

The Club... No. IV.

BY TIMOTHY BLAKELEPPEN.

A short time since, was placed in our hands for inspection, a mammoth work entitled "A HISTORY OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE."

"It has long been a question among the learned, whether the ancients or moderns were greater proficients in the arts and sciences. For my part, I have always held the opinion, that the human mind is progressive—its march is onward towards perfection."

This great improvement in the art of doctoring began to take place as far back as nearly two centuries ago; and so rapid was the progress, that about the time when the celebrated doctor Sangrado flourished, we find the whole practice was simplified down to two prescriptions—bleeding and warm water.

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The author of the MS. then goes on to furnish a number of certificates of marvellous cures effected by this wonderful elixir—this "grand restorative of nature."

What a blessing it is to have a plenty of doctors about a little town. There are some persons, however, so superstitious as to tremble as much at the sight of a doctor as at the croaking of the raven: they think both ominous of the same thing.

Strange as it may seem, even some of the poets have arrayed themselves against the faculty. Our readers will remember the story of a certain doctor, who, in the time of Garrick, fancied that he had wit enough to write farces.

Your farces are physic, And your physic a farce is."

Quere: Might not the same couplet be applied to some of the faculty of the present age, who take it into their heads that they can write witty pieces?

But lest we extend this number to an unusual length, we will conclude with one remark: However often the rules of practice may have changed, from the origin of medicine to the present time, there is one article that has never changed—in which all doctors agree—when they get patients, they all think.

To feel the pulse of their fees, More wise than fumbling arteries.....

FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.

Presentment of the Grand Jury

Of Burke County (N. C.) Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, for the 4th Monday of July, A. D. 1820.

The Grand Jury for the County of Burke present:—That the present inequality of representation existing in the State of North-Carolina, is grievous and oppressive on the population of the middle and Western parts of the State; and particularly so on the citizens of Burke County.

That all men are born equal; and that all freemen should have an equal power in making the laws by which they are governed, are maxims now too well understood to be doubted by the American people.

That the most equitable mode of representation

is in proportion to the population of a country, without regard to the local divisions into which that country may be subdivided, is demonstrated by experience, and adopted as the basis of the State governments, and constitution of the United States.

That it is represented to the dispassionate consideration and good sense of the people, if it is not a grievance, and one which ought of right to be obviated;—and that this Grand Jury do consider it as such: And, therefore, it is recommended to their Representatives in particular, and to the good citizens of the State in general, to use all lawful means and ways, consistent with the laws of the land, to cause a Convention to be assembled, or such other means to be devised as may remove the grievances of which we complain, and such other grievances as may be then and there considered of.

In testimony whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals, this 28th day of July, 1820.

ANDREW HUNTER, Foreman. John Hays, George Haunsucker, James McDowell, John Franklin, Levi Nunnally, John Collins, William Brown, Charles Ridley, James Nicholas, Jesse Pool, Henry Deal, Adkins Brackett, James Howell, Jacob McClrath.

The above is a copy of the original Presentment as made to court, and was highly approved of by the Justices sitting, although they were of opinion they had no right, judicially, to interfere with the same, further than to grant leave to the solicitor to publish it.

WM. ROANE, Solicitor pro the County.

To the Editors of the Western Carolinian.

GENTLEMEN: I have just now, by chance, laid my hand upon your Prospectus that was issued in the course of last summer. As no part of it has been printed in your paper since its appearance, you will oblige a friend by publishing the following extract from it.

A ROWAN FARMER.

"The population of North-Carolina, in the year 1810, exceeded 550,000 souls: At this time it may, in moderation, be estimated at 700,000 souls. Of this vast sum of population, fully two-thirds of the white population reside in that section of the State lying west of the city of Raleigh, and which constitutes by far the most interesting part of our territory, regarding either the soil, the climate, or general character of the inhabitants.

"By an unjust usurpation of power, a minority of about one-third of our brethren, residing in the counties east of Raleigh, have the complete control of every branch of the State Government. They make the laws for us; they elect the Governor; they appoint the judges that preside in our courts; and, as if to complete their dominion, we humbly acknowledge a dependence upon them even for newspapers to inform our minds! These are facts that require no comment—they proclaim, that the common interest of the West calls aloud for the establishment of an independent newspaper in the midst of us; one that will partake of our feelings, defend our rights, and spread useful knowledge among the people.

"In this capacity, we present to the public the Western Carolinian, whose very name indicates its principles."

\* The Hillsborough Recorder, at that time, had not commenced.

UNITED STATES MINT.

The amount of gold bullion deposited in the mint, from the 1st of January, 1818, to the 31st of December, 1819, was 19,108 ounces, 5 penny-weights and 23 grains; equal to 379,703 dollars.

