

MISCELLANEOUS

For the Free Press.

TO MY FRIEND B—

The other day, I chanc'd to see
A little piece of poetry:
It sung that Harriet Wilds & Flood,
Had fought disease & bravely stood;
Glad tidings these to him, no doubt,
Who wrote; or found the secret out.
I only write that you may see
My specimen of poetry;
For poets only write for fame;
Their wealth is only a great name.
I've seen the time, when I could
wield
My pen, like Hercules his shield:
I've seen the time when with re-
nown,
I hurl'd my darts at Buzzard town;
It's stables, domes, with thund'ring
roar,
Prostrate they fell, to rise no more:
But time, that ever eating moth,
Has put an end to sprightly youth.
Tho', even now, I scarce refrain
From writing verse on Tommy Pain;
Not him, whose energetic mind,
Explains'd the rights of all mankind;
But—why recoil, my little muse,
Why thus to me your aid refuse?
You are correct; 'tis all in vain
To write on themes of useless Pain:
Then halt, Pegasus, let him pass,
My muse forbids you—kick an ***.

Elegy on the

DEATH OF LORD BYRON.

Rear high thy bleak majestic hills,
Thy shelter'd vallies proudly
spread;
And, England, pour thy thousand
rills,
And wave thy heaths with bloss-
oms red.
But ah! what poet now shall tread
Thy airy heights, thy wide domain;
Since he, the sweetest bard, is dead,
That ever breath'd the soothing
strain.
Hang your harps o'er the waters to
weep,
The sweetest of poets is dead!
He slumbers in death's silent sleep,
And the cypress waves over his
head!
Drop, ye willows, your pearls o'er
his tomb,
All nature in sadness appear;
Let the moon be envelop'd in gloom,
And its halo be dimm'd with a tear!
The bard who so late strung his lyre
The cold urn shall wrap in its
breast;
The bosom which love did inspire,
Eternity points to its rest!
No more the sweet maidens of
Greece,
Enraptur'd, shall dwell on his
name;
The harp, with its master's at
peace,
And lost its Promethean flame!
No friend of his youth closed his
eyes,
Nor soften'd his pillow of care;
No wife mingl'd tears with his sighs,
Nor child of his bosom was there!
That heart which for liberty
breath'd,
Lies embalm'd in the land of the
brave;
Whose sword shall never be
sheath'd,
'Till it vanquish the coward and
slave!

BANK SCHEMERS.

The abundance of capital in
England is such, that is seeking
employment in any manner
that promises to yield even a
moderate interest. The natural
consequence is that many pro-
jects are devised, and companies
formed for carrying them into
execution, which are mere traps
for the money of those who
have more capital than they
know what to do with. By and
by, say the London editors they
will, one after another, explode,
leaving in the hands of the last
holders of the stocks a "beggar-
ly account of empty boxes." To
such an extent does this mania
rage in England at present, that
it is said even to exceed in
extravagance, that of the famous
South Sea scheme, and to pro-
mise a termination scarcely less
ruinous.
The same scene, on a smaller
scale, is now exhibited in our
London, the city of New York.
The amount of the capital of in-
corporated Banks and Insurance

Companies, one sort or other, in
the city of New-York, is, at
present, thirty-six millions six
hundred thousand dollars for
every man, woman and child, in
the city. There are notices
now publishing of applications
for incorporation for banks, and
other monied institutions, under
various names, disguises, and
pretences, to the aggregate am-
ount of twenty millions of
dollars more! It is even surmised,
that they will all or most of
them be granted.

