

We will attend the ensuing county court of Davidson, which commences on the 12th instant, and request all persons indebted to us in that county to embrace the opportunity thus offered to settle.

Our old friend and fellow-citizen, Dr. ASHBY SMITH, Surgeon General of the Texian Army, arrived here yesterday evening on his way to Washington City, under orders from the Texian Government.

General Johnson, the Commander of the Army, Col. Hockley, &c., left the seat of Government for the headquarters at Mercer's Ferry, on the Colorado, a few days before Dr. Smith.

It is unnecessary for us to invite the attention of our readers to the highly interesting letter which will be found in our paper to-day, from Dr ASHBY SMITH, our late fellow-citizen. The friends of Texas will find this letter highly interesting and edifying.

The numerous and ardent friends of Dr. Smith, view with pride the distinguished position he occupies in the flourishing new republic—a position ornamented in a no less degree than it is merited by his distinguished attainments and rare powers of intellect.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE CAROLINIAN:

SIR: I am a subscriber to your paper, and also to the Watchman—and in common with you both, opposed to the re-election of the present Chief Magistrate of the United States. I believe he went into the Executive Chair through a rent in the Constitution, and at the same time treading under foot, the purity of the elective franchise.

It is true, he may not be as well qualified as the Watchman to read them, and then to declare on my events. I differ from our neighbor—First, it appears to me not quite certain, that Mr. Van Buren will be a candidate, but on the contrary most probable he will not.

lieved that Mr. Clay was mainly instrumental in defeating the voice of the people—many of our citizens know that Mr. Clay is styled the father of the American System—that he is in favor of Internal Improvements by the General Government—that he is in favor of a National Bank—that he approved of the principles of the proclamation—and voted for the force bill.

SOLITARY AND ALONE.

January 23, 1838. Abolition—the Union.—The Hon. R. B. Rhett, of S. Carolina, has come out in a Card in the Washington papers, addressed to his constituents, explaining and defending certain language used by him in a letter to the Editor of the Charleston Mercury, written soon after the meeting of the Southern members of Congress at the Capitol in Washington on the abolition question.

Mr. Rhett, it seems, had prepared Resolutions to introduce as a substitute for the Resolutions of the fanatic Slade, for abolishing Slavery in the District of Columbia: these Resolutions were not offered by Mr. Rhett, but their substance stated to the Editor of the Mercury, and thus having drawn forth various comments from northern papers, Mr. R. has seen fit to come out in their defence. The Resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That a Committee of two members from each State in the Union, be appointed to report upon the expediency or practicability of amending the Constitution so as to prevent the possibility of dissolving the Union.

These are very strong Resolutions indeed, and it is probably well they were not offered at the time they were prepared, as the state of excitement among the members was such, that much mischief might have been done thereby. But they embrace the true ground for the South—the ground which she will be ultimately compelled to take, or give up her vital spark, and we do not see why the position might not as well be taken one time as another.

Sub-Treasury Bill.—On our first page will be found the Bill reported by the Finance Committee to the Senate of Congress, for reorganizing the Treasury Department to perform the duties of a fiscal agent to the Government, called the Sub-Treasury Bill.

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Congress.—Although we devote much of our space weekly to reports of the proceedings of Congress, yet we are able to give but a skeleton of the exciting and animated, and even angry debates which have occurred in that body.

Earthquake in Mexico.—Mexican papers to the 22d December, received by the New Orleans Bee, contain particulars of the late severe earthquakes with which that country has been visited.

As will be seen on reference to our report, the Committee of Ways and Means have reported a Bill making a special appropriation of \$1,000,000 for carrying on the Florida war. The bill was passed almost unanimously, without any other opposition than that of Mr. Wise, who seems to take a pride in opposing all appropriations, whether necessary or no for the public safety.