Gold coins made at the mint in the same year, 31,723 half-eagles.

In the same year, the coinage in silver was 149,000 quarter-dollars, and 2,208,000 half-dollars.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS.

It may not, perhaps, be improper, for the guidance of persons who have heretofore received pensions under the act of Congress providing for revolutionary services, to state explicitly the grounds on which such pensions are discontinued under the act passed at the last session. Such information will save to persons whose names have been placed on the pension list, and whose circumstances in life will now exclude them therefrom, both expense and trouble.

charity, his name will be invariably stricken from the pension rolls.—National Intelligencer.

STRENGTH OF THE UNION.

Compiled from the general abstract of returns of the militia of the United States, made to the House of Representatives on the 30th March, 1820, by the President.

Table with 3 columns: State, No. of Militia, No. of Reg'ts to Coh. Rows include New-Hampshire, Mass. and Maine, Vermont, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and a Total row.

Notice.

The firm of A. NISBITT & CO. at Mocks' Old Fields, Rowan County, is dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm, or having demands against them, are requested to make application to the subscriber for settlement.

A. NISBITT. Mocks' Old Field, July 27, 1820. 4w8

10 Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, some time since, a negro man named HANNIBAL, between 30 and 35 years of age, and 5 feet 8 or nine inches high. It is supposed he is lurking somewhere in Salisbury, or the adjoining settlements. Whoever will apprehend said runaway and commit him to Gaol, and give me information thereof, shall receive the above reward.

H. B. SATTERWHITE. Wilkesborough, (N. C.) July 22, 1820.

Five Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, a few days since, a black boy, named GEORGE, belonging to Dr. Ferrand. He is about five feet four inches high, full faced, very black, and very stout made. He is somewhere in the neighborhood of Salisbury, or Mr. Macnamara's plantation, as I have been informed. I will give the above reward to any one who will apprehend the said George, and deliver him to me, or lodge him in Gaol, so that I get him again.

THOMAS HOLTON. Salisbury, August 1, 1820. 3w8

Two Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Salisbury, on the 5th instant, a negro girl by the name of LIZZA. It is supposed that the said girl is in the neighborhood of Mrs. Steel's plantation. I will give the above reward on the delivery of the girl, or for information of her being lodged in any Gaol in this State. All persons are forewarned of harboring said girl, under penalty by law prescribed. July 18, 1820. W. M. DICKSON.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

CABARRUS COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, July Term, 1820. Caleb Erwin, vs. Alexander White, Original Attachment, William Erwin, summoned as Guardian.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, William Erwin, resides beyond the limits of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for three weeks, in the Western Carolinian, a newspaper printed in the town of Salisbury, that unless the defendant appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Cabarrus, at the Court-House in Concord, on the third Monday of October next, and then and there plead, answer, &c.—Judgment final will be taken against him according to the plaintiff's demand. Witness John Travis, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the third Monday of July, A. D. 1820, and the 45th year of American Independence. 3w8 JOHN TRAVIS, Clerk.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

CABARRUS COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1820. Jane Hale, vs. Jonathan Shian, Original Attachment, levied on lands.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, that the defendant in this case is not an inhabitant of this State: Ordered, therefore, that publication be made for three weeks in the Western Carolinian, a newspaper printed in the town of Salisbury; that unless the said defendant appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Cabarrus, at the Court-House in Concord, on the third Monday of October next, then and there replevy or plead, judgment will be taken against him, according to the plaintiff's demand. Witness John Travis, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the third Monday of July, Anno Domini 1820, and of American Independence the 46th. 3w8 JOHN TRAVIS, Clerk.

State of North-Carolina.

ROWAN COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Sessions, 1820. Benjamin Owen, Adm'r of George Owen, deceased, vs. Gopher Owen, Anthony Owen, Petition to sell Real Estate.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, Anthony Owen, resides out of the State, it is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made in the Western Carolinian, that the defendant appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Rowan, at the Court-House in Salisbury, on the third Monday in August next, then and there to plead, answer, or defend to said petition, or judgment will be entered according to prayer of said petition. 3w7 Tst. JNO. GILES.

Letter Press Printing.

Of every description, neatly and correctly executed at the Office, and on short notice.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Whip" is received, but will not be published. It is objectionable on account both of the thoughts and language. It is not our wish to exercise the severity of criticism on the pieces of any of our correspondents; but really we begin to fear, that some of our readers think it is only necessary for them to scribble, and that we, as a matter of course, will publish. In this they are mistaken. We have the tastes of other persons to consult, besides the writers of such productions; and our readers would have just cause of complaint, were we to fill up our columns with the conceited scrawls of those who mistake vulgarity for wit.

