

Wilmington,

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1812.

GABRIEL HOLMES, jun. esq. has been elected Sheriff for the county of New-Hanover, by a large majority.

TOWN MEETING.

Some conversation has lately taken place on the expedience of calling a meeting of the inhabitants of this town and its vicinity, to petition Congress on the present alarming state of the country, a meeting not to originate but conducted in the spirit of party, but on the broad principle of general good.

Every American of whatever political persuasion, must see, feel, and deplore the present disastrous state of the country; a state too, which, under present circumstances, exhibits a mournful prospect of becoming worse. If this reality of present evils, many and oppressive, and this apprehension of future ones, menacing still heavier calamities, be even partially true, a meeting of our citizens to consult on such important concerns, is worthy of attention. It may lead to good; it can be productive of no ill. Speaking as a mere partisan of a party, we ought perhaps, to discourage it. The majority in Congress are so peculiarly circumstanced, that they require some application from the people to justify them in taking the probably best, and perhaps only steps that will extricate us from our present embarrassments. But, refrain from this application and they are so pledged that that rapid decline of popularity, which is now taking place will be inevitably accelerated at the Northward. In New-York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and all the New-England states, meetings composed of all parties have been called and a degree of union, that should be hailed as the harbinger of future harmony and consequent prosperity, and cherished on every principle of expedience and by every sentiment of patriotism, has been exhibited, and is well worthy of our imitation. The Southern Section of the U. States has been declared on the floor of Congress to be disposed to war. If this sentiment be incorrect it behoves us to undeceive our government, to inform them how seriously and earnestly a war is deprecated by us, if it can be avoided without disgrace, that it can be avoided without disgrace to the people as we verily believe, so we confidently assert.

By the subjoined extract, it will appear that Mr. Madison has not only disavowed the late acts of Commodore Campbell and Gen. Mathews, but has ordered such territory and ports as have been taken from the Spaniards, to be restored to the officers of that government. This is a good symptom; it gives countenance to the opinion that war is not intended; for what folly would it be to give up acquisitions, however made, to a Power that would in case of a war with England, most probably become our enemy. But shall we credit administration in their declaration that the conduct of the Commodore and the General is not only unauthorised, but is also condemned by them?—*Credat Jidæus Apella, non ego?* What shall we say of the letter Col. Monroe wrote to General Mathews, an extract of which Gen. Mathews enclosed in a letter, as authority for procuring a re-inforcement from the U. S. troops stationed near Charleston, S. C. This fact is notorious in that city. His request, it is true, was not complied with. Orders from the specifically proper department had not been received, and Gen. Mathews's authority, with Col. Monroe's letter to back him, was very properly deemed insufficient. But this transaction proves conclusively that administration did, sub-rosa, encourage the enterprise. They had not spirit to do openly what insidious policy tempted them to effect in secret, and which they now pusillanimously deny—But neither Com. Campbell nor Gen. Mathews, nor Col. Smythe will tamely submit to the ignominy which their rulers are heaping upon them: the shaft will recoil on the arm which sped it, and cover with confusion the authors of a transaction, who now shrink from the responsibility of their own crooked policy. Such are the fruits of the tree of democracy, planted by Jefferson, and watered and cherished to the maturity of evil fruit by Madison.

INTERESTING LETTER.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Savannah, to the Editors of the Courier.

Savannah, 28th April, 1812.
Dear Sir— I give you the news here of to-day, which you will find pretty correct.—Gov. MITCHELL arrived here this morning, and set off in a few hours afterwards for Darien, with all speed, on his way to Amelia Island, to take the command from MATHEWS, and deliver up the Island to the Spanish Commandant, together with any other parts of Florida which may be in the possession of the U. S. and to assure him of the disapprobation of our government with the proceedings of MATHEWS and CAMPBELL.—The governor's proclamation is now printing, calling upon the American Citizens to refrain from further proceedings against that colony, come home, under penalties, &c. So much for that pretty business. The governor has ordered out one thousand militia to enforce his orders in case of need, and also to keep the local population in awe—So far right. It is understood here that

the Governor is ordered to deliver Amelia Island up to the Spanish authorities on or before the 30th inst. agreeably to a promise to Mr. FOSTER.

