

to doubt that upon it depend all our improvements in the Physical Sciences.—What would be the state of the sciences of Law, Physics, Divinity, &c. were it not for the correct exercise of the reasoning powers? Human reason being “a ray of the eternal light,” it is certainly of the utmost importance to add to its illumination by all the means within our reach. It is also the great mark of distinction between man and the lower order of animals; and by it we are enabled to be useful to our fellow men, and to act according to the requirements of the great Architect of the Universe. Let me then recommend Metaphysical Science to the community at large, as a science which “exalts and expands the purest faculties of degenerate man.”

In the acquirement of knowledge, industry accomplishes every thing. Men of ordinary minds, by close application to study, will do wonders—while the idler, with the most brilliant genius, will lag behind without knowledge and wisdom. Industry, then, is a great virtue, as by it we can ascend the hill of Science, and sometimes enter the Temple of Fame.

QUINTILIANUS.

FOR THE CATAWBA JOURNAL.

Ye imitators! a servile herd.

HORACE.

Mr. Editor: The people of North-Carolina have often been represented as being under Virginia influence, and perhaps the charge may not be without foundation; although it is humbling to our pride to acknowledge it. This remark has been suggested, in consequence of observing the course pursued by the *Richmond Enquirer*, in dictating for North-Carolina, and the other States of the American Union. It is to be hoped that North-Carolina will not, in future, suffer herself to be a mere *cestui que trust* for Virginia, or that of any other State—she has long since arrived at a suitable age to put on the  *toga virilis*, and manage her own affairs. The mental and physical resources of North-Carolina are eminently calculated to give her a more elevated station in our confederacy of Republics than she has yet attained to; and for her credit, I sincerely hope they may be attended to with more intensity than formerly.

It is with States as with individuals, industry and an enterprising spirit will do much. The most superficial observer of events will readily acknowledge that our State lacks that efficient spirit of enterprise which has manifested itself in New-York, &c. Our Legislators have not pursued that wise and liberal policy which has proved so honorable and beneficial elsewhere; and this may be considered as a reason, paramount to all others, why we are rather in the back ground in regard to internal improvements, &c. I do not expect as great a Canal in this state as in New-York; but I do expect and sanguinely hope that our Legislature will never drop the subject of Internal Improvement until something is accomplished honorable and beneficial to our citizens.

Our past efforts were, in several respects, misdirected. Our operations should have commenced at the mouths of the rivers, or at least at the head of the navigation, and the funds expended in making the rivers navigable as far up stream as possible; by this process some benefit would be derivable from the funds expended. Judge Murphy has shewn, very plainly, why the operations were not carried on as above suggested. The stockholders would have their funds applied in opening the river near their respective places of abode! And this was done accordingly, and has, (so far as respects the Yadkin,) proved useless. These unfavorable circumstances should not deter us from renewed efforts. We have gained something in the school of experience, which may be turned to future profit.

While on the subject of internal improvement, I would also suggest the propriety of creating a school fund in our state, not on paper only, but to have a corporate and beneficial existence. Here I may cite the New-England States, as an example worthy of imitation. Schools are common there in every county, and the indigent as well as the affluent are all educated. This is certainly a great blessing. Education ennobles and expands the purest faculties of fallen man, and enables him to act his part wisely in the scale of being. I would earnestly recommend this interesting subject to our legislators, and our citizens generally.

In reference to the Richmond Enqui-

ref, &c. at the commencement of this article, my intention is merely to disintegrate North-Carolina from following in the wake of Virginia, in her choice of a Chief Magistrate of the United States. I wish North-Carolinians to think and act for themselves in State and National Politics. Let us not be again reproached as ‘humble imitators of the Ancient Dominion.’

A NATIVE CAROLINIAN.

**New York Trials.**—Among the persons whose names were implicated in the recent indictments in the City of New York, for alleged conspiracy to defraud certain moneyed institutions, were Samuel L. Gouverneur, Esq. and General Joseph Swift. In regard to the former, a *nolle prosequi* was lately entered by the District Attorney, from a declared conviction of his entire innocence. The latter was, at his own request, separately and immediately put upon his trial. The result of a trial of one or two days has been a triumphant and honorable verdict of acquittal, rendered on Thursday last, which has been received with universal satisfaction. We cannot but think, that, in regard to these trials generally, and even in the origination of the indictments, public prejudice, highly excited, has had too influential an operation. This opinion derives strength from the fact that two-thirds of the jury that convicted some of the citizens implicated, declared in court, at the time they were impanelled, that they were prejudiced against the accused. With such a declaration, how could an impartial verdict be expected? On General Swift's trial, one gentleman was challenged for favor, and excluded from the jury, because he declared that he had examined the law, and could find nothing to convict the accused, but that he felt satisfied he could render an impartial verdict, both on the law and the evidence, as it should appear on the trial.

