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DIED – At Stepney, in the county of Prince William, on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> September, in the 54<sup>th</sup> year of her age, Mrs. Harriet Brooke, wife of Edmund Brooke, Esq. of Georgetown, DC. And on the following Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>, at the same place, in her 22<sup>nd</sup> year, Miss T. E. Brooke, daughter of the former, both having left home a few weeks previously (in perfect health) on a visit to their friends in Virginia.

Whilst it is the sacred duty of frail and erring mortality, to bow, in profound submission, to the decrees of an all wise Providence, however intricate and uncalled for, such decrees may appear, to finite humanity, will it be pronounced a sacrilege on those whose lot it has been to meet the above heavy bereavement, humbly to indulge the hope, that in yielding to an excess of sorrow on this trying occasion, which nature can but poorly resist, and which to others may seem to encroach upon Christian duty, they are committing that sort of transgression, on which the recording Angel will drop the tear of oblivion!

Of Mrs. Brooke it may, with perfect truth, be declared, that the tenor of her whole life, exhibited an unintermitting commentary on what is emphatically termed, a Virginia wife.

As a wife, a mother, a neighbor, and a friend, the throbbing hearts of her bereaved husband, and of every surviving member of her disconsolate family, and the bedewed checks of her former neighbors, bespeak a panegyric far more audible than words, a panegyric whose source is found at the bottom of the heart. As a wife, a mother, a neighbor, and friend, indeed, this lady was no where surpassed; but it is not on those points that her living friends are now to felicitate themselves; she was more than wife, mother, friend, she was a CHRISTIAN! It is in that recollection that the wounds inflicted by her death had their sweet, their balmy relief. It is in that recollection that the wounds inflicted by her death had their sweet, their balmy relief. It is in the assuasive hope that her immortal soul has winged its flight to regions of never ending rest, that her friends will find aid in their efforts to bear up with resignation to the stern mandate.

Of Miss Brooke, the pen of eulogy cannot well transcend its duty. A fairer flower never bent its head to the rude hand of time. In the prime of life, in the enjoyment of health, in the enjoyment of a happy and amiable disposition, which tended to sweeten everything around her, in the enjoyment of a conscience void of offense, in the enjoyment of all that could render life desirable, she is suddenly called to her everlasting account. The uniform sanctity of her well spent life, and the singular serenity with which she met the King of Terrors, afford the delectable presage that she was ready. Let her friends scan the parable of the ten virgins, and REJOICE!

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TRUSTEE'S SALE – by virtue of a deed of trust executed to the subscriber, by John Lewis, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1826, and of record in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County, in the State of Virginia for the purpose of securing to Robert Brooke the payment of money as specified in the said deed; I shall, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December next, (if fair, if not, the next fair day,) proceed to sell, at public auction, pursuant to the said deed for cash, to the highest bidder, on the premises, one moiety of an undivided TRACT OF LAND whereon the said John Lewis now lives, situated in the aforesaid county of Prince William, in the State of Virginia, commonly called and known by the name of STEPNEY, which said tract was purchased by Robert Brooke of Johnson McClenachan and wife; or so much of the moiety of the same as will be sufficient to pay the money now due. The trustee will convey such title as he has in the said land by virtue of the said deed of trust.

Robert Bayly  
September 18, 1829

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TRUSTEE'S SALE – Under the authority of a deed of trust, executed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1826, by John Lewis and Frances F. Lewis his wife, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County court, I will sell by Public Auction, at Brentsville, on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July next, for ready money a moiety of TRACT OF LAND called STEPNEY, in Prince William County, being the same whereon John Lewis now resides, which was conveyed by said Lewis and wife to the subscriber, as Trustee to secure certain debts therein mentioned.

Such title as is vested in the subscriber by the deed of trust will be conveyed to the purchaser; it is believed to be unquestionable.

Robert Baily, Trustee  
May 5, 1831