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More ANTIQUITY.

For the CENTINEL

MR. RUSSELL,

THE following Eclogue appeareth to have been written during some particular period of the reign of Anarch, but hath long remained hidden from the eyes of the curious, inasmuch that the diligent and indefatigable researches and investigations of my brethren and fellow-labourers, the learned society of Antiquarians in Connecticut have said nothing thereupon. Could they throw some light upon this subject, great and manifold would be the obligations due them from all the lovers of polite letters. I, in the mean time, will endeavour, though unworthy so great a task, to present the reader with a short discourse on the subject of Pastoral Poetry.

PASTORAL hath been allowed by the critics, to be the most ancient kind of poësie: For as the age of poetry succeeded that of the creation, and as the keeping of flocks was the first occupation of mankind, the most ancient sort of poetry was probable pastoral.* It was invented in the age of innocence, and perhaps this is the reason why it hath fallen into such disrepute of late, and is so much more neglected by the moderns than any other kind of poetry. The delight of mankind is in scenes of devastation and slaughter; and therefore do they admire the Æneis more than the other works of Virgil. But he passed a much different judgment on his own works, and (saith Mr. Walsh) valued most his Pastorals and Georgics, and depended upon them for his reputation with posterity. When I was at Rome, I remember his Holiness (with whom I had the honour of an intimate friendship) shewed me as one of the greatest curiosities of the Vatican, an original letter from Virgil to Augustus, wherein he severely censures himself for meddling with heroicks, which he calls the invention of a degenerating age. This continues that excellent critic, is the reason that the rules of Pastoral are so little known or studied. Aristotle and Horace take no notice of it. And Mr. Bolieu, who never loses sight of the ancients, faith very little on the subject. Mr. Pope, indeed, hath one short discourse on Pastoral Poetry, but the severity of criticism was such that he durst not advance any thing new upon that head, through fear of protaning the rules of the ancients which in fact were very few, and very little known.

A Pastoral or Eclogue is an imitation of an action considered under the character of a Shepherd—and its form is commonly dramattick or narrative, and sometimes compounded of both.† The character of this poem consists in simplicity and brevity; ‡ the manners not too rustick, or too polite, but suited to the persons who speak—the descriptions and sentences should not only be short, but the whole Eclogue should be so too.‡

I would wish, to allay all apprehensions in my readers, if there be any among them who surmise this to be a surreptitious, and not a genuine copy of the relic found in the ruins of the old Castle beyond the Ohio. That the prophecy should happen so exact, as all the world is witness it hath done, is not too miraculous. The person, character, life, actions, and even name of Cyrus were foretold many hundred years before he was born.

Of the Eclogue before us, it will be necessary to observe, that as the four seasons are the only subjects which the critics on Theocritus and Virgil allow to be fit for Pastoral, the following accordingly comes under the description of Winter. The time of day is here likewise strictly observed. Mr. Pope hath improved on these rules in the composition of his pastorals. He hath written four, adapted to the four seasons of the year, and the four times of the day. § Should the over nice critic complain the persons are not perfectly pastoral, he is desired to look in Theocritus, the great father of Pastoral, and master of nature, where he will find

* Fontenelle's discourse on Pastorals.

† Pope's disc. on Pastorals.

‡ Fontenell disc. on Pastorals.

§ Pref. to Dryd. Virg.

§ Morning, noon, evening, and midnight.

not only shepherds, but reapers and fish: rmes introduced. From this authority it is supposed our author ventured to bring forward the characters of Insurgents.

ANTIQUARY.
S H A Y S:
A R E B E L E C L O G U E.

JEDEDIAH—JONAS—TIPPLE.

TWO young Insurgents (where the sign-post high
Stands at the road, and speaks the tavern by)
Agreed to try, by song, which most could praise
Rebellion's influence, and the name of Shays.
With umpire Tipple seated by their side,
Thus Jedediah spoke, and Jonas thus replied:
JEDEDIAH.

Hear how the whirling winds around us blow!
And see the country bury'd deep in snow!
Why shall we joyless doze away our time?
Come! lets begin and waite the morn in rhyme.
JONAS.

Of Shays and liberty, then let us try—
I'll wage you cannot sing to well as I.
JEDEDIAH.

