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FROM THE AMERICAN DAILY ADVERTISER.

MR. DUNLAP,

THOSE who found alarms to the people, may be either watchful patriots, or wicked incendiaries, according to the occasion. Those who advise the people to establish a good government, and then keep a strict eye upon it, are always their friends, inasmuch as the best governments require this check against abuses. Those who tell the people to divide the trust of government among different sets of hands, and then go to sleep, must be false friends, if they be not open enemies. The language of such politicians is this: 'When power is in different branches, they will watch one another while the people are asleep; and as one or other must lose by every plot, the loser will be a marplot: but suppose the plot should be so contrived, that the whole government should be the gainer, and the people only the loser.—

Who is to be the marplot then, if the people are asleep? Look, sir, at the British government. Its branches are separated according to order. Each has its peculiar character and interest; all are trimmed and arranged, and checked, and poised, and balanced according to weight and measure. Here surely must be marplots in abundance. Here surely the people may sleep on and take their rest, in full confidence that no attempt will be made on their rights; and that no public measure will enrich the members of the government at their expence. Ask the honest Britons if this be so? Enquire what are the fruits of this tree, whose flourishing branches are so well arranged—You will be told, that, for those who can climb into them, the fruits they bear are apples of gold; but for those who dwell under their shadow, the bitter-leaves they drop, are taxes without end—Restrictions without number—officers without principle, and peculations without punishment.

Americans! you have done well in planting a tree, whose branches are well poised, and capable of producing good fruit—You will be no longer wise, if you go to sleep under it. D.

PHILADELPHIA.

DONATIONS,

LATELY MADE TO MR. PEALE'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.

The Antelope, or Corine of Mons. Buffon, an inhabitant of Senegal. Presented by Mr. Darby, of Salem, in Massachusetts.

A large Crab, caught on the coast of Spain, weighing 9lbs. Presented by Captain Decature.

A Tube of vitrified sand, made by a stream of lightning, found in a field belonging to Matthew Weldon, Esquire, of Cape-May. About the last of July, 1791, in a thunder-storm, a stream of lightning was seen by Mr. Weldon to strike the ground, where neither tree, fence, or any thing higher than some very small shrubs and grass grew. Immediately after the flash, a smoke and fire were discovered at the place, which made him conclude that some old tree on the ground was on fire, several persons of the family went immediately to the spot and found the grass for some yards around entirely consumed, in the centre of which was a hole of vitrified sand, at the entrance it was about one inch diameter, but considerably lessened under ground, and digging a small distance down, they found that the tube branched out into many branches, that were diminished in their size the deeper they pursued them, which was something more than 3 feet beneath the surface of the earth, how much deeper they might have gone was not tried. In the passage of the electric fluid, such stones as were in its way, were melted and cemented to the tubes. Presented by Mr. Decature.

The Violet Crab, from the West-Indies. Presented by Mr. Abraham Witmar.

Four pieces of that remarkable and stupendous work of nature, commonly called the Giants Causeway, in the county of Antrim in Ireland. Presented by Captain Henry Geddes.

The Manack, or Marmote, commonly called the Ground-Hog. Presented by Mr. Johnson, New-Jersey.

A pair of White Doves (alive) from the West-Indies. Presented by Mr. Marie.

A pair of elegant Mogul Slippers. Presented by Captain O'Donnell, Baltimore.

The Noddy, a Bird remarkable for its falling into a deep sleep the minutest alights on a vessel, common in the West-Indies. Presented by Mr. S. Purviance, Baltimore.

A beautiful Faun (American) presented by Mr. Samuel Wilson, Somerset county, Maryland.

A remarkable large Turnip, weighing 80lb. which grew in Georgia the last season. Presented by Miss Oswald.

A pair of Elk-Horns, the measure in length four feet, and the width between the Horns at the extremity of the ends is 2 feet 10 1/2 inches, weighing 25lb. Presented by Mr. Derrick Peterfon.

A Madagascar Batt, measuring across the wings extended, 3 feet 4 inches. Presented by Captain Daniel Howland, Baltimore.

