

actuate them to do otherwise; the Republican Electors of this State will vote for Wm. H. Crawford as President and Nathaniel Macon as Vice President.—*Warrenton Reporter.*

FOR THE FREE PRESS.

Mr. Howard:

A well written communication has appeared in the last number of your useful paper, taken from the "Danville Sentinel," inviting attention to, and soliciting information on the ROANOKE NAVIGATION generally, but more particularly on that important branch of that subject, namely the locking into the river at Weldon's Orchard.

While the freedom and impartiality, as well as the spirit of patriotism and liberality with which that communication is written does honor to the feelings and views of the writer, and shows him above those narrow sectional prejudices that are at once the bane and the curse of the country: It is no less a reproach to North-Carolina generally, but more especially to Halifax and the circumjacent country, the interest and prosperity of which is so deeply involved in the inquiry and in the accomplishment and success of that laudable effort to promote the immediate welfare of the country, by opening the navigation of that river from its mouth to its source; that none of its citizens have hitherto appeared, either in print or otherwise to urge forward, and excite to a completion of that great and important state work, until thus called into notice by a citizen of another state, but seem to view the whole business with an apathy almost criminal, because it shows how very little their love for their country, or desire for its improvement and aggrandisement occupies their thoughts; and how little of course they are disposed to aid or promote it.

It is I confess a melancholy truth, that the imbecility of the attempts hitherto made in most of the other parts of the state, and the consequent want of success in such the abortive efforts, together with the imposition in many instances practised on the public credulity by an abuse of the confidence that public repose in certain individuals relative to the improvements in the inland navigation, and improvements contemplated by the state to be done, generally by the misstatements they have made, and the misrepresentations they have permitted to go abroad for truths under the imposing sanction of their names, to mislead the public with a view to induce a continuance of their offices and of the same ill-digested and impotent system, and the measures emanating from it. A system which has not been productive, even in one solitary instance, of public utility though persevered in for years in succession at an enormous expense of money to the state; money too which is often extorted from the hand of labor, and the mouth of indigence, without its having in all this time produced any beneficial effects to that public who are literally drained to support it, unless that the affording and paying daily expences and annual salaries to particular favorites, without even a reasonable equivalent in public usefulness from such persons, shall be considered such.

But in common justice it must be said, that the *Roanoke Navigation Company* forms an illustrious exception to this ge-

neral and deserved censure; for while ignorance, imbecility, and selfishness have affixed their leaden seal on the proceedings of all the other companies thro'out the state, and have thereby excited one general feeling of disgust, contempt and indignation, from Buncombe to Currituck, at the useless, nay almost profligate waste of the public money, and consequent misapplication of the industry, labor, and enterprize of all classes of citizens in the state, which of course is taxed under one form or other to raise that money so cruelly and so palpably misapplied: The *Roanoke Navigation Company* have with a public spirit, an industry and a perseverance that does them honor, progressed and pursued their labors with steady march, and tho' sometimes mistaken in some of the minor steps in achieving an object which they seem, and justly too, to have so much at heart, yet their consummation of this object of their solicitude and hope is now so far complete as to give certainty to the public expectation of the completing this grand work: a work with the ultimate success of which not only the best interests of the country thro' which the *Roanoke* meanders, but of the state generally, and of the old borough of Halifax particularly is deeply, indeed almost vitally interwoven.

The writer alluded to says, that it is believed that by locking in the river at Weldon's the upper country trader would be benefitted. This is most assuredly a physical truth, and not only the up country trader, but the grower of the staple commodity, the exporting and importing merchant, and all other classes in society must be benefitted by the adoption of a measure that would at once unshackle the trade and do away the monopoly that is at present attempted to be held of the up country trade by a few individuals owning the soil around the basin at Weldon, by making that the place of transit for the cargoes of the boats from the upper country watered by the *Roanoke* and its tributary streams, though nature and nature's God forbid it in a voice that is imperiously spoken by the formidable obstacles the God of nature has opposed to it, which are obvious to the dullest eye, as well as to the weakest capacity.

