

the bill from the Senate to increase the compensation of our ministers resident at the courts of London, Paris and St. Petersburg, the sum of 12,000 dollars, instead of the present allowance of 9000 dollars per annum. Mr. Robertson moved to reduce the sum in the bill to 9000 dollars, so as to leave the salary at its present amount. Mr. Robertson supported the motion by a number of remarks, to show that the present salary, with the outfit, was sufficient to maintain our ministers at any of the European courts in a style consistent with their comfort, respectability and dignity. The motion was opposed by Messrs. Smith, of Md. Lowndes, Grosscup, Wright and Pickens—who maintained the reverse of Mr. Robertson's opinions; and argued that the present salary was entirely inadequate to support our ministers abroad, particularly at the courts named, in a manner suitable to the representatives of the nation, or in such a style as was common, and necessary in Europe to their respectability; and that it was necessary to allow an adequate compensation to induce men of talents to leave their professions at home to go abroad in the public service, &c.—Both sides of the question were argued at considerable length, and a variety of facts and illustrations introduced in support of the opinions urged. The question was finally decided against Mr. Robertson's motion; after which the committee reported their amendment to the bill first considered, which was concurred in and the bill ordered to a third reading. In Senate, Saturday, April 20.

On motion of Mr. Macon,
Resolved, That the Secretaries of the departments be directed to report jointly to the Senate, in the first week of the next session of Congress, a plan to insure the annual settlement of the public accounts, and a more perfect accountability of the public expenditure in their respective departments.

AYES AND NOES.
On the bill passed by Congress, changing the mode of compensating the Members of that body.
In favor of the Salary.

AYES.—Messrs. Alexander, Adier, Boyles, Beus, Birdsell, Bradbury, Brinkeridge, Brown, Cahoon, Champion, Chappell, Chapman, Clark N C, Clark Ky, Clayton, Glendonian, Gonslet, Comer, Cooper, Creighton, Calpepper, Davenport, Gold, Grosscup, Hardin, Henderson, Hopkinson, Hulbert, Irving, Jackson, Jewett, Johnson, Ky Kent, Kerr, King, Mass King, N C, Law, Lovett, Marsh, McLean, M'Leary, M'Leary O, Miller, Middleton, Moore, M'Ney, Nelson, Mass Newton, Boyes, Ormsby, Paris, Pickins, Pickens, Pitkin, Randolph, Reed, Roberts, Sergeant, Savage, Sharp, St.aley, Smith, Penn, Smith, Md, Searns, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Tate, Fau, Taylor, S C, Thompson, Throop, Ward, Mass Ward, N. Y. Webster, Wendover, Wheaton, Thos. Wilson Woodward, Wright, Yates, &c.

AGAINST THE SALARY.
NOES.—Messrs. Adams, Bajer, Barbour, Bassett, Beman, Bennett, Blount, B. S. Burnside, Cannon, Ciley, Clouston, Comstock, Crawford, Crocker, Cutler, Darlington, Deane, Edwards, Forney, Forsyth, Gaston, Gasgow, Goldsborough, Goodway, Griffin, Isaac, Hall, Hammond, Hawes, Herben, Huger, Hungerford, Ingham, Johnson, Va, Langdon, Lewis, Love, Lowndes, Lumpkin, Lyon, Massey, Mason, M'Goey, Piper, Root, Ross, Smith, Va, Southard, Stanford, Strong, Taylor, N. Y. Telfair, Townsend, Tucker, Vase, Waitace, Ward, N. Y. Whiteside, Wilcox, Wide, Wilkin, Wildoughby, William Wilson, Williams, Yancy &c.

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

MR. SIMMONS' LETTER.
WASHINGTON MARCH 11 1816.

The Hon. the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives.

