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## ADVERTISEMENTS.

### FRANKLIN ACADEMY.

#### EXAMINATION.

ON Monday the 4th day of December, the Examination of the students of the Franklin Academy will commence, and continue two days. On the evening of the second day a Play and farce will be exhibited for the benefit of the Academy.

GREEN HILL, Sec'y.

### FEMALE EDUCATION, WARRENTON.

AN Examination of the Young Ladies at this Seminary, in their various studies, will commence on the 1st Monday in December. Parents and Guardians are earnestly solicited to attend and judge for themselves of the improvement of their children and wards. Gentlemen of science and others are respectfully invited.

JACOB MORDECAI.

Warrenton, Nov. 6, 1809.

#### THE SUBSCRIBER

#### WISHES TO EMPLOY

#### A JOURNEYMAN TAYLOR.

A Steady good workman will meet with constant employment.

JOHN S. BABOTEAU.

34—17.

Raleigh, November 7, 1809.

AN active boy of 13 or 14 years of age would be taken as an apprentice.

### State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Montgomery County, October Term, 1809.

Henry Ledbetter and Nancy his wife vs. Lewis Loflin and Polly his wife, William Loflin and Lucretia his wife, John Kirby and John his wife.

It is this case appearing to the Court that the Defendants Lewis Loflin and wife Lucretia, John Kirby and wife Polly, are not residents of this State; it is therefore ordered, that unless they appear at the next Court to hold for said county and show cause why the Prayer of the Petition should not be granted, it will be taken pro confesso against them.

It is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published in one of the News-Papers printed in Raleigh, for three weeks successively.

JOHN SMITH, Ckr.

#### BOARDING.

#### Isiah Dilliard

OFFERS his acknowledgments to those Members of the late Assemblies and to his friends generally who have favoured him with their company. He informs the Members of the ensuing Assembly and the public in general that he has improved his buildings, and has also erected a house for Mrs. Wang, which will enable him to accommodate thirty or thirty-five members and still leave him plenty of room to accommodate travellers and others. He has good stables and plenty of forage, and will make every exertion to render all satisfied and comfortable who may think proper to favour him with their company and commands.

52—4w

Raleigh, October 24, 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. Adequate 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 general 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—5w.

#### Mrs. CASSO

RESPECTFULLY informs her Friends and the public that her TAVERN, near the State House Square, is open for the reception of Travellers, and ample accommodations are provided for 30 or 40 members of the ensuing General Assembly.

Besides the main house, which is spacious, there are detached buildings well furnished for private accommodation. The Stables are excellent, well provided with forage and attended by careful hostlers. A good assortment of the best liquors are kept, and the table will be provided with whatever the country affords, served up in the best manner.

As Mrs. C. is determined to keep a good House, and to use every possible exertion to please, she hopes to be favoured with the patronage of the Members of the General Assembly, and of the public in general.

Raleigh, October 16, 1809.

## RAN-AWAY



FROM the Subscriber on the 10th day of September, a bright mulatto to follow by the name of Ralph. He is about 35 years old—a number of his fore teeth are missing—several before, so as to disfigure him from chawing any thing hard. He has a very down look. He had on when he left me cotton clothes, except his coat, which was cotton ambrick, 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, (born 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—3m.

#### JUST PUBLISHED

#### HENDERSON'S

#### STAR ALMANACK,

#### For 1810,

And for sale at \$40 per thousand, \$7 per gross, \$4 per half gross, 75 cents per dozen, or 10 cents single, by the Publisher in Raleigh: Henry Beanson, Fayetteville; William Lockhart, Hillsborough; Stephen Sneed, Granville; Davis & Anderson, Warrenton; William Durt, Halifax; Daniel Redmond, Tarboro'; Tho. Watson, printer, Newbern; and by various Merchants throughout the state. This Almanack contains, besides the Astronomical Calculations, a great variety of useful and entertaining matter, which has been selected with much care.

Raleigh, October 19, 1809.

## UNIVERSITY.

WE are happy in being able to inform the public that a Teacher for the Academy at Chapel-Hill has been obtained for the ensuing year. It has been our object to procure a man who, by his talents and experience, should be qualified for the Tuition of Youth; whose taste and habits should dispose him to adopt it as his profession, and who would be permanently responsible for its efficacy.

