

[By Authority of the Governor.]

AN ACT

Concerning a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State.

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina have reason to believe that a large portion, if not a majority, of the members of the State, are anxious to amend the Constitution thereof in certain particulars, herein-after specified; and whereas, while the General Assembly disclaim all right and power in themselves, as after the fundamental law, they consider it their duty to adopt measures for ascertaining the will of their constituents, and to provide the means for carrying that will into effect, when ascertained; therefore

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of each, and every County in the State, at the first term that shall be held after the 1st of January, 1835, shall appoint two inspectors to superintend the polls to be opened at each and every election precinct in said county, for ascertaining, by ballot, the will of the freemen of North Carolina relative to the meeting of a State Convention. And if any Court or Courts should fail to make such appointments, or if any inspector, so appointed, should fail to act, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff, or the person acting as his deputy on such occasion, with the advice of one Justice of the Peace, or if none be present, with the advice of three freeholders, to appoint an inspector, or inspectors, in the place of him or them who failed to act, which inspectors, when duly sworn by some Justice or freeholder to perform the duties of the place with fidelity, shall have the same authority as if appointed by the Court.

II. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Sheriffs of the respective counties in this State to open polls at the several election precincts in said counties, on Wednesday and Thursday, the first and second days of April next, when and where all persons, qualified by the Constitution to vote for members of the House of Commons, may vote for or against a State Convention; those who wish a Convention, voting with a printed or written ticket, "Convention," and those who do not want a Convention, voting in the same way, "No Convention," or "Against Convention."

III. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Sheriffs to make duplicate statements of the polls in their respective counties, sworn to before the Clerk of the County Court, one copy of which shall be deposited in said clerk's office, and the other copy transmitted to the Governor of the State, at Raleigh, immediately after the election.

IV. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Governor, as soon as he shall have received the returns of the Sheriffs, in the presence of the Secretary of State, the Public Treasurer, and the Comptroller, to compare the number of votes for and against a Convention; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes polled are in favor of it, he shall forthwith publish a Proclamation of the fact in such of the newspapers as he may think proper; and shall issue a writ of election to every sheriff in the State, requiring him to call a poll for the election of Delegates in the Convention, at the same places, and under the same rules, as prescribed for holding other State elections, and at such time as the Governor may designate.

V. Be it further enacted, That the same persons who were appointed to hold the polls in taking the vote on Convention, shall hold them for the election of Delegates; provided, that if any of those inspectors shall fail to attend or act, the Sheriffs and their deputies shall supply their places in the manner hereinbefore pointed out.

VI. Be it further enacted, That the several County Courts shall allow the Sheriffs the same compensation for holding said elections, that they usually allow for holding other State elections. And if any Sheriff or other officer, appointed to hold said elections, shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Act, he shall be liable to a fine of one thousand dollars, recoverable before any competent jurisdiction, to the use of the County Solicitor to prosecute such suits.

VII. Be it further enacted, That all persons qualified to vote for members of the House of Commons, under the present Constitution, shall be entitled to vote for members in said Convention; and all free white men, of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been resident in the State one year previous to, and shall continue to be so resident at the time of election, shall be eligible to a seat in said Convention; provided, he possesses the freehold required of a member of the House of Commons under the present Constitution.

VIII. Be it further enacted, That each County in this State shall be entitled to elect two Delegates to said Convention, and no more.

IX. Be it further enacted, That if any vacancy shall occur in any county delegation, by death or otherwise, the Governor shall forthwith issue his writ to supply the vacancy. And the Delegates shall convene in or near the city of Raleigh, on the first Thursday in June next; and, provided a quorum does not attend that day, the Delegates may adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is present; and a majority of Delegates elected shall constitute a quorum to do business.

X. Be it further enacted, That no Delegate elect shall be permitted to take his seat in Convention until he shall have taken and subscribed the following oath or affirmation: "I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will not, either directly or indirectly, evade, or disregard the duties enjoined or the limits fixed to this Convention by the People of North Carolina, as set forth in the Act of Assembly, passed in 1834, entitled 'An Act concerning a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina,' which Act was ratified by the People. So help me God."