GENTLEMEN—While I officiated in the office as accountant of the War Department, it was discovered, on the examination of the accounts of Col. James Thomas, Quarter Master General attached to the army in the vicinity of Black Rock, in the state of New-York, in the years 1812 and 1813, that fraudulent charges had been made against the United States to a considerable amount, upon receipts and vouchers, purporting to be payments made to a person by the name of Michael T. Simpson, a volunteer with General Tannehill's Brigade from Pennsylvania, who it appeared had been employed by Thomas as an agent to purchase flour and other supplies for the use of the army, and that the flour purchased by Simpson was at the price from 7 50 to 9 dollars per barrel, and the same transported at the public expence with public teams to Black Rock, and the flour has been charged to the United States at from 12 to 14 dollars per barrel, and a commission of 2 1-2 per cent. upon the amount charged. At the time this discovery was made, both Thomas and Simpson were implicated in the fraud, and the account was settled after I was out of office, by the person who succeeded me, and was reported to the Treasury, where it was re-examined and revised by the then officers of the Treasury, on the appeal of Col. Thomas, who attended the final examination at the Treasury, when a balance of upwards of \$130,000 was reported against him; this examination and settlement, according to the then usage of the Treasury was considered final and conclusive. I have since understood that all the payments purporting to have been made to Simpson, except the commission, have been passed to Thomas's credit, under the special direction of the present officers of the Treasury, thereby reducing the balance considerably from what it was, but still leaving a large sum due from him on the settlement of his cash accounts to the United States. And I find, on enquiry at the office of Mr. Cutts, the Superintendent General for Public Supplies, that no part of the public property purchased and received by Thomas, as Quarter Master General, has been accounted for by him, and that his store account has never been rendered for settlement; he has notwithstanding very lately been furnished by the War Department with one of the most important contracts in the gift of that department, and has received a large sum in advance on account. I have repeatedly applied since my removal from office to the present Comptroller of the Treasury and Accountant of the War Department, for a sight of Col. Thomas's cash account, for the purpose of laying facts before congress, and have as often been refused—and since this person has been furnished with so important a contract, I have thought it my duty to have his case again known to your honorable body, and that his accounts should be brought before you. A resolution was accor-

dinally passed on the 10th of last month, calling upon the President for the accounts, which if all had been fair, they could have been sent forward immediately, but they have not yet been produced. I was in hopes that they would have been sent in time, that a select committee might have been appointed with power to send for persons and papers, to enable them to report to your Hon. House, all the facts relative to the imposition and fraud against the United States in this transaction. As this case, as well as other abuses in the misapplication of the public money have been made known to two of your former committees, and to many members of your Hon. House, as well official, as since I have been removed from office, I have constantly attended under the expectation that I should have been called upon to have the facts substantiated, which I am still ready to do, if I can have access to the accounts and papers formerly in my possession.

I have the honor to be, with great consideration, your obedient servant.
WM. SIMMONS, Late Acc't. War Dept.

RALEIGH:

FOR THE YEAR 1816.

The Hon. WM. H. CRAWFORD has positively declined being a candidate for the next Presidency.

Extract to the Editor, dated, Washington city, March 17, 1816.—The remark is common here, that the elements of party are breaking up, mixing and commingling in such a manner, as that the old features which distinguished them are no longer discernible.—My hope is, that it forebodes a return of goodwill and friendly regard between those who have so long regarded each other with a suspicious and even hostile eye.—At all events there is greater reason to believe, that as the people must now be less operated upon by the influence of passion and prejudice, they will in all public questions pronounce a sounder and wiser decision. What need we care for the destruction of party characteristics? As Mr. Rufus King remarked the other day, "the invaluable principles upon which we ought to act must still remain. You cannot stab truth; you cannot hang integrity; you cannot quarter patriotism! These must remain imperishable, however parties may modify or times may change." Before this you have doubtless understood that Mr. Crawford absolutely refuses to be a candidate for the Presidency. De Witt Clinton and Mr Cheves have been spoken of."

OXFORD ACADEMY BURNT.

About half after 7 o'clock, on the evening of Wednesday the 17th of April inst. an unusual light was discovered in the Oxford Academy. It was very soon ascertained that the house was on fire, and by the time the first person reached the place, all hopes of saving the building were lost. The books and apparatus belonging to the Academy were fortunately preserved, as well as a handsome little Library lately established, by a society of gentlemen and students. There is no other opinion, than that the house took fire by accident.

For the information of parents and guardians it is proper to add, that the exercises of the pupils have not been interrupted for a single day, suitable accommodations having been immediately provided for each department.

