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Byron's Death-Love and Warning.

(Told the writer by a lady who had been Byron's intimate friend.)

Byron was getting towards midnight when a group of young noblemen came out from one of the clubs of St. James-street. The servants of each, as he stopped upon the pavement, threw up the wooden apron of the footman, and sprang to the head of the horse; as to the destination of the equipages in the evening, there seemed to be some discussions among the noble masters. Behind the line of coronetted vehicles, stood a hackney-coach, and a person in an attitude of expectancy pressed as near the exhilarated group as he could without exciting immediate attention.

"Which way?" said he whose vehicle was nearest, standing with his foot on the step. "All together, of course," said another. "I'll make a night of it." "Pardon me," said the clear and sweet voice of the last out from the club: "I secede. Go your ways, gentlemen!" "Now, what the deuce is afoot?" said the most, again stepping back on the sidewalk. "Don't let him off, Fitz! Is your horse here, Byron, or will you let me drive?" "By Jove, you shan't leave us!" "But you shall leave me, and so you are a hypocrite, my friend! In plain phrase, I won't go with you! And I don't know what I shall do; so spare your curiosity from the trouble of asking; I have a presentiment that I am wanted—by devil or angel!" "I see a hand you cannot see."

"I see a very pretty hand it is, I dare say," said the former speaker, jumping into his cab and starting off with a spring of blood-horse, followed by all the vehicles of the club-door, save one. Byron stood looking after them a moment, raised his hat and pressed his hand hard to his forehead. The unknown person who had been lurking near, seemed willing to have him for a moment to his thoughts, and was embarrassed at approaching a stranger. As Byron turned with his halting step towards the steps, however, he came suddenly to his side.

"Pardon me," he said, and was silent, as if waiting for permission to go on. "Well," replied Byron, turning to him with the least surprise, and looking closely at his face by the light of the street-lamp, "come to you with an errand which is a strange one, I am sure; but I am prepared for it—I have been forewarned of it—do you require of me? for I am not a messenger, then—none except a spirit—for my heart would me I should be wanted at this hour. At once."

"What shall I do?" suddenly burst from Byron's lips in a tone of death-pang, an effort, as if up his form and resumed the marble calmness of his countenance. The dying girl, meantime, seemed to have lost herself in prayer. With her wasted hands clasped on her bosom, and her eyes turned upwards, the slight motion of her lips betrayed to those around her that she was pleading at the throne of mercy. The physician crept close to her bedside, but with his hand in his breast, and his head bowed, he seemed but watching for the moment when the soul should take its flight. She suddenly raised herself on the pillow. Her long brown tresses fell over her shoulders, and a brightness unnatural and almost fearful kindled in her eyes. She seemed endeavoring to speak, and gazed steadfastly at Byron. Slowly, then, and tranquilly sank back again upon her pillow, and as her hands fell apart, and her eyelids dropped, she murmured, "Come to heaven!" and the stillness of death was in the room. The spirit had fled.

before a low door in a street close upon the river, that the latter found utterance. "Is she alive?" he hurriedly asked of a woman who came out at the sound of the carriage-wheels. "She was—a moment since—but be quick!" Byron followed quickly on the heels of his companion, and passing through a dimly lighted entry to the door of a back-room, they entered. A lamp, shaded by a curtain of spotless purity, threw a faint light upon a bed, upon which lay a girl, watched by a physician and a nurse. The physician had just removed a small mirror from her lips, and holding it to the light, he whispered that she still breathed. As Byron passed the edge of the curtain, however, the dying girl moved the fingers of the hand lying on the coverlet, and slowly opened on him her languid eyes—eyes of inexpressible depth and lustre. No one had spoken. "Here he is," she murmured. "Raise me, mother, while I have time to speak to him."

