## THE PATRIOT.

"Eloquence the soul, song charms the sense."

BELLEFONTE, July, 1824.

FOR THE BELLEFONTE PATRIOT. A HYMN.

My God permit a worm thy grace to claim, A helpless worm that holds his all from thee, Whose hopes all centre in thy peerless name, For blessings here, and for eternity.

May no unhallow'd wish invade this heart, Or aught unholy find admission here; Bid passion cease, bid every sin depart, And may I serve thee with a filial fear.

In all my wand'rings through this world of woe, Be thou my guide, my counsellor and friend; In virtue's ways still onward may I go, And reach the joys of glory in the end.

'Tis thy blest presence that creates my bliss, To dwell securely in thy wounded side.

May all my powers with sacred ardour rise, And with increasing efforts tend to thee; Nor ever weary till I gain the prize, And join the chorus of eternity.

Oh! ye blest scenes of permanent delight, Where angels sing and pilgrims swell the choir;

With prospect high ye fill my ravish'd sight And all my soul with sacred transports fire.

On those blest shores where saints immortal reign,

Where beams the radiance of eternal day; Where tears have ceas'd, where sorrows never

To Christ my King I'll endless homage pay. (A) (A)

FROM THE AMERICAN SENTINEL.

NATIONAL PROSPERITY. From a world of woods and wild, Dark beneath the western skies, How Columbia's glory smiles! See her towns and hamlets rise!

From a wilderness of shade, Cultivated fields appear; In delightful charms array'd, Cheering every cottage near.

Agriculture clothes the ground With luxuriant attire; Scatters wealth and plenty round, Makes the landscape bright and fair.

Commerce rolls in ev'ry breeze, Fabrics glitter bright and gay; Where the land was dark with trees, Crowded marts their wealth display.

Arts extend their blissful aid, As unnumbered structures rise, And the cities newly made Lift their mansions to the skies.

Science beams with light sublime, Throws its lustre round the land, Cheering all within our clime, By her kind and fostering hand:

Where the sun with golden rays, Beam'd upon the desert seas; And the undulating wave, Lonely rippled in the breeze.

Now upon the liquid plain, Thronging ships and crafts abound ; Cheering all our wide domain, Spreading wealth and plenty round.

Lofy mountains crawn'd with woods, Loom majestic from the tide, Lift their summits to the clouds:

There shall future vineyards grow, There shall future hamlets rise; Orchards grace the mountain's brow, Breathe their fragrance to the skies.

Millions from ascending day, Journeying tow'rds the setting sun; In Columbia's bosom gay, Find a happy peaceful home.

Here may Freedom's Temple stand, Spreading light and truth sublime, Cheer the earth's remotest land, Brighten ev'ry distant clime.

While the nations of the earth, Marshal'd by despotic ire; Full of foul, malicious wrath, Clothe their land with blood and fire.

Here may peace with olive wand, Cheer the lab'rer at his toil; As he views his native land, As he tills his native soil.

Here may union, peace and love, Fill the measure of our bliss; And the God who rules above, Deign to guard our happiness.

MEAD. (P)

## FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS, JUNE 24. Jim Fitz Patrick.

In the Village Record of last month, in a let-lover him. ter on the history of Chester County is a state-

celebrated freebooter Fitz Patrick, who was miles before he could meet with any friends, combatants—but from the wounds of the two such an annoyance, to the whigs during the consequently it was 3 or 9 o'clock before any Marvins the contest would soon have terminamemorable struggle for Liberty and Indepen-assistance came. Mr. Phineas Massey was the ted .- The doctor had now sufficiently recovered ng occurrence. A Friend of Truth. June 12, 1924.

Possess'd of thee what can I want beside; Fitz Patrick sit down and take a cup of tea with behind a sword, which Fitch had formerly taken The joys of earth how mean compar'd with this, us." "No," he answered, and swore violently from an officer. About 2 A. M. next morning he would neither eat nor drink, Bor leave the the guard arrived from the American Camp said that he was going about levying contribu- to a place of safety; some time after he was tri-

pay him one hundred and fifty pounds. his own off and put on the other pair, leaving was spread abroad that Fitch was taken by Sarather small for him; be then laid his old shoes vorable impression which this report caused, plundering the Captain, he, unobserved by considerable sums of money from the Whigs as Fitch, threw the key of his chest and some para reward for her courage.

