

From the New York Evening Post.

Torpedo War.—This system of warfare has successively been presented to the French, English and American governments; by the two former, tried and exploded, and is now presented for examination to a committee appointed by the last, with instructions to test its practicability, if necessary, by experiment.

By specious theories adhered to by the inventor, under all these discouragements, with a pertinacity which strongly demonstrates his conviction of their utility, and supported by imperfect experiments, it has gained a degree of credit in this country dangerous to our welfare. It is now the wish of those who doubt its practicability, to test it by as complete an experiment as can be made, without endangering the lives of the experimenters. If pronounced practicable by this committee, it ought to, and will obtain the sanction of Congress. If condemned, we hope Captain Chauncey will be ordered to lay up the Torpedoes with the Gun-Boats, in the Mill-Pond at the Wallabout. From the high professional character of Commodore Rodgers, who is one of the committee, the attention he has paid to the various arguments in their favour, and the accurate knowledge his experience enables him to form of the obstacles a man of war can oppose to them, and the apparent zeal of Mr. Fulton to establish his fame upon the destruction of every thing opposed to his favorite offspring, curiosity was considerably excited to witness an experiment announced to have been made yesterday. Commodore Rodgers had prepared the United States brig Argus for an attack, and we understand set Mr. Fulton at defiance. The experiment was to have been made on her, and not "on Models in a private apartment." A Torpedo boat was built for the purpose—Torpedoes prepared on board, among whom was Governor Claiborne: General Stevens and Colonel Wharton were invited on board to witness it.—The Argus was prepared—no experiment was made, and now we are told "experiments are to be made on models in a private room."—The one expected was to have been with blank torpedoes on the Argus, who was to oppose no force. The defence consisted in nets, spars and grapnels, arranged with such judgment as completely to bid defiance to all the torpedoes the ingenuity of Mr. Fulton could invent. But the ability of Commodore Rodgers had started objections which Mr. Fulton never had discovered with his "models," and so much greater is the manageableness of a model in a tub of water, than an unwieldy torpedo in a tide way, that Mr. Fulton was not prepared for a public experiment, but with a degree of modesty, entirely new to him, preferred the more novel, though certainly full as practicable method of blowing up a ship by argument. But till he tests the practicability of his system by a complete experiment, we hope to hear no more of his lectures on "Torpedo War," and that our wise legislators, instead of making appropriations from an exhausted treasury, to blow up the English Navy, will devote their attention to the fortification of our ports, and the protection of our commerce.

Singular Occurrence.—Some time in January last, the wall of a well, at a place called Sugar-town, in this country was discovered to be giving way. A man by the name of James Craig, was prevailed upon to descend in a bucket to examine the wall. Within 8 feet of the bottom, which was 25 feet deep the whole wall suddenly caved in; but Craig, by bracing himself in a firm position, preserved a vacancy of about 4 feet in height, where he remained till the stones were all thrown out above him; and he was taken out after about five hours confinement, very little injured. When the wall first fell in, the man at the windlass, heard him ask if he could be relieved; to which he in the utmost consternation of mind replied "No!" Craig was next heard in fervent prayer.—On a little reflection Mr. Ramsey, at the windlass, gave him encouragement of relief; and the people of the neighbourhood gathered round, and about 7 o'clock in the evening, (it now being about 2) effected his discharge from his subterraneous confinement.—Amer. Republican.

MURDER.

On Saturday, the 18th inst. near the White Rocks, about one mile from Colonel Oliphant's furnace, the person of a young woman (Polly Williams) was found under a large shelving rock, by some little girls who were huckleberrying; they alarmed the neighbourhood of the furnace, and on Sunday a coroner's inquest was held on the body, and declared to have been murdered. A young man called Philip Rodgers, who is suspected to be the perpetrator, was apprehended and committed to jail; since the commitment, the jury have found a bill against him.—Pen. paper.

Wonderful Escape.—A few days since, a Girl, 11 years old, living with Captain Stephen Abbey, of Glaxtonbury, in attempting to draw a bucket of water from a well, 50 feet deep, and 43 to the water, by accident fell head foremost in the well.—She was not missed by the family, nor could she by any means make her situation known to them—she succeeded in extricating herself from her doleful situation by climbing up on the side of the well, by the stones. In her fall she received a number of severe wounds, on her head, arms and hips—and in her ascending she had covered her fingers with blisters by her great exertions in holding on by the stones—she was not by the fall deprived of her reason, and is now in a hopeful way of recovery.—Mercury.

