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September 2.

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The subscribers have received the following Religious Books, for sale:

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JAMES STUBBLEFIELD, Harper's Ferry, Sept. 16.

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EXPEDITION INTO AFRICA.

From a late English Paper. LONDON, JULY 5.

AFRICA—Another enterprise to explore the termination of the Niger is undertaken, and as, in all former ones, with sanguine hopes of success. Capt. Gray, of the Royal African corps, is intrusted with the immediate charge of the expedition.

He is represented as every way qualified for solving this geographical enigma; he has been seven years in Africa, and is well acquainted with the Jollof language. The route is to be that of the Gambia river, which he had already entered. By letters which have been received from this officer, it appears that his arrangements were nearly completed, and all that was of much consequence, his people all well, and in high spirits, notwithstanding the failure of former attempts.

The letter, on their return to Spain, was presented to the Duke d'Alva; and I understood, when in Madrid in 1790-7 (thirty years after, had ranged some of those countries) was still in preservation there. Of the map of that expedition I have a copy, but before I had obtained that copy, or knowledge of that map and its relative journals, I had completed a map of my own compiling, on a larger scale; one which I have no reason yet to doubt, which satisfied my own scruples, and which I have found corroborated by my personal investigation of our country in part; and by an evident and honorable coincidence in truths, agreeing with the results of my several enquiries.

The Spanish government permitted, as I understood in Madrid, 15 copies of this important and accurate journal to be printed for its own purposes; and one of these, getting into the hands of the British ministry, was permitted to reach the English language, on similar conditions and views. It was from one of those in the library of my friend, Dr. Benjamin Smith Barton, of Philadelphia, that I made many conclusive comparisons, and derived much information.

Gen. De Soto landed in East Florida, marched to the present Chickasaw country, then a fortified people, having emigrated from the Escalala, in consequence of cruelties and injustice practiced against them by Cortez, after they had helped him in the reduction of Mexico and Montezuma. Notwithstanding the aspect (and I believe the heart) of De Soto was so far above that of Cortez, that the Chickasaws permitted them to enter their fort, and stable their cavalry in their empty barracks. In the course of that night, however, or shortly after, the soldiers found a pretext to quarrel with the natives; they fought bravely on both sides; but through this treachery the place was burnt, with loss of many lives and horses.

De Soto remained in possession, did all in his power to conciliate the Indians; and detached farther north such troops as he could spare. The left of them, no doubt under Indian guides, which that great general could not have neglected to secure in his interest, made for the head of the Muscle Shoals, crossed the river, and fortified an acre of ground on the north bank of the Tennessee, below the mouth of Chowahala, or Elk river, into which Salole or Squirrel river falls on the east. The centre line was left as a rear guard, and fortified themselves on the south bank of the Tennessee, below Penahce, and a river, till all was safe.

The right division took the Creek war path, which leads from the Creek country to the place where Nashville now stands; passing the head branches of Ella river, the upper forks of Duck river at the mouth of Rock-House river, (where De Soto's advance wintered) dropping their hogs, (sequitua signifying a hog) in the way, and what remains retains the appellation of Sequitua barrens, comprehending the head of Duck river, Crow and Sequitue creeks, a district of a hundred miles square, where the Indians have told me, within these fifty years, many of the breed of hogs still existed; and I have seen many killed between there and the Appalachia mountains.

There can certainly be nothing extraordinary, when we advert to the Roman having over-run Spain, or to the intercourse between Rome and the higher Spaniards which still daily exists, that a Spanish officer on duty there through the whole winter of 1544, should drop a Roman coin, in a work where he is remained on duty; but I am more conclusive. I have no hesitation in pronouncing this relic to have been conveyed thither by De Soto's army.

I have not a doubt that all the other precious relics belonged to his command. I have many reasons for being tolerably positive, that the Rock house station on Duck river was the farthest northern point of Spanish expedition.

I am desirous to save my country from hasty conclusions, and ignorant decisions. I know somewhat of Europe, personally much of Spain, but more of America. When the health and strength of a man advanced in years, and in a sick room, will permit, I shall endeavor to throw new lights on our more northern fortifications.

A Soldier of 1775—yes, 1764.

THE EXECUTION.

FROM THE KENTUCKY ARGUS. On Friday last the sentence of the law was executed on Wharton Ransdale for the murder of Abraham Carter.

