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The following lines are taken from the Album of the Hotel in the vicinity of the Falls of Niagara:  
**NIAGARA.**  
Flow on forever, in thy glorious robe  
Of foam and beauty, God has set  
The world on the fire, and the flood  
Mantles around thy feet. And he hath given  
The voice of thunder, power to dash him  
Exultantly, blinding the eyes of man,  
Keep silence, and upon the rocky altar pour  
Incense of sweet praise.  
(Signed) LADIA H. SIGOURNEY.  
Thursday evening, August 28, 1834.

### THE LATE MR. WIRT.

We have had the singularly interesting article on Wirt for several months; but it has been forced aside by the current topics and news of the day. Many of our readers have doubtless already perused it, yet it is nevertheless worthy of preservation; as a rich specimen of filial affection, combined in terms so eloquent and touching as to move every heart. We are happy, too, in being able to add ourselves to the early use of a new and beautiful form of type, to the reprinting of our paper, and to the selection of a new and spacious office. Let our young female readers profit by such a splendid example of intellectual and moral education, and learn that time is only well spent when employed in adorning the imperishable part—the mind.

### FROM THE NEGATIVE (G. J. SCOTT).

**LAST ILLNESS OF THE HON. WILLIAM WIRT.**  
The following interesting and deeply interesting letter, is from the pen of the third daughter of the late lamented Mr. Wirt. In consequence to the fact that the public has had so recently and so minutely detailed the particulars of his illness, and that the Church would be received as an invaluable treasure. We need not remind the reader, in consequence of the minutiae of the details, and the virtues of her deceased parent, that it is a confidential communication between relatives suffering from a common loss, and feeling a deep and hereditary interest in every fact connected with their common bereavement. The relation which Mr. Wirt sustained to the community in which he lived, was so widely known, and so generally admitted, that it is not necessary to state the facts in detail, but to reflect upon his Country, his countrymen enjoy the fruits of his labors, and his death is a national affliction.

### WASHINGTON, FEB. 22, 1834.

**MY DEAR AUNT:**—This is the first time my pen has ever traced this dear deploring appellation in reference to yourself, but, believe me, it is not the first time, by many, that my heart has felt drawn towards you, with the yearning which it would naturally feel towards the only near surviving relative of one whose loss is so deeply and so generally mourned. Now, there is a sacredness in this feeling, which no other can give, and which will be enshrined in my heart until it shall cease to beat.

Your dear son, Judge C., who has indeed been to us the kindest of friends in this season of our deep affliction, informed us all very much some few weeks ago, in an evening visit to my father, by mentioning with how much care you treasured up every thing relating to your much loved brother, particularly every thing which threw light on his religious views and sentiments—and it is in the hope of affording you gratification and comfort, under this irreparable loss, that I set down to give you as minute and detailed an account of the last illness and death of our dear departed one, as the present confused and collapsed state of my mind will permit.

I cannot, dare not, dwell on the loss which his family has sustained in their Head, Husband, Father, and Household Priest; for when my thoughts revert to this aspect of the case, I feel as if my heart would break; I press my hand on it to still its rebellious risings, and raise my eyes and soul to the Hills whence cometh all our help; and indeed, my dear aunt, this help has been extended to us almost miraculously, for I had been told two short weeks ago, that he who was the dearest and most beloved object of our earthly affections, was so soon, so very soon, to be taken from us, we think the sudden shock, would have made us quit our hold of our Almighty Refuge, and driven us into walling and despair. And yet, when the fiat came, and we knew it to be inevitable and irrevocable, God held us up, and dried our tears, and hushed our lamentations, and enabled us to stand around the dying bed, to speak, and to receive words of consolation.

He whom we loved, and whom the Lord loved, (precious thought!) was a picture of renovated health on the morning of Sunday the 9th inst.—so much so that dear mother, at the breakfast table, said, to him playfully—"You are looking so much more like yourself, my dear husband, than I have seen you for years, that I really think you ought to have your picture taken." On the previous evening, Saturday, he had been preparing himself for an argument on the following Monday; in a very important case, and had been in the Capitol library, examining authorities, in addition to those of his own office; and altogether expressed himself better satisfied with his preparations, than he had been for a long time; for in this, as in every thing else, his humility often made him undervalue himself so as to distrust us.

