

We understand that reports have been abroad, that Fayetteville is sickly; how they originated, is immaterial to inquire; but we are pleased in stating, that they are entirely without foundation. One of our physicians informs us, that he does not know of a case of cholera in the place; and another, that he has not a single patient: few, we believe, in the southern States, at this season, can say as much; and what town, in any part of the country, can say more? The sickness which prevailed here the last season, was unprecedented, and ought not to be cited as an argument against the general healthiness of the place, in opposition to the experience of a long series of years; and especially, when it is recollected, that it suffered the affliction in common with the most favored parts of the Union, with places which he had scarcely known any thing of disease than the name.

**British and Foreign Bible Society.**

From the report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the present year, it appears, that the issues of Bibles and Testaments within the past year, were 259,850, many of which were issued at the expense of the Society, from foreign sources, since the commencement of the institution, three millions, eight hundred and seventy-five thousand, five hundred and seventy-four copies of the Scriptures. How noble is the charity! how striking the contrast between the Holy Alliance of the benevolent and good, in all parts of Christendom, to enlighten and bless mankind, and that most detestable confederacy against all that is valuable to man, and dignified in humanity—that mockery of religion, and insult to the Deity,—the Holy League. And yet the head of this same League is a patron of Bible Societies, and a member of Peace Societies—a saint in profession, and the opposite in practice; but the utility of an object should not be judged by the purport of some of its pretended friends, nor the integrity of a profession, by the baseness and hypocrisy of some of its members. The benevolent and moral societies of the present age, are an honor to human nature; their influence is salutary and increasing; and it will finally be felt as far as the evils of man's apostasy have extended.

**BIBLE SOCIETY.**

The Fayetteville Auxiliary Bible Society held their annual meeting in the Methodist Church, on Monday evening, the 14th instant. It appeared from the report of the Board of Managers, that there have been distributed, in the course of the past year, one hundred and thirty six copies of the Holy Scriptures: of these the managers hope, that by far the greatest number have been properly valued and applied by those who received them. But it is with great regret that they have discovered, that a few of Bibles given away were made in violation of the regulations, and transferred to the shelves of a store, for some time received in exchange. The managers could not have supposed, that with the precautions which were used in the gratuitous distribution of Bibles, any of those who received them could be so destitute of moral obligation, as thus to abuse the bounty of the society; still less could they have supposed, that any shop-keeper would be found in this place, who would offer a temptation to these persons to part with their bibles by taking them in payment for some trifling articles, perhaps for a draught of spiritous liquors; thus filching from them the waters of life, and sending them poison in exchange. It is hoped that of conduct of this kind, few examples can occur; but that on the contrary, it must meet with the merited reprobation of all who are friends to good morals and religion. The following persons were appointed officers of the society for the ensuing year:

**INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.**

**RALPH, AUGUST 1.**—Monday last was the day fixed for a meeting of the Board for Internal Improvements, in this city. Durant Hatch, John Owen, and Duncan Cameron, Esqrs. attended; but a quorum of the Board not being present, no business could be done. We deem it proper to state, that the absence of Thomas Turner, Esq. was occasioned by sickness. Two Delegates attended in behalf of the Cape Fear Navigation Company, in order to learn from the Board, (in conformity to a resolution passed at their last meeting,) on what terms it was probable the Legislature would accept of a surrender of the Charter of that Company. These Gentlemen had a conference with the Members present; and the result of which was, that the Company are to make a distinct proposition on the subject at the next meeting of the Board, which will not take place till the third Monday in November next, except the Governor shall deem it expedient to call a meeting at an earlier day. Mr. Fulton produced several Reports, which, with the other business, were laid over. It was very gratifying to the members of the Board who were present, to learn that the improvements in the Cape Fear River, proposed by the State Engineer, have already had a sensible effect on the obstructions, although the embankment at Clark's Island is not more than three fourths of its length completed. The following letter will best shew the effect which has been produced.