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From the Raleigh Register. TERRIBLE TORNADO. A most destructive Tornado, or Whirlwind, passed over a portion of Surry County, in this State, on the 18th instant, for the subjoined account of which we are indebted to Josiah Cowles, Esq., of Hamptonville:—*Ral. Reg.*

It is really no wonder that our neighbor over the way is a latitudinarian in his construction of the Constitution, for he seems to have learned the trade of construing and torturing language and sentences to suit his purpose to a nicety. He says in his last, that we attempted to justify a change of opinion in Mr. Calhoun by charging a similar change upon Mr. Clay.

Henry Humphreys, of Greensborough.—It will be recollected that this enterprising and public spirited gentleman, who is an honor to our State, was indicted at the last term of Guilford Superior Court, for issuing his own due bills, as change, for convenience, all of which he redeemed when presented.

Fletcherized.—This is a new epithet in the vocabulary, and is getting into pretty extensive use lately. Fletcherized is used to designate a man who has morally and politically used himself up—led himself to death—and may also be applied to a party.

The Hon. John Black, one of the Mississippi Senators in Congress, has resigned his seat. Mr. Black is a true southern whig; but will be succeeded by a friend of the administration, as that party constitute a majority of the present Legislature of Mississippi.

A Bill has passed the Legislature of Kentucky for the call of a Convention to amend the State Constitution, with the express view, if the call for a Convention be sustained, of abolishing the institution of domestic slavery in that State.

Canada War. From the Detroit Free Press of Jan. 8. We learn that on the requisition of the United States District Attorney for this district, two hundred men have been drafted in this city by order of the Governor, for the purpose of aiding the federal authorities in executing the laws of the United States, passed to preserve peace and neutrality with foreign nations.

American Rail-Road Journal.—This valuable publication, in consequence of the calamitous fire in New York two years since, by which the office and its contents were all consumed, was suspended for a short time. But by the following notice, and a copy of the publication, received by the last mail, we are glad to see its publication again commenced, under the most favorable circumstances.

RAIL-ROAD JOURNAL.—Extra. New York, Jan. 19, 1838.

DEAR SIR: Circumstances, arising from the general depression of business, compelled us to suspend, in August last, the publication of the Railroad Journal, Mechanic's Magazine, and New York Farmer.

The Railroad Journal for 1838 will be published in a form similar to the English periodicals, more convenient for preservation and reference, and will be more exclusively devoted to Internal Improvements, Science, and Mechanics, than heretofore. It will be published semi-monthly, and stitched in a cover, which will be used as an advertising sheet.

D. K. MINOR, G. C. SCHAEFFER.

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It was then about 600 yards distant, and the conviction was now certain that it must touch our little village. It seemed to cover an area of about 100 yards in diameter, presenting a dense column from the earth to the clouds.

The Storm lifted a four horse Waggon, carried it some distance, set it down upon, and broke a fence without upsetting the Waggon. As it was near night when the Storm occurred, and the Mail leaves before day, I am not able to give a more extended account of it. I fear a great deal of damage has been done in the neighborhood.

Very respectfully, JOSIAH COWLES.

From the Albany Daily Advertiser of Jan. 23. To balance these accounts is another by an express at Kingston, from the London district, signed by John B. Askin, stating that a detachment of royalist boats had succeeded in capturing, after a short engagement, near Malden, a schooner with 400 stand of arms, 3 pieces of cannon, and abundance of ammunition on board—the number of men not mentioned, but it is stated that the schooner lost one killed, 8 wounded, and 12 prisoners.

IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE. The above seems to be confirmed by the annexed which reached us at 2 o'clock from our correspondent in Montreal under date of the 19th inst.

The rebels defeated at Amherstburg; 1 schooner 3 pieces of cannon, 400 stand of arms, and abundance of ammunition taken; 1 killed, 8 wounded, and 12 prisoners, amongst them notorious characters from this and Detroit.

