

The Cudden Davis Ledger Project



Shopping with
the Madisons

The image shows an open ledger with two pages of handwritten entries. The left page is headed "James" and the right page is headed "Madison Co". Both pages list items and amounts in columns. The entries are written in cursive and include various items such as "Bacon", "Lard", "Sugar", "Rice", "Flour", "Wheat", "Corn", "Honey", "Butter", "Eggs", "Cattle", "Horses", "Sheep", "Pigs", "Geese", "Turkeys", "Ducks", "Chickens", "Goats", "Swine", "Cattle", "Horses", "Sheep", "Pigs", "Geese", "Turkeys", "Ducks", "Chickens", "Goats", "Swine". The amounts are listed in dollars and cents, with some entries having a "per" or "pro" prefix. The ledger is written on aged, slightly discolored paper.

How did James Madison
shop for plantation
essentials? How much did
it cost to feed and clothe
his enslaved?

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James Madison's
MONTPELIER

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Manual Transcription

possible, all balances on open accounts due to the state in cases where the same is practicable.

A RESOLVED, That the agent immediately call on the supervisors of the roads of the several counties of this state, who have before the first day of January, 1785, received advances of public money, and omitted to account thereof, to render an immediate account of their receipts and disbursements, with the balance remaining due, and the said agent is hereby directed to report thereon to the general assembly, at their next session.

THE several county clerks who have not made their annual returns and payments on the first day of November, agreeably to law, are requested to attend to the second resolution published above. Suits will certainly be commenced against every delinquent on the 10th day of February next. The law sheriffs of the several counties are also requested to attend to their payments, or suits will be instituted against them on the aforesaid day. The delators to the state of Maryland for confiscated property purchased, and who have insinuated their debts, are also informed that process will issue against every delinquent on the aforesaid 10th day of February next, without respect to person. The agent sincerely hopes that more attention will be paid to this than to his former notices, and that it will be received by the parties interested as it is intended, that is, to save them a considerable expense, and himself the disagreeable necessity of enforcing payment.

Extraction

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Errors found in computer transcription.

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Answer of James

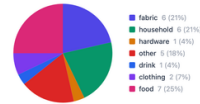
From TUESDAY December 5, to TUESDAY December 10, 1738. (North 6)

Look round the habitable World how few
Know their own Good or know it present!
How void of Reason are our Hearts and Senses!
What is the Conduct of our Life appears
So well designed, so wisely taught,
But when we have our Wish, we wish unask'd!
Dryden, Jr.

NR.

IN my second Paper, I intimated my Design of improving the ENGLISH, by giving every English Teacher a Treatise, who are already the most beautiful Plethora in human Nature: I proposed to direct their Minds from vulgar Trifles, and inward thereof to furnish them with valuable Knowledge: to print out those Improvements which are the Blessings, as well as those Virtues which are the Infirmities of the Sex, so as to be read out from upon the Level with Men in their highest Superiority of Reason.

How successful is that Course which for many Ages has excluded the most amiable Characters on Earth from the Dominion of Learning, and confined them chiefly to the Business of the World! How rarely are they



John Alcock

Francis Foster

Brown Street

Farley Street

my New Orleans to sell

Philly, Philly and James

Kyle Thompson

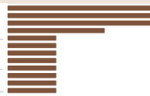
Philly Lane

my wife and all my children

my children from

Ann Hamilton

Robert Brown, Ohio.



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