

That on Wednesday morning, they in company with three other seamen, under the command of a Lieutenant and three Midshipmen, were sent ashore on Caps Henry in the tender, having on board an 18 pound carronade, cutlasses and small arms, for the purpose of getting fresh provisions, of which the ship is in much want. That on landing the officers went in pursuit of a bullock near the beach, when these three poor men gave them the "double," and got into a forest where they remained all night, and meeting with some hospitable country people, were able to get to this Borough.

Mr. Fox, Naval Constructor for the United States at Washington, arrived here on Thursday, with twenty ship-wrights and mast-makers, to expedite the refitment of the Chesapeake frigate.

At a meeting of the committee at the Exchange-Coffee House, on Wednesday the 1st of July, 1807.

Present—Thomas Mathews, Moses Myers, William Newsum, Francis S. Taylor, Seth Foster, Thomas Newton, Richard Blow, Thomas Blanchard, J. W. Mirjugh, Theo. Armistead.

The chairman presented the following letter from Commodore Stephen Decatur, which was ordered to be published.

NORFOLK, 1st July, 1807.

SIR,

Orders from Government directing my immediate attention to the re-equipment of the Chesapeake; any further movement of the Gun-Boats, for the moment, must necessarily be suspended. These boats will however, lay where they are, with every thing on board, ready for such measures as the government may direct or emergencies call for.

Allow me to avail myself of the present occasion to express the high sense I entertain of the zeal and patriotism of the citizens of this neighborhood, particularly that portion of them by whose voluntary and unexampled exertions, these boats, then lying in a dismantled state, were in a few hours completely rigged, equipt and brought to the point where they now are; and from whence by similar services which continue to be tendered by the seamen and armed companies of the place, they may in a few hours at any time be rendered distinguishably useful to their country.

Accept, sir, for yourself, and the Board over which you preside, the assurances of my high consideration and respect.

STEPHEN DECATUR, Jun.

To General Mathews, Chairman of the Committee, &c.

Resolved, That this committee view with the greatest satisfaction and most lively sensibility, the patriotism displayed by captain Decatur since the alarm excited by the late outrage committed on our flag by a British squadron.

Resolved, That commodore Decatur be invited to partake of a public dinner.

Resolved, That Seth Foster, Thomas Newton, and Richard Blow be a committee to wait upon Commodore Decatur with this invitation, and to make the necessary arrangements for this entertainment.

Whereas this committee passed a resolution interdicting all communication with the British ships until the pleasure of government should be known; and whereas the Collector of this port has received directions to make a request through the medium of the British Consul for the release of some impressed seamen now on board the Bellona—Resolved, That this committee never did consider the interdiction, entered into by the citizens of Norfolk, of communication between the British Consul and the British squadron, as extending to dispatches transmitted under authority of the government of the United States or any of its agents.

A communication respecting the state of Fort Norfolk was received from Col. Sharp.

The committee appointed for that purpose made a return of the powder in the magazine.

A communication was received by the chairman from Dr. Shore, chairman of a town meeting of Petersburg.

THOS. MATHEWS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Committee at the Exchange Coffee-house, on Friday, the 3d of July.

Present—Thomas Mathews, Luke Wheeler, Wm. Pennock, D. Beddinge, Seth Foster, Francis S. Taylor, Thomas Newton, jun. Thomas Blanchard, Moses Myers, Theo. Armistead.

Whereas, it has been represented to us that the British Consul had refused to send his dispatches covering communications from our government to the British ships through the conveyance offered by the collector, alleging that the resolutions of the committee have suspended his functions, and therefore that he would not make a demand for the liberation of the Seamen detained on board of the Bellona, unless through the medium of the advice boxes hitherto employed by the squadron, or in such other mode as he may think proper.

Resolved, That this committee do not presume to the Consul any mode of communication which he may, in his pleasure, think proper to adopt.—He knows full well how far the resentment of an injured people will brook the appearance in their own ports of those very men whose hands are yet reeking in the blood of their country. But in an interval wherein the sense of the government cannot be ascertained, the committee will hold him infamous who infringes the spirit of the public resolutions; and whether it may or may not be deemed expedient by our go-

vernment to suspend for the present the intercourse between its citizens and the British squadron. We do declare that the citizens of this community have a right as individuals to withhold supplies of provisions and water derived from their own estates, and that it will be departing from that just indignation already expressed by them if they furnish or permit to be furnished supplies of any kind, until ample retribution is made for the insult offered to our national character.

Resolved, That this committee deriving their power from the people only, and appointed solely to carry into effect the Resolutions adopted by them at the general meetings, have no power to alter, modify or abolish the proceedings and instructions of their constituents.

THOS. MATHEWS, Chairman.

THEO. ARMISTEAD, Secy.

From the Petersburg Republican.

To arms, Citizens of America.

You are called to arms Americans, by the voice of your country.—Obey her summons. Your ancient, your irreconcilable enemy is at your gates. Defend the citadel with your blood and fortunes. Read—pause not—but act with the energy of freemen.

The following letter, enclosing the subjoined correspondence, we received this morning, from our friend in Manchester.