The Forsyth Patent Gun Lock.—The principle of this Lock is different from the common gun lock. It produces inflammation by means of percussion, and supercedes the necessity of flints. Its chief advantages are the following: The rapid and

complete inflammation of the whole charge of gun powder in the chamber of the barrel; the prevention of the loss of the force through the touch hole; perfect security against rain or damp in the priming; no flash from the pan, and less risk of an accidental discharge of the piece than when the common lock is used.—It has been in general use for two seasons, and very highly approved of by the most eminent sportsmen in this country. English paper.

SPECIMEN OF A CALCUTTA HOAX.

Some time ago, a most wonderful and affecting story, was brought for insertion in the Mirror, in which it was affirmed, that an Alligator had for some time preceding, infested the river, close to a public ghant, in the vicinity of Kerdah, much frequented by Hindoo females, many of whom were carried off by this Alligator. At length, in an attempt to make prize of a strapping Nymph from Balasore, the Alligator caught a Tartar—the moment this heroine was seized, she was conscious that she was assailed by something more like the hands of a man than the teeth of an Alligator; and resolutely plunging her arms under water, she seized the assailant, and bellowing out for assistance the monster was secured, brought on shore, and being uncaseed, proved to be a young Fisherman, who adding to other qualities that of an expert diver, and being ingeniously masqued as a huge alligator, had personated his amphibious character, with great dexterity and success, till he was fortunately caught, and delivered over to justice.—The Fisherman had two or three associates, on board a digey, moored in the river at some little distance from the ghant, who from having a communication by ropes, under water, with the pretended alligator, retained the bodies of the females, of whom he had made prey, in convenient situations beneath the surface, and at leisure stripped them of their most precious ornaments, to acquire which was the sole object of the parties.

No less than 18 women were reported to have been thus carried off. The story was minutely related, and all its parts so well adjusted, as to form a consistent whole. Yet still it appeared upon close inspection so monstrous and improbable as naturally to excite doubts of its truth, and being desirous to ascertain on what foundation it rested, before publishing it, we had the satisfaction to find, upon inquiry, that the whole was a fabrication, contrived by some native Bengalese Wits, who, in imitation of the practice of certain wits of a different complexion, delight to amuse themselves with the credulity of their neighbours. The Hoax succeeded, the whole country for many leagues around, re-echoed for a week or more with nothing but the wicked ingenuity of the Masqued Alligator and his fortunate capture; and some hundreds of people travelled many a mile to see the human Koomeer and the Beebere of Balasore. Calcutta Journal.

From the Alexandria Daily Gazette.

INTERCEPTED LETTER

FROM TALL TOMMY TO LITTLE JEMMY.

It goes in a fine old tune.

James Madison my Joe Jim, when I gave up the chair, Thee I bequeath'd my old blue cloak, a mantle for thy wear, And thank the Gods, thou didst possess a double portion, too, Of my good spirit in thy bones, James Madison my Joe.

From Monticello's Octagons, th' abode of peace and me, This pledge of ancient friendship then, comes hopping straight to thee;

So store its beauties in thy heart, and never let them go; They'll help thee in thy latter end, James Madison my Joe.

The pillars of Democracy begin to fall away; But you're no novice in the art of bolst'ring the decay:— Grease well their palms, you little rogue, as I have had to do; They follow only for the loaves, James Madison my Joe.

What think'st thou Callender from jail—gave paddy Dunn a sword?

Why fear of those curs'd renegades; 'tis so upon my word: They know your vulnerable parts; thereat they'll draw the bow, And wound you 'twixt your harness joints, James Madison my Joe.

The Yankee boys, those wily rogues, look out for them my dear; They oft my weakness have expos'd, and you have much to fear; Take heed well therefore, to your steps, for they are watching you,

O, they may catch you napping yet, James Madison my Joe.

We've play'd into our Emp'or's hand, at first and last, I ween, Full fifty million dollars, yet his avarice is keen, I fear he's getting crazy fast; alas! what will you do? There seems to be no pleasing him, James Madison my Joe.

I obey his mighty orders I have left no stone unturned;— Madé Leopards fight—embargoes laid, & treaties have I spurn'd; I've shook the parties by the ears, but all would never do; I could not raise a British wa, James Madison my Joe.

As to your Erskine settlement, that birth so premature, We knew full well Old England's climate never could endure; The feds gave you a dinner then, but little did they know It was a preconcerted thing, James Madison my Joe.