Ho! that's a pity! thou shalt judge, and see—
Oh! cousin Tipple, and the umpire be.
TIPPLE.

Make haste, my boys—I'll judge of what you
For see! 'tis sun-rise, and I want a sling. [sing,
JONAS.

See this junk-bottle, once my joy and pride,
With all these curious letters on its side;
Once it was often fill'd!—Now, by my heart,
I'll bet this bottle, and it holds a quart;
I'll wage my mare—bring you an equal stake—
JEDEDIAH.

—That should be seen, if I had one to make.
Father, and I, and all hands labour sore,
And hope in time to pay the tavern score.
We've four years grievous taxes yet to pay;
As hundred mugs of flip to wipe away;
But since you will be mad, and wage—here, take
This great tobacco-box—'tis all I stake.
JONAS.

Give us but rum, our pleasure and our pride,
A rebel cares not how the world may slide.
Though all our evils o'ertread the land,
And vengeful justice should our wiles withstand,
Unaw'd by law, and uncontroul'd by sense,
Nobly we join to drive the vagrant hence.
JEDEDIAH.

What is Rebellion?—grievances redress'd,
'Tis Policy to most advantage dress'd—
Sheriffs and duns could ne'er but conscience fret,
We clamour rather at the publick debt:
Or like a bull to belch—we grieve and groan
For publick interest, and mean our own.
JONAS.

Still firm and steady let each rebel stand;
Nor dread the weight of Justice' heavy hand;
Secure from brother Shattuck's iron box,
From whipping posts, and pillories and stocks:
See from all counties hosts of Rebels spring!
Hear through the ranks the martial music ring!
In cause so great let ev'ry county raise,
Her fresh supplies and aid our Gen'ral Shays.
JEDEDIAH.

A little tumult is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or taste not of Seditiion's spring,
There mobbing draughts but gently turn the brain,
And bold Rebellion sobers us again.
Fir'd at the name of Shays and wars alarms,
Fierce in the cause, we reapt the heights of arms,
While from the level of our narrow mind,
Short views we take, nor see the length behind;
But more advanc'd, behold with strange surprize
New scenes of tumult and sedition rise!
So when at first Machulest-hill we try,
Mount o'er the vales and seem to tread the sky,
One part attain'd, we tremble to survey
The growing labours of the crooked way;
Th' increasing prospect cheats our wand'ring eyes,
For still Machulestus on Machulestus rife.
JONAS.

Where carrion lies, the hungry crows abound,
Where plunder is, insurgents will be found,
From laziness what cheerful pleasures come!
Sweet of a morning is New-England Rum!

In all these blessed gifts no sweets there be,
For dearer than the whole is Shays to me.
JEDEDIAH.

I'll weave a garland for my darling Shays;
I'll twigs of hemlock and of dog wood raise:
There the green bough of Rebels shall be seen
With frigs of Hemp and Devils-weed between.
JONAS.

The mighty wolf is baneful to the sheep;
Storms in the spring will make the farmer weep;
The lagging frosts to blossoms prove unkind,
And county courts disturb a debtor's mind;
Of Lincoln's sword more ills does Fame report,
Than of the wolves, and storms, and frosts, and
county court.

TIPPLE.
Cease to contend—so well, so long you sing,
You must be dry—and I too, want a sling.
But hark! what noise is this insults my ear,
Which strikes my trembling soul with rebel fear,
A troop of Lincoln's Horse!—in yonder field!—
Lord!—run!—run!—run! or we shall all be kill'd.

READY MONEY for old Gold and Silver.

J. DEVERELL, Watchmaker,

Next door to the Treasury, Malboro' Street.
BEGS leave to inform the Publick, that
He has engaged the person formerly employed
by Mr. Dunkerley, and now carries on the GOLD
and SILVERSMITH Business in all its branches;
Has imported, in the last vessels from London.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's set Shoe Buckles,
with gold edges; Ladies' set Bracelets and Glove
Buckles, with gold and enamelled edges; very elegant
set Jasmine Pins; neat Palle Torrois's
Combs; a variety of hat Pins for Ladies; Gentle-
men's set Knee Buckles with gold edges; a large
variety of the newest patterns of

Plated Shoe and Knee Buckles, on steel
and copper;

Gold Seals and Keys; neat metal gilt Seals and
Keys; Silver Pencil Cases, with Pencils; best sil-
ver steel-top Thimbles; neat plated Saks; Crew-
er Frames complete, with plated tops; best elastick
plated Spurs; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watch-
Springs and Cbains; Gentlemen's newest pattern
Watch Strings.

