

FROM THE AMERICAN MINERVA.

THE present period of revolutions has given birth to a book called "The Age of Reason," by Thomas Paine. However remarkable the age may be for the reason of nations or individuals, Mr. Paine's head is certainly turned, and with him, the present age is the "Age of Insanity."

He begins his book as usual with egotisms. He addresses to his fellow-citizens of America, this sort of invective against revelation, as his last offering—he has reserved it for an advanced period of his life—or as Lord Kaimes said of his speeches, "it is the child of his grey hairs." Indeed the decay and debility of the father is stamped on every limb of the child.

However unfortunate it is, the fact is undeniable, that men, during the decays of old age and the failure of intellectual faculties, constantly think themselves growing wiser. The mistake lays, all old men are entangled down to the state of children. Mr. Paine is not an old man, but his faculties are evidently impaired, or he could never have called his book the "Age of Reason."

Mr. Paine defines revelation to be something communicated immediately from God to man; and he says, that when the same thing is communicated from one man to another, it ceases to be revelation; depending for its credibility on human testimony. Thus he gets rid of all revelation at a single phrase.

He ranks the old Testament with the heathen mythology. He says it was decided by vote which books of the old and new Testament should be called the word of God; and the book of Luke was carried by a majority of one vote only.

After ridiculing the story of the creation, by saying, every nation has been world-makers, and the Israelites had as much right as others to set up the trade of world-making, he goes on to declare, "When we read the *Ulysses*, *Ulysses*, the voluptuous debaucheries, the cruel and torturous executions, the unrelenting vindictiveness, with which more than half the bible is filled, it would be more consistent to call it the word of a demon, than the word of God. It is a history of wickedness, that has served to brutalize and corrupt mankind, and for my own part I sincerely detest it, as I detest every thing that is cruel." Would the author then suppress all history of cruelties, whether sacred or profane? However as he is a great enemy to ancient cruelty, we could wish to know how his own imprisonment and the proceedings of the revolutionary tribunal, fit upon his mind.

The proverb of Solomon he allows to be a good table of ethics, though inferior to those of the Spaniards, or the maxim of Dr. Franklin. The prophets, he alleges, were Jewish poets and liberant preachers.

Mr. Paine ranks Jesus Christ with Moses and Mahomet; though he admits Jesus to have called men to the practice of moral virtues and the belief of one God. In short he thinks him to have been a philanthropist and a very good man.

But Mr. Paine admits a revelation, a word of God; and this is the creation we behold. He then goes on to describe this word of God; gives a short account of the solar system, and by the familiar and even vulgar manner of explaining it, it is evident he wrote his "Age of Reason" for common readers in France and America.

Such is the last production of a writer who began his literary career with common sense. Whether this book is destined to overthrow the system of christianity in America, as his common sense contributed to overthrow the English government in this country, we shall not predict. Certain it is, that the tendency of such books, which are industriously circulated by certain demagogues, is to level Jesus Christ, as well as the monarchies of the earth. We trust however that the body of people in America have too much good sense to be deceived, and that they will not exchange good laws, freedom and a pure religion, for the principles of anarchy, and infidelity.

AARON GAYLORD and Co.
STATE-STREET,

HAVE lately received a large supply of DRUGS and MEDICINES, Surgeons Instruments, Lancets, Electrical Machines, &c.—Also, Madeira, Sherry, Lisbon, Port, Malaga and Teneriff Wines; Young Hyson, Hyson, Hyson Skin and Souchong Teas; Pepper and Pimento; Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs; London Porter in casks of 64, 7, and 8 dozen; Rice per tierce; Coffee per bag or less; Chocolate per box; White Lead, Spanish White, ditto Brown, Red Lead, Sheet do. Spruce, Stone Patent and Kings Yellow, Venetian Red, Umber, Ivory Black, Prussian Blue, Crimson Lake, Vermillion, India Red, Terra Scenna, Patent Green, Blue Smalt, Strewing ditto; Painters Brushes; Copal and common Varnish; Spirits Turpentine; Pomice and Rotten Stone; Emery, Spalter, Black Lead Pots and Crucibles; Alum, Copperas, Ground Caswood, ditto Madder; Red Wood, Log Wood and Fustic per ton; Nicarangu Wood; Spanish Flote and Carolina Indigo—Looking Glass Plates with and without frames, per 100 or less; 50 thousand Dutch Quills very low; 40 bbls. Rosin; a few Tons of Roll and Crude Sulphur.

