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REMARKS ON TAXATION.

THE greater effects are produced by the most simple & efficacious means... THE PRINCIPAL object not to be paid if there was public ability, but the interest should be annually satisfied.

been taxed to pay the interest due to their neighbours, whose notes might run in another name, but had no preference in equity... I lately met with my old college acquaintance JOCVUUS.

When I knew JOCVUUS, some years ago, he dressed handsomely, possessed an easy flow of spirits and was generally esteemed for his amiable qualifications.

More than four fifths of the citizens through the Union are willing to satisfy every demand of justice... THE late revolution of government is a proof that they have unanimously plain for every extent.

But in this business a fanciful system must be laid them out like a simple and efficient one... I know not a more fallacious opinion that men entertain than that there is a great degree of friendship and generosity among persons, who mingle in parties of dissipation and intemperance.

From the GAZETTE of the UNITED STATES, Published in New York by Mr. JOHN FENN... I have a drinking companion, says the Greek proverb, who never follows.

Printed, and new ready for sale, By Daniel Butler,

At the Store under the PRINTING-OFFICE, Northampton, a good assortment of

CROCKERY WARE, Consisting of Oval Platters, Plates of all Sizes, Blue and White pencil'd and cream coloured Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Bowls, Tea Pots, &c.

Also—An assortment of STONE WARE, LIKE WISE.

Best ROCK SALT, WINE, MOLASSES, SUGAR, TEA, RAISINS, INDIGO, SNUFF, for the Bladder or less quantity, CAKE SOAP, per Box or single Cake, POWDER, WEBSTER'S INSTITUTE, WRITING PAPER, &c. &c.

WANTED, WHEAT—RYE—INDIAN CORN, PORK, TALLOW, and FLAX, in exchange for the above articles.—BUTTER—CHEESE—TOW CLOTH—good BAGGS, &c. will be received in exchange for any of the above.

Joiner's Tools.

HOUSE and Cabinet workmen may supply themselves with Moulding Tools of all kinds, warranted good, on short notice, and on reasonable terms, by applying to

BENJAMIN A. EDWARDS. Northampton, Dec. 30, 1789.

F L A X.

SIX PENCE PER POUND WILL be given for good FLAX, for which pay will be made in SHOES, BOOTS, INDIAN GO, TOBACCO, &c.

THOMAS SPAFFORD. Williamsburg, Dec. 16, 1789.

We the subscribers being appointed Commissioners by the Hon. ELEANOR FORTER, Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Hampshire, to examine the claims of the estate of THOMAS BELL, late of Colrain, deceased, represented insolvent, do hereby give notice, that we shall attend the business of our appointment, at the house of Lieut. THOMAS BELL, in Colrain, on the last Tuesday of December, March, April, and May next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. on each day. No accounts will be allowed after said term.

HUGH McLALLEN, JONATHAN McGEE, WILLIAM CALDWELL.

ALL Persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to THOMAS BELL, Administrator.

Strayed or stolen from the subscriber some time last summer, a dark brown or black STEAR, marked with a slit and half penny in the off ear. Whoever will give information where said Stear may be found, shall receive a handsome reward.

JAHLEEL WOODBRIDGE. South-Hadley, Dec. 21, 1789.

Hog's Bristles.

ONE SHILLING per pound (half Cobs) given for any quantity of HOG'S BRISTLES, at the Store under the PRINTING-OFFICE, Northampton. N. B. They may be well combed and free from shh.

Strong's and Beer's ALMANACK,

By the groce, dozen, or single, for sale at this office. All Persons indebted to the Printer hereof are requested to make payment immediately.

LEGGY. Written on the RUINS of the EAST-INDIA. HERE, ere the first tear from the weeping rofe, The cheering solar beam has kiss'd away, How shall this fragment give my limbs repose, And fit them to pursue the weary way?

Ah! once, alas! these limbs no place of rest Here on this ruin-cave'd spot had found; The steps of Peace here never footstep press, Or Pleasure wand'ring o'er the ground:

But hopeless Grief, and hollow-eyed Despair, In full possession of their horridous dwelt; And Tyranny, with grim-exulting air, Her iron terrors wide around her deat.

Here rose the dread Basilide—at that fell name, Cold flows the ling'ring life-blood thro' my veins, A sudden horror spreads thro' all my frame, And the chill'd Musc can scarce pursue her strains.

Here, as I sit, and dling my eyes around, And bid warm Fancy ring her utmost flight, What tragic scenes on this eventful ground, Unnumber'd, pour upon my aching sight!

Even now I see, on yonder blood-stain'd floor, His aching head the captive low recline, 'Upwards to Heav'n a ling'ring last look thrown, That speaks submission to the Will Divine.

That seems to rise above the cumbrous load, That many a day his wearied heart has prest; That thinks, expecting on Heav'n's bright abode, At length his soul shall find a place of rest.

Hark! what a heart-heat'd sigh starts in my ear! 'Tis the fall groan—some wretch now yields his breath! See! I waded by full many a sorrowing year, He fins, alas! into the arms of Death.

He sinks—by stern Adversity fore prest, He dies—and not a feathering bird is nigh, To hear the last wail of his burbling breath— To wipe the moist tear from his closing eye.

From these heart-rending scenes I gladness turn; The dread Basilide still ferries no more; No wretched captive here again shall moan, Or on the gate his sad complaining pour.

'Twas a great deed! That Monarch ill must reign, Must infernally sit upon his throne, Whose subjects, bound by Slavry's galling chain, Unheard, beneath her yoke oppressive, groan.

