

THE ARGUS.

KISS ME.

"Kiss me!" One moment I lingered, and then, bent down to respond to your widdering prayer; O, darling! my darling! again and again I kissed you—and knew that my heaven was there! My hot, hungry lips on your sweet mouth I crushed. Your arms clinging round me, compelled me to stay. And I stayed, with the purest delight thrilled and soothed.

That there I might linger, and kiss you away.

"Kiss me!" Too soon, ah! too soon fled the night; Too soon came the moment of parting and pain. When out from your face faded all its warm light. In the struggle to keep back the tears which were vain.

You wept as you whispered: "Good-bye love!" and there were tears in my throat and a pang in my heart.

As I kissed you once more, with a half sobbing sigh Of reproach at the dark fate which tore us apart.

"Kiss me!" O, dear love, I hear thy fond prayer Each hour, each moment, carrying my name, With murmurous music which floods all the air. And sings in my heart, till it sets its flames.

It clings to me fondly wherever I go. It follows me out in the rude, jostling street, And makes all the world seem with sunshine aglow. And it brings back these memories so sacredly sweet.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE ON THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

According to the provisions of the Ordinance of the Convention, the vote in the various Counties on the amended Constitution was compared, on last Thursday morning, in the presence of the Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller and Secretary of State. Haywood is the only County unheard from, and its vote is accordingly rejected. The following is the result, which the Governor will doubtless announce, by Proclamation, forthwith:

County	For	Against	Unheard From
Alamance	139	429	
Alleghany	259	1	
Alexander	280	129	
Anson	11	564	
Ashe	354	4	
Beaufort	148	330	
Bertie	240	139	
Bladen	50	362	
Brunswick	5	216	
Burke	869	286	
Cabarrus	276	201	
Catawba	353	128	
Chatham	354	2	
Camden	2	222	
Carroll	427	43	
Caswell	187	145	
Catawba	645	34	
Chatham	442	782	
Cherokee	418	1	
Chowan	10	124	
Clay	223	2	
Cleveland	359	82	
Columbus	60	177	
Craven	65	668	
Cumberland	132	204	
Currituck	19	384	
Davidson	261	486	
Davie	158	169	
Duplin	47	683	
Edgecombe	26	446	
Forsythe	689	269	
Franklin	18	626	
Gaston	227	88	
Gates	5	362	
Granville	337	335	
Greene	70	126	
Guilford	500	428	
Halifax	23	557	
Harnett	120	296	
Haywood	1	38	
Henderson	417	38	
Hertford	6	241	
Hyde	56	168	
Iredell	706	125	
Jackson	230	82	
Johnston	441	156	
Jones	82	114	
Lenoir	96	169	
Lincoln	897	19	
Macon	259	4	
Madison	213	19	
Martin	71	111	
McDowell	285	35	
Mecklenburg	277	144	
Mitchell	338	14	
Montgomery	437	91	
Moore	423	282	
Nash	79	349	
New Hanover	70	585	
Northampton	6	367	
Onslow	19	273	
Orange	322	434	
Pamlico	42	259	
Perquimans	136	107	
Person	165	897	
Pitt	51	547	
Polk	20	290	
Ramoth	543	534	
Richmond	74	195	
Rockingham	88	496	
Rowan	382	187	
Rutherford	806	46	
Robeson	19	601	
Sampson	34	867	
Stall	199	340	
Stokes	201	214	
Surry	347	314	
Tyrrell	148	26	
Union	287	80	
Wake	707	347	
Warren	6	402	
Washington	15	245	
Wayne	190	7	
Wilkes	51	602	
Wilmington	112	109	
Yadkin	77	381	
Yancey	226	230	
Total	19,870	41,592	
Majority for Rejection			19,870

AUTHOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA PLATFORM.

A correspondent in the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle, in an interesting letter about the Philadelphia Convention, speaks positively as to the authorship heretofore imputed to Mr. Raymond, of the platform and address. He says:

"The committee, after a session of over four hours, reported to the general committee the draft of a platform and address at 9 o'clock p. m., on the 15th. The platform reported by the sub-committee was adopted without a single alteration or amendment, and was substantially the one thought to be from the pen of the Senator from Maryland, except the resolution in relation to the soldiers, which was taken from the draft submitted by Senator Cowan."

"The Baltimore Sun has a letter from Greensboro, N. C., which says: 'A new factory employing over one hundred hands, is now at work here. The machinery is the very best that England, Holland, and Belgium could produce, having been selected with care by the manager of the firm in those countries.'"

Col. Thos. S. Keenan is a candidate for re-election to the House of Commons for Duplin county, and Col. D. C. Clark has announced himself a candidate for the Commons for Halifax county.

