CAROLINIAN.

SALISBURY, (N. C.) TUESDAY, DEC. 26, 1820.

THE MAILS.

Among all the miseries to which *Printers* are subject, (and Heaven knows they are not a few,) there is not one, perhaps, which affects the *head* more, and makes greater requisitions on the patience, than the *failure of the mails.* This is even vexatious, where the mail arrives daily; when but twice or thrice a week, doubly so; but to have mails which arrive only *once* a week, *fail*, is indeed compelling the Printer to resort to *desperate shifts.* Our apology, therefore, to our readers, for not giving them this week a summary of the proceedings of the Legislature and of Congress, is, that we *had none to give.* The mails, by which we receive all our intelligence, failed.

Under the present arrangements, the new mail route established last spring from Fredericksburg, Va. to Powelton, Ga. entirely fails of accomplishing the objects intended, and is of very little, if any, public benefit. All our papers and letters from the north are still sent round by the way of Raleigh; and for their regular arrival here, we have to depend on the crazy vehicle that runs between that place and this, to stop which hardly any thing more is necessary than the bare appearance of a cloud above the horizon. If Mr. Meigs cannot, either by making the Post-Office at Fredericksburg a distributing one, or in some other way, have the present evils remedied, the northern mail may as well be discontinued, as it is only subjecting the government to a heavy expense, without producing any equivalent advantage to the public.

HARD TIMES.....The cry of *hard times* has been so long sounding in our ears, that we have worked ourselves into the belief that we are, in reality, a *distressed* people. But the *fact* is far otherwise. We are rather embarrassed, it is true; but then our condition is perfect happiness, when compared with that of the people of some other nations; when contrasted, for example, with the condition of the inhabitants of England. Were we, in addition to what *we* term our present *distresses*, to have TAXES (to use the words of the *Edinburgh Review*) "upon every article which enters into the mouth, or covers the back, or is placed under the foot—upon every thing which is pleasant to see, hear, feel, smell or taste—upon warmth, light, and locomotion—taxes on every thing on earth, and the waters under the earth—on every thing that comes from abroad, or is grown at home—taxes on the sauce which pampers man's appetite, and the drug which restores him to health—on the poor man's salt, and the rich man's spice—on the brass nails of the coffin, and the ribands of the bride,"—and on a hundred et ceteras: were we subject to all this, well, indeed, might we cry out HARD TIMES. But such is not our condition: We have every thing in abundance, except *money*; and perhaps we have as much of that, when we take into view its *quality*, as would be beneficial to us to have.

In addition to what we have said above, we will now add another little extract, for our readers to "look upon," whenever they feel inclined to magnify their distresses, and to complain of the *light troubles* which they experience:

FROM THE PETERSBURG INTELLIGENCER.

"☞ *Hard Times, in reality!*—The taxes imposed by the British government in 1819, for the support of the King, Queen, Ministers, Pensioners, Navy, Army, &c. amounted to 241,647,164 dollars. The article of salt, paid a tax of *four dollars per bushel!* Domestic liquor a tax of *one dollar twenty cents* per gallon; and foreign liquors *three dollars seventy-five cents!* Every thing, in short, for the comfort and sustenance of the people of that country, is assessed, and pays a duty in proportion to the articles enumerated. The windows of houses are not excepted.—Americans! what thing ye of hard times?"

RALEIGH, DEC. 8.—On Wednesday last, the Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States convened at the State House agreably to law, and, after making Judge Hall their Chairman, proceeded to give in their votes, which were unanimously for James Monroe as President, and Daniel D. Tompkins as Vice-President. *Register.*

State Bank.—At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the State Bank of North-Carolina, on Monday last, the old Directors were re-elected. A statement of the Affairs of the Bank was laid before the Stockholders, in which an estimate was made of all the desperate and doubtful debts of the Institution, and such a sum deducted from the profits as was deemed sufficient to cover any losses which might probably be thereby sustained, previously to the admission of the new Stockholders as sharers in the profits of the Bank; which statement, after being examined and compared by the committee with the Books of the Bank, was found to be correct and satisfactory.

