

Character of Dr. FRANKLIN.

THERE is, in the character of every distinguished person, something which is worthy of imitation. The incidents that have marked the life of a great man, always excite curiosity, and often afford improvement. If there be talents, which we can never expect to equal, it there be a series of good fortunes, which we can never expect to enjoy, we still need not lose the labour of our biographical enquiries. We may probably become acquainted with his life, which it may be prudent to do, and discover virtues, which we cannot fail to applaud. It will be easy for the reader to make a full application of these remarks to his contemplations upon the late celebrated Dr. Franklin, by his death one of the best lights of the world may be said to be extinguished. I shall not attempt any historical details of the life of this illustrious patriot and philosopher, as he has nothing further in view than to make a few comments upon the most striking traits of his character.

Original genius was peculiarly his attribute. The native faculties of his mind, with a reflection to penetrate into every part, and his unrestrained industry left no field of knowledge unexplored. There were no limits to his curiosity. His enquiries were spread over the whole face of nature. He was not contented with his highest delight; and if his genius had any special bias, it lay in discovering those things that made men wise and happier. As truth be the life object of his research, it was of course no ordinary and a serene was his guide, he embraced no system which that did not authorize. In short, he knew the whole volume of nature open before him, and diligently and faithfully perused it.

Nor were his political attainments less conspicuous than his philosophical. The ancients usually ranked good fortune among the circumstances of a life which is to be desired. In this view Dr. Franklin is almost unparalleled, having seldom undertaken more than he accomplished. The world scarce was acquainted with the events of his political career, or required any further particular enumeration of them. It may be presumed the historians of the American revolution will exhibit them in proper connection.

If Dr. Franklin did not aspire after the splendor of eloquence, it was only because the democratic plainness of his manner was superior to it. Though he neither loved political debates, nor excelled in them, he still performed much influence in public assemblies, and discovered an aptitude in his remarks, on all occasions. He was not fond of taking a leading part in such investigations, as could never terminate in a degree of certainty. To come forward in questions, which, in their nature, are indefinite, and, in their issue, problematical, does not comport with the caution of a man, who has taught himself to look for a certain direction. He referred his observations, for their sake, which science could enlighten, and common sense approve. The simplicity of his style was well adapted to the clearness of his understanding. His conceptions were so bright and perfect, that he did not chafe to involve them in a cloud of expressions. If he used metaphors, it was to illustrate, and not to embellish the truth, and, possessing facts as lively images in his mind, should never affect the arts of a vain rhetorician, whose excellent confounds only in a beautiful arrangement of words.

But, whenever claims to eminence Dr. Franklin may be said as a politician, he was a philosopher, there is no part of light, in which his character shines with more lustre, than when we view him as a man or a citizen. He was eminently great in common things. Perhaps no man ever carried his life so far with more justice, be denominated useful. Nothing ever passed through his hands, without receiving improvement; and no person ever venturing into his company, without gaining wisdom. His English was so pure, and his science so various, that, whatever might be the profession or occupation of those, with whom he conversed, he could always open up some new ground. He could entirely give conversation with an anecdote, and conclude it with a moral.

The whole tenor of his life was a perpetual lecture against the idle, the extravagant, the imprudent. It was his principal aim to inspire mankind with a love of industry, temperance, and frugality; and to inculcate such duties as promote the important interests of humanity. He never washed a moment of time, nor lavished a farthing of money, in folly or dissipation. His frugality, as the dignity of his station required, he readily retained, limiting them by the strictest rules of propriety. Many public

many persons, distinguished for industry or heat by immorality and dissipation. Charity. By a judicious division of time, Dr. Franklin acquired the art of doing every thing to advantage; and his amusements were of fact as necessary, as could be necessary with the main objects of his pursuit. In whatever situation he was placed by chance or design, he extracted something useful for himself or others. His life was remarkably full of incidents. Every circumstance of it turned to some valuable use. The maxims, which his discerning mind has formed, apply to innumerable cases and characters. Those who now live so lowly, equally with those who move in the most elevated rank in society, may be guided by his instructions. In the private department of his life, he, in many respects, has furnished a most excellent model. His manners were easy and accommodating, and his address winning and respectful. All, who knew him, speak of him as a most agreeable man; and all, who have heard him, applaud him as a very useful one. He was a man to wife, and a father, and a friend, and had many admirers, and many friends.

