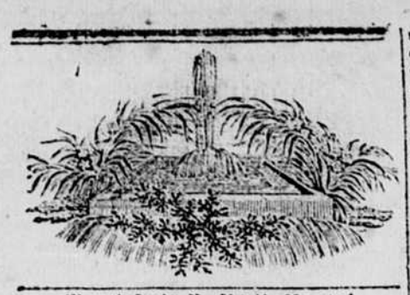

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RECORDS OF WOMAN.

BY MRS. HEMANS.

THE SWITZER'S WIFE.[*]

> Nor look nor tone revealeth aught
> Save woman's quietness of thought;
> And yet around her is a light
> Of inward majesty and might.
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> Arria, by M. J. J.

It was the time when children bound to meet
Their father's homeward step from field or hill,
And when the herd's returning bells are sweet
In the Swiss valleys, and the Lakes grow still,
And the last note of that wild horn swells by,
Which haunts the Exile's heart with melody.

And lovely smiled full many an Alpine home,
Touch'd with the crimson of the dying hour,
Which lit its low roof by the torrent's foam,
And pierced its lattice thro' the vine-hung bower;
But one, the loveliest o'er the land that rose,
Then first look'd mournful in its green repose.

For Werner sat beneath the linden tree,
That sent its lulling whispers through his door,
Ev'n as man sits whose heart alone would be
With some deep care, and thus can find no more
The accustom'd joy in all which Evening brings,
Gathering a household with her quiet wings.

His wife stood hush'd before him—sad, yet mild
In her beseeching mien, he mark'd it not—
The silvery laughter of his bright-hair'd child
Rang from the greensward round the shelter'd spot,
But seem'd unheard; until at last the boy
Rais'd from his heap'd up flowers a glance of joy,

And met his father's face; but then a change—
Pass'd swiftly o'er the brow of infant glee,
And a quick sense of something dimly strange
Brought him from play to stand beside the knee
So often climb'd, and lift his loving eyes
That shone through clouds of sorrowful surprise.

Then the proud bosom of the strong man shook;
But tenderly his babe's fair mother laid
Her hand on his, and with a pleading look
Thro' tears half quivering, o'er him bent, and said,
"What grief, dear friend, hath made thy heart its prey?
That thou shouldst turn thee from our love away?

"It is too sad to see thee thus, my friend!
Mark'st thou the wonder on thy boy's fair brow
Missing the smile from thine?—Oh cheer thee! bend
To his soft arms, unseal thy thoughts e'en now!
Thou dost not kindly to withhold the share
Of tried affection in thy secret care."

He look'd up into that sweet earnest face,
But sternly, mournfully; not yet the band
Was loosen'd from his soul; its inmost place
Not yet unveil'd by Love's o'er mastering hand,
"Speak low!" he cried, and pointed where on high
The white Alp's glitter'd through the solemn sky:

"We must speak low amidst our ancient hills
And their free torrents; for the days are come
When Tyranny lies couch'd by forest rills,
And meets the shepherd in his mountain-home.
Go, pour out the wine of our own grapes in fear,
Keep silence by the hearth!—its foes are near.

"The envy of th' oppressor's eye hath been
Upon my heritage: I sit to-night
Under my household-tree!—if not serene,
Yet with the faces best belov'd in sight;
To-morrow eve may find me chain'd, and thee—
How can I bear the boy's young smiles to see."

The bright blood left that youthful mother's cheek—
Back on the linden-stem she lean'd her form,
And her lip trembled, as it strove to speak,
Like a wild harp-string shaken by the storm. [†]
'Twas but a moment, and the faintness pass'd,
And the free Alpine spirit woke at last.

And she, that ever through her home had moved
With the meek thoughtfulness and quiet smile
Of woman, calmly loving and beloved,
And timid in her happiness the while,
Stood brightly forth, and steadfastly, that hour
Her clear glance kindling into sudden power.

Aye pale she stood, but with an eye of light,
And took her fair child to her holy breast,
And lifted her soft voice, that gather'd might
As it found language.—"Are we thus oppress'd?
Then must we rise upon our mountain sod,
And man must arm, and woman call on God!

"I know what thou wouldst do;—and be it done!
Thy soul is darken'd with its fears for me—
Trust me to Heaven, my husband!—this, thy son,
The babe whom I have borne thee, must be free!
And the sweet memory of our pleasant hearth
May well give strength—if aught be strong on earth.

"Thou hast been brooding o'er the silent dread
Of my desponding tears;—now lift once more,
My Hunter of the Hills, thy stately head,
And let thine eager glance my joy restore;
I can bear all, but seeing thee subdued:—
Take to thee back thine own undaunted mood!

"Go forth beside the waters and along
The chamois paths, and through the forests go?
And tell, in burning words thy tale of wrong
To the brave hearts that midst the hamlets glow,
God shall be with thee, my beloved—away!
Bless but thy child, and leave me—I can pray."

He sprang up like a warrior youth awaking
To clarion sounds upon the ringing air;
He caught her to his breast, while proud tears, breaking
From his dark eyes, fell o'er her braided hair;
And "Worthy art thou," was his joyous cry,
"That man for thee should gird himself to die!

My bride, my wife, the mother of my child!
Now shall thy name be armour to my heart;
And this our land, by chains no more defiled,
Be taught of thee to choose the better part!
I go—thy spirit on my words shall dwell,
Thy gentle voice shall stir the Alps—farewell!

And thus they parted—by the quiet lake,
In the clear starlight; he, the strength to rouse
Of the deep hills; she, thoughtful for his sake,
To rock her child beneath the whispering boughs,
Singing its blue, half-curtain'd eyes to sleep,
With a low hymn amidst the stillness deep.

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[*] Werner Stauffacher, one of the three confederates of the field of Grutli, had been alarmed by the envy with which the Austrian bailiff Laedenberg had noticed the appearance of wealth and comfort which distinguished his dwelling. It was not however until aroused by the entreaties of his wife, a woman who seems to have been of an heroic spirit, that he was induced to deliberate with his friends upon the measures by which Switzerland was finally delivered.