Stick to the way I taught you Jem, dont leave it if you please, And let your words be sonarapate and freedom of the seas; Dont you resent his cuffs and kicks, for if he's joking now, The Lord defend you from his wuth, James Madison my Joe!

Our hane is mathematics, Jem; it is our greatest evil; But for that little science, oh! I could deceive the devil! When late I spoke of crowded vaults, this prov'd it was not so, And all-I said was call'd a—puff, James Madison my Joe.

To play the double games, my dear, requires a head profound, Investigation startles me; I shudder at the sound! If certain things should come to light, tho' Wilkinson and Co. No Carter's mount could hide me then, James Madison my Joe!

LITTLE PINDAR.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } Aug. Court 1810. Person County.

John Thomas

vs. Benjamin Duty.

Original attachment.

THIS attachment having been duly levied in the hands of Thomas Duty as heretofore expressed, and being now again called in by the Plaintiff and sworn as Garnishee, admits that in addition to the property, spoke of in his Garnishment of last term; he about two years ago executed to the defendant Benjamin Duty a Bond whereby he obliged himself to pay to the said Benjamin Duty forty dollars or thereabouts of the value of about twenty pounds. That he has not paid the same nor knows what has become of the said Bond, and believes the same was due on the demand. It is therefore ordered that the assignee of the said bond (if the same has been assigned) appear at the next Session of this Court to be held on the Wednesday next after the second Monday in November next and then and there make known his title to the said bond, or judgement will pass against the said Thomas Duty on his Garnishment aforesaid. And it is further ordered that this order be published three weeks in the Raleigh Minerva.

a Copy Teste. JESSE DICKINS. c. c.

Wanted,

A person to take charge of my DISTILLERY who is perfectly acquainted with making Whiskey. One who is well recommended as having a perfect knowledge of that business, sober and industrious, will meet with good encouragement by application to me, near Lumberton.

J. RHODES.

September 17, 1810.

Now offered for Sale,

16,500 Acres of Land,

In sundry surveys, all adjoining, situate on both sides of Lumber river, above and below the town of Lumberton, including fourteen separate Plantations; on the whole of which are between 7 and 800 acres of cleared ground, and upwards of 5000 Peach and Apple Trees, and most of the plantations improved, with comfortable Buildings:— Among which is that handsome and well known plantation, Elysium, whereon I now live, including the Saddle-tree Mills, which work two saws, two run of stones, and a cotton machine, all in complete order; and a merchant mill and rice machine now erecting.

The salubrity of the place, the situation and quality of the lands, the immense quantity of timber they abound with, the convenience of bringing it to the mills by water, the quantity of lumber annually made, and the convenience of getting it to market from the mills, all combine to make this far the most desirable property in this part of the country.

ALSO,

7 Lots in the town of Lumberton, four of which are improved with comfortable buildings and situate in the most eligible parts of the town. To give a more minute description of the above premises I presume would be unnecessary as a purchaser would of course wish to view them. The conditions of the sale will be, one tenth part of the purchase money paid in advance. A credit will be given, if required, any number of years not exceeding twelve for the balance, on having undoubted security and the interest paid up annually.

J. RHODES.

Robeson county, N. C. Sep- tember 17, 1810.

Absconded,

ON Sunday the 23d instant, WILLIAM HOLLYMAN, my apprentice boy to the Brick laying and Plastering trade. He is between 19 and 20 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches high, light brown hair. He went in company with William Gyimes, apprentice to Mr. Pearson, tailor. He stole from me some plastering and mason tools, and a small, shaggy-hair'd dog, with white and brown spots; the dog answers to the name of Ask him. I will give Two Dollars for my tools. Twenty-five cents for Ask 'm, and Ten cents for William. HENRY GORMAN. Raleigh, Sept. 25.

THE BEAUTIFUL, THOROUGH BRED IMPORTED HORSE,

Sir Peter Teazle,

WILL Stand the Fall Season at my plantation on the Yadkin River, 15 miles north of Salisbury, and will be let to Mares at ten dollars the single leap, to be paid when the mare is covered—and twenty dollars to insure a mare to be in foal; the insurance money will be demanded in every instance where the property of the mare is changed. Good and extensive pasturage gratis.

J. A. PEARSON.

N. B. Sir Peter Teazle's pedigree can be seen by a reference to his advertisement published in the paper.

AGENTS holding Haywood's Reports, belonging to the Editor, will please to return them by the first opportunity.

State of North Carolina,

CHATHAM COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1810.

John Mark

vs. Alex'r Clark.