He makes all sorts of the best silver Shoe
and Knee Buckles, to any patterns; plain gold or
beaded Bracelet Buckles; Coats of Arms and Cy-
pher Seals, engraved on gold and silver, in the
neatest manner.—Watch Main Springs made and
sold, wholesale and retail; with a number of other
articles in the Watch business.

China Ware.

BEST enamelled, best blue and white,
common blue and white
India China Cups and Saucers,
to be SOLD, at

E. Frothingham's Ware Shop,
opposite the BOSTON STONE.
Boston, May 16, 1787.

Nathan Frazier & Son,

HAVE IMPORTED,
In the DOGGER'S-BANK, Capt. TOBEY,
just arrived from AMSTERDAM.

AN additional Assortment of

GOODS, suitable for the season, viz.

Oznabrigs,	Dowlas,
Tickle-burg,	Tapes,
Bed-Bunts,	Hair Ribbons,
Bed-Ticks,	Writing Paper,
Platillas,	Black Pepper,
Britannies,	Card Wire,

And a few other Articles:
All which, with the Goods they have
lately received from LONDON, they will sell at a
low rate as can be purchased at any store in
town. May 16, 1787.

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MISCELLANY.

For the CENTINEL.

Mr. ROBBEL, TWO papers in the folds of the PUBLIC SECURITIES, which have appeared in Philadelphia and this town, having excited much enquiry...

The people of Connecticut are generally opposed to any taxes for the payment of interest on the continental certificates.

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Later Foreign Intelligence, Received via New-York by a British Mail Ship, Capt. Spang, in thirty days from Calcutta.

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pany; in the face of life that twenty years, fifty years have failed, by which your Royal Treasuries has lost forty millions.

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Harris, John Whitney, Esq. and Dr. Barker, Medical Surgeon, Southbury, Conn. Sereno, S. Dyer, Capt. Ben. Richardson, Capt. John T. Van Hook, Capt. Ben. Fuller, R. Smith, Miles, Forbes and Jenks, Seneca, Mr. Halsey.

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DIED—Last Thursday evening, THOMAS CHASE, late Deputy-Quarter-Master-General for the Northern District, who died at Philadelphia...

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On Mrs. ———, immoderately rouged.
WHY fill the carmine inch-thick spread?
 Thy course of pleasure sure is run,
 And to each sober eye that red,
 Is such as marks the setting sun.

LIST of LETTERS in the Post-Office, Boston, May 17, 1787.

