

secret mission to the Catholics of Lower Canada, whom it was hoped to bring over to the patriotic cause. He returned twenty-one days after the Declaration had been promulgated, and immediately enrolled his name among those of his compatriots. Thus, though the last, he was not the reluctant signer of that memorable document.

PETERSBURG, JULY 21.

Our unfortunate Borough would seem to be devoted to destruction! On Tuesday morning, about half past 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in a range of Wooden Buildings opposite West-Hill-Warehouse on Walnut Street, generally known by the name of *Allison's Row*. These Houses were erected immediately after the great fire of 1815, were put up in haste for the accommodation of the sufferers by that memorable calamity, and having been built of combustible materials at the time in a very dry state, the flames spread both North and South with extraordinary velocity. In less than an hour, notwithstanding every effort was made to suppress the fire, the whole range was reduced to ashes; the elegant Mansion belonging to the estate of Mr. Maden, dec. (occupied by Mr. Benj. Jones,) soon shared the fate of its more humble neighbors. In the other direction, the houses of Mrs. Mary Phipps caught in rapid succession; then Mr. P. Lynch's Livery Stable; and continuing south along *Walker's Row*, every House (including the Mansion of the late Doct. David Walker, occupied by Mr. F. G. Yancey,) with the exception of the Red Tenement at the corner of Mahan's Lot, from the site of Powell's Old Tavern to the intersection of Washington St.—all, front as well as rear Buildings—were swept away, as if the "hand of mighty Jove" had wielded in anger the beams of destruction. The number of Houses destroyed, large and small, was about 30, nearly all built of wood. They were for the most part insured; but being generally occupied by indigent families, there are doubtless instances of severe individual suffering caused by this visitation.

Intelligencer.

THE MILITIA.

By a resolution of the last Congress, it was enjoined upon the Secretary of War to cause to be prepared a complete system of cavalry tactics; and, also, a system of exercise and instruction of field artillery, including manœuvres for light or horse artillery, for the use of the Militia of the United States; to be reported for consideration or adoption by Congress at its next session.

In pursuance of these instructions, Mr. Barbour (the Secretary of War) has addressed a circular to such distinguished Militia officers in the several States, and other eminent individuals, as it is probable can afford him valuable information on the following subjects:

- 1st. What is the number of your Militia?
 - 2d. Are they organized in strict conformity to the law of Congress? If they differ—in what?
 - 3d. Are the regular or volunteer Militia most efficient?
 - 4th. Is there a preference given for entering volunteer corps?
 - 5th. Does the establishment of the volunteer Militia operate injuriously on the regular Militia?
 - 6th. What proportion do the volunteers bear to the regular Militia?
 - 7th. Would it promote the efficiency of volunteer corps if they had the power by law of making by laws for their own government?
 - 8th. Would a classification of the Militia be an improvement; one to be called the *active*, the other the *sedentary*?
 - 9th. In making the classification, should age, or the single or married state form the distinction?
 - 10th. If age, what the proper periods?
 - 11th. Would it be an improvement to issue commissions only to inferior grades, in time of peace? if so, what should be the highest?
 - 12th. Is not the period of service for three months only, on one tour, attended with great sacrifices of life and treasure, productive of inefficiency?
 - 13th. If so, to what period might it be properly extended?
 - 14th. What are the regulations of your State, as to training the Militia?
 - 15th. From your experience, are frequent musters advantageous to the great body of the Militia?
 - 16th. Would it be an improvement to confine the instruction to the officers exclusively?
 - 17th. Is the system of *Infantry* tactics, directed by law, universally pursued?
 - 18th. What system of exercise and instruction of artillery have you practised or followed? what are its defects and remedies?
 19. What system of cavalry tactics have you adopted? what are its defects and remedies?
- As from some of the States and Territories returns of the Militia have not been made, the first of these queries became necessary in a general letter.

The New-York Gazette states that a chancery suit involving a bequest to the Orphan Asylum in the city of upwards of \$50,000, has gone in favor of the Asylum.

MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACTS.

Some horses in New-York have died in consequence of being fed on flour.

The Miss Porters have published a new Work, called "Tales round a Winter Hearth."

At the recent grand ball in Paris, for the benefit of the Greeks, "the venerable General Lafayette," says a letter, "was received by the company as a father would be amidst his children."

The Alabama papers mention the great promise of almost every product of the fields; the season in that state has thus far been highly favorable to vegetation.

The French in the interior of Louisiana measure distances by the number of paces they smoke in traversing them. They tell you to go *two pipes*, one pipe, two pipes, &c. further.

