

SALISBURY:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1823.

In addition to the proceedings of the Legislature which we have copied from the Raleigh papers, we learn from correspondents, that, on Friday, a proposition was brought forward in the Legislature to repeal the present electoral law, and restore the old plan of choosing by districts. We do not believe, however, that a majority of the Legislature will sanction the above proposition; for we are sure they have too high a regard for the interests, the weight, and the respectability of the State, to fritter away her vote, and thus destroy her influence in the Union.

We also learn that the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, and the Comptroller, were all re-elected on Saturday, without opposition. Also, that Joseph Wilson, Esq. was re-elected Solicitor of the 6th Judicial circuit, without opposition.

BANK DIVIDEND.

The State Bank of North Carolina has declared a dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock, for the last half year, payable at the principal bank on the 1st day of December, and at the several branches fifteen days thereafter.

NATIONAL JOURNAL.

We have received three or four of the first numbers of the above paper, published by Mr. Force, in Washington City. In national politics, it supports Mr. Adams for President; but apart from its political bias, it appears to us to deserve, and we are pretty certain will eventually receive, an extensive patronage throughout the Union. We know Mr. Force to be a man of considerable talent, and of untiring industry and perseverance. His paper shews as much system and good arrangement as any periodical journal in the country: besides a suitable quantity of editorial matter on various subjects, and judicious selections of foreign, domestic and miscellaneous intelligence, the paper contains well written original reviews of the latest books published.

Copious extracts from the proceedings of the General Assembly will be found in our paper this week. A free people should always have a fair view of what their public servants are doing, that they may be enabled to judge of them from their actions, instead of their professions. Nothing is more common than complaints that the Legislature is "doing nothing."

This arises measurably from a want of information, with the great mass of the people, of what their representatives are doing,—and partly from too crude ideas of legislation. It is a very erroneous opinion, entertained by a great many, that the peculiar merit of legislation consists in there being much of it. Now legislation operates upon the political constitution, much the same as medicine does upon the constitution of the natural man: too much of either will enervate, rather than invigorate.

In the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Georgia, Mr. Adams, the republican candidate for Speaker, has been elected, by a majority of one vote over Mr. Daniels, the Crawford candidate, notwithstanding the latter had the advantage of being Speaker last year.

The Petersburg Republican of the 28th ult. contains a splenetic editorial article, accusing us of unfairness in crediting that paper with a short paragraph which was the production of one of its correspondents. The good sense of the veteran editor of that paper, we think, ought to have viewed the mistake we made in copying the article alluded to, with more liberal feelings, and noticed it with a little more comity. But we cannot believe so uncharitable a temper is habitual with that experienced editor: we would rather believe that his ill-natured accusation against us, was the production of a vaporous moment; and that when his mind enjoys its wonted humor, he is a patron of liberal sentiment and fraternal feeling.

The Editor of the Republican very well knows it is a common practice with publishers of papers, to credit literary productions to the papers in which they first appear, and to affix the signature, if there be any. But if the Editor would

make a distinction, in this respect, between literary and political articles, we can only say, in a borrowed distich,

"'Tis strange that such difference there should be,
"Twixt credulity and credulity!"

Whether there was any signature to the communication in the Republican, we are not able to say, as the paper is mislaid; but if there was one, our not adding it to the extract, was purely an inadvertence. It is certainly as foreign from our inclination to misrepresent the views of any editor, as it is repugnant to our principles, that "all's fair in politics;" we therefore cheerfully undeceive the readers of our paper, as to the sentiment of the editor of the Petersburg Republican: the following article is not a legitimate cognation of his, but the production of some one of his correspondents:

"The position of Mr. Calhoun is a peculiar one. Where he is not first, he is almost every where second. His situation is analogous to that of the illustrious Athenian general, after the victory of Salamis. According to the custom of the Greeks, the names of two of the generals, who, in their opinion, had rendered the most distinguished services to the common cause in that glorious action, were inscribed. It is well known that of the ten generals, each subscribed his own name first—but that all but Themistocles subscribed the name of Themistocles second."

AS WE EXPECTED!

The Cape Fear Recorder, printed in the town of Wilmington, in this State, has long been "halting between two opinions," on the subject of the Presidency; its quandary was, whether to side with the People, or to yield to the ceaseless importunities, the flatteries and threats of a few busy partizans of the radical candidate. It has at length taken a stand against the voice of the State, and is now advocating the cause of a party whose principles and actions are at war with our dearest rights as freemen, and incompatible with the safety and permanency of the free institutions of our country.