- A** DAMS JOSEPH, Haywood William
Lincoln Hatch Captain
 Adams Joseph Harris Ziba, *Walspole*
 Arrive John 6 J.
 Allen Gideon, *Sandwich* Jones Israel Capt.
 Atkins Edward. K.
 B. Kinnerfon John.
 Brown John, *Truro* L.
 Beach John, *Gloucester* Lobdell Joseph
 Bruce Alexander. Leonard John, Capt. *Rany.*
 C. Loring Seth *[ham]*
 Chase Joseph Capt. Leeds Richard, *Dorchester.*
 Calef Robert M.
 Corcoran William Migfion Ann
 Crosby Daniel Manning Edward.
 Chapman Samuel 2 N.
 Chapman Joseph 2 Newhall Wm. *Chateleso.*
 Cumming John, *Concord* P.
 Corry James. Prior William
 D. Priest James, *Waltham*
 Davis Luffus Perkins Mifs
 Drew Joseph, *Duxbury* Prince Job 4
 Dunham Elijah, *Martha's* Pennington John
 Dunnahow Wm. *[Vin. Paine Simeon.*
 Donaldson Mary R.
 Dagger Samuel. Ramsay James
 E. Ruddock John
 Ewers Silas Roulefon Martha.
 Edmunds Nehemiah. S.
 F. Starr Margar. *Bridgewater*
 Francis Caleb Snoden William
 Favour Molly Sole John, *Pembroke*
 Foot William Salmon Mrs.
 Ford Adam, *Pembroke* StoTan Samuel
 Foster Mary Sowersby Rachel 2
 Field Abigail, *Braintree* Stockbridge Charles Dr.
 Fuller Joseph, *Lynn* Stevens Mrs. *[Scituate*
 Ford Joseph Sargent Paul D.
 G. T.
 Gardner Wm. *Littleton* Trapier Benj. F. *Lincoln*
 Gammage Sam. *Cambri.* 2 Thomas Samuel James
 Gray Titus 2 Thomas James
 Gillmor Dav. *Woolwich* Thomas John, *Marshfield*
 Gibbs James Tileston James
 Gray Martin Trumbull Han. *Charlestown*
 Gilbert Isaac, *Southwick* Thatcher Sam. *Middlebo.*
 Gould Abrah. *Stoneham* W.
 Goono Frederick. Waters Abm. *Charlestown*
 H. Williams Benj. *Taunton*
 Hubbel Amos Capt. 4 Wit Jeremiah
 Hearsy Levi Willard Levi, *LANCASTER*
 Hickman Nathaniel Wetlake P. *Plymouth*
 Hoeges Henry Wales Samuel, *Milford*
 Henley John I. Woods Samuel I.
 Hayer William Williams Mr. *Milton*
 Harling Thomas, *Milton* Whittemore Samuel
 Hart William Williams Robert.

From the COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE.
 To the EDITOR.

S I R,
 IN a late excursion I made through the southern
 states, I was kindly entertained at the house of
 Col. ———, in ——— county—in the state of ———
 The morning after my arrival at his house, hap-
 pening to be Sunday, the Colonel proposed to me
 to accompany him with his family to church, af-
 furing me at the same time, that the parson was a
 very entertaining preacher, and that both his sub-
 jects and sermons, were different from the hackney-
 ed texts and discourses, which we generally hear in
 places of publick worship. I readily consented to
 my friend's proposal, and had no reason to repent it.
 The parson was a neat little man—His manner
 was graceful and pleasing—His text and sermon
 were both of a piece, and full of original matter.—
 I devoured every word of it, and upon my return to
 Col. ——— in the evening, sat down and committed
 the substance of it to writing, nearly I believe in
 his own words.—If you think the publication of it
 will amuse any of your readers, you are welcome
 to it from yours, &c. A CUSTOMER.

Account of a Curious SERMON.
 "AND Rachel said unto Jacob, give me chil-
 dren, or else I die, and Jacob's anger was
 kindled against Rachel." Genesis xxx, part of
 the 1st and 2d verses.

FROM these words, my brethren, I shall beg
 leave to make a few observations, which may tend
 to unfold some new ideas of the female character.

The remark that occurs, is the unreasonableness
 and folly of Rachel's request to her husband, she
 asks for children as the conditions of her life.
 "Give me children, says she, or else I die." Ah,
 weak and inconsiderate woman!—Little didst thou
 know the dreadful connexion that was established
 in the book of fate, between thy death and the birth
 of children. But heaven often curses human folly,
 by answering its prayers. Rachel's desire for an
 increase of her family is gratified, but alas! Rachel
 knows only a short lived joy from this event. She
 dies in childbed with her second son.—Her lovely
 boy drops from her breast.—His smiling infancy,
 and prattling childhood affords her no pleasure—
 for Rachel's remains have descended to the grave, and
 mixed with the clods of the valley.

A second remark that is suggested by the words
 of my text, is, that upon certain occasions, anger is a
 necessary passion, and that may be exercised, with
 peculiar propriety, by husbands when the folly of
 their wives requires it. Jacob was a man of un-
 common dignity of character—He was wise, pru-
 dent, and religious—and yet Jacob was angry. He
 was a fond and indulgent husband—and yet he was
 angry at his wife. For we read, that the anger of
 Jacob was kindled against Rachel. But let us ex-
 amine a little further, and inquire in what manner
 Jacob discovers and gives vent to his anger. Does
 he stamp upon the flour, and call his wife by im-
 proper names? No. Does he drag her across the
 floor by the hair of her head, or threaten to throw
 her behind the fire? No. Does he pinch her—or
 kick her—or beat her with his fist?—No—for
 Jacob was a brave man, and never disgraced his
 character as a soldier by striking a woman. He re-
 bukes his wife by reasoning with her. "Am I
 (says he) in God's stead, who hath withheld from
 thee the fruit of the womb?"

