POETRY.

From the Winchester Republican.

There's a season of light in the mellow of Spring,
When the Oreole dashes the dew from his wing
And darteth aloft in the fullness of bliss,
As the spirit seeks others when severed from this—
Of all worlds the dimmest. There's a season of joy,
When delight's honeyed cup knoweth naught of alloy—
'Tis the breeze embalmed hour of Earth's budding spring,
When wooing birds float to the songs that they sing!

I linger alone by the pages of yore,
And listlessly gaze on the temple of lore,
Long ages agone in the desert-shore reared—
By its altar lights's glimmer, my trail pinnance steered—
On, on thro' the darkness I listlessly glide,
But my youth's many comrades are not at my side,
And love hath departed, with her who endeared,
In youth's sunny season, the song of the bird.

Earth's loveliest flowers will droop on the bank
Where liveth in vigor, the weed flush and rank.
One moonlight eve, as the young wind of night
Stole in at the lattice, I fettered the sprite
With musical chords, but a voice from the string
Sighed "weep—*she* is dead—thou'rt a desolate thing!"
'The zephyr spake truly! my idol was sleeping
In the glen, where she gave her young heart to my keeping.

Love was youth's madness; but mellower age
Brought warm aspirations, and thoughts that engage
The creatures of judgment. Ambition then came
To my soul's gloomy shrine, and enkindled its flame—
That life-scathing fire which licketh the chords
Of affection's frail heart-harp and blackens the hordes
Thro' boyhood's young spring gathered carelessly there—
As the ruin-snake maketh the thyme-bed his lair.

I gaze on my hand as it presses this page,
And sigh at its thinness. 'Tis worn—not by age;
And the blue veins wax weak in their time of best flow,
For sorrow has chilled them, and half smothered wo.
I look at my brow, as its cold image gleams
From yonder dim glass, and I think of the dreams
That once lived beneath it, as spirit bees,
Through the sunny May hours, in the lily's pale bell.

I gaze on the locks in their clusters above,
And think of the time, when the fingers of love,
Glode tenderly through them,—in gentle touch lighter
Than hand of west wind. Each thread then was brighter
Than the crows glossy wing: but alas! the bequest
So icy, so drear! Time bequeathed me unrest—
Unrest bringeth sleep to all heads, and all bosoms,
And I bend like the ceiba beneath its white blossoms.

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When the Oreole dashes the dew from his wing,
And darteth aloft in the fulness of bliss,
As the soul seeks another when severed from this—
Of all worlds the dimmest. There's a season of joy,
When delight's honeyed cup knoweth naught of alloy—
'Tis the breeze-embalmed hour of Earth's budding spring,
When wooing birds float to the songs that they sing!

But that sunny season has died from my life,
And thought—the free Oreole—has bowed to the strife
Of immature winter. The light, and the heat,
And the fragrance of youth, and the blossom-breath sweet,
Have perished: the beauty and warmth have departed!
And why lives the bloom cup? ask one broken hearted,
Why liveth that rent heart thro' wear and thro' shock?
And he'll tell thee "the wreck quivers long on the rock!"

From the Southbound Star.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP.

The charms of true friendship, what tongue can unfold,
And all its endearments declare?
'Tis a treasure that may not be likened to gold,
Tho' gained for a moment, unstable to hold,
And deemed the more precious as rare.

A blessing which heaven celestial designed,
Could we our own happiness know;
So o'er this fair world, all harmonious combined,
Might brother with brother be social and kind
And mutual assistance bestow.

It is not the friendship, so smooth and so fair,
Assumed when the motive is gain;
Not a mask which the vile and the treacherous wear,
To lay for the artless a guilt woven snare,
Unseen till they writhe from the pain.

Not a thing that is worn and cast off, like out dress,
With fortune's wild, changeable gale;
'Tis the sacred esteem which true bosoms possess,
That, in periods of trial, of joy or distress,
With the same glowing force, will prevail.

More fair than a gleam of the sun's cheering ray,
When from gloom he emerges to light,
Is the smile on the face of a friend we survey;
And when it is seen in adversity's day,
The smile is transcendently bright.

How lovely is friendship like this—how divine
Her creation's perpetual bloom!
At morning, at noon, her full radiance will shine;
She sheds a mild glance on life's gentle decline,
And solemnly rests in the tomb.

LOVE.

When love lights up its hallowed flame
On the pure altar of the heart,
The tongue its power then cannot claim,
Its owner's feelings to impart.

