

FOR THE HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE.

Mr. BUTLER,
The following lines were written in a nice cube the
Author's health appeared fast declining—they are
written in a serious strain. If you think them worthy a
vacant corner in your useful Papers, your publication
of this will much oblige yours,

RUSTICUS.

MY active limbs and health decay,
This mortal life draws near a close,

While I my precious moments lose
In vanity and busy strife.

About the mad pernits of life.

In eager chase of gilded flies,

While falning forms delude the eye,

But they're grasp'd, they ring the heart,

With strong care and piercing smart,

Through fair scenes the fancy strays,

Lov'd in a visionary maze,

Erecting castles on the sand,

By wild imagination's hand,

Whose huge dimensions fill the earth,

And give a thousand phantoms birth.

Here gliding streams of pleasure flow

And promise bliss secure from woes—

Here crowded granaries appear,

And stores laid up for many a year.

Here airy forms of honor rise,

And gilded glory strikes the eyes.

Here numerous friends their bils import,

Wise honest converse chears the heart

Here health that's crown'd with many a year

A happy life fears from fear!

There in a beauteous gloom I see

Rife the fair for hidden tree;

The loaded branches bowing bland,

And silently invite the hand;

While every form of bliss present

Bejild' fancy can invent.

The wall that's built of stone and lime,

Denies the scaling hand of time;

The glittering towers to heaven rise,

Our eager thoughts embrace the prize;

The fluttering bubbles cheat themid,

While Death in ambush lurks behind;

This gloomy sword is pass'd between,

And overtake the gilded scene.

The Babel falls, in ruin lies,

And leaves the soul in簪;

Confusion and despair ensue;

And keep remorse in each review.

May sovereign grace turn off base eyes

From these bewitching vanities;

Teach me my duty, make me know,

The joys that from Religion flow.

God is a fortress strong and sure,

Will through eternity endure;

All those which death can never take,

And life that never will forgo.

Come dearest friend pacify my soul,

And each wild passion there control;

Make all the powers within me meet

In sweet submission at thy feet.

An easy Method to take Wool off SHEEP
or LAMB SKINS without damaging
the Skins.

TAKE about a handful of slack'd lime, mix it
with water, and put over the flesh of the skin; then
lend the skin together, and let it lay until the
water comes off, which will be in a short time; then
pull the wool, and bang the skin out straight across
a pole, under cover from the sun; until you send it to
the Tannery.—Or, after the skin is taken
off, put it on a cow's or ox's back, the flesh side
next to the creature; if put on in the evening, the wool
will come next morning. By no means use a fire,
as it renders the skin unfit for tanning.

Another Method is—Fill a tub one quarter,
or be sure not more than half full of hot water;
then lay the skin over the tub; and the steam arising
from the hot water will fit the wool for pulling
in an hour or less. Be careful that the hot
water does not touch the skin, nor come so near it
as to blister or curl it; this would ruin the skin.
Be sure to move the skin, so that the steam may
operate on all parts of it.

From a late English Paper.

A LARGE SHEEP.

On the 1st of June, 1791, a bet was laid
at Ladykirk, between Mr. Logan, of Edrom,
in Berwickshire, & Mr. Sheriff, at Captainhead, in
East Lothian, which much excited the curiosity of
the gentlemen and farmers in those counties.

The bet was whether Mr. Logan or Mr. Sher-
iff would, on the first Friday of November fol-
lowing, produce, in Haddington, the best sheep
of two years old, of their own breed, and then in
their pollution.

Mr. Logan failing to produce his sheep, and
Mr. Sheriff's sheep appearing on the day fixed, &
being killed on the surface of Sir David Kinlock,
of Gilerton, Bart. Sir James Baird, of Saughorn
Hall, Bart. and many of the most respectable gen-
tlemen and farmers of the county of East Lothian,
agreed as follows, viz. the weight 294lb. 4 oz.
two bushel quarters 106lb.—the two fore

20lb. 10 oz. N. B. The weth being
only five months growth, from May to the 4th
of November, on which day the animal was killed,
10lb. thickness of fat on the ribs 4-1/2 inches, &
below the shoulders 5 inches: Two to one was
laid against Mr. Sheriff, which he took, and of
course won.