A good assortment of DRY GOODS, HARD WARE and CUTLERY—Imported Hats of various prices per 100 or dozen—Bamboo Fans per thousand or hundred—GLASS WARE, &c.
Hartford, August 4, 1794.

NOTICE is hereby given to the following persons, resident and non-resident proprietors of the town of Windsor, that so much of their lands will be sold at public Vendue at the sign post in said Windsor, as will pay their respective state, county, town and society rates and incident charges due to us the subscribers, made on the List of August 1792 and 1793, state, county, town and society Collectors. The sale to begin at the sign post in Windsor first society, on Monday the 27th day of October, and at Poquonock on Tuesday the 28th day of October next, unless prevented by payment—viz. Thomas Austin, Job Griswold, jun. Zardis Lacy, Joel More, Nahum More, Asa Puring, Augustus Spencer, Jeratha Skinner, Seth Smith, James Smiths heirs, Ichabed Smith, Carolina and Chloe Smith, Elijah Sperry, Eliza Sperry, Timothy Palmer, Joel Hartway, John M. Moran jun. Nath. Poincroy. GEORGE WOLCOTT, Rate, county, town and Society Collector.
LENEZER F. BRISL, jun. town and society Collector.
ELIUS S. BENTON, Society Collector.
Windsor, August 1, 1794.

WE the subscribers being appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate for the district of Simsbury, to receive and adjust the claims of the creditors to the estate of Mr. Hezekiah Phelps, late of Granby deceased; do hereby give notice that seven months from the date hereof is allowed for the creditors to make their exhibits, and that we shall attend on the business of our appointment at the dwelling house of the deceased, on the first Tuesdays of November and December next, at one o'clock afternoon.

URIEL HOLMES, }
PLINY HILLYER, } Commis-
JUDAH HOLCOMB, JUN. } sioners.

Granby, July 31, 1794.
ALL persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to us
AARON POST, } Adminif-
HANNAH PHELPS, } trators.

BY order of the hon. Court of Probate for the district of Simsbury, notice is hereby given to the creditors to the estate of Jack Hall, a negro man, late of Granby in said district, deceased; that eight months from the date hereof is allowed by said Court for them to exhibit their claims against said estate, after which time no accounts will be received or allowed. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment within said term.

STREET THADEUS HALL, of Wallingford, Administrator.
N. B. I shall attend on said business at the house of Mr. Benajah Holcomb, in Granby, on the 20th of October next, and 20th of January next at the same place. No accounts will be allowed but such as are legally attested
June 20, 1794.

FOR SALE,

THAT pleasant situation in the town of Enfield, 50 rods north of the Meeting-House, of the first society, containing 50 acres of excellent Land, suitable for mowing, plowing and pasturing, well watered with a number of never failing springs, a very elegant House, with a large new Store, Wood-House, and Chaise House adjoining, and two good Barns and out Houses standing thereon, all in good repair, and a good Orchard, a fine Well of water within a rod of the kitchen door; it is one of the best situations in the country for a merchant, taverner or farmer; it lies half a mile from Connecticut river, and seventeen from Hartford, it is the farm lately owned by Mr. ISAAC KIBBE, the Store has lately been occupied by Capt. SELDEN CHAPMAN.

Also for sale a wood Lot, lying three miles from said Farm, containing 21 acres, covered with oak timber—for further particulars apply to the subscriber living on the premises, who will give an indisputable title.
EZEKIEL LAMB.

