

MISCELLANEOUS

[BY REQUEST.]

See thou do all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the Mount.

How vain the sons of Adam's race,
To what presumption giv'n,
They folly set in wisdom's place,
And change the rights of heaven,
When John baptis'd our gracious Lord

In Jordan's flowing stream,
Of sprinkling spake he not a word
As some would fondly dream.

Both Philip and the Eunuch too
Into the water went,
With sprinkling they had naught to do

To dip was their intent.
In Enon's wave, to Salem near,
In sacred writ we're told,
Because there was much water there,

Did John baptise of old.

If sprinkling then had been in use,
A bowl had done as well,
Sprinkling therefore is an abuse
Of what the scriptures tell.

Baptism in the sacred code,
Christ's burial points to you,
His resurrection by this mode
Is also figur'd too.

But sprinkling cannot represent
These wonders to the mind,
Nor ever was it Christ's intent
It should the conscience bind.

Search where you will, there's not a hint
In all the scriptures giv'n,
That by baptism sprinkling's meant
As the grand law of heav'n.

If to baptize in native Greek,
Designs to dig or plunge,
Why should we other meanings seek
And the true sense expunge;

The various ways which men invent
Can no true peace afford,
God surely will some day resent
Such freedom with his word.

While others men's devices own,
And to their schemes agree,
Search thou the word, for that alone
In truth can settle thee;

God's word is everlasting truth
And sure in every page,
This holy book shall guide our youth
And well support our age.

For the Free Press.

Good Advice.—"Do not accustom yourself to swear, for there are words enough in the English language sufficiently expressive of your passions."

It chills my blood to hear the blest Supreme,
Rudely appealed to on each trifling theme.

Maintain your rank, vulgarity despise,
To swear is neither brave, polite nor wise.

You would not swear upon a bed of death,
Reflect—your Maker now could stop your breath.

Extract of a letter from an American officer on board the U.S. ship John Adams, to his friend in Baltimore, dated—"Passage Island, Nov. 10, 1824.

"You will no doubt hear a great noise about Com. Porter taking a Spanish town in Porto Rico—the circumstances are briefly these:—The Governor imprisoned the commander of one of the small schooners under his command and allowed him to be grossly insulted—as soon as he heard of it, Com. Porter proceeded there with two schooners and the boats and part of the crew of this ship—he took two of their batteries, spiked the guns, and marched with two hundred men to the town (Fox-anda) about two miles in the interior—he there found the Spaniards drawn up to give him battle, halted his men within pistol shot of their forces, sent a flag ordering the Governor and the Captain of the port, the two principal offenders, to come to him and make atonement or have their town burnt—they chose the first, and in presence of all our officers begged pardon of the officer insulted, expressed

great penitence, and promised in future to respect all American officers, who might hereafter visit the place.

"The Commodore then marched into the town merely to show them he had them in his power and then returned to the boats and left the place. No disturbance took place, and not a man left the ranks from the time they landed until they embarked, having been more than 3 hours from their vessels. Self defence rendered it necessary to spike their guns and this is all they can complain of—they had by some means been apprized of our intention of visiting them. The population of the place is about 2000; the country very thickly settled. Before we left them, a force of three times our number, with a field piece, had assembled, and in presence of, and within pistol shot of this force, our Commodore made them humble themselves."

Aquatic sport.—An interesting match took place in New-York harbor, on Thursday, 16th inst. between a boat of the British brig Hussar and one belonging to and manned by the boatmen of Whitehall. The stake was \$1000 a side, the distance 4 miles: the American boat won with ease, coming in about 300 yards ahead of the Briton: time of running the 4 miles, 22 minutes: the Whitehallers made 46 strokes the minute, the English rowers 39.

Something new.—General Alexander Smyth, a member of Congress from Virginia, has issued proposals for the publication of a work explanatory of the Apocalypse. He introduces his proposals as follows: "I certify, on honor, that I have discovered the meaning of the Apocalypse which (except that of some passages in the second and third chapters) has never been approached by any expositor.

ALEXANDER SMYTH."

