far as practicable, its mineralogical treasures We are happy to learn, that this department could not have been confided to one more able or zealous to effect the objects connected with it. Extensive collections, illustrating the natural history of the country, have been made, and will add to the common stock of American science.

We understand that copper, iron, and lead, are very abundant through the whole country, and that the great mass of copper upon the Ouconagan river has been fully examined. Upon this, as well as upon other subjects, we hope we shall, in a few days, be able to communicate more detailed information.—*Gazette.*

CAROLINIAN.

SALISBURY, (N. C.) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1820.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The communication from Iredell county has been on file for some time, and we had concluded to let it remain there, until called for by our correspondent. Its publication, we judged, would only produce a *lengthy reply*, and perhaps a *rejoinder*, and finally compel us to close our columns to a controversy which, from its nature, must abound in personality. But having, within a few days, been solicited by several gentlemen to give it a place in our paper, we have consented to forego our own opinion as to the expediency of the measure, and to give it publicity, should the gentleman by whom it was communicated *urge it*. We shall hold our paper open to both parties, reserving to ourselves, however, the privilege, should a controversy be the result, of saying *when* it shall end.

COMMUNICATED FOR THE CAROLINIAN.

Presentment

Of the Grand Jury of Anson county, at the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for October, 1820.

We, the Grand Jury of Anson county, hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are by nature free and equal, and possess certain inherent rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness:

That the sovereign power resides in the people, and all power emanates from them:

That protection and security in the enjoyment of these rights, are the objects of the institution of government:

We hold, from the experience of all mankind, that the system of government in which every freeman is heard, is alone calculated to promote these objects:

That when it is impracticable or inconvenient for every freeman to be heard in his own proper person, the representative form of government is superior to all others, and that equality should be a fundamental principle in such a form:

We hold it to be an incontrovertible truth, that when the established form of government is found to be insufficient for the purposes of its institution, or defective in first principles, the people have a right to new model or amend it in such a manner as may seem most conducive to their happiness:

Therefore, having given the subject an attentive, strict, and mature investigation, we present the existing mode of representation in the State of North-Carolina as inconsistent with the principles of liberty, and eminently destructive of the ends of good government. We conceive it to be a grievance of the first magnitude to the State, and particularly to the county of Anson, in as much as representation is determined by territorial limits without regard to population.

In illustration of this Presentment, we give the following statements, which we believe to be facts:—

The State of North-Carolina contained, in the year 1810, a free population of 386,676, and is represented in the Legislature by sixty-two senators and one hundred and twenty-four commons: If equality existed, it would seem that every 3118 inhabitants would be represented by one senator and two commons; the fact is far otherwise:—The State is divided into sixty-two counties, each of which elects a senator and two commons—for instance:

		FREE.
The county of Anson, population in 1810, elects three members:		6,506
The county of Columbus, elects three members:	do. do.	2,319
The county of Rowan, elects three members:	do. do.	17,786
The five counties of Columbus, Tyrrel, Washington, Jones, and Brunswick,	15 members.	12,067
The five counties of Rowan, Orange, Lincoln, Wake and Halifax,	15 members.	67,294

It is true that the towns of Salisbury in Rowan, Hillsborough in Orange, and Halifax in Halifax, send each one member; but we do not conceive that such representation can fairly be brought into the general scale: admitting it, however, it seems manifest that three persons out of four in some of the counties are not heard in the Legislative Assembly of the State.

As this is a subject in which every citizen of the State, and particularly of the western section of it, is deeply interested, we strongly recommend to the serious consideration of the Legislature and to the people generally, whether it would not be right and proper to use all lawful means, by convention or otherwise, to effect a new organization of the Constitution, so as to equalize representation.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this 11th day of October, 1820.

Samuel Alsbrook, *Foreman*,	Samuel Tyson,
Hull Thudjill,	John Pearson,
Edmund Lilly,	Michael Little,
Absalom Holly,	Stephen Henley,
Thomas Barrett,	Benjamin Thomas,
Thomas Bennett,	Wm. Williams,
Ezekiel Thomas,	Benjamin Allen.
Simeon Harris,	

The Court concur with the Grand Jury in this representation, &c.

A. LOCKHART J. P.
JA. AUSTIN, J. P.
A. CARAWAY, J. P.

FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.

The Athenian Club...No. I.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Whenever a writer makes his debut to the world, public curiosity will naturally be excited to know his name and place of abode. In order to gratify the inquisitive, it has been the practice of most writers, on their first setting out, to not only make known their names and place of residence, but also to furnish a biographical memoir, accompanied with a portraiture of their proper persons.