We are well aware of the Recorder's motive for supporting Mr. Crawford's pretensions; the same inducements have been held out to us, as to the Recorder; the radicals have kept a continual buzz about our ears; they have cajoled and flattered, and even threatened, with a hope of inducing us to abandon the cause of the people, and advocate the pretensions of the patron of their party. But as they begin to discover that we were born, raised and educated a stiff-necked American freeman, determined not to be bandied about by political jugglers, they have mostly "ceased from troubling" us.

This is not the first time, however, that the Recorder has afforded internal evidence of the facility with which it may be warped to suit the views of partizans, however unhallowed their designs. It appears by an extract, published in the Fayetteville Observer, that, in the summer of 1819, the Editor of the Recorder published an Editorial article on the subject of Convention, in which it was stated, that "our system of representation is notoriously incorrect," and that the monstrous incongruity of the "minority governing the majority," existed in a government claiming to be republican! Such wholesome doctrine, as might be expected, created a terrible ferment in the murky region of New Hanover. The wise men of those parts bristled up about the Editor, and told him, in a tone that sounded to the bottom of his pocket, that his doctrine would not do with them, but must be renounced, &c. Whereupon this pitiable editor (who, like potter's clay, could be moulded to suit any purpose) did renounce his heresy, and swallow his own words; and has given abundant evidence of his sincere repentance, in the zeal with which he has labored to spread the doctrine of non-reform.

The newspapers of North-Carolina are now fairly divided upon the Presidential question: three radical, and nine anti-radical. Now we think it a liberal calculation to say, that the supporters of Mr. Crawford in the State will bear just about the same proportion to the whole population, as the three newspapers which advocate his pretensions do to the twelve in the State. Therefore, as 3 is to 12 newspapers, so is 108,478 to 433,912 white freemen in North-Carolina!

Napoleon Bonaparte, during his military career, fought fifty pitched battles—ten more than Caesar.

COTTON.

New-York, Nov. 22.

Cotton.—The holders of the new plantations having given way in price, a very fair week's business was done. The chief transactions were on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at a decline of a cent on new Uplands, which went off freely at 16 a 16 1/2 cents, a few North Carolina at 15 1/2 cents. Some old Tennessee were sold at 13 cents, and old Uplands at 1 a 1 1/2 cents. As the price of new and old Cotton are so near each other, we shall hereafter omit the distinction.

CHARLESTON, N.Y. 26.

Cotton.—The recent accounts from England have brought the market to a complete stand—we have not heard of any sales, except a few wagon loads in King-street, which were taken in at 13 cents. We have inserted 13 a 15 cents as our quotations for Uplands, at which prices it is most likely the market will open, when business is resumed.

Liverpool Markets, October 20.

Cotton.—Our market continues to feel the effect of the absence of the dealers, who refrain from buying beyond a very limited extent, but holders hold out an additional inducement in yielding to a reduction generally of 1/4 to 3/8 per lb.; notwithstanding which, not more than 333 bags have been disposed of during the week.

October 21.

There was some speculation in Cotton on the evening of the 18th, to the extent of 3 or 4000 bales, and yesterday (Monday) about the same quantity was taken but this has not been followed up by any business on the part of spinners or dealers, and the article in the general way continues as unsaleable as we ever have known it. Fair to good fair Upland Cotton is now held at 8 1/2 to 9 1/2, but seldom finds buyers at these prices, which at one penny freight and exchange of par, will only produce 11-90 cts. to 13-10 cts.

Slave Trade.—Capt. Mackay, of the brig Alexander, arrived at Holms's Hole from Africa, informs, that during the last year not one vessel engaged in the slave trade, appeared on the Coast of Africa to the South of the Equator, while heretofore he has never seen less than 10 or 12 vessels engaged in that disgraceful traffic.

Africa.—Accounts from Sierra Leone are to September 1. The Ashantee negroes were approaching Cape Coast in great numbers, with the intention of making an attack on and plundering that Colony. Sir C. McCarthy was to direct the operations against them, and Capt. Laing had collected a force of 7000, principally natives, to resist the Ashantees.—Two or three native Kings have lately been deposed in Africa, and other persons placed on their thrones.—Nat. Journal.