Important Trial.—The celebrated case of Clarke against the Corporation of Washington, to recover the amount of a ticket in the Grand National Lottery, purchased by said Clarke, and which drew the prize of \$100,000, occupied the court of Alexandria the whole of last week. The law and the facts were very minutely examined and canvassed, and the instructions given by the court to the jury were remarkable for their perspicuity. The jury retired about 2 o'clock on Saturday, and in three quarters of an hour returned into court with a verdict for the plaintiff of \$85,000, to carry interest from the 17th March, 1823, till paid. The prize was subject to a discount of 15 per cent. A motion has been made for a new trial.

Stop the Runaway.

MY old man ABRAM went off this morning—he is the same fellow that has been out for several years and passed as a free man by the name of *Reuben Wiggins*—he is a stout fellow, brown complexion, fifty-three or four years old, his hair a good deal white, and a scar on the nose that I gave him when brought home. A generous reward will be given for securing the said negro in any jail, or delivered to me.

J. BISHOP.

The said fellow may wish to get to Plymouth, and pass again as a free man.

Dec. 1, 1824. 37-4f

4000 bushels allum SALT,

Just received, and for sale cheap on short credit—cheaper still for CASH—by

MORGAN & COWPER.

Murfreesboro', N. C.

Dec. 10, 1824. 39-4t

New Goods.

THE Subscribers have just received their fall supply of Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, Boots, Hats, &c.

Also, about 250 bushels prime Turks Island SALT—all of which will be sold at reduced prices, for Cash or country produce.

J. & J. W. Simmons.

Halifax, Dec. 9.

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.

Cash given for Cotton in the seed delivered at their Gin. Scotland Neck, Oct. 25, 1824.

Dissolution.

THE Co-partnership in trade heretofore existing under the firm of *A. C. Heaton & Co.* is dissolved by mutual agreement. All persons indebted to said firm are requested to make immediate payment.

Abiael C. Heaton,

Orange B. Heaton.

Hyde-Park, }
Decem'r 7, 1824. } 38-3t

Vine Hill Academy.

I AM authorized by the Trustees of VINE HILL ACADEMY, to employ a teacher qualified to instruct in reading, writing arithmetic, English grammar and geography.

DAVID CLARK.

Scotland Neck, Nov. 30. 37-tf

The most splendid Lottery in the United States.

Union Canal Lottery,

OF PENNSYLVANIA, CLASS NO. 14.

Capital Fifty thousand Dolls.

1 Prize of \$50,000 is 50,000
1 do of 20,000 is 20,000
1 do of 10,000 is 10,000
2 do of 5,000 is 10,000
1 do of 4,720 is 4,720
20 do of 1,000 is 20,000
30 do of 500 is 15,000
52 do of 100 is 5,200
156 do of 50 is 7,800
1248 do of 20 is 24,960
10508 do of 10 is 106,080

12120 Prizes } \$273,760
22100 Blanks } 34,220 Tickets.

The above brilliant Scheme, to be drawn in Philadelphia, on the 5th of January next, and completed on that day. Present price of Tickets, \$10, Shares in proportion.

Certificate of 20 whole tickets, \$112
Ditto 20 half ditto 56
Ditto 20 quarter ditto 28

Orders, enclosing the cash or prize tickets in any of the Lotteries of Maryland or Virginia, for tickets or shares in the above brilliant Lottery, will receive prompt attention if addressed to

WHYTE'S
LOTTERY-OFFICE,

PETERSBURG—VIRGINIA.

November, 1824.

NOTICE.

IF William Jones, son of William Jones, of Halifax county, N. C. deceased, should be alive or have left any children, by applying to the subscriber, administrator *de bonis non* of said deceased, he or they can receive their share of the estate.

JOHN PURNELL.

23d Nov. 1824 36-6t

Masonic Notice.

A GENERAL MEETING of the members of *Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2*, and of *Roanoke Chapter, No. 4*, is requested at the Masonic-hall, in the town of Halifax, on Monday, the 27th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of celebrating the *Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist*. The fraternity generally are respectfully invited to attend and partake of the festivities of the day. Preaching may be expected that day in the church, by the Rev. Bro. W. J. Newborn.

By order,

S. M. Johnston, Sec'y.

Halifax, 5th Dec. 38-3t

NOTICE.

AT the late May term of Halifax County Court, the Subscriber qualified as administrator of EDWARD O. RHODES, deceased. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and the creditors are hereby notified to present their claims duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar.

