

On Monday last, about four o'clock, the inhabitants of this town were alarmed with the cry of fire. In consequence thereof they turned out with their usual alacrity, when it was discovered to proceed from the back part of a warehouse behind the store of Messrs. Malcolm, McKenzie & Co. in Market-street.

To the honor of the inhabitants it should be mentioned, that although a great number of houses in the town are covered by insurance, yet that in the course of a few hours One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars were subscribed by individuals, for the purpose of a Reward for the discovery and punishment of the person or persons concerned in the above mentioned attempt.

Sunday last being St. Andrew's Day, the same was observed on Monday, when the Native and Sons of Native North Britons, residing in Town, having previously invited all the fashionable company within twenty miles, gave a most splendid Ball and Supper. Upwards of two hundred Ladies and Gentlemen were entertained during the evening, to their most perfect satisfaction, not a single cloud hovering near the fun of Festivity.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania, has risen without coming to any decision upon the mode of choosing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

A gentleman in Raleigh, writes to his friend in this town, that the American Embassadors to France, have arrived safe at Norfolk.

Virginia has elected 21 Republican Electors, by a majority of 15487.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina.

Gentlemen, Pursuant to the message which I had yesterday the honor to receive from the Legislature, it becomes my duty to detail to you the state of the business committed to my administration by the last General Assembly.

Agreeably to the wish expressed by the last Assembly, I wrote the Secretary of State for the United States, early in the month of January, and endeavoured to point out and impress on him the propriety and the necessity of an immediate extension of the line designating the boundary between the inhabitants of this State and the Indians, as heretofore commenced by General Perkins, under the authority of the Government of the United States, and left unfinished by him.

And the letter to insure an immediate attention to the business, I wrote likewise to Major Franklin, of Congress, informing him of the measures taken by the Assembly of North-Carolina in that regard, and asking his care of the business.

Mr. Franklin has done every thing in his power, as will be seen by his letter of the 12th of May last. I am sorry, however, to add, that hitherto I have received no information from the officers of the General Government in this behalf, nor have I any assurances from them, that the wishes of our State relative to this matter shall be soon or ultimately acted on.

The resignation of Judge Moore, which was formally made known to me in the month of January last, next necessarily claimed the attention of the Chief Magistrate. The Council were engaged in the month of February, and advised the appointing Samuel Johnston, of Warren County, to fill the vacancy on the Bench, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Moore. The gentleman I commissioned ac-

cordingly. He accepted the appointment and has discharged the duties of it in a manner, I doubt not, honourable to himself, and beneficial to the country.

On the 11th of January last, I offered to Major Purviance, the appointment of Public Agent for the purpose of collecting testimony to be used against the persons charged by the late Commissioners with having committed frauds in the Land Office, &c. &c. He accepted the appointment on the 14th of the same month, and continued to act under it until the 29th of March, when he resigned.

The resignation of Mr. Purviance, the appointment of agent was given to Mr. White, the Secretary of the State. He held it for a few days only, and then he likewise resigned. The reasons assigned by these Gentlemen for their resignations, appear in their letters on that subject, recorded in my letter book, which will be laid before you in the course of the session; which book will likewise show the correspondence which took place in consequence of the law for the trial of the persons charged as aforesaid, between the Executive, and the Law Officers of the State. The commencement of the Court (the Judges of which I had commissioned under the authority of the act of the Legislature in that case, provided to try the persons charged as above mentioned) being at the time of Mr. White's resignation, well nigh at hand, it was not, on that account, thought advisable to make any other and further appointment of Public Agent. About the close of this Court, the unfinished business in which the State was concerned, was postponed and referred to the several District Courts in which the parties accused reside, as the calling of a Court of Oyer, other than the one then held, did not appear to me warranted by the law, nor was it perhaps necessary.