From the Baltimore American.

Piracy.—On her passage from Barbadoes for Turks Island, the schooner Charles Sidney of Newburyport was boarded, off Porto Rico, by a piratical schooner of about sixty tons and full of men—she was robbed of all her specie, amounting to upwards of fifty thousand dollars, besides wearing apparel, stores, &c.

A letter from Col. Snelling, is published in the St. Louis papers, from which it would appear, that the Auricaree nation of Indians have suffered more severely in the late attack upon them by the American troops than was anticipated. It appears that, at the Mandan Villages, there were upwards of an hundred Indians wounded in that action.—Nat. Intel.

The Discovery Ships.

Our correspondent at Liverpool, under date of the 10th ult. informs us that Capt. Parry, with the N. W. discovery ships, had arrived off Whitby, all well except the loss of five men, without being able to penetrate so far as on his former voyage. [New-York paper.]

The celebrated Virginian horse Henry, who lost the great purse last year, at New-York, has lost a race this fall, in Virginia, having been beaten by his sister Janet.

The returns of the Pennsylvania election are complete, and give a total of 154,007 votes; of which Mr. Shulze has 89,907, and Gregg 64,100; majority 24,805.

A meeting of Aliens residing in Patterson, N. J. has appointed a committee to prepare a memorial to Congress, for the amendment of the Alien or Naturalization Laws, and correspond with their brethren throughout the U. States on the subject.

A Bible Society, auxiliary to the General American Institution, has been organized at St. Augustine, of which Gov. Duval is President, and G. W. Perrell and E. B. Gould, Esqrs. Directors.

The great steam mill at Cincinnati, Ohio, owned by Oliver Ormsby, of Pittsburgh, Pa. was destroyed by fire, on the night of Monday, the 3rd instant.

This immense building was nine stories high. The whole of the machinery, grain, flour, &c. was lost. The total loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars, eighty thousand of which is sustained by Mr. Ormsby.—National Journal.

FINE THREAD.

One ounce of fine Flanders thread has been sold in London for 14; such an ounce made into lace may be sold for 140, which is ten times the price of standard gold, weight for weight.

From the Boston Centinel.

The war in Spain may be considered as at an end; and the French troops, after a campaign of six months, will probably eat their Christmas dinner in France. The Spanish king is at liberty, and free to bestow on Spain any constitution he may choose. This done, the French commanders are bound by their word of honor to quit Spain. The eight or ten fortresses which have so manfully held out against the invaders, will very likely be ordered by the king to open their gates, and will obey. The peace news from Spain for a time must be nearly as interesting as the war news has been.

Mr. Secretary Crawford arrived in this city yesterday from Virginia, and we understand, having nearly recovered his health, will to-day resume the discharge of the duties of his office.

They, of the Intelligencer, won't answer the N. Y. Patriot, whether Mr. Secretary Crawford didn't have a chill as he passed the President's house.

CHARLESTON PRICES, Nov. 24.

Cotton, S. Island, 25 to 30; stained do. 12 to 16; Santee, 20 to 24; short staple, 15 to 16; Rice, prime, 83; inferior to good 82 1/2 to 75; Whiskey, (Pennsylvania) 37 1/2 cts.; N. E. Rum, 36 to 37; Apple Brandy, 35 to 34 cts.; Tobacco, Kentucky, Georgia, Fayetteville, &c. 24 to 4; Boeswax, 31 to 32 cents; Tallow, 7; Beef, Boston Mass, 10; No. 1, 8 1/2; prime & No. 2, 6 to 7 1/2; Mackarel, No. 2, 5 1/2; No. 3, 4 1/2; Bacon, 8 to 10 cts.; Hams, 11 a 14; Lard, 9 to 11; Hagerling, Dundee & Inverness, (42 inch) 24 a 25 cts.; Cogniac Brandy 1 1/5 a 1 2/5 per gal.; Holland Gin, 95 to 110 cts. per gallon; Iron, Russia & Sweden, 4 to 4 1/2 100 lbs.; English 3 1/2; Salt, Liverpool coarse, 50 a 55 cts. per bushel; Furks Island, 58 a 60; Sugar, Havana White, 12 to 14; Brown, 8 1/2 to 8 1/2; Muscovado, 8 to 11; St. Croix 11 a 11 1/2; N. Orleans, 10 to 1 1/2; Inferior, 8 1/2 to 9; Refined Leaf Sugar, 16 to 20; Coffee, best green 25 cts.; Inferior to good, 20 to 23 cts.; Tea, Hyson 95 to 105 cts. per lb.; Rum, Jan. 95 to 100 cts. per gal.; West India, 65 cts.; Molasses (W. I.) 25 to 26 cts.; Black Pepper, 20 cts.; Pimento, 25 cts.

