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ADVERTISEMENTS.

Articles in this department will be very extensively circulated and read, as this paper has between two and three hundred more subscribers than any other newspaper printed in the state—diffused very generally over North Carolina, and circulated in all the Southern States, and in Tennessee—has also a few subscribers in the Mississippi and Orleans Territories, and the Spanish province of Florida, and a few scattered over the middle and northern states, and the List of Subscribers is continually increasing. It is, therefore, not deemed improper to invite Advertisements—they will be inserted on the usual terms.

Cash Store.

The Subscriber has just received from New York a fresh supply of

GOODS,

Among which are the following (scarce and useful) Articles:

HARNESS Mounting complete; Sursinglers, rollers and common buckles; Flett Setts, steel-heads and throats; Inlets, plated; Buckles, tips and rings; Saddl Nails; plated and common Stirrup Irons; plated Bits, curb and snaffle; common do do; Straining and Woolen Webbing; Lincen Girt do; Saddle Tacks, from 6 to 20 oz two-penny, three-penny, and four-penny Clouts, cut and Wrought; Knives and Forks; Stock, Pad, Chest, and Trunk Locks; Plane Irons and Socket Chisels; Nails of all kinds; Mill and Cross-Cut Saws; Pewter Half Pint Tumblers; Leather and Calfskin covered Travelling Trunks; Williamson's celebrated patent Three-Slit Pens; White Thread; Irish Linens and Cotton Shirtings; Sherry, Lisbon, and Malaga Wines, first quality; best Philadelphia bottled Porter, &c &c &c; all of which will be sold at a very moderate profit for cash.

WILLIAM SHAW.

Raleigh, Oct. 5, 1809.

49—4f.

J. Scott

RETURNS thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Raleigh and the Public at large, for the liberal encouragement he has received, and informs them that he now has (and will continue to keep) a more extensive assortment of Jewelry and Plate-ware, Gold and Silver Watches, &c. &c. than he has ever had. He wishes to inform the Members of the ensuing General Assembly, and the Public generally, that he has employed a young man from London, of superior talents, as a Watch and Clock Maker, to any he knows in the United States—therefore, those who please to honour him with their custom may rely on having it executed in the best manner, and with dispatch, and warranted. He repairs Marine Time-keepers, Duplex Horizontal, Lever, Virgule, Alarm and Repeating Watches, and Clocks of every description, &c. &c. Every kind of work in his line will be done with accuracy and dispatch. Old Gold and Silver, Cob Pieces, State Gold, &c. received in payment.

Raleigh, October 5, 1809.

49—3 w.

100 Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY on the 15th of August last, from the subscriber, at Abbeville District, South Carolina, a Negro Man named PETER, about 25 years of age, about 5 feet high, stout and well made; of a yellow complexion; much marked on the right side by whipping—suspected to be in company with a white man. Any person apprehending the above described Negro, and lodging him in any jail, shall be reasonably rewarded. Any person apprehending said negro and white man, shall, by lodging both in any jail, receive one hundred dollars.

ROBERT SMYTH.

September 20, 1809.

Fayetteville Academy.

THE Trustees of the Fayetteville Academy with pleasure inform the Parents and Guardians of Children, that the Rev. William L. Turner is engaged as Principal Teacher in this Seminary, and will enter upon the duties of his appointment about the middle of November next. The degree of Reputation this gentleman has deserved and enjoyed as Principal of the Academy in Raleigh, renders unnecessary the addition of any thing on this head. It forms a sure pledge to those who purpose placing their Children at this School, that the utmost attention will be paid to their advancement in Literature, and the improvement of their morals. The Trustees assure the public that nothing shall be wanting on their part to promote the future usefulness of the Students that may depend on a steady discharge of the duties of their trust. They contemplate and have partly arranged an enlarged plan of Education in the Female Department, and the addition of a Teacher in Music.

The convenience of the Students, as respects board, &c. has engaged the particular attention of the Trustees. Accommodation for a large number of each sex, in the principal families of the town, may be had at the rate of six or seven dollars per month.

The central situation of Fayetteville—the very ready communication with all parts of the State—the degree of health enjoyed by its inhabitants, joined to the known and approved abilities of the Teachers, render the Fayetteville Academy highly deserving of public notice and patronage.

DAVID ANDERSON, President.

Fayetteville, Oct. 5, 1809.

49—6 w.

Notice.

