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TO THE PUBLIC.

The Subscriber having purchased the establishment of the AMERICAN WATCHMAN, has barely time in the present number, to present himself respectfully before his old friends the patrons of this paper, and the public from whom he solicits that share of favor which he will endeavor to deserve.

It is deemed superfluous at this time, when the aim and design of Periodical Publications, and especially of News-papers, are so well understood, to enlarge upon their utility; suffice it therefore to say that the columns of the American Watchman will embrace every topic common or proper for a Public Journal, viz. Articles on Agriculture; Arts and Sciences; Manufactures; Morals; and Historical, Political, and Religious Intelligence, Foreign and Domestic, &c.

An abstract of the proceedings of the Congress of the U. S. and of the Speeches of the Governors of the several States, to the Legislatures thereof, shall be recorded, together with so much of the legislative proceedings of each State, as may be generally interesting.

The Politics of the Watchman will be purely American, and in strict accordance with the Democratical Republican institutions of our country. "Truth is a Victor without violence," and so long as decency and candor guide the pen, the columns of the Watchman shall be always free and open for the fair investigation of the pretensions of candidates for public offices; of public men and public measures—(mingled with the wormwood and the gall that have heretofore characterized, at the same time that they have disgraced too many of the presses of our country)—but the truth, unvarnished, shall at all times be fearlessly told, offend whom it may,—and while the meed of applause shall be justly conferred upon the faithful servant of the people, the lash of censure will not be withheld from the traitorous delinquent or public defaulter.

The fair daughters of Columbia, though last mentioned, not least in our estimation, shall not be passed by unregarded. A portion of our columns shall occasionally be devoted to their amusement and instruction.

JAMES WILSON.

Communications and essays from correspondents will be gladly received, and we hope they will enrich the columns of this paper with their lucubrations. They may confidently rely on the most inviolable secrecy with regard to their productions, and the utmost candor in deciding upon their merits.

Subscribers who have been in the habit of sending or calling at the Printing Office for their papers, will hereafter find them at the old stand, No. 105, Market street.

CONDITIONS OF THE WATCHMAN.

The price is five dollars a year to those who do not either pay their subscriptions in advance, or before the first of June or December, and four Dollars to those who do,—at or before which time, if a subscriber wishes to decline, he may notify the editor of his intention. A non-compliance with these conditions to be considered a new engagement for six months, and no paper will be discontinued without a fulfillment of them except at the option of the editor.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

Advertisements not exceeding twelve lines, for a term less than three months; four times for one dollar, and twenty cents for every subsequent insertion, longer ones in proportion. Advertisers are requested to specify in writing how long their advertisements are to be inserted, or they will be continued till forbid. Letters to the Editor, to insure attention must be post paid.

Advertising by the year.

To Subscribers.	To Non-Subscribers.
1 year \$16, 00	1 year 18, 00
6 months 8, 50	6 months 9, 50
3 do. 4, 75	3 do. 5, 00

Two apprentices to the Printing business are immediately wanted in the office of the Watchman.

DIVIDEND.

The President and Managers of the Wilmington and Philadelphia Turnpike Company have this day declared a dividend of three per cent on the stock of said company, for the last half year, which will be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives, after the 20th inst., by Edward Tatum, Treasurer. By order of the Board, JAMES PRICE, Sec'y.

February 4th 1822

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing under the Firm of William Poole and Co., is by mutual consent dissolved, since the 31st day of the 12th Month, 1821. Those having any demands, will please present their accounts to William Poole.

WILLIAM POOLE
JAMES CANBY,
JAMES CANBY, } Executors of
MERRIT CANBY, } Samuel Canby jr.
Brandywine, 2d mo. 7th 1822, 9-17

A FARM FOR SALE.

Pursuant to the last will and testament of Charles Thomas deceased, the subscriber will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on Thursday, the 4th day of April next, at the house of John Cross, in the town of Newcastle,—A FARM with the Appurtenances, Situate in Dragon neck, Red Lion Hundred, Newcastle county and state of Delaware; containing about 269 acres, of which about 140 acres are arable; 70 acres of Wood, a handsome Apple Orchard of 5 acres, and the residue marsh. The above Farm is about a mile and a half from an excellent landing on the river Delaware. It is highland, healthy, handsomely situated, commanding a fine view of the river Delaware. It is nearly opposite the Pea-patch, on which a fortification is at present erecting, and is on one of the proposed routes of the Delaware and Chesapeake canal. The woodland consists of the best timber; and the arable land is of an excellent quality, and part of it well set in clover. Feb. 22, 1822. 13-12t CHARLES THOMAS, Ex'or.

NOTICE.

