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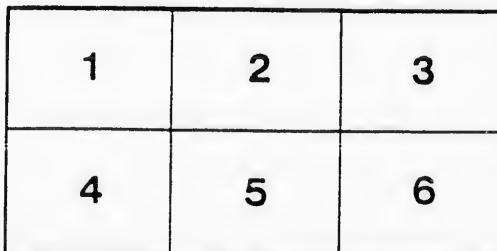
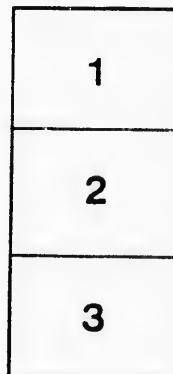
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THE
NEWS-CARRIER'S ADDRESS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE
ROYAL GAZETTE.

TO ALL CHRISTIAN-FOLK, of the Church or the Meeting,
I CHARLES, THE CARRIER, send New-Year's greeting :
From the cradle, *great News, bloody News*, taught to cry,
And the fierceness of tempests, and frosts to defy,
I have weekly your keen curiosities fed,
Brought reliefs for the heart, and recruits for the head.
To the Statesman how bountiful are my supplies !
Revolutions, their causes—all guesses and lies.
And a mystical phrase, that's sheer nonsense, or prate,
To the sapient *Quid-Nunc* shows secrets of state.
At Elections, what office so useful as mine ?
How else would the Candidate work his design ?
True, the Printer can give his *pretence* an impression,
An indelible mark to each slippery profession ;
Yet his offer of service, but for me to transfer it,
Had remain'd as unknown as his parts, or his merit.
Then with *New-Brunswick* politics always replete,
With *Atticus, Creou, Amicus*, I treat ;
The *Citizen, Customer, Job, Phil. Agric.* ;
Friend, True-Friend, and Freeholder, just in the nick :
Nor are *Quid-Nunc*, and *Alfred*, or *Sappho* rejected,
Altho' most men lament a chaste muse thus infected ;
Of their relative worth, all agree, the right test
Is number and length—and the smalleſſ the best.
In private life also, my aid's of great price,
Of bargains and sales I give early advice.
Into most of the Shops, in my round, take a peep,
See whose Goods are freshest and whose are most cheap.
Try the *wigs, bonnets, dresses*, from London imported ;
Know who were last married, and who are now courted.
And with News like the last, or the birth of a son,
The Maidens salute me with "*Charles, you run.*"
But, with wings to my feet, if I fly, with a tale }
Of a beauty cast off, or of virtue too frail,
Tis always "*wily, Charles, you move like a snail.*" }
Then again, to suit men of all sorts and conditions,
I come charg'd with *Auctions*, and *Sales on Commissions* ;
With *arrivals, and entries*, with *freights* a farrago,
Unadulterate *wines*, choicest *rum* of *Tolago* :
Romances and bibles, books of palmistry and prayer,
And *pocders* will serve for the *teeth, face, and hair*.
For lechers lewd poems, select *hymns* for Saints,
Plumes, pearl-pins, pomatumus, perfumes, plasters, paints,
Teas, calicoes, brandy, gin, snuff, and tobacco,
From the makers at Musquash, Manowagnish, Quacco.
Bon Mots, from *JOE MILLER*, and *Anecdotes* follow,
And for Masters and Misses, *the Court of Apollo*.
For these, and more blessings, confer'd on the town,
I *Charles, News-carrier*, claim the renown.
What, tho' now, to myself I this monument raise !
Next season, I'll sing of your bounty and praise.
That my office is useful, I think, must appear, }
To my conduct, my patrons will not prove severe, }
And accept my best pray'r's for a happy New-Year. }

St. John, (*New-Brunswick*.) 1st. January, 1803.

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