

From a conscientious conviction of the unsuspected honesty, both moral and political; the devoted patriotism and distinguished talents, promptitude and decision of character, which have characterized the conduct of Gen. Jackson in the most trying emergencies, the undersigned early espoused his cause. He has seen nor heard nothing to weaken his confidence in him, but on the contrary much to confirm him in his opinion. He now pledges himself that, if he is elected, he will vote for the HERO OF ORLEANS as President, and the Hon. JOHN C. CALHOUN as Vice-President of the United States.

W. B. LOCKHART.  
Oct. 23, 1824.

For the Free Press.

On hearing of the marriage of Dr. Thomas E. Shell, of Warrenton, to Miss Martha T. Alston:

Cupid's soft darts,  
In Alston hearts,  
Were ne'er supposed to dwell;  
Yet Hymen's pow'r,  
In half an hour,  
Transform'd one to a Shell.

**Vice-Presidency.**—The following notification confirms the report published in our last:

**Fayette County, Penn. October 2.**—Understanding that the withdrawal of my name may have a favorable effect on the result of the approaching election of President and Vice-President of the United States, I request that I may no longer be considered as a candidate for the office of Vice-President.

ALBERT GALLATIN.

**Edenton, Oct. 19.**—Drowned, on Friday last, in Mackey's creek, negro Frank, belonging to George Outlaw, Esq. of Bertie county. Frank has been engaged for many years as a ferryman between this and Mackey's ferry; and was, we learn, very much intoxicated when he fell overboard. —Gaz.

**Delaware.**—At the election held on Tuesday 12th inst. in the state of Delaware, Louis M'Lane, the federal candidate, was re-elected member of Congress by a majority of 221 over Dr. Naudain. The political complexion of the legislature of Delaware is as follows:—six federalists and three democrats in Senate. In the House of Representatives, thirteen federalists and eight democrats. The electoral vote, it is said, will be given to Mr. Crawford.

**New-Jersey.**—A Convention of delegates from all the counties in the state of New-Jersey, was held at Trenton on the 19th inst. when an electoral ticket was formed in favor of General Jackson.

**Rhode-Island.**—The Constitution adopted by the Convention lately held in Rhode-Island, has been rejected by the people—majority 320.

**Indiana.**—Delegates from the several counties in Indiana convened at Salem, on the 16th ult. and nominated an Electoral Ticket favorable to the election of Gen. Jackson.

**Roanoke Navigation.**—Much has been said as to the propriety of locking into the river at Weldon's Orchard and there is some diversity of opinion upon the subject; we have always been of opinion that the interest of the Company would dictate that course and it was founded very much upon the

opinion of the adventurers in the trade.

It is said there is a considerable bar, a short distance below the Orchard, which frequently prevents vessels from "going out" until a rise in the river; we have frequently heard the merchants in this place, remark that "our tobacco was a month going from Weldon to Norfolk, but it was three fourths of the time in a mile of the starting place," and when it arrives, is very much damaged and frequently a considerable loss, in consequence of neglect, or bad management by either the boatmen, the agent or some other person on the route, and the misfortune is, it is never ascertained at what point, or in whose hands the injury was sustained.

It is believed that by locking in the river at Weldon, the upper country trader would be much benefitted by a competition of markets, or depots. Halifax is only a few miles below Weldon, and we understand there rarely, if ever, any difficulty occurs, at, or below that place, that at all times, boats of 50 or 60 tons burden can with ease, either descend or ascend Roanoke from or to, that town.

The wish as far as we can discover, and we have taken some trouble to ascertain the public sentiment, is, that the locks should forthwith be commenced, and completed as soon as possible, we can then trade to Weldon, Halifax, Plymouth, Edenton or elsewhere, as may suit our convenience.