Enfield, July 25, 1794.

BROKE into the subscribers pasture in Berkhampton the 10th inst. two two year old Stears, one black with a white face, the other red with a white face. The owner is desired to pay charges and take them away.
JOHN BORDEN.

Hartland, July 23, 1794.

THE hon. Court of Probate for the district of East-Windsor, hath allowed six months from the date hereof, for the settlement of the estate of Mr. Jonathan Hills, late of East-Hartford, deceased. All persons having any demands on said estate are desired to exhibit their claims within said time, or be debarred a recovery by law. All indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment.

JONATHAN WELLS, }
ASA HILLS, } Executors.
East-Hartford, August 4, 1794.

The Copartnership of
WHITE, BURR and CHARNLEY,
BEING this day by mutual consent dissolved.—
All those indebted to said concern are requested to make payment to WHITE and BURR only, and those who have any demands will render in their accounts at No. 102, Water-street, where the business will be carried on in future under the firm of WHITE, BURR and WHITE.
New-York, July 28, 1794.

WANTED,

AS an apprentice to the Saddling business, a Lad about 14 years old, that is honest, healthy, active, and naturally diligent—for terms, &c. inquire of
STEPHEN BOLLES.
Hartford, July 30, 1794.

JOHN J. WHITE,
Has received from Boston, a large quantity of
Stuff Shoes,
which he will dispose of by the doz. as low as can be obtained at any Store in Boston.
Said White is in want of
1000 Bushels of Corn,
for which Cash and a generous price will be given.
Hartford, Aug. 11th, 1794. 6 w.

RAN away from the subscriber, an apprentice Boy named Amasa Dow, about nineteen years of age.—whoever will take up said boy and return him to his master, or secure him in any goal, shall have a generous Reward. All persons are forbidden to harbor, trust or conceal said Boy, on penalty of the Law.
EPHRAIM CLARK.
Pittsfield, Aug. 5, 1794.

ASA and DANIEL HOPKINS,

Have just received a new Supply of GROCERIES, PAINTER'S COLOURS, DYE STUFFS; MEDICINES, &c. making their assortment as complete as the times will admit, which are offered for Cash or short and approved credit, on as good terms as at any Store whatever, where fair dealing and reasonable profits are the standard—Among which are,

BEST Madeira, Sherry, Lisbon, Malaga and Port Wines; excellent Bordeaux Claret and Port Wines in bottles; best French Brandy, by the barrel or less: Holland Geneva; London Porter by the dozen; Rose Water; excellent Souchong and Bohea Teas; Lump and Brown Sugars; Raisins and Turkey Figs, *fresh*; best and second rate Chocolate, Cocoa shells, Coffee, Pepper, Allspice, Ginger root; fine pick'd Cassia, by the lb. or oz. true Cinnamon, Nutmegs per oz. or lb. Mace, Cloves, soft shell Almonds, red and white sugar Almonds and sugar Plumbs, a variety of the best quality; best English flour of Mustard by the bottle or lb. Cayenne, Oatmeal, Sago, Salep, Pearl Barley, Poland Starch, Shot of different sizes, roll Brimstone, Flours of Sulphur, Salt Petre, Segars, Paper Tobacco, Bottle and Vial Corks *cheap and good*.—White Lead, Red Lead and Spanish Brown in barrels or kegs of .co or by retail; Spanish White, best lump and powdered Spruce Oker, Patent and Kings Yellow, Verdigrise by the sack or lb. Prussian blue, Vermillion, Flake White, Drop Lake, Rose Pink, Dutch Pink, India Ink, Sap Green, Venetian Red, Indian Red, Powder blue, Strewing Smalt, Manganese (or Magnes) for glazing, Litharge, Rosin and Spirits of Turpentine by the bbl. or less, common Varnish, fine English Copal Varnish, best English and American Glue, White Vitriol, Gum Mastich, Gum Sandarac, Shell Lac, high rectified Spirits of Wine, deep and pale Gold Leaf, silver and brass Leaf, in Foil, Paint Brushes and Sash Tools of all sizes, Varnishing Brushes, Camel's Hair and Miniature Pencils, Linseed Oil by the barrel, half barrel or small measure, as low as at the mills; fine Sperma Ceti Oil for Lamps, Olive Oil, Castor Oil, Oil of Almonds and Sallad Oil by the bottle or flask, fine Havannah Honey, &c.