An express arrived in Richmond this morning, [Monday] for the governor, stating that the port of Norfolk was blockaded by the British squadron. The executive have, in consequence, ordered out 1000 men, to depart immediately for that place. The most active preparations are making in Richmond.

NORFOLK, July 4.

[CIRCULAR.]

This day the following Letter was received by RICHARD E. LEE, Esquire, Mayor of the Borough, from Commodore DOUGLAS.

[COPY.]

His Majesty's ship Bellona, Hampton Roads, July 3, 1807.

SIR,

I beg leave to represent to you, that having observed in the News-Papers, a resolution made by the committee, on the 28th ult. prohibiting any communication between his Britannick Majesty's Consul at Norfolk, and his ships lying at anchor in Lynhaven Bay; and this being a measure extremely hostile, not only in depriving the British Consul from discharging the duties of his office, but at the same time preventing me from obtaining that information so absolutely necessary for his Majesty's service. I am therefore determined if this infringement is not IMMEDIATELY ANNULLED, to prohibit every vessel bound either in or out of Norfolk, from proceeding to their destination, until I know the pleasure of my government, or the Commander in Chief on this station. You must be perfectly aware that the British flag never has or never will be insulted with impunity.—You must also be aware that it has been, and is still in my power to obstruct the whole trade of the Chesapeake since the late circumstance, which I desisted from, trusting that general unanimity would be restored.—Respecting the circumstances of the deserters lately apprehended from the United States frigate Chesapeake, in my opinion; that must be decided by the two governments ALONE. It therefore rests with the inhabitants of Norfolk either to engage in a War, or remain in terms of Peace. Agreeable to my intentions, I have proceeded to Hampton Roads with the squadron under my command, to await your answer, which I trust you will favour me with without delay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. DOUGLAS.

I enclose you two letters to the British Consul, which you will be pleased to forward him.

J. E. D.

To which the Mayor returned the following answer.

NORFOLK, July 4, 1807.

SIR,

I have received your menacing letter of yesterday this moment. The day on which this answer is written ought of itself to suffice, to prove to the subjects of your sovereign, that the American people are not to be intimidated by menace, or induced to adopt any measures, except by a sense of their perfect propriety.—Seduced by the false show of sincerity, they may be sometimes surprised, and slaughtered while unprepared to resist a supposed friend. That delusive security however, is now passed forever.—The late occurrence has taught us to confide our safety no longer to any thing but to our own force. We do not seek hostility, nor shall we avoid it. We are prepared for the worst which you may attempt, and will do whatever shall be judged proper to repel force, whenever your efforts shall render any act of our's necessary.—Thus much for the threats of your letter, which can be considered in no other light, than as addressed to the supposed fears of our citizens.

In answer to that part of it which is particularly addressed to me, as the first Judicial Officer of this Borough, I have but to say, that you must be aware, that the Judiciary of no country possesses any other powers, than those conferred upon them by the laws.

The same channel through which you have derived the intelligence stated by yourself, must also have announced to you, that the act of which you complain, is an act of individuals, and not of the government. If this act be very wrong and illegal, the Judiciary of

this country, whenever the case is properly brought before it, will take care to do its duty. At present they have no judicial information of an outrage on their laws, and therefore cannot act.

If you, sir, please to consider this act of individuals as a measure "expressly hostile," and "small circumstance hostility," without waiting the decision of our two governments, although you yourself acknowledge that it properly belongs to them alone to decide, the Inhabitants of Norfolk will conform to your example, & protect themselves against any lawless aggression which may be made upon their persons or property.—They therefore leave it with you, "either to engage in a war, or to remain in terms of peace," until the pleasure of our respective governments shall be known.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

RICHARD EVERS LEE,

Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk.

To Com. J. E. Douglas, commanding his B. M. ship the Bellona, now lying in Hampton Roads.

In consequence of this information, the Executive have ordered captain Bowden of the horse, captain Williams of the artillery, and captain Robertson of the republican light infantry, to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning. They are already equipped for battle, and ready to meet the enemy of their country.

Capt. Burk's Riflemen are also ready; and a detachment from the 39th Regiment have been drafted on the same service.

WASHINGTON CITY, July 3.

The Secretary of War was expected to arrive in this city last night, and the secretary of the Treasury is expected to-day. After their arrival, a full consultation will, no doubt, be had with regard to the measures called for by the crisis, the delay in taking which has probably arisen from their absence.

We have conversed with several gentlemen of respectability, who left Richmond on Sunday last. The court rose on Saturday, after fixing the 3d of August for the trial of Aaron Burr; and after giving an opinion, overruling the motion for an attachment against General Wilkinson.

Burr we are credibly informed, is confined in the penitentiary, the executive of Virginia having offered apartments in that asylum for criminals, to the acceptance of Judge Marshall. More on this subject hereafter.

Petersburg Republican.

London accounts to the 18th of May, are received at Boston.—They state, that a general engagement had taken place between the French and Russians, which ended in a complete defeat of the latter.

CUSTOM-HOUSE WILMINGTON.

