

For the Raleigh Minerva. Messrs. Editors—It is my intention in the following essay, to offer a few remarks, relative to our University, which I hope may have the desired effect.

In the first place, I shall answer some observations I recollect seeing in one of your papers, some time past, recommending the system of education, which is practiced in our University, to be in a measure altered. It was remarked, that students, when leaving the institution, are far from possessing that kind of knowledge which can render them qualified for the various duties and offices of civil life.

The other plan proposed, was, "the rule requiring a student to have a knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages before he enters the University, should be exploded." The author of this proposition appears not to have an intimate knowledge of the rule upon which a student is admitted into our University; and I therefore consider it my duty, as a friend to the institution, not to let it pass unobserved, for fear silence be construed into consent.

The gentleman appears to treat with much levity the study of the dead languages. But, as enlightened as he may appear about civil affairs, he certainly has not taken an enlightened view of this subject. I shall always contend that a classical education has a great tendency to form the statesman and the orator; and, in fact, the liberties of our country depend, in a measure, upon its prosecution.

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Nothing remains now but a liberal endorsement from our legislature. We labor under disadvantage every day. We are deficient in chemical apparatus. Our libraries are not sufficiently extensive. Buildings and many other things are essentially necessary. Let the legislature of North Carolina consider, for a moment, what she has done for our University. Can we look without shame to the New England states, and see what sums have been bestowed upon their colleges; or even as we turn our eyes without blushing, to our sister states, Virginia and South Carolina, and behold their efforts for the promotion of literature! But I hope that North Carolina will hereafter be more

she will cease to emulate the example of that unprofitable servant, who could only preserve his talent by burying it!

W. H. H. L.

A Good Story.—Two gentlemen have lately arrived in the neighborhood of Londonderry, from New York, who relate a very extraordinary occurrence, which happened to a young man that emigrated some years ago from the parish of Glendernont, to the United States. It seems that the latter accompanied by a middle aged man, was traveling through some thick woods, when he espied a very large tree on which appeared a pathway to the top; being struck with its appearance, his curiosity prompted him to ascend its summit, which had been previously broken off, and displayed a yawning hollow trunk; after having viewed it he was about to descend, when by some accident he missed his foot and fell into the trunk at the bottom of which lay two very young bears. Here he remained for some time before the old man had courage to search for him; when he did he was unable to render the other any assistance. He went however to find a rope. During his absence the old bear came, and what must be the sensations of the unfortunate youth, on seeing the huge body of the ferocious animal darkening, in its descent, his dreary habitation, which he might then literally consider his coffin! The nature of the place, however, rendered it necessary for his frightful neighbor to descend with her tail foremost, as otherwise she could not have returned. Finding her in this posture, his only remedy he thought, was to lay fast hold of her posterior, who so alighted the bear, that she immediately ascended, dragged him to the top, and her fear was so great, that she fell off a branch and broke her neck, while the other quietly descended, to the great satisfaction of his old companion, whom he met returning with assistance. He has since, it is said, become immensely rich.—English paper.

Foreign Intelligence.

NEW-YORK, MARCH 21. LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The fast sailing ship Belfast arrived at this port yesterday in 2 1/2 days from Antwerp—she made the Banks in 9 days, and has been off our coast 5 days, having in fact made the passage from land to land in 17 days.

Captain Bunker has politely favored the Commercial Advertiser with a file of Antwerp papers to the 24th ult. containing Paris dates to the 18th, Madrid of the 7th, and Cadiz of the 1st. The London dates are to the 18th, same as received from Liverpool.

The Antwerp Journal of the 10th of Feb. contains the following article:

"We have just received positive news of the occupation of Cadiz by the insurgents. A vessel which arrived at Ostend day before yesterday from that port has given us entire certainty of it. The vessel is furnished with *connaissance constitutionnels*."

