and confess the debt or demand, or make default as aforesaid, execution shall issue from the Justice, after the expiration of fifty days from the time of confession or default, which execution may run into any county or place, and is hereby made a writable in any county or place in this Commonwealth, and shall be there executed by the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff or Constable to whom it shall be directed, and shall be in the form following.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Under the Sheriff or Deputy, or either of the Constables of the town of B. within the county of S. Greeting. BECAUSE C. D. of in our county of on the day of in the year of our Lord, 17 before me, A. B. Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the county of acknowledged (by confession or non-appearance, as the case may be) that he was indebted to E. F. of in the county of in the sum of £. which he ought to have paid on the day of And there now appears to be due. WE command you therefore, that of the goods, chattels, or real estate of C. D. within your precinct, you cause to be seized and satisfied unto the said E. F. as the value of £. in money, the aforesaid sum of together with costs of process, and of this writ, and thereof also satisfy yourself your own lawful fees. And for want of goods, chattels, or real estate of the said C. D. within your precinct, to satisfy the sums

aforesaid, and your said fees. We command you to take the body of the said C. D. and him commit unto our goal in our county of aforesaid, there to be detained in said goal until he pay the full sums aforesaid with your said fees; or that the said C. D. be discharged by the said E. F. the creditor, or otherwise by order of Law. Hereof fail not, and make return of this writ with your doings thereon, unto the above-said A. B. within ninety days from the date hereof, Witness the said A. B. the day of in the year of our Lord, 17 A. B.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case the defendant shall appear agreeably to the summons aforesaid, and shall dispute the demand therein stated against him, the Justice shall use his best endeavours, to induce the parties to a reference of such dispute or demand; and in case the parties agree to refer such dispute or demand, and agree on the persons to determine the same, the referees shall have the same power, & the same proceedings shall be had thereon, in all respects, as is pointed out by an act passed the present year, entitled, "An Act for rendering the decision of civil causes, as speedy and as little expensive as possible." And every Justice of the Peace, shall keep a fair record of his proceedings, in all actions brought before him, as in this act is provided, in a book to be kept for that purpose; which record, shall, on the death or removal of a Justice of the Peace, be lodged in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in the same county. And if any Justice of the Peace, on his removal from office, shall neglect to lodge the record of his proceedings, as aforesaid, for the space of six months from such removal, he shall forfeit, and pay the sum of fifty pounds; and if the executor or administrator, on the estate of a deceased Justice, shall neglect to lodge such record as aforesaid, for the term of three months, after the same shall come to his hands, he shall forfeit and pay the like sum of fifty pounds: And if any person shall knowingly defraud, deface or conceal any of the records of a Justice of the Peace after his death, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds. The said fines and forfeitures shall be sued for and recovered in the same manner as by this act is provided for the recovery of debts; one half thereof to the use of him or them, who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the county, to which such Justice while in office belonged.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when a debt or demand brought before a Justice of the Peace, agreeably to this Act, is disputed by the defendant; and the parties do not consent to settle the same by a reference, the plaintiff may carry such demand before the Court of Common Pleas for trial, on his giving notice to the defendant, in presence of the Justice (who shall record the same) of the time and place where the said action is to be heard and tried; in which case, a copy of the process before the Justice, with all the papers and evidence filed in the case, together with the plaintiff's declaration, shall be lodged in the office of the Clerk of the Common Pleas in the county where the trial is to be had, at least seven days before the sitting of the Court; and the plaintiff shall have a right to amend his declaration after the process, before a Justice, any time previous to the same being lodged in the Clerk's office. Provided, that if an alteration shall be made in the substance of the declaration, the Plaintiff shall cause the defendant to be notified thereof, fourteen days before the sitting of said court; and shall pay the costs that shall have arisen before such alteration was made.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That one Attorney be allowed to plead on either side, in any cause before the Court of Common Pleas. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all writs and summonses, issued by virtue of the Act, shall be issued by a Justice of the Peace in the county where the debtor or defendant resides; and if the defendant shall demand a trial by jury, such trial may be had, in the county where the creditor resides, if he shall require it.

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