

MAJOR JONES TRAVELS FIFTY YEARS AGO.

By Major Joseph Jones of Georgia.

TRAVEL.

Reader, do you feel like going on a journey to the north? If you do, just take a seat with me and I'll carry you from Pineville to Asheboro, and back again in a little or no time.

We will travel in steamboats, railroads, stage-coaches, and canal-boats, over rivers, lakes and mountains.

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LETTER I. PINEVILLE, GEO., May 5. To Mr. Thompson: Dear Sir: I have almost given up writing letters. I have quit editing the Southern Miscellany; and as for the people who got the kakaothis scribbled, as they call it, and never will get completely cured of it as long as I live.

LETTER II. PINEVILLE, Georgia, May 10. To Mr. Thompson: Dear Sir—This is a world of disappointment, shore enuff. All my plans is busted up, and I don't know if any thing ever set me back more worse before.

LETTER III. AUGUSTA, Georgia, May 12. To Mr. Thompson: Dear Sir—This far I have travelled in the bowels of the land without any difficulty, as Mr. Shakespeare says; but whether I'm going to get safe to my jarny's head, or find myself like Jony in the bowels of a whale's belly before I get home, I agin, is a business that opens a fine field for speculation, as the cotton buyers say.

thing of the world, and as it's monstrous troublesome to travel with children, we better go now, when we hadn't got but one. She sees it's fashionable to go to the North, and she don't see why I hain't got as good a right to be like other folks as sum people she knows, what goes to the Barry-togy Springs every year when they can't hardly make out to live at home.

"Why, Massa Joe, would dey?" "To be sure they would, nigger!" "You Mr. Mountgomery; they'd take you whether you was willin or not, in spite of yer Massa Joe, or anybody else."

"Oh, you ain't afraid of her runnin' off with anybody fer you git back, is you?" "I jest saw how it would be, 'cause I couldn't leave my wife long enough to go to the North. So I made up my mind to go anyhow, and make the best I could of it."

"Oh, it wouldn't never do in the world," said old Miss Stallins. "You could git plenty of servants at North when you git thar."

"No, no, neither," said Mary. "It may do well enuff for people what don't know the difference between niggers and white folks; but I could never bear to see a white gal toatin' my child about, and waitin' on me like a nigger."

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"Why, bless yer soul, Major," said he, "you couldn't keep her from 'em a day after you got to New York. No, no!" "I've not such a likely gal as that. They'd have her out of yer hands quicker'n you could say Jack Robinson."

"No, no, Joseph," said she; "I know you want to go, and I want to have you go, 'cause it'd do you good to see the North and git acquainted with the world. When little Harry gets big, we can take a journey together, together in spite of the old abolitionists, and then you'll know all about the country, and it'll be a great deal pleasanter for us all."

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