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It is known that on Saturday last, an Order in Council was issued for the alteration of the church service, in which the special prayer for the Princess was omitted—the order directing that our church service should in future offer up prayers solely for his majesty and the royal family. It was immediately taken for granted that this was not the only step meant to be taken with respect to the personage in question—that another and a more decisive step must follow it—that the subject of divorce was instantly to be agitated—that the attention of ministers had been directed to it, without delay—that a case had been submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown, and that they, taking into their consideration the question of law alone, thought that in point of law such a process could not be sustained. The rumor proceeded to state, that all the members of the Cabinet coincided in opinion with the law officers, and this unanimous judgment was submitted to the august personage whom it so immediately and deeply concerned. But the rumor added, that this had by no means met the approbation of that illustrious individual; that his judgment differed so materially from the advice offered to him, as to make it impossible for his advisers to remain in office, if they preserved in their decision, and if the illustrious individual should resolve not to depart from his own view of the subject. In the progress of the day, however, it was said, that the difficulties of any agreement were found to be insuperable—

of this popping out, had been accepted—and that the marquis of Wellesley had been sent for to frame a new administration. We have thus confined ourselves strictly to the rumors of the day.—Courier.

LATEST FROM FRANCE.

LOREO, FEB. 18. We have received this morning the Paris papers of Tuesday. They communicate a variety of facts connected with the assassination of His Royal Highness the Duke de Berri. Among the most important of these is the undeniable one, that the atrocious crime was committed from political motives. This alarming truth was distinctly admitted, not only by the members of the two Chambers, who met to address his majesty upon the mournful occasion, but is recognized by the King himself, in the concluding sentence of his answer to the address of the Deputies. "The Chamber cannot doubt, (said his majesty) that, feeling as a man, and acting as a king, I shall adopt every necessary measure to preserve the state from dangers, of which I am but too forcibly forewarned by the crime of this day."

Our readers will agree in opinion with the Count de Laboulaye, that the atrocious crime is clearly to be traced to those liberal writings, which, in France as well as in England, have aimed at the extinction of all just moral feelings.

An extraordinary proposition was made in the Chamber of Deputies by M. de Coussergues, viz. that the Chamber should agree to an act of impeachment against M. de Cazes, as an accomplice in the assassination of the Duke de Berri. Such a motion, as might be expected, produced a strong sensation among the members, and the violent murmurs which burst forth from all sides, compelled the proposer to descend from the tribune.

In the Chamber of Peers, M. de Cazes himself appeared, with an ordinance of the King, constituting that Chamber, pursuant to the 33d article of the Charter, and the 57th of the Penal Code, a Judicial Tribunal, for the purpose of trying forthwith the criminal. In the course of the short speech with which he pretaed this Ordinance; M. de Cazes made the following observations. They are an additional proof of the political motives of the assassin:—

"If this crime," said the Minister, "fills our hearts with profound indignation, what must be our feelings when the confessions of the criminal himself (who glories in his offence) informs us that the august individual who has fallen was not the only one whose death was meditated, but that all those upon whom our destinies rest, to whom we were forever linked our fidelity and love, were condemned, and that the most sacred life, as well as the most necessary to the country, had equally its fatal termination in the designs of the criminal?"

Such was the terrific declaration of the Prime Minister of France to the assembled Peers. Can it be possible then that the wretched Louvel is without accomplices?

Further particulars of the assassination of the Duke de Berri, from the Journal des Debates.

The assassin is about 30 years of age; his name is Louvel. It appears he was one of those who went and returned with Bonaparte from Elba, and has since been employed, up to the very time of the fatal deed, in his majesty's hunting establishment.

The prince having expressed a desire to see his infant daughter, when she was brought to him, in her cradle, at 4 o'clock in the morning, he kissed the babe and gave it his benediction, pronouncing these remarkable words.—"Poor infant, I wish that you may be less unfortunate than the rest of my family."

The Duchess de Berri fell senseless when her august partner expired. She was torn from the side of her departed husband—When she recovered, she threw herself on her knees before the King, and implored him to grant her leave to return to Naples.

The assassin's name is Pierre Joseph Louvel.

He has been examined before the ministers, when his replies were as follow: Q. What induced you to commit this crime? A. My opinions, my sentiments. Q. What are they? A. I think the Bourbons are tyrants, and the most cruel enemies of France.