**WILLIAM DOUGALL.**

Sir—The Schooner Chart, which I command, passed the Bulkhead or Upper Flats, on Sunday, the 20th inst. at 5 P. M. which I suppose about half flood, drawing 10 feet 8 inches water, and I strongly believe that there was fully 12 feet at high water on the Bulkhead. Yours, &c. HINTON JAMES, Esquire, Superintendent of Works. Before the works commenced, vessels drawing more than 8 feet water could not cross the Bulkhead at half tide.—Register.

The Directors of the State Bank in this city, on Wednesday last, elected Charles Fisher, Esq. a Director of the Salisbury Branch Bank, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Daniel Cress.—ib.

The Supreme Court of this state terminated its session on the 29th instant. From a list of the cases decided, (60 in number,) we have selected the following:—  
William Peagram v. Ludy E. Black, &c. from Cumberland. Motion to dismiss the bill disallowed—issues made up and submitted to a Jury—motion for a new trial on the finding of the Jury.  
Jesse Hargrave vs. Henry Dusenberry, from Rowan. Judgment for Plaintiff. This case establishes the point, that where a payment is made in counterfeit bank notes, a recovery may be had.  
State v. Allen Twitty, from Lincoln. Rule for a new trial discharged. Judgment of the Superior Court of Lincoln—that the Defendant be imprisoned for three years, stand in the pillory for one hour, receive thirty-nine lashes on his bare back, at the public whipping-post, and pay a fine of one thousand dollars and costs of suit—be affirmed; and judgment to be entered accordingly at the ensuing Term of Lincoln Superior Court.  
State v. Allen Twitty, from Mecklenburg. Rule for a new trial made absolute.  
State v. James Ward, from Rutherford. Indictment for passing counterfeit bank notes—Rule for a new trial discharged—Judgment of the Superior Court of Law of Rutherford, that Defendant stand in the pillory of that county one hour, receive on his bare back thirty-nine lashes at the common whipping post, be imprisoned for the space of one year, and pay a fine of six pence and costs, be affirmed—and judgment against him accordingly.

**MISERIES OF EDITORS.**

Owing to gross negligence and inattention on the part of one of the compositors in correcting his revise sheet, the matter was so transposed as to make a kind of *hodge podge*; Among other things the story of the Thrush carrying off a lace cap, is introduced into the body of the amendment of the constitution of Massachusetts, and made to aid the cause of religious liberty; a whimsical cross reading enough. A subscriber has thus wittily pointed out the error in a note, for which we thank him; after the proof sheet has been revised, we take no more pleasure in reading our paper, than a doctor does in taking his own physic, consequently as respects ourselves, the error would have remained undiscovered; possibly some of those ingenious and learned doctors of Divinity may afford him the information desired; we profess ourselves entirely at a loss.—Metropolitan.

**Marine News.**

PORT OF WILMINGTON, N. C. From the Cape-Fear Recorder, August 1. ARRIVED, Schr. Regulator, M'Ilhenny, from Charleston. Schr. Union, Lovell, from Charleston, to Cogswell & Dickinson. CLEARED, Brig Agenora, Thornton, for New York, by L. Gomez. Schr. Azora, Smith, for New York, by Dudley, Dickinson & Co. Schr. Hope, Maddox, for New York.

**GRAND CONCERT.**

Messrs. Pucci & Pagnud, Respectfully inform the ladies and gentlemen of this place, that on Thursday Evening, 7th inst. will take place at Mr. Jordan's Long Room,

**A CONCERT,**

ON THE Grand Pedal Harp, Accompanied with the voice and several instruments. The pieces selected are from the most admired authors, which will be specified in the Hand Bills. Doors to be opened at 8 o'clock. Tickets 75 cents, to be had at the Bar, at Mr. McTear's Book Store, and at the Post-Office.

**Jno. M. Pagaud,**

Portrait and Miniature Painter. Apply soon at Mr. Jordan's Tavern.

