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### RATES OF ADVERTISING.

HALF SQUARE.		ONE SQUARE.	
1 day.....	\$ 25	1 day.....	\$ 50
2 days.....	37 1/2	2 days.....	75
3 days.....	50	3 days.....	1 00
4 days.....	62 1/2	4 days.....	1 25
5 days.....	75	5 days.....	1 50
1 week.....	87 1/2	1 week.....	1 75
2 weeks.....	1 37 1/2	2 weeks.....	2 75
1 month.....	2 00	1 month.....	4 00
2 months.....	3 50	2 months.....	7 00
3 months.....	5 00	3 months.....	10 00
6 months.....	8 00	6 months.....	16 00
1 year.....	15 00	1 year.....	30 00

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C. D. ELLIS. H. F. RUSSELL. J. B. RUSSELL.

### ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.

General Commission Merchants and Ship Brokers, Wilmington, N. C. Refer to E. P. HALL, Esq., President Branch Bank of the State, Wilmington.

### JOSEPH H. FLANNER,

General Commission Merchant, Wilmington, N. C. [2-ly]

### SAVAGE & MEARES,

Commission and Forwarding Merchants, Wilmington N. C. Sept. 9th, 1851

### JACKSONVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Second Session of this School will commence on the 20th October, under the immediate supervision of the Rev. W. O. REID and Lady. All possible pains will be taken to make this one among the best Schools in the Eastern part of the State. A thorough English education will be given, and the languages will also be taught if desired. Board can be had on reasonable terms in the best of families, varying from \$3 to \$7 50 per month.

Terms of Tuition per session of five months.  
Primary English branches.....\$8 00  
Higher branches in English.....12 50  
French.....5 00  
German.....5 00  
Music on Piano.....17 00  
For use of instrument.....3 00  
Music on Guitar.....15 00  
Drawing and Painting in water colors.....5 00  
Fancy and Ornamental Needle Work.....3 00  
Vocal Music taught gratis.  
No reduction whatever in tuition from time of entrance, except in case of protracted sickness.  
By order of Board of Trustees.

### JASPER ETHERIDGE, President.

Jacksonville, Onslow co., N. C., Sept. 3, 1851. 1-1m  
Spirit of the Age, (Raleigh), and Newbernian, (Newbern), will copy 4 months, and forward bills to Jacksonville.

### NOTICE.

The subscriber having obtained letters of Administration upon the Estate of the late Timothy W. Bludworth, at the September Term 1851 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of New-Hanover, hereby notifies all persons indebted to his intestate, to come forward and make payment; and those having claims against said intestate, are notified to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.  
D. S. SANDERS, Adm'r.  
September 9th, 1851. 1-2m

### TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber has leased for a term of years, of R. W. Brown, Esq., his fire-proof store, with his wharves, and is now in a condition to take especial care of Spirits Turpentine and other Naval Stores committed to his care. The Warehouse is well known to be the best and safest place in town for the storage of Bacon, Lard, Corn, Peas, &c. The lower wharves have on them four large new sheds, where Spirits can be safely kept from the rain and sun. He is prepared to receive and ship, or sell, all kinds of produce sent to his care. He will also make advances when required.  
He begs to refer to the following gentlemen:—R. W. Brown, John Dawson, O. G. Parsley, and Thos. H. Wright, Esqrs.  
MILES COSTIN,  
Brown's wharf, Wilmington, N. C.  
September 12, 1851. 1-12m  
North Carolinian and Observer, Fayetteville; Republican & Patriot, and Telegraph, Goldsboro; and Patriot, Weldon, will copy the above twelve months.