Ground Camwood and Red Saunders, Logwood, Fustic and Nicaragua Wood of a superior quality, best green Coperas per bbl. or lb. Oil of Vitriol by the Carboy, bottle or lb. *warranted good*, blue Vitriol, Allum, Argol, Nutgalls, Cochineal, Arsenic, Annatto, choice Madder, Wood, Spanish Flote and Carolina Indigo, Grain Tin, Aqua Fortis, &c. &c.—A good supply of Aloe, Camphor, Opium, Rhubarb, red and common Peruvian Bark, Gentian, Pink Root, Cream of Tartar, almost every patent Medicine in use, *warranted*, &c. Also, Surgeon's Instruments in Velvet Pouches and Fish-Skin Cases, spring key and common Tooth Instruments, Trocars with Lancet Points, crown and low priced Lancets of all descriptions, Arterial Needles in cases or single, Silver Catheters of all kinds in cases with sets or single, flexible Male Catheters, high and low priced Tobacco Machines, Syringes of all kinds, copper and brass Scales with elegant neat weights from 4 lb. to half grain; elegant Money Scales with weights; Bell Metal, Marble and Glass Mortars, very neat; Iron family Mortars, cheap, Glass Funnel, a few stone Jars and small Bottles with louvered covers for Furniture, Vials, Gallipots and Pill Boxes of all sorts by the gross, dozen, &c. Pint and half pint Dram Bottles, East-Hartford Bottles various sizes and common Junks, a few flint Proof Glasses and Nipple Shells *very neat*; Urinals, Breast Pipes; a great variety of pungent, glass stop'd and fancy Smelling Bottles, Essence Vials, approved Dentrifice and Tooth Powder, Tooth Brushes of all kinds, genuine Lip Salve and Court Plaster.

Writing, Filtering and Wrapping Paper, best and middling priced Dutch Quills, fine red and black Dutch Sealing Wax, best glazed Wafers in large and small boxes, best black Lead Pencils assorted, common cheap do. best London Ink Powder, Gum Elastic (or India Rubber) in small round bottles, &c. Black Lead Pots from No. 1 to No. 30, superfine Chelsea Pots from No. 1 to No. 6, large and small Crucibles in nests, Pomice Stone, Rotten Stone, coarse, fine and flour Emery, fine Putty for China or for polishing, white and red Chalk, Rubstones, and a multitude of other articles.

CASH and the highest price given for Pot-Ashes, Bees-Wax, and good live Geese Feathers.
Hartford, Aug. 4.

STOLEN from the subscriber the 2d inst. a forrel HORSE, about 14 hands high, 11 years old, a stripe in his face, branded with the letters S B on his buttocks, and with W on his left shoulder, a white spot on his buttock near the roots of his tail. The thief called himself by the name of Stephen Herick Grew, is of a middling size, about 5 feet 9 inches high, with brown hair. Whoever will take up said thief and horse and return them to the subscriber, shall receive Fifteen Dollars reward, and for the Horse only a reasonable reward and charges paid, by
LEVI CHURCHEL, 2d.
Wethersfield, Aug. 2.

ONIONS and HAY.
THOSE who wish to purchase good pressed HAY, or ONIONS, may depend on having those that are good and merchantable, in large or small quantities, and after a short notice, by applying to JOHN R. GIBSON and Co. who have on hand a universal assortment of GOODS, adapted to all seasons, which they will sell at the most reduced prices for cash or most kinds of produce. Middletown, Upper Houses, Aug. 8.