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**FISH!**

100 Barrels cut Herrings, 30 bbls. Family do. (prime,) For sale, by M'NEILL & KIRKLAND. July 2, 1823.—10tf

**For Sale,**

A Hack Carriage, strong and well made, with a very handsome harness for 2 horses, not six months old. For terms, apply at the Planter's Hotel. Left, from some stage, with the subscriber, a valise, containing some articles of clothing; and a bag, containing a small quantity of copperas. The owners are requested to call and take them away. P. T. TABER. Fayetteville, Aug. 4, 1823.—3t12

**Dispute about precedence once arose between a bishop and a judge, and after some altercation, the latter thought he should quite confound his opponent by quoting the following passage: "For on those two hang all the law and the prophets." "Do you not see," said the lawyer, in triumph, "that even in this passage of scripture we are mentioned first?" "I grant you," says the bishop, "you hang first."**

To the voters of the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina. I have just been informed that I am charged with voting during the late war against appropriating either men or money to prosecute the war. This is certainly false. I voted for some measures and against others; and since I heard of the charge, I have examined the Journal of the 3d session of the 13th Congress, and find, by the Yeas and Nays, I voted to continue the direct tax, page 103; to tax distilled spirits, by the gallon, page 114; to establish a bank with branches in the said states, 134; to tax carriages for the conveyance of persons, 260; to tax cut or role nails and sprigs, 342; to tax pig iron, 348; to tax household furniture, or horses kept for the carriage, and gold or silver watches, 362; for the national bank, 484; to tax the manufacture of Umbrellas and Parasols, 495; to make provision for clothing the militia, &c. I have time to make no further extracts; but submit the above to your inspection, and remain, yours, &c. J. CULPEPER. August 6, 1822.

**MARRIED.**

In Limestone county, (Alabama,) on the 12th June last, Mr. Elisha W. Harris, of Montgomery county, N. C. to Miss Ann Eliza, daughter of M. C. Moorman, Esq.

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**Last Notice.**

ALL persons indebted to the late firm of Carney & Ward, for the Observer, or for any other printing done at the Observer Office, from the 10th day of May, 1821, to the 29th day of April, 1822, are earnestly requested to come forward and settle their accounts by the first day of September next, as all accounts then remaining unsettled will be indiscriminately placed in the hands of officers for collection.

**Notice.**

WHEREAS a deed of what has been executed to one John Crump, by Joe Estis, Eustiche Hunt, Elisha W. Estis, and A. D. Murphy, for certain tracts of land and a certain number of lots, lying in the town of Henderson, Montgomery county, and state of North Carolina, to secure the payment due on said lands and lots, I will offer for sale, on the ninth of September next, at the Court-House in Laurenceville, the said tracts of land and said lots, for ready money, to the highest bidder, viz: one tract of land on Pedee river, containing about three hundred and fifteen acres; another adjoining the town of Henderson, of about fifty acres; and thirty-three lots in said town of Henderson, excepting, however, one tenth part of said property, which is not to be sold. JAS. CRUMP, Trustee. Montgomery County, July 25, 1823. 3t12

**PRICES CURRENT,**

Corrected Weekly, BY A COMMITTEE OF MERCHANTS.