[†] See the beautiful scene between Stauffacher and his wife in Schiller's Wilhelm Tell "So ernst, mein freund? Ich kenne dich nicht mehr," &c.

FOREIGN.

RUSSIA.

As soon as the death of the Emperor Alexander was known at St. Petersburgh, the Senate delivered to the Grand Duke Nicholas the important document which concerned him, and that Prince expressed himself in the following terms:—"I am fully acquainted with the contents of that document; but I already, at the time it was drawn up, declared to my brother Alexander, that the exclusion in question was contrary to my principles—I consider my brother Constantine as the legitimate successor to the throne." A discussion occupied sometime; the Empress mother yielded, and submitted to the noble resistance of her son Nicholas, saying:—"God will direct every thing for the best." The Grand Duke Nicholas immediately took the oath of allegiance to his brother Constantine, and caused it to be administered to the garrison of St. Petersburgh.

The manifesto of the Emperor Nicholas, consecrates the principle of legitimacy as established by Paul I. It may be remarked that the formula of the oath is to the Emperor Nicholas I. and his legitimate heir the Grand Duke Alexander. The oath to Constantine was administered to precipitately that thus couched: To the Emperor Constantine, and him whom he may be pleased to choose for a successor.

MANIFESTO OF THE EMPEROR NICHOLAS I.

Petersburgh, Dec. 26.—Whereas his Imperial Highness, the Grand Duke Constantine, has declared that he will resolutely adhere to his former abdication of the Imperial Crown, the Grand Duke Nicholas has to-day, ascended the Throne of the Russian Empire, and all the proper Authorities, and the different divisions of the Army, have taken the Oath of Fidelity to his Imperial Majesty. In reference to this important event, the following Imperial Manifesto has appeared:

Manifesto.—By the Grace of God, Nicholas I. Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias. In the grief of our heart, amidst the general pain which oppresses us, our Imperial House, and our Beloved Country, we can only bend before the impenetrable decrees of the Almighty, and we can only seek for strength and consolation with him. It has pleased him to call before him the Emperor Alexander I. of glorious memory, and we all have lost a Father, a Ruler, who, during 25 years, was the happiness of Russia and of us.

When, on the 27th Nov. the information of this disastrous event reached us, we hastened, even in this moment of the most acute grief, to fulfil a sacred duty, and, listening only to the dictates of our hearts, we rendered the oath of fidelity to our elder Brother, the Cezarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine, as legitimate Heir to the Russian Throne in virtue of primogeniture. Scarcely had we discharged this sacred duty when we were apprised by the Senate that there had been deposited in their hands, on the 15th October, 1823, a letter, with the seal of the deceased Emperor, and with the superscription in the own hand-writing of his Imperial Majesty: "To be preserved by the Senate until my further commands; in case of my death, however, this packet is to be opened in an Extraordinary Sitting, before any other act is proceeded in:" that this most gracious command had been complied with, and the following documents were contained in the packet:

1. A letter of the Cezarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine, dated 14th January, 1822, addressed to his Majesty the deceased Emperor, by virtue of which his Imperial Highness renounces the succession to the Throne, belonging to him by primogeniture.

2. A Manifesto, dated August 16, 1823, bearing the autograph signature of his Imperial Majesty, whereby his Majesty, after the ratification of the Deed of Abdication of the Cezarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine, establishes that we, the next in age, are Heir to the Crown, according to the fundamental laws of the Empire.

We were further informed, that documents of the same tenor had been deposited with the directing Senate, with the Holy Synod, and in the Cathedral Church of the Ascension at Moscow. These informations could not alter our resolution once taken. We observed in these documents only a renunciation of his Imperial Highness during the life of the Emperor, and confirmed by the consent of his Imperial Majesty: but we had neither the wish nor the right to consider this abdication, which when it took place, was not proclaimed publicly, and had not received the power of a law as irrevocable. We would manifest by this our veneration of the first fundamental law of our country, and of the unalterable order of succession, and faithful to the oath we had taken, we insisted that the whole empire should follow our example. Under these momentous circumstances, it was not our intention to dispute the validity of the resolution pronounced by his Imperial Highness, much less was it our intention to bring ourselves in opposition to the will of the deceased Emperor, our common father and benefactor, which will always remain sacred to us. We endeavoured solely to protect the law, regulating the succession to the throne from every infringement, to shew the purity of our sentiments, and not to leave our beloved country one single moment in uncertainty respecting its legitimate sovereign.

This resolution, taken with a pure conscience, and before God the Almighty, was blessed and approved by her Majesty the Empress Maria, our much beloved mother.

Meanwhile, the mournful account of the decease of his Majesty had reached Warsaw, direct from Taganrok on the 25th November, and consequently two days prior to its being received here. Firm in his resolution, the Cezarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine confirmed the same on the following day, by two Acts, dated 26th November, and commissioned to our beloved brother, the Grand Duke Michael, to carry them to us. These acts consisted in:

1. A letter to her Majesty the Empress, our much beloved mother, in which his Imperial Highness renews his former resolution, supports it by the copy, of a Rescript of the deceased Emperor, dated the 2d February, 1822, serving as an answer to the Act of Abdication, and finally renounces solemnly all his claims to the Throne, and recognized the same as transferred to us and our successors, according to the appointment contained in the fundamental Law of the Succession.

2. A letter directed to us, wherein his Imperial Highness, anew, declares his former resolution, gives us the title of Imperial Majesty, and reserves for himself, only, the former one of Cezarowitsch, and calls himself the most faithful of our subjects.

However decisive these acts were, and although they proved to occular demonstration, that the resolution of his Imperial Highness was irrevocably fixed, yet our own sentiments, and, the situation of affairs, induced us to defer the publication of the aforesaid Acts, until the will of his Imperial highness, with reference to the oath taken by us and the whole empire, should be declared.

Whereas we have now also received on the part of his Imperial Highness, this last declaration of his will, we communicate the same to our subjects, accompanying it by the following documents:—

1. The letter of his Imperial Highness the Cesarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine to the deceased Emperor Alexander.

2. The Answer of his Imperial Majesty.

3d. The manifesto of the deceased Emperor, which confirms the abdication of his Imperial Highness, and recognizes us as successor to the throne.