From the measures adopted, and the appointments made by the Legislature, and my Predecessor in Office, I held it my duty to press the fixing and extending the boundary line between North and South Carolina; and accordingly, on the 25th of January, I wrote, informing the Governor of South-Carolina, that commissioners on the part of this State, would meet on the 18th day of March, then next ensuing, for the purpose above mentioned, on the Wachaw Creek, and at the place where the former Commissioners ended their work, and submitting to him the propriety of appointing Commissioners on the part of that State, to attend and see that the observations were accurately taken, and the lines properly run and marked. My letter to the Governor of South-Carolina led to a correspondence on this subject, which will be found recorded, and which I am sorry to be under the necessity of observing, does not evidence a single trait of an accommodating disposition on the part of the Executive of that State; on the contrary so very much is the reverse, that our Commissioners have been forbidden by the Governor of South-Carolina to cross the reputed boundary, or enter that State, on the business aforesaid, at their peril, and at the risk of being personally maltreated by the Military Power. Such being the case, it appeared to me advisable to postpone the meeting of the commissioners, and yet longer to defer this interesting and necessary business, rather than commit the dignity of the State, and risk the becoming involved with a Sister State, in a quarrel so unseemly and so unbecoming. Under this impression, I countermanded the orders given to the Commissioners, and wrote the Governor of South-Carolina, as will be seen in our correspondence on that head. It remains, therefore, for this General Assembly to take such order, and to make such provisions in this regard, as to them shall seem best to comport with the rights, peace, and dignity of the State. If, however, I were to risk an opinion, after having witnessed that which appeared to me the very backward & unaccommodating disposition of the Executive of South-Carolina in this respect, and after having duly considered the measures adopted by it, it would be, that a resort to the Constitutional Tribunal, is that mode of deciding this unfortunate and long standing dispute, which will best accord with the dignity of this State, and which will ultimately best secure the rights of its citizens.

Early in the month of June last, the resignation of Judge Haywood was handed to me. I declined however, to fill the vacancy on the Bench, occasioned by his retiring; and in doing so, I was influenced by two reasons, firstly, because I despaired of finding a Gentleman of the Bar equal to discharging the duties of the appointment, who would lay aside his Professional Business, and accept an office merely temporary from its tenor, and one which the General Assembly might, or might not, think proper to confirm to him; and secondly, because I was assured by all the Judges at present of the Bench, that no Term which should happen before the meeting of the General Assembly should be lost, in consequence of Mr. Haywood's resignation.

The situation of our State, with respect to Arms and Military Stores is such, that it would seem to me unpardonable in its Chief Magistrate to pass it over unnoticed. I feel, however, such an unwillingness to publish to the world our entire inattention hitherto to this highly interesting and important business, and find it a subject of such delicacy withal,

that I know not well in what terms to press it on the minds of the Legislature. The indiscreet expediency of some provision of this kind, even considered in a domestic point of view, and relatively to the Blacks among us, is so self-evident, as to require no illustration: I will therefore content myself with having mentioned it to you, Gentlemen, and will rest satisfied, that it will neither escape you, nor be disregarded by you.

Since the rise of the last Assembly, I have received from the Secretary of State for the United States, several boxes or packages containing many hundred copies of the laws of Congress, for the use of N. Carolina; all of which are deposited in the State-House, and are subject to the order and disposal of the General Assembly.

To-morrow shall be laid before you the Journal of the Council of State, and the Book containing the letters written and received by the Governor, above referred to, and at the same time shall be mentioned such other matters and things as appear to me worthy of your attention.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, With much respect, Your obt. Servant, B. WILLIAMS.

Raleigh, November 19, 1800.

His Excellency Benjamin Williams is re-elected Governor of this State. Joseph Gale is elected Public Printer, by a majority of 24—viz Messrs. Hodge and Boylan.

MARRIED—By the Reverend Mr. Baker, on the 23d ult. Doctor Reuben Everitt, to Miss Judith F. Flare, both of Smith-Ville.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Jonathan Jennings, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment.—And those to whom the estate is indebted, are desired to exhibit their demands, properly attested, within the time prescribed by an act of the General Assembly of this State.

ANN JENNINGS, Ex'x. December 4—3w.

RAN AWAY about two weeks ago, my Apprentice boy, ENOCH HINES. Any person harbouring said apprentice, will be prosecuted as the law directs. ONE CENT reward will be paid to the person delivering him to JACOB HARTMAN.

December 4.

RECEIVED in Wilmington goal, August the 15th, 1800, a negro fellow by the name of MINGO, between 60 & 70 years of age. Said negro was sold by Jonathan Standley of this county, to one Manning now of Georgia. The owner of said slave is hereby requested to come forward within the time limited by law, and pay charges, or said slave will be sold to defray the same.

MILES KNIGHT, Jailor. N. B. This is the last time Mingo will be advertised.

December 4.

For LIVERPOOL, The American Ship Friendship, Isaac Tubbs, Master, burthen 230 tons, with good accommodation for passengers. For Freight or Passage apply to the Master on board or to R. BRADLEY.

Wilmington, Nov. 17, 2011f

The Subscriber has received by the Ship Friendship from Liverpool.

