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* * * Gentlemen of leisure, who possess a taste for literary pursuits, are invited to favour us with communications.

FOR SALE,

Two elegant Pianos Forte.

THEY are both new, and will be sold cheap for cash. A Negro Girl of an age from twelve to fifteen years, would be taken in part payment. Application must be made immediately.

Inquire of the Printer.
March 15.

NOTICE.

JAMES & Anderson Mebane gave unto the subscriber sometime in the month of May, 1818, a bond for the sum of four hundred dollars, due one day after date, which bond I have either lost or mislaid, so that I cannot find it at present. There is a credit on the bond, October 22d, 1818, for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and another credit in January, 1820, for between four and five dollars, which still leaves a balance unpaid. I do therefore forewarn the said James & Anderson Mebane from paying the said balance to any person but myself, as I have never traded or assigned the said bond to any person whatever.

Joseph Armstrong.

Back Creek, Orange County,
March 21, 1820. 7-3w

The celebrated Horse OSTRICH,

WILL stand the ensuing season, to commence the first day of April and end the first day of August; on Monday and Tuesday of each week at James Morrow's, on Cane creek; on Wednesday in each week at James Hutchinson's, esq; and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Mason Hall, all in the county of Orange; will cover mares at the reduced price of four dollars the leap, the cash to be paid at the time of service; six dollars the season, if paid at any time within the season, otherwise eight dollars will be charged for the season; and ten dollars to insure a mare with foal, which money will become due as soon as it can be ascertained the mare is with foal, or the property changed.

All possible care will be taken to prevent accidents, but the subscriber will not be liable for any that may happen.

PEDIGREE.

Ostrich, a beautiful bay, black legs, mane and tail, five feet four inches high, was thirteen years old last July, was bred by Allen Young, of the county of Mecklenburg, in the state of Virginia; was gotten by the imported horse Wrangler, and came out of the celebrated mare Miss Edget, her sire the imported Sterling, her dam by Old Ostrich.

John Mason.

N. B. Gentlemen living at a distance, who think proper to send their mares to the subscriber at Mason Hall, are informed that their mares shall be well fed, and pastured gratis.
March 2, 1820. 5-3m

D. HEARTT

Proposes publishing by subscription
THE
PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES
OF THE
Convention of North Carolina
On the adoption of the Constitution of the
United States;
TOGETHER WITH
The Declaration of Rights and Consti-
tution of the State,
TO WHICH IS PREFIXED
The Constitution of the United States.

THE former edition of this work having become so scarce as to render it difficult to procure a copy, it has been suggested to the publisher that a new edition would be acceptable to the public; he has accordingly submitted the proposal for their patronage, and will commence the publication as soon as the number of subscribers shall be such as to justify the undertaking. The debates of the North Carolina convention on the adoption of the constitution of the United States, must certainly excite sufficient interest to prevent their becoming extinct; it is therefore presumed that the proposed edition will be extensively patronised throughout the state.

CONDITIONS.

The work will be comprised in a duodecimo volume of about three hundred pages, neatly printed on fine paper.

The price to subscribers will be one dollar and fifty cents, handsomely bound and lettered.

It will be put to press as soon as three hundred subscribers are obtained.

Subscriptions received at this office, and at most of the post-offices in the state.

Mason Hall Eagle Hotel.

A. MASON,

WISHES to inform his former customers and the public generally, that he has nearly finished his house, so that he is now able to accommodate as many as may honour him with their company. His house is large, having seven comfortable rooms which have five places in them, suitable for families, or travelling gentlemen wishing such. He has provided good beds, liquors, &c. and will keep as good a table as the neighbourhood will afford. He is also provided with good stables, and will always keep the best provender. The situation of the place is pleasant, and very healthy. Gentlemen wishing to visit him with their families, during the summer season, can be accommodated on moderate terms.

The keeper of this establishment pledges himself to the public to do all in his power to please and give entire satisfaction. Gentlemen who call can amuse themselves in reading the newspapers in his hall-room, where he keeps files of papers from almost every part of the United States.

Mason Hall, Orange county, N. C. }
Feb. 28, 1820. } 4

CASH STORE.

THE subscriber has lately opened a store in Hillsborough, in the house formerly occupied by him, where he offers for sale on very low terms for cash, a very considerable assortment of

FRESH GOODS,

among which are,

A large assortment of superfine, fine, and coarse broad cloths, superfine and fine cassimeres, bed, dupe and Dutch blankets, coatings, vestings, white and coloured plains, flannels and baizes, cassimeres and Canton crapes, shawls, colliers, bombazettes, cotton hose, black silk handkerchiefs. An assortment of guns, some of which are of a very superior quality; trace chains, weeding hoes, frying pans, anvils, vices, slidge and hand hammers, bellows pipes and bands, crowley and blistered steel, carpenter's planes, imported waggon boxes, patent cutting knives and scythes blades, and a very large assortment of Hardware and Cutlery.

Kirkland, Webb & Co. have always on hand a considerable quantity of skirting, bridle, bag, upper and seal leather.