Byron looked around the small chamber, trying in vain to break the spell of awe which the scene threw over him. An apparition from the other world could not have checked more fearfully and completely the worldly and scornful under-current of his nature. He stood with his heart beating almost audibly, and his knees trembled beneath him, awaiting what he prophetically felt to be a warning from the very gate of heaven. Propped with pillows, and left by her attendants, the dying girl turned her head towards the proud, noble poet, standing by her bedside, and a slight blush overspread her features. A smile of angelic beauty stole through her lips. In that smile the face re-awakened to its former loveliness, and seldom had he who now gazed breathlessly upon her, looked on such spiritual and incomparable beauty. The spacious forehead and noble contour, still visible, of the emaciated lips, bespoke genius impressed upon a tablet all feminine in its language; and in the motion of her hand, and even in the slight movement of her graceful neck, there was something that still breathed of surpassing elegance. It was the shadowy wreck of no ordinary mortal passing away—humble as were the surroundings, and strange as had been his summons to her bedside. "And this is Byron?" she said at last, in a voice bewilderingly sweet even thro' its weakness. "My lord! I could not die without seeing you—without relieving my soul of a mission with which it has long been burdened. Come nearer—for I have no time left for ceremony, and I must say what I have to say—and die! Beautiful," she said, "beautiful as the dream of him which has so long haunted me! the intellect and the person of a spirit of light!—Pardon me, my lord, that a moment so important to yourself, the remembrance of an earthly feeling has been betrayed into expression."

She paused a moment, and the bright color that had shot through her cheek and brow faded, and her countenance resumed its heavenly serenity. "I am near enough to death," she resumed—"near enough to point you almost to heaven from where I am; and it is on my heart like the one errand of my life—like the bidding of God—to implore you to prepare for judgment. Oh, my lord! with your glorious powers, with your wondrous gifts, be not lost! Do not, for the poor pleasures of a world like this, lose an eternity in which your great mind will outstrip the intelligence of angels. Measure this thought—scan the worth of angelic bliss with the intellect which has ranged so gloriously through the universe; do not, on this one momentous subject of human interest—on this alone be not short-sighted!" "What shall I do?" suddenly burst from Byron's lips in a tone of death-pang, an effort, as if up his form and resumed the marble calmness of his countenance. The dying girl, meantime, seemed to have lost herself in prayer. With her wasted hands clasped on her bosom, and her eyes turned upwards, the slight motion of her lips betrayed to those around her that she was pleading at the throne of mercy. The physician crept close to her bedside, but with his hand in his breast, and his head bowed, he seemed but watching for the moment when the soul should take its flight. She suddenly raised herself on the pillow. Her long brown tresses fell over her shoulders, and a brightness unnatural and almost fearful kindled in her eyes. She seemed endeavoring to speak, and gazed steadfastly at Byron. Slowly, then, and tranquilly sank back again upon her pillow, and as her hands fell apart, and her eyelids dropped, she murmured, "Come to heaven!" and the stillness of death was in the room. The spirit had fled.

List of Acts

Passed by the Legislature of Mississippi, at the regular session of 1844.

1 An act in relation to the purchase of stationary and candles, and the use of the present legislature.

2 An act to authorize the trustees of school and school lands in township number 1, range number 4 west, in the County of Wilkinson, to rescind the sale, lease or contract, for or concerning the school lands in township number 1, range number 5 west.

3 An act to incorporate the Humane and Benevolent Society of Vicksburg, with an Orphan Asylum annexed.

4 An act to amend an act entitled an act permanently fixing the seat of justice for the County of Coahoma, and for other purposes, approved, July 1843.

5 An act to change the name of Samuel H. Doxy, to that of Samuel Haynes.

6 An act to authorize the board of police of Carroll County to levy a special tax for the purpose of building a court-house in the town of Carrollton, in Carroll County, approved, Jan. 13, 1839.

7 An act to repeal an act incorporating the town of Hudsonville, in the County of Marshall.

8 An act to repeal the incorporation of the town of Gallatin, in Copiah County, and for other purposes.

9 An act to authorize the transcribing into suitable books, the records of the probate court of the County of Coahoma.

10 An act to incorporate the trustees of the Friendship Male Academy in the County of Panola.

11 A resolution granting leave of absence to judge B. F. Caruthers, during two months of the summer of eighteen hundred and forty-four.

