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From the Hampshire Gazette.

The rev'd Mr. Buckley, of Colcefter, in Connecticut, was famous in his day as a cafuift and fage counfellor. A church in his neighbourhood had fallen into unhappy divifions and contentions, which they were unable to adjuft among themfelves. They deputed one of their number to the venerable Buckley for his advice; with a requeft that he would fend it to them in writing. The matters were taken into ferious confideration, and the advice with much deliberation committed to writing. It fo happened, that Mr. Buckley had a farm in an extreme part of the town, upon which he entrufted a tenant, (for in thofe ariftocratic days of our forefathers it was no fin for a clergyman to own lands and other property, provided he came honeftly by them.) It was neceffary for Mr. Buckley to give fome directions to his tenant; in fuperfcribing the two letters, the one for the church was directed to the tenant, and the one for the tenant to the church. The church was convened to hear the advice which was to fettle all their difputes—the moderator read as follows:

"You will fee to the repair of the fences, that they be built high and ftrong, and you will take fpecial care of the *old Black Bull*."

The myftical advice puzzled the church at firft; but an interpreter among the more difcerning ones was foon found, who faid—"Brethren, this is the very advice which we need. The direction to repair the fences is to admonifh us to take good heed in the admiffion and government of our members. We muft guard the church by our Mafter's laws, and keep out ftrange cattle from the fold. And we muft in a very particular manner fet a watchful guard over the Devil, the *old Black Bull*, who has done us fo much hurt of late."

All perceived the wifdom and fitnefs of Mr. Buckley's advice, and refolved to be governed by it. The confequence was, all their animofities fubfided, and peace and harmony were reftored to the long afflicted church. What the fubject of the letter fent to the tenant was, and what good effects it had upon him, the ftory does not tell us.

From our late English Papers.

ST. JAMES'S PARK GHOST.

On Sunday, at one o'clock, the Adjutant of the Coldftream Regiment, went to the orderly room, at the Horfe Guards, and fent for George Jones, of the 16th company, for the purpofe of interrogating him refpecting the ghoft, as it was one of the men who had feen it, and had been confiderably affected by the fight. The man accordingly attended, and declared his readinefs to make oath of the truth of what he had already ftated.

The following is a copy of a declaration which he afterwards made and figned before an officer:—

"I do folemnly declare, that whilft on guard at the Recruit-houfe, on or about the 3d inftant about half paft one o'clock in the morning, I perceived the figure of a woman, without a head, rife from the earth, at the diftance of about three feet before me. I was fo alarmed at the circumftance, that I had not power to fpeak to it, which was my wifh to have done; but I diftinctly obferved that the figure was dreffed in a red ftriped gown, with red fpots between each ftripe, and that part of the drefs and figure appeared to me enveloped in a cloud.

"In about the fpace of two feconds, whilft my eyes were fixed on the object, it vanifhed from my fight. I was perfectly fober and collected at the time, & being in great trepidation, called to the next fentinel, who met me about half way, and to whom I communicated the ftrange fight I had feen.

GEORGE JONES,
Of Lieut. Col. Taylor's Company Coldftream Guards."
"Weftminfter, Jan. 15, 1804."

In addition to the declaration of Jones, there is another as follows:

"I do hereby declare, that whilft on guard behind the Armoury-houfe, (to the beft of my recollection about three weeks ago) I heard at twelve o'clock at night, a tremendous noife, which proceeded from the window of an uninhabited houfe, near to the fpot where I was upon duty. At the fame time I heard a voice cry out—'Bring me a light! bring me a light!' The laft fentence was uttered in fo feeble and fo changeable a tone of voice, that I concluded fome perfon was ill, and confequently offered them my affiftance to procure a light. I could, however obtain no anfwer to my propofal, although I repeated it feveral times, and as often heard the voice ufe the fame terms. I endeavoured to fee the perfon who called out, but in vain. On a fudden the violent noife was renewed, which appeared to refemble fafhes of windows lifted haftily up and down, but then they were moved in fuch quick fucceffion, and at different parts of the houfe nearly at the fame time, that it feemed impoffible to me that one perfon could accomplifh the whole bufinefs. I heard feveral of the regiment fay they have heard fimilar noifes and proceedings, but I have never heard the caufe accounted for.

(Signed) RICHARD DONKIN,
"12th company of Coldftream Guards.
"Whitehall, Jan. 15, 1804.