The Legislature of North Carolina has appropriated \$25,000, for the special purpose of locking in at Weldon's Orchard, but the President and directors of the company at a late meeting declined accepting it, for that purpose.—The annual meeting of the stockholders takes place on the second Monday in November next, at which time the subject will again be discussed. We trust that the stockholders will attend, and vote upon that important question, and such as cannot conveniently attend in person will appoint proxies, and give them instructions how to vote upon that question; it is a subject of vital consequence to the company, and one in which deep interest is felt by the citizens on the Roanoke and its branches.—Danville Sentinel.

**Foreign.**—The intelligence from Europe becomes every hour more important—the death of Louis, of which we entertain not a particle of doubt—a vacant throne awaiting a successor more attached to the old despotic tyranny of France than its late occupant, with all his deceased brother's prejudices and without his intellect—the revolutionary troubles continually breaking out in Spain and in Portugal—the fiery sparks scattered all over Germany—the victorious Greeks and the sanguinary Ottoman—the mutual carnage leading to a war of extermination between both of these belligerent parties—the rude and vindictive measures resorted to by the members of the Holy Alliance to repress this ebullient mass of inflammable materials—their war upon the press—their open denunciation of representative governments while representative governments are increasing with the celerity of wild-fire—the avowed and indignant hostility of the English cabinet to all their measures, presents such a spectacle, that we do not think it problematical that there will be an European war in less than six months from the present time.

The state of Europe resembles a vast agitated ocean, bearing on its bosom floating islands of fire, each individually terrific; but they are dashed together, by the waves at last, and mingle their separate flames into one general and devouring conflagration.

Balt. Am.

**Whether is Gin, Rum, or Brandy the most Wholesome?**—A question that is often asked.

—We have heard it defined by hypothetical reasoning, from the following experiment: A piece of raw liver was put into a glass of gin, another into a glass of rum, and a third into a glass of brandy. That in the gin was, in a given time, partially decomposed; that in the rum, in the same time, not diminished; and that in the brandy was quite dissolved. The argument deduced was, that the spirit in which the liver remained unchanged—namely, rum, was the most wholesome. Now we differ completely in our opinion; for we know that spirit cannot thus effect living animal matter; therefore the stomach cannot, like the piece of liver, be dissolved, and we think that spirit which decomposed the animal substance—namely, the brandy, is most wholesome, because it is the most likely to dissolve the animal food in the stomach.

For Presidential Electors.

CRAWFORD TICKET.

Economy and Free Trade against Prodigality and the Tariff.

John Paxton, of Rutherford.  
Meshack Franklin, Surry.  
Robert Williamson, Lincoln.  
James Legrand, Montgomery.  
Abraham Philips, Rockingham.  
Alexander Gray, Randolph.  
Benj. H. Covington, Richmond.  
Thomas Ruffin, Orange.  
Nathaniel Jones, Wake.  
John Hall, Warren.  
George Outlaw, sen. Bertie.  
Charles E. Johnson, Chowan.  
Tho's W. Blackledge, Beaufort.  
John Owen, Bladen.  
Wm. Blackledge, sen. Lenoir.

PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Gen. Andrew Jackson as President.

Gen. Vine Allen, of Craven.  
Josiah Crudup, Esq. Wake.  
James Mebane, Esq. Orange.  
Gen. Ed. B. Dudley, New Hanover.  
Gen. Wm. A. Blount, Beaufort.  
Walter F. Leake, Esq. Richmond.  
Dr. Wm. Martin, Pasquotank.  
Gen. Peter Forney, Lincoln.  
William Drew, Esq. Halifax.  
Col. W. B. Lockhart, Northampton.  
John Giles, Esq. Rowan.  
Gen. Montfort Stokes, Wilkes.  
Augustin H. Shepherd, Stokes.  
John M. Morehead, Esq. Guilford.  
Col. Robert Love, Haywood.

MARRIED,

In Iredell county, on the 5th inst. Mr. David Houston, of Cabarrus county, to Miss Lemvia Osborn.