Directly after breakfast, Sabbath morning, 9th inst, he assembled us as usual, in his chamber, at family prayers, and never did I hear a more solemn and fervent out-pouring of the soul at the footstool of the Mercy Seat. He prayed for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom with a holy earnestness; for his children present and absent; for his enemies if he had any; and for his friends every where; especially those who had not yet been brought to know and love the Saviour; finally, he prayed that his own soul and that of those dear to him, might be sprinkled afresh with pardoning blood, and that the ascended Saviour would, through the influence of his Holy Spirit, keep him, and all of us in his fear, and enable us to walk in his commandments through life; sustain and cheer us in the hour of death, and at last receive us to himself, a reunited and blessed family, to worship forever around his throne, to the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

His heart being thus attuned to worship God in his public ordinances, he walked with my sister Ellen, Alex. Randall of Annapolis, (the brother of my brother-in-law, Judge Randall of Florida) and myself, to the Capitol, to hear the Christian, Mr. S\*\*\*\*\*, preach. It was not actually raining, but so exceedingly damp that some persons had their umbrellas up, to turn the drizzling moisture. It is to this walk that the cold, which terminated in his death, is attributed. Yet he had some time walked in as bad and even worse weather before, without serious injury; and the physicians had urged upon dear mother, the absolute necessity of taking exercise in all weather, except fast-falling; especially after breakfasting upon sweets, instead of his usual diet of rice and milk, which was the case that morning. Therefore, although it was damp, yet, as the exercise seemed to be advisable, and he was anxious to go to church, (the very inclement weather having prevented him from doing so for three previous Sundays that we had been here,) it was decided that he might venture. And though latter pang of self-reproach, for having been accessory to his fatal cold, gave my beloved mother one of the most violent and agonizing nervous paroxysms I ever witnessed, yet she and all of us have, I trust, been brought to feel that this could not have happened, without the special design and interposition of our Heavenly Father, and that most mighty ends, by the instrumentality of means apparently totally inadequate to their fulfillment.

Mr. S\*\*\*\*\*'s text that morning was 1st Cor. 1st chapter, 23d, 24th verses: "We preach Christ crucified unto the Jews stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." And he did, indeed, prove most convincingly, that it was the wisdom of God, in falling upon the only plan which could, at the same time, satisfy and be concordant with, his sacred attributes of justice and mercy. And the power of God in accomplishing, by the instrumentality of One who was "despised and rejected by men," and of his few obscure and illiterate followers, the salvation of a world—a work which no earthly monarch, however universal his empire, could ever accomplish. The subject was a sublime one, and it was treated with a force of argument, and a pathos of eloquence, which I have rarely if ever heard equalled. My dear father sat immediately behind my chair, so as occasionally to rest himself upon it, and I heard him more than once sob, in a sort of convulsive sob, as was his habit when deeply affected; he expatiated several times, too, his approbation and admiration of parts of the discourse; and, when the service was closed, he said to the gentleman next him, "a most capital preacher, one—One of nature's favorites—He is a great favorite of mine, and goes straight to my heart." He stopped and shook hands with Mr. S\*\*\*\*\* as we came out, making some kind inquiries about his health, which were reciprocated. He and Ellen walked fast and got home before me; and I found, when I went to his chamber, that he had taken off his coat, and put on his wrapper, not feeling well. By Mr. Randall's desire, however, he came down to the parlor and shook hands with him, as he was to leave town the next day; and said—"God bless you, sir—farewell!" This was the last time he ever left his room.

On returning from church, he asked mother to "look if he had cut his hair in shaving, as it felt painful." Mother examined it and found so much mark, that a hard knot in the glands of the throat, just below the right ear—a swelling, as she presumed, from cold—and advised him to lie down and cover himself up warm, hoping that he would be relieved by preparation. This was between two and three o'clock, and then went down to dinner. A little before three o'clock, I came up, with my bonnet on, to go to church again, and kissed him. He said, "Tell your mother, my dear, that I feel very chilly, as if I were going to have an ague."

