

ment to constitute a House of Commons; and also, that three members chosen out of each judicial District in the State, in a body sufficient to constitute a House of Senate; that in the House of Commons there would be sixty-seven members, and in the House of Senate twenty-four. This would be a body sufficient to legislate for all the people in the State of North-Carolina, and save the public between five and six thousand pounds a year, by leaving out ninety-six members.

To go on a little further in new-modeling our government, and in order to curtail expenses more fully, we might say that once in three years would be sufficient for our General Assembly to meet. This might be done by our Constitution saying that we shall elect our members of assembly to serve for three years, and our Governor three years. If war should break out, the Governor to have constitutional authority to call the General Assembly together as often as he and his Council thought needful. And in time of war, if thought absolutely necessary to increase the number of our legislators, there might be a clause in our Constitution for that purpose.

A great deal more might be added, on the principle of curtailing the expenses of government. But if this could be done, it would save the State considerable expense,—at least twenty thousand pounds in every three years.

Gentlemen, take this small hint, and be wise to make choice of such men to represent you in the General Assembly as are most capable of redressing your grievances, and not such as you think would be a laughing stock to those in the General Assembly who would be inclined to laugh at the ignorance and weakness of their fellow-citizens.

Gentlemen, I am,  
Respectfully, your friend,  
JOHN CARSON.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.  
Morganton, May 30, 1823.

The select corresponding committee, together with the delegates appointed by the different captains' companies, met according to adjournment; when the delegates reported the following votes, in favour and against the calling of a convention to revise and amend the constitution: 1311 votes in favor of the measure, and 33 against it. There were four companies unrepresented; but from the best information, it is supposed, had the votes been taken, the result would have been similar to the reported companies.

The committee and delegates of the county proceeded to nominate two persons as delegates, to be voted for at the next election; to meet in convention at Raleigh; when Col. Isaac I. Avery, and William Dickson, Esq. were unanimously appointed.

On motion, ordered, that Col. I. T. Avery address a letter to the General Committee of Correspondence, or any member, to inform them of our proceedings, and to request such information as they may be in possession of, as regards the convention.

Ordered, further, that the committee and county delegates convene at Morganton, on the fourth Monday of July next. It is further ordered, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Western Carolinian, and that the Secretary forward them for that purpose.

ANDREW BAIRD, Chairman.  
BAKER WOODWARD, Secretary.

### Fourth of July.

Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co. N. C.

Previous notice having been given, the citizens of Charlotte and vicinity, convened at the Court-house on the 11th instant, to make arrangements for the celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence. Gen. G. Graham was called to the chair, and William Davidson, Esq. appointed Secretary. On motion, Resolved, that the Rev. Sam'l Caldwell be invited to introduce the business of the day by prayer; that Sam'l F. Love, Esq. read the Declaration of Independence, and that Col. Thos. G. Polk deliver an Oration.

The following Committees were appointed: Sam'l M'Comb, Thos. J. Polk, James H. Blake, Thos. B. Smartt, Committee of Arrangements.

Dr. S. Henderson, Dr. R. McKenzie, Will Davidson, Thos. G. Polk, Committee of Wants.

In conformity to the above resolutions, appropriate arrangements have been made for the celebration of the day.

The day will be ushered in by the parade of Capt. Kirk's company of Cavalry, at 11 o'clock; the citizens assembled will form a procession under the direction of the Marshal of the day, Dr. William J. Polk, and march to the Presbyterian Church; when, after suitable religious exercises by the Rev. Sam'l C. Caldwell, the Declaration of Independence will be read by Sam'l F. Love, Esq. and an Oration delivered by Col. Thos. G. Polk. A dinner will be prepared on the occasion, by Dr. Sam'l Henderson, at whose house the amusements of the day will be terminated in a public ball.

June 15, 1823.

### UNIVERSITY OF N. CAROLINA.

RALPH, JUNE 13.