The Balance Fish, or Hammerhead Shark—"This is one of the most extraordinary fish in the world." Its head is different in form from all other fish, being placed transversely to the line of the body, with large eyes placed at the two extremities of the head. Presented by Mr. Francis Gillitt, Mariner.

Seeds of the Mahogany-Tree, inclosed in its shells. Presented by Michael Hillegas, Esq.

Part of the fortifications erected on Brandon-Hill by Oliver Cromwell, when he besieged the city of Bristol. And some Coal of the Church built within the Fort by the Hollanders, in the first

settlement of New-York, which was burnt in the Negro plot. Presented by Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

A Petrified Oyster, with both shells separated, which plainly shews the Oyster and the heart that was connected to each other. Presented by Mr. Sibbald.

The Accoway-Basket and Pagal, used by the natives of South-America.

And the Carribean Cudgels, which they use in close action. Presented by N. Roufflet.

The Head and Beak of the Sword-Fish. Presented by Mrs. Egger.

FOR THE GAZETTE OF THE UNITED STATES.

## EPITHALAMIUM.

To WILLIAM HONEY-COMB, Esq. who deserted BACHELORS-ISLAND\* and entered the TEMPLE of HYMEN\*, in the 49th year of his age.

LET Homer mounted on Pegasus,  
Explore the summit of Parnassus—  
Awake the lyre, attune the string,  
And fierce Achilles' anger sing;  
Tell how Atrides by the quarrel,  
The Grecian cause involved in peril;  
While gallant Hector bang'd them well,  
With smaller rocks than Bunkers-Hill;  
Which caus'd full many a chief to go  
A tour to Erebus, I trow—  
Drove some headlong into the water,  
And 'mong their shipping made great slaughter.  
While even goddesses and gods,  
In this dire contest fell at odds;  
Till Jove provok'd, assum'd his arms,  
And shook Olympus with alarms;  
Bid the interior deities go forth  
To aid the Grecians arms, and so forth.  
Let Mars in correctest numbers  
Sing, while the Trojans lay in slumbers,  
How traiterous Sinon from the horse,  
Unlock'd Ulysses with his force  
Of dreadful bullies—who pell-mell,  
Hurl'd many a Trojan ghost to hell  
While they in Somnus' arms lay snoring;  
Which caus'd in Illium sad deploring.  
The spring of Troy's unhappy fate,  
You've doubtless heard, was, like your mate,  
A wealthy, blooming, beauteous fair one,  
(Of such we find but here and there one)  
The Spartan Queen—the famous Hele.

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Let others tune the lyre to Mars,  
And sing the feats of bloody wars,  
Inspired by Juno or Bellona,  
I sing the sweets of matrimony;  
And shew the world, in strains heroic,  
That you are not a rigid stoic.  
Ye wanton daughters of Jupiter,  
In number nine—born at a litter:  
Bright Venus too, with all the graces,  
And loves, and Sylphs, with golden tresses;  
You I invoke, tho at a distance,  
To quickly come to my assistance;  
Bring genius and imagination,  
And shrewdness and investigation,  
Philosophy and reason join'd,  
And all the noblest powers of mind;  
Inspire and inspire my song,  
That it be not too short, nor long,  
Nor high, nor low, nor sharp, nor flat,  
But may each syllable be pat,  
And lightning like (devoid of fiction)  
On all celibians flash conviction—  
Illume oblivion and chaos,  
That I may sing as clear as day is,  
How Matrimony was design'd  
To encrease the bliss of human kind;  
And how it boasts the pow'r to assuage,  
Life's various ills from youth to age;  
And light the lamp of love and hope,  
To those who in the regions grope,  
Where Hymen ne'er illumines the scene,  
Nor shews what life's true pleasures mean;  
Where all that friendship can inspire,  
Combine to feed love's mutual fire,  
Till life's last sparks in peace expire.  
O! happy they who reach the plain,  
Where tenderness and virtue reign;  
On wings of mutual love they soar,  
To heights of bliss unknown before—  
Health and contentment to the pair  
In bloom of life, who nobly dare  
Obey the first and great command,  
Increase and multiply the land.  
May every social joy attend  
Your future days, respected friend;  
May you by sweet experience prove,  
The raptures of connubial love,  
May no event your bliss annoy,  
And sons and daughters aid your joy;  
And children's children hand your name  
To the last page, inscrib'd by fame.  
And when the race of life is o'er,  
And time winds up its springs no more,  
To yon blest regions may you rise,  
And join your partner in the skies,  
Where marriage shall no more be known,  
But LOVE, immortal joys shall crown.

