

could destroy or drive off all the American Troops.

This information was not known at Natchez, at the departure of the Mail, and might not be known for some short time after, but it comes to a gentleman in this city, from a quarter which may confidently be relied on, and it is too certain, that neither the people in the Mississippi Territory, nor the government have had the least intimation of these hostile designs—the utmost secrecy having been observed among the Spaniards.—The result will be shortly known.

WILMINGTON,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1806.

Extract of a letter from Curacao, dated 19th August, to a respectable merchant in New-York.

"Miranda has been again defeated, and compelled to re-embark, probably with the determination to abandon an enterprise which, it would seem, his enlightened countrymen are not firm enough to encourage, and he has no means to accomplish it on any other principle. I have seen the extract of a letter from the commandant of Coro, mentioning that a skirmish took place the 11th inst. where M's party were engaged in watering at Rio Negro—that he had twenty killed, 17 wounded, and some prisoners—that his fleet consisted of ships, brigs, &c. protected by his Britannic Majesty's ship Lilly only.—They are supposed to have returned to Aruba, but we have no arrival to establish that fact."

From the Richmond Enquirer.

TOBACCO TRADE.

Letters, which have been received in this city from London, announce an important change in the mode of collecting the duty on tobacco. The following may explain the nature and consequences of this new regulation.

The duty on tobacco in England, is not paid on the importation, as it is on most other articles and drawn back on exportation. The principal reason assigned for this exception is, that the duty upon a whole cargo would be so considerable, as to require too great a capital in the hands of the importer. The present duty, for instance, is 2s. 1d sterling per lb. The whole amount therefore on a cargo of 300 hhds. would have been immense, and the capital so vested, might have remained for months and years in an unproductive state.

When the tobacco is landed in England, it is stored in what are called the king's warehouses: and it is upon delivering it from the warehouses, that the duty is advanced. The great convenience of this arrangement is, that a manufacturer who has purchased a cargo of tobacco, may suffer it to lie in the warehouses for several years, and he pays the duty in proportion as he consumes the tobacco. Another convenience is, that he may pay the duty on the second parcel of tobacco; out of the proceeds of the first when it has been manufactured and carried to market.

But in the payment of this duty there was formerly no exception made in favor of stemmed tobacco; the duty being laid upon the lb. of tobacco, without any regard to its stems.

In former times, these stems were of considerable use in the manufacture of snuff, and the value of these stems was superior to the duty on tobacco. Some change however having taken place in the value of this species of snuff, the value of the stems became less than the amount of the duty.

The effect upon this country was, that much of our tobacco was stemmed, before it was exported to England; and the English manufacturer was not then under the necessity of paying a duty upon the stems. The stemming is principally carried on by the planters themselves; but in some of the large towns, where great quantities of tobacco are deposited, stemming has even become a distinct and lucrative business. Virginia has been computed to employ not less than eight hundred or ten thousand hands; who being principally small boys, are almost unfit for any other occupation. The tobacco is then exported to G. Britain, and the stems to Germany.

The English manufacturers, unwilling (as it may be presumed) to lose thus the duty paid upon unstemmed tobacco, should they be obliged to purchase it, or to allow us the profit in stemming, have petitioned parliament for a reduction of the duty on stems. Parliament (it seems) have now passed an act allowing to the manufacturer to go into the king's warehouses and stem his tobacco. There is of course a deduction from the duty paid on the tobacco taken from the warehouse, in proportion to the quantity of stems left behind. What is the rate of this deduction, who becomes of the stems themselves, or what are the other details of this act of parliament, we have not yet had an opportunity of discovering. The effects of this new arrangement upon ourselves is not difficult to perceive. It will reduce much water to a par the prices of stemmed and unstemmed tobacco; it will diminish the quantity that is

stemmed in this country, diminish the profits on this branch of business, and it will deprive a set of hands, who are scarcely fit for any other employment, of one that is tolerably productive.

NEWSPAPER, September 20.