XI. Be it further enacted, That the Public Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, upon the warrant of the Governor, such sums of money as may be necessary for the contingent charges of the Convention; and also to pay each member of the Convention one dollar and fifty cents per day during his attendance thereon, and five cents for every mile he may travel to and from the Convention.

XII. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Governor, immediately after the ratification of this Act, to transmit a copy to each County Court Clerk in the State, and cause it to be published, until the meeting of the Convention, in the newspapers of the State.

XIII. Be it further enacted, That the following propositions shall be submitted to the people for their assent or dissent to the same; the former of which shall be understood as expressed by the votes for "Convention," and the latter by the votes "No Convention" or "Against Convention," at the time and in the mode hereinbefore provided, to-wit: That the said Convention, when a quorum of the delegates who shall be elected and assembled, shall frame and devise amendments to the Constitution of this State, so as to reduce the number of members in the Senate to not less than thirty-four, nor more than fifty, to be elected by districts; which districts shall be laid off at convenient and prescribed periods by counties, in proportion to the public taxes paid into the Treasury of the State by the citizens thereof; provided that no county shall be divided in the formation of a Senatorial district. And when there are one or more counties having an excess of taxation above the ratio required to form a Senatorial district, adjoining a county or counties deficient in such ratio, the excess or excesses aforesaid shall be added to the taxation of the county or counties deficient; and if, with such addition, the county or counties receiving it shall have the requisite ratio, such county or counties each shall constitute a Senatorial district. 2. That the said Convention shall frame and devise a further amendment to the said Constitution, whereby to reduce the number of members in the House of Commons to not less than ninety, nor more than one hundred and twenty, exclusive of borough members, which the Convention shall have the discretion to exclude in whole

or part, and the residue to be elected by counties or districts, or both, according to their federal population; i. e. according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons; and the enumeration to be made at convenient and prescribed periods; but each county shall have at least one member in the House of Commons, although it may not contain the requisite ratio of population. 3. That the said Convention shall also frame and devise amendments to said Constitution, whereby it shall be made necessary for persons voting for a Senator, and persons eligible to the Senate, to possess the same residence and freehold qualification respectively in the Senatorial district, as is now required in the county; provided, that they shall not in any manner disqualify any of the free white men of this State from voting for members in the House of Commons, who are qualified to vote under the existing Constitution of this State. 4. That said Convention may also consider of, and in their discretion propose, the following other amendments to said Constitution, or any of them, viz: 1. To abrogate or restrict the right of free negroes or mulattoes to vote for members of the Senate or House of Commons. 2. To disqualify members of the Assembly and officers of the State, or those who hold places of trust under the authority of this State, from being or continuing such while they hold any other office or appointment under the Government of this State or of the United States, or any other government whatever. 3. To provide that capitation tax on slaves and free white polls shall be equal throughout the State. 4. To provide some mode of appointing and removing from office militia officers and justices of the peace, different from that which is now practised. 5. To compel the members of the General Assembly to vote *in sece* in the election of officers whose appointment is conferred on that body. 6. To amend the thirty-second article of the Constitution of the State. 7. To provide for supplying vacancies in the General Assembly of this State, when such vacancies occur by resignation, death, or otherwise, before the meeting of the General Assembly. 8. To provide for biennial meetings, instead of annual meetings of the General Assembly; and if they shall determine on biennial sessions, then they may alter the Constitution in such parts of it as require the annual election of members of Assembly and officers of State, and the triennial election of Secretary of State, and provide for their election every two years. 9. To provide for the election of Governor of the State by the qualified voters for the members of the House of Commons, and to prescribe the term for which the Governor shall be elected, and the number of terms during which he shall be eligible. And the said Convention shall adopt ordinances for carrying into effect the amendments which shall be made, and shall submit such amendments to the determination of all the qualified voters of the State; but they shall not alter any other article of the Constitution or Bill of Rights, nor propose any amendments to the same, except those which are hereinbefore enumerated.