12 A resolution requesting the district attorney of the United States to postpone the sale of certain property of the Planters Bank.

13 A resolution asking the establishment of a semi-weekly mail route from Union to Paulding, Mississippi.

14 A resolution to Congress for the reduction of the price of public lands in Mississippi.

15 An act to change the time of holding the probate court of Lafayette County.

16 A memorial to the President of the United States.

17 An act to change the time of holding the probate court in the County of Jasper.

18 An act to change the name of Hiram Riddle.

19 An act to extend the time of making out the classification and assessment returns of lands subject to taxation within the county of Jones.

20 An act to create an additional district for the election of a justice of the peace and constable in the county of Monroe.

21 An act to declare Strong river navigable.

22 An act for the relief of Rose and Mary Jane Austin, free persons of color.

23 An act to establish a new County in this State to be called the County of Issequina.

24 An act to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the mode in which the County police of Jones County shall dispose of the three per cent. fund belonging to said County.

25 An act to authorize the board of county police of Chickasaw County to establish justices districts in said County.

26 An act to declare Duck Island bayou, in the County of Chickasaw, a navigable stream.

27 A resolution to Congress in relation to a reduction of the fees of officers of the United States courts in this State.

28 An act to change the practice in criminal cases.

29 An act to reduce the amount of the coroner's bond in Copiah County, and for other purposes.

30 An act to divide the police district, number four, in Choctaw County, into two separate magistrate districts, and for other purposes.

31 An act to incorporate the male and female academy of Houston, in the County of Chickasaw.

32 An act to organize the County of Perry.

33 An act for the relief of the topographical engineer.

34 Resolutions concerning the post office at Columbus Mississippi.

35 An act for the relief Joseph H Vannoy.

36 An act to incorporate the Decatur male and female academy, in Newton county.

37 An act declaring the Chunky river a navigable stream, and for other purposes.

38 An act to change the name of James Isaac Thornton Martin to that of James Thornton Killough, and for other purposes.

39 An act to repeal an act incorporating the town of North Mount Pleasant, and for other purposes.

40 An act to repeal an act entitled an act to alter and define the boundary line between the Counties of Marion and Hancock.

41 A resolution to establish mail facilities and lighthouses.

42 A resolution granting leave of absence to Alex. M. Clayton, J. S. B. Theaher and W. L. Sharkey.

43 An act to require of the governor of the State of Mississippi to exercise certain necessary powers hereinafter to be designated.

44 An act to restrict the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace in the town of Ripley.

45 An act to define the County line between the Counties of Yazoo and Holmes.

46 An act to attach a part of Perry County to the County of Harrison.

47 An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Vicksburg, approved February 15th, 1839, and of the several acts in relation thereto.

48 An act to organize the board of police of Noxubee county to grant the privilege of erecting a bridge across Noxubee river.

49 An act to incorporate the trustees of the Lexington male and female academy, in the County of Holmes.

50 An act to reduce the salaries of certain officers therein named.

51 An act to reorganize the judicial districts of this State, and for other purposes.

52 An act in relation to the bonds of county officers.

53 An act to provide for assessing and collecting the bank taxes on land, in the Counties of Washington, Issaquima, Lauderdale, Jones and Hinds, not collected in the years 1842 and 1843.

54 An act to incorporate the Marion turnpike and bridge company, in the county of Carroll.

55 An act to change the time of holding the police court in Marshall County.

56 An act to change the name of Mary Ellen Wickliffe Worthington to Mary Ellen Wickliffe.

57 A resolution in relation to the location of the armory and naval depot of the United States.

58 An act to change and prolong the time of holding the Circuit Court in the County of Panola.

59 A resolution to Congress asking the establishment a mail route, &c.

60 An act to legalize the purchase of a certain lot of ground therein named, in Copiah County.

61 An act to change the name of Daniel Alonzo Kewen to that of Henry Runnels Weaver Harding.

62 An act granting a charter for a ferry across the Tombigby river at Columbus.

63 An act to divide police district number two, in Choctaw County.

64 An act to extend the navigation of Pearl river.

65 An act concerning sheriffs and tax collectors, in the State of Mississippi.

66 An act to incorporate the town of Rodney, and for other purposes.

67 An act to incorporate the trustees of the Starkville Presbyterian Church.

68 An act to repeal part of an act entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of the county of Harrison, and for other purposes, approved February 22, 1842.

