



Tarborough,

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1829.

☞ We are highly gratified in having it in our power to state, that the office of Chief Clerk of the U. S. Navy Department has been conferred on our respected townsman, Major JAMES W. CLARK. We learn that the appointment was unsolicited, and so totally unexpected on the part of Maj. Clark, that in the first instance he declined it—the Hon. Secretary, however, temporarily filled the office, and invited the Major to meet him at Enfield—after a short conference, Major C. finally concluded to accept the offer, and will proceed in a few days to Washington. We believe we express the opinion universally entertained by those best acquainted with Major Clark, when we state that the confidence reposed in his industry and capability is not misplaced. Maj. C. has been a member of both branches of our State Legislature, Representative in Congress from this District, for several years past principal Clerk to the Senate, and officiated as Clerk to the recent Jackson Electoral College of this State.

In this instance, as in most other appointments under the present Administration, conjecture appears completely baffled, as will be seen by the following paragraph, extracted from the last Fayetteville Observer:

“We learn by letters from Washington, that the office of Chief Clerk of the Navy Department, vacated by the removal of Mr. Hay, will probably be filled by Col. John S. Ellis, of Newbern, N. C., Major T. P. Andrews, of Washington City, or Maj. Lee, of Virginia.”

Misrepresentation.—Notwithstanding the signal defeat sustained by the partizans of Messrs. Clay and Adams in the recent contest, it appears that they still continue the work of defamation and misrepresentation. The Ohio Repository of the 3d inst. says:

“Of Gen. Jackson’s Cabinet, 6 are from states south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, one from New-York and one from Pennsylvania.—Of their politics, Messrs. Ingham, Branch and Berrien are federalists, and the latter is said to have headed a mob to tear down a democratic printing office.”

We will only remark, that in this vicinity where Mr. Branch was “born and bred,” and resided until the present time, but one opinion is entertained of his politics, and that is, “he is not, never was, and never shall be a Federalist.”

The Washington papers state that the Hon. JOHN BRANCH, Secretary of the Navy, left that city on the 8th instant, on a visit to his late residence in Halifax county, for the purpose of removing his family to the seat of Government; and that, during his absence, Dr. BRADFORD, of Virginia, will superintend his Department.

Halifax, April 16.—At a meeting of the citizens of this town, on Monday last, it was resolved to invite the Hon. JOHN BRANCH, Secretary of the Navy, to dine with them previous to his departure for the Federal City. Committees of arrangements, &c. were appointed, and the following correspondence took place:

April 13th, 1829.

SIR:—We, the undersigned, in conformity to the wishes of the citizens of Halifax, and in unison with our feelings, seize this as a proper moment to congratulate you on your present elevation in the Republic. Wishing you all the happiness which you are so much entitled to, we at the same time respectfully invite you to dine with us, at the Mansion House Hotel, on Thursday next.

Your Obedient Serv'ts.

WM. L. LONG.
A. S. H. BURGESS,
E. H. EURE.

To Hon. JOHN BRANCH,
Enfield, N. C.

Enfield, April 13th, 1829.

GENTLEMEN:—Your kind congratulations for the recent honor conferred on your old associate and friend, together with the polite invitation of the citizens of Halifax to dine with them on Thursday next, merits the warmest tribute of my heart. But, Gentlemen, an imperious sense of duty constrains me to forego the high gratification which I should otherwise derive from mingling with friends so dear to me, around the festive board.

In every station in which I have been placed, my highest ambition has ever been to merit a continuance of the public confidence, by a faithful discharge of my duty. For a few days, in obedience to the dictates of a paramount obligation, recognised by every generous bosom, I have left the post assigned me by the greatest and best of men. In so doing, my determination was to return without a moments unnecessary delay. Allow me, then, with emotions which my pen cannot describe, to assure you, and through you my fellow citizens of Halifax, that while I decline the honor, I can never cease to cherish the liveliest recollection of their continued confidence and support.

With esteem and unfeigned respect, I am your's truly.

JNO. BRANCH.

To Messrs. Wm. L. Long,
A. S. H. Burgess,
E. H. Eure.

Though they have been disappointed in meeting their distinguished friend and fellow citizen at the festive board, our townsmen must, and do, approve the course he has taken.—*Minerva.*

The Hon. John Branch.—The last Raleigh Star commenting on “the new Administration,” remarks as follows:

On the present occasion we shall study brevity, and direct our observations to only two inquiries. First, what are Mr. Branch’s qualifications? and secondly, is North Carolina satisfied with his appointment?