XIV. Be it further enacted, That if a majority of voters, at the election first directed to be held by this Act, shall be found "For Convention," it shall be considered and understood that the People, by their votes aforesaid, have conferred on the Delegates to said Convention, the power and authority to make alterations and amendments in the existing Constitution of the State, in the particulars herein enumerated, or any of them, but in no others.

XV. Be it further enacted, That the said Convention, after having adopted amendments to the Constitution, in any or all of said particulars, shall prescribe some mode for the ratification of the same by the People or their representatives; and shall prescribe all necessary ordinances and regulations for the purpose of giving full operation and effect to the Constitution as altered and amended.

XVI. Be it further enacted, That the Convention shall provide in what manner amendments shall in future be made to the Constitution of the State.

Supplemental to an Act, passed at the present session, entitled "An Act concerning a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina."

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, That the following propositions shall be submitted to the People, for their assent or dissent, in the same manner, and under the same forms, regulations, and restrictions, as were prescribed and adopted in an Act, passed at the present session, entitled "An Act concerning a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina;" that the said Convention may, in their discretion, devise and propose the following amendments to the said Constitution, or any of them, so as—1. To provide that the Attorney General shall be elected for a term of years. 2. To provide a tribunal whereby the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, and other officers of the State, may be impeached and tried for corruption and mal-practice in office. 3. To provide that, upon conviction of any Justice of the Peace of any infamous crime, or of corruption and mal-practice in office, his commission shall be vacated, and said Justice rendered forever disqualified from holding such appointment. 4. To provide for the removal of any of the Judges of the Supreme or Superior Courts, in consequence of mental or physical inability, upon a concurrent resolution of two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature. 5. To provide that the salaries of the Judges shall not be diminished during their continuance in office. 6. To provide against unnecessary private legislation. 7. To provide that no Judge of the Supreme or Superior Courts shall, whilst retaining their Judicial office, be eligible to any other, except the Supreme Court Bench.

II. And be it further enacted, That should the People decide in favor of the call of a Convention as provided for in the Act before referred to, the said Convention is hereby authorized and empowered to consider of, and, in their discretion, propose the above additional amendments to the said Constitution, or any of them.

THE PRINTER'S D-1.

NEGROES WANTED. THE Subscriber wishes to purchase LIKELY NEGROES, from ten to thirty years old, and will pay the most liberal prices in Cash.

All who have such property to sell would do well to call on him, or Mr. John Jones, his Agent. He can be found at Mr. Slaughter's Hotel, in Salisbury, and Mr. Jones at Dr. Boyd's Hotel, in Charlotte.

He thinks it proper to say, that he is not concerned in business with Mr. James Huie, or with any other person.

All Letters addressed to him, or Mr. Jones, will be punctually attended to.

ROBERT HUIE, Salisbury, May 24, 1834.

WESTERN CAROLINIAN OFFICE, Salisbury, May 17, 1834.

WE are prepared to execute every kind of Printing in a very superior style, and our charges will be as reasonable as any. Orders from a distance will always meet the most prompt attention.

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SPLENDID SCHEME. NORTH CAROLINA STATE LOTTERY, FIRST CLASS FOR 1835, To be Drawn in Fayetteville, On Friday the 30th of January, 1835, ON THE POPULAR Terminating-Figure System.

STEVENSON & POINTS, MANAGERS.

CAPITAL PRIZE \$6,000!

Table with columns: Prize, Amount, and Total. Includes prizes of 6,000, 3,000, 2,000, 1,000, 500, 300, 200, 100, 50, 30, 20, 15, 10, and 6 dollars.

