

What a "Sign" — The Greenboro' paper pricks up its ears, and brightens its countenance, at a wonderful sign in favor of the administration: In Guilford county, there are five candidates for the assembly, four of whom are Adams men. And this the editor would fain set down as conclusive evidence that the state is for the administration. Now in our estimation, if this is a sign of any thing, it argues but little in favor of the modesty and consciousness of merit, in the Adams people, to be thus impudent in pushing themselves into public notice.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.—The 4th of July was celebrated by the citizens of Washington city, and the adjacent country, in a manner both laudable and interesting, by breaking ground, as a commencement of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. A large party repaired to the spot for commencing the canal, at the falls of the Potomac, among them the President of the United States, after the immense concourse of spectators had formed a hollow square, and other preparatory ceremonies, Gen. Mercer, President of the Canal Company, gave a spade to the President of the U. S. on whom had been conferred the honor of first breaking ground; after a few spirited remarks from Gen. Mercer, Mr. Adams delivered a long and learned address; and when he had concluded, he struck the spade into the ground, but the instrument coming in contact with a root, (in the language of the Nat. Jour.) "Mr. Adams tried it again, with no better success. Thus foiled, he threw down the spade, hastily stripped off, and laid aside his coat, and went seriously to work. The multitude around, and on the hills and trees, who could not hear, because of their distance from the open space, but could see and understand, observing this action, raised a loud and unanimous cheering, which continued for some time after Mr. Adams had mastered the difficulty." After this, a national salute was fired by a company of artillery. The procession then returned to the city, in harmony, and without accident.

In Baltimore, the 4th was celebrated in a style of splendor never equalled in the United States. The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road was commenced on that day.

Col. Joseph Pickett, died at his residence in Wadesborough, Anson county, on the 2d inst. in the 52nd year of his age, being born on July 4th, 1776. He was a lawyer of high standing and unusually beloved for his private virtues. The estimation in which his neighbors held him will best be understood by the following resolutions:

A meeting of the citizens of Wadesborough was convened at the Court House on the morning of the 3d instant. The meeting was organized by calling Dr. Thomas D. Parke, Magistrate of Police, to the chair, and appointing Abner Myers, Esq. Secretary. The object of the meeting was explained in a short address from the chair, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the loss we have sustained in the death of our distinguished fellow citizen, Col. Joseph Pickett.

Resolved, That as a testimony of the respect and esteem in which we held the public services and exalted private virtues of the deceased, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the Cheraw and Fayetteville papers.

Signed, T. D. PARKE.

A. MEANS, Secretary.

The death of Thomas Chambers, Esq. of this county, who departed this life at Wadesboro, Anson county, on the 16th ult. has heretofore been noticed in our paper: the following eulogistic tribute to his worth, is an extract from an obituary, communicated for the Fayetteville Journal: "His were the virtues which particularly endear a friend. He loved not to mix in political debates or religious controversy, but his attachment was warm and sincere to his country and his God. His delights were the enjoyment of home. A devoted and tender husband, a kind and attached brother and friend, a benevolent and useful neighbor, a good and kind master, his chief pleasure was to see those around him happy, his business to make them so—to the poor, in health, he was an adviser and friend, and in sickness a physician and nurse. Let us not only admire his virtues but endeavor to imitate his example, that like him we may reap the reward—a happy life and a cheerful death.

George White Young, Esq. late engineer and superintendent on the Erie & Champlain Canals, New-York, was drowned in the Hudson river on the 27th ult. near his residence at Sandy Hill, Washington county; having, as is supposed, slipped from the rocks while fishing. His body was found on Sunday. He had recently purchased a large and valuable property at that place, on which himself and family were residing.

The 2d regular toast, drank at the celebration of the 4th in Lincolnton, was inadvertently omitted in our publication of the proceedings last week; it follows:

2. The Constitution of the United States: the first and only one that makes a freeman free; and binds tyrants in chains; may sectional interest never violate its letter, nor misconstrue its spirit.