First, then, of his qualifications to fill the office to which he has been assigned, we have not the smallest doubt. Indeed we know not that a more judicious selection could have been made. It is true North Carolina can furnish greater orators; but this is a talent by no means requisite for the Department. Such as are necessary, he possesses in a pre-eminent degree. All who know him, in justice, must acknowledge him to be a gentleman of sound republican principles, and talents of the most useful order, cultivated with an education comprising a thoro’ and general knowledge of men & things. These, added to his incorruptible honesty, his unquestioned patriotism, his habits of industry and capacity for business, his discretion and energy, amply qualify him for the office in question. Of the high estimation in which Mr. B. is held as a public character, we have the most satisfactory evidence. He was called

early in life to aid in the councils of his own State, and he has continued almost without intermission, in the public service. He has successively served as a member of both branches of the Legislature of North Carolina, and filled the office of Governor for the constitutional term of three years. As chief magistrate of the State, he gave general satisfaction, and, indeed, acquitted himself with peculiar honor. He has for six years filled the high and responsible station of Senator in Congress; and as evidence of the estimation in which his services in this the highest station in which they could place him, were held by his fellow-citizens, he was, at the last session of the Legislature, re-elected to that office without opposition. The friends of the administration abroad may rest assured that Mr. Branch’s competency for the office he now fills is not questioned by any here, except a few of his political opponents; and it is hard to believe that they can sincerely doubt the qualifications of one who has filled the offices above enumerated with such distinguished honors.

2. These facts, it would seem, ought to furnish a satisfactory answer to the second point of inquiry—is North Carolina satisfied with the appointment of Mr. Branch to the Navy Department? We shall, therefore, only remark, on this head, that we have taken some pains to learn the sentiments of our citizens in relation to it; & from what we have heard, hazard nothing in saying, that the appointment conferred on Mr. Branch, has given “universal satisfaction to the friends of Jackson and reform, however the friends of Adams and Clay may carp at it.” The latter will ever be opposed to him, both on account of his firm and undeviating republicanism and their enmity against General Jackson, whose election he warmly and ably advocated.

North Carolina is highly honored by the present Executive in his appointments to office. The Heads of the Navy, War, and Post Office Departments, and the Minister to Colombia, are all natives of this State.

In the last Congress, eight of the forty-eight Senators were natives of this State.—*Fay. Obs.*

Fat Hogs.—The Fayetteville Observer copied our notice of the hogs killed at the plantation of R. Hines, Esq. and accompanied it with the following remarks:

“These were large hogs, but they must knock under to five hogs raised by five neighbors in Burke county, of the following weights: 587 lbs. 500, 477, 472, and 449, making an aggregate of 2485 lbs! We like to record such facts, as they are calculated to rouse a spirit of emulation among North Carolina farmers, that cannot fail to be useful.”

Halifax, April 16.—The Steam Boat Petersburg, arrived here yesterday, from Norfolk.—*Min.*

Virginia and North-Carolina Transportation Company.—We learn from the Norfolk papers, that the last of the eight fine ves-

sels provided for carrying goods and produce through the Great Dismal Canal to Roanoke, and from thence to Norfolk, were a few days ago launched. The following are the names of these staunch-built vessels, Schooner-rigged, of from 60 to 65 tons burthen. The Staunton, Dan, Roanoke, Chowan, Meherrin, Elizabeth, Nottoway and Pasquotank.

To the means of transportation on the Canal, the enterprize of private individuals has added two fine Boats, of similar dimensions with the above, named the Independence and the Experiment.

We shall be glad to hear that all these fine vessels meet with full employment.—*Ral. Reg.*

Turnpike.—We are pleased to learn, that an act was passed at the late session of the Virginia Legislature for incorporating a Company to make a Turnpike Road from Petersburg to the Roanoke River.—The last *Old Dominion* mentions the circumstance, and adds, “Knowing the public spirit of the individuals named as commissioners in the law, and their devotion to the interests of this community, we feel assured, that no time will be lost in commencing this necessary work, so propitious, in every respect to the prosperity of Petersburg and its vicinity.”

We hope this work will soon be completed, and that a Company will be formed in this State by our next Legislature to extend the Road from the Roanoke to this City. A considerable portion of it could be made at a small expence; and there is no doubt that by straightening the Route, the distance might be considerably shortened. We believe our late Civil Engineer, Mr. Fulton, made a Survey of the Road a few years ago, with a view to this object.—*ib.*

☞ We are authorized to announce CHARLES A. HILL, Esq. of Franklin county, as a Candidate to represent the district composed of the counties of Granville, Franklin, Warren and Nash, in the next Congress of the United States.—*Warrenton Rep.*

JOHN GILES, Esq. we are authorized to say, is a candidate to represent this district, composed of Chatham, Randolph, Davidson, and Rowan counties, in the next Congress of the United States.

Salisbury Car.

Appointment by the President.—Louis M’Lane, of Delaware, to be Minister to England, vice James Barbour, removed.

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Petersburg, April 20.—Our market—owing to the holidays, the business doing is comparatively small. Cotton may be quoted at 8 a 9½ cts. Corn 82 25 a 2 37½. Bacon 6 cts. Flour 85 a 51.—*Times.*

New-York Flour and Grain Market.—The New-York price current of Wednesday 15th inst. states, that there has been a further reduction in Flour and Grain. Sales have been made of Rich-