I wish to employ a sober, steady young man, who can come well recommended, and who has been brought up to the mercantile business, and is a good accountant.

Wm. Kirkland.

Hillsborough, Feb. 23. 3-3w

NOTICE.

THE attention of the public is requested to the following statement. On the evening of Saturday the 19th instant, 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. Dicey Moore has lived with the subscriber ever 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 seventeen years old, five feet high, with a yellowish complexion, thick bushy hair, and wears rings in her ears.

Bryan is about six feet high, has blue eyes, 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 Free.

Swift Creek, Craven County, }
February 25, 1820. } 5f



JAMES ANDREWS,
TAILOR

AND LADIES' DRESS MAKER.
GRATEFUL for past favours, has the pleasure of announcing to the ladies and gentlemen of Hillsborough and its vicinity, that he has determined to offer them his professional services, and being possessed of a perfect knowledge of that late discovery, the art of cutting to fit the human shape, he earnestly solicits their patronage, and assures them that all orders will be executed in the first style.

Uniforms of every description made in a superior manner.

Ladies' dresses made with taste and elegance.

He will be regularly supplied from New York with the newest London and American fashions.

Feb. 10. 1 of

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING

Promptly and correctly executed at the office of the Hillsborough Recorder.

WANTED,

A DWELLING HOUSE, suitable for a small family, situated within a convenient distance from the court-house, in Hillsborough. Possession would be required in March. Inquire of the Printer.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, March 16.

On motion of Mr. Ervin, the committee on the District of Columbia were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so far altering the law of selling real estate for taxes in the said District, as to allow to minors the right of the equity for redemption, two years after they shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years, by complying with the condition now required by law.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the act "to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the different offices," passed April 20, 1818.

The resolution was, on motion, so amended as to direct the inquiry therein proposed, to be made by a select committee, instead of the committee of ways and means.

And the question being taken on agreeing to the said resolution, as amended—

It was determined in the negative. So the motion was rejected.

The remainder of the day was occupied in debate on the civil appropriation bill; and chiefly on the clause which proposes an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars "for completing the contracts for constructing the road from Washington, Penn. to Wheeling, made during the year 1817."

On this there was a rather animated debate; Mr. Slocumb having moved to strike it out of the bill. The objections to it were, principally; 1. To the power of congress to construct roads at all; and, 2. To the nature of the contracts, some of which it was suggested had originated in collusion and fraud. This question has been, in substance, discussed so much at large for several successive years, that we have not thought it necessary to report the debate at large.

After deciding the question on Mr. Slocumb's motion in the negative, the committee rose; and

The house adjourned.

Friday, March 18.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following joint resolution for consideration:

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives, &c. That the consent of congress be and the same is hereby given to a contract or agreement made and concluded by and between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, at Frankfort, in Kentucky, on the 2d day of February 1820, to adjust and establish the boundary line between them.

The resolve was read twice, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill to authorize the secretary of state to cause the laws of the Michigan territory to be printed and distributed, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Beecher in the chair, on the appropriation bill for defraying the civil expenses of the government.

Mr. Cobb renewed the motion which he made the other day on a similar bill, but then withdrew, to insert in the bill an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars for negotiating a treaty with the Creek and Cherokee Indians for the extinguishment of their title to certain lands in the state of Georgia.

The motion was supported by Mr. Cobb, at considerable length, and also by Mr. Cutbert and Mr. Abbot, all of Georgia. Messrs. Rheas, Livermore, and Campbell also engaged in the debate.

The motion was agreed to by a large majority.

In the progress of the bill, a motion was made to strike out of the appropriation for the expenses of the commission under the 5th article of the treaty of Ghent, so much as provides a compensation for an agent under that treaty; and, after a short debate, the motion was agreed to without a division.

Mr. Woodbridge moved to amend the bill by introducing an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, to defray the expenses of extinguishing the Indian title to land in the territory of Michigan.

The motion was supported by Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Ross, and was agreed to without a division.

The bill was then reported to the house with sundry amendments; and the question presented itself on concurring in certain of the amendments.

Some discussion took place on several of them.

On the question to concur with the committee of the whole in filling the blank for the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, to be applied to the payment for contracts made in the

year 1817, for making the great Cumberland Road, the yeas and nays were taken, and stood as follows:

For the appropriation, 90
Against it, 66
So the appropriation was concurred in.

Objection was made to the appropriation of 6,000 dollars for paying to Mr. Trumbull the 3d payment on account of his contract for four National Paintings; on the delivery of the second of which, now nearly completed, this money will be payable to him. The principal objection to the appropriation was, that the money is not yet due.

The appropriation passed, in the end, by 76 votes to 54.

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and

The house adjourned.

Saturday, March 18.

The bill from the senate to suspend, for a further time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payments thereon, was reported by Mr. Anderson, from the committee on the public lands, without amendment.