We would refer the reader to the opposite page, for the commencement of the defence, by the Central Jackson Committee at Raleigh, of Gen. Jackson against the slanders which have been heaped on him in relation to the execution of the six traitors at Mobile.

We recommend the following "Signs" to the especial attention of the "gentleman in Wilkes county," who seems to dance over the packed vote in Capt. Pilkinton's company, as joyfully as a lodge of Chickasaws would round a calabash of bean-broth. "The support of the Hero, an uphill business" forsooth! Well, agreed; we have always contended that ours was the uphill side of the question. If the administration people are satisfied in being down the hill, and can draw comfort from defeat, they will be the happiest dogs in the world after the 4th of March next, for they will then be at the bottom of the hill, where they will be in no danger of falling any lower.

At a muster of Capt. Field's company, in Wilkes county, on 5th inst. the vote was taken on the Presidency, (none being suffered to vote except those residing in the captain's district) and resulted as follows:

For Jackson, 81
For Adams, 00
In Capt. A. Patterson's company, the vote was also taken; and stood,
For Jackson, 48
For Adams, 00

At a meeting at Laurel Hill, Richmond county, 4th inst. a vote on the Presidency resulted in 67 for Jackson and Calhoun, and 5 for Adams and Rush.

At a barbecue in the vicinity of Warrenton, 5th inst. 72 for Jackson 1 for Adams.

At a drill muster of the officers of the upper regiment of Rockingham county, 49 for Jackson, 2 for Adams.

5th July, 1828.
MR. WHITE: Sir, I hope you will do the citizens of the lower end of Rutherford county the favour to publish the following narrative in your paper. They do not implore divine providence to scourge our beloved country with war, famine, nor pestilence; neither do they wish for the treasury to be drained for Panama missions; they wish for an administration congenial with the motto of the late War: "Free trade and sailor's rights."

On yesterday, the 4th of July, 1828, at a regimental muster of the militia of the second regiment of Rutherford county, the vote of the Regiment was taken; and there were,

For Gen. A. Jackson, 556
For J. Q. Adams, 16

The vote was taken in this way. Those that were for Adams, were to retain their ground; and those who were for Jackson were to march ten paces to the front: And what is a little singular, when the word march was given, all of Capt. D. Birchett's company marched out for Jackson except one man, and he is a merchant. With respect, I am, in haste, your humble servant, A friend to liberty.

Mecklenburg county.—Evidences of the popularity of Gen. Jackson in this county, multiply on us weekly: three-fourths of the votes of Mecklenburg, at least, will, beyond all dispute, be given to the People's candidate, Andrew Jackson: Yet the Adams dinner in Charlotte, on the 4th, is dragged in as a test of the strength of the administration in that quarter: when the truth is, that the celebration in Charlotte was emphatically an Adams affair: look at the officers of the day—the regular toasts, the volunteers, the whole complexion of the thing. The friends of Jackson had a celebration in another part of the county; and all who could conveniently leave Charlotte to attend, did so.

The partisans of the administration seem to have nearly expended their stock of malignity, in slandering the man to whom they are indebted for the very privilege which they so wantonly abuse in propagating falsehoods which, for their baseness and profligacy, were unheard of before. Their inglorious, mean, low-bred, and cowardly calumnies against a pious, exemplary, and unoffending woman, for her husband's sake, having drawn down on them the indignation of a brave and gallant people, they seize on the six militia affair as a dernier resort, as the forlorn hope, in their traitorous efforts to blast the fair fame of one of the purest patriots and greatest benefactors of this republic: and fearing they will be foiled in their last struggle against their country, they have grown desperate, and are even more venomous, if possible, towards all who espouse the cause of Jackson and their country, than the same manner of persons were during the Revolution.

We have received a communication, under the signature of "the Republican Revolutionist;" but as the subject is a delicate one, and the piece unsuited, by its defective syntax, diction, &c. for publication, without being materially remodelled, we should like to hear from the author, in his proper name.