She immediately ordered hot bricks to his feet, and additional covering, and sent for Dr. H\*\*\*\*\*. When I came home he had a fever, but talked cheerfully; when I gave him a description of Mr. S\*\*\*\*\*'s evening discourse. After remaining silent a few moments, he said—"Wife, it will not do for me to expose myself in church as I do; I am a mere baby in the command of my acrobatic nerves; I can scarcely refrain sometimes from tears, and indeed, I have frequently been obliged to relieve myself by giving way to them;" and as he spoke, the same feeling seemed to overcome him. I said, what I think true, that no Christian ought to be ashamed of intense feeling at the review of his own unworthiness, and of the vivid emotion of gratitude and love to the Saviour, which caused tears.

But it is up, unannounced, and people around don't know what to make of it. His fever continued to be higher and hotter, and seemed to be aggravated rather than relieved by the warm applications which were prescribed in the hope of forcing a perspiration—steaming his face, and bathing his feet in hot water, and as a genuine vapor bath could not be procured, laying hot bricks all along on both sides of his bed, from his feet upwards. His fever rose all night with an intensity which, mother says, she has never known with him; certainly for fifteen years, if ever. Next day, the whole right side of his face was much swollen.

On Thursday night I sat up with him; he rose twice in the night, with the assistance of dear mother and a servant, thinking it would make him feel more comfortable to change his posture a little while, and have his bed made; in doing so he expressed his surprise at his extreme weakness, which was greater, he said, after those few days illness, than after his long and exhausting attack at the springs last summer. The last time he rose, as he sat in the easy chair, he asked mother if she would "read the Bible to him?" She did so; and it was the 55th Psalm. In reading this, she omitted all those passages which relate more particularly to David's enemies, and read all the rest, which you know was particularly applicable to himself; he seemed to feel it deeply; and after she had finished reading, he saw his lips moving in prayer. This was the last time he was able to listen to this precious volume, or to rise from his bed. Towards morning he became slightly delirious, and it was deemed advisable to call in another physician; and Dr. H\*\*\*\*\*, a young physician here, who has great reputation for skill and talent in his profession, was sent for. Father, himself, said at first it was not worth while to consult another physician, but at last consented. That morning (Friday morning) he called mother to his bed-side, and, in the presence of my sister Ellen, gave certain directions "in case of his sudden death." He then seemed to speak with some difficulty, and in the course of that day, and throughout the next, talked wildly at intervals. His mind seemed chiefly to dwell on his law cases. He would call us to him by name, and then begin, as if he were addressing the Judges of the Supreme Court, carrying on a continuous argument for several sentences together.

Dr. H\*\*\*\*\* and Dr. H\*\*\*\*\* consulted together, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, and decided to blister him around his right ear, which they did; afterwards, on both wrists and both limbs, from the ancles upwards; and finally, his head was shaved and blistered. Forty leeches also were applied, two or three different times, to the left temple, and behind the left ear; yet these, and all other remedies, were of no avail.

On Sunday and Monday he lay in a kind of lethargy, from which it was difficult to arouse him to allow his medicines, and food. Bath, eyes, too, were given, and closed with the inflammation, and the right eye covered with a blister; but we continued bathing the left with warm milk and water, in hopes that it might possibly open.

When asked if he would swallow any thing, he always answered, "Yes, I'll try"—though it was with difficulty that he swallowed towards the last, from the swelling and soreness of the mouth, tongue and nares; however, never lost his sense of hearing; however, never lost his acuteness until Monday evening. Dr. H\*\*\*\*\*, thinking it must have done so, spoke to him in a loud tone of voice, and was gently rebuked by his sayings, "Doctor, you are not speaking to a regiment of soldiers." He distinguished our voices easily, though his eyes were closed, and when one of his attached young friends and students, James C\*\*\*\*\*, asked him, "Mr. Wirt, do you know James?" he replied, "To be sure I do."

Ellen's twin sister, Rosa, now Mrs. Robinson of Baltimore, came down with her husband on Saturday; having been informed by letters from us of his alarming illness. When she first kissed him, he said—"Why, my dear, how

came you here?—High, high!" But, at that time, made no other remark. The next day, however, (Sunday, the 16th,) he asked, with some difficulty, for "his Rosa." And when she came to him, said, "My darling, God bless you!"