4. The letter of his Imperial Highness to her Majesty the Empress, our much beloved mother.

5. The letter of his Imperial Highness directed to us.

In conformity with all these documents, and with the fundamental law of the Empire regarding the order of succession—full of veneration for the impenetrable decrees of a guiding Providence—we now ascend the throne of our ancestors, the throne of the Empire of all the Russias, as well as the thrones inseparable therefrom—that of the kingdom of Poland, and the Grand Duchy of Finland, and command—1. That the oath of allegiance be rendered to us and to the heir of our throne, the Grand Duke Alexander, Imperial Highness, our much beloved son. 2. That the period of our ascension to the throne be calculated from the 19th November, 1825.

Finally, we call upon our faithful subjects to join us in fervent prayers to the Almighty, that he will grant us strength to bear the burthen he has, in his Divine Providence, laid upon us, that he may preserve in us the firm resolution to live solely for our beloved country, and to tread in the footsteps of the Monarch whom we now deplore.

May our reign be nothing but a continuation of his, and may we fulfill all the wishes for Russia's happiness, which animated him, whose sacred memory shall preserve in us the endeavour and the hope, to merit the blessings of Heaven, and the love of our people.

Done in our Imperial residence, St. Petersburgh, the 12th December, in the year of Salvation, 1825, and First of our reign."

(Signed) NICHOLAS.

FIRST SUPPLEMENT.

Letter of His Imperial Highness the Cesarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine to the Emperor Alexander the First.

"Most Illustrious, &c. &c.—Encouraged by the manifold proofs of affection of your Imperial Majesty towards me. I venture once more to claim them, and to lay the following submissive request at your illustrious feet.

"As I do not lay claim to the spirit, the abilities, or the strength, which would be required, if I should ever exercise the high dignity to which I may possess a right by birth, I most fervently supplicate your Imperial Majesty to transfer that right to him who would inherit it after me, and by that act to secure the stability of the Empire. With respect to myself, I shall add by this abdication, a new warranty and a further power to that obligation, into which I entered voluntarily and solemnly on the occasion of the divorce from my first wife. All the circumstances of my present situation, induce me still more to adopt this measure, which will prove to the Empire, and the whole world the purity of my sentiments.

"May your Imperial Majesty receive my wish with condescension, may you determine our illustrious mother to accede to it, and to sanction it by your Imperial approbation.

"In the circle of a private life I shall constantstantly endeavor to set an example to all your faithful subjects, and to all who are animated by a love for our dear country.

"With profound respect, Sire, your Imperial Majesty's most loyal subject and brother,

(Signed)

"CONSTANTINE CESAROWITCH.

"Petersburgh, 14th Jan. 1822."

SECOND SUPPLEMENT.

Answer of his Imperial Majesty the Emperor Alexander.

"Very dear Brother—I have read your letter with all the attention which it demanded. I have found nothing in it which caused surprise, as I always knew how to estimate the sublime sentiments of your heart. It has given me a new proof of your sincere attachment to the State, and your care for the preservation of undisturbed tranquility.

"I have in conformity with your wish, laid your letter before our beloved Mother. She read it with the same sentiments as I did, and gratefully acknowledges the noble motives by which you were guided.

"From the reasons which you state, we have both of us only to leave you full liberty to follow your firm resolution, and to pray the Almighty to grant the most benign consequences to such pure sentiments.

"I remain, forever, you affectionate Brother,

(Signed) "ALEXANDER.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) "CONSTANTINE.

"St. Petersburgh, the 2d Feb. 1822.

THIRD SUPPLEMENT.

Manifesto of the Emperor Alexander.

We, by the Grace of God, Alexander the first Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias, &c. &c.

Make known to our faithful subjects, that from the moment we ascended the Throne of Russia, we have invariably felt, that it was our duty towards Almighty God, not only to maintain during our reign the happiness of our dear country and of our people, but also to prepare and secure a clear and exact apppointment of our Successor, according to the laws of our Imperial House, and rights of the Empire.

We were not able to appoint him immediately, according to the example of our predecessors, under the expectation in which we were, whether it might not please Providence to grant us an heir to the throne in a direct line. But the more we increase in years, the more we think it necessary to hasten in placing our throne in such a state that it cannot remain vacant for a moment.

Whilst we were impressed with this anxiety, our dearly Beloved brother the Cezarowitsch and Grand Duke Constantine, in following his own inclination, addressed to us the request of transferring his right to the dignity of the Throne to which he might hereafter be raised by his birth, to such person who may be entitled to it in default of him. He at the same time declared, by this means, his consent to the Supplementary Act respecting the Succession to the Throne, which was granted by us in the year 1820, and acknowledged by him voluntarily and solemnly, and gives new force to to it as far as the same concerns him.

We are deeply affected by this sacrifice which our dearly beloved brother has resolved to make with such great self-denial for the confirmation of the hereditary statutes of our Imperial House, and the unshaken tranquility of the Russian Empire.

After having invoked the assistance of God, and having duly and maturely considered an object as dear to our heart as it is important to the state, and finding that the statutes which related to the order of succession to the throne do not deprive those who have a right to it of the power of relinquishing the same, if no difficulty exists with respect to the line of succession, we have, therefore, with the previous consent of our Illustrious Mother, as well as the high power of the head of the Imperial Family, which came to us by inheritance; and mindful of the power granted us by God, have commanded as follows:

In the first place, the voluntary act, by which [illegible] brother the Cesarowitch and Grand Duke Constantine, renounced his rights to the Russian throne, shall remain firm and irrevocable. In order to secure the publicity of the said Act of Renunciation, it shall be deposited in the grand cathedral church of Ascension at Moscow, and with our three highest authorities, the Holy Synod, the Senate, and the Directing Senate.

Secondly—With respect to the arrangement, and in conformity with the exact tenor of the act of succession to the throne, we acknowledge, as our successor, our second brother, the Grand Duke Nicholas. In this manner we reserve to ourselves the pleasing hope, that on the day when it shall please the King of Kings according to the universal law of all mortals, to call us from our temporal government to eternity, the Chief State Officers of the Empire, (to whom our present and irrevocable will, as also our present legal appointment, shall, by our order, be communicated in due time,) will use all diligence in swearing the Oath of Allegiance to the hereditary Emperor, whom we have just now appointed to the throne of the Russian Empire, as well as to the inseparable Throne of the kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Finland.