In this search we have been successful. Engagements have been made with Mr. GEORGE JOHNSTON, whose skill as a Linguist is too well known to need recommendation. He came thus this country from Edinburgh where he finished his education, and entering immediately into the business of teaching, he has continued in it during the nine years he has been among us. Having no other profession in view, being diligent and known to possess abilities, it is but reasonable to suppose that he is well qualified. His education enables him to teach not only the English, Latin and Greek; but also the French and Spanish Languages. He will move his family to this place in December, and assume the charge of the Academy on the first of January. At that time it is hoped he will find such a number of Students to attend as will afford him an opportunity to convince the public of his determined fidelity to the business he undertakes.

As it is his purpose to unite his Students into classes as much as possible, both for the emulation which excites, and for the longer time which such a plan will allow him to spare with each, it is easily seen how necessary it is that every scholar should be present on the first or second day of the session, that the standing may be consolidated, which it will be proper for him to take.

Board will be had in the village for seventy or eighty dollars a year, every thing found; and tuition for sixteen or twenty dollars each, to be paid semi-annually in advance.

Chapel-Hill, October 24, 1809.

### 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, &c. 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 superintendence 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 hilly 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 for 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.

#### Notice.

THE Subscriber having a wish to remove to the western country next spring, requests all those indebted to him, and Cummins and Burrow, to make immediate payment in order, that they may meet the demands against them. A failure in our creditors to comply with the above request will inevitably involve them in law in the course of thirty days, as the accounts have been of long standing.

HENRY BURROW.

Randolph County, October 8, 1809.

## NOTICE.

IN the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Johnston, last August Term, the Subscriber qualified as Administrator (with the will annexed) to the Estate of the late Col. Samuel Smith dec. Therefore all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment immediately; and those having claims against the same are requested to bring them forward properly authenticated, within the time limited by law, or they will be barred of recovery.

E. SMITH, Adm'r.

October 14th, 1809.

## NOTICE.

On Monday the 20th of November next, at the late dwelling house of Col. Samuel Smith dec.

WILL commence the sale of the perishable part of the Estate of said dec. consisting of a STOCK of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep—Corn and Fodder, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Plantation Utensils &c. &c.—The sale will continue from day to day till all is sold—Credit will be given to the purchasers until the first day of November 1810, on their giving bond and approved security to

E. SMITH, Adm'r.

October 14th, 1809.

## BIOGRAPHY.

### SIR ISAAC NEWTON.

The following anecdotes of Sir Isaac Newton are related in Turner's Collections for a history of Grantham, lately published in England.

A new wind-mill was set up near Grantham, in the way to Gunnerby, which is now demolished, this country using chiefly water mills. Our lad's imitating spirit was soon excited, and frequently prying into the fabric of it, as they were making it, he became master enough to make a very perfect model thereof. & it was said to be as clean & curious a piece of workmanship as the original. This sometimes he would set upon the housetop, where he lodged; and clothing it with sail cloth, the wind would readily turn it; but what was most extraordinary in its composition was, that he put a mouse into it, which he called the miller, and that the mouse made the mill turn round when he pleased; and he would joke too upon the millers eating the corn that was put in. Some say that he tied a string to the mouse's tail, which was put into a wheel, like that of turnspit dogs, so that pulling the string made the mouse go forward by way of resistance, and this turned the mill. Others suppose there was some corn placed above the wheel; this the mouse endeavouring to get to, made it turn. Moreover, Sir Isaac's water clock was much talked of. This he made out of a box he begged of Mr. Clarke's (his landlord) wife's mother. As described to me, it resembled pretty much our common clocks and clock cases, but less; for it was not above 4 feet in height, and of a proportionable breadth. There was a dial plate at top with figures of the hours. The index was turned by a piece of wood, which either fell or rose by water dropping. This stood in the room where he lay, and he took care every morning to supply it with its proper quantity of water; and the family upon occasion, would go to see what hour it was by it. It was left in this house long after he went away to the University.

These fancies sometimes engrossed so much of his thoughts, that he was apt to neglect his book, and dull boys were now and then put over him to form. But this made him redouble his pains to overtake them, and such was his capacity that he could soon do it, and outstrip them when he pleased; and it was taken notice of by the master. Still nothing could reduce him to lay by his mechanical experiments, but all holy days, and what time the boys had allowed to play he spent entirely in knocking and hammering in his lodging room, pursuing that strong bent of his inclination not only in things serious, but ludicrous too, and what would please his school fellows, as well as himself; yet it was in order to bring them off from trifling sports, and teach them as we may call it to play philosophically, and in which he might willingly bear a part, and he was particularly ingenious at inventing diversions for them, above the vulgar kind. As for instance, in making paper kites, which he first introduced here. He took pains, they say, in finding out their proportions and figures, and whereabouts the string should be fastened to the greatest advantage, and in how many places. Likewise he first made lanterns of paper crimped, which he used to go to school by, in winter mornings, with a candle, and tied them to the tails of the kites in dark nights, which at first affrighted the country people exceedingly, thinking they were comets. It is thought that he first invented this method; I cannot tell how true. They tell us too how diligent he was in observing the motion of the sun, especially in the yard of the house where he lived, against the walls and roofs, where he would drive pegs, to

