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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, Venetian Red, Red Lead, White Lead, Verdigris, Baitman's Drops, Opodeldoc, Allum, Letheridge, Ink Powder, Pearl Ash, Ground Paint Brushes, assorted, 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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We find in the Baltimore papers a very long and minute account of a discovery, said to have been recently made by M. Dellaforre, a distinguished French philologist, by means of which persons may be taught to read in a space of time, not exceeding forty hours, and averaging twenty-five.

New Bank of Georgia.—The "Central Bank" of Georgia, incorporated at the recent session of the Legislature of that state, has two most excellent provisions in its charter: One is, that no loan is to be made to any one person, or corporate body, over 2500 dollars; another is, that no

officer nor director of the bank is allowed to obtain a loan, nor their names to be received as endorsers. This is very good. It would have been well had such provisions been inserted in our North-Carolina bank charters, for in that event we should not now have seen them in such a higglety-pigglety condition,—nor the people of the state so interminably involved with them. *Salisbury Car.*

Cobbling.—A Mr. A. F. Stacy; (a genuine son of St. Crispin, we take it) advertises thus in the last Jackson (Tennessee) Gazette; "The subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Jackson, that he designs starting a Cobbling Shop, as there is scarcely any thing worn in this place but store boots and shoes, and they of the meanest kind." Mr. Stacy's complaint is not alone applicable to Jackson: "store boots and shoes," in the greatest profusion, are to be found in all the country stores throughout the Southern and Western States; as are the manufactures of most other mechanics: consequently, the mechanics find it difficult to get rich in the way of their vocation.—*ib.*

Progress of the American Bible Society.—During the first year of the Society there were issued from its Depository, Bibles and Testaments,

- 6,410 copies.
- During the 2d year, 17,594
- " third year, 31,128
- " fourth year, 41,513
- " fifth year, 43,246
- " sixth year, 53,470
- " seventh year, 54,805
- " eighth year, 60,439
- " ninth year, 63,851
- " tenth year, 67,134
- " eleventh year, 76,734
- " twelfth year, 134,607

The issues of the 13th year, during the first eight months, 146,000; making in all, since the organization of the Society, not far from 700,000 copies.

Alarm among the Lawyers and Doctors.—A considerable sensation prevails among the members of the above professions. The law of this state, imposing a tax on lawyers and physicians, has not heretofore been enforced, because it was supposed to be unconstitutional. The Supreme Court having decided that it is constitutional, the prosecuting attorney has issued a circular requiring immediate payment of the tax assessed by the Court, which is five dollars on each individual! It is feared that the collection of this sum will produce a number of bankruptcies among the dealers in briefs and blue-bottles.—*Cin. (Ohio) Gazette.*

In Ohio they have a vulgar proverb which runs thus: "Root, hog, or die." It is usually spread in starying capitals among idlers, and it is said, often has an admirable effect in promoting habits of industry.