

approach of republics. The freemen of America, when asked for their jewels, rejecting classic example, point not to their sons, but the surviving heroes of the Revolution.

You, Sir, have been the steadfast friend of liberty; in every period of your life. In youth, you fought the battles of freedom; in age, you advocated the rights of man. You embarked your life and fortune on the tempestuous sea of American liberty, when clouds and darkness portended the most fatal disasters. Neither the admonitions of prudence, the precepts of wisdom, nor the frowns of power, could restrain you. Our Commissioners at the Court of Versailles frankly represented to you the gloomy aspect of our affairs, at that crisis, and advised you not to link your fortune with ours in the struggle for independence. Your Sovereign, also, interdicted your participation in the contest. Notwithstanding all these adverse circumstances, at the age of 19, such was the ardour of your devotion, you left wealth and beauty, family and friends, influence and distinction, and all the fascinations of the most polished Court, to encounter the perils of the deep, and to brave the dangers of the tented field. Your embarkation quickly sounded the tocsin of alarm, and the fleets of France and Great Britain were ordered to pursue and arrest you; but, protected by the Genius of Liberty, you escaped the eagerness of pursuit; Your ardent devotion to this sacred cause, and your youthful enthusiasm, "touched a nerve which vibrated to the centre of Europe."

The Southern States of the Union, Sir, have strong claims to your affection. North Carolina is the birth-place of American Independence. At Charlotte, in this State, independence was first conceived, and first declared. Although History may not have recorded this fact, yet witnesses still live to attest it; and we now have before us, in the patriotic troops of Mecklenburg Cavalry, the sons of those heroes who made the bold declaration, that we were, and should be, free and independent. South Carolina was the place of your first landing in America. Virginia was the theatre of your youthful glory. Forty-eight years have elapsed since you passed through this State, to join the Army of the Revolution. You disinterestedly lavished your treasure, and shed your blood, in the hallowed contest; and, by the influence of your high example, you consecrated the principles for which our ancestors contended. The heights of Brandywine witnessed your valour and your sufferings; and on the plains of Yorktown you obtained a wreath of laurel, which encircled your brow with unfading verdure. Never, never can we forget the youthful stranger who, in the darkest hour of adversity, so generously flew to our succour, and so gallantly fought the battles of freedom.

The names of Washington, Lafayette, and Hamilton, will ever be dear to American patriotism; and let it be remembered, that Washington and Hamilton fought for country and for home; Lafayette for liberty alone.

Your ardent devotion to the rights of man was sealed with your blood in America, and attested by your sufferings in Europe. Your love of liberty exposed you to the persecution

of tyranny, and you were cast into the dungeon of Olmutz; but incarceration could not extinguish the sacred flame which fired your bosom. An American youth, of chivalrous feelings, aided in an attempt to rescue you from imprisonment,—the attempt was abortive. Oppression riveted her chains, and rendered your confinement more oppressive. Amid all the vicissitudes of your fortune, it is gratifying to us to recollect, that your suffering always excited the sympathy, and, on occasion, induced the mediation of your friend and compatriot, the illustrious Washington.

Nature has lavished her choicest gifts on my native state. We have a salubrious climate, fertile soil, and numerous rivers, susceptible of the highest improvement. I fear, Sir, your anticipations may not have been realized. We have neglected to improve our advantages; we have relied too much on the bounty of the Parent of every good. But the spirit of Internal Improvement is, at length, awakened; North Carolina may look forward with pride and pleasure to her destiny. We place our confidence in the liberality and exertions of succeeding Legislatures. Colleges will be endowed, the arts and sciences will be patronized; roads will be made; rivers will be opened; our resources will be annually developed; and Fayetteville, at some future day, may be worthy of the distinguished name it bears. You have just left, in the Capitol of our state, the statue of Washington, the master-piece of Canova. Would to God that you could have visited the University of North Carolina. These, Sir, are monuments of an enlightened liberality, in which we indulge a generous pride.

The darkness of error is vanishing before the light of truth. The doctrines of divine right & passive obedience are viewed as relics of ancient barbarism. Our political institutions are founded on the sovereignty of the people, from whom all power is derived; and here the jargon of legitimacy is not understood. We recognize no Holy Alliance, save that of religion & virtue, liberty & science. The sun of freedom is extending the sphere of his genial influence, South America is "regenerated and disenthralled;" the thrones of Europe are supported by bayonets, and must totter to their fall; and the genius of our country is ready to hail the spirit of "universal emancipation."

Sir, in behalf of my townsmen, I welcome you to our homes.

To which the general replied as follows:

Sir: At every step of my progress through the United States, I am called to enjoy the emotions arising from patriotic feelings and endearing recollections from the sight of the improvements I witness, and from the affectionate welcomes I have the happiness to receive.—Those sentiments, Sir, are particularly excited when, upon entering the interesting and prosperous town which has done me the honor to adopt my name, I can at once admire its actual progress and anticipate its future destinies; convinced as I am that the generous and enlightened people of North Carolina will continue all assistance to improve the natural advantages of Fayetteville and make it more and more useful to the State.