The Editor of the New York
Evening Post, among other pa-
pers, successfully exposes the
speculations in which these pro-
jects have their origin, and to
which they lead. "There is not
(says he) employment for the
fictitious capital already created,
and when the new batch of in-
corporations are made by the
next Legislature, as they most
assuredly will be, the fabric
cannot bear its own weight, and
must tumble." We apprehend
that the danger is of a different
nature from this, but equally to
be deprecated. There is no
knowing, until it is tried how
ponderous the "fabric" which
the prodigious resources of that
city and state will bear, nor the
accumulation of misery and ine-
quality of condition which will
follow the establishment of so
vast a moneyed aristocracy.
These few observations, how-
ever, were not intended as a se-
rious notice of this important
subject, but to introduce the fol-
lowing as examples of ridicule
successfully applied to the pre-
vailing folly, by the Evening
Post.—*Nat. Int.*

Notice.—Application will be
made to the Legislature for a
bank, under the name and style
of the Domestic Manufacturer's
Bank, with a capital of \$300,-
000, with certain privileges, viz:
Discounting on the high pressure
principle; loaning on hypothe-
cation of second hand clothes,
that have been thoroughly ven-
tilated, subjecting, however,
the borrower to the expense of
chemical analysis in case they
should be found offensive to the
olfactory nerves; \$30,000 to be
employed in manufacturing
wooden nutmegs and grinding
ginger for exportation; \$20,000
be at the disposal of the Hair
Dressers' Society, on their de-
positing, as a collateral security,
twice the amount in half-worn
wigs and scratches, to be by
them employed in embellishing
the outside of knowledge boxes,
that have, by the decision of com-
petent judges, been pronounced
incapable of any improvement in
the interior. The surplus to be
employed in endeavoring to pro-
duce Spanish brown from brick
dust, and cream of tartar by a
combination of plaster of paris
and Salt water.

TIMO TOUCHEM.

Wanted.—Twenty well built
sound, and healthy full grown
men, that will average six feet in
the stockings, as Directors for a
New Fire Insurance Company,
about to be established in this
city, by the name of the Gren-
adier Fire and Brimstone Com-
pany. Those that are well ac-
quainted with chemical opera-
tions, will be preferred. Ap-
ply by letter, post paid, to
DOCTOR TONIC.

None need apply but those
who can bring good recommen-
dations as to qualifications.

Reduced price of travelling.
The price of a passage from Pe-
tersburg to New-York in one of
the regular Packets, is \$10—
The Steam-Boat fare from New
York to Albany has lately been

reduced to \$2—fare from Al-
bany to Saratoga Springs \$2—So
that a gentleman or lady may
travel at present the whole dis-
tance from this town to the
most celebrated watering place
in the United States for \$14, in-
cluding every expence—a trip
which in former times cost about
\$50! So much for competition
and recent improvements in the
facility of travelling!—*Pet. Int.*

A spendthrift.—A young
man was lately executed in Lon-
don, for forgery, who had squan-
dered in eight years upwards of
\$220,000!

America.—The following
fine passage is extracted from
a speech of Judge Story, in the
convention of Massachusetts:
"In our country, the highest
man is not above the people. If
the rich may be said to have ad-
ditional protection, they have
not additional power; nor does
wealth here form a permanent
distinction of families. Those
who are wealthy to day, pass to
the tomb, and their children di-
vide their estates. Property
thus is divided as it accumulates.
No family can, without its own
exertions, stand erect a long
time, under our statute of de-
scents and distributions, the only
true and legitimate agrarian law.
It silently and quietly dissolves
the mass heaped up by the toil
and diligence of a long life of
enterprize and industry. Prop-
erty is continually changing
like the waves of the sea. One
wave rises, and is soon swal-
lowed up in the vast abyss,
and seen no more. Another rises
and having reached its destined li-
mits falls gently away, and is
succeeded by yet another which
in its turn, breaks and dies gen-
tly on the shores. The richest
man among us may be brought
down to the humblest level; and
the child, with scarcely clothes
to cover his nakedness, may
rise to the highest office in our
government; and the poor man,
while he rocks his infant on
his knees, may justly indulge
the consolation, that if he pos-
sesses talents and virtue, there
is no office beyond the reach of
his honorable ambition."