Mr. Sheriff has for some years been at much
pains and expense to improve his breed of sheep
and he is now supported, by several judges to have,
for both wool and mutton, the completest breed of
sheep in the South of Scotland. The value of this
animal, at 5d. per lb. for the mutton, 6d. for the
tallow, 15. 3d. for the wool, exclusive of the skin,
head, feet, and entrails, is 41. 14s.

HAPPY MARRIAGE.

FROM A LATE LONDON PAPER.
Latey, at Wondhouse, near Leeds, William
Wilson, aged 91, to Mary Wilkinson of 75, they
were attended by a numerous congregation, and
when the ceremony was finished, there was a jud-
ge's echo of joy from the auditory, of

"O the Days when I was young."

ANECDOTE OF .

Bonnel Thornton.
MR. Thornton's character as a man of wit,
as well as a writer of reputation, has been too
well established to need further corroboration here.
Like most wits too, he loved conviviality, which
frequently led to late hours, and consequently short
mornings. After a night spent in this manner,
an old female relative called him rather late in
the morning, and found him in bed, on which she
read him a lecture on prudence, which she concluded
by saying, "Ab Bonnel! Bonnel I see plainly
you'll shorten your days"—Very true madam,
(replied Bonnel, very gravely) but by the same rule,
I shall lengthen my nights."

ANECDOTE.

NOT long ago a negro was arraigned at the
bar for arson. The crime imputed to his charge
was the burning of a barn. One of his brother
blacks was brought up as an evidence against him.
The attorney general, in order to sound the negro's
moral, asked if he ever went meeting to
be enfranchised in the affirmative. Well, continued the
attorney, do you ever use the Bible? Yes ma'am,
answered the negro, I trappa my razor on it
sometimes.

Levi Shephard,
HAS LATELY RECEIVED A LARGE SUPPLY OF
WEST-INDIA & NEW-ENGLAND
RUM.

HE HAS ALSO FOR SALE
MADEIRA, } WINES, { FAVAL,
SHERRY, } SPICES, { MALLAGA.
A QUANTITY OF EXCELLENT GIN.
FRENCH BRANDY.

SPICES of all kinds. LOAF and BROWN SUGAR,
RAISINS, TURKEY FIGS, best HYSON and BO-
HEA TEA, SPANISH INDIGO.

DRUGS & MEDICINES,

AS USUAL.
DYING WOODS and DRUGS for CLOTHIERS,
of almost every kind. PAINTER'S COLOURS, by
the quantity. FLAX SEED OIL, by the barrel or
gallon. SPIRITS of TURPENTINE, VARNISH and
VARNISHED FISH, PITCH, TAR and ROSIN, a general assort-
ment of HARD WARE, a variety of beautiful LOOK-
ING GLASS, Philadelphia and Swedish IRON,
best of English and American blisster'd STEEL, Ger-
mano, do, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 12 Window Glass, 20, 10, & 8
Nails. Likewise a complete assortment of

English and India Goods.

A number of RED SACKS, with suitable cord to
lack them to the Bedstead, which are made of the flout
che duck.

WANTED a quantity of BEES-WAX, and
SHIPPING-FURS, for which CASH will be paid.

N. B. Many of the above GOODS may be had at
3 months credit, or on contracts for FLAX, (or other
produce) as said Shephard, defers to pursue the Due
Manufacture with greater attention than usual, of con-
sequence he will want a very large quantity of FLAX

which is well dressed, the present year.

Northampton, Dec. 12, 1791.

TICKETS,
In New-Haven Bridge-Lottery,
for sale, by

BENJ. PRESCOTT

NORTHAMPTON, JANUARY 2, 1792.

RAGS,

CASH GIVEN FOR CLEAN COTTON
AND LINEN RAGS, AT THIS OFFICE

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

NEW GOODS.

Daniel Butler,

Has just opened for sale, at the Store under the Printing
Office, Northampton.

A general Assortment of Winter GOODS.

ALSO, a good assortment at his Store in Willow-
bury—All of which will be offered for sale at a small
advance for pay in hand.

WANTED—100lb. of Head of Beef Castle, fat
for hizzling, and Pork, for which part cash will
be paid, & the highest price given—Pens, White-
Cheese, Woolen Shirting, &c.