In Mecklenburg county, on the 7th inst. Mr. Matthew Alexander to Miss Margaret McCorkle; also, on the same day, Mr. Michael Berryhill to Miss Mary Pelt.

At Wilmington, on the 14th inst. Mr. Daniel Fergus to Miss Ann Clark.

DIED,

In this county, on the 11th inst. Mrs. Sally H. Watson, wife of Joshua Watson, merchant and post master at Palmyra, aged 22 years 6 months and 27 days. She left a tender infant, a fond husband, and a numerous concourse of relations to lament her early death.—[Com.]

On Wednesday the 15th inst. at the residence of Judge John Hall, Miss Elizabeth, aged 5 years 7 months, youngest daughter of Mr. William Gilmour, of Raleigh.

In Johnston county, on Thursday the 14th inst. Mrs. Sarah Tomlinson, aged 88 years.

On the 12th inst. at the summer residence of Dr. Wm. Maffet, near Fayetteville, Mrs. Janet Mumford.

In Orange county, on the 10th inst. Mrs. Elizabeth Holden, in the 84th year of her age.

At Nashville, Nash county, on the 7th inst. Mr. Gideon Pipkin, after an illness of about 8 hours, from taking, as is supposed, an over portion of cream of tartar.

### Price Current.

OCT. 22.	Peters'g.	Norfolk.
Bacon, - -	7 to 7 1/2	8 to 8 1/2
Brandy, Apple, - -	30 50	34 56
— Peach, - -	60 62 1/2	54 61
— Cogniac, - -	130 150	110 136
Corn, - - - -	175 200	156 163
Cotton, - - - -	13 14 1/2	13 14
Coffee, - - - -	18 25	19 23
Flour, superfine, - -	500 525	
— family, - -	600 700	
Gin, Holland, - -	90 100	99 106
— American, - -	39 40	39 41
Iron, per ton, - -	\$85 100	90 96
Molasses, - - -	30 35	33 31
Rum, Jamaica, - -	125 150	90 96
— Antigua, - -	75 80	64 71
— New-Eng. - -	37 1/2 40	36 37
Sugar, brown, - -	8 12 1/2	8 13
— loaf, - -	15 22	14 19
Salt, loose, - -	75 87 1/2	56 60
— sack, - -	275 300	274
Tea, Y'g Hyson, - -	110 115	110 116
— Imperial, - -	150 160	146 146
Tobacco, - - -	\$3 10	3 1/2 8
Wheat, - - - -	87 1/2 90	83 93
Whiskey, - - -	30 35	29 31

North-Carolina Bank Notes.

At Petersburg, 2 1/2 to 3 disc.

At Norfolk, 5 disc.

### NOTICE.

WILL be sold on the second day of the New Hope Races, the stock of HORSES belonging to M. W. West and Thos. D. Watson: consisting of one Citizen mare in foal by Archie; one Archie colt three year old last spring; and one Hal colt one year old last spring. Credit will be given until the 1st day of May next—bond with approved security will be required of the purchasers.

W. M. WEST.

Oct. 22, 1824.

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### NOTICE.

HAVING qualified, at Halifax February session, 1824, as Executor to the last will and testament of the late JOHN WILKES, deceased, this is hereby to notify all persons who have any claims or demands against the estate of the said John Wilkes, that they present them duly authenticated for payment, 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 estate will not admit of indulgence.

Henry Wilkes,

Ex'r of John Wilkes, dec'd.

Halifax, 30th April, 1824.—7tf



### New Hope Fall Races,

WILL commence on TUESDAY, the 23d day of NOVEMBER next, and will continue four days.

**First Day.**—A Sweepstakes for untried 3 year old colts and fillies of this state—mile heats—\$100 entrance, half forfeit—to close the evening preceding the race—two or more to make a race.

**Second Day.**—The Proprietor's Purse, \$150—two mile heats—\$20 entrance—two or more to make a race.

**Third Day.**—A Jockey Club Purse, worth \$250—three mile heats—money hung up, with the usual discount—\$20 entrance—non-subscribers \$30 entrance.