The Commencement of our University took place on Thursday, 5th of this month. The examination of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes, was begun on Friday 23d of May, and closed in the afternoon of the 4th instant—that of the Senior class having been finished, according to the statutes of the University, one month previous to the day of Commencement. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, preceding Commencement, the competitors selected by the Faculty, from the three lower classes, pronounced selected Orations. On Wednesday evening, the Representatives chosen by the two Literary Societies belonging to the University, delivered to quite a large audience, similar orations.

The following is a list of persons composing the Senior class, on whom the de-

gree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred, together with the distinctions in scholarship assigned by the Faculty:

Samuel S. Bell, George S. Bellinger, Alex. M. Boylan, Daniel W. Coates, Wm. S. Chapman, George F. Davidson, James H. Dickson, John C. Ellerbe, Robert B. Gilliam, Thomas Graham, Isaac Hall, Thos. B. Hayward, Edmund L. Martin, Hugh Martin, Benjamin T. Moore, Victor M. Murphy, Richard M. Pearson, John Rains, Benjamin S. Hicks, Matthew E. Sawyer, Alfred M. Seales, Samuel M. Stewart, Thos. Sumner, James A. Washington, George Whitfield, Robt. T. Williamson, and Wm. L. Wills.

William S. Chapman and Richmond M. Pearson, were declared first and equal; Thomas Graham, second; Geo. S. Bellinger, John Rains, Jas. A. Washington, were ranked third and equal.—The intermediate grade was assigned to the following in the order of their names, Jos. N. Dickson, Robt. S. Gilliam, Thomas Sumner, George F. Davidson, Daniel W. Coates, Matthew E. Sawyer.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred on Richard Allison, James H. Oley, James Ruffin and Thomas B. Slade, alumni of the University.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Right Reverend John S. Ravenscroft, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina.

### DUELING.

A very singular method of fighting a duel, has lately been resorted to in Virginia. A Mr. Archibald Lacy, for some insult, challenged Col. Richard Graves to a *fight*; the Col. objected to the mode of such a combat; but proposed, in return, to decide the point of honor in this way,—that two cups should be filled, one with pure water, the other with deadly poison; that they should then cast lots which of them should drink the water, and which the poison; that if the one who drew the poison should refuse to drink it, he was to be deemed the coward, and the other the brave man. They then tried "what virtue there was in" the law. Col. Graves was indicted under the duelling act, but was acquitted. So it now stands.

### TO TAKE HONEY.

Mr. Skinner: There is a gentleman in the lower part of your native county, who knows much better how to take honey from bees than the German mentioned in your paper. (No. 48, vol. 4.) and with less expense than Blake's patent hives—I was once an eye-witness of his taking it, and partook of the nice dainties. He has no need of cap, mask or gloves—so far from shielding himself, he rolls his sleeves up above his elbows, and goes at it when the sun is at its meridian, knowing that the bees are all at that time from home.—The brighter the sun the better, and the month of August is his honey harvest.—When he goes, as before mentioned, at mid-day, he takes off the top of the hive, and takes out as much honey as he thinks proper; nails on the top, and goes on to another, and another, until he is done.—The honey is as nice and white as can be—the bees will immediately fill up the vacant places, and the next year you have nice new honey again, as the gentleman informed me. A LOVER OF HONEY.  
May 11th, 1823.

### Another murderous attempt.

A daring attempt was made to take the life of General Foreman, a magistrate of Norfolk county, on Friday evening last. His escape was miraculous. He resided contiguous to the Great Bridge, and was, while riding along a path-way through a swamp, intervening between his dwelling and the main road, fired at by some person concealed in the bushes, but the charge, which he believed to have been a ball, fortunately passed over his head. Immediately after the report of the gun, he distinctly heard, as he continued on, the sound of the snapping of guns, four times in quick succession, from which it is evident that there was a party assembled for the express purpose of dispatching him.—Balt. Pat.

We are authorized to announce Thomas Hampton, Esq. as a candidate for member of the House of Commons in the next General Assembly, from the county of Davidson.