A Party and Sham Wedding.

The *Plaster's Banner*, tells the following: "In one of the upper counties of Mississippi, a rich old man was invited to give the young people a party and a supper. He said he would not do it till some of them got married, and then he would give them a good one. The young people at once got up a mock marriage, but to the rich neighbor in question, the catch was not to be made known till the party was over. A genuine license was obtained, and a genuine magistrate employed. The bride was first addressed, and to the usual questions she answered 'yes.' It was understood that the bridegroom was to be addressed first, and the bride was to answer 'no.' But since the mistake was made, the bridegroom was too cautious to answer, supposing the whole to be a 'bit of fun.' But when the fun was over it was discovered that the marriage was legal and genuine, and that nothing but a divorce or death could separate them. And the chagrin was great on both sides, since the bride was engaged to another young man, and the bridegroom was engaged to another young lady. The bridegroom said he would drown himself before he would live with his wife, and the wife said she would take poison before she would live with her husband. At last accounts they were in a great trouble, the knot could not be untied, and the public and the rich giver of suppers were sorry at the expense of the jokers."

TABLE OF PREMIUM AND DISCOUNT.

Below we give a table of the corresponding rates of premium and discount from 25 per cent. premium to 75 per cent. premium:

PRE. DIS.	PRE. DIS.	PRE. DIS.	PRE. DIS.
25	20.00	38	27.54
26	20.63	39	28.06
27	21.26	40	28.57
28	21.87	41	29.08
29	22.48	42	29.58
30	23.09	43	30.07
31	23.69	44	30.56
32	24.28	45	31.04
33	24.87	46	31.51
34	25.46	47	31.97
35	26.04	48	32.44
36	26.62	49	32.89
37	27.20	50	33.33

The method of using this table by those who are only multiply and subtract may be learned from a supposed case:

If B wants to buy 20 in gold, when the premium is 42, he must multiply 20 by 42 and cut off two figures at the right for cents, which will give \$8.40 which added to 20, makes \$28.40 in currency.

If he has \$35 in currency, and wishes to know how much gold he can get for it when the premium is 45, let him look at the table and he will find opposite the 45 the discount, \$1.04; multiplying this number by 55 (the amount of his currency), and cutting off four figures on the right, he will find the discount to be \$17.35 and a fraction. Subtracting this sum from \$55, he will have \$38.62 in gold. The same rule applies to all the rates.

SCALE OF DEPRECIATION.

Scale of Depreciation of Confederate Currency, the gold dollar being the unit and measure of value, from Nov. 1st, 1861, to May 1st, 1865:

Months, 1861	1862	1863	1864	1865
January	\$1.23	\$3.00	\$21.00	\$50.00
February	1.39	3.00	21.00	50.00
March	1.56	3.00	23.00	60.00
April	1.73	3.00	25.00	70.00
May	1.90	3.00	27.00	80.00
June	2.07	3.00	29.00	90.00
July	2.24	3.00	31.00	100.00
August	2.41	3.00	33.00	110.00
September	2.58	3.00	35.00	120.00
October	2.75	3.00	37.00	130.00
November	2.92	3.00	39.00	140.00
December	3.09	3.00	41.00	150.00
Dec. 1 to 10, inclusive			35.00	
Dec. 10 to 20, inclusive			42.00	
Dec. 20 to 31, inclusive			49.00	

Stamp Duties.

IMPOSED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, WHICH TOOK EFFECT AUG. 1st.

We give an alphabetical list of such stamp duties as our people are interested in—imposed by the act of 13th July last which took effect August 1st.

AGREEMENT.—Other than those mentioned in this schedule (or any supplemental), for every sheet or piece of paper on which is written 5 cents; appointments of value or damage, 5 cents.

BILL OF EXCHANGE, FOREIGN.—Drawn in hot payable out of the United States, if drawn singly or otherwise than in a set of three or more—same as inland bills of exchange or promissory notes. Drawn in sets of three or more, for every bill of each set, where the sum made payable shall not exceed \$100, or the equivalent thereof, in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed, 2 cents; for every additional \$100, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$100, 2 cents.

BILL OF EXCHANGE, INLAND.—Draft or order for the payment of any sum of money, not exceeding \$100, otherwise than at sight or on demand, or promissory notes, except bank notes and checks, or any memorandum, check, receipt, or other receipt, or printed evidence of an amount of money to be paid on demand or at a time designated, for a sum not exceeding \$100, 5 cents; for every additional \$100, or fractional part in excess of \$100, 5 cents.