PROPOSALS

For carrying the MAILS of the United States, under the following rates, will be received at the Great Post-Office in Washington City, until the 15th day of July next inclusive.

31. From Boston by Dedham, Medford, Medway, Bellingham, Milford, Mendon, Leicester, Houghton, Northampton, C. Alfred, C. and East Windsor, C. to Hartford, C. once a week. Leave Boston every Thursday at 9 A. M. arrive at Hartford the next Saturday by 3 P. M. Leave Hartford every Monday at 9 A. M. and arrive at Boston the next Wednesday by 4 P. M.

32. From Worcester to Lancaster once a week. Leave Worcester every Monday at 9 A. M. and arrive at Lancaster by 6 P. M. Leave Lancaster every Tuesday at 9 A. M. and arrive at Worcester by 6 P. M.

33. From Providence, R. I. by Smithfield, Mendon, Barre, Worcester, Rutland, Peterham, Northfield, and Hinsdale, to Brattleboro', once a week. Leave Providence every Tuesday at 9 A. M. and arrive at Brattleboro' the next Friday by 9 A. M. Leave Brattleboro' every Friday at 3 P. M. and arrive at Providence the next Monday by 3 P. M.

34. From Brookfield by Belknap, Northampton, Worthington, Pittsfield and the Lebanon, to Albany, N. Y. once a week. Leave Brookfield every Monday and Thursday at 9 A. M. arrive at Northampton by 8 P. M. Leave Northampton every Tuesday and Friday at 8 A. M. arrive at Pittsfield by 1 P. M. and Albany on Wednesday and Saturday by 1 P. M. Returning—Leave Albany every Tuesday and Friday at half past 11 A. M. arrive at Pittsfield by 8 P. M. Leave Pittsfield every Wednesday and Saturday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Northampton by 8 P. M. Leave Northampton every Thursday and Monday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Brookfield by 1 P. M. Returning—Leave Albany every Monday and Thursday at 1 P. M. and arrive at Northampton by 1 P. M. and Albany on Wednesday and Saturday at 1 P. M. and arrive at Brookfield by 1 P. M.

35. From Suffield, C. by Westfield, Northampton, Deerfield and Greenfield, to Brattleboro', Vt. once a week. Leave Suffield every Monday and Thursday at 10 A. M. arrive at Northampton by 1 P. M. and arrive at Brattleboro' the next Monday at 1 P. M. Leave Brattleboro' the next Monday at 1 P. M. and arrive at Suffield on Wednesday and Saturday by 8 P. M.

36. From Springfield by Westfield and Stockbridge, to Newbury, once a week. Leave Springfield every Thursday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Kinderhook on Friday by 6 P. M. Leave Kinderhook every Saturday by 6 P. M. arrive at Stockbridge by 4 P. M. Leave Stockbridge every Wednesday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Springfield by 6 P. M.

IS VERMONT.

37. From Brattleboro' by Putney, Welch, Windsor, W. pole, N. H. Charlestown, N. H. Westfield, Middlebury, and Hartford, N. H. once a week. Leave Brattleboro' every Tuesday and Friday at 1 P. M. arrive at Putney on Wednesday and Saturday by 1 P. M. Leave Putney at 1 P. M. and arrive at Hartford on Monday by 6 P. M. Returning—Leave Hartford every Thursday and Monday at 6 A. M. arrive at Windsor by 10 A. M. and at Brattleboro' on Friday and Monday at 10 A. M.

38. From Hanover, N. H. by Orford, N. H. Haverhill, N. H. Newbury, Ryegate and Peacham, to Danville, once a week. Leave Hanover every Monday at 6 A. M. arrive at Haverhill by 10 A. M. Leave Haverhill on Tuesday by 6 A. M. arrive at Danville by 4 P. M. Returning—Leave Danville

once a week on Thursday by 7 P. M. and arrive at Haverhill, N. H. by Bradford, Corinth, Washington and Berre, to Montpelier, once a week. Leave Montpelier every Monday 6 A. M. and arrive at Haverhill by 6 P. M. Leave Haverhill every Tuesday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Montpelier by 6 P. M.