The speech that once could swiftly flow
And every pain or joy reveal,
Is made a secret power to know,
That holds it fast as chains of steel.

The eye doth then usurp the throne
That once was given to ready speech,
Its owner's passion to make known,
With eloquence naught else can reach.

That breast ne'er glowed with sincere love,
That felt not o'er its thoughts that spell;
Nor did that heart e'er faithful prove
That left not something yet to tell.

Love is a fire from God's own throne;
By it we taste the bliss of heaven;
How, then, can words, mere words, make known,
The holy joy that's by it given?

Valuable Land FOR SALE.

I AM authorized to sell, at private sale, that VALUABLE FARM near Cambridge, called "ENNALLS' INDIAN PURCHASE," containing

287 ACRES,

a large portion of which is in wood, and distant two miles only from the Great Choptank river—Also, a parcel of Timber Land, called "LADY DAY," containing

150 ACRES.

This land is also contiguous to the Choptank and immediately on the main road from Buck Town to Cambridge. Also, a parcel of arable land, containing

40 or 50 acres,

lying in the fork of the main roads from Cambridge to Vienna and New Market, and opposite the residence of Mr. Thomas Wingate. The above lands will be sold very low, for *cash, especially;* and an indisputable right secured to the purchaser or purchasers.

BRICE J. GOLDSBOROUGH.
Feb 7 Att'y.

Cambridge Ferry.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he keeps a ferry between his place, (which is situated but a short distance below the former ferry,) and Cambridge; and is supplied with first rate boats and accommodating and experienced hands; he also gives his personal attention to the business. There is a finger board, marked "Bowdle's Ferry," at the road which leads to the subscriber's house. Having kept the ferry for many years, to the perfect satisfaction, as he flatters himself, of the public, he solicits a continuation of their favors, pledging himself to use his best endeavors to merit the same.

The public's obedient servant,
THOS BOWDLE.
Feb 7 3w

Negro for Sale.

BY virtue of an order from the Orphans' Court of Dorchester County, I will sell on Saturday the 28th instant, at Goodman Gootee's store, Straits Hundred, a negro boy named Harry, formerly the property of the late Mrs. Mary Graham. The terms will be made known on the day of sale.

EDWARD PEARSON,
Adm'r. of Mary Graham, dec'd.
Feb 7 3w

A CARD.

Joseph R. Eccleston,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

RESPECTFULLY offers his professional services to the public. He has taken the office lately occupied by the Sheriff, and opposite that of Josiah Bayly, Esq.
Cambridge, Dec. 20, 1834.

CHANCERY SALE.

BY virtue of authority derived from the Honorable Chancellor of Maryland I will offer for sale, on Saturday the 7th March next, between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock, at Levi D. Traver's store, on Taylor's Island, all the

REAL ESTATE

of which Benjamin Keene, died seized, to wit:

All that part or parcel of a tract or part of a tract of land called Keene's Regulation, contained in the following metes and bounds; Beginning at a marked locust post standing in the back line of the original tract of land, which post is set down as a divisional post between the heirs of William Keene deceased, and the heirs of Benjamin Keene, deceased, noted on the aforegoing plot of said land, by letter D, and from thence runs with the division line between the heirs of William and Benjamin Keene, deceased, reversing the same South 64°, West 112 perches to the bay shore at letter E; thence runs, bounded with the waters of said bay shore, South 13°, West 7 perches; then South 66°, East 40 perches; South 11° East 12 perches; South 38°, East 15½ perches; thence South 17°, West 13½ perches, to Slaughter Creek; thence South 40°, East 48 perches, to the fence; then North 50° East 64 perches, to the second boundary of Taylor's Inheritance; thence by a straight line to the first beginning, containing, and now laid down for, fifty six and one quarter acres, more or less.

This property lies on Taylor's Island, on the road leading from Taylor's Island Ferry to Gadd's Ferry; and the situation is healthy and beautiful, being directly on the Chesapeake Bay.

One third of the purchase money will be required on the day of sale; one third in six and the other in twelve months from the day of sale, the two last instalments bearing interest until paid.

H. PAGE, Trustee.
Jan 24 6w

STRAYED

FROM the subscriber in August last, a dark red STEER, with some white on his face, belly and legs. He was marked with a cross in the right and a swallow fork in the left ear, has the ends of his horns sawed off, and was three years old last spring. Any information in reference to said steer will be thankfully received; or should he be brought home the person bringing him will be liberally remunerated for whatever trouble or expense he may have incurred.