As for "Whip," he complains that Club No. 2, had made the town "too intolerable for endurance." It is an old adage, that "the horse finches when the saddle finches." We hope this is not the case with "Whip"; but truly he seems very sensitive on the occasion; and from the specimen before us, were we to bring him forward as the champion of the town, we fear the good citizens would have reason to cry out, as did the lad to the knight of the useful countenance—"Sir Knight, all I ask of you, is to give me no more of your protection."

It is said that an author, after reading a play to Quin, which was totally devoid of merit, was told by Quin that it would not do, by any means. I wish, said the author, you would advise me what is best to do with it. That I can, said Quin—Blot out one half of it, and burn the other. If "Whip" finds himself at a loss which half of his piece to blot out, we would advise him to burn the whole.

The editors would be glad of a conference with some one of the members of "The Club." We shall be very happy to hear from "Farrago" often. The articles deposited in our letter-box last evening, came in too late for this day's paper—they will be attended to in our next.

OUR POLITICAL GRIEVANCES.

The Presentment of the Grand Jury of Burke County, which we publish in this day's paper, seems to indicate that the attention of the people in this section of the State is beginning to be excited; that they are awakening from their lethargy, and preparing to demand and to obtain their rights. This is as it should be. It is time for us to act; it is time for us to arouse our sleeping energies; to display the spirit and resolution of men, of freemen, in asserting those equal rights of which we are deprived by legalized oppression, but which never can be sanctioned by the immutable principles of justice.

It is matter of astonishment, that the people in the Western part of this State, have submitted so long as they have to the encroachments and domination of the East. It is not because they are ignorant of their rights—it is not because they do not value the privileges which God and nature have granted them, which the blood and sufferings of their fathers have hallowed, and which it would be sacrilege, and high treason against liberty, to yield—it is not because they want the spirit to demand, and the power to obtain them: but it is from that spirit of prostration, which is a damper to the soul, and to all its noble faculties—it is from that slothful spirit, which inclines them to trudge patiently along under the yoke, justifying themselves with the convenient excuse, that "the time has not yet come." But the time has come—the day-spring of emancipation has arisen—the dormant powers of the West are bursting from the lethargy which has enfolded and degraded them; and the will of a united people will, ere long, place them where they ought to be—on an equality with their oppressors. The new census is now taking; and it will exhibit in figures, which cannot deceive, the power and strength of the Western part of North-Carolina—and it will show the impossibility of its submitting any longer to the legal injustice of the East. As soon as the census is completed, and its results published, we shall then take up this subject in earnest; and not we alone, but the whole body of the Western people also.

Foreign News.

And of a very interesting nature, has been received at New-York by the ship Martha, which left Liverpool on the 15th June. We have not yet received any details; we only learn, in general, that the Queen had arrived in England; that she was received by the opposition with the greatest applause, who have taken her part against her husband, George the IV.; and that the king, the day after the arrival of the Queen in London, sent a message to Parliament, a copy of which will be found below.—The result of this movement on the part of the Queen cannot be foreseen. The old method of calculating effects from causes, has been exploded by the devious course in which political events and national revolutions travel, now-a-days; and by hazarding predictions, we only subject ourselves to the imputation of false prophets.—The New-York Evening Post remarks, that "the spirit of dissatisfaction is abroad in France; and justifies the apprehension, that serious mischief is brewing." We shall be able to give our readers further particulars in our next.

MESSAGE OF THE KING.

"George R. The King thinks it necessary, in consequence of the arrival of the Queen, to communicate to the house of lords certain papers respecting the conduct of her majesty since her departure from this kingdom, which he recommends to the immediate and serious consideration of the house.

"The king has felt the most anxious desire to avert the necessity of any disclosures and discussions, which must be as painful to his people as they can be to himself; but the step now taken by the Queen leaves him no alternative.

"The king has the fullest confidence that, in consequence of this communication, the house of lords will adopt that course of proceeding which the justice of the case, and the honor and dignity of his majesty's crown may require."

Lord Liverpool moved that a secret committee be appointed, to examine his majesty's most gracious message. This motion was made the order of the day for the Monday following; but on that day was, on his own motion, postponed until Friday, the 16th. Thus the matter rests.

THE ARMY OF THE U. STATES.

The following statement of the army of the U. States, exhibiting its total for each year since the peace, including officers and privates, is taken from the report of the Secretary of War of January last.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Total. Rows include 1815 (9,415), 1816 (14,024), 1817 (8,221), 1818 (7,676), 1819 (9,999).