Stripped of all he possessed, by the explosion of a company in which he had invested it, consolation is yet left to General Swift in the reflection that his character is redeemed from even the suspicion of reproach in these transactions.

Nat. Intell.

In the afternoon of the 7th inst. Mr. Alvin Bradley, aged fifty, rode from his residence, in the west part of Hamden, Conn. to the Steps, (so called) on the turnpike road to Farmington, where he intended to transact some business at Kimberly's store, or at the mill. The workmen on the Canal were blasting rocks at the Steps. Notice being given that there was to be a discharge, Mr. B. ran to a horse shed to stand by his horse, which he feared would be frightened and break from his fastening. The shed was ten rods from, and faced opposite to, the rocks; but unfortunately a stone, (which is said to weigh 700 lbs) was thrown so far as to fall on and pass thorough the roof of the shed, by which Mr. B. was crushed to death instantly. Mr. B. was a very respectable, enterprising, and industrious farmer. His loss is severely felt by his family and friends.

Conn. Register.

On the 2nd ult. 55 miles below Cincinnati, the boiler of the Steamboat Union burst, from which four persons were instantly killed and seven others badly wounded. The boiler having passed through her fore-castle by the explosion, caused her to sink immediately.

We shall hereafter publish no marriage, unless authorized to do so, either verbally or in writing, by one of the parties or connexions. A regulation of this kind seems to be the only method of guarding against mistakes; and we are led to adopt it, from having published in our last a notice of a marriage (of Capt. Stephen Manson, to Miss Margaret Lees,) which we have since learnt is incorrect. We had previously adopted the rule, to publish no marriage but on the authority of a responsible name; but others, it appears, are liable to be misinformed as well as we.

In future, no deaths will be published in this paper, but such as are communicated, or copied from other papers.

MARRIED.

On Thursday, the 14th of December last, by Henry C. Kern, Esq. Mr. James Swisher, to Miss Mary Jacobs, all of Rowan County.

THE  
CHRISTIAN ALMANACK,  
FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
1827,  
Calculated for the Meridian of Raleigh.  
For sale at this Office.

House of Entertainment,



AND Stage House, at the sign of the Eagle, in Charlotte, North-Carolina, by J. J. B. ROBERT WATSON.

#### LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the Post Office at Charlotte, N. C. January 1, 1827.

Amos Alexander, James Asbury 3,  
Maj. Thos. Alexander, James Ames 3,  
Joseph Armstrong, Malinda Alexander,  
Isaac or Dan Alexander.  
James Black, Jacob Bostain 2,  
James Blunt, John Buoy,  
Mary Barringer 2, William Bostwick 3,  
Matthew Bain, John Black,  
Upton Byram, Richard Boiles,  
Polado Brinkle, James Boys,  
Zachens Barnes, Marian Black.  
Fleet Cox, Dr. David T. Caldwell,  
Dr. P. C. Caldwell, David Cross,  
Messrs. Coleman & Greer, John Caston,  
David Colter, Capt. Cook,  
Harvey Cannada.  
Thomas Dunn, John A. Dickson,  
Samuel Duffy, Jacob Dewlin,  
Elizabeth Daniel, James Dinkins 2,  
Robert Dinkins, Daniel Dougherty,  
Lewis Dinkins.  
Charles Elms, jr. E. Richard C. Edmonson.  
Joseph Elms 2, F. William Flinn,  
John Faires, H. Foster,  
Nancy Flowers, James Ferrier,  
Robert Faires, G. Moses V. Grant,  
Daniel Gallant 2, Col. Thos. Greer, jr.  
Moses Green, H. Thomas Houston,  
William Hutchison, Daniel Hyams,  
Dr. S. M. Henderson 2, John Hippi,  
William Harris, Henry Hartis,  
John Hartgrove, Elam Hunter,  
Henry Hoover, K. Marcus Kennedy,  
Sarah W. Kinchell, David Karr,  
Ephraim Kendrick, L. Jean Lemmond,  
David S. Karr, John Lowry,  
Margaret A. Lowrie, M. Ann McLure 2,  
William Luckey, Daniel McLure,  
Hugh McLure, William McGee,  
Joseph McLure, Alex. Monteith,  
Wm. McCard, Thomas Moore,  
James Morrison, Matthew Miller,  
David McDaniel, Eliza McKee,  
Philemon Morris, Benjamin Morrow,  
Robert McKinley, N. Mary Nowlin,  
John Norment, Moses Neely,  
Herman S. Noble, O. Nathan Orr,  
Pamilla Newby, P. Rev. Walter S. Pharr,  
John Peoples,  
Col. William Porter,  
Catharine Pharr, R. Dr. Joseph Ross,  
John Rogers,  
Alex. Robinson,  
John Roberson, S. Hugh Smith,  
Richard S. Rigs,  
Hugh & Eli Stewart,  
William P. Springs,  
William Smith, T. Silas Templeton,  
W. P. P. Waugh,  
Isaac Wilson,  
Francis Wilson,  
James Wilson, WM. SMITH, P. M.