North-Carolina Bank Bills, 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. dis.; Georgia Bank Bills, 1 to 1 1/2 per cent. dis. Courier.

MARRIED.

In Davidson county, on the 25th ult. by Wm. Wiseman, Esq. Mr. Robert H. Wood, to Miss Nancy Lynn.

Also, on the 4th inst. by the same, Mr. Henderson Wilson, to Miss Mary Hedrick.

DIED.

In this county, on the 30th ultimo, Samuel Crosson, Esquire, aged 50 years. He was a man whose course of life was a continued series of practical goodness to his family, and usefulness to his neighbors. His loss will be sensibly felt by them, and the community at large.

At his residence in Mecklenburg county, N. C. on the 19th of October last, John Kendrick, Esq. in the 39th year of his age. To rescue from oblivion the hero, the patriot, and the sage, and to encourage the emulation of the virtues of departed worthies, are among the peculiar objects of biography. This communication has an humble purpose; yet it will not be altogether without some degree of usefulness, if the friends and family of Mr. Kendrick should be induced, by this brief memorial of one who knew and appreciated, and revered him when living, to venerate his virtues, to form their characters and manners by the example he once presented to them, and to perpetuate the name of their departed friend and father, by the same course of uniform prudence, unassuming good sense, inflexible integrity, frank hospitality, and evangelical piety, which he exercised during life, and the latter of which he so eminently displayed in his death. [COMMUNICATED.]

At Gravesend, (N. Y.) Mr. Rutgers Stillwell, aged 78. It is a remarkable fact, that he has not been off his own farm for more than 40 years. No persuasions or inducements could move his resolution in this particular, which is supposed to have been caused, in the first instance, by some hasty determination. He was a bachelor, and devoted much of his time to reading and study, possessing a strong mind, a memory singularly retentive, so much so as to be often consulted in doubtful cases. He was pleasant in his manners, very fond of company and conversation, and apparently as well acquainted with the city and country in his neighborhood as if he had really visited there.

Doctor Samuel McAfee,

DEGS leave to inform his friends and the public, that in consequence of the much lamented death of his friend, Doct. Alex. Schools, he has been obliged to return to Rowan, and now occupies the office formerly held by Doct. A. Schools; where he will be found, to attend to calls of patients in the various branches of his profession. Dec. 7, 1823. 3185

Public Sale.

WILL be sold at public sale, on Thursday, the 18th day of December next, at the late residence of John Kendrick, dec'd. all the unwilld property of said dec'd, consisting of a number of valuable Negroes, a large quantity of corn and fodder, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, a team of large well broke mules, a quantity of Pork, one waggon and harness, farming tools, &c. &c.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, and continue from day to day, until all is sold. The usual credit will be given. JOSEPH SMITH, Esq. Nov. 25, 1823. 2184

Estate of Hector K. Harris.

ALL those who have demands against the estate of Hector K. Harris, dec'd. will present them for payment at or before the twenty-second day of October next, or this notice, with that of December, 1823, which was given agreeably to law, will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all indebted to said estate must make immediate payment. JNO. X. BARNHARDT, Adm'r. Cabarrus County, Dec. 1, 1823. 2183

A Pamphlet.

ON the subject of the Presidential Election addressed to the citizens of North-Carolina is for sale at the office of the Western Carolinian, price twenty cents. Dec. 9, 1823.

Foolscap Writing Paper.

FOR sale at this office, by the ream, at three dollars per ream.

Valuable Negroes for Sale.

WILL be sold, at the court house in Salisbury, on the first day of January next, three or four valuable and likely Negroes belonging to the estate of Gen. Jesse A. Pearson, dec'd.; amongst whom is a likely house-servant. A credit of one and two years will be given purchasers to secure payment by giving bonds with two or more approved sureties, payable with the current notes of the banks in the State of North-Carolina.