In the evening of that day, the Directors met and proceeded to the election of the Directors of the several Branch Banks. The only alterations which were made were the following, viz. At Salisbury, James Martin, jr. and Jesse Hargrove, were appointed Directors, in the place of Lewis Beard and Jesse A. Pearson. At Fayetteville, Duncan McLeran was appointed in the place of John Dickson. At Wilmington, David Smith and Alexander Anderson, in the places of Gilbert Geer and Thomas C. Reston. At Tarborough, Samuel Westray, Peter Sugg and Robert A. Jones, in the places of Robert Joyner, Randolph Cotton and Thomas Barrow; and at Edenton, Joseph Blount, in the place of Thomas Wynns. *Ibid.*

The Board of Public Improvement, on Saturday last, after a session of seventeen days, brought their business to a close. Their annual Report, which gives a sketch of the objects which have engaged their attention during the year, has been made to the Legislature, and, together with all the Reports made by Hamilton Fulton, Esq. the Engineer of the State, has been printed, in a pamphlet, and may be had at the Register Office.

During the sitting of the Board, Instructions were given to Mr. Fulton and Mr. Brazier, to visit the Roanoke, and lay out the residue of the Canal at the Great Falls, and determine the site of the Locks; to determine the site of the first Dam and Lock on the Tar River below Lewisburg, and draw a plan of a proper Lock for that purpose. Afterwards to visit Cape Fear, and determine the plan of improvement from Buckhorn to Fayetteville; then to go to the Yadkin River, and give such aid and instruction to the Yadkin Company as might be necessary. The Engineers are now performing this service.

The election of a new Board has been moved in the Legislature; but the motion has been met with one to repeal the Act setting apart a fund for Public Improvement, which has not yet been acted upon.

Believing the principal Engineer and his Assistant to be men every way qualified to perform the duties of their appointments, we are concerned to state that we are likely to lose their services (except the new Board shall make some fresh arrangement with these gentlemen,) the former having resigned, and the latter been notified that his contract will be considered at an end in February next. *ibid.*

NEW DIFFICULTIES WITH FRANCE.

We can scarcely credit the report, that the state of our relations with France is of the complexion which the following extract has given them. A most extraordinary demand, if we are to believe the Washington letter writer, is in embryo, ready to be made upon our government at any time, as an off-set against any demands we may have, in the adjustment of our affairs with France.—*Washington City Gazette.*

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FROM THE NEW-YORK AMERICAN.

Extract from Washington—"Though the government appears to be without information, there seems some reason to believe that the Florida question was referred by the king's ministers to the Cortes, a committee of which body has had the same under consideration. It is believed that the French government required of Mr. Gallatin, authorized on our part to treat on the subject of navigation and commerce, to allow the admission of French vessels into Louisiana on the same footing as those of England, grounding the claim on the article of the Louisiana treaty, by which it is stipulated that the vessels of France shall be admitted into the ports of Louisiana on the footing of the most favored nation. Mr. Gallatin answered, that he would not consent to such admission unless France would, by admitting our vessels into her ports on the footing of French vessels, give us the equivalent compensation by which England obtained this privilege. The answer is said to have been, that the cession of Louisiana was the compensation, and that in virtue of the stipulation on our part, the vessels of France were entitled to be received in Louisiana on the most favoured footing allowed, whether gratuitously or for a compensation, to the vessels of any other foreign power. Not only is this untenable claim made, but compensation for the suspension of the privilege is required, and the negotiation is transferred to Washington, where the plea of the want of powers could not exist. It is possible that this unfounded demand, for such it doubtless must be considered, the construction of the terms granting the rights of the most favoured nations so often and so universally settled, aims at raising up a claim, that may, to a certain degree, operate as an off-set against the claims of compensation made on our part."

SOUTH-CAROLINA COLLEGE.

COLUMBIA, DEC. 5.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the South-Carolina College, on Saturday evening last, Mr. STEPHEN ELLIOTT was unanimously elected President of that Institution; Dr. COOPER was also unanimously re-elected Professor of Chemistry; Mr. WALLACE was elected Professor of Mathematics, and Mr. CLOWNIE, Tutor. [*State Gazette.*

SCHOOLS.

The school commissioners for Frederick county, in the state of Virginia, in conformity to the act for regulating the literary fund, report, that there are about fifty-seven schools in said county, and that there are, besides the pay scholars, 350 indigent children educated in such schools.

MAYOR OF SAVANNAH.

The Common Council of Savannah have unanimously voted their thanks to the Mayor of that city, for his manly, sympathetic, and generous conduct during the late malignant disease at that place.

MARRIED,

Near this town, on Thursday evening the 14th instant, Mr. Obadiah Hampton to Miss Sally Monroe, both of the county of Rowan. [COMMUNICATED.

DIED,

On the 18th instant, at his residence, a few miles from this town, quite suddenly, ADAM SHOFE, Esq. in the 70th year of his age. He was a respectable and esteemed citizen, a worthy magistrate, and an old inhabitant of Rowan county.