Joseph Pritchard 3, Rev. Walter S. Pharr,  
Thomas Park, John Peoples,  
Washington Plummer, Col. William Porter,  
Samuel Porter, Catharine Pharr,  
Wm. L. Patton, R. Dr. Joseph Ross,  
Joseph Reed, John Rogers,  
Amelia Russ, Alex. Robinson,  
William Rives, John Roberson,  
William Robison, S. Hugh Smith,  
Richard S. Rigs,  
Hugh & Eli Stewart,  
William P. Springs,  
William Smith, T. Silas Templeton,  
W. P. P. Waugh,  
Isaac Wilson,  
Francis Wilson,  
James Wilson, WM. SMITH, P. M.

Sh'ff. of Mecklenburg 2, Hugh Smith,  
Green Smith, Richard S. Rigs,  
John Seerist, Hugh & Eli Stewart,  
John Sample, William P. Springs,  
Elizabeth Shillds, William Smith,  
Elijah B. Setzer, T. Silas Templeton,  
Maria W. Taylor, W. P. P. Waugh,  
Henry Tomson, Isaac Wilson,  
Robert Watson, Francis Wilson,  
Rev. John M. Wilson, 2 James Wilson,  
William Walker, WM. SMITH, P. M.

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LETTERS  
Remaining in the Post Office in Lincolnton,  
N. C. 1st January, 1827.

Henry Asbury, Martha Abernathy,  
Bartholomew Abernathy.  
B. Jacob Burns,  
Henry Butts,  
Mary Baker,  
Francis Beattie,  
Henry Banich,  
Mathias Baringer,  
John Butts,  
John Handy,  
C. Thomas Crow,  
Daniel Cam.  
D. Forney & Abernathy,  
G. Philip Gross 2,  
Daniel Hudson,  
Henry Hoss,  
I. Sarah Isler.  
K. James Kingcade,  
L. Jacob Lutz 2,  
Samuel Lutz,  
Levi Lockman,  
John Murphy, P. & R. John Rankin,  
Dr. E. Reese,  
William Roberts,  
David Russel,  
Catherine Robinson,  
Henry Hoop, S. George Summey,  
Martin Shuford,  
John Sanders,  
T. Catharine Thornbury,  
V. & W. H. L. Willis,  
D. REINHARDT, P. M.

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Notice  
I hereby given, that the sale of the White House, and of the land contiguous thereto, is postponed until the 20th day of January next, when we, the undersigned executors of the late Robert Simonton, will sell absolutely, the above land which contains about  
700 ACRES.

This sale is made in pursuance of a decree of the Court of Equity of this county, and a credit will be given of one and two years to the purchaser. Persons desirous of purchasing a farm in a healthy country, and in the centre of good society, would do well to attend this sale.  
GEORGE L. DAVIDSON,  
THEOPHILUS FALLS,  
JAMES CAMPBELL.  
Traded Co. Dec. 14, 1826—3115.

#### POST-OFFICE, CHARLOTTE, January 6, 1827.

THOSE indebted to this Office, either for Letter or Newspaper Postage, are requested to call, without delay, and settle their respective dues. Such as do not attend to this notice, must not expect any farther credit. In no case, hereafter, will a letter be delivered until the postage is paid, except to such as have regular accounts; and accounts will be kept with those only who live within a convenient distance, are known to be punctual, and whose postages are sufficiently large to warrant the trouble.

Those who receive newspapers through this Office, and neglect to call and pay the postage due on them, must expect to have their papers retained hereafter, unless the postage is paid jointly in advance. In respect to such, the subjoined instruction from the General Post-Office will be strictly adhered to:—

“Experience has proved how inattentive many people are to the payment of such small debts as arise from trusting the postages of newspapers; you are therefore not to give credit. To save in future any trouble or inconvenience, it will be proper for you to require the subscribers who receive papers through your office, at the commencement of every quarter, to pay the amount of one quarter's subscription in advance, and without such payment in advance, not to deliver them any newspapers, even though they tender you the money for them singly.”  
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#### Notice.