40. From Windsor by Woodtick, Roydon, Randolph, Williamson, Montpelier and Jericho, to Burlington, once a week. Leave Burlington on Saturday 6 A. M. and arrive at Montpelier by 6 P. M. and at Windsor on Monday by 10 A. M. Leave Windsor every Wednesday at 2 P. M. arrive at Montpelier on Thursday at 7 P. M. and at Burlington on Friday at 7 P. M.

42. From Brattleboro' by Marlboro', Wilmington and Woodford, to Bennington, once a week. Leave Bennington every Thursday at 9 P. M. and arrive at Brattleboro' on Friday by noon. Leave Brattleboro' every Friday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Bennington on Saturday by 4 P. M.

43. From Rutland by Clarendon, Timbuth, Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Arlington, Shaftsbury, Bennington, Laidburg and Troy, to Albany, once a week. Leave Rutland every Monday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Bennington on Tuesday by 1 P. M. Leave Bennington on Wednesday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Albany by 3 P. M. Returning—Leave Albany on Thursday by 1 P. M. and arrive at Rutland by 1 P. M. Leave Bennington on Friday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Rutland on Saturday by 3 P. M.

44. From Rutland by Pittsford, Brandon, Leicester, Ferrisburgh, Middlebury, New Haven, Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Charlotte, Shelburne, Burlington, Colchester, Milton, Georgia, St. Albans and Swanton, to Highgate, once a week. Leave Rutland every Monday at 6 A. M. arrive at Highgate on Tuesday by 11 A. M. at Burlington by 1 P. M. and at Highgate on Wednesday by 7 P. M. Returning—Leave Highgate every Thursday at 6 A. M. arrive at Rutland by 11 A. M. Leave Burlington on Friday at 4 P. M. and arrive at Rutland by 2 P. M. Leave Charlotte at 3 P. M. and arrive at Rutland on Saturday by 8 A. M.

45. From Rutland by Colchester, Fairhaven, Benfon, Orwell, Shoreham and Addison, to Vergennes, once a week. Leave Rutland every Monday at 6 A. M. arrive at Vergennes on Tuesday by noon, and arrive at Vergennes on Tuesday by 2 P. M. Returning—Leave Vergennes on Wednesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Fairhaven by 6 P. M. Leave Fairhaven on Thursday by 6 A. M. and arrive at Rutland by noon.

46. From Bennington by Pownal, Williamston, Mt. Lebanon, to Pittsfield, once a week. Leave Bennington every Wednesday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Pittsfield by 2 P. M. Leave Pittsfield on Thursday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Bennington by 3 P. M.

IS RHODE-ISLAND.

47. From Providence by Warren and Bristol to Newport, three times a week. May 1 to November 1.—Leave Providence every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 P. M. and arrive at Newport by 4 P. M. Leave Newport every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 A. M. and arrive at Providence by 4 P. M.

November 1 to May 1.—Leave Providence every Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at 8 A. M. and arrive at Newport by 4 P. M. Leave Newport every Wednesday, Friday, and at 8 P. M. and arrive at Providence by 4 P. M.

48. From Providence by Greenwich and Little Red, to South Kingdon, once a week. Leave Providence every Friday at 6 A. M. and arrive at South Kingdon by noon. Leave South Kingdon every Friday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Providence on Saturday by 10 P. M.

49. From Newport by South Kingdon, Charlton, Wellerly, Stonington, C. and Groton, C. to New London, C. once a week. Leave Newport every Tuesday at 1 P. M. and arrive at South Kingdon on Friday at 1 P. M. and arrive at New London by 3 P. M. Returning—Leave New London every Saturday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Newport by 10 A. M.

IS CONNECTICUT.

50. From Hartford by Lebanon and Windham, to Norwich, once a week. Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Norwich by 6 P. M. Leave Norwich every Monday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Hartford by 6 P. M.

51. From Hartford by Middletown, East Haddam and Colchester, to New London, once a week. Leave Hartford every Tuesday

at 11 A. M. and arrive at New London on Thursday at 11 A. M. and arrive at Hartford on Friday by 7 P. M.