On Sunday the 7th inst. a Pilot built schooner, of about 80 or 90 tons burthen, called "the Carpenter of Philadelphia," with false cabin windows, a flush deck with rails around her waist: and quarters, laden with coffee in bulk, was discovered a few miles off Beaufort Inlet. An attempt was made to get her on shore or into Beaufort Harbour, but without effect. Nothing was saved from her: There were seen the tops of the masts of another vessel sunk not far from land. The carriages of some cannon have drifted on shore near Beaufort supposed to belong to Gun-Boat No. 1. Captain John Chace of the brig Alexander of Rhode Island ran ashore about 20 miles North of Beaufort, on the night of the 15th inst. in fine weather. He was from Newis, bound home with 58 Hhds. Rum and 2 do. Molasses, the cargo is saved and will be sold on the 26th inst. The vessel is not yet damaged but it is dubious whether she can be got off, and Capt. C. supposed himself to be on the outward edge of the gulf and went ashore with all sails standing.

CHARLESTON, September 16.

Capt. Ryon, of the smack Republican, on Sunday morning, in fifteen fathom water, fell in with a ship of about 300 tons burthen, totally dismantled, and not a living soul on board—on her stern was painted, "Cato, of Philadelphia;" and her cargo between decks consisted of cotton. Captain Ryon took her in tow, and brought her into eight fathoms water, but the wind blowing very fresh, for the safety of his own vessel, he was compelled to leave the ship, after bringing her to anchor—saw her again yesterday morning, riding out the gale—the wind continuing to rise, capt. Ryon returned into port last evening. The ship was seen from Sullivan's island this morning; but the weather continues so tempestuous, that no boat can go out to her.

A gentleman from New-Orleans informs us, that he left the Cato at that place, with a cargo of cotton, hides and tobacco for Antwerp. She was commanded by captain Pile, who, being remarkably well fitted with good boats, it is probable, has, with his crew, abandoned the ship, the was entirely stripped of sails, rigging, &c.

September 19.

Ship Sally, Rowe, arrived in 8 days from Norfolk.

Capt. Rowe passed three British ships of the line, and a frigate, close in with the Capes of Virginia.

On Sunday, the 7th inst. in lat. 35 long. 60, captain Walker, (arrived yesterday) fell in with the British 84 gun ship Caesar, under jury-masts, standing for Halifax. She was Admiral Sir R. Strachen's flag ship, and had been dismantled in one of the late gales. The Admiral had left her the day before, and gone on board the Triumph 74, one of the ships of his squadron, which was on its way to Europe.

Capt. Starks, of the ship Eliza, arrived at Savannah, from Liverpool, spoke on the 2d of September, in lat. 34 26 long. 70, 34, the brig Joshua Potts, of Wilmington, N. C. 16 days from Charleston, bound to Marseilles—had encountered a heavy gale on the 29th of August, and had lost her stern boat, and all her water off her deck, and received much damage.

Arrived at Savannah, on Saturday last, the ship Volant, from Grenock—a gentleman who came passenger in said ship, informs, that the ship Cato, capt. Pile, from New-Orleans, bound to Bordeaux, was wrecked by a storm on Sunday the 24th ult. in lat. 26 odd minutes, by which she lost all her masts, boats, &c. and after remaining on the wreck five days, the captain and his crew were taken off by the brig Adventure, capt. Hearwell, bound from Havana to Philadelphia. In lat. 29, spoke brig Albert, captain Frazer, bound from Matanzas to Charleston, who received on board his vessel, capt. Pile and five of his seamen—head winds obliged the Albert to put into Cockspur.

September 22.

By the sch'r Gabriel Duval, captain Watt, we last evening received Nassau papers to the 16th inst. but they furnish no news. Another very severe gale of wind was experienced at that place on Sunday the 14th inst. which did considerable injury to the wharves, &c. most of the shipping in the harbour were drove on shore, but have since principally got off, without having sustained much injury. Among them were the ship Suffolk, from Camperchy for this port, detained, and the schooner Gabriel Duval.

DIED. Lately in Guilford county, aged upwards of 60 years, the Rev. David Caldwell.—He had been for near 50 years a teacher of the higher branches of education in the Guilford Academy. To enumerate the services of this venerable and pious man would be impossible—the fruits of his labours speak for him in every part of the state.