LONDON, JAN. 13, 1838. From the Kingston Herald of Jan. 16. The traveller also brings the accounts of a gallant action at Amherstburg. A gang of pirates robbed the arsenal at Detroit, loaded a schooner with the spoils, and sailed to Amherstburg, and fired on the town.

Lieutenant Wright arrived by express, bringing the satisfactory intelligence of the capture of a rebel schooner, without the loss of a man, on our side, with three pieces of cannon, and twenty prisoners; among the number, a Dr. Thieller, of notorious memory.

At 3 o'clock this morning precisely, our little church bell sounded an alarm. Every man was at his post in five minutes. The old, the young, the strong, the weak, every man who could raise a gun or pistol, joined the ranks along the shore, and coolly awaited the attack of a steambot, which lay on the opposite side of the river, filled with armed men.

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after giving three vociferous cheers; the steamer's bow was turned down stream, and was soon out of sight.

From the peculiar run of the boat, we are almost certain it was the Erie, which has thus far proved herself the ally of the rebels.

To J. B. ASKIN, Esq.

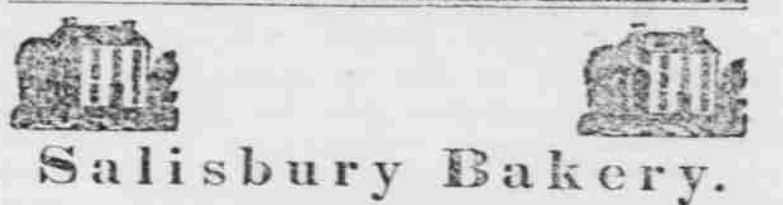
The border war.—The Navy Islanders have at length abandoned their post. They quietly surrendered their arms which they had purloined from the New York Arminals, and dispersed on the American shore.

[From our Chevaux Correspondent.] CHEVAUX, 29th January, 1838.

DEAR SIR: The sales of Cotton for the past week have been unusually large for our market, and at very firm prices. The chief sales have been at 9 to 9 1/2 cts. for new, and in some instances over 10 cts. has been paid.

Yours respectfully, UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

In Cabarrus County, on the 18th ult., by Charles W. Harris Esq., Mr. JAMES COPE to Miss MARGARET, only daughter of Robert T. Pinnick Esq.



Salisbury Bakery. MRS. FRALEY RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Salisbury, that in addition to her Confectionary, she has employed MR. WELCH, of New-York, who is a professed Baker, to carry on that business in all its various branches—such as the following, viz:

LOAF BREAD, BUTTER CRACKERS, SUGAR CRACKERS, POUND AND SPUNGE CAKE; Jumbles, Ginger Nuts, Sugar Ginger Bread, Molasses Ginger Bread, Tea Rusk Muffins, Spunge Biscuit, Tart, Pies, & Spunge GINGER BREAD.

And all kind of CAKES that are baked in the principal cities. Any of the above articles can be furnished to families, by giving timely notice.

Private Entertainment. THOS. FOSTER INFORMS his friends and the public, that he has taken the House formerly occupied by Col. Wm. F. Kelly, in the town of Mocksville, Davie county, with the view of keeping PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT.

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BARTEENWARE, CHINA, AND GLASS. THOMAS J. BARROW, IMPORTER, No. 35, Nassau Street, New-York, OFFERS for sale a COMPLETE ASSORTMENT in the above line, comprising many very choice patterns—repacked to order for the country trade, or in the original package. Orders by letter will receive every attention.

STAGES. For Salisbury and Morganton. THE Stages from Fayetteville for Salisbury are now in operation. They leave Fayetteville on the mornings of Monday and Friday, at five o'clock, and arrive at Salisbury on the evenings of the next days to tea.

New-York, Jan. 3, 1838. (Feb. 2) 11w

Agents: J. BROWN, (Lafayette Hotel), Fayetteville, A. C. CURRY, Carthage, T. A. HAGUE, Salisbury, T. M. YOUNG, Statesville, R. C. PEARSON, Morganton.

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