18,889 Prizes, amounting to \$180,000

A Package of 10 Whole Tickets will cost \$40 00 And must draw nett 17 00

A certificate for a Package of 10 Whole Tickets will be \$23 00 For 10 Half tickets, 11 50 For 10 Quarter tickets, 5 75

All Orders from a distance, by mail (post-paid) or by private conveyance, enclosing the cash or prize-tickets in our previous Lotteries, will receive the most prompt attention, if addressed to STEVENSON & POINTS, Salisbury; and an account of the drawing will be forwarded immediately after its event.

Whole Tickets, \$4 00 Halves, 2 00 Quarters, 1 00

To be had, in the greatest variety of numbers, at Stevenson & Points's Office, (White Row, Mansion Hotel,) SALISBURY, N. C. January 17, 1835.



Coach and Carriage Making, &c., In Salisbury, by J. W. Rainey.

His Shop is on the Main Street, between the Mansion Hotel and the Western Carolinian Printing-Office, where he is prepared to make, on short notice, and on the most reasonable terms, every description of Vehicles, from a stage-coach down to a wheel-barrow.

A large stock of ready-made Work always kept on hand, for sale as cheap as any.

REPAIRING in all its branches will also be promptly attended to, and executed in the very best style of durability and neatness. Jan. 17, 1835.—J. W. RAINEY.

TYPE-FOUNDRY.

E. White and William Hager RESPECTFULLY inform the PRINTERS of the United States (to whom they have long been individually known as Letter-Founders) that they have now formed a Co-Partnership in said business, and hope, from their united, and extensive experience, to be able to give full satisfaction to all who may favor them with orders.

The introduction of Machinery, in place of the tedious and unwholesome process of casting type by hand, (a desiderate felt by the American and European foundrymen,) was by American ingenuity, and at a heavy expenditure of time and money on the part of our senior partner, first successfully accomplished. Extensive machine-cast letter has fully tested and established its superiority in every particular over that cast by the old process.

The Letter-Foundry business will be carried on by the parties before named, under the firm of White, Hager, & Co.

Their Specimen-Book exhibits a complete series, from Diamond to 14-lines Pica—their Book and News Type being in the most modern and approved style.

White, Hager, & Co., are agents for the sale of the Smith and Rust Printing Presses, which they can furnish to their customers at the manufacturers' prices.

Chases, Cases, Composing Sticks, Ink, and every article used in the Printing Business, kept for sale, and furnished at short notice. Old Type taken in exchange for new, at 9 cents per pound.

E. WHITE, WM. HAGER, New York, Jan. 17, 1835.

State of North Carolina: SURRY COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions, NOVEMBER TERM, 1834.

Ambrose Johnson, vs. John Jackson.

In this case it appearing, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the Defendant, John Jackson, is not an inhabitant of this State: It is therefore ordered, by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Western Carolinian, notifying the said Defendant to appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for said county, at the Courthouse in Rockford, on the 2d Monday in February next, to show cause, if any he has, why the land and other property levied on shall not be condemned to satisfy the Plaintiff's debt.

Test, F. K. ARMSTRONG, Clerk. January 17, 1835.—6t Fee 33

Entirely New Assortment OF WATCHES,

JEWELLERY, SPECTACLES, AND Britannia Ware.

(One door above John Murphy's Store, and two doors below Daniel H. Cross's.)

THE Subscriber has just received, from Philadelphia, an assortment of the above articles, and promises to sell much cheaper than they ever have been sold in this part of the country.—His new Stock consists, in part, of the following articles:

- Patent Lever English, Swiss, & French Watches, Ear Rings, (latest fashion,) set with Cornelian, Agate, and Jet; Fine Breast Pins and Finger Rings, set with Cameo, Jet, Pearl, Agate, Jasper, Enamel, Amethyst, and Topaz; Gold Chains; Gold and Plated Watch Keys; Plated, Gilt, and Steel Watch Chains and Keys; Slides and Rings; Ribbon Watch Chains; Gold and Plated Watch Guards; Fine Music Boxes, with shell cases; Silver Pen-Cases and Tooth Picks; Superior Silver THIMBLES, all sizes; Silver Spectacles, with Glasses for all ages; Superior Pen-Knives; Silver Butter-Knives; BRITANNIA WARE, &c. &c. &c.