On Monday the above George Jones was brought before Sir Richard Ford, to be interrogated refpecting the fight he was fuppofed to have feen. Previous to his examination, Mr. Stafford, the Chief Clerk, endeavoured to find out whether imagination had received any impreffions from reading any difmal ftory, or if he had the time the phantom appeared to him, fuffered the ftory of the Hammerfmith Ghoft to dwell on his mind, in order, if poffible, to afcertain if he had been mifled by his fancies. To thefe queftions he anfwered in the negative. On being afked refpecting the ftrange object he had feen, he folemnly declared, that he was ready at any time to make oath to what he had ftated, and that he firmly believed he had feen a ghoft. He detailed every thing in Court as near as poffible to what is inferted under his own fignature.

From a late London paper.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH DAY OF

BURNS.

On Saturday the 28th ult. a felect party of the friends and admirers of our native Bard, met at the cottage in which he was born to celebrate his birth day. Immediately after dinner, an Ode, compofed for the occafion, was read to the company.

The memory of the Bard. The Patronefs of the feaft. The Laureat of the day, and fimilar toafts, afforded to the Prefes an opportunity of communicating to the Meeting a manufcript, which he ftated, from refpectable authority, to be the production of one of the fons of our lamented Poet. The Prefes fung it, to an appropriate air, and we give it to our readers for their perufal.

Hae ye feen in the frefh dewy morning
The wild warbling red-breaft fae clear?
Or the low-dwelling fnaw-breafted gowan,
Surcharg'd wi' mild e'ening's foft tear?

O then ye hae feen my ain laffie,
The laffie I lo'e beft of a';
But O! frae the hame of my laffie,
I'm mony a lang mile awa'.

Her hair is the wings of the black bird,
Her eye is the eye of the dove,
Her lips are the mild-blufhing rofe bud,
Her bofom's the palace of love.

Alas! when I fit down to ftudy,
I now can do na thing at a';
My book, I indeed keep my eyes on,
My thoughts are wi' her that's awa'.

O Love! thou'rt a dear fleeting pleafure,
The fweeteft we mortals here know:
Ah! foon is thy heaven bright gleaming
O'ercaft with the dark cloud of wo'.

Thus the moon on the oft changing ocean,
Delights the warn failor's glad eye,
When red rufh the ftorms of the defart,
And the wild waves dark tumble on high.

Mr. Alderman Shaw of London, an Ayrfhire gentleman, fome time after the death of our admired Poet, patronifed a fubfcription for the behoof of his widow and children. The fum fo raifed was vefted in the 3 per cent. reduced annuities, and amounted to 500l. of that ftock. As the parifh of Ayr had given birth to the Bard, the Alderman wifhed that the Provoft and Baillies of Ayr fhould take the management of this fund for their behoof, which they cheerfully accepted. One day laft week, the Alderman, while in company with Sir Francis Baring, the converfation turned on Mr. Burns, and the circumftances of his family, and being told that he had promoted a fubfcription for their relief, the worthy Baronet, who is an admirer of our Poet, begged that he alfo might have the honor of being a contributor, and immediately put into his hand 100l. fterling, which was alfo brought into the fame ftock, and the receipt fent to the magiftrates, and with the 100l. makes 675l. 19s. 10d. 3 per cents, ftanding in the name of the Provoft and Baillies of the town of Ayr, for the benefit of the widow and children of Robert Burns the Ayrfhire Poet. We have additional pleafure in ftating, that Mr. Addington had affumed the patronage of Mr. Burn's eldeft fon, Robert, and will foon place him in one of the public offices under government, where the road to honor and celebrity will be lie fair before him.

FROM A LONDON PAPER.

ROYAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The public have for fome time heard of an application made by his Royal Highnefs the Prince of Wales to be appointed, at the prefent emergency, to a military fituation fuited to his high place in the ftate. A correfpondence took place on this fubject between his Majefty, the Prince, the Duke of York, and Mr. Addington, and, as from the high rank of the perfonages, it muft naturally be an object of great curiofity, we prefent it at length to our readers.

COPY.

"Carlton-House, July 18, 1803.

Sir,

"The fubject on which I addrefs you preffes fo heavily on my mind, and daily acquires fuch additional importance, that notwithftanding my wifh to avoid any interference with the difpofition made by his Majefty's minifters, I find it impoffible to withhold or delay an explicit ftatement of my feelings, to which I would direct your moft ferious confideration.