Learn hence, ye husbands, from the example of
 Jacob, to treat your wives as reasonable creatures.
 —In this way only, you will not only reform them,
 but secure their perpetual esteem and affection for
 you.

We have beheld the end of Rachel, the wife of
 Jacob; but unhappily for mankind, her posterity
 did not die with her. There are Rachels still alive
 in every part of the world. While one cries out,
 give me children or else I die—there are hundreds
 of her descendants, who cry out, give me no more
 children, or else I die. Nor is this all—how many
 wives do we find, who urge their requests to their
 husbands, with the same powerful, and, as they
 suppose, distressing argument. Give me, says one,
 a new house, or else I die—give me, says a second,
 another house—wench, or else I die—Give me, says
 a third, a weekly rout, or else I die—Give me, says
 a fourth, a trip to the Virginia springs, or else I die—
 Give me, says a fifth, a winter in New-York or
 Philadelphia, or else I die—Give me, says a sixth,
 a service of plate, or else I die—Give me, says a
 seventh, a set of china, or else I die—Give me,
 says an eighth, a new silk gown, or else I die—Give
 me, says a ninth—But I forbear, for the day
 would fail me, should I attempt to innumerate all
 the instances of female folly and extravagance,
 which display themselves in conjugal and domestic
 life.

I shall conclude with one remark, which I hope,
 will be profitable to the ladies, who compose a
 part of my audience—and that is, that this kind of
 petulance never fails to cool the affections of hus-
 bands. Of this we have a striking proof in the
 conduct of Jacob: we read, that his wife died on
 her journey with him to Ephrath. But we read of
 no marks of respect paid to her memory, by a
 splendid or even a decent funeral. We do not find
 that Jacob secluded himself, even for a single day,
 from his ordinary pursuits, in order to mourn over
 her. We only read that he placed a pillar of stone
 over her grave—probably to prevent her rising
 from the grave, to tease him with her ill-humour—
 and hence probably, may be derived, the origin of
 TOMB-STONES.

The WEEKLY MONITOR.

On DEATH.

R EJECT that life and death, affecting sounds!
 Are only varied modes of endless being.
 Reflect that life, like every other blessing,
 Derives its value from its use alone,
 Not for itself—but for a nobler end.
 The Eternal gave it, and that end is virtue.

When inconsistent with a greater good,
 Reason commands to cast the less away.

Thus life, with loss of wealth, is well prefer'd,
 And virtue cheaply sav'd with loss of life.

The death of great men is not always proportion-
 ed to their lives. Hannibal, says Juvenal, did not peri-
 sh by a javelin, or a sword; the slaughters of
 Cannæ were revenged by a ring.

It was perhaps ordained by Providence to hinder
 us from tyrannizing over one another, that no indi-
 vidual should be of such importance, as to cause by
 his retirement or death any chasm in the world.

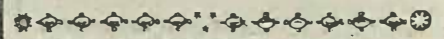
The great disturbers of our happiness in this
 world are our desires, our griefs, and our fears; and
 to all these the consideration of mortality, is a cer-
 tain and adequate remedy. "Think (says Epictet-
 us) frequently on poverty, banishment and death,
 and thou wilt never indulge violent desires, or give
 up thy heart to mean sentiments."

It is remarkable that death increases our veneration
 for the good and extenuates our hatred of the
 bad.

To neglect at any time preparation (or death is
 to sleep on our post at a siege; but to omit it in old
 age, is to sleep at an attack.

To die is the fate of man, but to die with linger-
 ing anguish, is generally his folly.

To rejoice in torture is the privilege of a martyr.
 To meet death with intrepidity, is the right only
 of innocence (if in any human being innocence can
 be found), but of him whose life is shortened by his
 crimes, the last duties are humility and self-abate-
 ment.



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