Watches and Clocks repaired at the shortest notice, and warranted for 12 months. Jewellery and Silver Ware made to order. Old Gold and Silver received as cash.

JOHN C. PALMER, Salisbury, December 27, 1834.

University Hotel,

AT CHAPEL HILL.

THE Subscriber informs the Public that he has opened a House of Entertainment at Chapel Hill, the site of the University of North Carolina. He has taken the buildings and lots immediately opposite Mr. Watts's Hotel, and has erected large and commodious Stables, which will be attended by a faithful Outler, and plentifully supplied with Provender.

He hopes that the travelling public will call on him; he assures them that every exertion will be made, by him, to please and to accommodate. L. C. PATRIDGE, January 10, 1834. 6t

MANSION HOTEL,

Situated at the North Corner of the Courthouse, SALISBURY, N. C.

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the Public in general, that they have recently purchased and taken possession of the above well-known Establishment. They deem it unnecessary to say any thing in regard to the location of the Hotel, as its many conveniences are already known to the travelling public, or can be seen at a single view of the premises: They therefore content themselves with assuring all who may have occasion to visit or travel through this section of country, (Stages, Passengers, Private Gentlemen, and Families) that the accommodations at the Mansion Hotel cannot be surpassed by any house in this State.

With a well-built and well-arranged house, elegant Dining and Lodging-Rooms, clean and well-aired Beds, first-rate Cooks, attentive and industrious Servants, well-furnished Table and Bar, and an accommodating Landlord, the proprietors of the Mansion Hotel can with the greatest confidence insure to all who may honor their house with patronage, a large amount of comfort.

To Travellers. The Great Western Mail-Line, the Direct Line to Raleigh, and the Cheraw Line, all stop at and depart from the MANSION HOTEL; and, having an extensive and secure Stable, and Outlers who are industrious and well-disposed, travellers in private conveyances or on horseback are assured that no pains will be spared to fit their horses for duty on the road after leaving the establishment.

HENRY W. CONNER, RICHARD W. LONG, Salisbury, November 8, 1834.—6m

Travellers' Inn,

SITUATED SOUTHWEST OF THE COURTHOUSE, IN THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON, (N. CAROLINA.)

THE Subscriber takes this method of informing Travellers that he keeps a House of Entertainment in Lexington, (N. C.) on Main Street, Southwest of the Courthouse.

His Table will always be supplied with the best fare that a plentiful neighborhood can afford. His House being capacious, and attended by servants who are industrious and zealous to please, Travellers can always be accommodated with GOOD BEDS in rooms with fire-places. And last, but not the least important consideration, HORSES will always receive such attention in the Stable of the Subscriber, that they may leave it with increased ability to do the service of the road.

JOHN P. MABRY, Lexington, March 8, 1834. 1y

LAND FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber offers for sale a valuable Tract of LAND, containing 845 Acres, lying in Lincoln County, on the Catawba River, about 8 miles below Beattie's Ford.

This Land is of an excellent quality, well adapted to Cotton and all kinds of Grain. A considerable portion of it is low-ground and meadow. The improvements, consisting of a Dwelling and all necessary out-houses, are new and convenient.

The terms will be made easy to the purchaser, and can be ascertained by addressing the subscriber, at Beattie's Ford, or the Catawba Springs Post-Office. JAMES CONNOR, September 6, 1834. 1y

Blanks of all Kinds

Kept constantly on hand at this Office, for sale cheap

BECKWITH'S Anti-Dyspeptic Pills.

THOSE who are afflicted with HEAD-ACHES, HEART-BURNS, and other distressing symptoms of disordered stomach, bowels, and liver, may find relief in Dr. Beckwith's Anti-Dyspeptic Pills, which can be had at this Office—price fifty cents per box.

