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**The Mecklenburg Declaration.**  
A few days since, in the Senate, Mr. Shepard submitted a Report from the Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Governor, in relation to the Colonial and Revolutionary History of North Carolina, accompanied by the following highly interesting letter from Mr. Bancroft, the American Minister at London, to the Hon. David L. Swain, of this State. The letter is as follows:

99 EATON SQUARE, LONDON, July 4, 1848.

My Dear Sir: I hold it in good augury, that your letter of the 12th of June reached me by the Herman, just in time to be answered this morning.

You may be sure that I have spared no pains to discover in the British State Paper Office copy of the Resolves of the Committee of Mecklenburg; and with entire success. A glance at the Map will show you that, in those days, the traffic of that part of North Carolina took southerly direction, and people in Charleston, and sometimes even in Savannah, knew what was going on in "Charlotte Town," before Governor Martin. The first account of "the extraordinary Resolves, by the people in Charlotte Town, Mecklenbury County," was sent over to England, by Sir James Wright, then Governor of Georgia, in a letter of the 20th of June, 1775. The newspaper thus translated is still preserved, and is the number 498 of the South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal, Tuesday June 13, 1775.

I read the Resolves you may be sure, with reverence, and immediately obtained a copy of them; thinking myself the sole discoverer. I do not send you the copy, as it is identically the same with the paper which you enclosed to me; but I forward to you a transcript of the entire letter of Sir James Wright. The newspaper seems to have reached him after he had finished his despatch, for the paragraph relating to it is added in his own hand-writing, the former part of the letter being written by a Secretary or Clerk.

I have read a great many papers relating to the Regulators; and am having copies made of a large number. Your own State ought to have them all, and the expense would be for the State insignificant; if it does not send an Agent on purpose. A few hundred dollars would cover all you need from the State Paper Office on all North Carolina topics. The Regulators are, on many accounts, important. Their complaints were well founded, and were so acknowledged, though their oppressors were only nominally punished.

They form the connecting link between resistance to the Swamp Act, and the movement of 1775; and they also played a glorious part in taking possession of the Mississippi valley, towards which they were carried irresistibly by their love of independence. It is a mistake, if any have supposed, that the Regulators were cowed down by their defeat at the Allesance. Like the mammoth, they shook the bolt from their brow, and crossed the mountains.

I shall always be glad to hear from you, and to be of use to you or your State.

Very truly yours,  
GEORGE BANCROFT.  
D. L. SWAIN, Esq.  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina."

The above letter establishes the fact beyond all question, that Independence was first proclaimed in Mecklenburg, North Carolina, in May, 1775.

The letter of Sir James Wright, referred to by Mr. Bancroft, closes as follows: "By the enclosed paper, your Lordship will see the extraordinary Resolves of the people of Charlotte Town, in Mecklenburg County; and I should not be surprised if the same should be done every where else." —N. C. Standard.

COL. ROBERT T. PAIN.

However tardy, perhaps, they may have been hitherto, manifestations are now daily multiplying of the appreciation in which the services and character of the Officer whose name heads this paragraph, are held by the People of that State, whose

Regiment, in Mexico, he did so much to elevate. The malignity of certain political foes at Home, may have the effect temporarily to retard tributes to that merit which is so eminently his; but the resolution and proper estimate of the same will remain long after their virulence will have been forgotten:

We had the gratification of being present at the presentation to Col. Paine, on Thursday last, of a most rich and superb pair of silver Pitchers, by the patriotic citizens of Wilmington, through the hands of their Committee, composed of messrs. Wright, T. D. Meares, and Robert H. Cowan. The people of that whole-souled community have thus added to the enviable reputation which they have always sustained, of being foremost in every act which could redound to the credit of the State.