Q. In that supposition why did you attack the Duke de Berri, in preference to the rest? A. Because he is the youngest Prince of the Royal Family, and seemed to be destined to perpetuate that race hostile to France.

Q. Do you repent your act? A. No.

Had you any instigator, any accomplice? A. None.

Yesterday, (14th inst.) an individual, amongst a group on the Place Caroussel, uttered many seditious expressions, and dared to exhibit a ferocious joy, at the deed which had plunged France in mourning. The persons around him, whom sentiments of grief had induced to repair to the vicinity of the Louvre, took him into custody, and escorted him to the police-office.

Wilson & Shelton, Chair Makers, House and Sign Painters.

Respectfully inform their friends and the public in general, that they have commenced the above business in all its various branches. Their work shall be executed in a style equal, if not superior, to any done in this part of the state. Those wishing to purchase can call and judge for themselves, at the shop next door to Messrs. Savage & Steadman's. Raleigh, Jan. 20, 1820. 32—1f. One or two apprentices will be taken to the above business.

BLANKS FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation in Raleigh, will be held at their church on Saturday the 8th day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at which time the tax will be laid on the pews for the ensuing year. Trustees will be chosen, and pews rented. A full meeting is desired. Raleigh, March 15th, 1820. 6—1A.

Mrs. Battle, LIVING near the Academy, is prepared to take, as boarders, 10 or 12 Students of either the seminaries of this city. A few genteel transient persons can also be accommodated, should they think proper to call Raleigh Jan. 6. 50—1f

Notice to Carriage Makers. THE subscriber has on hand and intends keeping a constant supply of COACH-MAKERS MATERIALS, viz.—Morocco, of various colors; Laces of various patterns and prices, direct from the manufactory. Door and Commodore Handles; g-body and dark do; Bell bands, copal varnish, &c. together with an assortment of Harness Mounting. All of which he will sell at a small advance on the manufactory prices, for cash or approved bonds at six months. JACOB VAN WAGENEN. Raleigh, Jan. 13, 1820. 51—mm6.

\$60 Reward.

DESERVED from the recruiting rendezvous at this place, on the night of 11th inst. privates RICHARD S. and NATHANIEL WILLIAMSON. The former (Richard S. Williamson) was born in Caswell county, enlisted February 12th, aged 32 years, 5 feet 1-2 inches high, of light complexion, gray eyes, sandy hair, and by profession a school master. The latter was born in Pangloss, (N. Y.) enlisted on the 24th inst. aged 27 years, 5 feet 11 inches high, of dark complexion, blue eyes, black hair, and by profession a brick-maker. They deserted, soldier's undress, carrying each a bundle. The above reward will be given for their apprehension and delivery, to any detachment or garrison of U. S. troops, and \$30 for the delivery of either. SAMUEL MACKENZIE, Lieut. 1st. Co. 8—6.

ROAD

Through the Cherokee Country.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by an act of the last General Assembly, Hodge Robson, Thomas Lenoir and Joseph Chambers, Esquires of Haywood county, were appointed Commissioners to lay out a Road from the North-Eastern Boundary Line of Haywood county, to the Southern Boundary line of this state; and the board for Internal Improvements were directed, upon the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners and their Plat of the Road for this Road, to contract for clearing, opening and marking the Road. The Commissioners will shortly proceed to lay out the Road, and the Board of Internal Improvements will on the 15th day of May next, in the City of Raleigh, receive Proposals for clearing, opening and marking the Road, and contract for the same.—The Road will be twenty feet wide, to be cleared of stumps, runners and other obstructions; cause ways to be made where necessary, and to be at least fourteen feet wide—Bridges where necessary are to be built, and the road made passable and commodious for Waggon and other Carriages.

A detailed account of the work to be done upon this Road, will be made by the Commissioners who will lay it out, and the same will be inserted in the Contract. Persons wishing to contract for this Work, will have an opportunity of attending the Commissioners whilst engaged in laying out a route for the Road.

The contractors will be required to enter into Bond with sufficient Securities for the faithful performance of their Contracts.