THOMAS ESGATE.
Fishing Creek, Feb 7 3w

MARYLAND:
Dorchester County Orphans' Court, February 2, 1835.

On application of Tilghman Davis, Administrator d. b. n. of Solomon Davis, late of Dorchester county, deceased, IT IS ORDERED that he give the notice required by law for all creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week, for the space of three successive weeks, in the Cambridge Chronicle, the paper selected by him.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of Dorchester County Orphans' Court, I have hereunto set my name, and the seal of my office affixed, this 2d day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1835. (L. S.)

WM W. ECCLESTON.
Register of Wills for Dorchester county.

In compliance with the above order, This is to give notice that the subscriber, of Dorchester county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Dorchester county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Solomon Davis, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 10th day of August next; they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 2d day of February, 1835.

TILGHMAN DAVIS,
Adm'r. d. b. n. of Solo. Davis, dec'd.
Feb. 7 3w

New Arrangement.

AS will be seen by the annexed letter from the General Post Office, the Southern and Western Mails will hereafter be brought hither by the Steam-Boat Maryland. They will arrive here on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 7 o'clock, P. M.; and leave every Wednesday and Saturday morning, at 6 o'clock. Persons, therefore, intending to send letters, are requested to have the same deposited in the Post Office on the evening before the departure of the mails by which they would have them forwarded.

SAML. LECOMPTE, P. M.
Cambridge, June 21, 1834.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
NORTHERN DIVISION,
June 9th, 1834.

SIR:—Arrangements have been made with the President and Directors of the Steam-Boat Maryland to convey the mail, as follows:—

Leave Baltimore Tuesday and Friday at 7, A. M.
Arrive at Annapolis same day, by 10½ "
and at Cambridge and Easton, by 7, P. M.
Return to Baltimore (touching at Annapolis) Wednesday and Saturday, 6 "
Leave Baltimore Sunday at 8, A. M.
Arrive at Annapolis by 11½ "
and return to Baltimore by 7, P. M.

From 1st October to 1st Oct.:
Leave Baltimore Monday, at 7, A. M.
Arrive at Centreville by 1, P. M.
and Chestertown by 3 "
Return to Baltimore, via Centreville, by 7 "
Leave Baltimore every Sunday at 8, A. M.
Arrive at Annapolis by 12, M.
at Centreville by 4, P. M.
and at Chestertown by 6, "
Return by same route on Monday, and arrive by 6, "
till the meeting of the Maryland Legislature.

During the season:
Leave Baltimore Monday, Tuesday and Friday, at 7, A. M.
Arrive at Annapolis same day, by 10½, "
Return to Baltimore Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, by 6, P. M.

Respectfully,
Your obt. serv't.,
S. R. HOBBIE,
Asst. P. M. G.

Saml. Lecompte, Esq., P. M.,
Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH NIGHT.

IN order to the celebration of this glorious anniversary, there will be a Ball held at Mrs. Flint's Hotel, in Cambridge, on Monday evening the 23d of February, which the gentlemen of Dorchester, and also those of the adjoining counties, are respectfully invited to attend.

MANAGERS.
January 24.

Wagons, Carts,

PLOUGHS, WHEELBARROWS, &c.

THE subscriber offers his sincere thanks to his friends, customers and the public generally for their liberal patronage, and wishes to inform them that he still continues to carry on the

Wheelwright

BUSINESS,

in its various branches. His shop is on Race street, near the Cross Roads, on the property of Dr. Rich, and adjoining the house formerly occupied as a carriage establishment by John Parvin, where he will make up the above articles at a short notice and on liberal terms, for cash, timber or good paper. Having served a regular apprenticeship at the business in Baltimore, he feels himself fully competent to execute all orders in his line with neatness and despatch.

ABRAHAM C. BAMBERGER.
Cambridge, Jan 31, 1835 3w

N. B He insures his work to be equal if not superior to any that can be done in the county. A. C. B.

Coach, Gig & Harness

MAKING.