On Monday morning, we thought him dying; and dear mother, unable any longer to control her pent-up feelings, retired to another room and gave vent to them. The thought that he was indeed to die, without looking on his family any more, taking leave of them, and expressing his own resignation, was insupportably agonizing. But as if to show the power of God, while she was thus abandoning herself to grief, the eye that had been so long closed, opened suddenly, as if hung over him, and fixed itself on me with a kindling intelligence which I had not seen since his first wanderings. "My father, do you know your Catherine?" "Yes," "Do you trust in God?" (raising my own eye to Heaven, to make the question more significant.) "Yes," with solemnity, and raising his own eye in the same direction. "I flew into the next room to communicate the intelligence to dear mother, and she called herself and returned with me. She approached his bed-side, she looked at her and said, "Wife, I am going before you!" I feared this would overpower her; but God upheld her, and she answered meekly, "Yes, my beloved, you are going before me, and you will see our dear angels in Heaven, sooner than I shall. There are five of our children in Heaven now, waiting to receive you, and you leave five more on earth under my care—it will only be for a little while, and we, too, shall come and join you. Do not fear for us, who are left behind—God will take care of your widowed wife and fatherless children." There was a struggle in his frame and heart, but he sought strength where he had never failed to find it, and it was given him: His eye next lighted on me—I kissed him, and asked, "My beloved father, is your soul at peace now, stayed on Jesus?" "Yes," "Do you now feel the truth of the promise, 'When thou walkest through the valley of death, fear not; God will be with Thee, His rod and His staff, they shall comfort Thee.'" "Yes; oh yes!" raising his eyes to Heaven, with a mingled expression of faith, gratitude, and submission. His hand, and bade, "God bless you, my beloved father." Then on Ellen; and she did the same. He looked alternately once more on each of us as we stood around his bed, then raised his hand and eyes to Heaven; as if invoking a farewell blessing.

During this solemn and affectionate scene, all had left the room, except his own immediate family. At this crisis, however, our former Pastor, when he lived here, Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* (a meek and holy man, to whom father always bore a strong attachment, and for whom I had despatched a hurried messenger, at the first sign of returning intelligence,) arrived, and with him there entered several of father's friends, old and young, to the number of fifteen, including the family. Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* took his hand, and asked him, "if he was resigned to die now, if it pleased God to take him?" He answered, unhesitatingly, "Yes." "Then," said mother, "we resign you, my beloved into the hands of God—He will take care of us in your absence, and not suffer us to wait; and, at last, will reunite us all—All I trust, in Heaven." He struggled hard to speak, but the utterance was denied; Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* then asked him several other questions as to "the composed and happy state of his soul," "his views of the plan of redemption through the Saviour," "his faith in the atoning merits of Jesus for the pardon of all his sins, and for his salvation?" To all of which he replied in the affirmative. Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* then asked him, "if it would be agreeable to him, that we should unite in offering a prayer for him?" He replied with great vivacity, "Yes; and nodded his head affirmatively, three times, in quick succession, thereby signifying the great pleasure the proposition afforded him.

We all instantly knelt down, as with one impulse, while the solemn appeal ascended to the throne of grace. It was a spectacle so sublime, that Angels might contemplate with delight and awe. My father's eyes were raised to Heaven, with a prayer. At one time Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* prayed thus, "If it was consistent with the intentions of the Almighty, his sick and suffering servant might be raised from that bed of languishing, to the enjoyment of health, to be a further blessing to his family and friends; and to the cause of God on earth." Immediately the eye was withdrawn from its imploring gaze upwards; a shudder passed over his frame, and he shook his head negatively; and Mr. C\*\*\*\*\* insisted, audibly said, "No." But when Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* closed with a prayer, that "if God should take him now, he might be received into the mansions of glory, to dwell forever and

ever at the right hand of his God and Saviour, and that his family might be sustained and comforted in his departure—his hand and eyes were raised once more, and for the last time, to Heaven; and thenceforth motionless and at rest. Mr. P\*\*\*\*\* pressed his hand in taking leave, saying he "would not fatigue him farther, then, as the result of thenceforth was perfectly satisfactory to him, but would see him again."