ENTERED

7th July, Sch'r. Ruby, Jones, St. Thomas
8th, Brig. Two Brothers, Foster, Barbadoes
Sch'r. Hero, Elwell, Dominico
9th, Farmer, Tilton, Charleston

CLEARED.

7th July, Sch'r. Three-Polks, Elliot, Boston
Brig. Alexis, Livingston, Halifax
Sch'r. Regulator, M. Lhenny, Charleston

Notice.

WHEREAS a number of the inhabitants have not had it in their power to provide themselves with Fire Buckets, a further time is allowed, and that the first Monday in August next be appointed for an examination, agreeably to a former order.

By order of the Commissioners,

TH: CALLENDER, T. C.

July 12. rw.

NOTICE.

WILL be sold at this place on the third of August, at Public Sale, that valuable Plantation well known by the name of Black Moar's, lying on the N. E. River, joining South-Washington, it contains 640 acres good for the culture of Corn, Cotton or Rice; also a piece of Land lying on the Newbern Road adjoining Mrs. St. George's, twelve miles from Wilmington.

Conditions will be made known on the day of sale.

T. M. BLOODWORTH.

August 8.

20 Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber living in Bladen county, on the 20th April last, a negro fellow called

QUASH,

about twenty years of age, possesses a pleasing countenance, nearly six feet high, large over the shoulders, small legs, he has a scar on his left side which extends half round his belly, his father is hired to Mr. William Williams, near the green banks, Brunswick county, Col. James Richardson owns his mother—it is possible he may be about Fayetteville, as he is acquainted with some of Maj. James Owens' negroes that are hired at that place—he is Outlawed. All reasonable expences will be paid to any person apprehending the said negro in addition to the above reward.

J. BRADLEY.

July 14.

To the Freemen of New-Hanover County.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Election of persons to represent the County in the General Assembly of the State, will be held at the following places: viz.—at the house of Thomas Rogers, on Black River, on Saturday the eighth day of August; at Washington on Monday the tenth; at Sandy Run, and Long Creek Bridge on Wednesday the twelfth; and at Wilmington on Friday the fourteenth of August.

WM. NUTT, Sh'ff.

July 14.

Law of North-Carolina,

Passed in the year 1807.

CHAP. XVI.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act directing a method of electing members of the General Assembly, and other purposes, passed in the year 1777.

II. BE it enacted, That every person elected a Member of the General Assembly, shall, before taking his seat therein take the oath of allegiance appointed for the qualification of members of the General Assembly and Peace Officers, and also to support the Constitution of the United States. And if any person elected a Member of the General Assembly, shall, by himself or any other person, directly or indirectly give, or cause to be given, any gift, gratuity, reward or present whatever; or give or cause to be given by himself, or any other person, any treat or entertainment either by himself or any other person for him, of meat or drink, on any public meeting or collection of the people, to any person or persons whatever, for his or their vote or votes, or to influence him or them in his election, every person violating this act, shall, on due proof thereof be expelled from his seat in the General Assembly.

III. Be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall treat with either meat or drink, on days of election, or any day previous thereto, with an intent to influence the election, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, the one half for the use of the county where the same shall be recovered, to be paid to the County Trustee; the other half to the use of the person who shall sue for the same; to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record having cognizance thereof, with costs.

PURSUANT to an Act of the last General Assembly, directing a sale of public lands adjoining Smithville—will be sold on a credit of six months by public auction at the School-house of said Town, on Saturday the 22d of August next, all of said lands in convenient lots, or parcels; sufficient titles to be signed on the purchasers giving approved security.

John Conyers,
Benjamin Blaney,
Samuel Potter.

Smithville, March 31, 1807.

FOR SALE.

A PLANTATION seven miles from a town called Fork Fields, containing at least 500 acres, on which is a Dwelling House and out houses—and about 40 acres of cleared ground; belonging to Miss Effie Jean Ewens.—Terms, cash—for particulars apply to John Martin or Benjamin Blaney at Smithville. May 12.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY about a fortnight ago from plantation, Old Town, Brunswick county, a negro fellow named

EPHRAIM,

Aged between 36 and 40 years, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, stout made, has lost all the toes off one of his feet, with a considerable blemish in one eye; had on when he absconded, a grey woollen round jacket, vest and trousers of the same, with an old round hat—he is supposed to be lurking about Col. Hill's, where he formerly lived. Whoever will secure, or lodge him in the goal of Wilmington, or deliver him on the aforesaid plantation, will receive the above reward from Mr. Barclay, with all reasonable expences.

The same reward is also offered for a Negro fellow named

NED,

Who absconded from the said plantation about a week ago.—He is aged about 19 or 20 years, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high and well proportioned, is extremely artful and evasive in his answers; had on when he went away a round brown cloth jacket, linen shirt, a pair of dark homespun trousers and an old black hat—he is supposed to be lurking about Wilmington or some where in the county of New-Hanover or Brunswick, he is well known in both; he was last purchased from Wm. Hill, Esq. who bought him from the estate of the late Mr. Adams of Fayetteville.

Matters of violence or any craft are cautioned against carrying them off.

May 5.