A late Baltimore paper contains a curious advertisement of one of the lawyers of that city. To "such clients as are unable to pay" he offers his service gratuitously, and says it will give him as much pleasure "to do their business" gratis, as it would if they paid the full amount of his fees.

The Boston Galaxy states, that the mercury in Fahrenheit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of last week, ranged from 95 to over 100.

It is said that splendid pleasure Carriages, with elegant horses, have travelled from Missouri to Mexico over the road which nature has formed.

The unfortunate man who lost his two arms, during the celebration of the 4th of July, 1825, at Black Rock, has contrived and obtained the construction of a left arm, which answers many of the purposes of an arm of flesh.

Mr. Eli Logan of East Marlborough township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, raised on his farm last season, from one potatoe six bushels and a half. The potatoe was cut into 234 pieces.

In Vermont, Elder Ezra Butler, of Waterbury, has been nominated for Governor, and Elder Aaron Leland, of Chester, for Lieutenant Governor. Both these gentlemen are now Pastors of (Baptist) Churches!

Maria Gloria, appointed Queen of Portugal, by the Emperor of Brazil, is only ten years of age.

The Syracuse (New York) Advertiser says:—"Mr. Williston, keeper of the Syracuse Mansion, has introduced an improvement which, as it was new to us, may be so to some of our readers. It is a machine for expelling flies from his dining room. Several large fans are suspended from a wire which passes through the room directly over the table, and set in motion by a boy in an adjoining apartment. It serves the double purpose of keeping the flies from the table and creating a cool current of air in the room."

The Charleston City Gazette states that a white child, bitten in May last, by a dog running at large, died of hydrophobia, in that city, on the 11th inst.

At the mouth of Columbia River, Oregon, it is said that there are pine trees 15 feet in diameter, and 200 feet high.

There is now living in Edgartown, Mass. the oldest warrior perhaps now in the world, Capt. Peter Peace. He was a cabin boy in the fleet which went with General Pepperell, at the taking of Cape Breton, in 1745. He has his reason, and is able to walk a mile without resting.

Cure for the Yellow Fever.—A correspondent says, perhaps it is not generally known that an infallible cure for the yellow fever has recently been discovered at Havana. A respectable sea captain informs him, that an Englishman, named Nicholas, has built within a few miles of Havana, a spacious hospital for the reception of those who are afflicted with this distressing malady. As soon as a person is attacked, he is conveyed to the Hospital, and put under the care of attending physicians, (some of whom are Americans,) who immediately apply ice to all parts of the body, and continue the application until the fever is destroyed, (which is generally in a few days,) and the patient convalescent.

Massachusetts Paper.

We learn by recent letters from Ohio, says the Philadelphia Aurora, that the support of that flourishing state will undoubtedly be given to General Jackson at the next election for President.

Declaration of Independence.—It is stated that Mr. Carroll, the only surviving signer of the declaration of independence, did not subscribe that document until twenty days after it had been promulgated, he having been absent on a secret mission to Canada at the time of its adoption. It is known, that some whose names appear in that important instrument, were not present in Congress on the 4th of July, 1776. But they were permitted to subscribe it, afterwards, upon their coming into Congress and expressing their full approbation of it. This was true as it respects Mr. Thornton of N. Hampshire. It is also a fact, that the names of some who voted for the measure on that ever memorable day do not appear to the document in the public office of Congress. This remark applies to the late Gov. McKean of Delaware and

afterwards of Pennsylvania. The present document was prepared a few days after the 4th, for signatures, and Mr. McKean happened then to be absent. We never could learn why the name of Mr. Wistar of N. York was omitted. It was in Congress on the 4th, as appears from their journal of that time, and yet his signature is not to the instrument. *Boston Gaz.*

The demonstrations of respect and attachment to the Hero of New-Orleans, at the late celebration of Independence, pour in from all quarters. The American people seem determined, as this distinguished patriot had a *post mortem* upon him at the late election, that he should have *fair play* the next—*Boston Statesman.*

The following sentiment was given at the late celebration in Boston. The *sentiments of the day*—they filled their minds, all upon the great end, and gave short quarters to the foe, in "the times that tried men's souls."

The story which General Pakenham rode at the battle of New-Orleans, and upon which that unfortunate commander received his death wound is now owned by an inhabitant of Helena, Conn.

Among the different celebrations of the 4th inst. at Pittsburg, was the launching of a new steambot of 200 tons burthen, called the *Justice*, owned by Messrs. Allen, Grant & Co.

A gentleman passing through Broadway, New-York, last week, says the American, encountered two young women, one of whom turned round, when the other snatched at and secured the gold rimmed spectacles, and was decamped, leaving the unfortunate man in the dark.

