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Rapine, Charlotte d. 6 Apr 1835 R54/5

Rapine. On Saturday evening last, at the residence of Richard C. Bowie, Esq. Prince George's county, Mrs. Charlotte G. Rapine, widow of the late Daniel Rapine, of this city. Her funeral will take place at three o'clock this afternoon from Christ Church, near the Navy Yard. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

Rapine, Daniel d. 13 May 1826 **R54/6**

Rapine. On Thursday Evening, in the 59th year of his age, Mr. Daniel Rapine. He was among the oldest and most respected inhabitants of this City, and has filled some of its most responsible offices; among others, that of Mayor of the city. His friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late Dwelling, at 10 o'clock this Morning.

The National Intelligencer, May 15, 1826

Obituary

On Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst. At his residence, on Capitol Hill, after a long and lingering illness, which he bore with singular fortitude and Christian resignation, Mr. Daniel Rapine, aged about fifty eight years, Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the United States.

" Sure the last end

Of the good man is peace. How calm his exit! Night dews fall not more gently to the ground. Nor weary, worn-out winds expire so soft." -- Young

Mr. Rapine was born near Germantown, Pennsylvania, and came to this city soon after it was laid out. By profession, he was a bookseller, and by industriously following his vocation, amassed considerable property; of which, however, credulously believing in an imprudent friend, who became unfortunate, he lost the greater part.

In the year 1812, Mr. R. was chosen Mayor of this City, which office he filled to great satisfaction; but, in which capacity, his rheumatic affection took a firmer hold on him, and was one of the principal causes of terminating his life. He was early appointed a Justice of the Peace in and for Washington County, and, if there ever was a strictly impartial man, that man was Daniel Rapine. Neither the frowns and authoritativeness of the rich and high standing, nor the obsequiousness and servility of the poor and humble, received other than even handed justice through him. His most striking characteristics were mildness and charity; "innocence was seated on his brown, and the milk of human kindness flowed around his heart."

The writer of this from childhood, knew Mr. R. and can safely assert that he never knew him to flatter any one, nor disguise, on any subject, his real sentiments. As a friend, he was candid, sincere, and constant; as a man of business his integrity was undeviatingly and inflexibly correct; as a citizen, his honesty, industry, and sobriety, procured him the love and esteem of all; and as a father, he was kind, indulgent, and pious; which last transcendent virtue supported him in his late long and lingering illness, and has borne him, we trust to a happier and a better world, to receive the recompense of his worth.

He possessed his reason, uninjured, to the last; and, to a friend, a few days before his death, on being asked how he felt, replied, "I feel tolerably easy; for Providence kindly diminishes our sensibility as the strength of disease increases."

The loss of such a man to the city can only be appreciated by the want of another like him; and the greatest consolation to his interesting family, who have suffered an incalculable loss, will be found in their being accompanied in their mourning, by nearly the whole city, as with one voice. S.A.E.