"When it was officially communicated to Parliament that the avowed object of the enemy was a defcent on our kingdoms, the queftion became fo obvious, that the circumftances of the times required the voluntary tender of perfonal fervices; when Parliament in confequence of this reprefentation, agreed to extraordinary meafures, for the defence of thefe realms alone, it was evident the danger was not believed dubious or remote. Animated by the fame fpirit which pervaded the nation at large, confcious of the duties which I owed to his Majefty and the country, I feized the earlieft opportunity to exprefs my defire of undertaking the refponfibility of a military command; I neither did nor do prefume on fuppofed talents as entitling me to fuch an appointment. I am aware I do not poffefs the experience of actual warfare; at the fame time I cannot regard myfelf as totally unqualified or deficient in military fcience, fince I have long made the fervice my particular ftudy. My chief pretenfions were founded on a fenfe of thofe advantages which my example might produce to the ftate, by exciting the loyal energies of the nation, and a knowledge of thofe expectations which the public had a right to form as to the perfonal exertions of their Prince, at a moment like the prefent. The more elevated my fituation, in fo much the efforts of zeal become neceffarily greater, and I confefs, that if duty had not been fo paramount, a reflection on the fplendid atchievements of my predeceffors would have excited in me the fpirit of emulation; when, however, in addition to fuch recollections, the nature of the conteft in which we are about to engage was impreffed on my confideration, I fhould indeed, have been devoid of every virtuous fentiment, if I felt no reluctance in remaining a paffive fpectator of armaments, which have for their object the very exiftence of the Britifh empire.

"Thus was I influenced to make my offer of fervice, and I did imagine that his Majefty's minifters would have attached to it more value. But when I find that, from fome unknown caufe my appointment feems to remain fo long undetermined; when I feel myfelf expofed to the obloquy of being regarded by the country as paffing my time indifferent to the events which menace, and infenfible to the call of patriotifm, much more of glory; it then behoves me to examine my rights, and to remind his Majefty's minifters that the claim which I have advanced is ftrictly conftitutional, and juftified by precedent; and that in the prefent fituation of Europe, to deny my exercifing it, is fatal to my own immediate honor, and the future interefts of the crown.

"I can never forget that I have folemn obligations impofed on me by my birth, and that I fhould ever fhew myfelf foremoft in contributing to the prefervation of the country. The time is arrived when I may prove myfelf fenfible of the duties of my fituation, and of evincing my devotion to that Sovereign, who, by nature, as well as public worth, commands my moft affectionate attachment.

"I repeat, that I fhould be forry to embarrafs the government at any time, more particularly at fuch a crifis. But, fince no event in my future life can compenfate me for the misfortune of not participating in the honors and dangers which await the brave men deftined to oppofe an invading enemy, I cannot forget the earneft renewal of my application.

"All I folicit is, a more oftenfible fituation than that in which I am at prefent placed; for, fituated as I am, as a mere Colonel of a regiment, the Major General commanding the brigade of which fuch a regiment muft form a part, would juftly expect and receive the full credit of pre-arrangement and fuccefsful enterprize.

"I remain, Sir,
"Very fincerely, yours,
(Signed) G. P.
"Rt. hon. Henry Addington, &c. &c. &c."

JULY 26, 1803.

"A week has now elapfed fince the Prince of Wales tranfmitted to Mr. Addington a letter on a fubject of the higheft importance; though he cannot anticipate a refufal to fo reafonable a demand, he muft ftill exprefs fome furprize that a communication of fuch a nature fhould have remained fo long unanfwered.

"When the Prince of Wales defired to be placed in a fituation which might enable him to fhew to the people of England the example of zeal, fidelity, and devotion to his Sovereign, he naturally thought that he was only fulfilling his appropriate duty. As the firft fubject of the realm in which it has pleafed Providence to caufe him to have been born, fo he is determined to maintain himfelf by all thofe honorable exertions which the exigencies of thefe critical times peculiarly demand. The motives of his conduct cannot be mifconceived or mifreprefented. He has, at a moment when every thing is at ftake that is dear and facred to him and to the nation, afked to be advanced in military rank, becaufe he may have his birth-right to fight for, the throne of his father to defend, the glory of the people of England to uphold, which is dearer to him than life, which has yet remained unfullied under the Princes of the Houfe of Brunfwick, and which he trufts will be tranfmitted pure and uncontaminated to the lateft generations. Animated by fuch fentiments, he was naturally defired to be placed in a fituation where he can act according to the feelings of his heart and the dictates of his confcience.