### FAYETTEVILLE PRICES, June 12.

Cotton: 9 to 11; flour, fine, 7; superfine, 7 25; wheat, 1 25; whiskey, 35; peach brandy, 50 a 75; apple do. 45 to 55; corn, 65 to 70; bacon, 8 25; salt, 1 25; sugar, 60 a 65, per 100 bushels; molasses, 52 to 55; sugar, muscovado, 9 to 10; coffee, prime green, 28 to 29; 2d and 3d quality 25 to 27; tea, hyson, 100 to 120; flax-seed 80 to 90; tallow, 8 a 9; beeswax, 30 a 32; Rice, 3 50 to 4, pr. 100 lbs. iron, 4 75 to 5 25, pr. 100 lb; tobacco leaf, 2 75 a 3 50; manufactured, 5 to 20 pr. cwt.

### CHARLESTON MARKET, June 9.

Cottons—A revival in bills and a decline in freights have operated favorably on produce this week, and although the season is far advanced a tolerable business has been done in plants at a small advance; middling to good, 10 1/2 a 12 1/2; very superior, in demand but scarce at 13 cents. The stock of Cotton, of all qualities, is fast diminishing and there is a number of vessels waiting freight.

Cotton-Bagging—A good deal has changed hands at 28 cents for best 42 inch.  
N. Carolina Bank Bills. 6 1/2 a 7 per cent, dis; Georgia do 6 1/2 a 7.

### Cotton Bagging, Bale ROPE, &c.

100 Pieces of Cotton bagging, 30 Coils Bale-Rope, together with a general assortment of Groceries, for sale by AUGUSTIN AVERILL, Front Street, Cheraw, South Carolina.  
June 2, 1823 59-63-68-72-76-81



### MARRIED.

At Mocksville, in this county, on the 17th inst. by the Rev. Dr. Freeman, Archibald G. Carter, Esq. to Miss Letitia Wilcox.



### DIED.

In this county, on Sunday morning, the 19th inst. Elizabeth Albright, wife of Jacob Albright, in her 60th year. She was a believer in the doctrine of Jesus Christ, a sincere, humble practitioner of the duties of Christianity. Whilst her surviving friends may derive a useful example from the correct deportment of her life, and her resignation in death, let them take consolation from the hope that her virtues have now met their reward, from that Almighty in whose service she breathed her last. COMMUNICATED.  
At his seat near Statesville, Iredele county, on the 14th inst. after a short illness, Col. Richard Allison, in the 63d year of his age. Col. Allison served his country during its struggle for independence, and has been an active and useful citizen ever since.

### Maj. John M'Clelland.

We are authorized to say, is a Candidate for Representative in the 18th Congress, from the Tenth Congressional District of North-Carolina, composed of the counties of Chatham, Randolph, Davidson, and Rowan.  
May 13, 1823.

### Lincolnton, June 12, 1823.

THE semi-annual examination of the Students of the Pleasant Retreat Academy, commenced on the 2d and closed on the 4th of the present inst. It affords to the Trustees no small degree of pleasure, that they have it in their power to announce to the public the progress and accuracy of so many young men, who give such evidence that they are ardent in the pursuit of that knowledge which is calculated to prepare them for the discharge of the most arduous duties that may devolve upon them in after life.

In the examination of the different classes, some difference could be observed; but from the accuracy and progress of all, and especially from that spirit of emulation which appeared to be universal, the Trustees have deemed it improper to make distinctions, which are often met with in similar publications. They feel it to be their duty highly to commend the diligence and attention of the students composing the different classes, of which they gave so satisfactory evidence at their examination.

The exercises of the Academy will again commence on the 16th of the present inst. under the direction of the Rev. John M'ushat, and Mr. James T. Watson. In this gentleman, Mr. M'ushat, from his experience, is warranted to place the highest confidence; and has no doubt but he will prove himself worthy of the patronage of his employers.

By order of the board.  
JACOB FORNEY, Sec'y.

