

SONNET TO THE MOON,  
By CHARLOTTE SWIFT.  
QUEEN OF THE SILVER BOSOM—by thy pale  
beam,

calm and peace, I delight to stay,  
And watch thy shadow trembling in the stream,  
Or mark the floating cloud that crost thy way;

And while I gaze, thy mild and placid light

Sheds a soft calm over my troubled brest;

And oft I think,—fair planet of the night,

That in thy orb the wretched may have rest;

The sufferers of the earth perhaps may go;

Released by death, to thy benign sphere;

And the sad children of despotism,

Forget in their cup of sorrow here.

Oh! if I had but power to move the world,

How gladly would I do it in this living tree!

Unknown habets amicitia?

WHERE dost thou find friendship dwell?

In the peasant's humble cell;

Far retired from public life,

Stranger to the voice of strife.

Friendship dwells not with the great;

Is not found in pomp and state,

Lives not in the noisy crowd,

Dwells not with the vain, the proud.

Free me, O ye Powers Divine!

From the haunts of noise and vice;

From the crowd with tumult filled,

Let us ever live retired.

Give me health and peace of mind,

A friend sincere, a brother kind,

And my love and friendship dwell

In my lonely, humble cell.

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*To the 5th of November—Exposition.*

[From Miss BARBADO'S Miscellaneous.]

THE world may be considered as a great mart of commerce, where fortune exposes to our view various commodities—rishes, fabrics, tranquility, fame, integrity, knowledge. Every thing is marked at a fixed price. Our time, our labour, our ingenuity, is so much ready to be sold, that we lay out the best we can. Even

thee, compare, choose, reject, and bring to your own judgment, as you like children, when you have purchased one thing, replace that you do not purchase another which you did not purchase.

Such is the force of well regulated industry, that a steady & vigorous exertion of our faculties, directed to one end, will generally insure success;

Would you, for instance, be rich? Do you think that single point worth the sacrificing every thing else? You may then be rich. Those who have been come to from the lowest beginning, by toil, and patient diligence, and attention to the minutest articles of expense and profit. But you must give up the pleasures of leisure, of a vacant mind, of a life uninterested temper, if you desire to gain, or integrity, or fame, or wealth, or vulgar honours. Those high and lofty actions of spirits which you brought with you from the schools, were gradually lowered, and mixed with the humdrum of a jaded and worldly practical prudence. You must learn to do hard, not smart labour; and for the nice embarrassments of a delicate and ingenious spirit, it is necessary for you to get rid of them as fast as possible. You must not let your heart against the Muses, and be content to feed your understanding with plain household truths. In short, you must not attempt to enlarge your ideas or polish your taste, or refine your sentiments; but must keep on in one beaten track, without turning aside either to the right hand or the left. "But I cannot submit to drudge like this—I feel a spirit above it." "It is well; be about it then; only do not resign that you are not rich."

I know by the seal of price? That, too, may be given by a master or agent, and his military horses of study and education. But a scholar, and his learned, "Bar," for the sake of letters, "where a handprint is that many an illiterate fellow, who cannot confine the most to the arms of his coach, shall raise a fortune and make a figure, while I have little more than the common countenance of His!" Was it in order to raise fortune that you confined the brightly-bosomed sons of study and refinement? Was it to be rich that you grew pale over the midnight lamp, and diffused the tears of the Greek and Roman spring? You have then an armful of pen and ink, and I employed your industry.

"What reward have I had for my labours?" What reward? A large compensation, well paid from a scholar, and his perturbations, and prejudices, and his comprehend and interpret the works of man, of God. A rich flourishing, cultivated mind, engrossed with innumerable hours of contemplation and reflection. A perpetual supply of fresh ideas, and the cautious dignity of superior intelligence. Good Heav's I and what reward can you afford?

"But is not fame a rough upon the economy of Providence, that such a one, who is a most direful fellow, should have amassed wealth enough to buy half a nation?" Not in the least. He made himself a manly, fit fellow, to his own end. He has paid his debts, his confusions, his liberty, for us; and will pay his debts. Will you hang your head and think in despair, that you are not fit for your country and nation? Lift up your brow with a manly confidence, say to yourself, "I have not these things, it is true, but it is because I possess something better; I have chosen my lot; I am content and satisfied."

And you a modest man—yea loquacious and independent, and have a delicacy and refine in your temper which renders it impossible for you to show your way in the world, and be the herald of your own merits. Be content, then, with a modest retirement, with the esteem of your most friends, with the praises of a benevolent heart, and a delicate ingenuous spirit; but refine the splendid distinctions of the world to those who can be most resembleable friends.

The man, who makes himself of consequence and first regard on the rules of morality, makes him serpentine and fearful of offending, is often heard to complain of the disfavouring he is under in

every path of honor and profit. "Could I but get over some nice points, and conform to the practice and opinion of those about me I might find a fair chance at other points, and a general preference?" And you, are you not? What hinder's you from dissipating this troublesome life, and of years, which leads to grievous sins, in your way? It is a fatal thing to enjoy a healthy mind, found at the very core, that does not shrink from the keenest affliction; inward freedom from remorse and perturbation; unaffected whiteness and simplicity of manners; a gentle integrity.

*For in the last recesses of the mind;*  
if you think these advantages an inadequate recompence for what you resign, dismiss your feelings this instant, and a have a slave merchant, a dexter or what you please.

STOCKBRIDGE, July 12.

#### INDEPENDENCE.

THE Anniversary of the birth day of America as an Independent Nation, was celebrated at RICHMOND on Monday the 4th inst. by a large number of Gentlemen from various towns in the County of Berkshire, and from the adjoining towns in the State of New-York.—About one o'clock the company moved from the House of Mr. PAULUS COOL to the Meeting-House, where a prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. PERRY which did him honour as a Christian, an American, and a lover of his Country.—An excellent Ode, composed for the occasion, was then sang, also, which the Rev. Mr. SHEPARD, of LEXINGTON, delivered an Oration which commanded the repeated plaudits of a numerous audience, and the estimation of the speakers, in true earnest; the hymns of our citizens, the earliest, the most zealous which protestants, and our debtors, in particular, were those which the Rev. ORATIO DEAN sang, in the general acceptance of his voice.

ABEL WHITNEY, Collector of the revenue, RICHMOND, July 12.

#### Office of Inspection.

THE Collector of the revenue will attend to the issuing of Licences to Retailers of foreign distilled Spirits and Wines, and to receive the Entries of Carriages during the whole week of the Session of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the beginning of next September, at the house of Mr. JAMES FENSTER, Northampton. At all other times in the same month he will attend the same before the Office of Well-Worthy.

WILLIAM H. COOL, Collector of the revenue, RICHMOND, July 12.

#### Drugs & Medicines.

FOR sale by the subscriber at his Drug-Shop in a few rods east of the Meeting-House in CANTON, a quantity of various

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among which are many pieces Medicines of an excellent quality. Those who indite the physician with their colds may depend on having all kinds of medicine, and especially those which protestants, and our debtors, in particular, are those which the Rev. ORATIO DEAN sang, in the general acceptance of his voice.

JOHN WELLS, Collector of the revenue, RICHMOND, July 12.

#### Stop Runaway!

#### 25 Cents Reward!

ON the evening of the 6th inst. JULY BLACKMAN, an apprentice to the subscriber of AMHERST, house carpenter; made his escape from his master, and escaped on Sunday afternoons, to a considerable amount; he is about 18 years of age, dark complexion, with a pale green coat, with a striped waist belt, and a white cap.

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