December 26, 1792.

Maurice W. Dwight.

AS a few articles of simple Medicine, of ex-
cellent quality, (well calculated for a Country-
Physician) which will dispose of much cheaper, than
they can be bought in the country, if applied for me.

N. B. Said Dwight wants to purchase a likely
HORSE, 4 or 5 years old, fit to perform a consider-
able journey immediately, for which good pay will be
made.

Northampton, Dec. 24, 1792.

WE the subscribers being appointed
Commissioners by the Hon. Court of Probate,
&c. to receive and examine the claims of the Creditors
of the Estate of Deacon Samuel Knight, late of New-
Bedford, (represented insolvent) do hereby give notice,
that we shall attend fair business at the dwelling
House of the deceased, in Norwich, on the 2nd, 3rd
and 4th of February and 1st of March, 1793, to receive
all claims which may be properly attached to, and
none will be allowed after said term.

DANIEL KIRKLAND,
WILLIAM FORES,
AARON HALL,

ALL Persons indebted to said Estate are
requested to call on the subscribers and settle in
same.

BETSEY KNIGHT,
RODOLPHUS KNIGHT,

Adams, Norwich, Dec. 24, 1792.

WILLARD SMITH.

Northampton, December 17, 1792.

Simeon Butler,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Public, that he has
just commenced the business of BOOK BINDING
in this town, nearly opposite the new School
House, where he proposes to carry it on in all
its various Branches; having been regularly
employed in such a business, he shall be able to
afford himself the best materials, and to furnish
any article required, to be bound in books, or
any pattern, may be had on the shortest Notice.

HE HAS FOR SALE,

Palm Books, Webster's Spelling Books, all parts by the

dozen or single, at the same price as they can be bought

in Hartford.—Writing Paper, Account Books of

different sizes, Ink Powder, Sealing-wax, Bills, Testa-
ments, Entick's Dictionary, Beckett's Letters, Chap-
Books.—A variety of Books suitable for children. At
any of the above articles, or Cols., given in exchange
for any person inclining to contract for the
whole or part thereof, are defered to deliver their pro-
prietor writing, sealed to either of the Subscribers
before the 6th day of February next.

Any person or persons inclining to contract for the
whole or part thereof, are defered to deliver their pro-
prietor writing, sealed to either of the Subscribers
before the 6th day of February next.

At which time proposals will be received from any

person or persons inclining to contract to build a dam

across the Conestee Creek, at the head of the falls by

Gaylor's Mills, affording: to raise the water of said

stream to a right line till within 100 or 150

feet of the water-falls—thence to run obliquely up

to the shore, 100 or 100 feet, the whole being
about 1,130 feet, varying from that length, the
price to be in proportion. The person or persons con-
tracting, to give security, in the real estate, of the value
of double the sum of the contracted—afforded personal
security for the like sum, to maintain and support
the said dam in good repair & entire, for the term of
ten years from the time of completing the same; and
to construct said dam by gradually increasing the height
of the oblique part thereof, that there shall be no unres-
traintable obstruction filling passing the same. The
water and supplies of every kind to be furnished by the
Contractors; the dam to be finished before the first day
of December next. The pay to be in money at such
times as the parties shall agree on.

Proposals will then be received from any persons in-

clined to contract to build a dam of the above de-

scription of timber, placed transversely over each oth-

er (commonly called cobwork) not exceeding 4 feet
from center to center thereof each way, except the ob-
lique part, the lower side of which to be solid and
without staves. The bottom pieces aptly fitted to the
stocks to be covered with timber, which are round
(except where they come in contact together,) not less
than one foot square—subject to the inspection and
direction of a person agreed on by the proprietors
and contractors for that purpose.

The contractors to furnish all the materials and supplies, or

the proprietors to furnish the timber, and the con-
tractors every thing else. The pay to be made in

quarters as last mentioned.

Proposals will be received at the same time,

from any persons inclining to build by contract and

furnish materials for the same—two Holes and two

Bars of the preceding description, to wit:—One

hole six inches square, and twenty feet

deep, one foot high, with a common roof, one back

of chimney in the center, with two fire places and

one oven, a cellar with a wall of stone about 4' under

the floor, stairs leading into the cellar, and

one room above, with a

moderate term of time.

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