"In making the offer, in again repeating it, the Prince of Wales confiders that he has only performed his duty to himfelf, to the ftate, to the king, to Europe, whofe fate may be involved in the iffue of this conteft. If this tender of his fervices is rejected he fhall ever lament that all his efforts have been fruitlefs, and that he has been deprived of making thofe exertions which the circumftances of the empire, his own inclinations, and his early and long attention to military affairs, would have rendered fo particularly grateful to himfelf, and he trufts, not entirely ufelefs to the public."

"*Downing Street*, July 27, 1803.

"Upon receiving the letter with which Mr. Addington was laft week honoured by the Prince of Wales, he affured his Royal Highnefs that it fhould be immediately laid before the King; this was accordingly done, and the letter is ftill in his Majefty's poffeffion. A communication was afterwards made to his Royal Highnefs the Prince of Wales, in a mode and through a channel which Mr. Addington humbly hoped his Royal Highnefs would approve—Mr. A. However, now finds it to be incumbent on him, in confequence of the expectation which has been expreffed by his Royal Highnefs, to ftate that his Majefty, on being informed of the fentiments and wifhes of the Prince of Wales, applauded in the ftrongeft manner the feelings by which his Royal Highnefs is actuated, but referring neverthelefs to the anfwers which his Majefty had judged it neceffary to return to fimilar reprefentations—which, in obedience to the *commands* of his Royal Highnefs, had been laid before his Majefty upon former occafions."

"*Carlton House*, July 28, 1803.

"The Prince of Wales has received Mr. Addington's written communication of the laft night. The Prince of Wales has only to obferve, that he requires Mr. A. to fubmit to his Majefty his laft note, dated the 26th of this month."

"*Downing Street*, July 28, half paft 11, A. M.

"Mr. Addington is juft honored with the commands of the Prince of Wales, and will not fail to lay his Royal Highnefs's letter, dated 26th of this month, before the King."

Downing Street, August 1.

SIR,

"In obedience to the commands of your Royal Highnefs, I laid before his Majefty the letter dated 25th July, with which your Royal Highnefs had honoured me, and I have it in command from his Majefty to acquaint your Royal Highnefs, that 'the King had referred Mr. Addington to the order he had *before* him, with the addition—that the king's opinion being fixed, he defired that no further mention fhould be made to him upon the fubject.'

"I have the honour to be,

"With, Sir, every fentiment of refpect and deference, your Royal Highnefs's moft obedient humble fervant,

(Signed)

"HENRY ADDINGTON."

LETTER TO THE KING.

Brighton, August 6.

SIRE,

"A correfpondence has taken place between Mr. Addington and myfelf on a fubject, which deeply involves my honour and character. The anfwers which I have received, from that Gentleman, the communication which he has made to the Houfe of Commons, have left me no hope but an appeal to the juftice of your Majefty. I make that appeal with confidence, becaufe I feel that you are my natural advocate; and with the fanguine hope that the ears of an affectionate father may ftill be opened to the fupplications of a dutiful fon.

"I afk to be allowed to difplay the beft energies of my character; to fhed the laft drop of my blood in fupport of your Majefty's Perfon, Crown, and Dignity; for this is not a war for empire, glory or dominion, but for exiftence. In this conteft the loweft and humbleft of your Majefty's fubjects have been called on; it would therefore little become me who am the *first* and ftand at the very footftool of the throne, to remain a tame, and idle, and lifelefs fpectator of the mifchiefs which threaten us, unconfcious of the dangers which furround us, and indifferent to the confequences which may follow. Hanover is loft. England is menaced with invafion. Ireland is in rebellion. Europe is at the foot of France. At fuch a moment the Prince of Wales, yielding to none of your fervants in zeal and devotion; to none of your fubjects in duty; to none of your children in tendernefs and affection, prefumes to approach you, and again to repeat thofe offers which he has already made through your Majefty's Minifters. A feeling of honeft ambition; a fenfe of what I owe to myfelf and to my family; and above all, the fear of finking in the public eftimation of that gallant army which may be the fupport of your Majefty's crown, and my beft hope hereafter, command me to perfevere, and to affure your Majefty, with all humility and refpect, that, confcious of the juftice of my claim, no human power can ever induce me to relinquifh it.

"Allow me to fay, Sire, that I am bound to adopt that line of conduct by every motive dear to me as a man, and facred to me as a prince. Ought I not to come forward in a moment of unexampled difficulty and danger? Ought I not to fhare in the glory of victory, when I have every thing to lofe by defeat? The higheft places in your majefty's fervices are filled by the younger branches of the royal family, to me alone no place is affigned. I am not thought worthy to be the junior major-general of your army. If I could fubmit in filence to fuch indignities, I fhould, indeed, deferve fuch treatment,