In this town, on Sunday evening last, Mrs. MARR BRYAN, widow of Captain Bryant.

Rule for the trial of Causes, New Term, 1806.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th days, New-Hanover and Brunswick.
6th, Criminal.
7th, Unfinished Criminal.
7th, 8th and 9th, Bladen, Duplin & Onslow, and out of the District.
10th, Argument.
10, 11th, 12th and 13th, Equity.
James W. Walker, Clk.

CUSTOM-HOUSE WILMINGTON.

ENTERED
Sept. 25, Brig Danube, Hathaway, Liverpool
Dry Goods and salt.
27, Sloop Diana, Richardson, Alexandria
CLEARED
Sch'r Madockawando, Swann, St. Thomas
Ailey Ann, Grenough, Barbadoes
Franklin, Marchant, Barbadoes

Wholesale Store.

The subscribers are now opening and offer for sale by the Package or less quantity.

A very large and general Assortment of Dry Goods, Hard Ware, Hats, &c.

Consisting of
NEGRO Cloths of various kinds, Blankets, Coatings, Flannels, Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Velverets, Thicksets, Threads, Muslins, Durants, Linens, Dimities, Calimancoes, Ribbons, Shawls, Handkerchiefs, cotton woolen and worsted Stockings, Crapes, Edgings, Modes, Satins, Gloves of all kinds, Bedticks, Oznaburgs, Swansdowns, Cardinals, Calicoes, Checks, Nails, Locks, Hinges, Anvils, Vices, Hoes, Guns, Pistols, Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, Penknives, Scissors, Razors, Brushes of all kinds, mill, cross cut and Handsaws, Files and Rasps, Bridle Bits and Stirrups of all kinds, Plated and tinne Saddles, Carpenter's Tools, Shot, Sad Irons, Scythes and Sickles, Pins, Buttons, Paints and Window Glass, English Gun Powder, Men's Women's and Children's Hats—with a variety of other articles too tedious to mention.

They have also in addition to their Stock already on hand, imported in the ship Danube just arrived from Liverpool, and which in a few days will be landed.

120 casks fine drawn English Nails,
7 cases Guns well assorted,
Pistols of various kinds,
10 casks Hoes, and a very general assortment of Hard Ware.

Giles & Burgwin.

Wilmington, Sept. 26.

For Liverpool,

THE staunch Brig DANUBE,
Captain Hathaway,
To sail in a short time.
For passage or part freight apply to the Captain, or to
A. LAZARUS.
Wilmington, Sept. 30.

A. HALL keeps constantly on hand, at the Printing-office,

A large Collection of BOOKS,
Among which are School Books of almost every kind.

ALSO, STATIONARY,

consisting of
BLANK BOOKS assorted,
Thick Post Folio,
Thin ditto,
Quarto Post,
Gilt edge Foolscap,
Plain do. do.
Pot, Marble,
Blotting & Wrapping
Ink Powder and Quills of the best quality,
Shining and common Sand,
Red and Black Sealing-Wax and Wafers,
Lead Pencils of various kinds,
Some Charts and Seamen's Journals,
Cyphering and Copy Books and Copy Slips,
Blanks of all kinds in common use.

STOLEN from the printing-office, the 1st volume of DON QUIXOTE, Glasgow edition, 1803—Also, the 1st volume of ST. LEON, a Tale of the 16th century, by Wm. Godwin. A reward equal to the value of the Books will be given for discovering the Thief, or for informing me where they may be found.
Sept. 23. A. HALL.

AS the Sheriff's-Office is

frequently shut from Mr. Seagrave as well as myself being out of town, Notice is hereby given, that the Tax List is left with Mr. Harper at Peden's Store, for Collection. He is authorized to receive the same and to give sufficient discharges.
Sept. 20. Wm. NUTT, Sheriff.

Brigade Orders.