**Fourth Day.**—A Produce stake—mile heats—\$100 entrance, half forfeit—five subscribers and closed.

Rules of the Course to govern in every instance. The track is in good order—Stables and Litter furnished Race horses gratis, by the Proprietor.

Henry Wilkes, Sec'y.

PAID BILL will be furnished, on the evening of the 2d day's race, at the EAGLE HOTEL, in the town of Halifax.

Halifax, Sept. 8, 1824. 25

### NEW GOODS.

THE subscribers have just received from New-York, a handsome assortment of English

### Fancy & Staple Goods,

Hardware, Cutlery, Groceries, &c. which they will sell on the most accommodating terms for cash, produce, or approved credit.

S. M. NICKELS & CO.

£7-Cash given for Cotton in the seed delivered at their Gin.

Scotland Neck, Oct. 25, 1824.

### To the Public.

WE, whose names are underneath assigned, do certify that all reports having a tendency to impeach the virtue of Mrs. MARTHA DICKEN, widow of Benjamin Dicken, deceased, we believe to be malicious and false, and should we have spoken any thing which has been so construed as to have a tendency to impeach her virtue, we acknowledge it was merely the effect of passion and not our real intention—and further, we agree that two lawsuits instituted against R. H. Dicken and Lewis B. K. Dicken in the Superior Court of law in the county of Halifax for slander may be dismissed at our cost, and that we will have this certificate published in the papers of the Free Press for one week. Given under our hands and seal this the 25th day of October, 1824.

Richard H. Dicken, (SEAL.)

L. B. K. Dicken. (SEAL.)

Test,

James Biggs.

### One Hundred Dollars REWARD.

RUNAWAY, or was stolen from the Subscriber, on the night of the 8th instant, a bright mulatto woman (slave) and her child, a girl of about four years old. This woman ran away from the Subscriber, executor of John Hunt, deceased, in the summer of 1808, and passed as a free woman, by the name of PATSEY YOUNG, until about the first of June last, when she was apprehended as a runaway. On the sixth of the same month I obtained possession of her in the town of Halifax, since which time she and her child ELIZA have, in compliance with an order of the county court of Franklin, been sold, when the Subscriber became the purchaser. She spent the greater part of the time she was runaway (say about sixteen years) in the neighborhood of, and in the town of Halifax, one or two summers at Rockland, where I am informed she cooked for the hands employed to work on the canal; she also spent some of her time in Plymouth, her occupation while there not known. At the above named places she has many acquaintances and friends. She is a tall, spare woman, thin face and lips, long sharp nose, her fore teeth in a state of decay. She is an excellent seamstress, can make gentlemen's and ladies' dresses, is a good cook and weaver, and I am informed is a good cake baker and brewer, &c. by which occupations she principally gained her living. Some time during last summer she married a free man of color, named Achraet Johnson, who had been living in and about Plymouth, and followed boating on the Roanoke. Since his marriage he leased a farm of Mr. James Cotton, of Scotland Neck, (Halifax county) where he was living, together with this woman, when she was taken up as a runaway slave in June last. I have but little doubt that Johnson has contrived to seduce or steal her and child out of my possession, and will attempt to get them out of the state and pass as free persons. Should this be the case, I will give Sixty Five Dollars for his detection and conviction before the proper tribunal in any part of this state. I will give for the apprehension of the woman and child, on their delivery to me, or so secured in jail or otherwise that I get them, Thirty Five Dollars. Or, I will give Twenty Five Dollars for the woman alone, and Ten Dollars for the child alone. The proper name of the woman is Piety, but she will no doubt change it as she did before. I forewarn all owners of boats, captains and owners of vessels from taking on board or carrying away this woman and her child Eliza, under the penalty of the law.

NAT. HUNT,

August 16, 1824.

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