Original attachment levied on 300 acres of land adjoining Wm. Mark, Stephen Pelts, and others.

It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that Alexander Clark, the defendant in this case, is not an inhabitant of this state; It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Raleigh Minerva for three weeks successively, that unless the said Alexander Clark appear at the next term of the court and plead to issue, that judgment will be entered against him.

THOMAS RAGLAND, c. c.

James Porter

vs. Mat, Knox's Heirs.

THE WITNESSES for the Plaintiff above cause, are desired to attend at Statesville early on the day of the next Superior court term for the county, which will be on the fourth of October next. And as the above suit progresses slowly, the said witnesses will please to bring forward the remaining Tickets yet in their possession for their respective attendances on said cause to receive the balances due thereon from

Charlotte, Sept. 5, 1810.

BOOK BINDING,

SAMUEL COMBS & Co.

HAVE established a BOOK BINDERY front part of the Minerva Office, where Boylan lately kept his Book-store.

SAMUEL COMBS has conducted a Book-store for Messrs. Somervell & Conrad of Petersburg and is emboldened to say that he is a competent master of the Business. The Merchants of Raleigh and the adjoining towns, can be furnished with Ledgers, Journals and Day-Books, made of good, thick paper of any size. Clerks of Courts can be supplied with Record Books; and Books will be re bound in handsome and durable covers, on the shortest notice. The prices of kinds of work will be as low as at Petersburg, Richmond. Gentlemen coming to the Court the General Assembly, will afford opportunity for orders from a distance. Orders for re-binding old books, &c. received by D. M' Rae, Esq. master, Fayetteville.

State of North-Carolina,

CHATHAM COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1810.

John M'Intyre,

vs. Nancy M'Intyre, widow, &c. Archibald M'Intyre, John Wright and Nancy his wife, Nicholas Wright and Catharine his wife, and Macom M'Intyre and Christian his wife.

IT appearing to the court that the defendant Nancy M'Intyre, John Wright and Nancy wife, Nicholas Wright and Catharine his wife, reside without this state, therefore ordered, unless they appear at the next term of this court to be held on the second Monday of November next and make defence, the Petition will be pro confesso, and set for hearing ex parte them. Also that this order be published three weeks successively in the Raleigh Minerva.

Thomas Ragland, cler.

WILLIAM SCOTT'S TAVERN,

AT THE

Sign of the Indian Queen

NEAR THE COURT-HOUSE,

RALEIGH,

HAS lately been greatly improved by the addition of a Dining Room, forty low tables, and several convenient apartments for private accommodation. The Larver and Cellar and constantly will be well stored with every thing that can contribute to the comfort of the Traveller. The rooms are well furnished, have beds, and will be well attended. The stable spacious, contain a variety of forage and fodder, are attended by faithful ostlers, and carriage-house annexed. The Newspaper of the principal towns in the United States are daily received and kept on file in the Public Library. Every exertion will be made to please. Patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. All favors will be gratefully acknowledged. 3w. September 6, 1810.

Notice.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has opened a House of Entertainment on the Good Spur Road, four miles above Perkins's, and eight miles below the Ridge, in Surry county, N. Carolina. The subscriber flatters himself that those who please favor him with their custom will not find themselves disappointed, as he has a full supply of corn, fodder, oats, and good timothy hay, and tends to furnish those that apply on as good and perhaps lower than any other person on the road, or from Salem to the Ridge.

JOHN BRYSON.

N. B. At this time, corn at 50 cents per bushel; oats, 37 1-2 cents; fodder, 20 cents per bushel, and Hay 50 cents per hundred pounds. Surry county, Sept 20, 1810. 3w.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT about four years past, Reddin Saul Johnston county, was about to bind me to the Peace, and he agreed that if I would give him my bond on condition not to interrupt him, it would satisfy him, and after being persuaded by my friends I done so. I now understand Sauls has put the Bond into Charles Copeland's hands, and that it is a plain note of hand for Hundred Pounds: Copeland has demanded payment on the note, and is trying to trade with me, and I might have taken in, but I am apprehensive that this is a forged one, and I hereby forwarn any person from trading for the same, as I will not pay for the same. REUBEN PERRY. Johnston county, Sept. 26, 1810. 1w.

An Overseer,

To take charge of a Plantation near Raleigh is wanted. Enquire of the EDITOR. September 20.

BOYLAN'S

North-Carolina Almanack,

FOR THE YEAR 1811.

Is now printed and for Sale at the Minerva Office, September 20.