With respect to ourselves, we request all our faithful subjects will, with the same sentiments of love and affection which caused us to consider the care for their constant happiness, as our greatest blessing, upon earth, direct their fervent prayers to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that in his infinite mercy, he may receive our souls into his everlasting Kingdom.

Done at Tzarsko-selo, the 16th August, in the year of our Lord 1823, and 23d year of our reign.

(Signed) ALEXANDER."

FOURTH SUPPLEMENT.

Letter from his Imperial Highness the Cezarowitch Grand Duke Constantine, to her Majesty the Empress Mother.

"*Most Gracious Princess—Dearest Mother.* With the greatest anguish of heart, I received last evening, at seven o'clock, from Baron Von Dietisch, Chief of the General Staff of his Imperial Majesty, and from the Adjutant-General Prince Volkonsy, the accompanying original intelligence, and act of the decease of our adored ruler, my benefactor, the Emperor Alexander. Whilst I participate with your Imperial Majesty in the grief which succumbs us, I pray to the Creator that he may, in his Almighty mercifulness, keep our strength, and give us power, to support the affliction which he has imposed upon us.

The situation in which this misfortune places me, makes it my duty to pour into the bosom of your Imperial Majesty my real sentiments candidly and openly upon this important subject.

Your Imperial Majesty knows, that following my own inclination, I requested of the Emperor Alexander, of glorious memory, the permission to renounce the right of succession to the throne, and that, in consequence thereof I received an Imperial Rescript, dated 2d February, 1822, an attested copy of which is enclosed, whereby the Emperor communicated his gracious consent to the request, with the observation, that your Imperial Majesty had also given your consent, which you have verbally confirmed to me. The commands of the deceased Emperor, were, moreover, to the effect, that the said gracious rescript should remain in my hands under the Seal of Secrecy, until the death of his Majesty.

Accustomed from my infancy conscientiously to fufil the will of my deceased fathef as well as the late Emperor, and that of your Imperial Majesty, and still maintaining the limits of this principle, I consider it as my duty to resign my right of succession to the Throne to his Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Nicholas and his heirs, in conformity to the appointment in the Imperial Ukase respecting the order of succession in the Imperial Family.

With the same candour I make it my duty to declare, that, without extending my wishes any farther, I shall deem myself happy that, if after more than 30 years service devoted to my father and brother, the late Emperors, of glorious memory, I may be permitted to dedicate them for the future to his Majesty the Emperor Nicholas with the same high esteem, with the same fervent zeal, and the same unlimited submission, which have animated me on all occasions, and will do so to the end of my days.

Having thus expressed my real and irrevocable opinion, I throw myself at the feet of your Imperial Majesty, whilst I most submissively implore you to deign a gracious reception of the present letter, and graciously to grant that the contents may be known to all whom it may concern, in order that it may be carried into effect, and that, thereby, the will of his Majesty the Emperor, my deceased Lord and Benefactor, as well as the consent of your Imperial Majesty, may be put in full force and effect.

I take the liberty of submitting to you herewith a copy of the letter which I have, at th same time, addressed to his Majesty the Empero Nicholas.

I remain with profound regard,
Most Gracious Princess and dearest Mother,
Your Imperial Majesty's most obedient Son.
(Signed) CONSTANTINE.
Warsaw, Nov. 26, 1825.

FIFTH SUPPLEMENT.

Letter from His Imperial Highness the Cezarowitsch Grand Duke Constantine to His Majesty the Emperor Nicholas.

Dearest Brother.—With indescribable anguish of heart I received last night at one o'clock the painful intelligence of the decease of our adored master, my benefactor, the Emperor Alexander. Whilst I hasten to express to you the feelings with which the melancholy misfortune we have sustained fills me, I make it my duty to inform you, that I have at the same time herewith sent a letter to her Majesty the Empress, our much beloved mother, wherein I announce to her, that in consequence of an autograph rescript, which I received from the deceased Emperor on the 2d of February, 1822, in answer to the letter which I had written to him respecting the renunciation of the succession to the Imperial Throne, and which letter was laid before our mother, and to which she deigned to give her consent, subsequently to me personally confirmed, that it is my irrevocable resolution to renounce to you my right of succession to the throne of the Empire of all the Russias, and, at the same time, I requested my much beloved mother to make known to all whom it may concern, my irrevocable will, in order that it may be carried into execution. After this Declaration, I deem it a sacred duty to implore your Imperial Majesty to accept from me, as the first person, the oath of submission and fidelity, and to allow me to make known to you that, as my wishes are not directed to any new dignity or title, I wish solely to retain that of Cezarowitsch, with which I was honored by our late father for my services.

It will constantly constitute my sole happiness, if your Imperial Majesty will deign to accept the sentiments of my profound regard and unbounded submission, sentiments for which I pledge more than thirty years faithful services and pure zeal, which have animated me for my late father and brother, Emperors of glorious memory.

With the like sentiments I shall not cease till the end of my days to serve your Imperial Majesty and my illustrious successors in my present appointments and situation.

I remain, with profound regard, Sire, your Imperial Majesty's most loyal subject.
(Signed) CONSTANTINE.
Warsaw, Nov. 26, 1825.

THE GREEKS.

The news from Greece, such as it is, is more favorable than we had reason to expect. Ibrahim Pacha had again summoned the garrison of Missolonghi to surrender, and is said to have offered them very advantageous terms. The only answer given by the garrison was, that they awaited his coming under the walls of Missolonghi, where they could discuss more maturely the articles of the capitulation proposed. The Turkish fleet had retired from before Missolonghi under the guns of Patras, and the Greek fleet under Admirals Miaulis and Sachturis, were before the former, with which they had free access, and were storing the fortress with provisions and the munitions of war.