Fayetteville Prices Current.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY FROM THE FAYETTEVILLE GAZETTE.]

MERCHANDIZE.	*Quantity rated.*	*From D. C.*	*To D. C.*
Bacon	lb.	8	10
Beef, mess		10	12
fresh		4	5
Beeswax		25	30
Brandy, Cog.	gal.	2 25	3
Peach		70	
Apple		60	65
Butter	lb.		20
Coffee		30	32
Corn	bush.	45	50
Cotton, Upland	100 lb.	14 25	
Flour, superfine	bbl.	3 62½	
fine		3 25	3 50
Flax seed	bush.	1 10	1 20
Gin, Holland	gal.	1	1 25
Northern		60	70
Hog's lard	lb.	8	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.	4	5
Potatoes, Irish	bush.	75	1
Rum, Jamaica, 4th proof	gal.	1 25	1 35
W. Island, 4th do.			
do. 3d do.		90	1
New-England		50	60
Rice	100 lb.	4	5
Salt, Turks-Island	bush.		90
Liverpool ground			1
Steel, German	lb.	15	
blistered			
Sugar, Muscovado	100 lb.	11	12
Loaf	lb.	25	27
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	12
Tallow		12	15
Wheat	bush.	60	
Whiskey	gal.	50	55

State of North-Carolina,

IREDELL COUNTY.

Maxwell and Henry Chambers, and others, vs. James Irwin, Robert and Samuel Chambers. } Petition for the division of land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants in this case are the inhabitants of other states....*Therefore, ordered*, That publication be made for six weeks in the *Western Carolinian*, published in the town of Salisbury, that unless they appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Iredell, on the third Monday in February, 1821, and plead, answer, or demur to said petition, judgment will be taken pro confesso, and heard exparte. 6w29

R. SIMONTON, *Clerk.*

Wilkinson & Horah,

Directly opposite the State Bank, Main-Street, Salisbury,

BEG leave to inform their customers, and the public in general, that they have just received from New-York a supply of

WATCHES AND JEWELRY;

consisting of first rate warranted English Watches; gold, gilt, and steel Watch Chains; Seals, Keys, &c.; Stars and Eagles for Officers' coats and hats; ladies' hair Bracelets, gold mounted; white and yellow Spangles; fancy and mourning Rings, of different patterns; Amulets; Coral; Garnets, and glass Beads; Ear Rings; silver Thimbles, &c. &c. A supply of Silver Spoons, Soup Ladles, and Sugar Tongs, constantly kept on hand, and also manufactured to any pattern, at short notice.

CLOCKS, WATCHES, & TIME-PIECES,

of every description, carefully repaired, at short notice, and warranted to keep time.

The subscribers feel grateful to the public for favors already received; and hope, by careful attention, to merit the continuance of public patronage.

CURTIS WILKINSON,
HUGH HORAH.

Salisbury, Dec. 12.——27

N. B. Human Hair, suitable for making watch chains, bracelets, &c. wanted, for which a liberal price, in cash, will be paid, on its delivery at our shop. W. & H.

New Goods.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Cabarrus and the adjacent counties, that, in addition to his former Stock, he has just received, and now offers for sale, at his Store in Concord, a great variety of

Choice and Fashionable GOODS,

well adapted to the season; which he will sell on the most accommodating terms, and invites all those who wish to purchase to call and examine for themselves.

He would also beg leave herewith to tender his sincere acknowledgments, and to return his best thanks, to those who have heretofore so liberally patronized him, and most respectfully solicits a continuance of their patronage.

He also most earnestly, but very respectfully, requests all those whose notes and accounts have become payable, to call and make payment without delay, as that alone will enable him to meet his engagements, and afford the proper and necessary accommodation.

TOBIAS BROWN, *Agent for*
MICHAEL BROWN.

Concord, Dec. 12, 1820.——5w27

Letter Press Printing,

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

Education.

THE connexion formerly existing between the Trustees of Statesville Academy and the subscriber as Teacher having dissolved, Parents and Guardians are hereby informed, that the different branches heretofore taught in this academy, he will still continue to teach in a suitable house prepared for this purpose. The satisfaction which the discharge of his office has given during the term of five years, and the respectable standing of his students in the different higher seminaries which they have entered, afford a well grounded hope that the usual liberal support and encouragement will be continued. Parents and Guardians may rest assured, that every necessary attention shall be paid to the deportment, the progress and accuracy of pupils.