The Presentation Address was delivered by Robert H. Cowan, Esq., and we are quite sure that we reflect the sentiments of all who heard it when we pronounce it to have been equally beautiful and feeling in its conception, and handsome and chaste in its delivery. Our sister of Wilmington was as fortunate in the selection of her Representatives upon the occasion, as she has shown herself generous in bestowing honors upon the meritorious and deserving. The reply of Col. Paine, who

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was much affected, was characterized by a grateful sense of the honor paid him.—*Raleigh Register.*

**Supreme Court.**—This tribunal convened in this City on Monday last, all the Judges present. The following gentlemen have been admitted to County Court practice:

Thomas Webb, of Hillsborough; L. D. Pender, of Tarboro; William Cook, of Chatham; John B. Bynum, of Northampton; John D. Hyman, of Edgecomb; Rufus W. Wharton, of Guilford; Joseph S. Cannon, of Perquimans; Alexander McLean, of Robeson; Menaleus Lankford, of Franklin; J. B. Benbury, Edenton; William S. Bryan, of Raleigh; R. K. Bryan, of Fayetteville; Thos. Beckwith, Plymouth; C. N. Davis, Marion; A. W. Burton, Lincoln; J. R. Stubbs, Beaufort; H. DeK. Cabiniss, Shelby; H. B. Hardy, Windsor; Jasper W. Davis, Stokes County; DeWitt C. Stone, Louisburg; Thomas C. Manning, Edenton; George B. Wetmore, Richmond County; Jesse P. Smith and Ralph Buxton, Fayetteville; J. Marshall Clement, Mocksville; James G. Scott, Greensboro'; Joseph Branch Batchelor, Halifax; and William C. Hunter, Newbern.—*Register.*

## COMPLIMENT TO COL. PAIN.

Our readers were informed some months since, that many of the friends of Colonel Paine in this place, had it in contemplation, to show their appreciation of his gallant services, by some suitable public demonstration. The presentation of a pair of silver pitchers, was finally resolved on, and we are happy to be able to state, that the pitchers are now in this place. They are extremely beautiful, chaste and rich; and are the more appropriate, because of their great durability.

They will soon be delivered to Colonel Paine in Raleigh, and our townsmen Messrs. Wm. A. Wright, Thos. D. Meares and Robt. W. Cowan have been selected to perform the grateful task of presenting them.—*Wil. Com.*

**THE CLIMATE OF FLORIDA.**—The editor of the St. Augustine Herald on the 14th ultimo mentions the receipt of some beautiful "guava," two cotton blooms, and specimens of sugar, besides having seen a half-blown-peach, and having figs within reach of his office window—all the product of Florida in the month of December.

The Tallahassee Sentinel states that it was not until the morning after Christmas that the atmosphere at that place put on a "spice of chilliness." The weather, which was rather unseasonable, had caused the sprouting of the mulberry trees and garden vegetables of all sorts, and even ripe strawberries had been found in the woods, on the outskirts of the town.

## CAUGHT AT LAST!

The three swindlers who have been prowling about in the counties of Moore, Cumberland, Robeson, and Richmond, in North Carolina, and in Marlborough District in this State, for several weeks past, were arrested on Friday last and committed to the Jail of Richmond county. They had succeeded in passing off several hundred dollars in ten dollar counterfeit bills on the Bank of Cape Fear, one hundred dollars of which was paid to Mr. Charles Dry, of Union county N. C., in the District of Marlborough S. C., for a horse, and \$180, to Mr. Noah Gibson, of Richmond, for a couple of horses. We have been unable to learn any of the particulars, further than the above, and that they had refused to give their names or answer any questions whatever. The country is rife with such swindlers, and the people should be upon the lookout.—*Charter Gazette.*

**THE LEGISLATURE OF KENTUCKY.**—The Legislature of the State of Kentucky is now in session. Though we have not the particulars of its organization, which are lumbering along in the mail bags, we know, per Telegraph, that the Hon. Thomas Metcalfe, now holding a seat in the Senate by appointment of the Executive, (filling the seat lately occupied by Mr. Crittenden,) has been elected by the Legislature to serve out the residue of that Senatorial term. It will expire, we are sorry to say, on the 3rd of March next.—*Nat. Int.*

An anecdote which has been the rounds of the papers has just started again. It relates to the Rev. Dr. Kirk, of Boston, who officiated on Sunday in the Rev. Mr. Beecher's church, viz: Early in life, a lady of fortune, whose attention was awakened towards him by his conspicuous talents, wrote him a note, offering her heart, fortune and hand. The Rev. Dr. Kirk, however, with more terseness than gallantry, replied to her, that she had better give her heart to the Lord, her fortune to the church, and reserve her hand for him who should ask it.