A substantial and handsome
Bridge is just completed, on the
same principle as that on which
the Clarendon Bridge is built at
Fayetteville, over the Peedee
River at Cheraw. It is 415 feet
long, exclusive of the land Brid-
ges on each side, which make
the whole length 1337 feet.
The Bridge is in closed and
painted white.—*Raleigh Reg.*

Labor and industry.—A bet
was decided on the 5th May, of
a nature infinitely more useful
and praiseworthy than walking
or riding against time for wa-
gers. Edward Elliott and Wil-
liam Wells betted 10s. 6d. a side,
who would make the most, and
best bricks, from five o'clock
in the morning till eight at
night, taking an hour and a half
out of the time for meals.
Wells made ten thousand seven
hundred and forty good bricks
in thirteen hours and a half, and
Elliott made ten thousand one
hundred and forty in the same
time, at Kensington, near Ham-
mersmith.

LANDS FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber being desirous
to sell his LANDS, both in
Halifax and Northampton coun-
ties, he is induced to offer them at
a moderate price. Persons wish-
ing to purchase will do well to
make it known immediately.

Dixie C. Fenner.

Halifax, June 23, 1824. 14-tf

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

BROKE. Northampton Jail, on
the night of the 30th of June,
two prisoners—PATRICK PIKE,
a stout young fellow, two or three
and twenty years of age, light com-
plexion, black hair, large whiskers,
six feet two or three inches high,
has lost one of his upper fore teeth.
Pike lived in Halifax county, and
was committed to that jail some
time last year, charged with house-
breaking; he escaped from thence
and was shortly thereafter appre-
hended in this county.

BETSEY, a negro woman, appa-
rently twenty-five years of age,
dark complexion, slender made,
five feet seven or eight inches high,
committed the 17th of last May, as
a runaway, owner unknown. *Ten*
Dollars will be paid for the appre-
hension and delivery of Pike to my-
self, or the jailor of Halifax county,
and *Five Dollars* in like manner
for the negro woman.

Samuel Calvert,

Jailor of Northampton county.
July 1, 1824. 16-tf

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post-Office in Ha-
lifx, the 1st day of July, which,
if not taken out by the 1st of Oc-
tober next, will be sent to the Ge-
neral Post-Office as dead letters.

Anderson George	Jones Jenny
Alston W W	Kerr John
Burgess Thomas	Lewis Elizabeth
Bradley James R 2	Lewis Leml
Bynum Jesse A	Lewis Edward
Brown Elizabeth	Monk Sarah
Bishop William	Magee John
Boxly Tabitha	Martin Thomas
Brown Robert W	Medlin Martha
Bird Anthony	Morcock Edward
Benford John A	Purnell M T
Burt Priscilla	Pettway M H
Cobb Thomas W	Powell George
Crowley Lemuel	Pollock George 2
Clack Christo S	Powell Daniel
Davis Edward	Read Martha
Drumgold & Pier- son	Ragsdale Benj F
P M Daniel's Ta- vern	Roberts Mary E
Eaton Benj C 2	Sledge Henry
Freeman E B 2	Smith Jas N R
Ferguson Wm	Spire Nancy
Greer Archib'd B	Simons Marthew
Guion E P	Smith James
Hill Whitmell I	Spooner Abner
Herton Thomas	Sledge Lemuel
Harris Warren	Sporkesman Wm
Hockida William	Show John
Huffman John	Sprewell Samuel
Harris Sylvester	Sumerville John
Hawkins Wyatt	Thorpe Benjamin
Irvin & Dunns 2	Thrower John
Isbell P B	Winbore Henry
Ivey Robert	Williams Turner
James Benjamin	Wilkes Henry
Jones John	Weld The'dore D
Johnston Will	Warren Thomas
	Wyche A A
	Yellowley Char'n

JAMES SIMMONS, P. M.
July, 1824—83

Mrs. SNEDER,

HAS the pleasure of informing
the inhabitants of Halifax and
the adjoining counties, that she has
opened a fashionable assortment of
MILLINERY, in the house oppo-
site Messrs. J. Halliday & Co.'s
store—consisting of Leghorn and
Straw Bonnets, of the newest pat-
terns—artificial flowers, wreaths,
and bunches—gimps, black, white,
and colored—curls, caps, turbans,
&c. &c.

Mantua-making done in the most
fashionable stile.
Halifax, June 9, 1824. 12-tf

Drs G. T. & R. Kennon,

HAVING located themselves in
this place, offer their profes-
sional services to the citizens of
Halifax and the adjacent country.
Halifax, June 6, 1824. 12-8t

NOTICE.

