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Notice.

THE Subscriber informs the citizens of Edgecombe and the adjacent counties, that he has commenced the

Gig and Wagon-making BUSINESS IN TARBORO'.

Near the Bridge,

And earnestly requests those friendly to humanity to give him a share of patronage. His work shall be completed equal to any in the State.

THOS. J. BLAKELEY.

Feb. 12, 1829.

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FOR SALE,

At the Post-office in the town of HALIFAX,

The following Articles, to wit:

Bacon, Lime, Herrings, Shad, Flour, Stained curtain Bedsteads, Windsor Chairs, Leather, wagon Collars, Tobacco, (twist and bundle,) wholesale and retail,

ALSO—the following Articles:

Bottle Corks, Fly Stone, Termerick, Liquid Blacking, Ginger, Spice, Nutmegs, Venitian Red, Red Lead, White Lead, Verdigris, Baitman's Drops, Opodeldoc, Allum, Letheridge, Ink Powder, Pearl Ash, Ground Paint Brushes, as-sorted, Shaving Boxes and Soap, Spanish Whiting, Turkey Umber, Crom. Yellow, Prussian blue, Durable Ink, Staughton's Bitters, Tooth Brushes, Mace, Snuff Boxes, Spanish Annatto, do. Blueing, do. Indigo, Wagons ironed, do. not Ironed, Almanacs, Garden Marrowfat } PEAS, Early six week } Green Bunch } Spinning Wheels, Shaving Brushes, Razors, Blank Warrants, do. Notes, do. Bonds,

All of the above articles will be sold very low, for Cash only.

JOS. L. SIMMONS.

Halifax, Feb. 6, 1829.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the Subscribers either by note or account, are respectfully invited to call and settle the same as soon as possible, as the subscribers are under the necessity of making collections between this time and February Court.

KING & GATLIN.

Tarboro', Jan. 20, 1829.

Notice.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, on the 22d of December last, an indentured apprentice boy, by the name of FRANCIS REDMOND, about seventeen years of age, dark complexion. I will give a reward of Ten Dollars for the delivery of said boy to me in Tarborough—all persons are forbid harboring or employing him under the penalty of the law.

HENRY JOHNSTON.

Tarboro', Jan. 20, 1829.

Mrs. A. C. Howard,

INFORMS the ladies of Edgecombe and vicinity, that she has opened, in the house immediately opposite the Bank in Tarborough, a handsome assortment of FANCY GOODS, suitable for fall and winter wear, which they are respectfully invited to call and examine.

Ladies' dresses, cloaks, pelisses, &c. made to order, in the latest and most approved fashions.

Leghorn and straw Bonnets bleached, dyed, or trimmed, at a short notice.

Tarborough, Oct. 30, 1828.

Laws of N. Carolina, 1828-9.

CHAPTER LXV.

An Act to incorporate the Edgecombe Manufacturing Company.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Joel Battle and such other persons as may be associated with him, according to the provisions of the third section of this act, his and their assigns and successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "the Edgecombe Manufacturing Company," for the purpose of manufacturing cotton, hemp, wool and flax; and by that name and style may sue and be sued; contract and be contracted with; have perpetual succession and a common seal; and hold real and personal estate, with the power to make all necessary rules, regulations and byelaws for the management of the concerns of the company, not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

II. And be it further enacted, That the capital stock of said company shall not be less than thirty thousand dollars, nor more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be raised by subscription in shares of one hundred dollars each, for which books of subscription shall be opened under the direction of Edmund D. Macnair, David Clark, David Barnes, Joel Battle, Benjamin M. Jackson, Theophilus Parker, Peter Evans and William Plummer, at Tarboro', and at such other places in the State as may by them be deemed advisable; and the said commissioners, or any three of them, may proceed to organize the said company so soon as the first named sum of thirty thousand dollars shall have been subscribed for, with leave to the company to extend the capital stock thereof at any time thereafter: Provided, the same shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

III. And be it further enacted, That there shall be annual meetings of the stockholders at such time and place as they may from time to time appoint, for managing the general concerns of said company: three persons being stockholders, shall be chosen directors, who may appoint a president, and in his absence, a president pro tempore; and shall have power to call special meetings of the stockholders; to supply vacancies in their own body; and to do all other acts and things touching the affairs of the company not otherwise specially provided for.

IV. Be it further enacted, That in any election of directors, and all other meetings, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for every share held by him, and may vote in person or by proxy, in such manner as may be from time to time prescribed in general meeting.

V. Be it further enacted, That the stock of said company shall be deemed and taken as personal estate, and may be transferred in such manner as the directors of the company shall from time to time direct.