A proud day for Federalism

Was that, when the city of New-York in all the majesty of incensed patriotism arose, and turning her back on her former advisers and rulers, the Satellites of Jefferson and Madison, lifted into office men whom calumny had driven from it; but into which truth, patriotism and policy, combine now to reinstate them.—The whole federal ticket for members to Congress, Senators and members to their State Legislature, has succeeded by a handsome majority! The stream of public opinion has passed the standing point which succeeds the top of flood, the ebb of democracy, a word which has no affinity with true republicanism, is already moving with a rapid current.

A WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE.

Humanity endears the possessor of it to the hearts of all good men; a virtuous breast feels sympathetically for the distress of others; and esteem for him involuntarily arises for him, who steps forth to administer the balsam of relief. With such esteem our bosom was impressed for that worthy representative from our state, Nathaniel Macon, when we read his humane exertions to relieve from famine the devoted inhabitants of Laguna, the Carracas, and Teneriffe. It reflects honor on the H. of R. that they adopted without a dissentient voice the motion of Mr. Macon as far as respects the two first mentioned places, and while we regret that a too scrupulous sentiment paused on the assistance that was intended for the unhappy survivors in Teneriffe, it is still satisfactory to observe that a committee is instructed to enquire into and report on the real state of that afflicted island.

THE BUREAU.

It gives us pleasure to announce the appearance of this Literary work. Without having seen a single number, we would hazard a recommendation of it in terms almost unqualified. We know that the Editor possesses a voracity of talents, a strength of understanding, an eloquence of feeling, a power of lucubration, and a vein of sportive humor, that have rarely been equalled.

* Subscriptions for the above received at this office.

MR. HASELL.

In looking over your Gazette of last Tuesday, I observed a publication signed "A visitor courting," attempting to ridicule an address to Mr. Benjamin, of the 28th ult. on the subject of "visitors to the singing-school."—I wish to observe to you, Sir, that it is not uncommon with a little "visitor courting," to make observations on expressions in common conversation, when the least grammatical error is perceptible, and that he has, since his residence here, received the appellation of a critic; and perhaps it may be correctly asserted, he has sometimes felt "disposed to be cynical."

Viewing the publication of "A Scholar" either as emanating from Mr. Benjamin or himself, the right to publish it cannot be doubted, and the least unfavorable construction that can be put upon it is that of selfishness. The evil complained of by the Scholar, no doubt might be remedied in some other manner than the one he has pursued, less calculated to give offence to those who were particularly invited by Mr. Benjamin or his scholars. When the piece appeared, I was surprised; but still more so, when the correct, the charitable, modest and diffident little "courting visitor" made his appearance. Whether it was his intention to ridicule the publication of the "Scholar," to compliment Mr. Benjamin, or to assert a right which he had long enjoyed, that of attending the singing-school in the character of "A courting visitor," appears to me uncertain.

As considerable solicitude has been shown to discover the author of the "courting visitor," for the gratification of those who are unacquainted with the author of this "sublime and beautiful" piece of composition, I will endeavor to give you a short description of this wonder (not of the world) but of the street that contains the ***** In stature he is about four feet 6 inches high, tolerably thick set, not very light complexion, of a marked physiognomy, and having that choice a country maid once enjoyed, of selecting her dress, he says "that black suits my complexion best;" therefore he is generally clad in sable; but possessing an effeminate mind, he is sometimes led into effeminate habits, and you see him clad very often (exclusive of his umbrella) in that species of clothing intended for the ladies, viz. He is known also by his pedantic manner, and wearing a watch-key about the size of a large *****

I am no scholar, but were I disposed, should point out many grammatical errors in the communication of the "courting visitor," and trust that should he again appear in public with his malignant remarks, "Scholars" will not be found wanting to answer them. **CASFIGATOR.**

The Loan.—We understand that about 80,000 dollars only was subscribed at the two Banks in this city on Friday and Saturday.