THE undersigned respectfully return their grateful acknowledgements to their friends, customers and the public generally, for the liberal and extensive patronage they continue to receive, and beg leave to inform them that they still pursue and carry on the above business in all its various branches, and having considerably enlarged their establishment by adding thereto a plater's shop, and an additional smith's shop, they will be more fully enabled to meet the wishes and demands of their various patrons. They have recently returned from Philadelphia and Baltimore,

with a large and extensive assortment

MATERIALS,

embracing every variety, selected with the utmost attention and care, and confidently believe that with the experience they have in the business, and the assistance of the very best of workmen, together with the facilities they now have, they will be able to meet the wishes of all those who may favor them with their custom, in all orders for

COACHES, BAROUCHES, GIGS, CARRYALLS,

or any description of Carriage, at the shortest notice, in the most substantial and fashionable style, and at the lowest possible prices. They have at present, on hand, and for sale,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

GIGS, NEW & SECOND HAND,

of various kinds and prices, which they will dispose of on the most reasonable terms, for cash, guaranteed paper, country produce, or in exchange for old carriages at fair prices. They assure the public, that all orders, as heretofore, will be attended to with promptness, and all kinds of repairing done at the shortest notice, in the best manner and on the most accommodating terms. All letters addressed to the subscribers specifying the kind of carriage wanted, will be immediately attended to, and the carriage brought to the door of the person ordering it—also all kind of Steel springs made and repaired to order, and all kinds of Silver plating done as low as it can be in the city.

The public's obedient servants,
ANDERSON & HOPKINS.

N. B They wish to take three apprentices of steady habits, from 14 to 16 years of age, one at each of the following branches, viz smithing, plating and painting.

They respectfully remind those whose accounts have been standing longer than twelve months, to come forward, and settle immediately, otherwise they will be placed in officers hands for collection, according to law, without respect to persons.

A. & H.
Jan. 24 tf

Dorchester County Orphans' Court, February 2d. Anno Domini. 1835

ORDERED, That the sale made and reported by William Rea, Trustee under the will for the sale of a certain part of the real estate of John Griffin, late of Dorchester county, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shewn before the 14th day of April next—Provided a copy of this order be inserted once in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper published in Dorchester county, before the 14th of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $930.

True copy.
Test: WM. W. ECCLESTON,
Reg. Wills, Dor. Co.
Feb 7 3w*

A CARD.

A. WOOLFOLK wishes to inform the owners of Negroes in Maryland, Virginia, and N. Carolina, that he *is not dead,* as has been artfully represented by his opponents, but that he still lives to give them CASH and the HIGHEST PRICES for their

NEGROES.

Persons having negroes to dispose of, will please give him a chance, by addressing him at Baltimore, where immediate attention will be paid to their wishes. Oct. 6

Mr. Callahan:—JAMES A. WADDELL Esq., has consented to become a candidate for the next Sheriffalty, and will be strongly supported by many voters in

DORCHESTER COUNTY.
Oct. 12, 1835

WE are authorised to announce HENRY COOK, Esq., as a candidate for the next Sheriffalty of this county.
Sept 19

A NEGRO MAN FOR SALE.

IF not previously sold, will be offered at public sale on Monday the 23d of February, at the Court House, Cambridge, a likely negro man about 23 years old. For terms apply to the Editor of the Chronicle, or the subscriber at Church Creek.

JOHN R. MARTIN.
Jan. 24 5w

THE THOROUGH BRED HORSE

O'CONNELL,

WILL stand the ensuing spring, in Dorchester county. He will be at Federalsburg, Vienna and Cambridge, at regular intervals, once in each alternate week—That is, he will stand at Federalsburgh on Tuesday the 3d of March, and on the same day of the week once in each fortnight—leaving Federalsburg next day, will stand at Vienna on Thursday the 5th, and every second Thursday afterwards—and leaving Vienna next day, will stand at Cambridge on Saturday the 7th, and until Monday the 16th March, continuing to be at Cambridge a similar period every fortnight throughout the season.

He will be let to mares on the following terms, viz: $7 the single leap, to be paid when the mare is served; $10 the season, if paid on or before the 1st day of September next; if not, $15 will, in *all cases,* be exacted; $20 to insure a mare to be in foal, payable when she is believed to be so, or parted with; and 50 cents cash to the Groom in every instance. All mares tried to the Horse will be considered engaged.

Pasturage will be furnished (grass) for mares from a distance, and grain, if required, at 25 cents a day. Every attention will be paid, but no responsibility for accidents or escapes.

The season will commence on the 3d day of March and end on the last of June.

DESCRIPTION.

O'CONNELL is a rich chesnut, beautifully marked, eight years old next grass, nearly sixteen hands high, remarkable for his muscle, and may be said to be unexceptionable in point of form. His speed or bottom has never been tested, but his unquestioned blood and fine proportions—his undoubted strength and great activity—justify the highest estimate of both.

PEDIGREE.