"The Greeks are eager to draw out the Turks into the open sea, in order to attack them. There is not a single French vessel in the Ottoman service. Communications with Missolonghi are open both by land and sea, and not a day passes without the arrival of men, provisions, or ammunition. Ibrahim Pacha is not believed to have a single officer capable of attacking a fortress."

Letters from the Peloponnesus state that Nicetas and Colocotroni are making extraordinary efforts to complete the system of National defence. A barge arrived this instant from Calamos, brings intelligence that on the 1st instant the Greeks had attacked the Turkish fleet off Patras, had burnt a large frigate and three corvettes, and captured six transport vessels.

Extract of a private letter of the 12th ultimo from Zante:—"At sunset five or six Turkish vessels towed along by the Greeks, were in sight of this port. They are said to have formed a part of the Egyptian squadron, and to have been captured off Patras."

Extract of a private letter of the 17th ult. from Zante:—"The Oriental Spectator and Austrian Observer prophecied the capture of Missolonghi by announcing the mission of the two Commissioners of the Ottoman Porte, for the purpose of making the arms fall out of the hands of the Greeks, as they did at Scio, and hedge them in, in order to slaughter them in the mass. Ibrahim Pacha, who had gone with his army to Patras, seemed to be making preparations to embark it on board the Captain Pacha's fleet, for the purpose of effecting a descent upon the shore of Missolonghi, and accelerate the surrender of that fortress, which at two different times he had summoned to surrender. At the moment when the Egyptians led on by a multitude of renegadoes and adventurers of different countries, were preparing to embark, the order of operations changed. Ibrahim Pacha and his bands marched upon Vostilza; he was, it is said, to go and attack Acrocorinth and make himself master of the Isthmus, in order to cut off the communications between Romelia and the Peloponnesus.—We learn this moment that the Hellenist Senate which received information of this project, succeeded in affecting a levy *en masse* of all the Peloponnesians and the detached Egyptian posts were cut to pieces. Seventeen thousand men, including 4000 disciplined Greeks, under the the command of Col. Fabvier, assembled at Argos, to go out and meet Ibrahim Pacha. Nicetas, the Turk-eater, has encamped with 5000 men in the great defile of Corinth, and it may happen that the destiny of Ibrahim will be accomplished in the Argolis. The death of the Emperor Alexander is the subject of general conversation. The Greeks remark that the Emperor Paul I. was stopped by a premature end in the formal project which he had conceived of breaking their fetters, and it is said that Alexander was on the point of holding out to them a helping hand when he terminated his career at Taganrog. He had given ear to the cry of all Russia, which demanded the *sacred war* against the anti-christian nation. His successor will be ill-inspired if he defers avenging the ashes of the Patriarchal martyr, Gregory, who was hanged out of hatred to the Russian name and the august sign of our redemption."

(From the Fortress of Vasilade, Noon, 5th Dec.)

The Turkish squadron is in view of the promontory of Araxes; make our last adieu to our friends, and all those who have defended the cause of our rights against the West; above all, do not forget our historian. In a few days the fifth siege of Missolonghi, and the seventy-second assault shall have place. In a week or two we shall have lived, or triumphed! May the Almighty grant us his holy protection!

It is rumored, and the rumor is sustained from a variety of sources, that the Porte has sent ambassadors to open negociations with the Greeks. The Augsburgh Gazette, in giving this news, adds:—

"Opinions are divided upon the motives that could have induced the Porte to make a kind of concession, which was considered impossible, and persons well acquainted with the march of affairs are convinced that it would not have resorted to such a measure except in extremity and as a last resource. Thus it is believed, either that the Divan is apprehensive of some danger, or that the foreign Ambassadors have taken advantage of the Russian agents's complaints to express themselves to the Reis Effendi in more decided terms."

SPAIN.

In Gen. Quiroga's house at Betanzas, in Galicia, the sword of honor which was decreed to him by the Cortes, for his conduct in the Isle of Leon, has recently been seized. This sword was destroyed publicly by the hand of an executioner, and afterwards thrown into the water in presence of an immense concourse.

The National Gazette has received the Official Gazette of Madrid, down to the 4th January. The Court was to go into deep mourning for the Russian Sovereign, from the 7th of the same month. A Royal Decree, dated the 28th December, creates and nominates a Council of State for the administration of all branches of the royal government. It announces that—"the counsellors, chosen for their loyalty, acquirements and experience in business, shall enjoy full political security, in order that they may without fear, suspicion, or sinister influence of any kind, express their opinions and suffrages, as faithful vassals or subjects should do; and, that, to such end, they shall not be separated nor banished from the Court or Royal presence, but for positive transgressions, and in virtue of an express order of His Royal Majesty"—Don Francisco Tadeo Colomarde is appointed Minister of the Interior; Don Lopez Ballesteros, Minister of Finance; Marquis Zembrano, of War. All the Ministers of the State are ex-officio members of the Council; in which are included also, the Archbishop of Toledo, the Bishop of Leon, Father Alameda; the Duke of San Carlos, and various others. The Duke del Infantado remained prime-minister. Among the subjects on which the Council were to be immediately engaged are—"the preservation of the rights of legitimacy, and the grave concerns of the Royal *possessions* beyond sea, which seek to be dissociated from the mother country."

TO COTTON GROWERS.

THE subscriber has erected a convenient house in the rear of the one at present occupied by him on Cary-street, where he will receive ***COTTON on Storage***, free of charge to the Planter if sold lying in his house; but Storage to be charged in all cases when the cotton is taken away. He will either sell on *Commission*, or give in *cash* the highest price paid in the market.

MADISON WALTHALL.
Sept. 23. 41—w6m

WAS committed to the jail of Charles county, as a runaway on the 25th day of January, DANIEL, who says he is the property of a gentleman by the name of Cunigin, Christian name not known, having been sold to him but a short time, who lives abous 20 or 30 miles west of Richmond, State of Virginia. Daniel is about 25 years old, about 5 feet 4 inches high, pleasant countenance; had on when committed, dark Coat and Pantaloons, old Shoes and Stockings, and a white fur Hat. The owner is requested to prove his property, pay the charges, and take him away.