Mr. Clay was to be complimented with a public dinner on his arrival at Lexington. *Richmond Wkly.*

It is said, there is small doubt but that Minot Edwards will be elected Governor of the State of Illinois. *Id.*

The President of the United States arrived in Boston on the 12th ult.

George Poe, Esq. of Pittsburg, formerly Cashier of the United States Branch Bank at that place, has been appointed Cashier of the Branch which is about to be established at Mobile.

The Norfolk Herald of the 14th instant, states, that the discount on North Carolina money has decreased within a few days, and is now 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 pr cent.

A writer in the Raleigh Str, has nominated William McCaully, Esq. of Orange county, to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Superior Courts, by the resignation of Judge Nah.

ROWAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The meeting of this Society is postponed, on account of the meeting of the Irwell Bible Society, until the Session of the Concord Presbytery, to be held in this place, on the first Thursday of September next, it being the 7th day of the month. J. O. FREEMAN, Pres't. Salisbury, July 26, 1826. 6235

MARRIAGE.

In the Forks of the Yakin, on the 27th ult. by Nathan Cornell, Esq. Mr. Jacob Miller to Miss Lucy Chaffin, daughter of John G. Chaffin, Esq.

DIED.

At his residence in Montgomery county, (at the gold mines on Beaver-dam creek, of which he was the proprietor) on the 26th ult. Col. West Harris, a field officer in the Revolutionary War, aged 69 years. Col. Harris was a native of the state of Virginia, but removed to North-Carolina before the War of the Revolution, and settled in that section of country which is now Montgomery county. On the breaking out of hostilities with the mother country, he entered the North-Carolina line of the Continental Army as a lieutenant; and, notwithstanding his youth, by patriotism, zeal and intrepidity, he was advanced, before the close of the war, to the rank of Colonel. After the peace, he represented his fellow-citizens for a number of years in the General Assembly of the state. And such was the confidence of the people in his probity and intelligence, that any office in their gift was at his command. In the private walks of life, he was equally esteemed: he was benevolent to the poor, and honorable in all his dealings with the world. He has left numerous connections, to mourn the loss of one who may be said to have fulfilled all the ends for which his Heavenly Father placed him on earth.

In Cabarrus county, Rocky River congregation, on Thursday 22d of June, Rebecca Smith, the wife of Archibald Smith, in the 25th year of her age. She pined away on a bed of sickness for near five months; during all which time she suffered like a Christian, especially towards the latter part of her illness, she appeared like a weaned child.

In Sumpterville, S. C. on the 2d June, the Rev. William J. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Salem, Sumpter district, S. C.

In Ireddell county, on the 25th of July, the Rev. James Hat, D. D. aged 82; for many years an able, zealous and successful Minister of the Presbyterian Church in that county. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

In Franklin county, on the 21st instant, much lamented by his neighbours and acquaintances, John Haywood, Esq. eldest son of Judge Haywood, of Tennessee.

In Guilford county, on the 10th instant, Mrs. Elizabeth Shearer, consort of the Rev. Jacob Shearer.

The Markets.

FAJETTEVILLE PRICES, July 26.
Cotton, 9 a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; flour, fine, 5 a 6, superfine scarce, 87; wheat, \$1 a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; whiskey, 38 to 40; peach brandy, 60 a 70; apple do, 55 to 60; corn, \$1 a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; bacon, 9 to 10; salt, Turks Island, 70 a 75 per bush.; molasses 40 a 42; sugar, muscovado, 9 a 11; coffee, prime green, 15 to 20; 2d and 3d quality, 15 a 18; tea, hyson, \$1 20 a 1 20; flaxseed, 75; tallow, 11 a 12;

herring, 20 a 25, size 3 to 4 per 100 lbs.; cod, 24 a 6, size 100 lbs.; salmon, head, 4 a 5; manufactured, 3 a 20 pr. cwt. *Greenville.*

CHARLESTON PRICES, July 26.

Cotton, S. Island, 37 a 38; stained do, 10 a 12; Maine and Boston, 15 a 22 etc.; short staple, 9 a 11 cents; Whiskey, 35 a 36 cents; Bacon, 67; Ham, 8 a 9; Lard, 9 a 10; Haggling, Bacon and Tallow, (47 inch.) 20 a 22; Coffee, Prime Green, 15 a 17 lfd. to good, 12 to 15; Georgia Bark Billa—1 to 1 per cent. discount. North-Carolina Do.—1 to 2 per cent. discount.

CAMDEN PRICES, July 22.