O'CONNELL was got by *Sir William,* one of the most distinguished runners of his day, having contended successfully with most of the best runners, and among them, *Charles* and *Henry*—Sir William was got by *Sir Archy*—his dam, the running mare *Bellona,* was by *Bell Air,* and he by the imported *Medley.* Bell Air's dam was by the race horse *Yorick,* and his dam, *Black Selima,* by the imported *Fearnought*—Sir William's g. dam, the celebrated mare *Indian Queen,* by *Pilgrim*—his g. g. dam by the imported *Janus*—his g. g. g. dam by imported *Valiant*—his g. g. g. g. dam by *Jolly Roger*—he by *Roundhead,* and he by *Flying Childers,* &c. O'CONNELL's dam, *Primrose,* was by the distinguished race horse *Madison,* and he by *Old Diomed*—Madison's dam, *Priestly,* (full sister to *Magog*) was got by *Chanticleer,* (the best son of *Wild Adair,*) and out of a Partial on mare. O'CONNELL's g. dam, *Viguro,* was by the imported *Whip,* and he by *Saltram* of England—Whip's dam was by *King Herod,* his g. dam by *Oroonoke,* and his g. g. dam by *Cartouch,* out of an Arabian mare. O'CONNELL's g. g. dam was by the imported *Œlus* and he by *Regulus,* and he by the *Godolphin Arabian*—his g. g. g. dam, by old *Celer;* and he by old *Janus* &c. For further particulars, see Turf Register and English Stud Book.

Beautiful symmetry, great muscle, fine action, stately bearing and rich blood, are not all that recommend O'Connell. He has given unequivocal proof that he is a sure foal-getter; and, judging from all the evidence which has as yet been obtained, it is not hazarding too much to say that his colts are likely to be worthy of their sire. The following extract is taken from a letter to a gentleman in this town, written by Gen. Gaines, of Virginia, who raised O'Connell. This letter, as well as other vouchers establishing the correctness of the above pedigree, &c., is in the possession of the editor of the Cambridge Chronicle; and they will all be cheerfully exhibited to those wishing to see them. Here is the extract:—

"*Wardsfork, Charlotte, April 25th,* 1833.

"DEAR SIR—I am requested to give you the character, pedigree, &c., of O'Connell, the horse I raised and sold to Mr. Long, of whom I hear your association purchased him. As to the character of the horse, I hardly know what to say, as he had never been trained when I sold him, and was too young to have made a season; and of course had had no opportunity of forming a character. I can safely say, however, that from eight or ten mares let to him the spring before I sold him, have dropped the largest and finest colts the mares have ever brought from any other horse, and some of them old and approved breeders. I own but one of his colts, (and that not from a thorough-bred mare,) which is evidently superior in point of form and action to any colt I have ever had from any horse. And that I consider no little praise. I consider O'Connell inferior to *but very few horses* ever raised in this part of the country, either in form or blood. For few horses can boast of a richer line of ancestry. I saw his pedigree *correctly* published in the February number of the American Turf Register," &c. &c.

☞It will have been observed, that a very material change has been made in the rates of O'Connell—the insurance being reduced from 25 to $20, and the charge for the season, from 20 to $10, &c. One of the leading inducements to the owners of this horse to become the purchasers of him, was a desire to improve the stock in our county; and this motive has operated in bringing about the reduction noticed. By thus altering the charges, they consider they have removed the only cause which could prevent the farmers of Dorset from very generally availing themselves of the services of a horse which stands so high in their estimation as O'Connell undoubtedly does. At least, it is the only cause assigned by any of a large number of them who have expressed wishes to breed from him, but who have heretofore declined to do so. In order, however, to obviate the possibility of future dissatisfaction or misunderstanding on this score, the owners would have it now distinctly understood that this arrangement is temporary, and was made for the ensuing season only. They, therefore, hold themselves free to raise the rates to the former scale, or above it, if they please, any season after the next approaching one.

January 24th, 1835.

FOR SALE.

I HAVE for sale several Milch Cows and a valuable yoke of young Steers, together with a fine Horse for the gig, wagon, or plough.

TO HIRE.

To hire for the present year, a negro man, a first rate farm hand, and a negro girl, about 16 years old, a good seamstress, and accustomed to house work.

JOSEPH S. HOOPER.
Jan. 10

DISSOLUTION.

THE copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of J. & R VALLIANT, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. They have taken a counting room in the store of Mr. Wm. F. Roderstun, No. 6, Light street wharf, for the purpose of making a final close of their business in Baltimore, where one of the late firm (or Robert Valliant, their clerk, who is equally authorized,) may always be found to receive any money that may be offered, or attend to any other matter connected with their business. We need not remind our friends, as all must be aware, that, to make a speedy settlement with our creditors, they must make to us prompt payments, as the former depends exclusively upon the latter, and as we do not wish to remain longer in Baltimore than the last of this month to close our business here. We shall regard it as a special favor if our friends will make us as large payments as they can in all this month.