MERCHANDIZE.	Quantity	From	To
	rated.	D. C.	D. C.
Beef, Fresh in Market	lb.	4	5
Beef, Northern	bbl.	7 50	8 00
BRANDY, Cogniac,	gallon.	1 00	1 50
Apple,	do.	45	50
Peach,	do.	50	75
Bacon,	lb.	7 1/2	9
Beeswax,	do.	30	25
Butter,	do.	15	25
Baggging	yard,	35	40
Coffee, Prime Green,	lb.	28	30
2d & 3d qual.	do.	28 1/2	30
Candles, Mould,	do.	13	16
Spermaceti,	do.	11	15 1/4
Cotton,	do.	11	13 1/2
Corn,	bushel	45	55
Copperas	lb.	3 1/2	4
Flax	do.	15	17
Flaxseed, Rough,	bushel	75	
Flour, Fine,	do.	5 1/2	6
Superfine,	do.	5 1/2	6
Fish, Herrings	do.	5 00	6 00
Mullet	do.	6 00	
Feathers	lb.	40	
Gin, Holland,	gallon,	90	110
Country,	do.	43	45
Ginger	lb.	6	10
Glass, Amer. 8 by 10	50 feet	4 00	5 00
10 by 12	do.	5 00	6 00
Bottles	groce	12 1/2	
Hides, Buenos Ayres,	lb.		
West India,	do.		
Iron,	100 lb.	5	5 25
Indigo, Bengal	lb.	2 50	
Flotant	do.	3 00	
Lime,	cask,	2 00	3 00
Lard	lb.	8	10
Leather, Skirting	do.	35	37 1/2
Sole	do.	28	30
Bridle	side	3 00	5 00
Lead, Bar	lb.	9	10
Logwood	100 lb.	3 00	
Molasses,	gallon,	45	00
Nutmegs	lb.	2 50	3 00
Nails, Cut, Assorted	do.	8	9
Wrought	do.		
Nankeens, Blue	piece,	1 40	
Yellow	do.	60	65
Shingles	1000	1 50	2 00
Oats	bush	34	40
Oil, Carriers	barrel,	20 00	25 00
Linsed	gallon,	85	1 00
Pork	barrel,	1 00	13 00
Porter, London,	dozen,	3 75	
Philadelphia,	do.	2 50	3 00
Pepper,	lb.	24	26
Pimento,	do.	25	27
Plaster Paris,	ton	7 50	10 00
Powder, Duponts,	Keg,	7 00	8 00
Others,	do.		
Paints, White Lead,	do.	3 50	4 00
Spanish Brown	do.	2 00	2 80
Yellow Ochre	do.	2 00	2 50
Rum, Jamaica,	gallon,	80	1 10
Wind Island,	do.	70	80
New-England,	do.	45	50
Rice,	100 lb.	3 50	4 00
(taisins)	box,	3 00	4 00
Rags	lb.	2	6
Shot,	Bag,	2 75	3 00
Sugar, Mus. Prime,	100 lb.	9 00	10 00
Common,	do.	8 50	9 00
Loaf,	lb.	17	20
Salt, Liverpool,	bush.	1 00	
Turks Island,	do.	80	85
St. Ubes, &c.	do.	80	85
Salts, Epsom,	lb.	25	30
Glauber	do.	7 1/2	
Steel, American	do.	8	9
E. Blistered	do.	14	16
German	do.	15	18
Salt-Petre	do.	12 1/2	20
Tallow,	do.	8	9
Tea, Imp. and Gunp.	do.	1 50	1 75
Hyson,	do.	1 00	1 20
Tobacco, Leaf,	100 lb.	2 75	3 50
Manufactured,	do.	5 00	20
Tin, 4 x	box	16 00	17 50
Verdigris	lb.	65	
Wheat,	bush.	1 00	1 10
Whiskey,	gallon,	38	40
Wine, Madeira, L. P.	do.	2 50	4
Sicily Madeira,	do.	1 25	1 50
Teneriffe,	do.	1 25	1 50
Port,	do.	2 00	2 25
Malaga	do.	65	85

**For Sale,**

100 Pieces 43 inch Bagging, By C. T. HAIGH. August 6, 1823.—8wt17

**THE NEW RETREAT,**

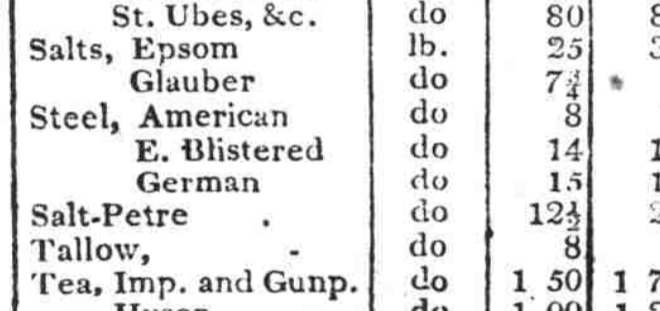
AND CONFECTIONARY, Three doors east of the Post-Office, Bow-st. THE Proprietors of this house respectfully inform their friends and the public, that having made many improvements in the arrangement of their establishment, they are prepared to accommodate all who may favor them with their company. They pledge themselves that no attention shall be wanting on their part; to give pleasure, comfort and satisfaction. They intend keeping constantly on hand, a general assortment of confectionary; the following they now offer to the notice of the public, viz:

Cordials.	Candies.
Cream Perfect Love,	Rock,
" Noyeau,	Burgamot,
Oil Cloves,	Peppermint,
" Cinnamon,	Cinnamon,
" Aniseed,	Barley,
" Peppermint, &	Blown, and
" Wormwood,	Pull.

