

Nine branches, when cropt by the  
hands of the nine,  
And duly arrang'd in a parallel line,  
Ty'd up in nine folds of a mystical  
string,  
Then soak'd for nine days in cold Heli-  
con's spring,  
A sceptre compose for a pedagogue's  
hand,  
Like the fasces of Rome, a true badge of  
command.  
The sceptre thus finish'd like Mose's rod,  
From flats can draw tears, and give life  
to a clod,  
Should darkness Egyptian, and igno-  
rance spread  
Their clouds o'er the mind, or envelope  
the head,  
This rod, thrice apply'd, puts the dark-  
ness to flight,  
Disperses the clouds, and restores us to  
light.  
Like the Virga Divina 'twill find out the  
vein,  
Where lurks the rich metal, the gold of  
the brain.  
Should genius a captive by sloth be con-  
fin'd,  
Or the witchcraft of pleasure prevail o'er  
the mind,  
This magical wand but apply, with a  
stroke  
The spell is dissolv'd, the enchantment is  
broke.  
Like Hermes's rod, these few switches  
inspire,  
Rhetorical thunder, and poetry's fire;  
And if Morpheus our temples in Lethe  
should sleep,  
These soon can untie all the fetters of  
sleep.  
There dwells strong conviction, of logic  
the glory,  
When they're used with precision, *a poste-  
riori*.  
If nature be slow, 'tis the birch must as-  
sist her,  
For science works upwards when given  
as a—  
I've known a short lecture most strongly  
prevail,  
When duly apply'd to the head through  
the tail,  
Like an electrical shock in an instant 'tis  
spread,  
And flies with a jerk from the tail to the  
head;  
Promotes circulation, and thrills through  
each vein,  
The faculties quickens and purges the  
brain;  
By sympathy thus and consent of the  
parts,  
We are taught *fundamentally* classics and  
arts.  
A birch *a priori* apply'd to the palm,

Will settle disputes, or a passion be calm;  
Whatever disorders prevail in the blood,  
The birch can correct them, like guaiacum  
wood;  
It sweetens the juices, corrects our ill hu-  
mours,  
Bad habits removes, and dissolves foul  
tumours;  
As the fam'd rod of Circe to brutes could  
change men,  
So the twigs of the birch can unbrute  
them again.  
Prometheus rod, which Mythologist's  
say,  
Drew fire from the sun to give life to the  
clay,  
Was a rod well apply'd his new men to  
inspire,  
With a taste for the arts, and the genius  
to fire.



## Education.

**G**ENTLEMEN who wish  
to encourage literature in this  
part of the state, are hereby in-  
formed, that the GROVE ACADEMY  
in this county, will, on the second Mon-  
day in January, again open; where the  
*Greek and Latin* languages will be  
taught, and also the *Sciences*. Boarding  
may be procured on as moderate terms,  
as can, from the present price of produce,  
be expected. We also presume, that the  
order and regulation here observed, and  
the progress made by those who have  
been members of it, is equal to any which  
have been made in any private instituti-  
on.

The assistance and encouragement of  
generous and patriotic gentlemen, will be  
kindly received.

By order of the trustees,  
**THOMAS ROUTLEDGE,**

*Vice President.*

*Duplin County, Dec. 24, 1790. 69—70*

## For Sale,

**F**IVE hundred acres of  
LAND on Lake Waco-  
maw, adjoining to Mr. Dupre's  
Plantation, with a small house  
thereon. For terms, apply to  
the subscriber, or to Mr. Seve-  
rin Erichson in Wilmington.  
**WILLIAM MENG.**

Fayetteville, Nov. 15. 62.

Fayetteville, December 13, 1790.

**A**S Timothy Bloodworth, esquire, was  
last February elected a member of  
the house of representatives in the Con-  
gress of the United States, and he being  
now in Philadelphia, on that important  
trust; We, the subscribers, members of  
the general assembly from the counties  
of Onslow, New-Hanover, Duplin, Bla-  
den, Brunswick, Sampson and Moore, in  
the Cape-Fear division, having the firm-  
est reliance on his ability, experience and  
integrity, and being fully sensible of his  
having faithfully discharged the many  
and important stations which he has fill-  
ed, do recommend to our constituents to  
re-elect him their representative in Con-  
gress for the division aforesaid, which  
trust we are assured he will accept of, and  
serve accordingly.

Robert W. Snead,  
John Spicer,  
John A. Campbell,  
John G. Scull,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Shadrach Stallings,  
Duncan Stewart,  
William E. Lord,  
Richard Clinton,  
James Thomson,  
Thomas Tyson.

*At a meeting of the Trustees of the Univer-  
sity of the state of North Carolina, at  
Fayetteville, the 24th of November, 1790,  
it was unanimously agreed, that the fol-  
lowing resolution of thanks, be given to  
Benjamin Smith, esquire:*

**W**HEREAS, Colonel BENJAMIN  
SMITH, of Belvidere, in the coun-  
ty of Brunswick, and state of North Ca-  
rolina, was pleased benevolently to grant,  
and hath by instrument of writing, under  
his hand and seal, bearing date the 18th  
day of December, 1789, made a donation  
and conveyance, to the trustees of the  
university of said state, of certain valua-  
ble lands, amounting to 20,000 acres,  
to be applied to the use and disposal of  
the said institution, agreeably to the law  
in such case made and provided.

**RESOLVED**, That this board do accept  
the said grant of lands, and that they en-  
tertain a proper impression of the public  
spirit and liberality manifested by Colo-  
nel SMITH, in this his early and valuable  
donation.

**RESOLVED**, That the secretary of the  
board be directed to order these resolu-  
tions to be published in all the gazettes of  
the state, for the space of four weeks.

ALEX. MARTIN, President.

By order,  
JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary. 65—68