As the subscriber intends shortly to move from this place, he wishes all who are indebted to him, to make immediate settlement. Those who cannot settle with cash, can have an opportunity of settling by giving their notes, if application be made before the next February court. After that, all book accounts will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. Those who are indebted to the association of McKenize & Caldwell, must make immediate payment, as a further indulgence need not be expected.  
DAVID T. CALDWELL.  
Charlotte, January 4, 1827.—3115

#### DISSOLUTION.

THE copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of COOPER & M'GINN, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons who stand indebted to said firm, are called on for immediate payment, as longer indulgence will not be given.  
ADAM COOPER,  
AMZI M'GINN.  
Charlotte, Jan. 1, 1827.—3115

#### Drugs, Medicines, &c.

HAVILAND & ASHFIELD  
OFFER,  
AT 304, KING-STREET,  
AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF  
Drugs & Medicines.

—ALSO—  
108 Kegs White LEAD, warranted pure,  
385 Do. do. good,  
160 Do. Spanish Brown,  
80 Do. Venetian Red,  
20 Bbls. Whiting, English,  
25 Do. Linseed Oil, Philadelphia.  
10 Hhds. Copperas,  
18 Kegs Verdigris,  
75 Do. Yellow Ochre,  
1200 Lbs. Putty, in bladders,  
4 Bbls. Coal and Japan Varnish,  
8 Bbls. Spirits of Turpentine,  
4 Hhds. Lamp Black,  
407 Boxes Window Glass, embracing all sizes, from 7 by 9, to 22 by 28. Logwood in stick and chipped; chipped Camwood; Nicaragua; Fustic; Redwood; Indigo; Spanish and Carolina;—Fullers' and Dyers' articles of all kinds.  
H. & A. can inform Merchants and other Dealers, that they are daily receiving additions to their stock from their house in New-York, and fancy that inducements are afforded to purchasers to call as above.  
Charlotte, Dec. 20, 1826.—3mft25.

#### Clerks of the Superior Courts,

AND other gentlemen holding subscriptions to the NEW MAP OF NORTH-CAROLINA, are requested to return the same by the 1st of January next. They will be so good as to present them, in the mean time, to such persons as will be likely to patronize the work, who have not had an opportunity of doing so already. The price to non-subscribers will be \$10. Very few, however, more than those subscribed for, will be printed. To remove any objection that may be urged against subscribing, the publisher wishes it to be understood, that none of the subscribers will be held bound, if the MAP is not correctly drawn, finished in the best manner, and of the best materials.  
From the returns already received, the publisher is warranted in believing, that a subscription of not less than one thousand names will be obtained in North-Carolina, among whom are, His Excellency the Governor, all the Officers of the State Government residing at the metropolis, the Members of both Houses of the Legislature, a liberal proportion of the Professional Gentlemen, a large number of that most respectable class of citizens, the Farmers, and generally the Merchants and Traders of our Towns, to whom a correct Map of the State is particularly desirable.

The publisher takes this opportunity to acknowledge his obligations for the polite attention which has been uniformly paid to his applications for assistance in the prosecution of his work, and especially to those gentlemen who have interested themselves in procuring the surveys of the several counties. Any information communicated to benefit the work will be thankfully received.  
JOHN MAC RAE.  
Fayetteville, Dec. 13, 1826.—2013.

#### Public Sale.

Will be sold, on Tuesday, the 9th of January next, at the late dwelling of Oswald Alexander, deceased, the perishable property of said deceased, consisting of  
Horses, Cattle, Hogs,  
Sheep, &c.  
A reasonable credit will be given, purchasers giving bond with approved security.  
ISAAC CAMPBELL, Adm'r.  
Dec. 21, 1826.—2115.