per money behind the door, which his mother The daughter of Mr. M. Fee is now living, perceiving picked up the key and hastening up and is highly respected and esteemed by all who stairs, unlocked the chest and hid the money in have the pleasure of her acquaintance. The ICLE, which was received in the county of Cork missed her and presented his pistol to Capt. of Capt. M.Fee, who was an eye witness to ed on that day, which was the cause of great up stairs, and as they were proceeding from the into the hands of armed men, whom she had -though the Chronicle was so good as to give kitchen to the stairs, he observed Capt. M'Fee's concealed in her house; as one error often be- my dying declaration. rifile which he took and snapped, and then gets others, it is desirable that out of respect for threw it out of the door saying, lay there till you the feelings of the surviving friends of Mr. beg your pardon to state that the paper, as I are wanted. At the foot of the stairs old Mr. M. Fee's family, that the error should be correct. am told, which gave an account of my execution M'Fee tried to dissuade Fitch from his purpose, ed, and that the respectable editor of the Village at two o'clock, was printed at eleven the same but he swore vehemently and placing the point Record, be pleased to publish the above in his day, and this, I think, is full confirmation of the of his sword against his breast, threatened to paper. run him through if he did not obey instantly.

They all went up stairs, Fitch ordered Capt M.Fee to unlock his chest and get out the money he had demanded; MiFee replied, how

to the proper authority to receive the punishment he merited.

Mr McFee's servant man named David Cunand flank of Bruin that he loosed the dog from from Franklin's Narrative of the shores of the

wer him. dering on desperation; the struggle was long

Mr. McFee's nearest neighbours were all To- and doubtful—victory, for some time, alternately

It is no diminution to have been in the ment of the character, and the capture, of that ries, therefore the messenger had to go about 2 perched upon the standards of the opposing wrong. Perfection is not the attribute of man.

dence. As that statement is essentially incor-first man who came, Messis. Joseph Black, to cry aloud for aid; the call was heard by a rect, I beg you will do me the favor to publish Mordecai Massey, M. Chancy, Esq. and others, Mr. Franklin, who hastened to the field, which the following faithful statement of that interest-whose names are not recollected, came also to by this time presented a frightful aspect. Mr. guard Fitch. Capt. M.Fee now laid himself Franklin seeing the fate of his predecessors, and down in an adjoining chamber to rest himself unwilling to oppose force by force, had recourse On Sunday the 22d August 1778, about 5 P. from the fatigues of the evening. Some time M. Fitz Patrick or Fitch, as he was generally after it was discovered that Fitch's arms were called, came to the house of Mr. Wm. M'Fee, disengaged from the ropes, and the young wo-fours made circuitous routs around the field as situated near Crum Creek, and not far from man sitting on the bed was strongly suspected if to challenge the bear to combat in his own where the Strasburg road runs, about 10 miles of being instrumental in looseoing them. Fitch way. This the bear discovered, and as his anfrom Chester. Mr. and Mrs. M'Fee and their was soon bound again, and one of the persons son Robert were seated at the tea table, their engaged in tying him drew the rope so tight as daughter Jane being absent on a visit to a sick to give him pain; he begged they would make neighbor. Robert observed a man approaching them more easy, and said he was sure that Capi the house, being mounted and armed with a M-Fee would not suffer them to treat him so, ifle, a pair of pistols and a sword, and suppost they refused to loosen them. He then told fled; but the race of the bear was short, for

d him to be a soldier from the American Camp Miss Jane to call her brother, which she did, the doctor, while under his custody, had so ine dismounted, came to the door and asked if he came and said that Fitch should not be abus-Mr. Wm. M. Fee lived there, he was answered ed, but must be bound, and made his ropes more incision in the breast of the bear, through which on the affirmative, he then walked in and ad-easy. About 11 P. M. a gon was fired at the dressed himself to Robert saying "and you are window, where my informant was sitting, but no bear after running a few rods in the full anticicapt. Robert MiFee?" he replied "I am Rob one was injured, conjecture supposed it to have ert MiFee." "I am Capt. Fitz Patrick," said been fired by Fitch's aid, Dougherty, search was wounds. This the fugitive did not perceive, be-Fitch, "Sir, said Capt. M. Fee, if you are Capt. immediately made, but the person fled and left ing too anxious for his own safety to look behind house, until they were not worth a groat; and took the prisoner in charge and conveyed him out of breath, he was unable to answer the inter-

Fitch had declared he never would be taken alarm. Having at length regained the power He then proceeded to rifle his person of what-by one man. While in the house of Mr. M. Fee of utterance, he shouted "a Bear, a Bear!" ever took his fancy, among which was a pair of he said the world should not say that he was ta-" what of a bear," they exclaimed; "a bear bas shoes with silver buckles on them. He pulled ken by a man but by a woman; hence a report killed four or five men." "What! why! who them down at the heel; the shoes appeared to be rah Welker, and she availed herself of the fa-Mr. Marvin, Elisha and myself are all dead and outside of the door. - While Fitch was engaged and travelled about the country and received

From the Oxford Gazette.
ANECDOTE OF THE BEAR.