HAVING qualified, at Halifax
February session, 1824, as Ex-
ecutor to the last will and testa-
ment of the late JOHN WILKES,
deceased, this is hereby to notify all
persons who have any claims or de-
mands against the estate of the said
John Wilkes, that they present
them duly authenticated for pay-
ment, within the time prescribed
by law, otherwise this notice will
be plead in barr of their recovery.
Those who are indebted will make
payment without delay, as the es-
tate will not admit of indulgence.

Henry Wilkes,
Ex'r of John Wilkes, dec'd.

Halifax, 30th April, 1824.—7tf

Blank Warrants for sale

FISH & OIL.

THE Subscribers have just re-
ceived on consignment, in ad-
dition to their former stock twenty
barrels Mess SHAD, of a superior
quality; also a fresh supply of Ro-
and Cut HERRINGS, some in
half barrels; and about three dozen
bottles CASTOR OIL, which will
be sold low for Cash.

J. & J. W. Simmons.

Halifax, June 10, 1824.

Postponed Sale.

LANDS & NEGROES FOR SALE.

ON the 3d Monday of July, 1824,
at the Court-house in Halifax,
will be exposed to public sale, pur-
suant to the last will and testamen-
t of the late John Wilkes, all the re-
sidue of his estate, both real and
personal, consisting of—

Nine likely young NEGROES,
mostly fellows and boys.
The TRACT OF LAND and
the premises, whereon the said
John Wilkes did live, near Roa-
noke river, adjoining the lands of
James C. Johnston and others, ly-
ing on Conocony, and the road
leading from Halifax to Pollock's
Ferry, said to contain 208 acres,
having thereon the necessary im-
provements for a small family.
One other TRACT, not far off,
in the Piney woods, adjoining the
lands of Mrs. Fort, and others, and
lying on the road from Pollock's
Ferry to Tarborough, and is well
timbered, said to contain 723 acres.
Terms will be made known on
the day of sale.

Henry Wilkes,

Ex'r of John Wilkes, dec'd.

Halifax, 24th June, 1824.

State of North-Carolina, Northampton County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—June Term, 1824.

Henry Gee and others, }
to } partition of
The Court. } lands.

IT appearing to the satisfaction
of the Court, that the heirs of
Mrs. —, (who are unknown to
this Court,) reside without the lim-
its of this State: *It is therefore or-
dered,* that publication be made in
the Free Press, printed in the town
of Halifax, for six weeks succes-
sively, that unless the said heirs
appear at the next Court of Pleas
and Quarter Sessions to be held for
the county of Northampton, at the
Court-house in said county, on the
first Monday of September next,
and plead, answer or demur, the
same will be taken pro confesso,
and heard ex parte.

Witness, *John W. Harrison,*
Clerk of our said Court, at office,
the first Monday of June, A. D.
1824, and in the 48th year of the in-
dependence of said State.

J. W. Harrison, C. C. C.

Issued 11th June—Price adv. \$5:50.

State of North-Carolina, Northampton County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter
Sessions—June Term, 1824.

Robert G. Parham, }
vs. } An attachment
John A. Robinson, } levied on land
& negro George
Exec'r of Wil- } belonging to the
liam Robinson, } estate of Wm.
deceased. } Robinson, dec'd.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of
the Court, that the defendant is
not an inhabitant of this State: *It is
therefore ordered and decreed by
the Court,* that publication be made
in the Free Press, printed in the
town of Halifax, for three months
successively, that unless the defen-
dant, John A. Robinson, Exec'r,
&c. appear at the next Court of
Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be
held for the county of Northamp-
ton, at the Court-house in said coun-
ty, on the first Monday of Septem-
ber next, and replevy the property
so attached and plead to issue,
judgment final will be entered a-
gainst him.

Witness, *John W. Harrison,*
Clerk of our said Court, at office,
the first Monday of June, A. D.
1824, and in the 48th year of the in-
dependence of said State.

J. W. Harrison, C. C. C.

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