69 An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mason Lodge number eight of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the city of Vicksburg.

70 An act concerning the probate court of Hinds county.

71 An act to incorporate Capital Lodge number eight, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the city of Jackson.

72 An act to legalize the acts of the board of police of Chickasaw County.

73 An act supplementary to an act organizing the County of Jasper.

74 An act to reduce the fees of certain officers therein named.

75 An act to incorporate Eureka Lodge number sixty-one of free and accepted Masons, in the County of Holmes.

96 An act to secure to the Chickasaw Counties the benefit of the lands given to them in lieu of the sixteenth section.

77 An act to regulate the rate of interest on the school funds, and for other purposes.

78 An act to authorize the transcribing into suitable books a portion of the records of Chickasaw County.

79 An act for the relief of Bernard Benoit, junior.

80 Resolutions concerning the annexation of Texas to the United States.

81 An act to legalize and confirm the marriage of Francis S. Mays of Wilkinson County.

82 An act to define the duties of the board of police in the County of Tippah, and of overseers of roads, and for other purposes.

83 An act explanatory to the second section of act to provide for funding the treasury warrants of the State of Mississippi, issued prior to the 1st day of January, 1841, approved February 6th 1841.

84 An act to establish a new County in this State, to be called the County of Sunflower.

85 An act to authorize Frame A. Woods to remove the property of his ward Thomas J. Brown, to the State of Louisiana.

86 An act to enable the Auditor of Public Accounts to secure the payment of a sum of money due for a tract of seminary land.

87 An act to change the name of William James Normans to William James Metau.

88 An act to change the time of holding the probate court in Jones County.

89 An act to divide the police districts of Itawamba County into additional districts for the election of justices of the peace and constables.

90 An act to change the time of holding the probate court in the County of Coahoma.

91 An act for the relief of Aaron White, a free person of color.

92 An act concerning the executors of the last will and testament of William C. Conner, deceased.

93 An act to prescribe the time of holding the probate court in the County of Kemper.

94 A resolution in relation to the Hon. Morgan L. Fitch.

95 An act declaring certain slaves free persons of color.

96 An act to amend an act to incorporate the Canton and Jackson Rail Road.

97 An act to emancipate certain slaves therein named.

98 An act to authorize John G. Neely, of Claiborne County, to remove to the State of Louisiana, certain property of his wards Samuel C. and Mary Jane Neely.

99 An act to regulate the payment of judgements, or, decrees against the State.

100 An act requiring the Secretary of State to issue certificates and fixing his compensation.

101 An act to authorize the president and selectmen of the town of Macon to make titles to fractional lot number five in said town.

102 An act to provide for the taking the census in the State of Mississippi, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five.

103 An act to incorporate the Lafayette Lodge number fifty-three of Free and Accepted Masons.

104 An act to amend an act to free from taxation the soldiers of the revolutionary war, approved Feb. 15, 1839.

105 An act to change the time of holding the July term of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

106 An act to change the name of Bridget Nutt to that of Bridget Gillender.

107 An act for the relief of Benjamin Franklin Allen.

108 An act for the relief of Berry, a free man of color.

109 An act to incorporate the town of Greenwood, in the County of Carroll.

110 An act for the better regulation of criminal prosecutions in the several circuit courts of this State.

111 An act to exempt constables in the town of Middleton, Carroll County, from certain restrictions.

112 An act reviving the incorporation of the town of Port Gibson, in Claiborne County.

113 An act to incorporate St. Alban's Lodge number sixty, of Free and Accepted Masons.

114 An act in relation to volunteer companies.

115 An act to extend the terms of the probate court of Madison County.

116 An act for the relief of Thomas P. Briggs.