In the year 1797, the following singular rencan you expect so young a man as me to have so contre occurred in the town of New-Berlin, much money? Fitch persisted in his demands, in Chenango county, between four men a dog, Capt. M Fee opened the chest and requested and a bear :- A huge bear was prowling near went into mourning, and Judy, my aunt's sister. Fitch to search it himself, which he did and not the residence of the late Doctor Foot, and with was murthered with the grief. See what comes finding any money was much chagrined and an appetite sharply set for pork, suddenly en- of false news, Sir. swore that he was his prisoner, as he had no closed within his warm embrace a wandering money, he must go a campaign along with swine of the doctor's whose lamentable crits him, and ordered him to provide a horse and soon informed him that an enemy had invaded the house of lords in the affair of Captain Porte-clothes. Capt. MiFee replied, that he had his possessions. The doctor, like a true here of us, and telling of the variety of shots which clothes on sufficient for the season but did not that day, flew to arms, and hied to the battle were fired upon that unhappy occasion; he was know how long his campaign might last. Fitch field in defence of his rights. Well equipt, asked by the Duke of Newcastle, what kind of said it would be a long and severe one.

the bed by his side, except a pistol he held in the attempt. Bruin however, was not the least smiling at the word. "Why, my lord, dukes, his right hand, he then ordered Capt. M. Fee, daunted by the martial appearance of this son of his father and mother, to stand in a row on his Esculapius, and regardless of priority of claim, right hand, in the order stated, and Sarah Walk. like another species of half his understanding some cautions requisite in passing our cpiner was standing at a short distance from him in thought power conferred right and that possess-ion on strangers, a caution, however, which few front, Fitch then raised his foot on the bedstead ion was a sufficient excuse for exercising it, and of us adopt. At a public levee at the court of in order to fix the shoe, which was down at the determined to defend himself and his prey St. James, a gentleman said to Lord Chester-

able moment; giving Sarah Walker the signal negociation, or making any declaration of war Lord C. "is—MY SISTER," The gentlement to seize the pistol; he instantly grappled him by a well directed fire, delivered the leaden reddened with confusion and stammered out "no round the body and arms and Sarah grasped the messengers, in such a manner as carried con-no, my lord, I beg your pardon; I mean that pistol almost the same moment. Fitch attempt- viction so near his heart, that an instantaneous very ugly woman who stands next to the Queen." ed to discharge it but missed fire, and she final- and sincere repetitance of his felonious practices. That lady, sir," answered Lord C. calmly—
ly succeeded in forcing it out of his hand, and was wrought in him. Bruin resigned his prey in the struggle had one of her fingers cut very and beat up a retreat, but Lion, obeying his masseverely by the lock of the pistol. Capt. McFee er's beck, commenced so severe an attack upon now succeeded in throwing him down and for- his rear guard that he compelled his adversary

A lady once asked a minister if she might not contain the struggle had one of her fingers.

A lady once asked a minister if she might not contain the compelled his adversary and fashion without here. tunately got the other pistol off the bed. Fitch to right about face and form anew his line of bat-pay attention to dress and fashion, without being being exhausted made no further resistance, the. The conflict was long and terrible, but proud. "Madam, (replied the minister) whenbut frequently and earnestly begged the Captain superior strength at last overpowered the faith-ever you see the tail of the fox out of the hole, to blow his brains out; he would not do it and ful dog, and he fell; and in piteous tones cried you may be sure the fox is there also!"
told him he must be bound and delivered over for quarters. The doctor now seeing the dan-

to the American camp to obtain a guard to take ments or the last peal of heavens artillery, was would have acted so feelingly. charge of Fitch. About this time Sarah Walk-heard by Mr. Marvin and his son Elisha, who er ran off to bring home Miss Jane MiFee, who came at full speed to reinforce the doctor; but she met on her way home. On returning they without any arms except those which nature had deafness and blindness.—The deaf (he says) met a young man and a young woman walking furnished them. Ill prepared for the con-may hear of him at a house in Diffy-street, together and informed them of what had taken flict as they were, they seized the bear and re-place: curiosity induced them to go along and lieved the doctor who was nearly exhausted. morning till three in the afternoon. see Fitch. The young woman seemed to pity But this son of the forest had strength to which