"Justice" shall be published, in a short time,—as soon, indeed, as we are able to dispose of other matter which we have promised a place. It is as foreign to our wishes as it is to our practice, to deny "justice" to any party: the cause in which we are engaged, does not fear the light; for the "better it is known, the better it is liked."

CONSECRATION.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 27th inst. divine service will be celebrated in this place, by Bishop Ravenscroft. It is expected that the new Episcopal Church will be consecrated on Sunday, the 27th: The pews in the church will be disposed of (at the church) after divine service on Saturday, the 26th, when and where the Vestry will attend and make known the terms. Salisbury, July 10th, 1828.

Gen. Scott.—The lady of Gen. Scott, (says the New York Commercial Advertiser of the 2d inst.) with her mother, Mrs. Mayo of Virginia, and her sister, Mrs. Cabell, embarked yesterday for France, in the new packet ship Charlemaine. Mrs. Scott goes out for the filial purpose of accompanying her mother on a voyage for her health. We learn that Gen. Scott applied for a furlough, to make a voyage also, but his request was refused. We further learn that Gen. S. has received an order from the President to repair to his post at Cincinnati, and resume his command. As this order comes from the President himself, who is Commander in Chief by the Constitution, no question of rank can interpose.

The Cincinnati Gazette says—General W. H. Harrison, Minister Plenipotentiary to Colombia, has arrived at his place of residence in Ohio. He does not expect to depart for Bogota before the autumn.

VIRGINIA.

Extract of a Letter from the Hon. P. P. Barbour, to his friend, near Louisville, dated

Washington City, May 17, 1828.

"You inquire what will be the probable vote of Virginia, in the pending Presidential Election? In reply, I will say, that, from every source of information that is accessible to me, I am impressed with a full and confident belief, that Virginia will by large and decided majorities, go for Gen. Jackson. I need scarcely remark to you, that we vote by general ticket, and that, consequently, he will get all. In relation to the other part of your letter, in which you express a desire to hear from me upon the subject of the qualifications of the competing candidates, I beg leave to say—the best indication which I can give you of my opinions and views, is a statement of the fact, that I am myself decidedly in favor of the election of Gen. Jackson, from a thorough conviction that he will give us a better, more impartial, and more economical administration than the present incumbent. Whilst Mr. Adams has been reading books, Gen. Jackson has read the great volume of men and things, which qualifies him for the practical operations of Government."

[Mr. P. P. Barbour is the gentleman who was formerly Speaker of the House of Representatives, and is the brother to Mr. Adams' late Secretary of War, and present Minister to England, JAMES BARBOUR. Editor of Balt. Repub.]

Masonic.—At an annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, holden at Tarborough, on the 22d ult. and continued by adjournment until the 24th, the following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

M. E. Esek Arnold, G. H. P. Fayetteville.
Robt. Joyner, D. G. H. P. Tarborough.
James Seawell, G. K. Fayetteville.
E. W. S. Wiggins, G. S. Halifax.
M. E. Edm'd. B. Freeman, G. Treas. do.
E. A. J. Lawrence, G. Sec'y. Raleigh.
Rev. Comp. C. M'iver, G. Chap. Fayetteville.
E. Anson Bailey, G. M. do.

Bank Dividends.—The Bank of Cape Fear, has declared a Dividend of two per cent. for the half year, ending June 30th. The Farmer's Bank of Virginia, has declared a Dividend of two and a half per cent. and the Bank of Virginia, a Dividend of three per cent. for the same period; and the United States' Bank, a Dividend of three and a half per cent.

Rice crop.—The Georgetown, S. C. paper, says a planter in that vicinity will, the present season, harvest a field of Rice, from the stubble of last year's crop.

From France.—By an arrival at New-York, from Havre, French papers to the 30th May are received. But there is no additional news from the seat of war in the East.