Sufficient bills of sale will be executed to purchasers. Also, at the same time and place, other property belonging to said dec'd. will be sold, on a credit which will then be made known. A. NESBITT, Adm'r. Dec. 9, 1823. 4186

Yadkin Navigation Company.

WHEREAS, the stock subscribed to this company having, from time to time, been declared due, and payment required to be made to the treasurer or agents of the Company, by divers advertisements in the newspapers, NOTICE, therefore, is hereby given, to subscribers on whose stock all, or any part, of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10th, instalments remain unpaid, that payment is required to be made on or before the 15th day of January, 1824, to William Johnson of Snelledborough, Anson county, or to Alexander Nesbitt, of Rowan county, agents for said Company; and that the stock of such subscribers on which all or any part of the above instalments remain unpaid, will on that day be sold at auction at the court-house in the town of Salisbury, N. C. A. D. MURPHEY, President. Dec. 1, 1823. 6188

Yadkin Navigation Company.

WHEREAS, the bonds taken by me as an agent of this company, have been transferred, by order, to Hiram Jennings, in payment of the accounts of said Jennings and John Hixon, against the company; and for the amount of which bonds, Hiram Jennings, for himself and John Hixon, has heretofore signed receipts to the Company; which bonds have again been placed in my hands by said Jennings for collection, as his agent. Notice is, therefore, hereby given, that unless payments are made by the third Monday of February next, being in the week of Rowan county Court, or some satisfactory arrangements to that end, that immediately after that time all such bonds will be put in suit. A. NESBITT, Agent for H. Jennings, Nov. 25, 1823. 9192

Ebenezer Academy.

THIS institution was incorporated during the session of the General Assembly in 1822. It is now open to all who wish either to pursue a course of liberal education, or study English Grammar and Geography. All branches of education required for admission into college, will here be taught: We are happy in stating to the public, that a new and commodious Academy will be completed in a few days, affording ample room for the accommodation of students. If any should inquire for the character of the place, we can briefly, but with certainty, state, that there are few neighborhoods in which purity of morals is so general a characteristic. Long experience has proven it to be healthy in a very high degree. The Academy is in a rural situation, six miles from Statesville; so that students will be measurably freed from temptations to vice. It is convenient to church, where there is preaching steadily. Boarding can be had any where in the vicinity, at sixty-five dollars per annum. Tuition will be twenty dollars.—There will be two sessions in the year, each closing with a public examination. The first session commenced the second Monday in July, and closes the Tuesday preceding Christmas; the second will begin two weeks after the close of the first, and end two weeks previous to the beginning of the same. Due regard shall be paid to the conduct and morals of any boys who may be put under our care, and all diligence used to make complete scholars. WM. A. HALL. Fredell County, N. C. Nov. 1823. 1879

Savage & Kunsman,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Salisbury and the public, that they have taken the shop lately occupied by Mr. Curtis Wilkinson, where they intend keeping for sale a general assortment of every article in the line, consisting in part of Gold and silver Wat. hes; Gold chains, seals and keys; Ear-rings, breast pins and finger rings; Silver table, tea, mustard and salt spoons; Soup ladles and sugar tongs; Britannia tea and coffee pots; Plated castors and candle sticks; Gilt goods of every description in the line together with an assortment of Military Goods.

Watch and Clock Repairing.

Every attention will be paid to the watch and clock repairing business. They assure the public, that they have a first-rate workman, who will be enabled to render satisfaction to all those who may favor them with their custom. They have reason to believe that some watches have not been well repaired, during last summer; those, therefore, who have had work done, and were not satisfied, will please return their watches, and they shall be repaired free of expense. Salisbury, Nov. 24, 1823. 82

B. D. Rounsaville,

At the Red House, Lexington, Davidson County, North-Carolina.

IS prepared to accommodate travellers and visitors plentifully, comfortably, and cheaply. Past favors remind him that exertions to please have, measurably, he humbly trusts, taught him HOW. Nov. 18, 1823. 7186

House for Sale.

I WILL sell my House and Lot in Salisbury, on accommodating terms. Apply to T. L. Cowan, Esq. or to myself, in Raleigh. There is a good office belonging to the lot, convenient for a Lawyer or Physician. JOHN BECKWITH. Salisbury, March 8, 1823.—4186