The subscriber cannot fail to take this opportunity of expressing his high approbation of the punctuality and persevering attention of the Trustees to the examination of the different classes. While they thus continue to discharge their duty, they exonerate themselves, and afford an incentive to application and industry, without which the brightest talents will remain enveloped in obscurity.  
JOHN MUSHAT.

### Executor's Sale.

ON Tuesday next August Court, there will be offered for sale, that large and convenient establishment in Salisbury, three doors east from the Court House, the property of the late Barnabas Krider. The house is 60 by 30 feet, with every convenience appertaining to a public house; it is well known as having been occupied as such for about 30 years. The establishment is so well known, that it would be useless to say any thing of its conveniences, &c. Terms of payment will be made to accommodate the purchaser.  
THOS. HOLMES, Ex'r.  
Salisbury, June 24, 1823. 8166

### Farm for Sale.

THERE will be sold, on Wednesday, 13th of August next, if not previously sold at private sale, a tract of Land lying on the waters of Grant's Creek, containing about 230 acres, joining John Litaker and others. A great part of the above tract is of the first rate woodland, with a good meadow of about ten or twelve acres, the balance of the land now under cultivation. A good dwelling-house, stiff house, barn, and other out-houses.—The above plantation is eight miles west of Salisbury.  
The above land belongs to the estate of Barnabas Krider, dec'd. Terms will be made known on the day of sale.  
THOS. HOLMES, Ex'r.  
Salisbury, June 24, 1823. 8166

### Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscribers, living in York District, S. Carolina, on the 26th May last, five Negroes, Gilbert, Phillis, Littleton, Frank, and Phillis' Mulatto child. Gilbert is a fellow about 35 years of age, stout made, black complexion, very intelligent, and good manners; has a down look when spoken to. Phillis is about 20 years of age,—has a light complexion, and a bright mulatto child about 3 months old. Littleton, dark complexion, and Frank, both the sons of Gilbert, about seven and eight years of age, stout boys. The above reward of fifty dollars will be given, and all reasonable expenses paid; or twenty-five dollars will be given for Gilbert alone, delivered at Harrisburg, S. C.  
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HENRY MEACHAM,  
JOHN KIMBELL,  
HENRY COLTHROP.  
June 2, 1823.

Thrashing Machine.  
A NEW and well constructed Thrashing Machine for sale, at the store of *Samuel D. Locke*. A credit of twelve months will be given to the purchaser.  
May 5, 1823.—8159

Negroes for Sale.  
THE subscriber having, at May session last, obtained an order for the sale of nine negroes belonging to the estate of Alex. Frohock, dec'd, will expose the same to public sale, at the Court House in Salisbury, on Tuesday the 1st of July next. The terms will be twelve months credit,—notes, with approved securities.  
MICHAEL BROWN, adm'r.  
June 3, 1823. 4659

Doctor Mitchell  
HAS arrived, and now offers his services to the citizens of the town of Salisbury, and its vicinity, in the several departments of his profession. He may be found at Mr. Slaughter's Tavern.  
Salisbury, June 3, 1823. 56

New Arrangement.  
THE public are respectfully informed, that the Mercantile Business which has been for a number of years transacted by Daniel Cress, sen. of Salisbury, will in future be conducted by me, in the same building; where every necessary attention and particularity will be given, to render satisfaction to those who may please to favor me with their custom.  
EDWARD CRESS.  
Salisbury, March 28, 1823.—471f

Coppersmithing.  
The Coppersmithing, and Tin Plate business, heretofore transacted by D. Cress, sen. will in future be conducted by me, at the same place. Those who favor me with their custom, may depend on having their work done with neatness, durability and despatch.  
May 14. EDWARD CRESS.

Estate of J. A. Pearson.  
AT May Term of Rowan county court, 1823, the subscriber obtained letters of administration on the estate of Jesse A. Pearson, deceased.  
All persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make payment without delay; and those having demands against the same, are requested to have them duly presented for settlement within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pled in bar of recovery.  
June, 1823. 6w161 A. NESBITT, adm'r.