#### THE MARKETS.

Fayetteville, Dec. 27—Cotton, 9 a 9; Bacon, 14 1/2; Coffee, 17 a 19; Corn, (old) 50 a 70—new, 50 a 60; Flour, 5 1/2 a 6; Iron, 5 1/2 a 6; Lard, 12 1/2; Molasses, 42 a 45; Nails, 7 a 8; Sugar, common, 10 a 10 1/2; prime, 11 a 12; Salt, Liv. 80 a 90—T. Island, 75 a 80; Wheat, 1.05 a 1.10; Whiskey, 50.  
Charlottesville, Dec. 28.—Cotton, 8 a 9; Corn, 65 a 75; Bacon, 12; Flour, 7 a 9; Lard, 12 a 15.  
Camden, Dec. 30.—Cotton, 8 a 9; Corn, 60 a 75; Bacon, 12 1/2 a 15; Brandy, peach, 65 a 75—apple do. 60 a 65; Beeswax, 25 a 28; Coffee, 18 a 23; Flour, 7 1/2 a 8 1/2; Iron, 6 1/2 a 7; Molasses, 50 a 56; Sugar, brown, 11 a 14; Salt, 75 a 87; Wheat, 1, 25 a 1, 50.  
Wheat, Dec. 26.—Cotton, 10 1/2; Bacon, 8 a 9; Beeswax, 26 a 28; Apple Brandy, 38; Corn, 60 a 65; Coffee, prime green, 17 a 18; inferior to good, 13 a 16; Iron, 4 1/2 a 5; Molasses, 30 a 34; Sugar, brown, 8 1/2 a 9; Muscovado, 9 a 10; Salt, Liv. 42—T. Island, 50; Whiskey, 36 a 37 1/2.  
N. Carolina Bank Bills—1 1/2 a 2 per cent. discount.  
Georgia do.—1 a 1 1/2 per cent. discount.

#### Negro Hiring.

I WILL hire, on the tenth day of January next, at the house of Mrs. Obadience Dinkins, a number of likely negroes, until the 1st of January, 1828.

NAT. T. GREEN.

Dec. 19, 1826.—3113.

N. B. I have left all my notes in the hands of Washington Morrison, Esq. for settlement.

#### Payment must be made.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, either by note or book account, are requested to settle the same immediately, as a farmer can as well manage his farm without provisions, as a merchant carry on his business without money. Those who neglect this friendly notice, will next be reminded of their obligations by a tap on the shoulder.  
DAVID PARKS.  
Charlotte, Dec. 21, 1826.—3113.

#### State of North-Carolina.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

David Blalock, }  
vs. } Nancy Blalock. }  
Petition for Divorce.  
IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Nancy Blalock, the defendant, is not an inhabitant of this State: It is therefore ordered by court, that publication be made three months in the Catawba Journal, giving notice to her, that she make her personal appearance before the Judge of our Superior Court of Law, at the next court to be held for the said county of Lincoln, at the Court-House in Lincolnton, on the 4th Monday after the 4th Monday of March next, then and there to answer or demur to the said petition; otherwise it will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte, and adjudged accordingly.  
Witness, Lawson Henderson, Clerk of said Court, at Lincolnton, the 4th Monday after the 4th Monday of September, A. D. 1826, and in the 51st year of our Independence.  
LAWSON HENDERSON.  
3m't 20.—pr. adv. \$4.

#### State of North-Carolina,

RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

Superior Court of Law, October Term, 1826.  
John Bradley, }  
vs. } Joshua Souther and the heirs }  
of John Miller, deceased. }  
Petition to vacate a grant.  
IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Samuel Lowrie and wife, Susannah Lowrie and John F. Miller, the heirs and representatives of John Miller, deceased, are not inhabitants of the State: It is therefore ordered by Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the Catawba Journal, for them to be as appear at our next Superior Court of Law, to be holden in Rutherford County, on the 3d Monday after the 4th Monday in March next, then and there to plead, answer or demur; that said petition will be taken pro confesso and heard, as to them, ex parte. Witness, James Morris, Clerk of said Court, at office, this 14th November, A. D. 1826. JAMES MORRIS, Clerk.  
6t'14—pr. adv. \$3.

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#### Public Entertainment.

THE subscriber informs his friends and the public, that he has purchased that well known establishment, lately owned and occupied by Dr. Henderson, and is now prepared to entertain travellers and others, who may please to call on him; and no exertions will be spared to render them comfortable, and their stay agreeable. His table will be furnished with every variety which the country affords; his beer with the best of liquors; and his stables with plenty of provender, and careful servants will be in constant attendance.  
ROBERT L. DINKINS.  
Charlotte, April 20, 1826. \*39

#### Rufner's Strictures.

JUST PUBLISHED, and for sale at this office, “Strictures on a book, entitled, ‘An Apology for the Book of Psalms,’ by Gilbert McMaster.” To which are added, Remarks on a book, [the Alexander Gordon] entitled ‘The design and use of the Book of Psalms.’ By HENRY RUFNER, A. M. With an Appendix by JOHN M. WILSON, pastor of Rocky River and Philadelphia.