Cotton, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; corn, \$1 37 a 1 43; bacon, 10 to 11; whiskey, 43 to 45; brandy, peach 65 to 75, apple 60 to 65; tallow 11 a 12; flour, 6 25 to 7; tobacco, (manufactured) 12 to 15.

Prices the same as in our last, little has been done during the week, and business will probably be dull for some time. There has been a slight improvement in the Cotton Market in England.

GREENAW, JULY 28.

Corn, and Corn-Meal, command 1 25 by the bushel, and \$1.50 by the bushel—Flour sells at 75 per barrel, the supply in Market of each is limited. Bacon 10 etc. Beef 6 and 7 cents a lb.

By Saturday's Mail.

We are authorized to add to the number of candidates for Congress, in Mr. Edwards' district, William M. Sneed, Esq. of Greenville. *Raleigh Register, 1st inst.*

We understand, that Mr. Hermon Allen, of Randolph, has constructed a Planing Machine which will perform the labor of about twenty men with hand planes. The machine is to be put in operation by horse or water power, and the cost will be but trifling.

A fire broke out in Norfolk, Va. on the 21st ult.—it destroyed a considerable amount of property, before it was checked.

A very destructive fire also broke out in the city of Troy, (New York) on the 20th ult. which destroyed many houses, and a very large amount of property, very little of which was under insurance.

It is stated in an Upper Canada paper of the 24th June, that the whole country round about the village of Drummondville, was on fire. On the 23d June, the fire approached the village; and, in despite of all the inhabitants could do, every house in the village except three, and the two churches, were burnt to the ground. Soon after this catastrophe, there came a rain, and the progress of the fire was arrested.

From the Kentucky Gazette, July 21.

The venerable ISAAC SHELBLY, a distinguished Revolutionary Patriot and Statesman, is gone! He died on the 18th instant, at his residence in Lincoln county, Kentucky.

Col. Shelby was the first Governor of the state of Kentucky, and was called a second time to that office. He acted a conspicuous part in the Battle of King's Mountain, during the Revolution; as well as in the battle on the Thames, in Upper Canada, during the last war, and whilst he was the Governor of Kentucky. His name will descend to posterity as one of the worthies of Kentucky.

DEATH.

The Lexington Ken. Whig furnishes the following additional particulars as to the attempt made by Isaac R. Desha to take his own life, and his situation at the date of that journal—"Isaac R. Desha cut his throat in prison at Cynthiana, last Saturday, but was alive as late as Tuesday evening. It is believed he cannot survive many days; his windpipe is entirely severed by the stroke, but none of the veins or arteries are touched. He declared his innocence of the charge for the murder of Baker, by writing with a pencil on a slate, and one of his brothers transcribes it for him. He has developed no circumstance, that is known, by which to acquit himself of this charge, or in any way to account for the murder, or to show his innocence of it; he still, however, persists in stating that he is innocent. A short time will, perhaps, unravel the whole affair; and if any thing transpires to change the current testimony and public opinion in relation to the perpetrator of this horrid murder, it will be known."

WESTERN DISTRICT of TENNESSEE.

The following remarks we take from the Jackson Gazette, printed at Jackson, in the Western District of Tennessee.

A report is said to be in circulation abroad, that this country is now very sickly, and that great mortality prevails among us, which is altogether false and unfounded; and so far from being the fact, that in most parts of the District and particularly the town of Jackson, where fabricators of those reports generally lay their venue, never, perhaps, in any age or country, did more universal good health exist, than does at this time. Such has generally been the case since the first settlement of the country; and particularly for the last 12 or 18 months. During the whole season, as yet, in this place, there have been but two attacks of the fever, one of which was very slight, yielding immediately to the effects of medicine; and even those may be traced to causes not directly connected with, or chargeable to the climate, or local situation of the place.

So far from being considered a sickly country, Physicians concur in declaring it to be as healthy, and as exempt from causes generating disease, as any portion, without exception, of the western waters. July 15, 1826.

The Banks in Nashville, Tennessee, have given notice that they will commence the payment of specie for their notes on the 1st of September next.

CHARLESTON, JUNE 27.

LATE FROM EUROPE.
The fast sailing Br. ship *Mary Catherine*, Capt. Pace, arrived yesterday, in 40 days from Liverpool, brings us London papers and shipping Lists to the 13th ult. inclusive, and Liverpool Papers of the 14th. The Election of Members of Parliament entirely engrosses public attention, and the papers are filled with the details.

The Cotton Market appears to have suffered from this unusual state of feeling, and but little business was doing in the article, at a small reduction on previous quotations.