JOHN BRANCH, President of the Board of Public Improvements J. Gates, Sec'y Raleigh, February 16, 1820 4—1etM

Land for Sale.

BY virtue of an act of the last General Assembly, entitled "An act directing the sale of certain Public Land adjoining the city of Raleigh, and for other purposes," the undersigned commissioners will sell at Public Auction, on Monday the third day of April next, on the premises, the Public Land adjoining the city of Raleigh, which by the said act is directed to be sold. The quantity is about 400 acres. It will be sold in convenient lots of various sizes, on a credit of one year for one third of the purchase money; two years for another third; and three years for the remaining third, on giving bond with approved security, payable to the Governor, and negotiable at any of the banks in the state. The land is well wooded, has many handsome sites for buildings, and several good springs. Should the weather prove too unfavorable to commence the sale on the appointed day, it will be postponed until the first good day thereafter, and will be continued from day to day, or by other adjournment, until finished. Other particulars will be made known at the sale.

Prasen Cameron, John Winslow, Joseph Gates, William Roberts, Henry Potter, Commissioners.

Yadkin Navigation Company.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a fourth instalment of ten dollars is required by the President and Directors of the Yadkin Navigation Company to be paid upon each share subscribed to the Capital Stock of the said Company, on or before the eleventh day of April next to the agents of the company appointed to receive the same; and by the same day all subscribers to the Capital Stock aforesaid, who are in arrears for instalments heretofore required by the President and Directors of the Company, will make payment of such arrears to the agents aforesaid, which agents for the convenience of the subscribers will wait upon them to receive such arrears and the fourth instalment now called for.

And Notice is further given, that on the thirtieth day of April next at the Court House in the town of Salisbury, the said President and Directors will sell at auction and convey to the purchasers, the shares of the subscribers failing to pay up their arrears aforesaid and the fourth instalment now required to be paid; and if such sale shall not produce the full sum ordered and directed to be advanced as aforesaid, with interest and incidental charges, the President and Directors aforesaid will, in the name of the company, sue for and recover the balance by motion in some court of jurisdiction or ten days previous notice.

A. D. MURPHEY, President of the Yadkin Navigation Company. 7—4

PRINTERS.—A first rate Press.

Mao, is wanted at the Minerva-Office. None other than a steady and competent workman will be retained; but to such an one, constant employment and liberal wages will be given.—Application must be made before the 6th of next month. March 17, 1820. 5—w.

Wrapping Paper

For sale at this Office.

THE attention of the public is requested to the following statement: On the evening of Saturday, the 19th inst. the house of the subscriber, on Swift Creek, was entered during her absence, by JOHN BRYAN, and a free mulatto girl named DICEY MOORE, the daughter of Lydia Moore, was forcibly taken and carried away in a chair by the said Bryan. It is believed that he has a forged bill of sale for the girl, purporting to have been executed by her mother, and it is feared that he has carried the girl to the south, with the intention of selling her. Dicy Moore has lived with the subscriber since she was fifteen months old, and the fact of her freedom can be proved beyond the possibility of a doubt. She is now about 17 years old, five feet high, with a yellowish complexion, thick bushy hair, and wears rings in her ears. Bryan is about 6 feet high, has blue eyes, is a little round shouldered, and has a long nose. The editors of Southern papers are requested to give the foregoing an insertion in their respective papers, as possibly it may save from a state of slavery, this girl who has an unquestionable right to her freedom. CATHARINE FREED, Swift Creek, Craven County, 2 February, 25th, 1820. 5

FOR SALE, to close a consignment, a few pieces of CABINET FURNITURE, of New-York Manufacture, viz:

- 1 Side Board, 1 pair Fold Dining Tables, 1 Claw Tea Table, 1 pair Card Tables, 1 Bureau and Writing Desk, 1 Tea Table.

Persons desirous of purchasing furniture of the above description will find it to their advantage to call, as they will be sold at very reduced prices for cash or approved bonds at 6 months.—Enquire of JACOB VAN WAGENEN or THOMAS COBB. December 9, 1819.