Charleston paper.

SAMSO's address to PHILLIS, is necessarily postponed.

MARRIED, in Bladen county, Major Thomas Brown, to Miss Purdie.

DIED—On the 11th inst. **WILLIAM CAMPBELL**, Esq. a native of this town, at the advanced age of 78 years, being the first white male born in this place. He was a man of enlarged benevolence, and sustained through a long life, a character of the strictest uprightness and integrity.

PORT OF WILMINGTON.

ARRIVED.

Brig Vigilant, Hitchborn, Boston
Sch'r Jenny, Battie, do
Gannet, Willis, Washington
Fame, Simmons, Plymouth
Columbia, Dewing, Salem
Maria, Smith, New-York
Harmony, Mosher, Astigua

EXPECTED.

Brig Caravan, Snow, Boston
George & Susan, Ward, Salem
Sch'r Friendship, Rydet, Boston
Ann-Maria, Chilton, Baltimore
Arrived, sch'r Nimble, Grant, 10 days from Halifax, (N. S.) left in that port the sch'r William, Redcliff, to sail in 3 days for New-York.

The sale of the valuable property advertised by JOHN LODGON, Esq. on the first page, will take place To-morrow.

The sale of the house advertised by JOHN S. SPAIN on the first page, will take place To-morrow.

Attention!

The New-Hanover Troop of Horse, are ordered to attend a private meeting at the Court House at 8 o'clock, on Thursday evening next, to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

By order of the Captain,
MAY 12. D. FLEMING, Serj't.

Attention!

The Wilmington Volunteers, are ordered to attend a private meeting at the Court House at 8 o'clock, on Thursday evening next, to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

By order of the Captain,
MAY 12. WM. S. HASELL, Sec'y.

AUCTION.

THIS DAY, will be sold before the Subscribers door without reserve:—

- 3000 lbs. Coffee,
 - 3 uhds. Sugar,
 - 10 bbls. do.
 - 12 bbls. Cider,
 - 10 boxes Chocolate,
 - 3 bhd's. Malasses,
 - 10 boxes Soap,
 - 10 do. Candles,
 - 10 doz Spanish Segars,
- With a variety of Dry Goods.
March 12. LEVY & GOMEZ.

For Freight or Charter.

To any permitted port, The staunch and well found ship ENTERPRISE, Charles Treadwell, Master. For further particulars apply to Wm MITCHELL, Who has for sale, 20,000 wt best Coffee, 20 dz. Castor Oil, 6 double fortified nine pound Cartridges with cartridges complete. A few tons Logwood, May 12.

For Freight or Charter.

To any port in the United States, The remarkably fast sailing brig VIGILANT, Capt Hitchborn, will be ready to take on board a cargo on Wednesday morning, and will carry about 900 barrels. For particulars apply to the captain on board at Urquhart's wharf, or to ALEX'S HATRIDGE, Who has for sale, Six quarter casks L. P. Madeira Wine of superior quality, Cotton, Tobacco, Flour, Pork, Lard, Brandy and Oats. May 12.

Notice.

THE Subscriber, wishing to settle the business of Burgwin & Orme, requests all persons that are in arrears to said firm to call and settle their accounts by the 20th of June next, after which time they will be put in the hands of an officer to collect. All those having claims against the said firm will please deliver them for settlement to the subscriber, who will be ready at all times to attend to them. May 12. JAMES ORME.

Madeira Wine.

Two half Pipes and two quarter Casks old London Particular Madeira Wine, warranted genuine, and for sale by R. W. BROWN. ALSO, Coffee in bags, Sugar in Barrels, 1 bhd's. retailing Tobacco, and A quantity of SAWED LUMBER, Which will be sold in any way to suit purchasers. May 12.—31

Wilmington Prices Current.