Your kind allusions to past times, your flattering commendation of my personal services

in our common cause, your remembrance of my peculiar state and connexions, and particularly of my obligations to my gallant Carolinian deliverer, call for my most grateful thanks. The spirit of independence early evinced by the fathers of the young friends who so kindly accompany me, is highly honorable to that part of the Union. I cordially join in your wishes for the universal emancipation of mankind; and beg you, my dear Sir, and the citizens of Fayetteville, to accept the tribute of my deep and lively gratitude for your so very honorable and gratifying reception.

At the conclusion of the answer, the multitude assembled expressed their admiration by three hearty cheers.

In the evening the General attended a Ball—between 3 & 400 ladies and gentlemen were present. In the morning he received a visit from Mr. Isham Blake, of Fayetteville, who was one of his body guard at Yorktown—he then reviewed the uniform companies, and Mecklenburg troop—received the congratulations of the citizens—visited the Lodge, where he was addressed by Maj. Strange, in behalf of the fraternity, to whom he returned a neat and appropriate reply—and at 3 o'clock sat down, with about 150 gentlemen, to dinner. A variety of toasts were given, among which were the following:

*The Nation's Guest*—The only surviving Major General of the Revolution.

When this toast was drank, Gen. Lafayette rose and expressed his thanks for the welcome he had met with from the citizens of Fayetteville, and proposed the following toast:

*Fayetteville*—May it receive all the encouragement, and obtain all the prosperity, which are anticipated by the fond and grateful wishes of its affectionate and respectful namesake.

The company rose from the table between 4 and 5 o'clock, when the time had arrived to which the General proposed to depart for Cheraw, on his way to Camden, which place he was under an engagement to visit on the 8th inst. for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a monument to General De Kalb, who fell before that town on the 16th of August, 1780, bravely fighting the battles of his adopted country.

The General was accompanied from Fayetteville by General Williams and Col. Williamson; Judge Taylor and Maj. Stanly; a committee from Cheraw, consisting of three gentlemen, who met him here; a number of the citizens and the Fayetteville troop of Cavalry, which escorted him to the South Carolina line.

*Cotton*.—A letter from Egypt, of the 21st Oct. last, states that, through the exertions of the present Pacha, the face of this country has been entirely changed, and, in the course of three years from the first experiment, his highness has made the country this year, yield 300,000 bales of Cotton."

*Petersburg Rep.*

#### MARRIED,

On Thursday, 10th inst. at the seat of Mrs. Pugh, in Northampton county, Mr. Andrew R. Govan, member of the House of Representatives of the U. S. from S. Carolina, to Miss Mary Pugh Jones.

On Tuesday, 1st inst. by James Overstreet, Esq. Mr. James Sykes to Mrs. Catherine Pittman, all of this county.

On Thursday, 10th inst. at Enfield, by Jesse H. Simmons, Esq. Mr. Thomas Mason to Miss Eliza A. Lane.

#### Price Current.

MARCH 11.	Peters'g.	Norfolk
Bacon, - -	6 to 7	6 to 0
Brandy, Apple,	34 60	32 48
— Peach,	60 75	55 66
— Cogniac,	130 200	100 114
Corn, - - - -	175 200	150 160
Cotton, - - - -	15 18 1/2	13 16
Coffee, - - - -	18 22	19
Flour, superfine,	450 475	500
— family, -	600 700	600 650
Gin, Holland, -	90 100	90 96
— American,	39 40	35 40
Iron, per ton, -	\$86 100	90 96
Molasses, - - -	33 35	28 30
Rum, Jamaica,	125 150	90 96
— Antigua, -	75 100	70 74
— New-Eng.	37 1/2 45	36 37
Sugar, brown, -	9 13	8 11 1/2
— loaf, - - -	15 23	15 20
Salt, loose, - -	75	48 57
— sack, - - -	300 325	300
Tea, Y'g Hyson,	110 125	100 110
— Imperial,	150 200	140 146
Tobacco, - - -	\$3 10	2 1/2 8
Wheat, - - - -	80 87 1/2	75 80
Whiskey, - - -	25 30	28 30

*North-Carolina Bank Notes.*  
At Petersburg, 2 disc.

#### 500 Dollar Prize.

TICKET combination numbers 20, 28, 37, which drew a prize of Five Hundred Dollars, Was ordered at WHYTE'S Office, by a gentleman in Halifax, North-Carolina.

*The noted, thorough-bred Janus horse*

#### TRUXTON,

SO remarkable for getting capital colts, a beautiful mahogany bay, 12 years old this spring, and possessing more of the blood of Old Janus than any horse now living—will stand the ensuing season at my stable; 9 miles from the town of Halifax, and on the 9th and 10th days of each month at Joel H. McLemore's tavern, one mile from the town of Halifax, and will be let to mares at the moderate price of FOUR DOLLARS the single leap, SIX DOLLARS the season, and TEN DOLLARS to insure a mare to be in foal, with 25 cents to the Groom in every instance, to be paid soon after service. Should any person put by the insurance, and part with the mare before it is ascertained that she is in foal, will be held bound for the money. TRUXTON is a sure foal getter, and it is ascertained that his Colts are handsome and powerfully formed—Good and extensive pasturage gratis—Mares can be fed if required, at the neighborhood prices—Servant's board gratis—No accountability for accidents or escapes of any kind, but care shall be taken to prevent either. Season to commence the tenth of March and end the tenth of August.