A mutiny broke out in the New-York penitentiary, on the 3d inst.; and before it was quelled, two of the convicts were shot.

More signs.—In Jones county, at a collection of people, a vote on the presidency gave Jackson 28, Adams 1, on the fence 1.

In Martin county, Capt. Everett's company voted on the 4th, and gave 40 for Jackson, none for Adams.

Good Dividends.—The New-York Ocean insurance company, has declared a dividend of ten per cent. as the profits of that concern for the last six months; the Neptune insurance six per cent.; and the New-York insurance five per cent. for the same period.

A pretty girl was lately complaining to a Friend that she had a cold, and was sadly plagued in her lips by chaps: "Friend," said Obadiah, "thou should never suffer the chaps to come near thy lips."

Hayti.—The last accounts from the Island of Hayti of the 7th of June, give a very gloomy account of its situation.

Want of wisdom in the government, the writer considers the primary cause of its embarrassments.

Accounts from Port au Prince to the 15th June state, that on the 10th, General Boyer opened the Chamber of Commerce. After the year 1830, the commerce with all nations is placed on an equal footing. This was stated by Boyer.

Extract from a letter to the Editors, of the U. S. Telegraph, New Jersey, 5th July, 1828.

"I think that Gen. Jackson is gaining ground in this State, and will succeed in the election next fall. Many who stood neutral have come out on the side of Jackson; and some who were once blind now see, and will, doubtless, join with their friend and supporter of our country—nay, more, the preserver of our country from invasion, and the ravages of 'Beauty and Booty' by a foreign foe."

Extract from a letter dated Western Reserve, Ohio, June 27, 1828.

The good cause improves in this part of the State, where little was expected. The gross slanders thrown so liberally upon a man, who has never done us harm, and who has done us much good, produces an effect directly different from that which the slanderers intended.

Fatal Rencontre.—We are informed that about the middle of May, Wharton Rector and Robert Crittenden, secretary of Arkansas territory, encountered each other in the town of Little Rock: Rector drew a dirk and buried it in the bowels of Crittenden, who survived but a short time.

The Markets.

Fayetteville, July 9.—Cotton, 10 to 10 5/8. Beef fresh in market, 3 cents; Bacon, 8 to 9; peach brandy, 50 to 60; apple do. 35 to 40; flour, 4 a 4 1/2; whiskey, 25 a 30. United States bank notes, 6 1/2 to 7 per cent. premium; Bills on the North, 60 days 4 to 5 per cent. pre.

Charleston, July 12.—Upland cotton 10 a 12; sugar, 25 to 26; bagging, 42 inch, 22 to 24; sugar, 8 to 9; molasses, 32 to 33 cents; bacon, 6 to 7; apple brandy, 25 to 28; bees-wax, 22; coffee, 13 to 17; hyson tea, 100 to 105; Jamaica rum, 110 to 115—West India do. 75 to 80. North Carolina bills, 8 to 9 per cent. ditto; Georgia do. 14 to 14 1/2 per cent. ditto.

Camden, July 12.—Cotton, middling to fair, 8 1/2 to 9; fair to good, 9 to 10; for very prime, 10 1/2 cents have been paid.

Cheraw, June 27.—Cotton, 8 to 10 1/2; bacon 7 a 8; flour 5; peach brandy 40 to 45; apple do. 35 to 40; whiskey 30 to 35; pork 4 to 5; tallow 9 to 10.

Petersburg, July 4.—Cotton, 9 to 11 1/2; tobacco, 52 50 a 74—refused, 14 a 14 1/2; corn, 14 a 15; bacon, 5 a 8; lard, 6 a 7; apple brandy, 35 a 37 1/2; peach 75 a 100 cents. North Carolina bank bills, 8 to 9 per cent. discount; Georgia bills, 2 1/2 a 3; South Carolina bills, 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. discount.

In St. Matthews church, Hillsboro', by the Rev. Wm. M. Green, on the 10th inst. Rev. John H. Norment to Miss Mary Ann Spear.