MERCHANDISE.	quan. rated.	from	to
		D. C.	D. C.
Bacon,	Lb.	9	10
Beef,	Barrel	10	10 50
Brandy,	Gallon	80	85
Corn,	Bushel	65	70
Cotton, (upland)	Lb.	10	11
Flour, (new)	Barrel	7 50	8
Flaxseed,	Cask	10	12
Boards, (1 1-4 inch)	1000 ft.	10	
Scantling,	—	8	
Timber, (square pine)	ton	3	
Shingles, (cypress)	1000	1 50	
Staves, (w. o. hhd's)	—	20	24
do. ditto	—	5	10
w. o. bbls.	—	9	10
Heading, (w. o. hhd.)	—	20	25
Tar,	Barrel	1 60	
Pitch,	do	1 75	2
Turpentine,	320 lbs.	1 50	
Pork,	Barrel	11	12
Rum, (Jamaica, 4th pr)	Gallon	1 25	1 35
do. 3d proof	—	1 15	1 30
American ditto,	—	70	75
Rice,	100 lb	2 50	2 75
Salt, coarse	Bushel	60	65
do. Liverpool,	do.	70	75
Sugar, (Muscovado)	100 lb.	11	12
Tobacco,	100 lb.	2 50	3

For Freight or Charter.

To any port in the United States, The fast sailing Packet Schooner MARIA, Capt. Smith, will be ready to receive a cargo in all this week, and will be quickly dispatched. For particulars apply to the captain on board at Allan's wharf, or to ALEX'S HATRIDGE, May 12.

HARMONIC CONCERT.

A Concert of the Harmonic Society will take place on Friday evening next. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday evening at the Singing School. May 12. A HOSTLER, Sec'y.

Militia Notice.

The Officers and Privates composing the Wilmington Militia, are hereby ordered to appear properly armed and equip, at the law streets, on Saturday the 16th inst. at the usual place of parade, opposite the Cape-Fear Bank, precisely at 10 o'clock. Punctual attendance is expected. May 12. JOHN MITCHELL, Capt.

Stop Thief!

A copper-coloured fellow, named Isaac Murphy, last a cook on board the schooner Sally and Betsy, stole from the subscriber on Sunday evening last, six shirts, a new surcoat, a black silk vest and black cloth coat, a blue coat and pantaloons, and many other articles, and made his escape with them.—It is supposed he is concealing himself about the Sound. A reward of TEN DOLLARS will be given to whoever will arrest the said rogue, put him in jail, or deliver him to Capt. Golding. The said fellow has a scar on one side of his face, about the size of a quarter of a dollar. Wm. MAY. May 12.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Town, May 11, 1812.

EXTRACT from an act of the General Assembly passed in the year 1811 for the better regulation of the Town of Wilmington, &c. "Sec. VI. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid are authorized to lay and collect the following Taxes: For every permission to keep an ordinary two dollars, on every permission to retail liquors by the small measure, 2 dollars. THEREFORE ORDERED, That all persons keeping Ordinaries or retailing Liquors as afove described, do apply to the Commissioners of the town at their next meeting, being the 1st Thursday in June next ensuing, and receive permission for the same. Any person neglecting so to do shall be fined as the law directs. By order of the Commissioners, May 12. THOS. JALLENDER, T. Clk.

The Copartnership of Wilkinson & Gilpin will commence on the 1st May next, at the yard now occupied by Wilkinson & Gilbanks. In the Commission and Lumber business they will use every exertion to render pleasant sales to such friends as may put property into their hands. ANTHONY WILKINSON. WILLIAM GILPIN. Kingston, (Jan.) March 25, 1812.

Russia Sheetin' & Duck.

Of different qualities, Cables, Cordage, &c. For sale by D. SMITH, Feb 18

For Sale.

A Chair Horse, a Chair with Harness and a cart with tackle, or reasonable terms. Apply at this office. April 25.

Iron.

Just received a parcel of Waggon Tires, and for sale by D. SMITH, March 21