HUGH COX,
Sheriff of Charles C'ty Md.
March 7. 100—w3w

WAS committed to the jail of the town of Petersburg as runaway, on the 4th day of October last, a negro boy named Lewis, who says he belongs to a Mr. Cato Kennedy, who lives in Lenoir county, N. C. He is 5 feet 6 and a half inches high, light complected; has a scar in the forehead which he says was occasioned by a kick from a horse; another scar on the left elbow, which he says was occasioned by a burn, and appears to be about twenty years of age. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

Jan. 5. 74—w12t ROGER MALLORY, jailor.

THE subscriber wishes to purchase a pair of gentle well-broke CARRIAGE HORSES. *Bays* would be preferred.

THOMAS E. POYTHRESS,
Feb. 18. 93—wtf near Charles City Courthouse

Valuable Property for sale—Juniper Hill.

THIS very valuable tract of land, lying on Meherrin river, and on which the subscriber resides, contains about 1,200 acres, and for fertility, is well known to be of a very superior quality. About 700 acres are in cultivation, and well enclosed; a body of about 500 acres is good land, and almost entirely prime soil for tobacco. The quantity of low ground on this tract, may be about 320 acres. The buildings are new and valuable; the situation is high and healthy; the land is abundantly supplied with timber and is well watered; there is an orchard of 1,000 well selected tress: of apple, pear, peach plum and cherry—grape vines, and some ornamental trees. The distance to Richmond is about 80, to Petersburg 65, and to Farmville 28 miles, and about on an average to Hampden Sydney College, Prince Edward, Charlotte, Mecklenburg & Nottoway courthouses, 28 miles. Those who may contemplate such a purchase, are respectfully invited to examine the soil, & to judge for themselves. It is very probable, that another opportunity to purchase another such body of equally excellent soil, will not—perhaps cannot present itself in this part of the country. The subscriber desirous to discharge certain just claims against him, also some assumed; and in order to make early and necessary arrangements for the reception of his family on real estate he holds in the West, prefers to sell privately, but if not sold by the 17th day of April next, then on that day at Lunenburg courthouse, it being Superior Court day, proposes selling publicly.

TERMS.—Cash for one sixth the amount of the purchase; but to accommodate the purchaser, a note negotiable at either of the Banks of Richmond, or Petersburg, to pay that sum in ninety-days from the day of sale, will be accepted; the remainder in five equal annual payments, with interest, from the first day of December next; but the interest to be remitted, if the principal be punctually paid. Bonds to be executed by the purchaser, when conveyance will be made, and possession given in due time to seed wheat. A conveyance in trust of the premises must be duly executed, and good personal security required, for the payment of the instalments.

WM. BOWIE COWAN.
Lunenburg county, March 11. 102—t17thA

NOTICE.

WAS committed to the Jail of Pendleton county on the 12th day of November last, as a runaway, a negro boy who says his name is *BILL*, and that he belongs to George Mayfield, of Essex county, Va. When committed he had on a blue cloth coat, yellow jeans pantaloons and waistcoat, and a fur hat half worn. He is about 18 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, stout made, dark complexion, and has a small scar on his left eyebrow. The owner of said negro is requested to come forward and release him, otherwise he will be disposed of as the law directs.

HEZ: SHUGERT, jailor P. C.
Feb. 9. 83—w12t*

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Abraham B. Childress, and of record in the clerk's office of the county court of Buckingham, I shall sell on the 25th of March 1826, in the town of New-market in the county of Nelson, for cash, a Tract of Land containing 518 acres, lying on James River, adjoining the lands of Wm. H Cabell, the estate of Thomas Logwood, &c. I will convey such title as is vested in me by said deed of trust, and none other. The title is believed to be indisputable.

MAYO CABELL, *Trustee.*
February 28. 97—wtt*

NOTICE is hereby given that there are vacant *CELLS* in the Lunatic Hospital in the City of Williamsburg, for the reception of patients in both departments, male and female.

By order of the Court of Directors,
LEONARD HENLEY, *C. C. D*
Dec. 23. 72 wtf

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OWING to the severe and long continued indisposition of one of the partners, have determined to sell an extensive stock of ***BOOKS & STATIONERY**, at actual cost, for cash or city acceptances.*

☞ Country merchants, teachers, library companies and individuals are invited to call at their store, where may be found an extensive collection of Medical, Theological and Miscellaneous works, with every kind of *School Book* in common use.

Feb. 16. 92—w6t

YELLOW SPRINGS.

THE subscriber having been long rendered incapable of attending to business from indisposition, offers to rent that celebrated establishment the Yellow Springs, situated in the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia, six miles North of the courthouse and main road leading to the Western country. The great medical qualities of the water, situation and improvements, all combine to render this as desirable a situation to obtain health as any in the state. He will venture to say, that the water has no superior, and that the roads leading to it are infinitely better than to any other watering place in this section of the country. Should any person incline to rent, he can do so for several years, on as accommodating terms as he could expect. A person who is calculated for this employment, and will enter upon it determined to do well, I confidently believe that he cannot fail. An early application will be advisable as there are some repairs to be made before the season commences. Some furniture will be supplied, and a first rate Baker lives near the Springs who can be employed on easy terms.

CHARLES TAYLOR.
Jan. 31. 85—w20t*

MOST VALUABLE STAND.

FOR sale that noted and most valuable stand at rock-fish gap called the Mountain Top. The buildings are of Brick large and spacious, with a large stone stable, and well calculated for a large business from the geographical situation of this place, there are no stand in this country so well calculated for a lage and profitable Tavern business, being immediately at the Top of the blue ridge or mountain, through which gap, all travelling from any where near either side, and most of those travelling from the Eastern or Western country have to pass, it being the only safe and easy passage between the Potomac and James river. There is attached to the stand 800 or upwards, acres of land, more than 200 of which lays so well as to be susceptible of most profitable cultivation; there is at this time a turnpike company incorporated and the work far advanced: making a road from Staunton to Scott's ferry on James River, and there will be from Charlottesville intersecting with this at the most convenient point a turnpike road. There has also been a survey through this gap, for the National road from Washington City to New Orleans. Any person wishing to see the premises, it will be shewn them by Mr. Jacob Bernard, who resides at the place, and through whom, or with myself in Richmond, Va., the purchaser can treat for the property.

