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Valuable real and personal PROPERTY FOR SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust made to by John A. Cameron, dated the 25th February, 1825, and registered in Public Aucton...

On Monday the 28th November

next, on the premises, the plantation belonging to John A. Cameron, on Cape Fear River, 7 miles above Fayetteville, containing 1200 acres of excellent Land...

On Tuesday the 29th November

we shall proceed to sell, in the town of Fayetteville, all the Real and Personal Estate of the said John A. Cameron, conveyed to us in a deed, consisting of a large and valuable Tenement on the east corner of Market Square...

Neuse River Navigation

A meeting of the Neuse River Navigation Company, at Raleigh this day, resolved that the subscription for Stock in said Company be required forth with to pay to the Treasurer...

Jailer's Notice.

A male slave was apprehended and committed to the jail in this county on the 14th of this instant, suspected of being a runaway slave...

State of North Carolina. Herford County.

Superior Court of Law, the 4th Monday in September, 1825. Thomas G. Scott vs. John W. Young, turned Liveryman...

good feeling which shows itself among friends.

He has shown by the error of his ways, that his goodness is from his teeth outward, and that as the inward man, instead of exalting in righteousness, he is devoured by intolerance. Under the influence of these impressions, I feel bound, though reluctantly, to disclose, that when the bill and writ of distress, accompanied by the letter of John S. Ravenscroft, were first served upon my agent, Major Bowers, and were made known to me, and before could see or hear from the gentlemen in whose names the attack was made, my views and feelings, then alive to unmerited injury and unprovoked insult, prompted me at once to write to this Right Reverend gentleman a letter, a copy of which is subjoined with some slight alterations.

Sheriff of Mecklenburg, who is a good agent for such business as you may know, has power to sell for me, if he has not sold them to negroes of the same purchase.

All these negroes, as I have said before, were purchased publicly at Sheriff's sale, at court, in the presence perhaps of one hundred men or more, by me, under a full belief my title was perfectly good. They have been taken by me ever since publicly as other men keep their property, and more so, because I have been offering them at some of them for sale, and I never heard of a claim against any of them, until you now assert it, indeed, I was induced most reluctantly to send any of them off by my agent, Maj. William G. Bowers, because I could not sell them in this neighbourhood for any thing like their value, and I was only induced to purchase them to aid my friends. I would have taken some less than their value, to have sold them here, and made an effort to sell these very negroes, you now pretend to claim for others, to Col. Polk, Mr. William Boylan and Judge Seawell, when they passed my house last spring, on their way to Boyd's large negro sale.

Under this state of things, I hardly suppose the gentlemen you pretend to represent (for we are all well acquainted with each other) would be willing to speak as broad language as you have used for them in this bill against my honor and honesty for dealing. This high standing in society and their regard for truth, would not have permitted them. It is true you seem to attack my friend and agent, Maj. Bowers, who is a correct man, and my name is not expressed, though it is understood in the bill.

How in your conduct to be accounted for or justified? I learn from your letter to the Deputy Marshal, that a certain Mr. Buford would be found by him in any place, peeping and watching the movements of Maj. Bowers, as a spy upon him, and would be ready to pounce upon him, upon the first appearance of the Marshal to identify the negroes. But lucky for your friend, he was unfaithful to you—he did not show himself, had he been there, however, and identity been required, if I am not mistaken in the man to whom you allude, he would have sworn to the negroes, whether he knew them or not. All these charges and imputations are made against Maj. Bowers and his confederate, whom you intend for us, as if we had actually clandestinely, fraudulently, and regularly obtained these negroes from Virginia from better owners, and were sending them off by stealth. The Marshal on the negroes at Maj. Bowers's house, where they had been for several days picking out his cotton, and were to stay much longer in the same business. His road was to have been through the city of Raleigh, and that is the way he will now travel. This man Buford, if he be John Buford, who was his spy, I never knew until you introduced him to my hospitality, where I treated him well, and have favored him in other respects when opportunity has presented he ought to have known all about my title to this property, and hardly suppose any body else in his situation would have forgotten it, for I was induced to purchase these negroes to protect him and four others, securities of Mr. Alexander Boyd, from the payment of eight thousand dollars to Mr. Thomas Brown of Granville county, and they were thereby completely exonerated.

ADVERTISEMENT.