With all due deference to the wise plans of preceding writers, we beg leave to differ from them in our outset. Whatever may be thought necessary on this score, shall be attended to at a future period. In this number it is merely our object to state, that we are a certain set of "*men*," united together by the ordinary ties of friendship; and our object in view is, to write upon any and every subject that we may deem calculated to amuse and instruct your readers. It may be that we shall occasionally touch upon political and theological subjects. At this moment it is impossible to determine how often, and with what degree of regularity we may publish our essays, owing to the various professions of our members We frequently experience considerable difficulty in getting a sufficient number of members together to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, without which we cannot publish any thing to the world. Our rules require the concurrence of two-thirds of our members in all things we intend to publish.

At our last meeting we appointed one of our members to superintend the concerns of our association, so far as respects the publication of our essays: His name will hereafter appear at the head of our labors.

It was also agreed, *nem. con.* that if any member shall be found guilty of the *sin of plagiarism*, he shall be expelled, *ipso facto*, and ever after be disabled of becoming a member of our Club. We deem this resolution all-important, not only for the discovery of the cognoscience of our members, but to save your readers the trouble of examining a vast number of books, in order to convict us of *literary theft*. Under such circumstances we appear before the public, pledging ourselves that every thing which may appear under the title of the "ATHENIAN CLUB," shall be purely original, unless otherwise expressed.

It may be thought by "some," that we are too rigid in our regulations concerning *plagiarism*: To such we would say, in the language of the sons of Esculapius, "that inveterate diseases require the application of energetic remedies."

It is a fact, which we think will not be controverted, that there are many publications of the present day ushered into the world, with high claims to literary merit, but which, on strict examination, are found to contain but little else than the writings of *other men* under *another name!* We do not, by any means, claim a superiority of intellect and penetration; but we are determined to free our consciences from the guilt of theft. Whatever part of your paper we may be permitted to occupy, you may rest assured it shall not be stuffed with *ill-gotten treasure*. In the further exposition of our views, it may not be improper to remark, that our motto shall be,

"Still pleased to praise,
"But not afraid to blame."

In justice to the public, we will merely state, that we are situated in an obscure village, remote from your town.

[We deem it advisable to state, that none of the members of "The Club" have any connection with the above, either directly or indirectly, and that it *is not* the production of any gentlemen in this town or its vicinity.] EDTS.

FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.

STANDARD KEEPERS.

MESSRS. EDITORS: A few days ago I examined the laws relative to the appointment of Standard Keepers, and the regulation of Weights and Measures, and from their rigor and importance, I am really astonished that our good citizens, the Justices of our Courts, have been so remiss in the discharge of their duty, as not to have long since attended to this business. From the information which I have received, it appears that but few, if any, of the counties have *Standard Keepers!* The act of the legislature of 1818 will fully explain the nature of this business. In order to guard our citizens against imposition and fraud, I think it indispensably necessary that our courts generally should attend to this business. JUSTICE

CENSUS OF PORTLAND, MAINE.

White males under 10 years of age,	1227	Females,	1162
of 10 and under 16	587	do.	718
of 16 and under 26	759	do.	1017
of 26 and under 45	878	do.	1026
of 45 and upwards	436	do.	547
Total,	3887		4470

Total white persons,	8357
Total colored persons,	224
Total inhabitants,	8581
Census of 1810,	7169
Increase since 1810,	1412
Number of families,	1407

Average number in a family, 5 and seventeenths.

Persons of 70 years of age and upwards,	101
of 80	32
of 102	1

There are three sisters living in this town of the following ages: 97, 90, and 88—their united ages 274.

When all things are considered, the increase of the town is flattering. From 1810 to 1814, the population was rather diminishing, so that we may calculate the whole of the increase and something more since the beginning of 1815. [*Eastern Argus.*

MARYLAND.—*Robert Wright* is elected a Representative to the next Congress by a majority, in his district, of about 30 votes; and *Philip Reed* by a majority of 16 votes. In such close elections as these, there is no disgrace, and scarcely mortification, from defeat.

Both these gentlemen have heretofore been in Congress, and both as Senators and as Representatives. [*Nat. Intel.*

THE DISCOVERY.

It is a singular fact, that the newly discovered land in the Pacific Ocean, south of Cape Horn, has been known to *brother Jonathan*, at least so long that a voyage to and from the Island has actually been completed out of the port of Stonington, Connecticut. But, less ambitious about the honor than the profit, he was content, from the experience of the first voyage, to move on quietly in the purchase of ships, which he has done to the extent of seven or eight within a few months—all of which have ostensibly gone a *whaling*, but they have been more probably a *sealing*. About two years ago a ship was fitted out of this port, (New-York,) on shares, for "an Island unknown to any one except the captain, where seals, which had never been disturbed by man, were as tame as kittens, and more plenty than at any other place upon earth." This was the language used to induce others to take an interest, the possessors of the secret being rich in knowledge, but poor in purse. The ship, however, proceeded, but was unfortunately cast away before she reached her destination.