SAMUEL LEAKE
March 7. 100—3t&w6w

Cottage Grove Tavern for Sale.

THE subscriber wishing to sell out offers his Tract of Land lying in the upper end of Chesterfield county, twenty-five miles from Richmond and five from Goode's Bridge, containing about three hundred and eighty acres, one third of which is in woods on which is a good stand for a Tavern or Grocery, Blacksmith and Wheelwright shops, good apple and peach orchards. The land is well adapted to the cultivation of corn, wheat and cotton. Terms will be made known by applying to the subscriber on the place.

JOHN BASS, Sen.
Feb. 16. 92—w3t*

Land and Lots for Sale.

WILL be offered for sale on the third *Monday* in April, in front of the tavern of *M. Wells* in the town of York, 150 acres of Land more or less, lying in the county of York, about 3 miles from the town of York, belonging to the estate of the late Col. Hugh Nelson and adjoining the lands formerly owned by William Goosley, Edwin Baptist, Wm. Wynne and Col Wm. Nelson: And at the same time all the lots in the town of York belonging to the estate of the late Col. Hugh Nelson.

Terms of sale will be 6 months credit; the purchaser giving bond and security with a deed of trust on the property to secure the payment.

march 2. 95—wtds

IN pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the 5th circuit, and Eastern district of Virginia, in the case of George W. Wallis, against William D. Wren, Administrator, Catherine E. Adams, widow, and George Pollard and Mary T. his wife, and others, heirs, of Samuel G. Adams, dec., will de sold, at the front door of the Eagle Hotel, in the city of Richmond, on Monday the 17th day of April next, at public auction, to the highest bidder, that whole tract of *four hundred and seventy acres* of land, (more or less) mentioned and described in the deed of mortgage, executed by the said Saml. G. Adams, dec. & Catherine his wife, to Edward Canning, and by him assigned to the said G. W. Wallis, bearing date the 15th February 1819, lying on the *Chickahominy* in the county of *Henrico*, (reserving *half an acre*, a grave yard;) also one *undivided moiety of one hundred and nineteen and an half* acre of land lying in the county of *Goochland*, and *one undivided moiety of all the coal* in *one hundred acres* adjoining, which was sold by the father of the said Samuel G. Adams, dec. to Philip Woodson, with a reservation of the coal therein, and is known by the name of "*the Dover Coal Pits.*" According to the provisions of the said decree, and the directions of the plaintiff's counsel in writing, the above mentioned property will be sold on a credit of one, two and three years, equal instalments; the purchasers giving bond and approved surety, and a deed of trust on the property, to secure the payments of the purchase money. A. R THORNTON, D. M.

for John Pegram, M. V. D.

March 17. 104—tds

One Cent Reward.

RAN AWAY from my employ on the 20th March last, Wm. C. Anderson, an apprentice to the Bricklayer's trade. He had on when he eloped, a black homespun coat and pantaloons, striped waistcoat. drab hat, and a coarse pair of shoes.—He is in his 21st year of age, of middle stature, florid complexion and red hair. I forwarn all persons from harboring said apprentice at their peril; and as he has deserted without the least provocation, I will give One Cent Reward if delivered to me in Louisa county, and no charges paid.

JOS. ANDERSON.

march 17. 104—2t*

SWEET HALL FOR RENT.

UNDER an order of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Richmond District, made on the 8th day of February, 1826, in the case of Dandridge vs. Oliver. I shall on Tuesday the 28th day of this month, March, at King Wm. courthouse offer for rent, until the first day of January, 1827, that well known and desirable farm called "Sweet Hall" lying on Pamunkey River, in King William county; reserving the right of any succeeding tenant to seed a crop of small grain in the fall of 1826. Bond with approved security will be required.

J. GUERRANT, M. S. C. C. R. D.

March 17. or his deputy. 104—td

LAND FOR SALE.

BEING desirous to remove to Florida, I offer for sale the land on which I reside, containing 1400 acres. It is bounded by the Rappahanock River on the South, which has a considerable fall, and water at the driest seasons, for mills and other establishments requiring water power, to any extent, on the great Mountain Road to the North; is well inclosed, in convenient shifts, in good order for farming, and distant three miles from the town of Fredericksburg. It is susceptible of a convenient division. The lower part of the land comprising my Mansion House tract, called Evergreen, contains about 500 acres. It is proverbial for its health and good water, and has an abundant supply of timber and wood. The improvements are a comfortable Dwelling House, with four rooms on the lower floor, and three rooms and a passage on the upper, with every necessary out House, all in good repair; a well enclosed yard and garden, and a variety of fruit trees, in full bearing, which have been selected with great care. The yard is well shaded with ornamental trees, which in the hot season is very conducive to health and comfort. The residue of the land has been cultivated as a quarter; about one half of which is covered with wood and timber, is healthy, well watered and well enclosed. The improvements are an Overseer's house, a Barn, and houses for negroes. I would divide this latter tract to suit purchasers. The society is equal to any in Virginia. I invite persons inclined to purchase, to view the land, as it is believed it will more than realize any opinion that may be formed from the above description. I also offer for sale my reversionary interest in the plantation in the county of Culpeper, at present in the occupancy of Doctor James Wallace. For terms, which will be accommodating, apply to the subscriber.

ROBERT H. HOOE.

Evergreen, Feb. 26, 1826. 100---w4w*

THIRTY DOLLARS REWABD,

WILL be paid for delivering of my fellow Charles, who left me on the 12th day of January last. I expect that he has free papers, and going under the name of Henry Roberts; those papers were issued from the office of Middlesex county, February court, 1823. The said fellow Henry Roberts was aged forty years, five feet 6 inches high, dark complexion, scar on left wrist and some warts on his left thumb. Charles my fellow described as follows: about the same height, rather tawny complexion, knock-knee'd, has had for a long time a dry hard cough, stutters very much when spoken to or alarmed, has one or two small lumps on his breast, had a very good black cloth coat, which he had bought from some gentleman; he is an excellent hand with the pit saw and broad axe, and a smart coarse carpenter. Any person who will deliver him, or secure him in any Jail so that I get him, shall receive the above reward. Any information will be thankfully received by the subscriber, directed to Montague's Post Office, Essex county, Va. LEWIS B. MONTAGUE, *Middlesex* county, Va.