him very much, he was lying on the bed, and the human arm is a stranger renewed the acshe seated herself on the bed near his head, car-tion with redoubled force, and at one fell blow in the usual harangue, that youth might be comessed him and combed his hair. Fitch com- prostrated his new opponents. Here again the pared to a comma, manhood to a semicoton, old plaining of feeling chilly a cover was thrown battle thickened, and was fought with fury bor- age to a colon, to which death puts a period.

to stratagem. To effect his object he insulted the bear by using his arms for legs, and on all tagonists were unable to continue the contest, he accepted the invitation and advanced towards Franklin. This was what he wished, and well knowing that two legs would better serve him for flight than four, he raised bimself erect and dustriously plied his knife, that he made a deep his nearts blood flowed slowly but surely. The him. Fear adds wings to feet and he fled with the speed of the wind, nor did he stop till he had con nearly a mile. Trembling with terror, and rogations of his friends, in whom his sudden arrival and singular appearance had excited much are they?" they rejoined. "Doctor Foot, old gone," replied the afflighted man.

## HANGED-OR NOT HANGED-OR PROVINCIAL VERACITY.

TO THE IRISH OBSERVER.

SIR-A paper called the LAMERICK CHRONthe garret under some wheat. Fitch very soon whole statement is received from a near relative on the 10th of April, stating that I was hang-M.Fee's breast threatened him with instant most of the transactions, and had the best op- grief and other inconvenience to my relations, death if his mother did not return immediately. portunity of being correctly informed of every the O'Sullivans, in that county. Now this is to M Fee called his mother and she returned im-circumstance relative to the capture of Fitch, request that your Worship would be so good as mediately, likewise a hired woman named Sarah It is published in order to remove the erroneous to allow me to say, contrary to any thing that the Walker who was sitting up stairs reading impressions which the publication alluded to, in Limerick Chronicle may allege to that effect, Mrs. MeFee returned the key to her son the in the Village Record is calculated to produce; that I am not hanged, nor was not hanged upon first opportunity. Fitch next ordered them all namely, that he was betrayed by his mistress, that day; for I am still alive and well, thank God

Now, Sir, further to prove that I am alive, I fact of my being alive, seeing that the gentlemen of the Chren'cle newspaper could not know at eleven what took place at two.

So, Sir, your humble servant, to command, THOMAS O'SULLIVAN. County Gaol, Limerick, April 30, 1824. Nota bone, my first cousin, Morty O-

A Scotchman giving evidence at the bar of Capt. M Fee now resolved that he would not ced boldly to the combat, determined to force dialect, "such as they shoot fools with and the leave the house alive. Fitch laid his arms on Bruin to resign his ill gotten spoil, or perish in like."—" What kind of fools?' says the duke.

heel, properly on his foot. Capt. Mifee who against the demand of his adversary.

The doctor, however, without attempting any woman yonder?" "That lady, sir," replied

ed him to go and procure ropes to tie Fitch, laid him on the ground and took a position over gentleman, long resident in this country, espect when he, and Mrs. Me Fee went and brought him. The doctor thought this an insult too flagsome, and while Mrs. Me Fee was engaged tyrant to be quietly submitted to and with nil desing upon the tree, pushing one another off and
ing his feet Fitch kicked her severely in the side perandum for his motto immediately drew a playing a thousand interesting tricks. He apwhen her son charged him not to do it again or pocket knife, being unfortunately destitute of proached, softly under cover of the bushes, and he must abide by the consequences. After other side arms, and commenced a surgical op- prepared to fire upon the unsuspecting crea-Fitch was bound securely, David Cunningham eration on the breast of the bear intending, we tures; but a nearer approach discovered to him was ordered to catch a horse in the field and presume, to extract the sluggs of lead which he such a similitude betwist their gestures and proceed immediately to inform the whigs, living had lodged there.

At this period the noise of battle and the din he threw aside his gun. This gentleman's feel-assist in guarding the prisoner, and to proceed of arms, loud as the thunder of conflicting ele-ings are to be envied, but few traders in fur

A doctor advertised an infallible cure for

A preacher, who had been a printer, observ-