

CHARLESTON, October 23.

House of Representatives, Tuesday, October 21.

A letter from the vice consul of France, stating, that the King his master, understanding that the public debt of South-Carolina amounted to 39,040 dollars, with interest; that the government had ordered payment by four instalments, and was much surprised at the little attention paid to this engagement, but was willing to impute the delay to a deficiency in the revenue; he therefore directed his consul to offer the legislature an option to draw on Paris, payable in six months; or to pay immediately in the paper medium, with an allowance for the difference of exchange.

Referred to a committee.

WILMINGTON, NOVEMBER 12.

Almost every person, says a correspondent, seems more and more convinced of the bad policy of the decision of our convention, respecting the federal constitution. If they had adopted it in the mode that all the neighbouring states have done, we might have been represented in the first congress; the consequences are evident—this state must pay its proportion of the national debt—if we are not in union with the neighbouring states, certainly our vessels will be considered as aliens, and laid under the same restrictions—perhaps prohibited from entering their ports. It is also evident that great part of the produce of this state is exported and sold to the neighbouring states, from whom we receive the greatest part of our specie. Numberless other causes shew the necessity of another convention being called as speedily as possible, that we may not, with Rhode-Island, be considered as the only two states which are averse to federal measures.

Nothing particular has transpired from the honourable legislature since our last, except that the hon. Alexander Martin, Esq. is appointed Speaker of the honorable the Senate, and the hon. John Sitgreaves, Esq. Speaker of the Commons.

From a Correspondent.

A remedy for the delay of the courts, has been the object of legislative attention for a great while, and various schemes of amendment have been proposed. I am not going to offer any plan, but think it may be worth while to remark, that the assembly have probably been mistaken in their frugality on this occasion.

The public pay annually for the execution of justice, to the judges and attorney-general, only about 3000l. and to jurors and constables about

4000l.—and there is paid by those who have the misfortune to be at law, somewhere about 53,000l. per annum for fees, witnesses and attendance of clients (supposing an average of 200 causes depending one way or other in each court, and 4l. a year actually expended on each cause, which I believe will not be found too much) amounting in the whole to a sum little less than the whole revenue of the state. Of the 53,000l. at least 30,000 may be said to be expended by reason of waiting on the courts, because they are not able to dispatch the business; which extravagant expence, as well as the numerous other causes of complaint on this subject, may be avoided by the judicious application of two or three thousand pounds per annum.

DIED—On the 4th instant, Mrs. ELIZABETH HILL, consort of WILLIAM H. HILL, Esq.

Marine List.

ARRIVALS since our last.

- Brig Carolina, Gardner, Port Glasgow.
- Jenny, Thompson, Barbadoes.
- Ruby, Maver, Greenock.
- Polly, Campbell, Jamaica.
- Snow Maria, Wilkie, Turks-Island.
- Schoor William, Andrews, Charleston.
- Wilmington Packet, Swain, Do.
- Sloop Sally Littlehall, Cape-Francois.
- C L E A R E D.
- Schooner Molly, Sherman, Martinico.
- Olive-Branch, Durfey, Cape-Francois,
- William, Andrews, Charleston.
- Sloop Little Peggy, Ballenton, Martha-Brae.
- Liberty, Hatch, Georgetown, S. Carolina.
- Nancy and Polly, Branby, Philadelphia.

Prices Current.

LUMBER, consisting of $\frac{1}{2}$ scantling & remainder boards of 1 inch and 2 inches superficial measure,		8c. to 9c.
Red Oak Hhd. staves per M		8c. to 9c.
White Oak do.		15c. to 16c.
R. O. bil. do.		4c. to 5c.
W. O. do.		9c. to 10c.
18 inch Shingles,		13c. to 15c.
22 do. do.		15c. to 16c.
Tar per barrel,		14/6d.
Turpentine p r bil. of 320lb. gross,		16c.
Pitch per bil.		18c. to 20c.
Tobacco per 100lb.		56 to 60c.
Rice per do.		4c. to 4 1/2c.
Black-eyed Peas per bushel,		7c.
Bees' Wax per lb.		3c. to 3 1/2c.
Deer Skins in hair trim'd, per lb.		2c.
Ditto Untrim'd		1/8d.
Butter per lb.		1/6d.
Pork per bil. of 220lb. nt.		130 to 140c.
Tallow per lb.		14d. to 16d.
Beef per bil.		80 to 94c.
Corn per bushel		5c. to 6c.
Otter Skins		24 to 30c.
Raccoon do.		1/6d. to 2c.
Brown Sugar		12c.
Ordinary per 100lb		100 to 120c.
Loaf sugar per lb.		2/8 to 3c.
Rum } Jamaica p. gl.		8/6d. to 9c.
} West-In.		7/9d. to 8c.
} N. Eng.		6c. to 6 1/2c.
Molasses per gal.		3/8d. to 4c.
Chocolate per lb.		2/8d.
Iron per ton		£. 65.
Philad. Flour per bil. of 196lb.		70 to 80c.
Steel per lb.		18c.
Iron Hollow ware per ton		£. 65.
Fine salt per bushel		3/6c.
Do. by Retail		5c.
Coarse salt per bushel		4c.
Coffee per lb.		3c.
Bohea tea		6 to 7c.
Green do.		20c. to 24c.

To be Leased,

From this date until the 10th day of June, 1791,

A Lot of Land,

in Mr. Toomer's Alley, 58 feet front and 54 feet deep, whereon there is a WAREHOUSE, divided in two apartments, which at very little expence may be converted into commodious Dwelling-Houses; a COOPER'S SHOP, which may also be converted into Kitchens, with three Stables, a Necessary House, and the Yard securely fenced.

For terms apply to

Henry Urquhart.

N. B. In failure of any person making application before the 20th inst. it will then be put up at Vendue to the highest bidder, at which time the terms of lease will be made known.

Wilmington, Nov. 12.

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To LET,

That pleasant and commodious

Dwelling-House,

Offices, Gardens, &c. which the subscriber now possesses.

Who has also for Sale,

A Wharf and Water

Lot, in the town of Wilmington, situated between Mr. Peter Mallet's Wharf and Mrs. Quince's, formerly the property of Mr. Flowers.

For further particulars enquire of

James Fleeming.

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The Subscriber has for SALE,

Two Saw-Mills,

On Blunt's Creek, within three quarters of a mile of Fayette Ville. The Mills are new and in excellent order, and on a never-failing stream.

A L S O,

About 2000 acres of well-timbered land, contiguous to the Mills, and several acres of rice and meadow ground.

Cash, negroes, produce, or goods, will be received in payment.

For terms please apply to Mr. Joshua Potts, Wilmington, Mr. Alexander McIver, at Fayette-Ville, or the subscriber in Chatham County.

JAMES PATERSON.

Nov. 12, 1788.

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An EXCELLENT

GUITAR,

For SALE,

Enquire of the Printers.