It is said that the design of making Weldon the head of the *Roanoke* Navigation, and of course the place of transit for cargoes of produce and merchandize, originated with the Virginia stockholders and directors in that Company: a body of men as eminent for their wealth and public spirit, as for their enterprize and industry, and who owning among them the majority of the interest in that Company have a well-earned and legitimate right and title to give a tone and direction to its measures, such as will in their honest opinions contribute to their benefit, for by promoting their individual interest they may, and no doubt think they are benefitting the public in a correspondent degree.

ROANOKE.

Vermont.—The Legislature of this State convened at Montpelier, on the 15th inst. The Legislature, in compliance with the recommendation of the Governor have unanimously passed a Resolution directing the choice of Electors by the People, by General Ticket.

Petersburg Int,

Foreign.—Advices have been received in Jamaica from Panama and Chagres, to the 1st Sept. many days the latest. They report, that Bolivar's army still remained in the departments of Guayallos and Truxillo, and consisted of 8000 Colombians and 4000 Peruvians. That the troops which had been sent to him from Chili had been ordered home, in consequence of their Chief, Rivaguero, having been superseded by Bolivar. That the Spanish army in Peru amounted to 20,000:—That Bolivar was suspected of ambitious views, and that his object was to become Emperor as well as Dictator: That for accusing him of this design two Colombian Colonels, and a Lieutenant Col. had been shot, and that both the Buenos Ayrean and Chilian governments were opposed to Colombia, which they considered as a common enemy. These accounts evidently are colored by persons hostile to the Colombian Republic; but they show that the reports which have been circulated for weeks and months, that Bolivar had recaptured Lima and Callao, were forgeries, and that he had been long inactive.

Bost. Cent.

MARRIED,

In Mecklinburg county, on the 14th inst., Mr. Ezekiel Abernathy to Miss Lucy Kendrick.

On the 19th instant, Mr. Julius May, of Franklin, to Miss Matilda Myrick, of Warren county.

At Fayetteville, on the 20th instant, Mr. Isam Blake to Miss Margaret Crosby.

On the 14th inst. at the residence of Mr. Jonathan Stone of Franklin county, Mr. John Welch, jr. of Granville, to Miss Sarah Stone. Also, on the 19th, at the same place, John Washington, Esq. of Granville, formerly a member of the Legislature, to Mrs Delphia Rust, daughter of the same.

In Warren county, on the 14th instant, Mr. Carter Coleman to Miss Nancy Darnett.

In Guilford county, on the 7th instant, Robert Lindsey to Miss Jane Beason; and also on the same day, Col. William Hammar to Mrs. Mary Dickey, widow of Col William Dickey.

In Chatham county, on the 14th instant, Abraham Green, Esq. of Greensborough, to Mrs. Sarah Tyson, widow of William Tyson, Esq.

Near Warrenton, on the 14th instant, Mr. Peter Mitchell to Miss Betsey Person, daughter of Wm. Person.

On the 30 ultimo, Arnold Borden, Esq. of Waynsborough, to Miss Maria Brownrigg, of Edgecombe county.

DIED,

In Louisburg, on the 24th October, after a lingering illness of from 12 to 18 months, Thomas D. Hardie, in the 36th year of his age; a respectable farmer of Franklin county.

In Craven county, on the 4th inst. Mrs. Hannah Swals, aged 70; and, on the 12th her husband, Mr. William Swals, aged 83.

In Warren county, on the 19th inst. at the residence of her father, Sol. Green, Esq. Mrs. Ann G. Long, consort of Mr. John Long, of Rowan.

At Fayetteville, on the 10th instant, Mr. Thos. Scrivener, late of the Philadelphia Theatre.

At Hillsborough, on the 21st instant, Mrs. Kink, consort of Samuel King, Esq. of Iredell county.

In Franklin county, on the 23d instant, Stephen Outerbridge, Esq. at an advanced age.

At Rockingham, Richmond county, on the 6th inst. in the 29th year of her age, Mrs. Susan Sedbury, wife of Mr. David Sedbury, and daughter of Mr. Thomas P. Williams.