Raleigh Academy

THIS Institution will open on the 1st of January next, under the care of the Rev. Dr. APPELTERS, as Principal, Miss EYE having the care of the Female Department, and both being aided by able Assistants. Parents and Guardians are requested to send their Children and Wards as early in the Session as convenient that they may be properly clothed. The celebrity which this Institution has attained is highly grateful to the Trustees, and the Public may be assured that their continued attention will not be wanting to its interests, nor to the morals and behaviour of the Students under their care. A strict regard will also be had to prevent unnecessary expenses on the part of the Students.

The prices of tuition as heretofore, viz. 1st class—per Session \$ 3 2d do. 14 3d do. 16

Contribution to the contingent fund 50 cents. For Music, Drawing and Painting, an extra charge as usual. The sum of \$500 has lately been appropriated by the Trustees for the purchase of Philosophical Apparatus. Mr. Mitchell, one of the professors in the University of this State, (who is now on a visit to the north) has been requested to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of the Board.

The advantages which will accrue to the institution from the above appropriation must be obvious, as the teachers will be enabled to illustrate the principles of Natural Science by many useful and pleasing experiments, all tending to facilitate the progress of the Students in this important branch of education.

By order of the Board, WM. HILL, Sec'y 27—1f

The Folk yet unsold.

It having now been ascertained by actual survey made for that special purpose, that the road on the east or north east side of the Yadkin river, is the shortest and most eligible route for a turnpike or portage around the narrows and Great Falls of this river, and that of consequence, all, or greater part, of the produce coming down this great stream, and its numerous branches, must be lodged immediately at or across the mouth of Uchary river at the point, known offer it.

For Sale.

The Uchary joins the Yadkin directly at Kirk's Ferry, and is the nearest and most convenient possible spot, (for deposit) to the Great Falls below and a consequence to the nearest place to the above, therefore, that place where it may be deposited, can possess the same advantages. Kirk's is one of the oldest and most productive ferries on the river, (long's excepted) and it is thought transports more produce than even that. The Fork (the point) affords one of the best boat harbors in the state, the mouth of the Uchary forming a kind of natural canal for near a mile upwards (from its mouth) the water in all good space being uniformly four to seven feet deep at common tide, and as smooth and still at a high pond, but when high (which is sometimes the case) it forms a most beautiful eddy water retreat on the Yadkin side, twice the main land and adjacent island, for any number of boats that may want the river. Another road will soon be opened leading from the main turnpike way (a mile or two back) and join the Uchary at the upper end of the said water; this will shorten the portage a mile, and afford a warehouse at the upper as well as the lower end of the plantation; the intermediate space of near a mile is a most beautiful landscape, and delightful either for public or private life. In short, nature's very judicious points to this spot, as designed one day to become one of the greatest commercial places in this state; and has already done every thing for it she could, except bridge and house buildings, &c. and this is what nature never in the habit of performing superficially at any.

Any man owning the length of his boat on the Uchary bank, for near a mile may have a wharf of his own at little more than the expense of a few truck planks alone, to lay from his boat to the bank. I will sell part of 600 acres; my houses but not buildings above excepted, a liberal credit for the greater part will be given. Apply on the premises to JAMES G. MASH.

Head of the Uchary, Oct. 23, 1819. 66—1f.

N. B. So much of the above as are ascertainable as facts, are facts, and the balance is to be ascertained by your knowledge and inquiry. For boat harbors, barn yards, warehouses and wharves the place is well calculated. J. G. M.

Marion Academy, South Caro.

THE Rev. Amos Caldwell having notified the Trustees, that he wished to resign at the expiration of this quarter, and the board having passed a resolution to accept of his resignation, a Teacher capable of teaching the Greek and Latin Languages and all the branches of English Education, usually taught at Academies, will be wanted to take immediate charge of this institution. If suitable candidates offer by the 6th of October, an election will be held on that day. Should none offer by that time, the election will be postponed until the 27th of December, for the ensuing year. A salary of Six Hundred Dollars per annum will be given, and testimony of good character required. Applications will be received to the subscriber will be attended to. C. MANT, President of the Trustees. Sept. 13, 1819. 35—1f.