Thus, in a few short moments, has an elegant building erected by funds obtained on private subscription, as a nursery for the rising generation, been consumed—and the fond hopes of its patrons frustrated.

The Trustees are, however, unwilling to abandon an undertaking in which the community is so highly interested, and for the advancement & completion of which they have cause to look for the good wishes and co-operation of all who can appreciate the benefits of a virtuous education.

At the public commencement of the University of Pennsylvania, held on the 5th inst. the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on 68 young gentlemen, viz: 1 from New-York, 4 from New-Jersey, 13 from Pennsylvania, 3 from Delaware, 4 from Maryland, 1 from the District of Columbia, 29 from Virginia, 4 from Kentucky, 2 from North-Carolina, 3 from South-Carolina, & 4 from Georgia.—Those from North-Carolina are, William J. Polk & Thomas R. Ruffin—From S. Carolina, Henry Frost, Richard Fortman & Samuel Wilson jr.—From Georgia, Millidge Galphin, John L. Wingfield, Alexander Cunningham, and James Tinsley.

On the 9th inst. a Man of colour passed through the neighbourhood of Mr. James Clemmons in Guilford county, who from the great abundance of Bank notes he exhibited, excited the suspicion of the neighbours, he called himself Wm. Hill—while preparations were making to apprehend him he made his escape—Mr Clemmons & Mr Jesse Stanly have about \$900 of the money in their possession. This is no doubt the fellow who robbed Messrs. Gillispie & Sanders of Chesterfield S. C. whose advertisement appears in this paper.

Specie Importations.—The British Schr. Mary Ann, arrived at Charleston from Nassau, on the 8th had 20,000 dollars specie on board.—Large Importations of this article are expected, it being not much above par value in the most of the British possessions.

It is stated that the state of New-York affords more than one third of the revenue of the United States.

New-York April 18

The Connecticut Election has resulted in the choice of a federal Governor and Lieut. Governor, an entire federal Senate, and a federal majority of 40 in the House of the Assembly.

The great Canal bill passed our Assembly on Saturday 84 to 15.

A law passed the Legislature of this state last Saturday, prohibiting all banking institutions or other corporate bodies, or individuals, of this state, from issuing any bill or notes representing money, for a less sum than one dollar.

The President has appointed Major Daniel Hughes, late of the United States Army, Factor for the United States at Fort Hawkins.

The Freeman's Journal, of Thursday, states that Messrs. Joseph Bonaparte, Marshal Grouchy and Lefebvre Desonettes, were then in Philadelphia.

Washington April 15.

The session of congress is drawing to a close very rapidly. Many of the measures before the two Houses will, of course, be overlooked, or dismissed without consideration; amongst which, with many others, may be reckoned the project of a National University, of a Invalid Corps, the proposed Bankrupt Law, &c. &c. The House of Representatives yesterday fixed on Saturday next for the day of adjournment; but it is not possible they can by that time, complete the business necessary to be done. The adjournment will, however, probably take place in the course of the next week.

The following statement was made to Congress by Mr. Tucker, of Virginia in relation to the number and wages of the persons engaged to superintend the rebuilding the capitol only.

One superintendant, yearly salary,	\$1200
The commissioners, whose yearly salaries are	4800
Mr. Latrobe, do	1600
Foreman of stone-cutters, do	1300
Messenger to commissioners, do	500
Clerk of commissioners, do	1500
Clerk of the works \$4 per day, equal to a yearly salary of	1252
Overseer of carpenters \$3 per day, equal to a yearly salary of	939
Overseer of laborers \$2 per day, equal to a yearly salary of	626
Overseer of brick-layers \$3 per day, equal to a yearly salary of	939
Sub-Overseer of do \$2 per day, equal to a yearly salary of	626
Master stone-cutter \$3 per day equal to a yearly salary of	939
	\$16,421.

Thus sixteen thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars are annually paid, not for cutting stone and laying bricks, but for superintendance and keeping the accounts of expenditures!

MARRIED
In New-York, on the 15th inst. Doct. John C. Osborn, formerly of this state, to Miss Louisa Payne, all of that city in Cumberland county, on the 11th. inst. Mr. Josiah Turner of Hillsboro, to Miss Eliza Evans.