The School will commence on the 1st of January next. To accommodate the people of South-Carolina, there will be but one vacation in the year, to commence on the 16th of November, 1821.

Boarding can be had, as usual, at the houses of Messrs. Work, Hart, and McKnight, &c.

JOHN MUSHAT, *V. D. M.*

Statesville, Nov. 24, 1820.——3tcop26

New Goods.

THE subscriber is now opening, at his Store in *Salisbury*, a general and well selected assortment of

Dry Goods,
Hard-Ware, and
Medicines,

Just received direct from New-York and Philadelphia, and laid in at prices that will enable him to sell remarkably low. His customers, and the public, are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves. All kinds of Country Produce received in exchange.

Dec. 12, 1820.—1a27 J. MURPHY.

Yadkin Navigation Company.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an order hath been made and signed by the President and Directors of the Yadkin Navigation Company, that a fifth instalment of *ten dollars* on each share is required to be paid by the subscribers, on or before the 15th day of January next.

FREDERICK RANDLE, *Treasurer.*

5th December, 1820.——5w29

Book Store in Lincolnton.

THE subscribers have lately received a large supply of BOOKS, and, in addition, will in a few days receive a large and valuable collection of Law, Theological, Classical, Historical, Medical and Miscellaneous Books, with a general assortment of the best and most approved School Books, Blank and Account Books, Writing and Wrapping Paper, Bonnet Boards, Ink and Ink-Powder, of the best kind, Slates, Lead and Slate Pencils, Haywood's New Manual, Potter's Justice and Martin on the law of executors and administrators, scarce books in this end of the State; and several new agricultural works.

Academies, schools, public, private, and social libraries, supplied on the most reasonable terms.

Orders for any books will be thankfully received; and any books in the Philadelphia, New-York, or Charleston markets will be procured at short notice, and delivered here at the Philadelphia and New-York retail prices.

McBEE & REINHARDT,
At the Post-Office.

Lincolnton, N. C. Dec. 3, 1820.——3w27

Negroes for Sale.

ON Monday the 1st of January, 1821, at the house of Wm. Harbin, Esq. will be sold, on a credit of 12 months, twenty-two or three likely NEGROES, belonging to the estate of Wm. Martin, deceased.

ALFRED GAITHER,
A. F. CALDWELL, } *Admr's.*

Iredell, Nov. 27, 1820.——4w26p

State of North-Carolina,

IREDELL COUNTY.....IN EQUITY.

Milly Gaither..... vs. John Martin, John Price, Milly Price, Sally Young, Charles C. Young, Lemira Young, Adaline Young, Dorinda Young, William M. Young, Thomas Young, and Adelaide E. Young. } Petition for the sale of land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants in this case are the inhabitants of another state and government: *Therefore, ordered*, That publication be made for six weeks in the *Western Carolinian*, unless the aforesaid parties appear at the next Superior Court of Law and Equity to be held for the county of Iredell, on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, and plead, answer, or demur to said petition, judgment will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte.

6w26 JOHN N. HART, *C. M. C. E.*

State of North-Carolina:

Mecklenburg County.....November Sessions, 1820.

JOHN IRWIN, vs. ABNER M'LEOD. } Original Attachment, Levied on sundry articles.

IT appearing to the Court that the defendant is not a resident of this state....*Ordered*, therefore, that publication be made three months in the *Western Carolinian*, that the defendant appear at the next Court to be held for said county, at the court-house in Charlotte, on fourth Monday in February next, and replevy and plead to issue, or demur, otherwise judgment final will be entered against him. 3m29p

A COPY. ISAAC ALEXANDER, *C. M. C.*

State of North-Carolina,

LINCOLN COUNTY:

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, October Sessions, A. D. 1820.

Thomas and John Tipps, vs. Louisa and Conrad Tipps, *administrators of* Matthias Tipps, deceased. } Petition for distributive shares of the estate of Matthias Tipps, deceased.

IT appearing to the Court that Louisa Tipps is not an inhabitant of this state, it is therefore *Ordered*, by the court, that notice be published six weeks in the *Western Carolinian*, requiring the said Louisa Tipps to appear at the next County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for said county at the Court-House in Lincolnton, on the third Monday in January next, then and there to answer or demur to the said petition; otherwise it will be taken *pro confesso*, and judged accordingly as to the said Louisa Tipps. Witness V. M'Bee, Clerk of said court, at Lincolnton, the third Monday of October, 1820.

6w26 VARDRY M'BEE, *C. C.*

Blanks,

OF the various kinds commonly in use, for sale at the Office of the *Western Carolinian.*