

FOR THE GAZETTE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. EDITOR,

I LATELY received a letter from an inhabitant of the planet Jupiter, written in the ancient Hebrew language, which I have carefully translated into English, as literally as the different idioms of those languages will admit.

To one of the INHABITANTS of the EARTH, if any there be.

BROTHER EXISTENCE,

AM I right in my conjecture? Is that little world, the Earth, inhabited? If so, I am desirous to know by what kind of beings. This is therefore to request thee, O being, into whose hands this may fall, that thou wouldst give unto me a true account of thy race.

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Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

SOLOMON.

PASSION, rather than REASON, is the source of complaint—"The golden age, is never the present age"—but a little attention to the experience of mankind must convince every person, that as on the one hand, no age of the world is exempted from trouble—so on the other, some peculiar circumstances shew that happiness is not confined to any particular period.

Human existence is full of inequalities: One age exceeds a former in one respect, and falls below a succeeding, in another: But whatever the fancies of the poet may imagine, or the uneasy temper of the restless may conceive of former golden eras, certain it is that no man now existing regrets that he was not born a thousand years ago.

Alexander's prodigality has never been paralleled. The sum which he expended on Hephestion's funeral was so great that 'tis a question whether at that time the revenue of the world could afford it: And what were his victories, but the progress of a madman through the world, more terrible than a host of wild beasts.

The insatiable avarice of former ages outwent, if possible, their cruelty. Accusations were not for crimes, but for wealth: Neither persons, towns, or temples escaped this rapacity. Marcus Antoninus, in one year, raised from the Lesser Asia only 20000 talents, an amazing sum!

NEW-YORK, NOVEMBER 14.

Yesterday, at one o'clock, THE PRESIDENT of the United States returned to this city in perfect health, from his tour thro the Eastern States.

This event was announced by a federal salute from the Battery.

THE PRESIDENT left Portsmouth last week on Wednesday—his rout was thro Exeter, Haverhill, Lexington, Watertown, &c. to Hartford.

There is a variety of incidents that attend the tour of the President, which must fill every patriotic mind with peculiar pleasure: Independent of that personal respect which is paid to him as a Man, there is an invariable reference in all the addresses, to his political situation, and that Constitution over whose administration he presides.

Tuesday evening last the Commissioners Plenipotentiary for treating with the Nations of Indians, south of the river Ohio, returned to this city.

We learn that Mr. M'Gillivray, who, with between one and two thousand Indians met the Commissioners at Rockland, declined acceding to the terms proposed to him; but that all the other Chiefs appeared extremely desirous of being at peace with the United States.

Notwithstanding a Treaty has not been concluded with the Creeks, yet the strongest assurances were given by Mr. M'Gillivray, and all the head men present, that no hostilities should be committed on the part of their Nation.

On Wednesday last was held the annual meeting of the German Society of this city. An oration in the German language was delivered on the occasion, by Mr. WILMERDING: Also an English oration by Mr. EDWARD LIVINGSTON, at the Dutch Lutheran Church.

The time to pull down, and destroy, is now past—As it was ONCE designative of the highest patriotism to overturn those systems which were found incompatible with that Independence which the United States had assumed—so NOW it is equally their duty to build up, strengthen and support a Constitution, with which is inseparably connected all that is dear and valuable to us as citizens and freemen.

EXTRACT.

The serene acts of beneficence—the small and still voice of goodness are neither accompanied by noise nor ostentation—It is uproar and tumult, rather the tumbling of sack'd cities—the shrieks of ravish'd matrons, and the groans of dying nations, that fill the trump of fame, and give birth to your heroes.

PRICE CURRENT.—NEW-YORK.

NOVEMBER 14.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Jamaica Spirits, Antigua Rum, St. Croix, do., Country, do., Molasses, Brandy, Geneva, Do. in cafes, Muscovado Sugar, Loaf, do., Lump, do., Pepper, Pimento, Coffee, Indigo, (Carolina), Do. French, Rice, Superfine Flour, Common do., Rye do., Indian Meal, Rye, Corn, (Southern), Do. (Northern), Beef, first quality, Pork, first quality, Oats, Flax-seed, Ship bread per cwt., Country refined bar-iron, Do. bloomery, Swedes do., Russia do., Pig-iron, German steel, per lb., Nails American, by cask, per lb. 4d., Do. do. do. 6d., Do. do. do. 8d., Do. do. do. 10d., Do. do. do. 12d., Do. do. do. 20d., Do. do. do. 24d., Pot ash, per ton, Pearl ash, Bees-wax per lb., Mackarel per barr., Herrings, Mahogany, Jamaica, per foot, Dominico, do., Honduras, do., Logwood unchipped, per ton, Do. chipped, 2 inch white oak plank, per m., 1 inch do., 2 inch white pine plank, 1 1/2 inch do., 1 inch do., 2 inch pitch pine do., 1 1/2 inch do., 1 inch do., Pitch pine scantling, Cyprus 2 feet shingles, Do. 22 inch do., Cedar 2 inch do., Do. 22 inch do., Do. 18. inch do., Butt white oak staves, Pipe do. do., Hoghead do. do., Do. do. heading, Irish barrel do. staves, Hoghead red oak do., Do. French do., Hoghead hoops, White oak square timber per square foot, Red wood, per ton, Fustick, Beaver, per lb., Otter per skin, Grey fox, Martin, Racoon, Muskrat, Beaver hats, Castor do., Chocolate, Cocoa, Cotton, Tar, pr. bar., Pitch, Turpentine, Tobacco, James River, Do. York, Do. Rappahanock, Do. Maryland, coloured, Do. Western-shore, Lead in pigs, pr cwt., Do. bars, Do. Shot, Red lead, White do. dry, White do. in oil, Salt-petre hams, Spermaceti candles, Mould do., Tallow dipt, Soap, Castile soap, English cheese, pr. lb., Country do., Butter, Hyson tea, Sequin do., Bohea do., Ginfeng, Starch Poland, Snuff, Alum salt, water measure, pr. bush., Liverpool do., Madeira wine, pr. pipe, Port, Lisbon, pr. gal., Teneriff, Fyall, Dutch gnn-powder, pr. cwt., Nail rods, pr. ton, Linseed oil, pr. gal., Whale do. pr. barrel, Spermaceti do., Shake-down hhd., 3/6.

ERRATA IN OUR LAST.

In the 25th line of the Address of the Cincinnati to the President, for virtue read virtues, and insert the word again after the word them. In the 36th line, for paternal read fraternal. And in the answer, for paternal read fraternal.