BILL OF SALE.—Bills of sale, by which any ship or vessel, or any part thereof, shall be conveyed to or vested in any other person or persons, when the consideration shall not exceed \$500, stamp duty 50 cents; when the consideration exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$1,000, \$1. Exceeding \$1,000, for every additional amount of \$500, or fractional part thereof, 50 cents. Personal property, other than ships or vessels, 5 cents.

BILL OF LADING.—For goods and merchandise exported to foreign ports, other than charter party, 10 cents.

BONDS.—Of indemnity—where the money ultimately receivable thereon is \$1,000 or less, 10 cents; where the penalty exceeds \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000 or fractional part in excess of \$1,000, 50 cents. For the due execution of the duties of any office, \$1. Of any description other than such as may be required in legal proceedings, or used in connection with mortgage deeds, and not otherwise charged in this schedule, 25 cents.

CERTIFICATE.—Other than those mentioned, 5 cents.

CERTIFICATE OF DAMAGE.—And all other documents issued by any port-warden or marine-surveyor, 25 cents.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.—For a sum not exceeding \$100, 2 cents; exceeding \$100, 5 cents.

CERTIFICATE OF PROFITS.—In any incorporated company, for an amount not less than \$10 nor exceeding \$50, 10 cents; from \$50 to \$1,000, 25 cents; exceeding \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000 or fractional part thereof, 25 cents.

CERTIFICATE OF STOCK.—In incorporated company, 25 cents.

CHARTER PARTY.—On any letter or memorandum relating to the charter of any vessel, if the registered tonnage does not exceed 150 tons, \$1; from 150 to 300 tons, \$3; from 300 to 600 tons, \$5; over 600 tons, \$10.

CHECKS, DRAFTS OR ORDERS.—For any amount on any bank, broker or trust company, at sight or on demand, 2 cents; for amount exceeding \$10 on any person other than a bank, broker or trust company, at sight or on demand, 2 cents.

CIGAR LIGHTS.—Made of part of wood, wax, glass paper or other materials, in parcels or packages, 1 cent; in packages of more than 25 and not more than 50 light, 2 cents; for every additional 25 lights, or fractional part of that number, 1 cent.

CONTRACTS.—

Contract, broker's note, or memorandum of sale of any goods or merchandise, stocks, bonds, notes of bank, for each such or memorandum of sale 10 cents.

CONVEYANCE OF DEED OF GRANT.—Where the consideration or value does not exceed \$500, 50 cents; from \$500 to \$1,000, \$1; and for every additional \$500, or fractional part thereof, in excess of \$1,000, 50 cents.

ENTRY OF GOODS.—At custom house, not exceeding in value \$100, 25 cents; from \$100 to \$500, 50 cents; exceeding \$500, 1 cent; for the withdrawal of goods from bonded warehouses, 50 cents.

FRIGHT NOTES.—Or letter matches made in part of wood in packages of 100 or less, 1 cent; when in parcels or packages containing more than 100 and not more than 500, for each parcel or package, 2 cents; and for every additional or fractional part thereof, 1 cent; for extra papers, double the rates herein imposed upon letter matches, 1 cent.

LEASE.—Where rent is \$300 or less, 50 cents; where the rent exceeds \$300, for each additional \$200, or fraction in excess of \$200, 50 cents; assignment of a lease, same as above, and additional stamp upon the value or consideration of transfer, according to the rate on deeds. [See Conveyance.]

MANIFEST FOR EXPORT, CLEARANCE.—Of cargo of vessel for foreign port. If tonnage does not exceed 300 tons, \$1; from 300 to 600 tons, exceeding 600, \$5.

MORTGAGE OR PERSONAL BOND.—Given as security for the payment of any definite sum, from \$100 to \$500, 50 cents; exceeding \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, \$1; for every additional \$500 or fractional part thereof, in excess of \$500, 50 cents; provided, that upon each and every assignment or transfer of a mortgage, or of a personal bond, or the renewal or extension of any agreement, contract, or charter, by letter, otherwise, a stamp duty shall be required equal to that imposed on the original instrument.

POLICY OF INSURANCE.—On any life or lives, where the amount insured does not exceed \$1,000, 25 cents; from \$1,000 to \$5,000, 50 cents; exceeding \$5,000, \$1. Fire and Marine Risks.—Premium not exceeding \$10, 16 cents; premium not exceeding \$50, 25 cents; exceeding \$50, 50 cents. Accidental insurance policies are exempt.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.—To transfer stock, bonds or scrip, to collect dividends, interest or rent, 25 cents; to vote by proxy, except in charitable, religious, literary and ordinary societies, 10 cents; to sell or lease real estate, and perform all other acts not specified, \$1; for any other purpose, 50 cents.

PROXY OF VOTE, OR LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION.—Where the estate does not exceed the value of \$2,000, 25 cents; for every additional \$2,000, fractional part in excess of \$2,000, 50 cents.