It did seem as if God, at that very moment, unclosed his eyes, once more, to look for the last time on earth, upon his assembled family; to witness their resignation and to cheer them by his own; and that the pressure upon the brain was, during this blessed half hour, removed for the same benevolent purpose. The expression of his eye was not dim and wandering; but clear, firm, intelligent, beaming, heavenly. The voice too, distinct and full of feeling, and the motion of his head and of the hand, as it was raised with an effort from the bed, and then dropped, not lifelessly, but reverentially, spoke in a manner not to be mistaken by those who witnessed it—"Thy will, Oh God, thy holy will be done—Lord Jesus, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Throughout this lingering and painful sickness, uncomfortable as he must have felt from the pressure of the disease, and the severe remedies, (for all the blisters drew,) he never uttered a repining word. Once, when his feet were immersed in hot poultices, he said, "Is not this enough to drive a man mad; to be between two fires, one at his head and the other at his feet?" Yet, when I asked him not long afterwards, "how he felt?" he simply said, "Not well."

Such childlike submission I never witnessed, and such unassuming patience.—On Monday morning, 17th, Dr. R\*\*\*\*\*, after some efforts, succeeded in making him understand, that he wished him to take another dose of medicine. His reply was, "I am a child; you may do as you please with me." But the last time they teased him to swallow some nourishment, he gently and inaudibly whispered, "Let me be." My mother says she has often heard him express the opinion, that "a dying person ought not to be disturbed, in their dying moments, by the importunities of their friends to call them back to life; for that most probably the souls of such persons were then absorbed in the contemplations of eternity, and holding communion with the inhabitants of heaven." We know not but his half-emanipated soul was at that moment thus engaged; and it seemed almost cruel to awaken his wrapt soul to consciousness.

When, with the restlessness of pain, he would throw the cover from his hands, and make an effort to reach far back with them, perhaps to indicate by this mute gesture, the seat of pain, and a dear mother would say, "For wife's sake, my beloved, try to keep your dear hands warm," he would resign them to be covered; sometimes saying, "Well it must be so," but most generally in silence.

After the farewell interview with us, and with Mr. P\*\*\*\*\*, which I have so minutely described, and which took place on Monday, the 17th, he did not again unclose his eyes or speak. Once, afterwards, that night, as I sat by him holding his hand, and moistening his mouth with wine and water, and watching his very regularly, but gradually diminishing breathing, he whispered, "The door is open." I thought he might feel oppressed, (though there were not at the time, more than two other persons beside myself in the room, which was large, airy and cool,) and threw open the door to admit the air. But I think it highly probable that, at that very moment, he had a glimpse of the heaven on which he was about to enter—the thought struck me at the time, that then he stood—

"Where Moses stood,  
And viewed the landscape,  
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,  
Could fright him from the shore."

All night we watched, expecting every breath to be the last, and yet, although his hands were cold and clammy, and his pulse almost and sometimes quite imperceptible; yet the hot bricks against to keep his feet warm to the last, and his breathing was as tranquil as that of a sleeping child.

It was not until eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning, the 18th inst, that the last breath was drawn. We all stood around him and I held his left hand between both of my own. So faint and interrupted was his breathing for the last five minutes, that it was difficult to know when it did actually cease. Once I held my breath, thinking it was all over; but, after a short interval, there came one more feeble, flickering respiration, and then—there was a rest until the resurrection morn. At that instant, the sun, which had been all the morning veiled in clouds, burst into the room with full meridian splendor; and the same little bird, which had been, since the thrilling music of the preceding day, hanging silent and unobserved in his cage, struck up a re-

quiem note, so subdued and so sweet, that it might justly well be mistaken for the rustling of angel's wing.

My poor dear mother threw herself into our arms, and exclaimed, "The seal of happiness to him; but of misery to us!"

**SUNDAY MORNING, 23d FEB.**  
In my father's little memorandum book are copied these two verses—the first in his own hand writing, and the last in that of dear Ellen, who wrote it, at his request, last summer, at the White Sulphur Springs, of Virginia, where he was lying sick on his bed:  
First verses: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth."  
"Keep the door of my lips."  
2d verse: "Follow peace with all men and holiness."  
"Without which no man shall see the Lord."