### WANTED TO CONTRACT FOR.

The subscriber wishes to contract for One Million of Red Oak Hhd. Staves, of the following dimensions, viz:—Full 4 inches long, 3/4 inch thick on the thin edge; to average 4 inches in width; none to be less than 3 1/2. They must be got out of good, sound timber, and not to show much sap. They must be rough shaved with the drawing knife. For which quality of Staves, I am willing to pay \$18 per thousand.  
E. D. HALL,  
Wilmington, Aug. 29, 1851. 51-1f

### TO THE PUBLIC.

The undersigned having entered into a Co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the Boot and Shoe Business in all its branches, take this method of informing their friends and the public that they will open, about the 20th September, one of the most fashionable stores ever offered in this market, all of which shall be of the best MATERIAL and WORKMANSHIP. They intend to MANUFACTURE LARGELY, and have procured the services of some of the best workmen in the country. They hope by strict attention and a determination to please, to merit a liberal share of patronage.  
R. J. JONES,  
THOS. M. GARDNER.  
Wilmington, August 30, 1851. 52-1f

### \$300 REWARD.

ESCAPED from the Jail of Kershaw District, on Monday, the 14th day of July last, Samuel J. Love, who was convicted for the murder of Mr. Robert J. Lester, at Spring Term, 1851. Said Love is about 20 or 21 years of age, 6 ft. 2 inches high, has rather dark hair, and of a sallow complexion, and has a down-cast look, with dark grey eyes, and some of his front teeth a little decayed, and is a carpenter by trade. I will give the above reward to any person who will apprehend the said S. J. Love, and lodge him in any Jail in this State, or One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for his safe confinement in any Jail in the United States, so that I can get him.  
JOHN INGRAM, S. K. D.  
Camden, So. Ca., August 8, 1851. 49-6m

\$25 REWARD.—Runaway from the subscriber, about the 8th of July, a mulatto fellow named WINDSOR, about 35 years old. He is about five feet eleven inches high, full bushy hair; rather slow spoken, and rather spare built, his front teeth slightly decayed, and probably one or both of his eye teeth out. Said negro is a Cooper by trade, and will attempt to pass as a free man, and may probably have free papers, as he has said he can go any where. He is a little rickety about the eyes, and has an old appearance. The subscriber will give the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to him, in Conwayboro', S. C., or confinement in any Jail in North Carolina, so that he can get him. Said negro belongs to James M. Bell, of Greenville, N. C., of whom I hired him.  
August 1st, 1851—47-1f S. BELL.  
Fayetteville Observer if, and send bill to this office.

### WANTED TO PURCHASE.

TWO competent Blacksmiths, aged from 25 to 35, and a good Wheelwright. For such as will suit, we will pay the highest cash price.  
O. & G. HOLMES.  
April 11, 1851. 51-1f

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

#### NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—September Term, 1851.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that a certain negro named GEORGE AARON, has been confined in the Jail of New Hanover county for twelve months as a runaway slave, and that the requirements of our statute laws in such cases made and provided has been complied with. (See Revised Statutes, chapter III, section 16.) It is therefore ordered by the Court that the Sheriff of New Hanover county expose at public sale, the said George Aaron, as a slave, at the Court-House in Wilmington, on the second Monday in December next.  
OWEN FENNEL,  
Sheriff of New Hanover county.  
Wilmington, Sept. 13, 1851. 2-3m

### THAYER'S PATENT BRIDGE.

A NEW and valuable trestle Bridge has been patented by Mr. G. W. Thayer, of Massachusetts, which will be found to be an important invention. The amount of strength attained by the structure is spoken of as being wonderful. The inventor feels confident that no weight which could be placed upon it, could break it down. This consideration, taken together with the economy with which it may be built, will render it worthy the attention of all who are interested in the subject. This bridge is adapted peculiarly to Railroads as well as county roads, as it can be made of any required span, so as not to obstruct the navigation of streams when rafts or boats might be desired to pass, and can also be built at a very moderate expense.