TO prevent the disagreeable necessity of having recourse to law, I most earnestly request those in arrears to come forward and make immediate payment or settlement. From those whom I think unable to pay cash, old Corn will be taken at twenty shillings, and new at fifteen shillings per barrel. Brandy, or any thing else that I may want, will be received at the market price, delivered at my house. Tallow, Brandy, and some Corn are wanted at the present time. I also wish to hire a young man who can come well recommended as a Bar-keeper—Generous wages will be allowed.

The Public's humble Servant,

ARCHIBALD WILLS.

Raleigh, September 26, 1809.

Daniel Peck

informs the Public that he has removed to Raleigh, where he intends carrying on the

GUNSMITH'S BUSINESS,

in all its various branches; such as making, repairing, &c. Gentlemen's fine GUNS, RIFLES, and PISTOLS can be pushed with gold in the neatest manner.

All kinds of

Door and Furniture Locks

Repaired, and KEYS made of any description.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS,

SWORDS AND SIDE-ARMS

Repaired, ground, and polished in the best order.

ELASTIC TRUSSES

Made to suit any size, age, or constitution, and warranted to afford relief in almost any stage of the complaint, where the patient applies for them personally.

MILLER'S INKS,

Cast to any dimension, can be had on the shortest notice. **BRANDING-IRONS** cut to any figure.

HOUSE BELLS

Will be hung in town, or at a small distance in the country, and materials found for the purpose. In fine, all kinds of the like work executed with neatness and dispatch.—He flatters himself with the hope of giving general satisfaction to those who may think proper to favour him with their patronage.

Raleigh, September 14, 1809.

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RAN-AWAY

FROM the Subscriber on the 10th day of September, a bright mulatto fellow by the name of Ralph. He is about 35 years old—a number of his front teeth are missing—several before, so as to disqualify him from chewing any thing hard. He has a very down look. He had on when he left me cotton clothes, except his coat, which was cotton—amber, of a brown colour, made in the present fashion. The coat had a pocket on the inside of the left lapel.—He is about five feet, eight or ten inches high—thick built. I expect he will attempt to pass for a free man, and, perhaps, aim for Richmond, in Virginia, where he was raised. He left his former master, whose name was Jeffery, (lived in South Carolina,) and passed for a free man about fifteen months in the counties of Duplin, Bladen, and Jones, where he was at length taken up and committed to Wilmington Jail, where his master got him. Any person who will confine said Negro in any Jail in this state so I get him again, shall receive a reward of ten dollars, and if delivered to me in Wadesborough, 25 dollars.

JOHN JENNINGS.

Wadesborough, Sept. 25, 1809.

49—3 m.

Artillery Orders.

IT being the duty of the commanding Officer of the Regiment of Artillery to make, annually, a return of said Regiment to the Adjutant General, on or before the first day of the Session of the General Assembly—in order that I may be enabled to comply therewith, I do hereby require the several Captains of Artillery within the state to make immediate Returns to me of their respective companies; specifying, together with the dates of their commissions, their commissioned and non-commissioned Officers and Matrosses, Arms and Accoutrements; as also all the Magazines, Cannon, Brass, Iron Field Pieces, and Military Stores, if any, belonging to the State, within their knowledge, and where situated; accompanied by a report of the actual state of their Uniforms, Arms and Accoutrements, and such other remarks as they may deem pertinent.

RASSETT STITH, Col. of Artillery.

Fairfield, near Camden C. H.

N. C. Sept. 2, 1809.

49—3 w.

PRINCIPAL OF AN ACADEMY AND PASTOR WANTED.

THE Rev. WILLIAM L. TURNER, Principal of the Raleigh Academy, and Pastor of the City, having signified his intention of resigning his situation at the close of the present Session, the Trustees of the Academy and the Inhabitants of the City are desirous of procuring a suitable character to supply his place. To a Clergyman of finished education and unexceptionable moral character, a liberal salary will be given, or the whole profits of the Academy (after paying the Assistant Teachers) with a handsome subscription from the inhabitants of the City and neighbourhood, for his Clerical services.

This Academy has at present one hundred and fifty Students, about sixty of which are Females, principally in the care of a Female Teacher, under the superintendance of the Principal of the Academy (taught in separate Buildings erected for the purpose on a four-acre Square of the city, granted to the Trustees by the Legislature) and the number of Students heretofore has annually increased.

Raleigh being the Seat of Government of North Carolina, a very healthy and pleasant situation, in the lively country, containing a moral and respectable society, where every necessary of life can be had in plenty on reasonable terms, and where most of the principal inhabitants are guardians of the Academy, it is presumed that this Seminary will always have a preference to any other Academy in the Southern States.