After some conversation between Messrs. Cobb, Hendricks, McCoy, and Taylor, as to the proper course to be given to it, whether it should be committed, read a third time at once, or laid on the table; the last course was adopted, yeas 65, nays 52, and the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee on the public lands, to whom had been referred the bill to change the mode of disposing of the public lands, (from credit to cash, &c.) reported the same with amendments.

[The amendments propose to strike out all that part of the bill which change the sales from credit to cash payments.]

After a short discussion, as to the proper disposition of the bill, it was committed to a committee of the whole house.

The engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1820, was read the third time, passed, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

The bill making appropriations for the centre building of the capitol, and for other purposes, passed through a committee of the whole, Mr. Beecher in the chair; the sums inserted by the committee, (111,789 dollars, for the centre building,) agreed to by the house, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Crowell, it was

Resolved, That the committee on commerce and manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a light house on Mobile point, in the state of Alabama.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law more effectually for reclaiming persons held to service or labour in one state, and escaping therefrom into another state, and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONS.

The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Beecher in the chair, on the bill to amend the act of March 18, 1818, providing pensions for persons engaged in the land and naval service in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Bloomfield rose, and, after stating the contemplated effect of this bill, entered into a particular history of the progress of the act of 1818, through the two houses, the different features it assumed, and its ultimate shape, compared with the bill originally reported by the committee, of which he was chairman, to show that that committee are innocent of having produced the embarrassments which had grown out of the act. To try the question whether the house was willing to repeal the existing act, he concluded by moving to strike out the first section of the bill.

Mr. Cannon moved to amend the section, by striking out that part of the first section which allows to officers higher pensions than what is allowed to privates. It would be perceived, Mr. C. said, that the object of this amendment was to place the officers of the revolutionary army, on the same footing as the soldiers of the revolutionary army. He had no wish to repeal the act, but this bill contained a principle—that of discrimination—which he could not reconcile to his mind; any other mode would be better than this—they were all citizens and were all entitled, in an act of bounty, to an equal quantum of relief, and to enforce this opinion, Mr. C. argued at some length. Mr. C. however, waived his motion to give way for an amendment, which Mr. Barbour intimated his intention to offer, which embraced what Mr. C. had in view.

Mr. Barbour then submitted, by way of amendment, the following provisions, in lieu of those contained in the bill:

Be it enacted, &c. That every per-

son who now is, or hereafter may be, placed on the pension list of the United States, by virtue of an act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war," passed the 18th of March, 1818, who served for the term of nine months, and for a term less than three years, shall, so soon as he shall have received the amount of two years' pension, as allowed him by the said act, be forthwith stricken from the pension roll; and every person who now is, or hereafter may be, placed on the pension list of the U. States, under the act aforesaid, who served for the term of three years, or longer, shall be entitled to receive the amount of the pension allowed him by said act, for the term of two years, from the date of this declaration, and afterwards during life, ——— dollars per annum.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no person who now is, or hereafter may be placed on the pension list of the United States, by virtue of the act aforesaid, shall hereafter receive any part of the provision to which he may be entitled by the said act, as amended by the provisions of this, which shall be due and payable after that which became due 4th March, 1820, until he shall have exhibited to some court of record in the county, city, or borough, in which he resides, a schedule, subscribed by him, containing his whole estate, (wearing apparel excepted,) and shall have, before the said court, taken and subscribed the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I A. B. do solemnly swear or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war," passed the 18th of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property; nor have I any securities, contracts, or debts due to me, other than what is contained in schedule now delivered, and by me subscribed"—nor until the person applying for the payment of a pension, shall produce to the secretary of war a copy of the aforesaid schedule and oath or affirmation, duly certified by the clerk of the court to which the said schedule was delivered, and before which the said oath or affirmation was taken and subscribed, together with the opinion of the said court, also certified by their clerk, of the value of the property contained in the said schedule: Provided, That in every case in which the pensioner may be insane, the court may receive said schedule without the aforesaid oath or affirmation, from the committee or other person authorized to take care of such insane person.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the original schedule and oath or affirmation, shall be filed in the clerk's office of the court, to which the schedule shall be exhibited, and before which the said oath or affirmation, shall be taken and subscribed; and any person who shall swear or affirm falsely, in the premises, and be thereof convicted, shall suffer as for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the act to which this is an amendment, shall be so construed as that no person shall be entitled to its provisions, whose property is of the value of

which value shall be taken from the estimation of the court, to which the schedule shall be exhibited, and which is heretofore required to be certified to the secretary of war.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That so much of the act of the 18th of March, 1818, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war," as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Barbour explained to the committee the substantial object of this amendment. The first object, as would be seen by the first section, was to repeal the law, as to all those who had served for a term less than three years, after they shall have received their pensions for two years, and to continue pensions for life, to all those who had served three years and upwards, to officers and soldiers an equal sum, after they also shall have received two years pension according to the act of 1818. Mr. B. then proceeded to state, a good deal at large, the inducements which operated on him in voting for the act of 1818. He had voted for that law under the best feelings. He was willing to do an act of benevolence; and he had been influenced, he confessed, not a little by