mark the hours and half hours made by the shade, which by degrees, from some years observations he had made very exact, and any body knew what o'clock it was by Isaac's dial, as they ordinarily called it; thus in his young years did that immense genius discover his sublime imagination, that since has filled, as rather comprehended the world.

The lad was not only very expert with his mechanical tools, but he was equally so with his pen. For he busied himself very much in drawing, which I suppose he learnt from his own inclination, and observation of nature. By inquiry, I was informed that one old Bailey (as he was called) was his writing master, who lived where now is the Milestone alehouse in Castle street; but they don't remember that he (Bailey) had any knack in drawing. However, by this means Sir Isaac furnished his whole room with pictures of his own making, which probably he copied from prints, as well as from life. They mention several of the King's heads, Dr. Donne, and likewise his master Stokes. Under the picture of King Charles I. he wrote these verses, which I had from Mrs. Vincent by memory, who fancied he made them; if that be true, it is most probable he designed the print too, which is common in this day.

A secret art my soul requires to try,  
If prayers can give me what the wars deny,  
Three crowns distinguished here in order do,  
Present their objects to my knowing view.  
Ere this crown, thus at my feet, I can disdain,  
Which heavy is, and, at the best, but vain.  
But now a crown of thorns I gladly greet,  
Sharp is this crown but not so sharp as sweet.  
The crown of glory that I wonder see,  
Is full of bliss and of eternity.

These pictures he made frames to himself, and coloured them over in a workmanlike manner.

#### Dr. YOUNG.

An extract from an account of Recent Travels in England.

A little higher up stands the parish of *Wells*, of which the celebrated Dr. EDWARD YOUNG, author of the *Night-Thoughts*, was rector for many years. Here he died in the year 1765, at a very advanced age. His talents were of a distinguished kind. He did not enter the church till he was fifty years of age—from the popularity of his poem entitled the *Last Day*, he expected considerable promotion, but was disappointed. With the decrease of his present majesty's father, in the year 1751, all his hopes of preferment expired; he then retired to his living in the country, where he assiduously applied himself to the duties of his pastoral office, and to the writing of his *Night-Thoughts*, which poem alone will confer upon him the palm of immortality! This piece was published in several parts, and he first books, or rather *Nights*, were of a very gloomy complexion. On this account Mr. Joseph Burroughs, a respectable and learned dissenting minister, wrote a kind of reply to them in blank verse, which included in *Italics* the exceptionable passages. This I have in my possession, and it may be deemed a literary curiosity. It has this singular but expressive title, *Day-Thoughts, or a Vindication of the Goodness of God*. Whether Dr. Young ever paid attention to the piece I cannot learn, but certain it is, that the subsequent *Nights*, by which the volume is completed, were of a far more cheerful cast, and do justice to the benevolence of the deity: to use the poet's own expression, "the triumph cancels the complaint," and the sentiments are suitable to the bard's grand theme, *LIFE, DEATH, and IMMORTALITY*!

From the perusal of the *Night-Thoughts* it has been imagined that its author was of a melancholy disposition. But nearly the reverse appears to be the truth. Dr. Johnson mentions, that he established an assembly room in his parish, and was remarkably full of vivacity in conversation. The death of his relatives in so quick a succession, the clandestine interment of his beloved daughter in France, and his unrealized expectations of preferment, deeply wounded his sensibility, but we have no proof that melancholy was the permanent state of his mind. Indeed from his *Night-Thoughts*, taken in their full scope, nothing of the kind can be fairly established.

Dr. Johnson has thus ably characterized this popular work. "In his *Night-Thoughts*, Dr. Young has exhibited a very wide display of original poetry, variegated with deep reflections and striking allusions, a wilderness of thought, in which the fertility of fancy scatters flowers of every hue and of every odour. The excellence of this work is not in its correctness, but in its copiousness; particular lines are not to be regarded—the power is in the whole; and in the whole there is a magnificence like that ascribed to a Chinese plantation, the magnificence of vast extent and endless diversity."

After all it must be confessed that a strange mixture of melancholy and cheerfulness at times predominated in his mind. The follow-