His pocket book also contains, instead of bank notes, many little pieces of paper, on which he had, at different periods, written extracts from the sacred volume; of precept and promise, which he always wore near his bosom as his treasure. And it was to him, and ever shall be, "a treasure laid up for him in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal;" and this treasure may no man take from him.

It was when one of his Sabbath duties to put down on paper, the pious emotions of his soul; and these effusions do not fall very short of those of his prototype, the sweet psalmist of Israel. These and all his other writings, as well as those which have been published, as his letters of advice to his family and friends, his descriptive letters, (written at Niagara, Boston, the mountains of Virginia, &c., which are beautifully graphic and pictorial), his essays, &c. &c., it is the purpose of my dear mother to collect together in some enduring form, which may, perhaps, by an extensive circulation, contribute to the benefit of present and future generations, and thus, even after death, redound to the glory of the God, whom, while on earth, it was his chief delight to honor and serve.

And now, my dear aunt, shall we mourn for this loved one as those who have no hope? Shall we not rather rejoice that a spirit so lofty, and so pure and holy, that the breath of dishonor would have wounded mortally; to whom the toils and cares of struggling for a subsistence for those who were dependent on his daily exertions, were odious, because they distracted his thoughts from heaven—the measure of whose earthly time was full, and whose tender affections had been wrung by the death of his beloved children, and uprooted from this earth—shall we not rejoice that all sorrow and suffering for him is at an end, all tears forever wiped from his eyes, and his delighted spirit unfettered from this earthly coil, is resting in the beauty of heaven, bathing in the pure stream which flows around the throne of the Lamb; and that the mighty intellect whose grasp is perfect human science could never satisfy, is now ranging among worlds and adamantine spheres, communing with the angels of classic days, and with the patriarchs, apostles, and the fathers of the church!

There is a moral sublimity in his life, in his death, and in the assurance of where his spirit now is, that I pray God may sink deeply into the hearts of all he has left behind, and may we also be ready to join him when the summons shall come to us.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**  
We are in the midst of the confusion of preparing to leave the city, the scene, once, of so much happiness, lately of so much anguish. It will now ever be a consecrated spot to us, for here rest the mortal remains of him who was our earthly idol; and those of my sister Agnes, are to be brought from the vault in Baltimore, and placed by his side.

No doubt but Judge C. has sent you all the papers containing accounts of the last hours paid him who was worthy of all honor.

The event has exhibited perhaps more strikingly than any thing else could, the deep and universal attachment which he had excited. Young and old, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, noble and humble—all all crowded the house with kind and anxious inquiries, and the last answer was given, which seemed to clothe the whole city and country in mourning. Unobtrusive as was his piety, it yet was so consistent and so mingled with all the affairs of life, that it could not but be manifest to all associated with him. A little anecdote illustrating this, occurs to me at this moment, which I will repeat. When we first arrived here, 11th of January, and took up our lodgings, we were prevented by an accident from having our private table, as had been stipulated; and we took our meals with the family with whom we boarded—a very general one, by-the-by—they are not in the habit of saying grace, which father bore several days without comment; but after the second day, he consulted us what was to be done about it, and though there was a considerable struggle in his mind, lest he should appear officious or over-scrupulous, he at length



came to the conclusion, that it was his duty to bear this cross. On entering the breakfast room next morning, he greeted the family with his usual smiling smile—and they stood respectfully before him to be first seated—he then spoke, and said: "Before we sit down, I wish to ask you, master and mistress of the house, if you have any objection to my saying grace at our meals?" It has always been my habit in my own family, and I feel as if I could not enjoy my meals without it. Of course, they gratefully acceded to it; such an example, from one entitled to so much respect; I hope they will imitate. I see him now vividly before me, as his manly and majestic form bent lowly over the table, his eloquent hand spread in supplication, while his waving curls were thrown back by the movement, from his intellectual beautiful forehead. Such a man, in such an attitude, might well impress every beholder with veneration and love!