All persons who have demands against the estate of HENRY W. PHYSICK, late of the borough of Wilmington, formerly of Cecil county, in the state of Maryland, deceased, are requested to present their accounts, duly attested, for settlement; and those who are indebted to the said estate, either by bond, note, or otherwise, are desired to make speedy payment to BENJAMIN FERRIS, Administrator with the will annexed. Wilmington, 1mo. 21, 1822. 6-3m or if

JUST RECEIVED.

And for sale at the Bookstore, 105 Market street, A Summary of Physiology—By F. Magendie, Doctor of Medicine of the Faculty of Paris &c. Translated from the French, by John Revere, M. D. Vice President of Medical Society of Maryland, &c.—Price \$3.
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THE WATCHMAN.

The late proprietor of this paper most earnestly requests a speedy settlement of arrearages, that he may be enabled to justice to all, with the least possible delay, and realize his hard earnings to the best possible advantage. All who have business with him are requested to call at his office, corner of Second and French streets, at the Eastern door, on the French-street side.

NEW & LATE PUBLICATIONS.

Just received and for sale at

J. WILSON'S BOOKSTORE AND CIRCULATING LIBRARY,

No. 105, MARKET STREET;

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Mourning Ring, a Simple Story, by Mrs. Inchbold 88

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Orator 1 00

Sequel to do., or Dialogues for Schools 1 00

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Nightingale—Choice collection of Songs 75

Morse's Geography 1 00

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Annals of the Parish, or the Chronicle of Dalmating, Valerius; a Roman Story, 2 vols 2 00

The Cavalier; a Romance, 2 vols 2 00

The Privateer; a Tale, 2 vols 1 25

Marcian Colonna; an Italian Tale; with three Dramatic Scenes and other Poems, 63

The Spy; a Tale, 2 vols 2 00

Davy's Agricultural Chemistry, 1 25

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Also—Slates of various sizes, slate and black lead pencils; red & black Sealing wax, Gum elastic, Crayons, Ivory combs, Weidgwood and glass Inkstands, Ink of a superior quality, Wafers, Shaving boxes, Shoe blacking, Water colours, PATENT POLISHING POWDER for cleaning all kinds of metallic substances. A great variety of Plays, Farces, Comedies, Dramas, Tragedies, &c. &c.

NOTICE.

In the LEVY COURT of Newcastle county, held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on the 9th day of February Anno Domini 1821.—It was an motion ordered that a Committee be appointed to procure the Attorney General's written opinion relative to the power the Court may have, to appropriate the County Funds for building and repairing Bridges; which is as follows, viz.:

"A committee of the Levy court has proposed for my consideration and written opinion, the following question—Whether or not, the Levy court for Newcastle county, is authorised by any power delegated to them, to erect, repair and maintain, at the expense of the county, bridges upon the established common highways, other than such common highways as are called in the acts of Assembly, the King's highways."

"I have examined the different acts of Assembly which have any material connexion with this question, and am of opinion that the Levy court has no such power."

"By the 6th section of an act, entitled, 'an act for erecting public bridges, causeways and laying out and maintaining highways,' 1 vol. Del. Laws, page 518, it is provided, that all bridges over creeks and deep waters, lying on the King's highways, shall be repaired and maintained, at the common expense of the county. No other bridges than those on the King's highways, under the provisions of the above act of Assembly, were to be supported at the expense of the county. Public roads, which were not King's highways, were obtained under the 13th section, at the expense of the petitioners, and were afterwards repaired and supported, as directed by the 9th and 15th sections, by a contribution of labor, under the direction of Hundred overseers—which method of supporting said roads by the labor of the inhabitants of the Hundreds, was subsequently altered. The roads which were acknowledged as King's roads, are designated and described in section 2, of an act, entitled 'an act for the better regulation of the roads in Newcastle county,' 1 vol. Del. Laws, page 402."

"By the 8th section of this last mentioned act, the law seems to be as explicit as it well can be—all King's highways, common highways, roads, bridges and causeways, (except bridges over creeks and deep waters as are erected or to be erected) and supported at the common expense of the county, were to be amended and supported by the Hundreds, under the direction of overseers; and the expenses of the same were paid by orders drawn on the collectors of the respective Hundreds. In the 7th section of this act, common highways or public roads, were to be laid out at the expense of the county, and the costs, damages and charges were at the expense of the county—and yet the next section proceeded that such roads and the bridges on them, should be supported by the Hundreds. From a consideration of the different sections of the act of Assembly before referred to, it is apprehended no doubt can be entertained upon the question by any person. Has there been any change in the law? I know of none. If the legislature had intended to make such a material change, it would not be doubtfully expressed."

"In the 2d vol. Del. Laws, page 1325 and 6, there is a general enumeration of the powers of the Levy court commissioners, but no change in the Law can be discovered by me, in relation to the question under consideration. Among other things, they are to estimate the sum to be raised yearly for laying out, repairing, amending, supporting and erecting bridges, causeways, state roads, and other public roads and common highways, which are chargeable upon the county—and those which should be chargeable to the county, were ascertained by previous laws, which enact, that no other bridges, but those on the King's roads, shall be maintained and supported, at the common expense of the county."