PROTEST OF NOTE, DRAFT, &c.—Or Marine protest, 25 cents.

PROPRIETARY MEDICINES, COSMETICS, &c.—Not over 25 cents; 1 cent, not over 50 cents; 2 cents, not over 75 cents; 3 cents, not over \$1, 4 cents. For every additional 50 cents, or fraction thereof, 2 cents.

RECEIPT.—Receipt for the payment of any sum of money, or for the payment of any debt, due, exceeding \$20, stamp for satisfaction of any mortgage or judgment, or degree of a court, or endorsement on any stamp obligation in acknowledgment of its fulfillment, for each receipt, 2 cents; provided, that when more than one signature is affixed to the same paper, one or more stamps may be affixed thereon representing the whole amount of stamps required for such signature.

SALES.—Of any goods for the sale of stocks, bonds, foreign exchange, gold and silver bullion and coin, promissory notes or other securities, when made by brokers, banks or dealers who pay a special tax, require stamps equal to 1 cent on every \$100. If there is a fraction over \$100, the same to be stamped at the full rate of \$100. When made by a person, firm or corporation not paying special tax, for every \$100 of value 5 cents. A memorandum of sale or contract must be made by the seller to the buyer upon the sale or contract, and the stamp affixed thereto.

WARRANT.—Where the amount claimed in a writ of habeas corpus does not exceed \$100, or over \$100, 50 cents; or cognovit, for \$50 or over, (except in those cases where the tax for the writ of a commencement of suit has been paid,) 50 cents. Writs or other process on appeals from justice courts or other courts of inferior jurisdiction, court of record, 60 cents. Warrant of distress, where the amount of rent claimed does not exceed \$100, 25 cents; when exceeding \$100, 50 cents.

EXEMPTIONS.—No stamp duty shall be required on powers of attorney or any other paper relating to application for bounties, arrears of pay, or pensions, or to the receipt thereof from time to time; or upon tickets or contracts of insurance when limited to injury to persons while traveling, on certificates of the measurement or weight of goods, wool, or other articles, nor on deposit of notes to mutual insurance companies for the insurance on such policies subject to stamp duties have been or to be issued; nor on any warrant of attorney acknowledging a bond or note, when such bond or note shall have affixed thereto the stamp or stamps denoting the duty required; and whenever any bond or note shall be secured by a mortgage, but one stamp duty shall be required to be placed on such papers; nor on any certificate of the record of a deed or other instrument in writing, or of the acknowledgment or proof thereof by attesting witnesses; nor to any endorsement of a negotiable instrument.

Provided that the stamp duty placed thereon shall be the highest rate required for said instrument, or either of them.

Receipts by express companies for the delivery of any property for transportation are exempt from stamp duty.

PENALTIES.—Penalty for making, signing or issuing any instrument, document or paper of any kind whatsoever, or shall accept, negotiate or pay, or cause to be accepted, negotiated or paid, any bill of exchange, draft or order, or promissory note for the payment of money, without the same being duly stamped, or denoting the duty hereby imposed thereon, \$50; and the instrument shall be deemed invalid and of no effect; or for counterfeiting stamps or dies, \$1,000, and imprisoned to hard labor not exceeding five years. For making, signing, issuing, negotiating, paying any bill of exchange, draft, order, or promissory note, stamp, \$200. For selling property contrary to the laws, rules, fees, fruits, sources, juries, &c., without proper stamps, \$50.

OTHER PROVISIONS.—Instruments are not to be recorded unless properly stamped.

No instrument is valid for the want of the particular kind of stamp designated, provided a legal stamp of equal amount (except proprietary stamps) is duly affixed.

All official instruments, documents, and papers issued or used by officers of the United States government, or by the officers of any State, county or municipal corporation, are exempt.

In cases where an adhesive stamp shall be used for denoting any duty imposed by this act, the person using or affixing the same shall write thereon the initials of his name, and date upon which the same shall be attached or used, so that the same may not again be used, under a penalty of \$50.

Instruments hereafter issued without stamps, not to be void where stamps are subsequently affixed. Postage stamps cannot be used as revenue stamps.

Any person who presents to the commissioner of internal revenue any instrument and requires his opinion whether the same is chargeable with any duty; and if the said commissioner shall be of opinion that it is not chargeable with any stamp duty, he is required to impress on it a particular stamp, with words to signify that it is not chargeable with stamp duty; and every instrument on which such stamp is impressed shall be received in evidence in all courts, notwithstanding objections on the ground of such instrument being without the proper stamp.

The party to whom a document is issued from a foreign country, or by whom it is to be issued, shall, before using the same, affix thereon the stamp or stamps denoting the duty required.

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