The Doctor, who once resided in this place, but now lives in Raleigh, has, after a long and extensive practice, been enabled to compound a most valuable remedy for the chronic diseases of the digestive organs, so common in Southern climates, especially with those who lead sedentary lives.

It would be an easy matter to make out certificates to prove that these Pills are a "sovereign remedy" for "all the ills that flesh is heir to;" but it is not pretended that they are an universal antidote. Certificates of the most respectable Physicians and other gentlemen can be shown to substantiate their efficacy in the particular class of diseases above spoken of; and the Editor of this paper can testify that he has derived speedy and permanent relief, in the use of them, from a most distressing and long-continued head-ache. Some of his friends tried them, at his suggestion, and experienced the same beneficial effects. Salisbury, June 14, 1834.—1f

FALL & WINTER FASHIONS FOR 1834-35.

HORACE H. BEARD, Tailor, BEGS leave to inform his friends, and the public in general, that orders in his line will always be thankfully received by him, and executed in the most Neat, Fashionable, and Durable manner—on terms as reasonable as any in this section of country.

H. H. B. hopes, from his long practice of the business, (a number of years of which time he resided in the city of Philadelphia,) and from his general satisfaction he has heretofore given to his numerous respectable and fashionable customers, to merit and receive a portion of the patronage of the public in general.

He flatters himself that his CUTTING is really superior to any done in this State, as may be tested by the undisputed elegance of fit which attends garments made in his establishment. He is in the regular receipt of the Reports of the Fashions as they change both in the large cities of this country and of Europe—so that gentlemen may be satisfied that their orders will always be executed in the very latest style.

Orders from a distance will be attended to with the same punctuality and care as if the customer were present in person. Salisbury, May 17, 1834.—1y

REMOVAL.—Benjamin Fraley, TAILOR, informs his customers and the public in general, that he has removed his Shop to the house adjoining the store of Mr. Wm. Murphy, at the east corner of the Courthouse, in the office of Mr. Matthias, on the Main Street—where he is prepared to do every description of work in the line of his business, in a style superior to any done in this section of country, on as reasonable terms as any, and on short notice.

B. F. regularly receives, from the Northern Cities, the Reports of the Fashions as they vary; and, as he has constantly in his employ a number of workmen who are first-rate, he is enabled to assure the public that all work done by him will be both fashionable and durable.—Garments made by his workmen will in all cases be warranted to fit the customer.

Cutting-Out, for persons who have their work made up elsewhere, will be punctually attended to. Orders from a distance thankfully received, both for cutting out and making up work.

To Tailors.—B. F. respectfully informs the Craft, that he is Agent for the Inventor of the Patent Mode of Cutting, which is now almost universally used at the North, and that he will give instruction to any one who may desire to be more perfect in that branch of the art, for a reasonable compensation. Salisbury, 1834.—1y B. FRALEY.

Current Prices of Produce, &c.

AT SALISBURY, January 28, 1835.

Table of prices for Bacon, Brandy, apple, peach, Butter, Cotton, Coffee, Corn, Feathers, Flour, Flaxseed, Lard, Mackerel, etc.

AT FAYETTEVILLE, January 20.

Table of prices for Bacon, Brandy, apple, Butter, Coffee, Corn, Feathers, Flour, Flaxseed, Lard, Mackerel, etc.

AT CHERAW, (S. C.), January 13.

Table of prices for Bacon, Brandy, apple, Butter, Coffee, Corn, Feathers, Flour, Flaxseed, Lard, Mackerel, etc.

AT COLUMBIA, (S. C.), January 10.

Table of prices for Bacon, Brandy, apple, Butter, Coffee, Corn, Feathers, Flour, Flaxseed, Lard, Mackerel, etc.

AT CAMDEN, (S. C.), January 17.

Table of prices for Bacon, Brandy, apple, Butter, Coffee, Corn, Feathers, Flour, Flaxseed, Lard, Mackerel, etc.