JAMES ROGERS, Attorney General.

AND NOW, to wit, February 14th 1822, on motion, it is ordered by the court, that the foregoing written opinion of the Attorney General, be published in both the Wilmington Newspapers.

Newcastle county, s. s. I DO Certify that the foregoing pages compose a true copy of the Attorney-General's written opinion, and the proceedings of the Levy court thereon, remaining filed of Record. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, at Newcastle, the twenty-fifth day of February A. D. 1822.

15-St DAVID PAYNTER, C. P.

FOR SALE CHEAP!!

A very large Corner CUPBOARD. Inquire at the office of the Watchman.

Coach and Harness Making.

The Subscriber informs his Friends and the Public, that he still carries on the above business, in its various branches, at his shop, corner of King and Hanover streets, No. 125, Wilmington; where all orders in his line will be executed with dispatch. He returns thanks to the public for past favors, and hopes to be able to give general satisfaction to all who may favor him with their custom. He continues to keep on hand a general assortment of new Carriages, made of good materials; also second hand carriages, together with all kinds of Harness—Likewise, Patent C. Springs for carriages; all which he will dispose of on moderate terms for cash. THOMAS MOORE. March 5, 1822. 16-3m

DIVIDEND.

Resolved,—by the President and Managers of the Wilmington and Christiana turnpike road, that a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, be and the same is hereby declared on the stock of the said company, which will be paid to the stockholders, or their legal representatives, on or after the 15th inst. By order of the Board Wm. SEAL, Treasurer.

N. B. Stockholders are requested to bring their certificates of stock, at the time of receiving the dividend, in order to exchange them for new ones. Wm. Seal, T^r. Wilmington, 3d mo. 4, 1822. 16-4t

Wanted to Purchase,

A Negro Boy, from 10 to 14 years old. Inquire at the office of the Watchman. 15-4t

TO LET,

That extensive & valuable establishment for the Manufacturing of Leather and Quercitron Bark, and for Merchandizing, situate on St Jones' creek, within half a mile of the town of Dover, in the state of Delaware—Lying in the vicinity of an extensive forest, principally of Spanish and black oak timber; ample supplies of the best bark can be obtained at moderate prices.—Possession can be immediately given of the Store house, Bark house, Bark mills, and as much of the Tan Yard as can be occupied by any person commencing the business and entire possession of the property can be given on the 1st day of the 5th month (May) next. The rent will be low—for particulars inquire on the premises, of EZEKIEL COWGILL. 2d mo. 29, 1822. 16-4t

NOTICE.

Was found on the Farm of the subscriber, on Saturday morning the 2d inst. a Dark Bay Horse, supposed to be between 4 and 5 years old, about 15 hands high, shod all round. It is believed that this horse has been stolen from some person in the city of Philadelphia, as a Negro man calling himself Joseph Collins was discovered in a small tenement on the Farm, where he had slept during the night, and claimed the horse as the property of his brother, who he alleges lives in Philadelphia, and keeps horses to hire. Joseph has been committed to the Jail of Newcastle county and the owner of the horse is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away; and if stolen, to prosecute the thief, as the law in such cases directs. ANDREW BARNABY, Fish Point, Newcastle hundred, Del. March 2, 1822. 16-1f

TO BE RENTED.

A Room suitable for a Shoemaker, Tinplate worker, Taylor, Grocery store, &c. Inquire at the office of the Watchman.

PRINTING

Of every description neatly executed at the office of the American Watchman, No. 105, Market St., Wilmington, (Del.)

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Was stolen from the stable of the subscriber, living near the Red Lion, Delaware, on the 28th of December last, a BRIGHT BAY MARE, between 14 and 15 hands high, between 3 and 4 years old, both hind feet white, a star in her face, a wart above her left eye, a small one on her breast, and a scar on her flank, occasioned by there having been one cut from it, it is a little ewe necked, with a little of the mane rubbed off by a halter, a light tail, the hair of which has not grown out since docking. Whoever will return her, or give such information as shall lead to her recovery, shall receive a reasonable reward and expenses. GEORGE RUMSEY. March 5, 1822. 16-1f

POETICAL SELECTIONS.

WOMEN, OR POUR ET CONTRE.

Without our hopes, without our fears,
Without the home that plighted love endears;
Without the smile from partial beauty won,
Oh! what were man?—A world without a sun.

The World was sad, the Garden was wild,
And Man the Hermit sigh'd 'till Woman smiled.
Campbell.

