

*Curious Enigmatical Letter, to a  
Dean of Waterford, in 1744.*

The following letter was written to the Dean of Waterford by a widower, the father of six children, under the fictitious name of *Elzevir*. The design of it was to invite the Dean and his company to supper, particularly Miss Elizabeth Marshall, a young lady about eighteen, with a fortune of thirty thousand pounds, who was lodged in the Dean's study, he having much company at that time.

Reverend Sir,

"I am told there is a book which lies in your study in sheets; and all who have seen it admire that it should remain so long unbound: I think it is called *Martial's Epithalamium*, or some such name; but lest I should be mistaken in the title, I will describe it as well as I can.

"It is a fair and beautiful manuscript, the ink very black and shining, on the whitest virgin vellum that can be imagined; the characters are so nice and delicate as to discover it to be the work of some masterly hand: & there is such symmetry & exact proportion in all its parts, and the features (if I may so call them) are so just and true, that it often puts the reader to a stand in admiring the beauties of them.

"The book has an additional ornament, which it did not want—all the margin being flourished with gold; but that which commends it more, is, that though it has been written full 18 years, as I have been informed, yet it is not sullied, nor stained; insomuch, that one would think it was never once turned over by any man.

"The volume itself does not appear to be of any great bulk, and yet I understand it has been valued at thirty thousand pounds.

"Tis a pity so valuable a piece should ever be lost; and the way to prevent this, is by increasing the copies of it. If the author will give consent, and you will license it, I will immediately put it into press. I have all the necessary apparatus for the purpose, and I will spare no pains to embellish and adorn the whole with the most natural and lively figures; and I shall not despair of producing an edition as beautiful in the eyes of all men as the dear original is at present in mine. Methinks I could read it with pleasure night and day.

"If, therefore, you will do me the favor to let me have your company this evening, and bring this incomparable piece along with you, it will add to the entertainment of every one, but particularly of him who is with the greatest respect,

Your faithful friend,  
*ELZEVIR.*

**Receipt for making Paper fire proof.**

Immerse any kind of paper in a strong solution of Allum water—thoroughly dry it, immerse & dry it again, and neither fire nor candle will burn it.

**Five dollars Reward.**

Strayed away from Jefferson county, eight miles north of Madison, the latter end of April last,

A brown mare, about fifteen hands high, black main and tail, some saddle marks, a small star in her forehead, and about eight years old.

The above reward and all reasonable charges will be paid on her delivery to the subscriber—or a suitable reward for information only.

JOHN ELAM.

*Vevay, July 15, 31-3w*

**To Subscribers.**

Those gentlemen who have not taken their papers a way from this office, are respectfully requested to call for them, as the editor will not consider himself bound to keep a regular file, to be delivered once, twice or thrice in the year. That mode of doing business certainly was not contemplated, nor does the editor believe that it is implied in the conditions. There are four subscribers who have not yet had any of their papers, to wit:

W. A. Camron,

David Hicks,

George Gess,

John Houghlin or O'Loughlin.

The persons to whom I have lent my Jefferson's Manuel, History of the late war in the west, the Olive Branch, and Bollman on Banking, would confer a singular obligation on me by returning them as soon as possible.

H. P. THORNTON.

*Madison, July 19, 1817.—30-3w*

**New Goods!**

The subscriber has just received from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other places at the Eastward, a large and general assortment of

Dry Goods

**GROCERIES**

Hardware

Queensware

Glassware

Plain & Japanned Tinware

Pewter & Copperware

Powder

Shot

Lead

Cordage

Whiskey

Tobacco &c.

Also a large assortment of domestic Buttons

Jewelry &c.

THE above articles kept constantly for sale, at the most reduced prices, for cash or country produce, at my stores in Madison and Vernon.

Wanted,

Whiskey

Wheat

Butter

Pork

Bacon

Furs

Peltry &c. also

Old Pewter

Brass

Copper

Lead &c. &c.

THOMAS DOUGLAS.

*Madison, July 9, 1817. 29tf*

**John Sheets**

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Madison and its vicinity, that he is now opening a general assortment of Merchandise in the white building opposite major Henry Ristine's tavern; where all those wishing to purchase can have an opportunity of examining the prices for themselves, which he hopes will be perfectly satisfactory, as nothing on his part shall be wanting to give general satisfaction.

Madison, July 7, 1817. 29tf

Continuance of Business

*J. & M. A. GAVIT &  
BAKERS*

Respectfully inform the citizens of Madison and its vicinity, that they have employed a first journeyman, late from Germany, and intend carrying on the business in all its various branches.

Parties or entertainments will be supplied in the neatest manner by giving short notice.

Those who get bread

Credit,

must be punctual in making payment every Saturday—as subscribers are unable to give longer credit.

*J. & M. A. GAVIT  
July 19, 1817. 31-*

**REMOVAL.**

William Wallace,

**TAILOR,**

Respectfully informs the friends of an old soldier, that he has removed his shop from the white house on Main Cross-street, to the store house lately occupied by Mr. Boicourt, on Second-street, next door to Doctor Heath, where the old soldier will do his work on the shortest notice and the lowest price—He thanks his friends and the public for their liberal support one year that is past, and hopes a continuance of the same.

All those indebted to him will make immediate payment, as it is out of his power to lay out of his money any longer.

July 9, 1817. 29tf

**JUST PUBLISHED**

*And for sale at the German printing Office;*

*Lancaster, Ohio,*

By the Groce, Dozen or Six, the Ohio Kentucky and Indiana GERMAN ALMANAC for 1818. Containing the Astronomical calculations and a variety of useful and entertaining pieces, as to the quality of paper, workmanship, & the matter it contains, the publisher flatters himself, it will be exceeded by few (if any) German Almanac published to the eastward.

Storekeepers and others who purchase to sell again, may be supplied on as reasonable terms as they can be procured elsewhere. Considerable sums of money are sent every year from the West country for German Almanacs, which in all probability will be ever lost to it; it therefore becomes the duty as well as the interest of every citizen to encourage manufacturers as will retain money in the country.—

*JOHN HERMAN*

*Lancaster June 5, 1817.*

*The Printers in Indiana are requested to copy the above and the favor shall be reciprocated when an opportunity offers.*

**Take Notice.**

Those who are indebted to subscribers, will confer an obligation on them if they will call and make payment without delay, as they intend going very soon to sell their goods.

*L. R. & G. W. LEONARD  
July 15, 1817. 30-*

*An act to dissolve the Marriage contract entered into between Daniel Woodfall and Anna Woodfall.*

*Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Indiana, That the bands of matrimony herefore solemnized between Daniel Woodfall and Anna Woodfall, and the same are hereby dissolved.*

*L. BLACKFORD, Speaker of the House*

*C. HARRISON, Representative*

*Speaker of the Senate*

*January 3, 1817.—APPROVED*

*J. JENNINGS.*

*Tallow wanted at the OFFICE.*