It is unpleasant at all times, & but seldom to be justified, to bring a private difference into public investigation. But I owe it to myself to develop a transaction which is now circulating, and will continue to circulate, to my prejudice, until explained. This case has had a public origin, because it assumed a judicial, though exparte, character, & where the odium of the aspersions of the accusers will have effect to the prejudice of the accused, until the proper defence is made known; but in the ordinary way of judicial proceeding adequate remedy cannot be had. It is extensively known that the Marshal of the United States for the district of North Carolina, by his deputy, Mr. Nathaniel Robards, arrested on the 5th of October thirteen of my negroes in the hands of my agent Maj. William G. Bowers, under the charges (in the bill filed and the next exact obtained in the names of John W. Lewis, William Townes and Charles Baskerville) "that the negroes were fraudulently and clandestinely taken from Virginia, and were about to be carried to the state of Tennessee by stealth," &c. &c. It is also known to the same extent, that John S. Ravenscroft, aided by the oath of his brother-in-law John Buford, upon which the next exact was obtained, which his letter to the Deputy Marshal, accompanying the process, will prove, a copy of which is subjoined below, & which, as well as the oath of his confederate, bears date on the holy sabbath. And ought not to be presumed that so dignified a character as a Bishop, whose exalted rank should be, not only to be spotless himself, but to endeavor to make others so likewise, would be found wantonly robbing in inequity and propagating false and scandalous charges against any one. Therefore an additional reason presents itself unpleasantly showing my duty to myself to be imperative to ward off this unjustifiable and ignominious attack in this public way, showing that the man, though clothed in the robes of a Bishop, is but a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Mr. Robards.

Mr. Buford will leave this place about 12 o'clock to-morrow, and will take such a route, as will bring him by the nearest way to the certain knowledge that Mr. Bowers has started with the negroes. Mr. Buford's object will be to keep on after him and to meet with you as early as possible—your knowledge of the roads, will enable you to judge when you can most probably meet with him. If it is in your power to start immediately after receiving this, and Mr. Bowers sets out to-morrow morning going west, he cannot possibly be more than 20 or 25 miles from Oxford the first day's travel, and may speedily be overtaken—Mr. Buford is necessary to identify the negroes.

John S. Ravenscroft.

Sir.—A case has occurred in the nature of a distraint upon my property from the Judge of the federal court, (Judge Potter,) which has made a deep wound upon my feelings, and I perceive by your letter to the Deputy Marshal, which accompanied the bill as one of its exhibits, and which letter is in my possession, that you are at the bottom of this transaction. It is foreign from my purpose to make myself better in your eyes than your bill and the exhibit would have me. For, as to your good opinion, I never needed it, and as to your machinations, I bid them defiance. But it is my purpose to tell you how I view you and your conduct.

You declare, in the bill filed in the names of John W. Lewis, William Townes and Charles Baskerville, and I am fully persuaded without their authority. For it was the written opinion of John W. Lewis, and who gave it as a Lawyer, and which I now have, that induced me to purchase the property in question at Sheriff's sale at Boydton on court day last September was a year ago. Mr. Blair Burwell was present, and I can prove, consented to the sale after waiving a small claim which he set up to one of the negroes about to be sold. And I am free to declare him a very honorable man. We have had extensive legal controversies, and there in he has shown himself to be so. The claim of Lewis & Towns to the property of Alexander Boyd was in Trust for his benefit. Charles Baskerville was also present, and made no objection to the sale. In fact, the negroes are not named in his deed.

I purchased at that sale, I believe, twenty eight negroes, including those you now pretend to claim, and I spread a list of them upon the records of Mecklenburg, stating that they were my property; and this I was induced to do, because I had to leave them some little time apparently in the possession of Mr. Alex. Boyd, whose embarrassments were extensive, in order to finish the growing crops upon the plantations where the negroes lived, and in which crops I was most interested. Some of these negroes have been in the possession of Mr. Boyd ever since the sale, and I have a certain of them shall remain there for the use of Mrs. Boyd and her children. And the negroes of this purchase which I brought to North Carolina, except a few, I have had back and forwarded to Boydton several times with a view to sell them. It was notorious I bought and paid for them, and particularly to the persons you pretend to represent. Two of these negroes I have sold to Mr. Burwell, and if I mistake not, he offered one thousand dollars for them and his family, who you now pretend to claim in the name of his Trustees, for him. I had Moses and his family at Boydton not long since, under an expectation of selling them to Capt. Archibald Green; but we did not agree. And the

October 6th, 1825.