VI. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

VII. Be it further enacted, That this act shall expire at the end of thirty years from the ratification thereof.

VIII. Be it further enacted, That the Company hereby established shall not engage in business other than that which ordinarily belongs to manufacturing: Provided, that the Legislature shall at any time hereafter have the power to repeal, alter or modify the charter hereby granted; on condition nevertheless, that no alteration or modification or repeal shall annul or invalidate the contracts made by or with the corporation; and that the corporation may still continue a corporation so far as to collect and recover and dispose of their estate, real and personal, and pay their debts and divide the surplus.

Notice.

IN conformity to the provisions of the above act of incorporation, Books of Subscription for Stock will be opened, under the direction of the Commissioners therein named—at Tarborough, on Tuesday, 10th inst.—and also at Nashville, under the direction of Joel Battle, William Plummer, William Battle and James Battle, on Tuesday, 17th inst.—to be continued open until 1st June, or for a longer time, if then deemed advisable by the Commissioners.

The patronage of a liberal public is solicited in this effort to give maturity and vigor to a native manufacture of such obvious utility and importance. It will surely be admitted that the supply, by northern manufacturers, with the addition of charges and the merchants' profit, of those fabrics which it is the object of this Company to produce, has increased to no inconsiderable extent the pressure so long experienced by this community. Possessing as we do ample resources within ourselves, no unfavorable circumstance forbids—on the contrary, every consideration invites to the attempt to render ourselves independent of the capital and industry of our northern friends. Certainly the application of industry, with a common portion of intelligence, and economical management, can alone be necessary to insure success to the enterprise. From the pride and patriotism of our fellow-citizens we anticipate a liberal encouragement of our undertaking; and we indulge the expectation, surely not too sanguine or unreasonable, that while northern manufacturers are enjoying a profit from capital similarly employed of 15 to 30 per cent. this Company may look forward with confidence, to a liberal remuneration for the investment of their funds. Terms of subscription will be made known on the day for opening the Books.

(Signed)

PETER EVANS,  
THEOPH. PARKER,  
JOEL BATTLE,  
E. D. MACNAIR,  
BENJ. M. JACKSON, &c.

March, 1829.

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Religious Denominations.....

From the last number of the Quarterly Journal of the American Education Society, we gather the following statistical intelligence respecting the most numerous denominations of Christians in the United States.—

There are about 800 Congregational Ministers of New-England; 115,000 communicants.

The number of communicants in the Presbyterian Church in the United States is about 150,000; the number of churches 1950; ministers 1300; licentiates 200; presbyteries 90.

In the Protestant Episcopal Church there are, clergy 509;

churches reported in 1817, 598; communicants reported in 1821, 25,000.

Calvinistic Baptists, in the United States, Associations 600; churches 4027; ministers 2,749; baptized in 1828, 28,852; communicants 282,494.

There are in the Methodist Episcopal Church, travelling preachers 1533; superannuated preachers, 1639. Increase in 1828, 66. Members in society 421,105. Increase of 1828, 39,103. There are many local preachers, number not known.

Ladies' Temperance Society.—

The ladies of a town in Ohio, have formed themselves into a Temperance Society, and adopted the following resolutions:

"We, the subscribers, having witnessed and heard of many cases of misery and ruin, in consequence of the free use of ardent spirits; and desirous to prevent, if possible so great evils:—

Therefore Resolved, 1. We will wholly abstain from the use of ardent spirits on all occasions; except when prescribed by a temperate physician.

2. We will discountenance all addresses in any of the male sex, if they shall be known to drink ardent spirits, either periodically or on any public occasion.

3. We, as mothers, daughters, sisters, will use our influence to prevent the connexion of our friends, with a man who shall habitually drink any kind of ardent spirits."

We are much gratified to see that the ladies are beginning to turn their attention to this subject. It is one in which they are deeply interested.—Ladies suffer much from intemperance, though they are generally innocent sufferers.—We would recommend to the Ladies of all towns and villages to follow the above example. Especially would we urge upon them a strict attention to the 2d section of the above resolutions.

Cotton Cordage.—

The New-York Gazette states that the Southern growers, in order to profit every way, by the use of their own products, have begun to use cotton for bale ropes, leading lines, traces, &c. and several rope makers are now employed in making cordage of the different sizes, for the southern planters. It is said that during the ensuing year, at least 400 tons of rope will be required, and ultimately the use of hemp for the southern states will be entirely unknown. This, it will readily be imagined, has grown out of the late Tariff.

Sugar Cane.—

George Pollock, Esq. has lately imported into this place, a large quantity of the sugar cane from Savannah, for the purpose of trying the capacities of our soil, for producing it profitably. The enterprise is deeply interesting, and the attempt to introduce among us a more lucrative employment of capital and industry than can be otherwise found in the present depressed state of our affairs, deserving of all praise.—Newbern Sent.