A Lady, of talents and acquirements equal to the undertaking, is also wanted to take charge of the Female Department of the Academy; and a Young Gentleman, suitably qualified, as an Assistant Teacher of the Latin and Greek Languages, &c.

Applications or any of these situations, made to the Trustees of the Raleigh Academy, by letter, post paid, will be duly attended to, and immediately answered, and such further information given as may be required.

N. JONES, Pres.

Aug. 30.

State of North-Carolina.

ADMINISTRATION on the Estate of the late Henry M. Kinchen, of the county of Franklin, was granted to the subscriber by the Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions of said County. Notice is hereby given to all persons holding demands against this intestate to bring them forward authenticated as the law directs, and in the time prescribed by act of Assembly, or they will be barred.

WILLIAM ROBARDS,

Adm'r. of H. M. Kinchen.

Williamsborough, Sept. 1, 1809.

46—4w

A Teacher wanted.

A YOUNG man who can come well recommended as a Teacher of the English Language, would meet with liberal encouragement by applying to the subscribers.

O. HUNTER

EDWIN SMITH

JOHN SANDEHS.

Johnston County, September 25.

4 w.—pd.

BIOGRAPHY.

LIFE OF SIR WALTER RALEGH.

Born 1552—Beheaded 1618.

From 5th Edward VI. to 15th James I.

Who can speak
The numerous worthies of the maiden reign!
In RALEGH mark their every glory mis'd;
RALEGH! the scourge of Spain! whose breast with all
The sage, the patriot, and the hero, burn'd;
Nor sunk his vigour when a coward-reign
The warrior fetter'd, and at last resign'd
To glut the vengeance of a vanquish'd foe.
Then active still, and unrestrain'd his mind,
Explor'd the vast extent of ages past,
And with his prison hours enrich'd the world;
Yet found no times, in all the long research,
So glorious or so base as those he prov'd,
In which he conquer'd, and in which he bled.

THOMSON.

THIS immortal ornament of his country, whose brief character is so well delineated by the poet, was descended from an ancient and respectable family in Devon, and born at Budley in the same county. Though he occupies such an ample and honourable space in the annals of his nation, yet no incidents of his early days have been transmitted to an admiring posterity. Even the orthography of his name has not been well understood. The mistakes which have existed were occasioned by their being in England three great families of similar names, but they had dissimilar arms, and historians in speaking of Sir Walter have framed a name to correspond with that whose orthography they were best acquainted with.—Lord Bacon wrote it *Rawleigh*—Hooker, *Raleigh*. But his original letters in the Harleian collection, incontestably prove that he always himself wrote it *Ralegh*, and so it is invariably written by Spenser, Camden, Oldys, Burch. &c. &c. In America, and until lately in England, a various, but corrupt orthography has been employed. In a late popular and very interesting Life of Ralegh by Arthur Cayley, the original orthography has been restored, and it is becoming fashionable in classical productions.

It may evince to us the maturity of his parts, that he had acquired a sufficient stock of grammatical learning, by the time of completing his fourteenth year, for he was removed to the University of Oxford, and entered a gentleman-commoner of Oriel-college. In this situation it was not long before he distinguished himself by the strength and vivacity of his genius, and his uncommon progress in academical learning. But, though qualified to shine in the schools, the bent of his disposition led him to more active pursuits; and, when he was no more than seventeen years old, he enlisted in a corps of gentlemen volunteers, destined to recruit the Hugonot army in France, and commanded by the gallant Coligny. Here he not only initiated himself in the art of war, but acquired a knowledge of the fashionable modern languages; and, after six years spent on the continent, returned to London, with every accomplishment that adorns the gentleman.

He now took up his residence in the Middle Temple, but the Muses here engrossed all his attention. Still, however, intent on military glory, he embraced the first opportunity which presented itself of resuming the profession of arms; and, after the lapse of three years, joined the prince of Orange, then warring against the Spaniards. The following year, he attended his half-brother, sir Humphry Gilbert, on an unsuccessful expedition to the northern parts of America; and in 1580 we find him serving as a captain against the rebellious Irish, where he quickly made himself conspicuous by his intrepid spirit, his generous humanity, and presence of mind in the greatest dangers. In a word, so eminent were his abilities and services, that he received a grant from the crown of a large estate in that kingdom; but he was prevented from rising in his profession by an unhappy misunderstanding between him and the lord deputy, which was at last heard and adjusted before the privy council. On this occasion, Ralegh defended his cause with such eloquence and address, that what was likely to ruin his interest proved the very means of recommending him to the notice of the court. A contest with a superior, however just, seldom fails to bring obloquy and disgrace; but fortune, in the case of Ralegh, determined otherwise. He only wanted a proper theatre on which to display his abilities; he gained that of a court, and succeeded.