#### TRUXTON,

Was got by Old Jolly Friar, his dam by Old Twig, who was got by Old Janus, out of Switch, also by Old Janus, out of a Jolly mare; his grandam by Col. Ash's horse Brilliant, who was got by Old Flinnapp, his great grandam by Old Mark Antony. For the better information of the blood of TRUXTON, the following is annexed:—Janus was foaled in England in 1738, and bred by Lord Godolphin, gotten by the Godolphin Arabian his dam the little Hartley mare, by Bartlett's Childers, his grandam called Flying Whig, by Williams' Woodstock Arabian; his great grandam (also dam of the Saint Victors barb) gotten by Whynot, a son of the Fenwick barb. Old Twig by Old Janus, out of Switch (also by Old Janus, out of a Jolly mare, and called Pucket's famous quarter mare.) Celer by Old Janus, out of Col. Mead's old mare by Aristotle, dam of Clodius, Buckskin, Fitz Patrick, Tippoo Saib, Pilgrim, &c. and may properly be said to have been one of the first rate mares of her day. Garrick by Celer, (and sire of Old Jolly Friar,) his dam by Old Janus, grandam by Old Janus, and great grandam by Janus. Friar's dam by Old Janus, his grandam by Jolly, and his great grandam by Old Janus.

*James C. Faucett.*

March 8.

Printing neatly executed AT THIS OFFICE.

The Rev. Robt. T. Daniel, and two other Baptist preachers, will preach at Rocky Swamp, on Thursday, the 14th of April—Friday, 15th, at Halifax—Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th, at Smith's church, in Northampton—Monday, 18th, again at Halifax—Tuesday, 19th, at Quakey Chapel—Wednesday, 20th, at Daniel's Meeting-house.

#### State of North-Carolina,

HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions.*

Stephen Bennett vs. John H. Edwards—original attachment—levied on one tract of land and premises, adjoining the lands of Wm. R. Smith and others, which is said to belong to John H. Edwards, on Roanoke river.

Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant in this case is not a resident of the state—It is therefore ordered, That publication be made for three months in the "Free Press," printed in the town of Halifax, that unless he make his personal appearance at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the county of Halifax at the Court-house in Halifax town on the third Monday of May next—replevy the property so attached, or plead—that judgment final will be entered and execution issue accordingly.

Teste,

*S. M. Johnston, D. C.*

March 3, 1825. 52-3m Price adv. \$7.

#### The celebrated Race Horse

#### BYRON,

A MOST beautiful Bay, with black legs, mane and tail, four years old this spring, five feet 5 inches high, will stand the present season, at the residence of Mr. Thomas Eaton, in the County of Halifax, on the road leading from Halifax to Mr. William Eaton's Ferry, about 4 miles above Mr. William W. Wilkins' Ferry, and 18 miles from the town of Halifax; he will stand at Mr. Eaton's on each Monday and Tuesday in every week, and at Mr. James Haile's on each Wednesday and Thursday, in every week, and will be let to mares at the very reduced price of TEN DOLLARS the Season, Five Dollars the Single leap, and TWENTY DOLLARS to ensure a mare to be in foal, with Fifty Cents to the groom in every instance.

Mares furnished with good pasturage gratis, and fed if required at the neighborhood price, but will not be responsible for accidents or escapes.

#### PERFORMANCES.

BYRON when two years old was entered on a stake to be run the fall after he was three years old, for Two Hundred Dollars entrance, two mile heats, five Subscribers, it being the only time he was trained; he won the race in great style, beating Mr. Johnston's colt by Timoleon and Col. Wynn's sorrel filly by Archie, at three heats; Mr. Harrison and Mr. Wyche paid forfeit.

#### PEDIGREE.

BYRON was gotten by the celebrated Sir Archie, his dam by the imported horse Bedford, his grandam by Federalist, which mare was half sister to the celebrated old Jolly Friar, his great grandam by Fearnaught, which mare was the property of Archibald Hamilton, and at the sale of his blooded stock, was purchased by Mr. Ben-nihan of Orange, and supposed to be the best mare in North Carolina of her day, his great great grandam by Janus, and his great great grandam by Jolly Roger, out of a Double Janus mare, so it is obvious to all those who read the pedigree of Byron, that he partakes of two of the best stocks in America: To wit: Sir Archie and Janus.

The Season will commence the 1st of March, and expire the 1st of July.

*Tho's W. Jenkins.*

Woodlawn, Feb. 24. 50-4t

Blank Warrants for sale AT THIS OFFICE.