In Buncombe County on the 26th ult by James Whitaker Esq. Mr. John Ingle aged 50 years to Mrs Elizabeth Watkins aged 70—Mr Ingle was a widower and Mrs Watkins a widow the third time.

DIED.
Suddenly on the 19th ult in Green County, after an illness of a few hours, of the Epidemic, Miss Maria Speight—Also on the 24th of the same complaint, after a illness of eight hours, Richard Dobbs Speight, both children of Wm. V. Speight, Esq—Also in Guilford County, Mr. James H. Starratt—Also, in Wilkesborough on the 20th March, Mrs Elizabeth Robinett, aged 64, the amiable consort of Jesse Robinett, Esq—she departed in full Confidence of a happy immortality.

At the house of Mr George Artold, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on Sunday, the 31st ult the venerable Bishop FRANCIS ASBURY, Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the United States of America.

In Franklin county on the 10th inst. Mr. Isaac House, sen in the 81st year of his age.

Not long since, at his seat Mount Ida in Rowan County, Edward Chambers Esq—He was a useful member of society, benevolent and just.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Jas. Jeffers & Co.
TIN AND COPPER SMITHS,
Having commenced business in this place, offer their services to the inhabitants and its vicinity. They have connexions in Petersburg through whom their materials will be procured on the best terms. They are warranted in the belief that justice will be done to those who may favour them with business. Their shop will be kept on Salisbury street, back of the Star buildings, and their work offered for sale at the Leather Store of Messrs. Brewer and Fairlamb.
Cash given for old pewter and copper.
Raleigh, April 23, 1816.

Notice.
THE subscriber having qualified as Executor of Elijah Mitchell dec'd. requests all persons having claims against the estate to bring them forward immediately, that provision may be made for their payment; and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to come forward and adjust their accounts.
THO F. LCONER, Exr.
Raleigh, April 22, 1816.

Land for sale.
PURSUANT to a decree of the Court of Equity, held for Wake county, Spring Term, 1816, will be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of nine months, before the Union Tavern in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday the 21st of May next, being Court week, a tract of land belonging to the estate of Ann Person, late of the county of Warren; which land lies in the county of Wake, on the waters of Beaver creek, adjoining the lands of Christopher Babb and others containing 370 acres. The purchaser giving bond and approved security, &c.
JESSE PERSON.
April 20, 1816.

Forty dollars reward.
RANAWAY from the subscriber, about the 31st January, a negro man named SAM, about 21 or 22 years old, light complexion, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout made, wore silver rings in his ears, and when he left home had a horseman's cap on—his clothing light. Said negro was brought from Portsmouth, Virginia, where he will probably attempt to go. The above reward will be given for his confinement in any jail, and giving me information so that I get him again. Letters on the subject to be directed to me at Lemuel Moore's Post Office, Rutherford county.
ABEL BEATY.
April 20, 1816.

Advertisement.
RANAWAY from the subscriber on the 6th instant, a bound boy by the name of Thomas Little, who has near two years to stay before he is free. I therefore forwarn any person from trading or trafficking with said Thomas Little or giving him any assistance. I also offer fifty cents to any person that will bring the said boy to me.
OBED. ANTHONY
Guilford County, April 10 1816.

Lots,
Adjoining the town of Danville, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia,

FOR SALE.
By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to the subscriber by Solomon Debow, to secure certain debts due by him to the State Bank of North-Carolina.
TRACT OF LAND, laid out into more than Sixty Lots, with convenient Streets, and Alleys, adjoining the town of Danville, and intended to form a part of said town, will be exposed to Sale, on the 7th day of June next, on the premises. The terms of the sale will be, cash for all sums under an hundred dollars; a credit of six and twelve months will be given for all sums above an hundred dollars, which sums must be secured by notes made negotiable and payable at the State Bank of North-Carolina, at Raleigh, bearing interest from the date, and having two indorsers resident in the State of North-Carolina.
Many of the Lots now offered for sale are well situated for Business—and gentlemen who wish to make establishments in Danville are invited to attend the sale.
THOMAS RUFFIN, Trustee, &c.
April 1, 1816.