Notice.  
WILL be sold, at Mocks Old Field, in Rowan county, on the twenty-third of June next. (the sale to continue from day to day) the personal property belonging to the estate of Gen. Jesse A. Pearson; consisting of a large and valuable stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, &c.; farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, and various other articles.  
Also, at the same time and place, will be offered for sale, a number of valuable NEGROES, consisting of men, women, boys and girls.  
Terms of credit, &c. will be made known on the days of sale. A. NESBITT, adm'r.  
May 28, 1823. 4w159

25 Dollars Reward.  
RAN AWAY from the subscriber, on the night of the 8th inst. a bright mulatto man, named Sam, between 30 and 40 years of age, five feet 7 or 8 inches high, and middling hair; made, black and straight hair, with large whiskers extending round under his chin, bold spoken, and not a very pleasant countenance; has, perhaps, some scars on his head. I expect he will try to pass for a white man, or at least for a free man, and may have some kind of a false certificate or free pass with him, as the like has been lately found in his possession, in which he called himself Samuel Knox, signed by several names, but all the same hand. If he procures another, he may give himself some other name. He also took with him his wife, named Grace, about 25 years of age, a stout hearty woman, perhaps taller than him, large boned, straight and trim made, pleasant countenance, and not a very black negro. She has a scar on the calf of her right leg, occasioned by a burn. She is in the habit of wearing her hair middling long, and combed up to the top of her head, and tied. They have both been raised near Hill's Iron Works, York, S. C.—If they leave that, I expect they will make either to the north or west. Any person taking up said negroes, and delivering them to me, living in Mecklenburg county, N. C. near Charlotte, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable expenses paid; or \$15, if confined in any jail, and a letter sent to me by mail, to Charlotte.  
JAMES M. BLACK.  
June 14, 1823. 4162

Windsor Chair Making.  
THE subscribers respectfully inform their friends, and the public at large, that they have associated, under the firm of *Grimes & Cooper*, for the purpose of carrying on the above business in all its branches. They are well prepared to make all kinds of Windsor and Fancy Chairs, from \$12 to \$120 per set. Gentlemen wishing elegant chairs, or settees, may rely upon having them as elegantly made at the shop of the subscribers, as at any other in the State. Old chairs and settees repaired, at a reasonable rate, and on short notice.  
The subscribers are also completely prepared, with a good stock of timber, to make all kinds of Bedsteads, at from \$3 to \$25.  
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GEO. W. GRIMES,  
JOHN COOPER.

Sheriff's Sale.  
ON Monday, the 14th day of July next, at the Court House in Rutherfordton, will be offered for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following lots in Rutherfordton: Eight lots on the east side of Main street; four front lots, Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, and four back lots, Nos. 16, 17, 18, and 19; and on the west side of Main street, four lots, two front lots, Nos. 5 and 6, and two back lots, Nos. 16 and 17; including where the widow Miller and Garland Dickerson live. Taken as the property belonging to the estate of James Miller, deceased, in the hands of his administrator by an execution at the instance of the administrators of Charles McDowell, dec'd. and the executors of Wallace Alexander. Attendance will be given by  
WM. CARSON, S'ry.  
May 20, 1823. 2w150

The thorough bred Horse  
DION,  
WILL stand this season at my stable in Salisbury, and be let to mare at the price of eight dollars the season; five dollars the leap, to be paid when the mare takes the horse, with liberty to turn to the season should the mare not prove with foal.  
Dion is now nine years old. His dam was by the imported horse Charriot; his sire, the old imported Dion, whose pedigree almost every person is well acquainted with.  
Dion certainly ranks with the best horses ever trained on the Salisbury turf, having been a running horse since three years old. During this time, he has won six races—three two-mile, and 3 one-mile heats; also, the best three in five.  
Dion is a beautiful bay, rising fifteen hands high. For muscular power, and elegance of action, he cannot be excelled.  
There are a few colts from Dion; and though they are the produce of common mares, they are uncommon in point of size, form and beauty.  
The season has already commenced, and will terminate the 1st of August.  
MOSES A. LOCKE.  
Salisbury, May 15, 1823. 1063