52. From Hartford by Sumbury, New Hartford, Winsted, Norfolk, Canaan, Sheffield, Haddam and Colchester, to Norwich, once a week. Leave Hartford every Wednesday at 8 A. M. and arrive at Hudson on Friday at 10 A. M. Leave Hudson every Friday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Hartford the next Monday by 2 P. M.

53. From Hartford by Farmington, Hartwinton, Litchfield, Wallington, New Milford, Danbury, Stamford, Salem N. Y. and Bedford, N. Y., to Ridgefield, C. once a week. May 1 to November 1.—Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 10 A. M. arrive at Litchfield on Wednesday at 10 A. M. at New Milford by 3 P. M. and at Stamford on Thursday by 7 P. M. Returning—Leave Stamford every Saturday at 1 P. M. arrive at New Milford on Monday by 10 A. M. at Litchfield by 10 A. M. and at Hartford on Tuesday by 10 A. M.

November 1 to May 1.—Leave Hartford every Tuesday at 8 A. M. arrive at Litchfield by 2 P. M. at New Milford on Wednesday by 10 A. M. and at Stamford on Thursday by 7 P. M. Returning—Leave Stamford every Saturday at 10 A. M. arrive at New Milford on Sunday by 2 P. M. at Litchfield Monday by 10 A. M. and at Hartford on Monday by 3 P. M.

54. From Hartford by Derby, Southbury, Woodbury, Bethelton, Litchfield, Guilford and Canaan, to Sheffield, Ms. once a week. Leave New Haven every Tuesday, arrive at Litchfield on Wednesday. Ms. once a week. Leave New Rochelle every Tuesday at 7 P. M. Returning—Leave Sheffield every Monday at 5 A. M. arrive at Litchfield by 3 P. M. and at New Haven on Tuesday by 10 A. M.

55. From New Britain by White Plains, North Castle, Bensen, South Lee, Dover, Kent, C. Shelton, Salisbury, C. Sheffield, Ms. Great Barrington, Ms. Stockbridge, Ms. and Lenox, Ms. to Pittsfield, Ms. once a week. Leave New Rochelle every Monday at 5 A. M. and arrive at Bedford by noon. Leave Bedford at 1 P. M. arrive at Sharon on Tuesday at 4 P. M. Leave Sharon at 8 P. M. arrive at Pittsfield on Wednesday at 10 A. M. and at Stockbridge at 2 P. M. and at Pittsfield by 7 P. M. Returning, Leave Pittsfield every Thursday at 6 A. M. arrive at Stockbridge by 10 A. M. at Sheffield by 2 P. M. at Sharon on Friday at 10 A. M. and at Bedford on Saturday, noon, and at New Rochelle by 7 P. M.

57. From New York Jamaica, Queens, C. H. Jericho, Huntington, Danville, Westbury, C. H. Suffol, C. H. Southampton and Bridgehampton, to New Harbor, once a week. Leave New York every Thursday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Sagharbor the next Saturday by 6 P. M. Leave Sagharbor every Monday at 8 A. M. and arrive at New York the next Wednesday by 3 P. M.

58. From Albany by Dutchess and Dutchess to Chertly valley once a week. Leave Albany every Wednesday at 6 A. M. and arrive every Wednesday at 10 A. M. Leave Albany every Thursday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Chertly valley on Friday by 6 P. M.

59. From New York by Bergen N. J. Hackensack, N. J. Plymouth, N. J. Neutrism N. Y. Chester, Gulliver, Warsaw, Shawangunk and Newpaltz to Kingston once a week. Leave New York every Friday at 8 A. M. arrive at Gulliver the next day by 1 P. M. arrive at Neutrism on Saturday at 5 A. M. arrive at Kingston by 7 P. M. Returning, Leave Kingston on Monday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Gulliver the next day by 1 P. M. Leave Gulliver every Tuesday at 6 A. M. and arrive at New York the next Wednesday by 6 P. M.

The subscriber respectfully acquaints the public, that he has removed to the corner of Ninth and 3 Streets, where he continues to receive all the monthly advertisements for Chimney pipes, Door Cops, of Ordnance Metal Sashes, which may also be had for sale, at his Brick Yard, New-York, and at the Brick Yard, Barclay Street, New-York. GEORGE ANDREWS. Who is to let a BRICK HOUSE, the well situated and Collected in New London, May 8. 1821.