March 7. 100--w8w

TO ROAD MAKERS.

THE President and Directors of the Staunton and James River turnpike, will proceed, at Staunton, in Augusta County, Virginia, on the 5th day of April next—to contract for the construction of that part of the Road (including three bridges) lying between the South River in Augusta, and Scottsville, in Albemarle County—being a distance of about thirty miles. The following is a general outline of the manner in which the road is to be constructed.

1. There is to be a carriage way of earth—22 feet wide at least—the centre of which is to be raised 15 inches above the base line--to be well dressed up to a smooth and even surface.

2. On each side of the carriage way, there is to be a regular and smooth ditch cut, sufficient to carry off the water that may drain from the road and adjacent lands.

3. Culverts constructed of stone, and built in a substantial and durable manner, are to be placed wherever the President and Directors, or the superintendant they appoint, may consider necessary.

4. On each side of the ditches, the timber is to be grubbed cut and cleared away, 14 feet at least.

5. No part of the carriage way is to exceed five degrees of elevation.

The road has been located and marked, and will be shewn to those disposed to contract, by Dr. Charles Cocke, Col. Joseph Coffman, and Robert Brooke, Esq. of Albemarle—but some slight deviations are expected to be made from the present location.

It will be let out in sections of not less than five miles.

The Report and field notes of the Engineer can be seen on application to Nicholas C. Kinney, Esq. the Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

Staunton, Va. Feb. 18. 99--wt1stA

CURLES FOR SALE.

THE subscriber is duly authorised to sell this valuable estate on which he resides, belonging to his father, Wade Mosby. This estate has been so recently advertised and so well known, that a particular description of it is deemed unnecessary. No estate on the river possesses more advantages. The buildings are very convenient and in good repair, and every acre of land on the farm is in good order for cultivation. The small experiments made with the cotton crop have sufficiently proven, that it is admirably adapted to the growth of that article. Being determined to sell, a bargain may be had by those disposed to purchase. The stock of every description, farming utensils, &c. may be had at valuation; and I will seed for the purchaser a crop of wheat at a fair price. For further particulars refer to the subscriber.

WADE MOSBY, Jr.

Curles, July 3. 18---wtf

FEMALE EDUCATION.

THE School at the residence of the subscriber, conducted by Mrs. Rudd last year, will be continued again the present year under her direction. The course of instruction comprises a full course for an accomplished and useful education. The terms the same as heretofore, viz: for all charges except drawing and music $110 per session of ten months. 20 dollars paid in advance, the balance in two equal payments; the first at the end of five months and the balance at the end of the session. Music will be 20 dollars per quarter of 36 lessons, and drawing and painting 10 dollars per session.

L. H. MOSBY.

Powhatan. Jan. 31. 85--wtf

Messrs. John D. Hawkins, Richard Boyd, Alexander Boyd, Philip Raney and Blair Burwell:

YOU will please Take Notice: That I shall on the 3d, 4th and 5th days of April next, at the tavern-house of William Towns, of Boydton, in the county of Mecklenburg and state of Virginia, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the evening of each day, proceed to take the affidavits of Richard Russel, Richard H. Walker, Peyton R. Burwell and others, to be read in evidence in a suit now depending in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Richmond District, wherein I am plaintiff and you and each of you, and others, are defendants; where you can attend or not as you may see fit.

I am respectfully,

THOMAS GOODE.

Feb. 25, 1826. 98--w4w

THE subscribers intending to retire from commercial pursuits, offer for sale their entire Stock of Goods, comprising a general and extensive assortment of Dry Goods, Hardware, Groceries, &c. &c. amounting probably to about 20,000 dollars, most of these Goods have been purchased at the different auctions in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New-York at very low prices, and the principal part thereof within the last 12 months. The payments may be made to suit the convenience of the purchaser on his giving approved security Until sale of the whole Stock can be effected, we will continue to sell any article that may be wanted at a small advance on the cost for cash.

The purchaser of the Goods may rent or lease for a term of years, the Store which we have occupied for many years, and which we have no hesitation in saying is the best stand in all the lower country for an extensive retail establishment. The improvements consist of a convenient Store-house, with sufficient accommodation for a small family, warehouse, and all necessary out-houses. Persons wishing to buy may examine the goods and know the terms on application to

THOMAS SMITH & CO.

Gloucester courthouse, Jan. 24. 82--wtf

Fifty Dollars Reward.

ELOPED from the city of Richmond my negro man *Phill*, sometimes he calls himself Phill Price, about the 15th of November 1825, of a dark complexion, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, about 40 years old, fierce countenance when spoken to; has a great deal of assurance, only one mark, and that is a small scar over his left eye done by a blow from a stick; had on when he escaped, a pale blue Virginia cloth coat and pantaloons filled with yarn: carried off with him a bay horse entirely blind: he is a good stone-mason and rock blower, and sometimes works at the bricklayer's trade. I have no doubt but he was carried off by a white man by the name of——, or obtained free papers, and is endeavouring to make his escape to the state of Ohio, with full confidence to pass as a free man. I will give the above reward if he is secured in any jail in the state so that I get him again, or delivered to Wm. Bootwright in *Richmond*.

GRANVILLE TIMBERLAKE.

Louisa, March 2. 98--w4w*

Valuable Property for Sale.

FOR sale a tract of land in Amelia co. containing 1500 acres one half in wood; of the cleared land about 90 acres are low grounds, of the wood land nearly one half is good Tobacco land, the rest adapted to cotton. The whole is well watered, convenient to two manufacturing mills, well enclosed, abundantly provided with houses, and has a wheat machine. The distance from Richmond 34 miles, from Petersburg 40; one third of the money in hand when possession given, one third payable twelve months after, and the balance at two years credit. The land will be shown by James Drake the manager, and communications addressed to me, Genito Bridge, will be promptly attended to.

EDMUND HARRISON.

August 7. [illegible]