When the undertaker came to perform his duty, I am told my father's weeping servants were giving him an account of his peaceful and glorious exit. "When the angels came down from heaven to receive him," said one, "the sun shone out, and the birds began to sing." "Yes," said another, "I have been in his service these many, many years, and never saw he lived—the Bible and prayer were his daily food, and never was there a kinder master than I have had. It was right he should die the death of the righteous, and I only hope my last end may be like his."

My mother sends you a sister's love, with the enclosed profile likeness of my father, which, in my opinion, is infinitely better than any which has been taken. The features are exact, even to the last of his life, and it only wants the scintillation of genius and feeling to make the resemblance complete—he himself thought it so good, that he left each of his children one from the same plate. "When his works are completed, you, of course, my dear aunt, shall have the first copy."

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From ALABAMA, we have partial returns, which show an increasing opposition...

In INDIANA the Whigs have triumphed beyond all expectation. We have seen returns...

From MISSOURI, the election for Members of the Legislature appeared to have turned...

FEMALE SEMINARY. A constant personal superintendence of the Rev. ALEXANDER JONES...

Large Sale of BLOODED HORSES, and IMPROVED Durham Short-Horned CATTLE.

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VARIETY

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Indian Anecdote.—Red Jacket took part with the Americans in the war of 1813, and becoming attached to a colonel who was ordered to a distant service, took his farewell of him in the following speech:

"Brother, I hear you are going to a place called Governor's Island. I hope you will be a governor yourself. I understand you white people think children a great blessing—I hope you may have a thousand. And above all, I hope, wherever you go, you may never find whiskey more than two shillings a quart."

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Lumber Yard in Shepherdstown. THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public, that in connection with his store, he has opened an extensive

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THE subscriber has three or four hundred TUNIONS for sale. A lot of 150 may be seen near the road from Winchester to Charlestown, about one mile below Severs Lavers. They are wethers of fine size and fine color.

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By virtue of a decree of the county court of Jefferson, sitting in chancery, made at the last June term, in a suit in which Hiram Counts and Ann his wife, late Ann Romanus, are plaintiffs, and John Counts and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Romanus, and others, heirs of Lewis Romanus, dec'd, and others, heirs of Lewis Romanus, dec'd, are defendants, the undersigned, a Special Commissioner appointed for the purpose, will sell, at public auction, upon the premises, on Monday the 1st day of September next, a

Valuable Lot of LAND, containing about 40 ACRES, of which about 3 are in timber, and having a tolerably good Log House and some other improvements upon it. Its location is between the upper and lower Shepherdstown and Charlestown roads, adjoining the lands of Daniel Hendricks, David Hess, Edward Lucas, &c. and others.

TERMS.—One third cash, one third in one year, and the balance in two years. The purchaser to give bond and security, and deed of trust on the premises, to secure the deferred payments.

W. M. LUCAS, S. C. August 7, 1834.

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SALE OF Valuable Town Property. WILL be sold, at private sale, if application be made at any time before the 5th of September next, on a reasonable credit, the large LOG HOUSE now occupied by Elias Arnold, situated diagonally opposite to the dwelling of Mr. Andrew Woods, and the WHITE HOUSE adjoining.

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VIRGINIA, Sec.

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SWIFT BOAT.

Cheapeake & Ohio Canal. THE swift Canal Boat ROBERT HARPER, leaves Harpers Ferry in the morning and arrives at the Point of Rocks in time for the early cars for Baltimore, and returns in the evening, leaving the Point of Rocks after the arrival of the Cars from Baltimore, and connecting with the Stages from Harpers Ferry to the West.

TRANSPORTATION. FROM THE Old Furnace to Baltimore & Georgetown. HENSHAW taken my brother WASHINGTON HENSHAW into partnership with me, and we are now ready to receive and forward any quantity of PRODUCE.

TRANSPORTATION. On the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-Road & Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. At the Point of Rocks.

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ISLAND MILL.

HARPER'S FERRY. HAVING rented the above mill from F. Bechman, Esq. for a term of years, and being put in the same in excellent condition, the undersigned is now ready to receive

And to grind in a superior style. He will give one barrel of Flour for every 300 pounds of merchantable Wheat, and will stand the inspection in any market to which it may be sent. From his experience as a miller, and his great confidence in being able to produce first-rate Flour.