When our brethren of Stonington have made as much as they wish by keeping the secret, we hope they will favor the world with some account of their discovery.

It is probable the people in New-Haven have been making some *guess* of the existence of this Island, as they too have been looking out for *whale ships*. [*Merc. Adv.*

DIED,

At New-Orleans, the Rev. SYLVESTER LARNED, a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city. He fell a victim to the fatal disorder which, during the present season, has cut down some of the best and most respectable of our citizens. He had scarcely arrived at his 24th year, but he had acquired a degree of proficiency in almost every branch of human learning, which is rarely attained by veteran scholars, who have passed their lives in study. Pulpit eloquence was his fort; and he was one of the most animated, correct and impressive orators of this country, or this age. He was a cheerful companion, a steadfast friend, a patriotic citizen, and a truly pious christian. *New-Orleans paper.*

Fayetteville Prices Current.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY FROM THE FAYETTEVILLE GAZETTE.]

MERCHANDIZE.	Quantity rated.	From D. C.	To D. C.
Bacon	lb.		15
Beef, mess		10	12
fresh		5	6
Beeswax		25	28
Brandy, Cog.	gal.	2	
Peach		70	
Apple		70	
Butter	lb.		25
Coffee		30	34
Corn	bush.	45	50
Cotton, Upland	100 lb.	15	15 15
Flour, superfine	bbl.	3 25	
fine		3	
Flax seed	bush.	1	1 20
Gin, Holland	gal.	1	1 25
Northern		60	
Hog's lard	lb.	9	10
Iron, Swedish	100 lb.	6	6 50
English		5	6
Lead	lb.	10	12½
Molasses	gal.	40	45
Oats	bush.	30	40
Pork	100 lb.	5	6
Potatoes, Irish	bush.	75	1
Rum, Jamaica, 4th proof	gal.	1 25	
W. Island, 4th do.			
do. 3d do.		90	1
New-England		45	50
Rice	100 lb.	3	4
Salt, Turks-Island	bush.		90
Liverpool ground			1
Steel, German	lb.		
blistered			
Sugar, Muscovado	100 lb.	11	12
Loaf	lb.	22	25
Tea, Young Hyson		1 12½	1 25
Hyson		1 20	1 40
Imperial		1 75	2
Gunpowder		1 50	1 75
Tobacco, leaf	100 lb.	4	5
manufactured	lb.	10	15
Tallow			12
Wheat	bush.	60	
Whiskey	gal.	55	60

10 Dollars Reward.

STRAYED from the subscriber, living in Iredell county, Third-Creek, one iron gray MARE, between five and six years old, with crooked hind legs; and a sorrel FILLY, one year old in August. I will give the above reward if any person will give me information so that I get them again; or if delivered, I will pay any reasonable expenses. JAMES LOCKE.

October 1, 1820.—3w18

Gig and Carriage Making.

THE subscriber, lately from Baltimore, having, a few days since, rented of B. P. Pearson all his shops and tools, respectfully informs the citizens of the Western section of North-Carolina and the contiguous districts of South-Carolina, that he intends carrying on the

Gig and Carriage Making Business,

in all its various branches. He hopes to have it in his power, in a short time, to supply the former customers of the establishment, and all others who feel inclined to purchase, with a neat assortment of Sulkeys, Gigs, Kitterees, Dearbons, &c. finished in the best manner, and will be sold low for cash, or on short credit. Orders from gentlemen in the country, and those living at a distance, will be attended to with punctuality. All kinds of repairs belonging to the above business shall be done at my shop, with neatness and despatch.

A. N. JUMP.

Salisbury, Sept. 26, 1820.—16

To whom it may concern.

SOMETIME in August, 1818, I and my brother Josiah Potts, purchased of Hugh O'Neal, of Iredell county, a tract of land, to the value of six hundred and seventy-eight dollars, for the payment of which we gave three several notes, jointly, payable at different times. Shortly after this purchase was made, my brother wishing to become the sole owner of the land, I withdrew my claim, and applied to Mr. O'Neal to have my name erased from the notes; but upon his assurance that I should never be called upon for payment, I let the notes remain as they were. Within a short time, however, I have understood that Mr. O'Neal, finding that my brother will not be able to make good the payments, is intending to make me responsible for the balance which is at present due. This is to give notice, therefore, that having received no equivalent for said notes, and being under age at the time I signed them, I shall not pay any part of them.