ISAAC WELLS, Wilmington, N. C., is Agent for this State, as also for South Carolina and Virginia, and will attend to all communications upon the subject addressed to him, post paid.  
Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 8th, 1851. 48-1y

### \$25 REWARD.

BROKE JAIL in Whiteville, Columbus county, on Saturday night, the 19th inst., a man, or boy, by the name of ELIAH ARNOLD. Said Arnold is about 19 years old, about four ft. six inches high, light hair, and looks pale in the face, badly grown, and will weigh about 85 or 90 lbs. He has been convicted of murder. I will give the above reward of Twenty-Five Dollars for his delivery to me in Whiteville, or any Jail so that I can get him again.  
LEWIS WILLIAMSON, Sheriff.  
Whiteville, April 21, 1851. 33-1f

### VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

I offer for sale my entire Real Estate, upon which are thirty-five sets of Boxes; the most of which have only been in use from one to two years; with a sufficient quantity of round trees to cut at least twenty sets more; the lands upon which these are situated, is not easily surpassed by any piney lands in Eastern Carolina. There is upon the premises two Distilleries neatly and conveniently fitted up with all necessary out-houses. Upon the farm, I think the buildings altogether are seldom excelled. Those wishing to purchase are invited to examine for themselves. Terms shall be low, and payments accommodating. Come and see.  
Any person wishing to purchase, can be furnished with a sufficient number of teams and wagons to carry on both the operations of Farm and Turpentine, and with a year's supply of provision.  
JOHN A. ABBETT,  
Catharine Lake, Onslow co., N. C., July 22, 1850. 47-1f

### LOOK AT THIS.

The undersigned having determined on moving South, offers for sale his plantation whereon he now resides, in Duplin county, lying on the main road from Fayetteville to Newbern, three miles west of Kenansville, containing about 900 Acres, one-half of which is cleared and in a good state of cultivation; and he has no hesitation in saying that it is the best Corn plantation in the neighborhood. The Dwelling House is convenient and comfortable, with the best set of out-buildings in the County.  
Also, one tract of Tar and Turpentine Land near the Rail Road, three miles below Strickland's Depot, containing about 600 Acres.  
Also, a valuable Steam Mill, (of ten horse power,) located at Strickland's, in good order; and a superior team of Horses, Waggon, &c.  
A bargain can be had by applying soon, and payments made accommodating and easy.  
JAS. M. MIDDLETON,  
Duplin county, Oct. 25, 1850. 7-1f

### REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

The Lots and improvements thereon, at Saratoga, Duplin county, N. C., formerly occupied by Wm. O. Jeffrey as a Store and Distillery, are offered for sale. The situation is a very advantageous location for the above or any other business. For particulars, apply to  
I. H. & J. J. KELLY,  
Kenansville, Duplin co., N. C., April 18, 1851. 32-1f

### FOR SALE.

A COMFORTABLE dwelling house, with suitable out-houses and a well of good water, 2 1/2 miles from Wilmington, together with 50 or 100 acres of land around it. The house is new and well furnished; two stories high, and has five comfortable rooms. There are about 7 acres of cleared land immediately around the house, 1 acre of which is well improved as a garden spot. The remaining 6 acres are in cultivation, and contain about 100 young apple and peach trees, and 30 flourishing young seppersong vines. The location is believed to be perfectly healthy. For terms and further information, apply to  
L. I. HOWZE, Esq.,  
Nov. 29. 12-1f

### FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale the following tracts of land, lying at Lockwood's Folly, in Brunswick county, only 28 miles from Wilmington. The property will be sold in lots to suit purchasers:  
1400 acres of Turpentine and Corn land, lying on Lockwood's Folly River, and having on it an excellent grist mill.  
400 acres only 10 miles from Smithville. Also,  
A lot containing 3 acres, and lying within a few hundred yards of Lockwood's Folly Bridge, on the Georgetown road. A desirable site for a country store.  
Persons desirous of purchasing, can make application in Wilmington, to W. A. Rourke, or on the premises to  
U. W. ROURK,  
Brunswick Co., Aug. 1, '51. 47-1f