In Orange county, on the 13th inst., Mr. Wm. Kinchen Mebane, son of James Mebane, Esq. aged about 23 years.

At Warrenton, on the 12th instant, Mrs. Willis, aged 75, relict of the late Col. John Willis.

At Wilmington, on the 9th instant, Mrs. Hannah Bernard, aged 60 years.

In Perquimans county, on the 8th inst. Mr. Frederick Beall, whose death was occasioned by eating mushrooms. Last week we announced the death of his wife, which was from the same cause. Also, a short time ago, Mr. Moses Webb.

Price Current.

OCT. 29.	Peters'g.	Norfolk.
Bacon, - - -	7 to 8	8 to 8½
Brandy, Apple, - - -	30	50 34 56
— Peach, - - -	60	65 54 61
— Cogniac, - - -	130	150 110 156
Corn, - - - - -	175	214 156 163
Cotton, - - - -	13	14½ 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. - - -	37½	40 36 37
Sugar, brown, - - -	8	12½ 8½ 13
— loaf, - - -	15	22 14 19
Salt, loose, - - -	75	87½ 56 60
— sack, - - -	275	300 274
Tea, Y'g Hyson, - - -	110	115 110 116
— Imperial, - - -	150	160 146 146
Tobacco, - - -	\$3	10 3½ 8
Wheat, - - - -	87½	90 83 93
Whiskey, - - -	33	35 29 31

North-Carolina Bank Notes.

At Petersburg, 2½ to 3 disc.

At Norfolk, 3 disc.

SAVE A DOLLAR.

ON the 11th of November next, tickets in the QUANTICO CANAL LOTTERY will advance to Six Dollars—until that time the following prizes may be had for Five Dollars:

\$5000: 5 of \$2000: 6 of \$1000: 6 of \$500: 6 of \$340: 138 of \$50: 690 of \$10.

On the 25th inst. the above Lottery will positively be drawn, when the amount of 70,300 DOLLARS will be distributed to the holders of tickets, in prizes of the above magnitude. In the mode of drawing adopted in this Lottery, the public are not kept in suspense by procrastinated drawings: all adventurers have an equal chance for the capital prizes.

Orders for tickets or shares, enclosing the cash or prize tickets, will be promptly answered by return of mail if addressed to

HENRY WHYTE,

Petersburg, Va.

Nov. 2, 1824.

Lands for Sale.

IN pursuance of an interlocutory decree of the Court of Equity, held for the county of Halifax, I shall offer for sale at the Court-house in the town of Halifax, on Monday, the 20th day of December next, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in this county, containing about 120 acres, and adjoining the lands of M. L. Wiggins and others.

Terms—12 months credit, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.

E. B. Freeman, C. M. E.

Nov. 3, 1824.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to a decretal order made in the matter John Aspley et al ex parte, I shall offer for sale at the Court-house in the town of Halifax, on Monday the 20th day of December next, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in this county adjoining the lands of Gideon P. Harvey, John Harvey and others, containing about 243 acres.

Terms—12 months credit, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.

E. B. Freeman, C. M. E.

Nov. 3, 1824.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to an interlocutory order of the Honorable the Court of Equity, held for the county of Halifax, will be offered for sale at the Court-house in the town of Halifax, on Monday, the 20th day of December next, a TRACT OF LAND, adjoining the lands of Rebecca Hill, heirs of B. Pope, and others, containing about 45 acres.

Terms—12 and 18 months credit, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.

E. B. Freeman, C. M. E.

Nov. 3, 1824.

NOTICE.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust executed by Robert Johnston and duly recorded in the County Court of Halifax, on Friday, the 19th day of November, 1824, at the Court-house in Halifax town, will be exposed to public sale for ready money, Robert Johnston's right, title, interest, part and proportion in and to a certain House and Lot in the town of Halifax, and its appurtenances, lying on Main and Cross streets, and usually called the BIG TAVERN, together with all his right, part and proportion of the furniture of said Tavern.

Hutchins G. Burton,

Oct. 28, 1824. Trustee.

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

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 Achrael 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. 23-tf

Blank Warrants for sale

AT THIS OFFICE.