But the smiles of ministers were not sufficient to satisfy his soaring ambition. He aspired to the favour of his sovereign; and it was not long before fortune once more essentially befriended him in this respect. The queen, taking the air, happened to come to a very

place, and was hesitating whether she would proceed or no; when Ralegh, who, it is probable, was on the watch to win a smile of royal regard, immediately divested himself of a handsome plush cloak, and spread it on the ground. The queen, ready treading on it, was conducted over safe and clean. So much gallantry from a man whose address, person, and wit, were alike calculated to strike, could scarcely fail to make an impression on Elizabeth. With a vanity natural to women, she construed every compliment into a proof of partial affection; and, by converting her courtiers into lovers, she was served with a zeal and fidelity which neither rank, nor power, nor munificence, could singly, or even collectively, have otherwise won.

Soon after this adventure, Ralegh appeared at court; and meeting with a reception which seemed to flatter his hopes, as a farther exposition of his mind, he wrote with a diamond, on a pane of glass, the following line:

“Fain would I climb, yet fear I to fall;

which Elizabeth elegantly converted into a couplet, by adding,

“If thy heart fail thee, climb not at all.”

Ralegh was too quick of apprehension not to interpret this poetic challenge. He saw it was his own fault if he did not rise; and after obtaining a proper introduction, his own merit was sufficient to accomplish the rest.

But no court favour, no employment where he could have rivals in his fame, was adapted to the aspiring genius of Ralegh. Even the bounds of Europe were too limited for his capacious mind. He longed to signalize himself by discoveries in the new world, the common field where daring spirits, at that time, displayed their talents, or sought their fortune. Accordingly he made several voyages to the continent of America, where he settled a colony named Virginia, in honour of his virgin mistress. In one of his voyages, he landed on Roanok Island in North-Carolina, near the mouth of the river Roanok. The chief produce of Virginia being tobacco, Ralegh was studious to introduce it as a luxury, while Elizabeth patronized its use as an article of commerce. The Queen and Sir Walter Ralegh were the two first persons who ever smoked tobacco in England. The pipe of Elizabeth was regarded as a kind of political Barometer among the persons of her Court, and any uncommon assiduous use of it was regarded as in indication that Ralegh was rising in the Royal esteem.—We are told that when Sir Walter first returned from Virginia, his servant one day brought his tankard of Ale into his study, where Ralegh was reading and smoking. Seeing the smoke peck from his mouth, the man was frightened, supposing Sir Walter's head was on fire, and lashing the ale in his face, bawled out to the family to hasten to his assistance, or his master would be burnt to ashes.

To him too we are indebted for the most valuable root which Providence, in its bounty, bestowed on man: the Potatoe was one fruit of his discoveries in this track, though it does not appear that he was at first acquainted with its real value. It is generally believed, that being obliged to touch on the coast of Ireland, in one of his homeward-bound voyages, he left some of the roots there; which being cultivated with success, by degrees spread over the three kingdoms, and now constitute a principal relief to the poor, and a most agreeable luxury to the rich.

But, though Ralegh was at great pains to colonize Virginia, the settlement was afterwards abandoned; and the sagacity of Ralegh discovered the cause. Virginia afforded no means of immediate profit or emolument to government, and therefore was finally neglected.—This set him on a scheme of settling a new colony in another part of America, which might at once be productive of advantage, and enable his countrymen to transfer the richest products of America to England, if they possessed sufficient courage to embark in the design.

To accomplish this magnificent purpose, he made the most minute enquiries into the state of Guiana. From books and papers he drew all the assistance that could possibly be procured of this nature; and from personal information he derived much more. But for the knowledge that he acquired, he was still more indebted to the vast stores of his own mind, to a profound judgment, and a penetrating observation.

Ralegh, however, was not one of those superficial adventurers who strike out a plan with crude and eager zeal, and then immediately pursue it with blind impetuosity. He knew the necessity of caution in an affair of so much importance, and therefore dispatched an officer of approved skill and fidelity, to reconnoitre the coast; that after his information was as complete as the nature of things would allow, he might, on this solid basis, erect the superstructure of his design.

But, though Ralegh seemed most in his element when in the prosecution of some distant object, he was not an inattentive observer of