On the 29th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Samuel Bebee, of Ulster county, New-York, to Miss Eliza Slater, of Poughkeepsie, New-York, and formerly Tutress in the Salisbury Female Academy.

At Fort Defiance, Wilkes county, in this state, on the 25th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Coffee, James Edward Henry, Esq. attorney at law, of S. C. to Miss Ann Eliza Jones, daughter of Gen. Edmund Jones, of the former place.

In Charlotte, on the 10th instant, by David Parks, Esq. Mr. John Henderson to Miss Priscilla Porter.

DIED.

In York district, S. C. on the 8th inst. Col. John Caruthers, aged about 80 years. Col. Caruthers was a native of Mecklenburg county, in this state; at the close of the Revolutionary war, (during which he was a devoted Whig, and brave officer) he removed to Lincoln county; was county surveyor, and a delegate to the convention which, in 1789, ratified the constitution of the United States. He subsequently removed to South-Carolina, where he died as above mentioned.

NOTICE.

ALL the notes, judgments and book accounts of the late concern of Huntington & Wynne, have been transferred to the subscriber, who has appointed Mr. John H. Hardie his agent. All those who are indebted to said concern, are earnestly requested to make immediate payment to Mr. Hardie, who is authorized to make settlement and grant discharges. Longer indulgence need not be expected. 427

WM. HUNTINGTON.
Salisbury, 15th July, 1828.

State of North-Carolina, Stokes county.

COURT of pleas and quarter sessions, June term, 1828. John Webb vs. Edmund Beazley: Original attachment, levied on one kettle, &c. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court, in this case, that the defendant, Edmund Beazley, is not an inhabitant of this State, it is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Western Carolinian for six weeks, that the defendant appear at our next court to be held in Germantown, on the 2d Monday of September next, then and there to reply and plead, otherwise judgment will be taken against him by default. 6122

M. H. MOORE, c. c.
PUBLISHED BY C. L. BANNER, d. c.

To Gold Miners.

100 lbs. of pure Quicksilver, just received, and for sale, by E. WILLEY & Co. Salisbury, June 10th, 1828. 19

SHERIFFS DEEDS.

FOR land sold by order of writs of venditioni exponas, for sale at this office.

State of North-Carolina, Iredell county.

SUPERIOR Court of law, spring term, 1828. Jane Morrison, vs. Hezekiah Morrison: petition for divorce. In this case, it is ordered by the court, that publication be made for six weeks successively, in the Western Carolinian, that unless the defendant, Hezekiah Morrison, (who it appears to the satisfaction of the court is not an inhabitant of this state,) do make his appearance before the Judge, at the next superior court of law to be held for the county of Iredell, at the court-house in Statesville, on the 5th Monday after the 4th Monday in September next, and file his answer, plead to issue, or demur, the petitioner will be heard ex parte, and have judgment pro confesso. 6129

Teste: JAS. CAMPBELL, C. J.

Estate of Capt. D. Craige.

HAVING qualified as November court last, as administrators on the estate of Capt. David Craige, late of Rowan county, &c. &c. we desire all persons indebted to said deceased, to make payment with as little delay as possible; and all persons having claims against the estate, to present them, legally attested, within the time prescribed by act of assembly, otherwise this notice will plead in bar of their recovery. 34136

THOS. CRAIGE,
ROBT. N. CRAIGE,
July 15, 1828. Administrators.

State of North-Carolina, Rowan county.

JULY 5th, 1828. A true description of a heast, taken up and entered by Andrew Griffin, in said county: A bay mare, supposed to be 18 or 19 years old, about four feet 7 or 8 inches high, a star in her face, one hind foot white, hip-shoulder, some knots on her left knee, and large mane and tail: Which was valued at \$8, and put on my stray-book the day and date above-mentioned. 3126

G. ANDERSON, Ranger,
Fork of Yadkin, 3d reg't. Rowan co's.

To the Public.