The only two that in my recollection
Have sung of Heaven and Hell, or Marriage and
Dante and Milton, and of both the affection
Was hapless in their nuptials, for some bar
Of fault or temper ruined the connexion,
(Such things, in fact, it don't ask much to mar)
But Dante's Beatrice, and Milton's Eve
Were not drawn from their spouses you conceive.
Byron.

Is there a heart that never loved,
Or felt soft woman's sigh?
Is there a man can mark unmov'd,
Dear woman's tearful eye?
Oh! bear him to some distant shore,
Or solitary cell,
Where nought but savage monsters roar,
Where man ne'er deign'd to dwell.
Fitzsimmons.

Neither their sighs nor tears are true,
Those idly blow, these idly fall,
Nothing like to ours at all.
But sighs and tears have sexes too.
Cowley.

Grace in all her steps, heaven in her eye:
In every gesture, dignity and love.
Milton.

Oh woman! woman! whether lean or fat,
In face an Angel, but in soul a Cat!
Peter Pindar.

Oh woman! in our hours of ease,
Impatient, coy and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering Aspin made—
When pain and anguish rend the brow,
A ministering Angel thou.
Scott.

That man who hath a tongue, is no man,
If, with his tongue, he cannot win a woman.
Shakespeare.

O woman, lovely woman, nature form'd thee
To temper man; we had been brutish without thee.
Orway.

Women are made as they themselves would chuse
Too proud to ask, too humble to refuse.
Garth.

From the London New Monthly Magazine.

MORNING COURTSHIP;

OR, THE LOVER'S LAMENTATION.

Written at the request of a Gentleman who had been rejected by a Lady, on account of his want of Fortune.

Cupid, thou changeful roving boy,
In times of old the source of joy
And god of tender passion;
Why hast thou changed, ah! why array'd
Thy lovely form in masquerade,
And bow'd to tyrant Fashion?

Where are thy smiles, so warm, so bright?
Where is thy torch of waving light
That claim'd the minstrel's duty?
All, ah, alas! have had their day,
And ancient fashions must not sway
The heart of modern beauty.

No more thy myrtle wreath of truth
Entwines the brows of blooming youth;
But now, thy hoary suitors
To pay thy toll submissive wait,
And offer at thy golden gate
A passport signed by Pluto.

Thy smiles, that bless'd the faithful heart,
They seek at Beauty's auction mart,
And win; if none bid higher;
And when the brilliant lot is sold,
Vain Folly eyes the shining gold,
And little heeds the buyer.

No more thy vassals deck thy shrine
With offerings from the tuneful Nine,
Thy taste is cloy'd with honey;
More solid gifts thy favor prove,
And thou deniest thy smile to love,
Till love is joined with money.

Then how can I a lowly bard,
Attempt to prove my fond regard,
Say, tyrant god how show it?
Thou scorn'st the gift of former hours,
The wreath of wild Parnassian flowers,
Twined by an humble poet.

Come fired with dreams of glittering pelf,
I'll strive to qualify myself,
Wealth for thy smiles to barter,
To fortune's favor'd dome will steal,
And lure the goddess from her wheel,
Led on by Bish and Carter!

I will not boast of changeless truth,
Nor plead the claims of blooming youth,
(Those once allowed essentials)
No,—modern taste shall guide my muse,
Bank notes shall be my billets-doux,
And guineas my credentials!

Love shall not guide my tender scrolls,
For love to wise enlighten'd souls
Is but an empty vapour;
And none can fail his wit to praise,
Who boasts the name of Henry Tase
Emblazon'd on his paper.

Some plant maid, who feels no shocks,
Save at the rise and fall of stocks,
Shall crown a chase so mettled;
And chain'd in golden links of love,
Say, who can fear the heart shod rove,
When stamp'd, and seal'd and settled

And should I still stern grief endure,
With potent wealth I'll buy a cure,
Ner see much cause to doubt one;
For if the foolish heart gives pain,
Gold surely might a patent gain,
To learn to do without one! M.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

From the Montreal Herald Feb. 16

A BOLD MANOEUVRE.—Yesterday, as an American farmer had just stopped, in the New Market, his sleigh laden with pork and other good things, an Irishman of the lower class advanced respectfully to him, enquiring "whether your honor wants any assistance to unload or sell your things," to which the latter answered in the negative and entered a tavern to get some biters. But he had scarcely been absent a moment, when the obliging applicant jumped into his seat, gathered up the reins, smacked his whip, and by the exertions of an excellent span of horses, quickly disappeared.—As soon as Jonathan could recover from his amazement, (which was pretty considerable) he hired about a dozen carriages and sent them in pursuit; but as the fugitive had got much the start and would doubtless not spare his cattle, (nay if hard pressed would probably throw some of the cargo overboard) the chase, we believe, was not very successful. Such have been the particulars given us of the daring theft, for which our national sensibility makes us deeply blush.