He will buy Wheat, for cash, at the market price; and those who wish to get rid of the trouble of sending their Flour to market, can be accommodated by him at the lowest possible rate.

During the Plaster season, he will always be ready to grind that article, and will generally keep a supply on hand for the accommodation of his customers and farmers generally.

AN arrangement having been made with the Turpike Company, all Wagons, ke. hauling Grain to this mill will pass without toll, the subscriber bearing all expense of that sort.

THE undersigned, having rented Colonel Hite's Little Mill, on the Shenandoah River, (which will be in complete order to receive all kinds of Grain by the 15th of the present month,) takes this method of informing the farmers, that they will at all times be ready to PURCHASE WHEAT, at fair cash prices, or grind at the usual rates of toll, and stand the inspection at the Baltimore or District markets.

THE partnership heretofore existing, in the Milling Business, under the name and firm of Snyder & Cleveland, was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 30th of June last.

And while attending to the above, the undersigned would be particularly indebted to all concerned, if they would come prepared to close the long-existing accounts with Daniel Snyder and Daniel Snyder & Son.

THE subscriber, in company with Mrs. STEPHENSON, has commenced business in the town of Shepherdstown, on the eastern bank of Harpers Ferry, where a portion of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

THE MAIL and ACCOMMODATION STAGES run daily to and from the house; and the facilities of travelling, by the Canal and Rail Road, render an excursion from the sea-board to Harpers Ferry one of great interest and pleasure.

NATIONAL HOTEL, 84 West Pratt Street, between Howard and Sharp Streets, BALTIMORE.

THE undersigned, proprietor of the above extensive establishment, respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that the House is now open for the reception of Travellers.

THE subscribers have not yet settled their accounts due the firm of Williams Cleveland & Co., are informed that the Trustees will in future devote two days in each week (Mondays & Fridays) until the 1st of September, to that business.

DR. W. KITES, HAVING changed his residence, may be found in future at Mr. James Brown's.

FRIME BACON. 3000 POUNDS first-rate BACON for sale by the subscribers.

BLANKS, Of every description, for sale at this Office.

YOUNG LADIES SEMINARY.

In consequence of the urgent solicitations of many of his former friends and patrons, the subscriber has determined to open a Seminary for Young Ladies, in Charlestown, on the 6th day of September next.

His course of instruction will comprise the branches of education usually taught in the best institutions of a similar kind.

THE next session of this Institution will commence on the 1st of September, and expire on the 15th of December following.

APOTHECARY ESTABLISHMENT FOR SALE. THE subscriber having entered upon the practice of medicine, will dispose of his present Drug and Medicine Establishment in Shepherdstown.

SOMETHING NEW. VALUABLE Real and Personal Property, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1833.

SCHEMPS. I prize, consisting of the Patuxent River, with the new addition upon the rail road, the large stable, carriage and ice houses, and splendid garden of nearly three acres, forms the capital prize, valued at \$36,000.

OPERA HOUSE. THE subscriber having leased the Opera House, in the town of Shepherdstown, is now ready to receive Wood, to be carded into Rolls, of all sizes, and manufactured into Blankets, Cloths, Cassimets, Linseys, Flannels, &c. broad or narrow, according to order.

NOTICE. THOSE persons who have not yet settled their accounts due the firm of Williams Cleveland & Co., are informed that the Trustees will in future devote two days in each week (Mondays & Fridays) until the 1st of September, to that business.

PLANK! PLANK! THE subscriber has a quantity of seasoned PLANK for sale, of a good quality, such as 4 inch, 5 inch, 6 inch, 10 inch, 12 inch, 2 or 3 inch.

TURNIP SEED. THE subscriber has just received at the Charlestown Apothecary and Book Store, for sale, a large supply of early summer Turnip Seed of the present year's growth, raised by Col. Larus.

JOHN T. COOKS & CO. RESPECTFULLY takes pleasure to inform his friends, customers, and the public generally, that they are just receiving and opening a very general supply of new and seasonable GOODS.

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BY JOB.

From the London. To the tenth number published, Mr. A. deducatory address, the smallest of his first number.

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