Mr. Hancock and Gen. Cameron, were re-elected for Liverpool, with slight opposition. Mr. Francis Blandin, and Mr. Holburne, had no opponents in Westminster. Mr. Canning was invited to offer, but declined on account of the duties appertaining to his office of Secretary of State.

Twenty-eight French officers called from Versailles on the 27th of May to join the Greek army, into which they had enlisted. One of them belonged to the body guard of the king of France. The second legion of the national guards in Paris, are making a contribution, for the purpose of buying a piece of artillery for the Greeks. At Metz 6000 francs were collected by personal applications, and the sum collected there in other modes—namely, with 1000, an amount of 8000.

Ran Away.

FROM the subscribers, in Lancasterville, S. C. I am Negan man, *BOB* and *SAM*. *Bob* is about 22 or 23 years of age; low and well built, pleasant when spoken to, and converses smartly. His hands and feet are small; he both reads and writes, and probably may pass himself as a free man: his dress was black, (brownish) though he may change it, as he has other clothes. No particular mark is recollected, except a few light marks on his back in his carriage, he has a sailor's walk, he is likely to deny his owner's name, and even his own, and pass by that of James.

Sam is about 26 years of age, of common size, speaks broken, and as he is an African by birth, has his country's mark on his left arm above his elbow.

It is thought that *Bob* and *Sam* are in company, and will make for Maryland. Twenty five dollars will be given to any man who will bring either of them in any jail in the Union, and send word, so we may get them.

W. GILBERTSON, WILKS CARTON, Lancaster Court House, S. C. July, 1826. 3225

Valuable Tavern Stand.

NOT having disposed of his extensive and valuable Tavern Stand in the town of Salisbury, the subscriber again offers it for sale. This is one among the most eligible stands for a Public House in the place; it is central in the town, and the buildings are extensive and well adapted to the purpose; it now enjoys an extensive custom, which might be greatly extended. The subscriber's desire to enter into another line of business, induces him to sell, otherwise he would by no means part with the property. A great bargain can be had in the purchase of these premises. As the stand is well known, it is not necessary to give a minute description of it, persons wishing to purchase, will doubtless visit the property before closing a bargain. Apply to the subscriber in Salisbury. THOMAS HOLMES. August 7, 1826. 4225

New Store, IN LEXINGTON, N. CAROLINA.

THE subscribers having entered into copartnership in the Mercantile business, under the firm of *Brown & Hunt*, in the Town of Lexington, Davidson county, respectfully inform the public, that they are now opening a choice selection of *Dry Goods, Hardware, Groceries, &c.* Which they intend selling at a small profit.—Persons wishing to purchase; will please call, examine prices, and judge for themselves. MICHAEL BROWN, ANDREW HUNT. March 6, 1826.

For Sale,

THAT large and convenient Dwelling-House, with three lots adjoining, at present occupied by Capt. John Fulton, situated in a pleasant part of the town of Salisbury. This property will be disposed of very low, and the payments made accommodating. For terms, apply, in my absence, to James Sneed, or Charles Fisher. JAMES HUNT. Salisbury, 10th June, 1826. '15

Notice.

THE remaining Lots in the town of Statesville, will be sold at public venue, at the Court-House in Statesville, on the third Monday in October next. The terms will be made known on that day.

WESLEY REYNOLDS, MICHAEL RICKART, ABSALOM K. SIMONTON, JOHN H. McLAUGHLIN, SQUIER LOWRY, Commissioners. Statesville, July 1st, 1826. 3mt30

Town Constable's Sale.

WILL be exposed to public sale, at the Court-House in Salisbury, on Wednesday the 6th day of September next, the house and lot, on Ennis street, in said town, now occupied by John Trexter,—also, the house and lot now occupied by John Kinder, on said street,—or so much of each as will satisfy the Commissioners' tax thereon. AARON WOOLWORTH, Town Constable. July 20, 1826. 7125.

Town Constable's Sale.

WILL be exposed to sale, at the court-house in Salisbury, on Tuesday, the 22d day of August next, nine unoccupied lots of ground, Nos. in the plot of Salisbury, 23, 24, 31, 35 and 57, in the west square—38, 39, 46, and 47, in the east square, of said town; owners not known. Taken to satisfy taxes due the Commissioners of said town. Terms, cash. AARON WOOLWORTH, Town Constable. July 20, 1826. 7124.

Estate of John P. Hodgens.

THE subscriber having qualified as administrator on the estate of the late John P. Hodgens, dec. desires all persons indebted to said estate, to come forward and make settlement; and all those having claims against said estate, will present them for settlement, properly authenticated, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. MESHACK PINKSTON, adm'r. Nov. 21, 1825. 95