JOHN VALLIANT,
RIGBY VALLIANT,
Baltimore, Aug. 4 [16 tf]

STEAM BOAT RELIEF,
JANUARY 11, 1835.

ON my arrival at Annapolis yesterday being short of wood, I applied to Mr. Miller, the Agent of the steamboat Maryland, for a supply, seeing he had plenty on the wharf, but was informed by him that he had orders from a gentleman in Baltimore, whose name he refused to give, not to let the boat have any. I then went so far as to offer five or six dollars a cord, but was still positively denied. To the above fact the following named gentlemen will also testify. I was also informed by Capt. Holmes, of the steamb at Columbus, that he was also prevented from taking his supply, and had to leave with the expectation of getting some down the bay.

THOMAS S. WEEMS.

Test: *George Weems, Lewis Hodgins* | *Lewis Parish, William Mason.*

TO THE PUBLIC.

The publication by Captain THOMAS S. WEEMS, of the steamb at Relief, renders it necessary that I should give a short exposition of the circumstances which led to the refusal to furnish the Relief with wood in Annapolis. The friendly disposition which I have always manifested towards the several steamboat commanders of this city, should have prevented a publication designed and calculated to injure me in public estimation. It is notorious that I have, in all cases, heretofore, contributed as far as in my power, to aid the steamboats in their trips—nor would this friendly feeling have been interrupted but for the circumstances which I shall now state. Sometime towards the last of December, observing that there was a large quantity of wood at the wharf, I remarked to Captain Weems that we had an excellent chance to lay in our winter's wood. He stated that he had not room to pile it—that the Tobacco Inspectors would not permit wood to be piled on the wharf in front of their warehouse. I told him that I believed they would grant the privilege, and went with him to the warehouse, when Mr. Tyler and Mr. Reeder promptly gave the liberty asked, provided it did not interfere with the public duties. Capt. Weems then purchased one load of wood, and told me that he had not funds to purchase more; upon which I informed him that I would purchase the quantity required for both of us through the winter, on his returning what he might borrow, in the summer. I made this offer for our mutual advantage, and for the public interests, as I presumed that between us we could keep the track open during the winter.

On Wednesday morning last, I had a large freight and a number of passengers for Annapolis, on which occasion I asked Capt. Weems to proceed ahead, to open the track, as several vessels were then waiting at the mouth of Smith's dock, to be towed down. This he declined doing, observing that the Mary and ought to lay up, and that his orders were, not to go to Annapolis in case the Maryland went. I offered him a part of the freight money if he would go, and informed him that there were any vessels below, at the mouth of the track, requiring to be towed up, and his boat not there, I would bring them up on my upward passage, and would leave it to the President of his company to allow me any thing or nothing for it. He refused all terms, and finally I had to abandon my trip, and transfer to his boat my freight and passengers.

Under such circumstances, with so disobliging a disposition manifested by Captain Weems, I thought myself perfectly justifiable in refusing to furnish him with wood, especially as I had not more than from thirty-five to forty cords in Annapolis, and might be deficient myself. At this season of the year you cannot get wood unless previously laid in.

The steamboat Relief was designed as a tow boat and to keep the harbor open; and I have thought it the duty of the captain to attend more to that business than to the conveyance of passengers. To the latter, however, I could have no objection, so long as he threw no obstacles in the way of other steamboats doing the same. But, when Capt. Weems refused all aid to assist the Maryland in performing her trips, with the design of possessing himself of her freight and passengers I could not consent to assist him in his contemplated monopoly. If he neglected to furnish himself with the proper quantity of wood, it was not my duty to supply his neglect, particularly when the very wood he would consume might be wanted for my own boat, if the weather should moderate, to commence my trips; which trips the Maryland has run for several years, interfering with none. The owners of the Maryland might say to me, "Why are you not running?" "My wood is expended."—"What has become of it?" "I have loaned it to the Relief." I ask the public if this would be a sufficient excuse.

As to the last paragraph of his notice I deem it unnecessary to make any remark. The persons to whom he alludes know whether I have ever acted illiberally towards them.

With this brief exposition I submit the matter to the public, feeling myself perfectly justified in the course I have pursued.

LEMUEL G. TAYLOR.