Sir.—I think, is a little short. You state, in this bill, that Alexander Boyd conveyed this property, as well as other property, to Lewis & Towns in Trust, to secure the payment of seventeen thousand dollars to Blair Burwell, which has not been paid. These negroes never were conveyed to Lewis & Towns for the benefit of Mr. Burwell, and recollect some facts as to payment, if you do not, at least a hundred distinguished gentlemen of both states, this and Virginia, can do it for you, who were present at Boyd's sale in May. Among them your neighbors Mr. William Boylan, Judge Sewell, Col. Polk, and others, when Mr. Burwell, whose interest you seem very mindful of now, received upwards of ten thousand dollars, which I could have prevented; and he would have gotten the balance of his debt, and by my consent, and by my loss, but for you and your coadjutors, who most unrighteously stopped the sale, by an injunction, which will dissolve itself like a rope of sand, when the light of truth shall shine upon it, and that truth a public record.

This letter of yours echoes the slanders of this unaccountable bill of complaint, and identifies itself with it, by the strongest insinuations. Reflect for a moment upon the opinions you have given me in the presence of respectable characters in the city of Raleigh, and the opinion you have given others as to the validity of this deed to Lewis & Towns.—You have stated unequivocally and often, that that deed was not worth a Brail Pen. You have not only said, but you have written, how that deed could be set aside. You and myself have had several conversations about it, sought by yourself, and frankly conducted on my part. And do you now set up this same deed in this slanderous way without notice? Or is this the way you give me notice that you have changed your opinion, by sending out such a slanderous attack upon my character and property, making me out a kidnapper? Is this consistent with your dignified station, or fair between man and man? Wash your purpose, in conversing with me, to fish from me evidence in favor of the Deed, to be used in this way? If it was, all you got you are welcome to, and to make what use of it you please. I defy any man, who unobtrusively, under pretence of friendship, attempts to fish from me declarations upon any subject.—You are welcome to all you get. And you have now departed from your sanctuaries—you have thrown off that veil which gathered around you my respect—and you stand stripped as the mere man. In that character I tell you, your charges, as set forth in that bill, and as insinuated in that letter, are base, and unfounded—wicked they could have originated only from a diabolical heart, be it upon mischief, and demerit of virtuous discretion—for with it you would have looked before you leaped—but without it, your hellish and headlong purpose was to cast a stain upon my character, by false and foul imputations. You may remember that I knew you twenty years ago, and

Thirty Valuable Slaves.

Among them, 2 excellent Tanners and Carriers, 2 Blacks, 2 Jibbs, 2 Carpenters and other Mechanics, House Servants, Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, and some good Plantation Hands.

Valuable Tract of Land.

On which he now resides, containing about 220 acres, (more or less,) lying on both sides of Deep River, and on Buffalo creek and its branches, in Chatham county, about 50 miles west of Fayetteville, adjoining the lands of J. Foulke, K. Miller, M. Queen, and others. This is considered to be one of the most valuable tracts of Land in the middle part of North Carolina. The improvements are, a comfortable Dwelling, one and a half acres, with necessary out buildings, Barn, Granary, and Cotton Gin, with a Serris Press &c. Valuable Grigs & Saw Mill, with abundance of heavy Timber convenient. The soil is very rich lying in the land of Deep River, and there is sufficient cleared land to work from 20 to 30 hands to advantage. It is in a high state of cultivation for cotton, wheat, corn, and the other usual products of the country. It has excellent Springs of water, and could be conveniently divided, if necessary. It is situated on the road leading from Fayetteville to the upper parts of the state, with a Ferry over Deep River, belonging to the lands. It would be an excellent situation for a country Store.

40 Very Valuable Slaves.

Among which are Blacksmiths, Carpenters, and other Mechanics. The others are House Servants, Field hands, &c. consisting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls. Any person wishing to view the Land, will apply to Mr. Cameron, on the premises. To persons wishing to purchase such property, as is desirable to opportunity, let them call, as the whole will positively be sold, and the sale continued from day to day until all is disposed of. Terms of Sale.—For all personal property amounting to \$20, cash—20 to \$500, in monthly installments, &c. &c. 1 and 2 years, the purchase being paid with approved security, to be in force from the date. For the real estate, 1, 2, 3, and 5 years credit, the purchaser giving approved security, and a lien on the property, to be in force from the date, payable generally.

J. M. CAMERON, JOHN A. CAMERON, Trustees. Fayetteville, Oct. 3, 1825.