JEREMIAH POTTS.

Rowan County, Oct. 4, 1820.—3w18p

Ten Dollars Reward.

STOLEN from the subscriber, on the night of the 5th of this instant, at the house of George Ellers, a bay Stud HORSE, about 15 hands high, four years old last spring, branded on the left shoulder with O, a scar on the left thigh, and a few white spots on his back; also, a saddle and bridle was taken with the said horse. If any person will give me information of said horse, so that I get him again, I will give him the above reward, and pay all reasonable expenses. JOHN AMBURN.

Rowan County, Oct. 12, 1820.—3w19p

Roger Williams' Estate.

THE subscriber having been qualified at the last October term of Montgomery County Court as Administrator upon the estate of Roger Williams, deceased, requests all persons having any demands against said estate, to present them for settlement within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to said estate are requested to make payment to the subscriber. ARTHUR HARRIS.

Montgomery County, Oct. 13, 1820.—3w19p

State of North-Carolina,

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1820.

Thomas Neely, John Neely, Rebecca Neely, Aaron Townsend and Martha his wife, Isaac M'Lellan and Peggy his wife, John M'Cahern and Polly his wife; *versus*, Isaac Neely, and Reuben Dixon and Jane his wife. } Petition for partition of land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants are not inhabitants of this state, it is therefore *Ordered*, that publication be made in the Salisbury Western Carolinian for three weeks, for the defendants to appear at the next Court to be held for said county, at the Court-House in Charlotte, on the fourth Monday in November next, and answer to the said petition, otherwise the same will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte against him. [3w19p]

Test. ISAAC ALEXANDER, *C. M. C.*

State of North-Carolina,

RANDOLPH COUNTY:

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1820.

JOHN ARNOLD, as. *vs.* JAMES MILLER. } Debt....Jud. Atta. served in the hands of Benjamin Steed.

IT appearing to the Court that the defendant in this case resides in another government, it is ordered that all proceedings be stayed for three months; and that publication be made in the *Western Carolinian* for six weeks, for the defendant to appear at the next Court to be held for said county, on the first Monday in November next, and replevy, plead to issue, or demur, otherwise judgment by default will be entered against him.

6w17 A Copy: JESSE HARPER, *C. C. C.*

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-Office at Charlotte, N. C. which, if not taken out by the first day of January, will be sent on to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

A.

WILLIAM ANDREW, Sarah Anderson, Benjamin Alexander, Edwin Alexander, Frederick Aaron.—B....James Blair, Robert Bigham, sen. Samuel Boyes, Robert Barnhill, Darling Belk, Matthew Bain, Samuel Blair. C....John Costen, Thomas Cashon, John Carelock, Rob't T. Cheek, Rob't Carr, William Cooper, jun. Adam Cooper, Wm. Campbell, Rev. Thos. B. Clarkson, 2. D....Susana Dow, Eliza Dow, David Dow, Robert Davidson, John Davis, Sugar Dulin. G....William Goforth, Willis Gibbs, Alexander Gillespie, Polly Gardner, John Gingles, Sam'l Gordon, John Garrison. H....Jonathan Harris, Samuel Huie, Joshua Hadley, John Hall, John Harris, William Hamilton, John Hays, Jeremiah Hood, John Hodge. J....Cadwallader Jones, John Johnston. K....Messrs. Kirk and Alexander, Rob't Knox. L....Thomas R. Lion, John Little, 2, Nancy Latta. M....George Morrow, 2, James McKnight, Alexander McClenaghan, Judith Monroe, Judith N. W. Monroe, James Martin, Richard Morrow, Michael McLeary, John McGlaughlen, Margaret McCorkle. N....Samuel Niel. O....Edwin Jay Orsborne. P....John D. Pettis, Francis Perry, Joseph Purviance, Henry Pharr. R....Dr. Joseph W. Ross, Elem Roon, James Roper, Rachel Robinson, James Rone, John Ritch, sen. S....David Smith, 2, David or Hugh Smith, Margaret Skelly, James C. Sloan, Seth Sexton, The Sheriff, Hetty Smith, David Stinson, Eli Stewart. T....Samuel I. Thomas, James G. Torrence, John M. Thomas. W....Allen Wynens, Joseph Wilson, William I. Wilson, Jordan Williamson, Catharine Wallace, Matthew Wallace, Samuel Wilson, Samuel I. Wilson, Benjamin West, Thomas Walker, David Wilson, Thomas White, Rev. John Williamson. Y....William Yandel. WM. SMITH, *P. M.*

October 1, 1820.—3w18

Notice.

THERE will be a Bill presented to the next General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, for a division of Rowan County. THOS. HAMPTON.

October 1, 1820.