Hon. James C. Dobbin and C. B. Hassell, Esq., have been elected, by the Legislature, Trustees of the University. Two yet remain to be chosen.

## STATE LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY, Jan. 2.  
SENATE.

The bill to incorporate Statesville Male Academy, in Iredell, passed its 1st reading.

Mr. Woodfin modified his amendment, after which, further proceedings were suspended by a message from the other House, and the Senate proceeded to the special order, being the election of 4 Trustees of the University.

Mr. Albright, from the Committee appointed to superintend the election for four Trustees of the University, reported that Mr. Dobbin was duly elected, and no one else had a majority.

Third reading and passage of bills: To incorporate the Camden Guards; to revive an act to incorporate the town of Trent Bridge, in Jones; to amend the laws in relation to the collection of taxes in the town of Newbern.

Second reading and passage of bills: To incorporate the town of Salisbury; to incorporate Davidson Mining and Smelting Company.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the bill in relation to the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad was made the order of the day for Friday next.

The bill to provide for the payment of the debts of the State to the Bank of Cape Fear and Bank of the State, and other liabilities for endorsement for the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, &c., was read the 2d time, amended, on motion of Mr. Shepard and passed.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the bill was read the third time.

Mr. Thompson, of Wake, moved to lay the bill upon the table, which motion was rejected by a large majority. The bill then passed.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Smith moved to take up the bill to unite Roanoke Rail Road and the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Companies. Carried.

Mr. Smith offered an amendment, which was adopted. The bill as amended passed its second reading.

Mr. Mebane announced to the House the arrival of Hamilton C. Jones, member from Rowan, elected in the place of Jno. W. Ellis.

Mr. Jones was then invited to the Clerk's desk and after being duly qualified, took his seat.

Mr. Smith moved to put the bill which had just passed its 2d reading, on its 3d reading. Carried; and the bill passed its third and last reading.

Mr. Blow moved to take up and consider the bill to impose an additional tax on the vendors of foreign made riding vehicles. Carried.

Mr. Wadsworth moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance. Upon this question there was a short discussion between Messrs. Mebane, Courts, Blow, Stevenson and Stanly. The Speaker cut short the debate, by announcing the arrival of the hour for taking up the joint order—the election of Trustees. And the House then proceeded to ballot.

The Speaker announced the hour for taking up the special order of the day, the bill to establish the Bank of Fayetteville. On motion of Mr. Dobbin the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The House then assumed the consideration of the bill in relation to foreign made vehicles—the question being on the motion of Mr. Wadsworth to refer the bill to Committee on Finance—which did not prevail.

Mr. Wadsworth, moved to amend by striking out \$100 and insert \$50. Carried.

The bill then passed its third reading.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1849.

SENATE.

Mr. Ashe moved to take up the Senate and consider the bill to locate the Judges of the Superior Courts.

The bill was read the second time and passed. It provides that in all elections of Judges hereafter, the choice shall be made from some one circuit in which no Judge resides, &c.

The bill to provide for making a Turnpike road from Salisbury West to the line of the State of Georgia, passed its third reading. Ayres 26, Noes 20.

Mr. Gilmer moved to take up and consider the bill supplementary to the act of the present session dividing the county of Stokes. The question being on the substitute proposed by the Judiciary Committee.