Gloucester County, 1792.

\* See the American Museum, &c.

"There is an idea of government which has been floating in the human imagination from time immemorial to the present hour, that never has been substantiated, nor realized—and judging from past experience, never will be.—Speaking of this Utopian system, a gentleman once observed, "I had rather depend on a legislator who draws his maxims from experience and common sense, than on all the theories of philosophy that have existed from Plato to the present moment."

RICHMOND, January 11.

Extract of a letter from Paris, Sept. 15.

The grand event is past, and the Constitution of France has received the signature of the King. The anxiety of the public to be present at the ceremony was so great, that hundreds remained all night in the hall of the assembly. When I went, at seven o'clock in the morning, I found all the galleries full to overflowing; but I was, by good interest, and the friendship of the commissioner, fortunate enough to get a place in the tribune of suppliants, exactly opposite to the President, and not more than ten or twelve yards distant—so that I commanded a full view of the scene. Such of the members of the new legislature as had arrived in town, were placed on the heretofore vacant benches of the party droit—and the politeness of the assembly yielded to the eager curiosity of the people, by admitting numbers of foreigners, and others, to seats in the body of the assembly—in all there could not be fewer than 3000 strangers present. The box set apart for the journal of the logographe, close to the President's chair, was on this occasion fitted up for the Queen, the Prince Royal, Madame Royale, and the ladies who attended them. The writers for this valuable journal were accommodated with places for the day in the body of the hall; for so properly attentive is the assembly to the true interests of the people, that, for the sake of publishing correct accounts of the proceedings, the respectable papers have bureaus and places allotted to them, that they may write the accounts on the spot.

At twelve o'clock precisely they prepared the assembly for the royal sessions. The table of the secretaries had been removed from the platform, and was placed on the ground, just before the bar. The President's table, and ordinary chair, were now removed, and a carpet, of a purple ground, embroidered with fleurs de lis in gold, was spread over part of the elevated platform to the left. A chair of the same colours was placed on this carpet. A chair of the same workmanship, but the ground blue, and the fleurs de lis not so numerously embroidered, was placed on the right of the carpet for the President. The left hand is the place of honor, and in this way the chair was placed for the King. The two chairs were of equal height, and there was no footstool or cushion for that of the King.

His Majesty was dressed in a purple suit embroidered with colours, without regalia, and with only the order of St. Louis at his button hole. He held a paper in his hand. On his ascending the five steps of the platform, on which his chair was placed, he began instantly to read, without sitting down, and without any previous ceremony, his speech.

SEPTEMBER 16.

The Party Droit, last night, published a solemn declaration against the constitution. It is the work of M. d'Espremeil, and is signed by 124 deputies, who still attend in the assembly; and a number of deputies absent, have sent their adhesion to it under different modifications. I inclose you the protestations, which make in all 66 pages.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Cadiz, to his correspondent in this town, dated Oct. 21.

The Ship — arrived here about six days ago, from Baltimore, and brought upwards of 2400 barrells of flour, which is sold at 9 current dollars. Another cargo, consisting of 2000 barrells, arrived the same day, per the Peggy, Capt. Fleming, from Philadelphia, and has been sold at 10 3/4 current dollars per barrel. The Havana merchants call for no other flour but that of Philadelphia, the Baltimore quality being entirely disapproved, owing to a cargo imported lately from said place, which made the bread fourish, (owing, I suppose, to the flour being too old, or damaged) and, from the event, they will not buy any but that from Philadelphia, except through necessity."

NEW BERN, (N. C.) Dec. 31.

On Thursday last, the Legislature of this state appointed his Excellency Alexander Martin, Esq. Governor, the Honorable James Glasgow, Esq. Secretary of State, John Haywood, Esq. Attorney-General.

The General Assembly have voted a loan of 5000l. to the Trustees of the University of North-Carolina.