No.—Ho, alone, his people's King and Friend, The legal fact most surely fastly prest, Who lives, for this important, glorious choice, To make his subjects happy—and to bless.

Large Family Bible.

Search the Scriptures, for therein are contain'd the Words of eternal Life!—They have God for their Author—Salvation for their end!—And Truth, unmix'd with Error, for their Matter!

Worcester, Nov. 1789. PROPOSAL OF ISAIAH THOMAS, Of Worcester, Massachusetts, For printing by Subscription, AN AMERICAN EDITION, in Large ROYAL QUARTO, (Ornamented with an elegant Copperplate frontispiece) THE HOLY BIBLE,

CONTAINING THE SCRIPTURES of the Old and New Testaments; WITH THE APOCRYPHA and an INDEX, AND Marginal Notes and References. CONDITIONS.

I. It shall be printed with elegant new Types, already made and completed, particularly for the purpose, types large, beautiful, and suited for the accommodation of the eyes of all, especially those of the aged and infirm. II. The Paper shall be fully equal in goodness, if not of a superior quality, to the (English) Cambridge, Oxford, or London, Royal Quarto Editions.

from such the publisher will receive one-half of the sum, or Twenty One Shillings, in the following articles, viz. Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Butter, or Pork, if delivered at his store in Warrsbery by the 20th of Dec. 1790; the remaining sum of 21 shillings to be paid in Cash, as soon as the Books are ready for delivery.

This proposal is made, to accommodate all, notwithstanding the sum of twenty one shillings will by no means be the proportion of Cash that each Bible bound will cost the Publisher.

V. The work will be committed to the press as soon as a sufficient number of Bibles are subscribed for to defray half the expense of the undertaking. Notice will be given in the News paper, when the Bible will be put to the Press, on or before the first day of June next, and the time when it will be completed will then be mentioned.

To the CLERGY, &c. THE assistance of the Reverend Clergy, of all professions, in this and the neighbouring States, is earnestly requested, to forward and complete to large, important, and expensive an undertaking.—The weight now rests entirely on the publisher of this proposal, who has already expended a very large sum for types, and other matters preparatory for the business; but he doubts not, should he be favoured by having a generous number of Bibles subscribed for, to complete the work to the satisfaction of the Publick.

In order in some measure to recompense the Reverend Clergy, and all others, whose piety, goodness of heart, and regard for the manufacturers of their country, may induce them to be lent forward to great and useful an undertaking as the one now proposed, all who subscribe for twelve copies, or procure twelve copies to be subscribed for, and will be answerable, and makepayment for them, agreeably to this proposal, shall be entitled to, and receive a thirteenth copy, handsomely bound, for their trouble.

To the BOOKSELLERS. THE Bookellers in the United States, who subscribe for twelve or more copies in sheets, shall have them on full as generous terms as the Bookellers in England are supplied with English Editions.

To CHRISTIANS of every denomination. AT a time when all descriptions of men are united to promote the political welfare of our country, by the encouragement of Agriculture and all the Arts and Sciences, printing the Bible, that sacred Book which has a nobler object—the supreme and ultimate happiness of man—cannot be thought unimportant or unnecessary, especially as it tends to promote that Morality without which Industry, Arts and Sciences are vain.

The Proposals, therefore, to publish a large quarto Bible, most be pleasing to all, especially to the christian citizen, to whom nothing should be said as a stimulus for him to promote the good work by subscribing for one or more copies, but his being assured that due care shall be taken to have it correct and well executed—that this shall be the case, no labour or cost, within the subscriber's reach, will be wanting; for it is his ambition, should he proceed with the work, to have it completed in such a manner as shall disgrace neither himself nor his country.

It cannot be presumed, that any thing need be said to recommend the BIBLE, that ground work of our holy religion, to any class or citizens whatever—if there should, nothing new can be given on the subject—we must republish the ideas of those who have gone before. Books are addressed to the Judgment or the Imagination—intended to touch the Passions, or please the Fancy. The Holy Bible addresses the Soul, directs the paths of peace and happiness here, brings us to view a beautiful prospect of an hereafter—in it we are taught, with awful surprise, the great and glorious works of Creation—and with pleasing admiration may be seen the Rise and Fall of Empires—the Revolutions of Kingdoms and States—the various Vicissitudes of Life in all Stations—the depravity of Human Nature, when Man is forsaken by his God—the easy transitions from Innocence to Guilt, from Virtue to Vice—the Policy of Courts, and Simplicity of Cottages—the Rage of Lust—Folly of Pride—Fate of Tyranny, and Madness of Ambition. Here may be found patterns for all who wish to practice the Christian and Moral Duties. St. Gregory says, "From the Patriarchs we may take the model of all virtues—Abel teaches us Innocence—Enoch, Piety of Heart—Noah, a firm perseverance in Righteousness—Abraham, the Perfection of Piety and Faithfulness—Joseph, Chastity—Jacob, Constancy in Labour—Moses, Meekness—and Job, invincible Patience. Solomon, the most glorious prize that man can obtain, may be pursued with pleasure, &c. it may with ease be acquired, if Piety be the guide, and Faith the intercessor—the mercy of God is greater than our delinquency, and happiness eternal without reach, if we suppress the gratification of our passions to seek it: Read, therefore, and be informed—look for, and End."

As it is presumed that every denomination of Christians will be pleased with the intention of the proposer, so he rests assured that all will cheerfully contribute in aiding him to carry on and complete this first American Edition of a Royal Quarto Bible. He begs permission to subscribe himself.

With the greatest respect, &c. ISAIAH THOMAS.

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