**Wines, Mead, Ice Cream, Raisins, Bounce, Pastry, Nuts, &c. &c.**

Orders from private families, in town or country, and country merchants, for these articles, or any part of them, will be promptly executed, and on terms as favorable as if the parties were personally present to make the selection. N. B. Their bar is furnished with the choicest liquors, and the first quality Spanish Cigars, particularly selected for choice purposes. CHAS. SMITH, & Co.

**New Establishment.**



The subscriber having established the Coppersmith's Business, in all its various branches, and having the best workmen employed, will keep constantly on hand at his shop, on Hay-street, near the brick-row, Stills, of various sizes; and stills will be repaired, at the shortest notice, at my factory as above. \* Cash will be given for old copper and pewter. John M. Dobbin. August 6, 1823.—8wt17

**NOTICE.**

THE subscriber intending shortly to leave this place for the North, takes this method of informing those indebted to him, by note or book-account, to come forward and settle the same, and those having demands, to present them for payment; as all accounts will be left in the hands of an officer for collection. Those concerned will save costs, by availing themselves of this notice. A. BAILEY. August 7, 1823.—413

**Notice.**

CHARLES CLARK, having sold out his stock in trade to Wm. Widdfield, jr. (the person who has superintended the establishment for the last three years,) respectfully solicits all those who may have watches or other work in his hands, to call for the same without delay; and all persons having demands against, or being indebted to him, to prepare themselves for immediate settlement, as a very short time can be allowed for that purpose. July 22, 1823.—9\*

**Wm. Widdfield, jun.**

CLOCK & Watch Maker, Silver-smith and Jeweller, respectfully informs the inhabitants of Fayetteville and its vicinity, that having purchased the entire stock in trade of Mr. Charles Clark, he intends carrying on the above business at the Old Stand, on the south side of Hay street, a few doors above the State-House, where he hopes, by the strictest assiduity, to merit a continuation of that patronage which has heretofore been so liberally extended towards the establishment; and where every article, in the above line, will be kept constantly for sale, on the most reasonable terms. N. B. Engraving, of every description, neatly executed. July 22, 1823.—9\*

**John Peabody;**

HAVING bought out the stock and trade of Alvan Wilcox, begs leave to offer his services to the public, in the Clock and Watch repairing, Jeweller and Silver smith business. In the above branches, all he will promise is, to use his best endeavors to merit the patronage of his friends and benefactors. He will also keep constantly on hand, a general assortment of fancy, and other goods, consisting, in part, of Clocks, Watches, gold and silver, musical, repeating, patent lever, horizontal, and plain; an elegant assortment of Jewelry and Silver Work; Military Goods; Musical Instruments; Masonic Jewels; Marks and Ornaments; Plated Britannia, Brass, and other household articles, for use and fancy; Gentlemen's shaving and dressing utensils; Ladies' dress ornaments, and toilet appendages; Dirks, Pistols, and other toys, for men and boys; besides a great variety of articles, too numerous to mention. Also for sale, on consignment, three ggs. with harness. 6wt12

**Rags! Rags!**

CASH, and the highest price, given for clean linen and cotton RAGS, at J. W. Cochran's store and at the Paper-Mill. June 25, 1823. 46m

**COMPANY ORDER.**

The Members of the Fayetteville Independent Company Are required to parade, in front of the Town-House, on Saturday next, at 5 o'clock, P. M. in full summer uniform. By order of the Major, J. MCK. STRONG, O. S. 1w

**Fashionable Summer Shoes!!**

H. G. NELSON, & Co. Have just received a lot of Ladies' summer Shoes, Philadelphia manufacture, and of superior quality. Among which are: Simile Velvet, Plain and fig'd Prunells, And Morocco Slippers. 2wt11

**NOTICE.**

THE house lately occupied by Col. Stevens, on the State House square, and the houses and stores belonging to the estate of Robert Adam and Robert Halliday, deceased, will be offered for rent, for one year, on the 1st September next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the State House. J. A. CAMERON. Fayetteville, Aug 1, 1823.—4t13

**Blank Deeds,**

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.