A discussion of some length commenced here between Messrs. Gilmer and Exum, in favor, and Messrs. Reich and Thomas, of Davidson, against the substitute, to whom Mr. Gilmer made a short rejoinder, and was followed by Mr. Thomas, of Davidson. After which Mr. Patterson gave notice of an amendment, he desired to offer to the original bill when it shall come up. Mr. P. explained and advocated his amendment.

The question was then taken on striking out the original bill, and determining in the negative, Yeas 19, Nays 26.

The question recurred on the passage of the supplemental bill, when

Mr. Woodfin offered an additional section to the bill, which produced some discussion, and after being modified by the

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Williams moved to take up and consider the bill to establish the Bank of Fayetteville. Carried.

Mr. Caldwell of Guilford moved to amend the bill by striking out \$300,000 and insert \$600,000.—Adopted.

Mr. Dobbin offered several amendments which were adopted.

The bill as amended passed its 2d reading by a vote of 81 in the affirmative to 27 in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Rowan the bill was put upon its third reading.

Mr. Mebane moved to strike out the word "equivalent" and insert "specie"—Rejected.—The bill passed 3d reading.

THURSDAY, Jan. 4.  
SENATE.

Mr. Patterson reported, that C. B. Hayes was elected a Trustee of the University.

Mr. Lane, a bill to incorporate the town of Ashboro, in Randolph.

The Senate then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Patterson in the chair, and took up the bill to incorporate the North Carolina Railroad Company, and for other purposes. Several amendments were then proposed and adopted.

Mr. Gilmer proposed to strike out "two millions" and insert "three" in the 65th line of the 15th section, and to alter other provisions of the bill so as to accord with making the capital Stock of the Company three millions. The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Gilmer then moved another amendment, to the effect, that, in certain circumstances, the Treasurer should be authorized to subscribe one and a half Millions, giving the State two thirds of the Capital Stock. The amendment was rejected.

The Committee then rose, and reported the bill to the House, with the amendments, which were agreed to.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Kelly presented a memorial from some Religious society, and moved its reference to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Miller moved to lay on the table, the Chair stated that the memorial would be over until to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell presented a memorial in relation to the Militia. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. White introduced a bill to repair an act to establish Poor work house in the counties of Jones and Randolph. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hayman introduced a bill to authorize Major Jno. Clark, of Beaufort, to make a road. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Regan introduced a bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors in the vicinity of Floral College. Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Ferebee introduced a bill to provide for the establishment of a Medical Board in North Carolina; which, on motion of Mr. F., was ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

## EVENING SESSION.

Mr. McDowell, of Iredell, moved to make the bill to establish the new county of Graham the order of the day for Saturday next. Carried.

Mr. Cherry, from the Committee on Education, reported favorably to the bill to authorize the Superintendents of Common Schools for the County of Rowan to invest part of their funds. Passed its second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth moved to take up and consider the bill to establish the Bank of Fayetteville. Carried.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill on its second reading, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. \*Albright, Ashe, Bell, Daniel, Davidson, Gilmer, Halsey, Hargrove, \*Hawkins, Joyner, Lane, Miller, Patterson, Shepard, Smaw, Thomas, of Davidson, Thomas, of Haywood, \*Thompson, of Wake, Washington, Woodfin, and Worth.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs. Barnard, Berry, Bethel, Bower, Collins, Conner, Drake, Exum, Faison, Graham, Hester, Kendall, Moye, Murchison, Reich, Rogers, Smith, Speight, Spicer, Thompson, of Bertie, Walker, Ward, Watson, Willey, and Wooten.—25.

The engrossed resolutions approving of the project of A. Whitney, for a Railroad to the Pacific Ocean, being read. Mr. Shepard moved to lay them on the table alongside of the North Carolina Railroad bill. Decided in the affirmative, by Yeas 40, Noes 6.

The Chair presented a message from Governor Manly, enclosing a letter from Miss Dix, in reply to the resolutions of the General Assembly.

And the Senate adjourned.

mover was opposed by Mr. Smith. The amendment was rejected.