6000 Bushels of Salt, 4 Bales Woolens, 30 Crates Crockery Ware, 30 C. Sks Nails, 15 Tons Coals, 4 Bales Osnaburghs, Which he will dispose of at low advance for immediate payment.

He has also on hand, A few Puncheons of fine flavoured Rum, between two and three years old, which he offers for sale wholesale and retail.—Fresh Hylon Chulung and Bohea Teas, imported by the Ann and Hope, Indianan, the latter end of last August.

R. BRADLEY. Wilmington, Nov. 12.

TO BE LET,

And entered upon on the 1st of January, or between that and the first day of February.

THAT pleasant and well known plantation called CASTLE-HAYNES, in New-Hanover County, at present occupied by Mr. Blanks;—with as many working negroes as the tenant may require, also a flock of Cattle.

J. BURGWIN.

The subscriber will pay the cash to any workman who will undertake to build him a small Tub Mill, and will find Carpenters to assist in procuring the Timber, &c. J. BURGWIN. November 27, 203—1f.

Nov. 12, 1800.

IN the Summer of the year 1798, a number of Gentlemen of Fayetteville and its vicinity, formed themselves into a Society for the purpose of founding a Seminary of Learning. A Board of Trustees was appointed, who by a public advertisement and printed cards, made known the adoption of the following plan of education, viz.

That a principal Teacher shall be appointed, under whose immediate charge the Institution shall be placed, to be governed by such rules and regulations as the Trustees may from time to time ordain; that the Academy shall be considered a School for the education of both sexes, and that to such other Teachers as the Trustees shall appoint, a Director is superintend the female classes in education and manners, shall be engaged; that the English, Latin and Greek languages from the first principles to the greatest improvement, shall be taught; also the elements of History, Geography, use of the Globes, Bells Letters, Mathematics, together with moral and natural philosophy.

The Trustees are now happy in having it in their power to announce to the public, that the above plan of education has been carried into complete effect, agreeably to their most sanguine wishes or expectation. The Rev. Mr. Robeson is now settled in Fayetteville, and has undertaken the charge of the Academy as principal Teacher; his acknowledged abilities, mildness of disposition, and amiableness of manners highly qualify him for such a charge. The Trustees feel a proportionate satisfaction in the qualifications of the Ladies and Gentlemen who are his assistants. They have lately received an elegant set of Globes with some mathematical apparatus, and the classes in Geography, Astronomy and Mathematics have commenced under the most favourable prospects. The present established rates of tuition are as follow, viz.

Reading Writing & Arithmetic, 8 dollars per annum. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, plain Needle Work and Marking, 10 dollars per annum. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, and the higher branches of Needle Work, 14 dollars per annum. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Greek, Latin, English Grammar, Geography, Astronomy, Mathematics, and Bells Letters, 14 dollars per annum.

The tuition money to be paid quarterly in advance.

From the success already experienced, the Trustees pledge themselves, that no exertions on their part shall be wanting to extend the usefulness of an institution that promises to be so beneficial to the rising generation.

By order of the Board, J. BURKE, Sec'y. Nov. 20, 1800.

NOTICE.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on a credit of two years, on the third day of January next, in the county of Bladen, 20 miles below Fayetteville,

THAT valuable and well known Plantation, late the property of Daniel Willis, dec. with 1000 acres of Land, on which is a very large Plantation Dwelling-House and out houses, with a very large Apple Orchard superior to any in the county—and on the woodland there is a large quantity of Save Timber.—The Tract in the estimation of those who know it, is equal to any on the river.

At the same time and place, WILL BE SOLD,

At one year's credit, Three yoke of Oxen, and sundry other articles.

ALSO, Will be hired out for one year,

Some Negroes, the property of said deceased.

JOHN THAMES, THOMAS BARNES, JOHN ROLAND, Ex'rs.

November 27.

WHEELER & CARPENTER, Watch Makers & Silver Smiths,

BEG leave to inform the public, that they have commenced business in Front-street, opposite the house formerly occupied by Mr. Dorley, where they intend carrying on said business with strictness and punctuality, and flatter themselves they shall be able to give satisfaction to those who may please to favour them with their custom.—They have now on hand a very handsome assortment of Jewelry, which they will sell low for cash.

November 27—202—1f.

FOR SALE, Cheap for Cash,

A stock of Cattle and Hogs, on the Sound. For further information enquire of the Printer. Nov. 20—202—1f.