

A FABLE.

A CROW was strutting o'er the flubbed plain, Just as a Lark descending, clod'd his brain.

THE MORALIST.

THERE is nothing more contrary to our taste than faculty, which proceeds from facility, or excess of access; nor any thing which so much stimulates it as rarity or difficulty.

While horse-breakers pass open doors, things sealed up invite them to plunder. And as fire burns with greater vehemence when mixed with fuel, so our wishes are more voracious when they are greater.

Flowers that are too lush of their odours, we neglect; but gather the rose which is incircled with thorns, and choose of its flavour. Pleasures which are enjoyed without a mixture of inconvenience, soon become cheap and tasteless.

The first thing done to underrate personal charms, is to expose them to sale upon easy terms; for a thing will sooner command a price equal to its real value, than one which is much lower.

The beauties of nature are most to be admired and contended where they become less concealed from the vulgar eye. When my friends are concerned with a subject, I fear they think it worth the pains of reading. The whole doctrine of pleasing consists in keeping the expectations of others alive, without ever fully satisfying them.

ANECDOTE.

A young Swiss recruit, when his regimentals were making, had procured a round iron plate bordered with small holes, which he fixed to the breast, to fasten on the inside of his coat, above his left breast, to prevent his being shot through the heart.

TAKE NOTICE!

ALL Book Accounts, Notes, or other obligations of a long standing on which any thing is due to the subscriber, if not settled before the first day of April next, will be lodged in his creditor's or some attorney's hand to be collected.

EDWARD BILLINGS. Greenfield, Feb. 16, 1799.

Military Bounty Lands.

OFFICERS and SOLDIERS who are entitled to MILITARY BOUNTY LANDS, may find an advantageous sale of them by applying to WILLIAM MOORE.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP OF Davenport & McLean,

At Northampton, will dissolve in the month of March next. This therefore is to request all those indebted to them to call on the subscriber at their Store in Northampton, and settle the same before the expiration of said time.

These debts remaining unpaid after the dissolution of said Partnership, will be lodged in the hands of the creditors at Boston—a previous settlement therefore, will probably prevent trouble and cost.

In behalf of Messrs. Davenport & McLean, NATHANIEL ELAKE. Northampton, Jan. 7, 1799.

TO BE SOLD,

At PUBLIC VENDUE, At the Dwelling House of Mr. DAVID HOYT, in Deerfield, on Wednesday the tenth day of March next, at one o'clock P.M. (unless sold at private sale before that time) a valuable

FARM,

In the fourth part of said town, lately owned by Samuel Barnard, deceased, containing about EIGHTY ACRES, with a good dwelling house and barn thereon, a suitable proportion of mowing, tillage, pasture, and wood land, with an excellent young orchard, pleasantly situated on the east side of the county road, leading from Deerfield to Hatfield, a very convenient place for a garden.

ELISHA ROOT, JOSEPH BARNARD. Deerfield, Feb. 10, 1799.

Eleazer & Wm. Porter,

Have just received a fresh supply of English and West-India

GOODS,

Drugs and Medicines, Paints, Bar-Iron and Steel, and assortment of Hollow and Crockery WARE—Bohea and Souchong Tea,—all of which will be sold retail for Cash, or bartered for most kinds of country Produce.

ALL those who are indebted to said PORTERS, either by Book or Note, are desired to make immediate payment—especially those who have been indebted more than six months.—Should any neglect this call, and thereby be sued without further notice, this advertisement must be considered as a sufficient apology.

We the Subscribers being appointed Commissioners by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Hampshire, to receive and examine the claims of the creditors to the estate of ELIAD POMEROY, late of Easthampton, deceased, represented insolvent, hereby give notice, that we shall attend the business of our appointment on the first Tuesdays of March, April and July, from 2 to 5 o'clock P. M. on each day, at the dwelling house of Capt. DAVID LYMAN, in said Easthampton. No accounts will be allowed after said term.

BENJAMIN LYMAN, ELEAZER HANNUM, ELIJAH WRIGHT, ALL Persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, to DAVID LYMAN, Adm'r. Easthampton, Feb. 3, 1799.

A few of Thomas's Collection OF Sacred Music, FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

Strong's and Beer's ALMANACKS, By the groce, dozen, or single, for sale at this office.

NOTICE

IS hereby given to the following non-resident proprietors of land in the town of Williamburgh, County of Hampshire, that their lands are taxed in a State, Minister, School and town tax for 1788, as follows, viz.

Table with columns: State Tax, Town Tax, Min. & Sch. Tax, and names of proprietors like Gideon Canfield, Capt. Elijah Hens, Johana Norton, etc.

Unless said taxes are paid on or before the first Monday of April next, so much of said land will then be sold at Public Vendue, at the house of John Thayer, in Williamburgh, at two o'clock P.M., as will be sufficient to discharge the same with intervening charges.

ABJAH HUNT, Collector, Williamburgh, Feb. 12, 1799.

NOTICE

IS hereby given to the non-resident owners of the following lands, lying in Colrain, in the County of Hampshire, that their lands are taxed in the second list committed to me to collect for the year 1788, as follows, viz.

The Farm lately owned by Thomas Anderson, State tax, 35. Town and County, 45. Minister tax, 27. School tax, 15. 100d.

Unless said taxes are paid on or before Monday the eighth day of March next, so much of said lands will be sold at Public Vendue, at the house of the subscriber, in Colrain, at one o'clock P.M., as will be sufficient to discharge the same with intervening charges.

DAVID MERRISON, Collector, Colrain, Jan. 12, 1799.

NOTICE

IS hereby given, that a lot of land lying in the town of Wendell, No. 56, is taxed in my tax bills for the year 1788, as follows, viz.

Unless said taxes are paid on or before the second Monday in March next, so much of said land will be sold at Public Vendue, at the dwelling house of Deacon Jonathan Ogden, in Colrain, at one o'clock P.M., as will be sufficient to discharge said taxes, with necessary charges.

DAVID WHITAKER, Constable, Wendell, Feb. 3, 1799.

NOTICE

IS hereby given to AZARIAH SENDER, that he is taxed 37. 4d. on the list for the years 1788 and 1789. Unless said taxes are paid on or before Monday the 8th day of March next, we shall sell at PUBLIC VENDUE, at one o'clock P.M., at the house of Mr. Seth Wait, in Ashfield, so much of said land, being part of the hundred and 20 lot, No. 50, in the 3d division of lots, as will satisfy said taxes with intervening charges.

Joseph Warren, Collector for 1798, Jesse Merrill, Collector for 1799, Ashfield, Jan. 11th, 1799.

The Subscribers Commissioners appointed to examine the claims of the creditors of the estate of JOSHUA WINSLOW, late of Barre, deceased, hereby give notice, that the time of their Commission is lengthened by the Hon. Judge of Probate from the fifth day of January last, three months, so that they shall attend at the house of Capt. John Wood, of Barre, inholder, on the 1st Monday of February and the two following months from four to six o'clock P. M.

EZRA JONES, NOAH RIFLEY, Barre, Jan. 6, 1799.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

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that all of this State, owing to the United States, certain Western Lands therein deprived. The message with the accompanying bill were read—and on motion of Mr. Smith, S. C. I referred to a committee to report thereon.

It is to be observed that a man who is once degraded in society, loses a great stimulus to industry, and is the victim of a powerful check to deter him from future crimes—His lost reputation he has no hopes to retrieve, and if he has lost it by the commission of a crime, which in others is passed over with a moderate fine, it tends to detach him from society, and he often becomes irreclaimable, in cases where, by a more gentle and equitable method, he might have been reclaimed.

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