For some days after receiving the sentence the prisoner did not seem to realize the awfulness of his situation. Some lingering hope which clings around the heart of man, seemed to buoy up his spirits and lift him near, and the dreadful consideration of rushing into eternity, unprepared, was urged up on him by several pious clergymen who frequented the prison, his heart relented, and he awoke to a sense of his danger. He saw himself standing upon that awful precipice which hangs over the abyss of eternity, ready to plunge into the dark unknown, without one cheering ray to guide him to the confines of another and a better world. Now, for the first time he saw the importance of religion, that bright angel which illumines with radiant wings, even the shades of death.

Throughout the whole scene, he exhibited an admirable firmness and composure, which no heroism could surpass. In his last moments he was cheerful and supported by a Christian hope of forgiveness in Heaven, and a glorious resurrection.

We cannot contemplate this scene, without feeling the inexpressible importance of our holy religion, especially in a dying hour. It disarms death of its terrors and irradiates the dark valley with a splendor more bright than the meridian sun. What good heart, what benevolent man could wish to deprive a dying creature of a hope so dear, a consolation so perfect? Let us embrace and hug this precious hope—it will make us happy here and hereafter. Only the religious man is happy or safe. The unbeliever is miserable in this world, though far of a future existence, he will be miserable hereafter. Mark that man who would destroy the Christian faith of his fellow man—his breast is hell.

Early on Friday morning our streets were crowded with people from this and the neighboring counties. The mother, brothers, and friends of the prisoner were seen anxiously inquiring for the governor with the hope that mercy might yet avert the stroke of justice. The effort was vain. It was thought not to be an occasion which required the exercise of that heavenly attribute with which the commonwealth clothes her chief magistrates. The brothers of the prisoner entered his cell to take their final leave. He told them, that many falsehoods had been and would be said with regard to him and them. But he charged them as his dying request, that they would turn their backs and not resent it. What the world should say, could do them or him no harm, and it was the indulgence of a hasty temper which had brought him in to his present situation. He therefore, begged them to avoid all quarrels and bad company, as the path which would lead to a like shameful death.

About 11 o'clock the artillery, cavalry and infantry companies in this place paraded before the jail. The prisoner descended and seated himself in the cart accompanied by several clergymen, with a firm step and a countenance unmoved. The place of execution was above the town at the forks of the Lexington and Versailles roads. Now might you see the town all alive. Every street and alley seemed to be full of people, on foot, on horseback, and in carriages rushing out to witness the mournful scene. So great was the crowd, that it was difficult for the military to clear a passage to the gallows. Standing on the cart beneath the gallows, the prisoner addressed the people. He said in substance, "that he did kill Abraham Carter, but considered himself as having done it in self defence and to save his own life; that the witnesses had mistaken facts and sworn to circumstances which never existed; that the verdict and sentence were unjust, and that his life was about to be wrongfully taken away; that he did not harbor malice against any of those who had brought him to that situation, but freely forgave them, and prayed heaven to forgive them likewise; that his brothers and the others who are indicted for the murder of Carter as well as himself, are perfectly innocent of any such previous intentions; that it was bad company and the too free use of whiskey which had brought him into his present unhappy situation; and that he prayed God to pardon his sins and receive his soul."

The Rev. Mr. Smith delivered an eloquent and feeling exhortation on the importance of shunning bad company and the free use of ardent spirits, calling on parents and on children to mark the effects of such practices to the fate of this dying man. Laying his hands on the head of the prisoner, he concluded with an impressive prayer.

The Rev. Mr. Roberts succeeded him in a zealous and pathetic exhortation, likewise concluding with a short prayer. The prisoner requested him to declare to the people, that "if anything should be hereafter published, as his confession or acknowledgment of guilt in himself or his associates, it would be false; that he had nothing to confess but to his God—to him he confessed that he was a sinner and begged his forgiveness."

The prisoner, with a firm voice and composed countenance, then commenced singing a hymn, and when he had finished it, rose up and shook hands with those around him. The Sheriff told him, that nearly an hour more was allowed him; but he observed, that he was ready to die and did not wish to prolong the time. He was blinded—the rope fixed around his neck—the cart started promise him yet many days of earthly felicity. But as the appointed time drew near, and the dreadful consideration of rushing into eternity, unprepared, was urged up on him by several pious clergymen who frequented the prison, his heart relented, and he awoke to a sense of his danger. He saw himself standing upon that awful precipice which hangs over the abyss of eternity, ready to plunge into the dark unknown, without one cheering ray to guide him to the confines of another and a better world. Now, for the first time he saw the importance of religion, that bright angel which illumines with radiant wings, even the shades of death.

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