A Jail to be built.
WILL be put up to the lowest bidder, on the 2d. Monday in May next, in the town of Whiteville, in Columbus County N. Carolina, the Building of a Jail, nearly such a one as the one in Bladen County, to be finished on or before the first Monday in November next. A plan of said Building shall be furnished at the time of sale, and one half of the money paid down to the contractor, he giving such bond and security as may be required, and the balance when the work is done.
Isaac Powell, Absalom Powell,
Thomas Frank, Simon Green,
Solomon Reeves, J. B. White,
Commissioners.
17-4w.

The Celebrated imported Horse TRUE BLUE.
WILL Stand the ensuing season at my Stable in Salisbury on the following terms, Twenty dollars the season which may be discharged by the payment of sixteen dollars on or before the 25th December next, forty dollars to ensure a mare to be foal with the same deduction as in the season, if paid within the same time. Ten dollars the single leap, to be paid when the mare is covered, with the privilege of turning to the season. Should the property of any mare insured be changed, the insurance will be demanded in every instance; should a mare insured not prove with foal the foal will be returned.
The season has commenced and will end the 10th August, every attention shall be paid to mares sent to the horse but no liability for accidents or escapes.
S. L. FERRAND.
Salisbury, April 10 1816.

Notice.

THE subscribers duly qualified as executors of the last will and testament of Robert J. Steele Dec'd. at march term of Richmond County Court 1816. All persons having claims against the testator are notified to render the same within the time prescribed by law otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of recovery, and all persons indebted to said deceased will please make payment of their respective dues, otherwise legal measures will be pursued for the recovery thereof.
Tho's Steele,
R. J. Steele,
Rob't. Powell. } Executors
Richmond County, April 1st. 17 3w

Taken up

AND committed to the Jail of Johnston county a negro man who says his name is Bill, and that he belongs to James Rutherford, in the new Purchase in the state of Georgia, and that he was carried from Richmond in Virginia, is very black, a flat chin, a small scar in the upper lip, also one on his forehead, is about twenty six years old about five feet ten inches high. He further stated after being put in prison that he has been runaway about two years and a half, that he was apprehended near Fayetteville and committed to jail, where he staid nine months, and then was sold for the prison charges and that Doct. McCoy purchased him, and that he served his time out and was discharged by Mr McCoy. He further stated that his right owner is John Lewis in Union district in the state of South Carolina in the fork of Broad River and Tiger river, near New-Bury Court house. The owner is required to come forward, prove property pay charges and take him away.
ROBT. GULLY, Jr. Sh'ff.
April 6th. 18 6 17 4w

To Undertakers.

WILL be let to the lowest bidder on the 17th May next, the building of a Bridge near the mill of Messrs. Benches & Cameron, on Enoe river, in the county of Orange. Bond and approved security will be required by—
JOHN CABE,
HUGH CAIN,
ROBT. HARRIS,
Commissioners
April 17th, 1816.

Committed

TO Joal in March last a negro man by the name of George who said on his examination, that he belonged to William Blackman of Philadelphia, but since he has been confined he has confessed his name to be Simon and says he belongs to Charlotte Collier of S. Carolina, Cashaw District. Said negro is five feet eleven inches high, of a dark complexion, and wears large whiskers; had on when committed to Joal a roundabout negro cotton coat, overalls of the same, old shoes and old hat and some other clothes such as shirts &c. The owner is desired to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take him away.
J DUNNING, Sh'ff.
Guilford County, March 1816- 17 3w

Notice.

THE Subscriber will leave this place in all April, and wishes all those who have any demands to send in their accounts to be paid.
G. H. SCOTT.
Raleigh April 16, 1816.

Raleigh Library.

THOSE few who have not yet paid their subscriptions are requested to do so. Persons holding Books are notified to return them immediately or measures rather unpleasant must be resorted to in order to obtain them.
April 24 1816.

Notice.

MR. C. CHRISTOPHERS, Tanner, Butcher, &c. has thought proper in the last Star to assail my character;—as the public have nothing to do with our personal disputes I will merely say here that I can justify myself at any time to any person who merits my attention.—Mr. Christophers is too insignificant to deserve notice.
GEORGE W. GRIMES.
Raleigh, April 24, 1816.