Jos. H. Bryan, Adm'r.

Nov. 25, 1824. 36-2m

Negroes for Sale.

WILL be offered for sale, at public auction, before the Eagle Hotel, on Saturday the 1st day of January next, for cash, several likely NEGROES, belonging to the estate of Edward O. Rhodes, deceased. Among them is an excellent cook.

Administrator.

Nov. 25, 1824. 36-4t

NOTICE.

ON Thursday, the 30th of this month, (December,) if fair, if not, the next fair day thereafter, will be sold at the Dwelling-house of the late JOHN FAULCON, deceased, of Warren county, all the perishable estate of said decedant, consisting of—

A valuable stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, a Gig, Waggon, &c. &c. also, a large quantity of Corn, Wheat and Oats.

TERMS—for all sums of ten dollars and less, Cash—for all sums above ten dollars, twelve months credit, the purchaser giving bond with approved security before the property is delivered.

At the same time and place will be hired out for twelve months, all the NEGROES belonging to said estate—among them are many likely men and boys, and two good blacksmiths. The plantation will be rented for the same term.

Notice is also given, that I shall on the first day of January next, proceed to sell on the above terms, all the perishable part of the estate of decedant at the HAW-TREE PLANTATION, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, plantation utensils, crop of Corn, Wheat, Oats, Fodder, &c. &c. The sale will continue from day to day until all is sold.

Jesse N. Faulcon, Adm'r.

Dec. 1, 1824. 38-3t

BRADFORD'S Female Academy,

Three miles from Enfield.

THE Exercises of this School will be resumed on the third Monday in January next, under the care of Mrs. MARRA ROBINSON. The year will be divided into two sessions of five months each—Board and Tuition, forty-two dollars and fifty cents per session—quills, ink, &c. included—each boarder furnishing her own towels. Twenty dollars will be demanded of each boarder in advance, or a note for the session, as no deduction will be made for time lost through negligence. Parents and guardians are requested to be punctual. All the branches of an English education will be taught. Strict attention will be paid to the morals and education of those who may be placed under our care, and every attention necessary for health or comfort. Twenty boarders can be accommodated.

HENRY BRADFORD.

Halifax County, N. C. } 38 3t
Dec'r 4th, 1824. }

Hyde Park Academy.

(PRIVATE.)

THE undersigned, having taken the whole of the buildings and premises at Hyde Park under his immediate superintendence and control, intends to open his ACADEMY again on the 2d Monday in January next, for the instruction of young gentlemen in the following branches of general education, viz:

- I. Rudiments of the Latin, Greek, and French languages.
- II. Geography, including the nature and use of the Globes, with their application to the solution of Geographical and Astronomical Problems.
- III. The Mathematics, viz: The higher branches of Arithmetick, Caldwell's Geometry, Plane and Spherical Trigonometry and Geometry, with their application to the purposes of Astronomy and Navigation. The Mensuration of heights, distances, surfaces, and solids; including Rectangular Surveying, or the method of determining the area of right lined figures, universally or by calculation.
- IV. Natural or Experimental Philosophy, including Astronomy.
- V. Chronology and General History.
- VI. English Grammar, Rhetoric, and Belles Lettres.

In carrying the above plan into execution, the first object of the undersigned, shall be, to qualify his students for an entrance on the establishment of the University of the State, or of any other literary institution in this country. His second, to adopt and firmly adhere to such a mode of government and instruction, as shall secure improvement in science, regularity of conduct, and decency of behaviour, on the part of all who may be committed to his care.

The site of the Academy possesses the advantages of pure water and wholesome air; and being in the centre of a populous neighborhood, board can be obtained on reasonable terms, either with the undersigned himself, or under his recommendation, with decent and respectable families in the vicinity.

The year will be divided into two sessions:—the first to commence on the 10th of January, and end on the 22d of June. The second, to commence on the 10th of July, and end on the 15th of November. The price of Board and Tuition with the undersigned, (bedding excepted,) will be FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS the session—to be paid in advance.

Should circumstances render it necessary, an Assistant will be employed, properly qualified for the instruction of little boys, in the rudiments of education and the minor classics. Communications by mail or otherwise shall meet with prompt attention.

W. E. WEBB.

Nov. 30, 1824. 37-6t

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