Morganton Bible Society.  
THE first anniversary of this society will be held at the Church in Morganton, on Tuesday the 15th day of July. A new board of Managers will then be chosen; a report made of the proceedings of the current year, and suitable addresses delivered by the clergyman, and others, of the different denomination of Christians. It is hoped that the friends of the Bible in all parts of the country will be present, and by becoming members of the society, afford their aid in the laudable design of supplying all the destitute in the county with the word of life.  
158 G. EDDY, Sec'y.

Notice.  
TAKEN up, and committed to the jail of Guilford county, on the 2d of May last, a negro man slave, who says he belongs to the estate of William Thomas dec'd, late of Marlboro' District, South Carolina. Said negro calls himself Harry; is low and stout built, and appears to be 28 or 30 years of age. The executors or administrators of the said William Thomas, are desired to apply for and take the said negro away.  
June 4, 1823. SAMUEL GERPIN, Jailer.

State of North Carolina,  
ROWAN COUNTY.  
SUPERIOR Court of Law, April Term, 1823. Jane Weaver vs. William Weaver. Petition, divorce. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this State, it is therefore ordered by the court, that publication be made for three months in the Western Carolinian, printed in Salisbury, that the defendant appear at the next Superior Court of Law to be held for the county of Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in September next, then and there to plead, answer or demur, or the petition will be heard ex parte.  
HY. GILES, C. S. C.  
Price adv. \$4. 3mt70

State of North Carolina,  
ROWAN COUNTY.  
COURT of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Session, 1823: Abraham R. Jones vs. Benet Austin. Original attachment, levied, &c. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on the defendant, it is therefore ordered by the court, that publication be made for three weeks in the Western Carolinian, printed in Salisbury, that the defendant appear at our next court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury, on the third Monday in August next, then and there to reply and plead, or demur, or judgment will be entered according to the plaintiff's demand.  
Test, JNO. GILES, C'k.  
Price adv. \$1 25 360

State of North Carolina,  
ROWAN COUNTY.  
COURT of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Session, 1823: Alexander Nesbit & Co. vs. Benet Austin. Original attachment, levied on three negroes. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on the defendant, it is therefore ordered by the court, that publication be made for three weeks in the Western Carolinian, printed in Salisbury, that the defendant appear at our next court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury, on the third Monday in August next, then and there to reply and plead, or demur, or judgment will be entered according to the plaintiff's demand.  
Test, JOHN GILES, C'k.  
Price adv. \$1 25 360

State of North Carolina,  
IREDELE COUNTY.  
SUPERIOR Court of Law, Spring Term, 1823. Catharine Cowan vs. Thomas Cowan. Petition for divorce. In this case it is ordered by the Court, that publication be made for three months in the Star, and Western Carolinian, that the defendant appear at the next court to be held for the county of Iredele, at the Court House in Statesville on the 5th Monday after the 4th Monday in September next, and plead, answer, or demur, otherwise judgement will be had pro confesso, and the cause heard ex parte.  
Witness, R. WORKE, C'k.  
Price adv. \$4. 3mt71

NORTH CAROLINA,  
IREDELE COUNTY.  
COURT of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Session, 1823. James Torrence vs. Charles D. Comer. Original attachment, levied in the hands of Alired D. Kerr, and he summoned a garnishee; also, on one negro boy. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant in this cause resides out of this State, it is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Western Carolinian for three months successively, that unless the defendant appear before this Court on the first day of the next term to be held for the county aforesaid, at Statesville, on the third Monday in August next, and reply the property levied on, and plead to the said cause, the plaintiff will be heard ex parte, and judgement rendered against said defendant pro confesso.  
Test, R. SIMONTON, C'k.  
Price adv. \$4. 3mt71