ALTHOUGH the consciousness of innocence may sustain a man, who, in the discharge of his official duties, has incurred the suspicion of negligence or guilt; yet in a country like ours, that respect due to the opinion of our fellow-citizens, who either directly or indirectly confer every office of trust, will extort from the highest on whom they bestow it, a vindication from a charge which, if true, would show them unworthy of such office; and excite in the humblest, an appeal to the public for that purpose. This is the motive I have for obtruding myself on the public notice; and this with those whose opinions I value, needs no apology.

In the fall of 1826 Joseph Weir, who had been sent from Lincoln to the jail of this county, on several capital charges, for which he was recently executed, made his escape; by the aid of some persons whose names he would not divulge. At that time I was, as I am now, high Sheriff of the county of Mecklenburg, and Mr. Allen Baldwin was jailor. The Attorney General esteemed it his duty to file bills of indictment against the guard, (appointed by the jailor while I was gone to make my official return in Raleigh,) the jailor and myself, in the escape. At last Superior Court, I, as well as the Jailor, was acquitted of the charge by a jury of my country. This, in no doubt, sufficiently satisfactory to my friends and all acquainted with the progress and issue of the prosecution; but Mr. Weir had, by his numerous offences, acquired great notoriety in the western part of the state, the news of his escape was widely spread, and the circumstance by which it was effected being involved in doubt, created suspicion prejudicial to my character, which was, I fear, spread more widely than that of my acquittal. In order to remove all doubt on the subject, I thought it advisable to submit to Weir, on the morning of the day on which he was executed, and in the presence of the reverend gentlemen who were administering to him spiritual consolation, and Capt. Coleman, the officer on duty, at a period when every earthly consideration must have ceased to have any hold on his feelings, the following questions, which, with his answers and confession under the gallows, are respectfully submitted to the public, with the consciousness that as this justification is due to that public, from whose favorable opinion the subscriber has hitherto received the most honorable and flattering support,—their justice will confirm the verdict on oath of twelve of his fellow-citizens.

Yours, &c. JOHN SLOAN,
June 26, 1828.

Concord Jail, May 30, 1828.

Questions proposed by Col. J. Sloan to Jos. Weir, and answers returned.

Q. Mr. Weir, my reputation has been assailed in consequence of your escape from Mecklenburg Jail!—Do you believe I knew any thing about your escape at the time it was effected?

A. I know you did not.

Q. Who questioned you about those supposed to have assisted you in making your escape?

A. Joseph Wilson, Wm. J. Alexander and Dr. Johnson.

Q. Did any other person in Mecklenburg county examine you concerning your escape?

A. No.

Q. Is Baldwin innocent?

A. He is innocent, and so is the negro that attended on the jail.

Q. Are you willing to disclose who let you out?

A. I cannot answer that question.

Q. Were you let out by a false key, or were you let out by the key of the jail.

A. I expect partly by a false key.

Q. Is my brother Robert Sloan innocent?

A. He is.

Q. Was there any other person in Mecklenburg, of respectability, implicated in your escape, to your knowledge?

A. No.

Q. Do you really believe it was a false key by which you effected your escape?

A. I think it was—it had been tried some nights before.

Concord Jail, May 30, 1828.

I, Joseph Weir, do hereby certify the above answers to have been given to the foregoing questions proposed to me by Col. Sloan, sheriff of Mecklenburg county, and that the same are true.

signed, JOS. WEIR.

Test: Danl. Coleman, Jno. Robinson, Jesse Rankin.

State of North-Carolina, Cabarrus county.

1. Daniel Coleman, do hereby certify, that I witnessed the execution of Joseph Weir, and that the said Weir, while under the gallows, called for Col. Sloan, and that I was present with him when he approached him; and that Weir declared he would clear him of all charges that might be made against him, the said Sloan, relative to his escape from Mecklenburg Jail, and he did the same with a clear conscience.

DANIEL COLEMAN.