ACCORDING to Orders already sent by the best opportunities that could be obtained, the undermentioned Regiments are to be paraded for Review, at the court-houses of their respective counties, precisely at one o'clock, as follows:

The Brunswick Regiment on Friday the 10th,
The Onslow Regiment on Monday the 13th,
The Duplin Regiment on Wednesday the 15th, and
The Bladen Regiment on Friday the 17th

The Commanding Officers of Regiments will particularly bear in mind, that a field Return is expected within an hour after each Review, and therefore issue Orders in due time to the Officers commanding Companies to come prepared with blank Returns ready for filling up without delay.

BENJA. SMITH, B. G. M. N. C.
9th Sept. 1806.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing his friends and the public in general, that he has removed his Store to the house lately occupied by Mr. Jesse Wingate, where he has just received and now opening a new and general assortment of Dry Goods, Hardware, &c. also a quantity of Groceries, consisting of best Cogniac Brandy, Holland Gin, 3d & 4th proof Rum, New England Do. Gunpowder, Hyson and Souchong Tea, Loaf, Lump and Brown Sugar: All which he will sell wholesale and retail, at the most reduced prices. JAMES USHER.
Wilmington, September 1.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY on Wednesday the 17th instant, a bright Mulatto Fellow named TOM, five feet 6 or 7 inches high and well set, 18 or 19 years of age, has the mark of an Anchor done with Indian Ink on his right wrist, a scar over his right eye and another on the lower part of his neck, the latter occasioned by a burn; and formerly belonged to a Mr. Davis of South-Carolina. He is very artful, and no doubt will attempt to get off by sea or land, under pretence of being free; all persons are therefore forewarned against harbouring, employing or carrying him away. The above reward will be paid for putting him in jail, so that I get him again, and in addition thereto, all reasonable expences in bringing him to me in Wilmington.
HENRY B. HOWARD.

Sept. 23.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE Copartnership under the firm of Willkings Scott and Co. was by mutual consent dissolved on the first instant. John Scott having purchased the Stock in Trade, belonging to said firm, will settle and pay all demands against them, and is fully authorized to receive all debts due to the Company—and therefore earnestly requests immediate payment, that he may be enabled to meet his engagements.

M. R. Willkings,
John Scott.

Sept. 9, 1806—4w.

Wanted Immediately.

A YOUNG MAN well acquainted with the country business of a Retail Store, and who can procure satisfactory recommendation. Apply to the printer.
September 16.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber on the 11th of May, a negro man named JOHN, about thirty years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, yellow complexioned, marked with the small pox, limps a little (though hardly perceptible), occasioned by his thigh being broken when young, speaks French, which is his native language and speaks the English language tolerable plain, has rather a down look—took with him an oznaburgs shirt and trousers with a number of other clothes. He was stopped on the road leading to Fayetteville, but made his escape, leaving all his clothes except those he had on—it is supposed he intends for Wilmington, where he will endeavor to go on board some vessel as a sailor, which business he has followed and perhaps understands.

The above reward and all charges will be paid for having him secured in any jail in the state, or Fifty Dollars and all reasonable charges will be paid for having him delivered to the subscriber, living in Sneedborough, Anson County.

All masters of vessels are cautioned against receiving or employing him on board their vessels, as they may have to answer the consequences.

W. M. JOHNSON.

Sneedborough, May 24, 1806

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THE subscriber offers for sale at a very low price, a Philadelphia made Carriage, with plated Harness for four horses. Also a well tun'd Forti Piano almost new—A long credit, if requested, will be given. He will also rent his Dwelling House in Fayetteville, the situation is pleasant and healthy, and capable of accommodating a genteel family. For terms apply to Mr. John McMillan, Fayetteville or John Lord, Wilmington.
Robert Donaldson.

May 27, 1806.

Samuel Ashe
By his next friend, } Wilmington District,
vs. } In Equity.
Joseph Masher & wife

PURSUANT to an order of the said Court of Equity, in the above cause, the depositions of John Walker and James Walker, and others, will be taken at the Court-House in Wilmington on the tenth day of November next, on behalf of the complainant. At which time and place, the parties interested may attend if they think proper.

Test,
EDWIN JAY OSBORNE, C. & M. E.
Sept. 2, 1806.