### NEW GOODS.

WE have received a part, and daily expecting the balance, of our Fall Stock of Groceries and Ship Chandlery, which was purchased direct from the importers and manufacturers, and selected with great care. We respectfully invite our customers and the public to call and examine our stock, as we are determined to sell at the lowest prices. Our stock consists in part—  
300 bags Rio, Laguyra, St. Domingo, Java, and Mocha  
25 bbls P. R. Sugar; (Coffee)  
200 bbls refined, crushed, powdered, & granulated Sugar;  
25 boxes loaf Sugar;  
50 bbls coffee crushed, do.  
Teas of all varieties, Green and Black;  
200 boxes Soap;  
300 Sperm, Adamantine and Mould Candles;  
100 Lemon Syrup;  
1,000 reams Wrapping Paper;  
200,000 Cigars, all grades and kinds;  
100 boxes Tobacco—a fine article;  
100 bbls Whiskey, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Wines, and Cordials, of every variety and quality;  
Butter, Lard, Rice, Flour, Salt, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Mustard, Cassia, Nutmegs, Cheese, Crackers, Bread, &c.  
Cordage, Duck, Blocks, Anchors, Chains, Lanterns, Compasses, and every article required on board of ships.  
We also have a large stock of Wooden and Willow Ware, Hardware, Dry Goods, &c.; besides numerous articles not mentioned. Please call and examine our stock.  
Sept. 13, 1851. HOWARD & PEDEN.  
Oils—5 barrels, landing from schr. Leick.  
ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.

### Arrival and Departure of the Mails at Wilmington.

The mail from the North, by Railroad, arrives daily about 11 A. M.

The mail from the South, by Steamer from Charleston, arrives daily about 8 A. M.

The mail from Fayetteville, via Warsaw, is due daily upon the arrival of the cars.

The mail from Fayetteville, via Elizabethtown, by sulkey, is due on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 9 A. M.

The mail from Onslow Court-House, by sulkey, is due on Mondays, at 5 P. M.

The mail from Black River Chapel, via Long Creek, by sulkey, is due on Thursdays, at 5 P. M.

### Closing of Mails.

The mail for the North, by Railroad, closes daily at 10 P. M.

The mail for the South, by Steamboat, closes daily at 10 1/2 A. M.

The mail for Fayetteville, via Warsaw, closes daily at 10 P. M.

The mail for Fayetteville, via Elizabethtown, by sulkey, closes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 9 1/2 A. M.

The mail for Onslow Court-House, by sulkey, closes on Thursdays, at 10 P. M.

The mail for Long Creek, by sulkey, closes on Thursdays, at 10 P. M.

Letters should be in the Office at least 15 minutes before the time of closing the mails.

### LEGAL RATES OF INTEREST.

IN THE DIFFERENT STATES AND TERRITORIES.  
Maine, 6 per cent.; forfeit of the claim.  
New Hampshire, 6 per cent.; forfeit of thrice the amount unlawfully taken.  
Vermont, 6 per cent.; recovery in action and costs.  
Massachusetts, 6 per cent.; forfeit of thrice the usury.  
Rhode Island, 6 per cent.; forfeit of the usury and interest on the debt.  
Connecticut, 6 per cent.; forfeit of the whole debt.  
New York, 7 per cent.; usurious contracts void.  
New Jersey, 7 per cent.; forfeit of the whole debt.  
Pennsylvania, 6 per cent.; forfeit of the whole debt.  
Delaware, 6 per cent.; forfeit of the whole debt.  
Maryland, 6 per cent.; on tobacco contracts 8; usurious contracts void.  
Virginia, 6 per cent.; forfeit double the usury.  
North Carolina, 6 per cent.; contracts for usury void—forfeit double the usury.  
South Carolina, 7 per cent.; forfeit of interest and premium taken, with costs.  
Georgia, 8 per cent.; forfeit thrice the usury.  
Alabama, 8 per cent.; forfeit of interest and usury.  
Mississippi, 8 per cent.; by contract 10—usury recoverable in action for debt.  
Louisiana, 5 per cent.; Bank interest 6—contract 8—beyond contract, interest void.  
Tennessee, 6 per cent.; usurious contracts void.  
Kentucky, 6 per cent.; usury recoverable with costs.  
Ohio, 6 per cent.; usurious contracts void.  
Indiana, 6 per cent.—a fine of double the excess.  
Illinois, 6 per cent.—by contract 12—beyond forfeits thrice the interest.  
Missouri, 6 per cent.—by contract 10—if beyond, forfeit of interest and usury.  
Michigan, 7 per cent.—forfeit of usury one-fourth of debt.  
Arkansas, 6 per cent.—by agreement 10—usury recoverable, but contract void.  
District Columbia, 6 per cent.—usurious contracts void.  
Florida, 6 per cent.—forfeit interest and excess.  
Wisconsin, 7 per cent.—by contract 12—forfeit thrice the excess.  
Iowa, by agreement, and enforced by law.  
On debts or judgments in favor of the United States, interest is computed at 6 per cent. per annum.

### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

There are denominations frequently met with in reports of markets, but their English value will not always readily be recollected. The following table will be found, we believe, correct:  
Atn, in Rotterdam, nearly gals 40  
Almude, in Portugal, contains do. 4-37  
Almude, in Madeira, do. 4-63  
Alquiere, in Madeira, over pks 1-58 to nearly 2  
Alquiere, in Bahia, bush. 1  
Alquiere, in Maranhao, do. 1-14  
Alquiere, Rio Janeiro, Pernambuco, do. 1 to 1-4  
Anna, of rice, in Ceylon, lbs. 26-25  
Archa, in Portugal, do. 32  
Archa, in Spain, do. 2  
Archa, in Spain, (large) gals. 4-26  
Archa, in Spain, (small) do. 3-37  
Archa, in Madaga, of wine, about do. 4-14  
Arsheen, in Russia, inches 28  
Barbar, in Batavia, peculs 3 to 4 1-2  
Bale of Cinnamon, in Ceylon, net, lbs. 104 5-8  
Balls, in Naples, equals about gals. 11  
Cantar, the Levant, contains 44 okes, lbs. 118-8  
Cantar, in Leghorn, of oil, lbs. 88  
Cantar, in Malta, do. 174 1-2  
Cantar, in Naples, lbs. 108 to 196 1-2  
Cantar, in Sicily, do. 475 to 196 1-2  
Carro, in Naples, is equal to about bushels 50  
Carro, in Naples, of wine, gals. 264  
Cata, of tea, in China, is about the 1-12  
Cuyang, in Batavia, lbs. 3581  
Chevon, in Russia, nearly bushels 6  
Fanga, in Spain, bushels 1-591  
Hectolitre, in France, do. 2-99  
Kilogramme, France and Netherlands, lbs. 2-24  
Last, in Amsterdam, of grain, bushels 85 1-4  
Last, in Bremen, of grain, over do. 80 2-3  
Last, in Cadix, of salt, do. 75 4-5  
Last, in Danzig, of grain, do. 92  
Last, in Flushing, of grain, do. 92 1-2  
Last, in Hamburg, of grain, do. 92  
Last, of Lubec, of grain, do. 91  
Last, in Portugal, of salt, do. 70  
Last, in Rotterdam, of grain, do. 85 1-29  
Last, in Sweden, do. 75  
Last, in Utrecht, of grain, over do. 56  
Lispound, in Hamburg, lbs. 16 5 oz.  
Lispound, in Holland, do. 18 4 oz.  
Mark, in Holland, oz. 9  
Mina, in Calcutta, lbs. 75 to 84  
Mina, in Genna, of grain, bushels 4-43  
Moy, in Lisbon, do. 24  
Moy, in Oporto, do. 20  
Moyo, of Portugal, contains over bushels 23  
Oke, in Smyrna, lbs. 2-83  
Orao, in Trieste, of wine, gals. 14-94  
Orao, of oil, do. 17  
Palmo, in Naples, is a little over inches 10  
Pecal, in Batavia and Madras, lbs. 133 1-2  
Pecal, in China and Japan, do. 133 1-8  
Pipe, in Spain, of wine, gals 16 to 164  
Food, in Russia, equal to 36 lbs. 2 oz. nearly  
Quintal, in Portugal, lbs. 59-05  
Quintal, in Smyrna, do. 129-48  
Quintal, in Spain, do. 96  
Quintal, in Turkey, do. 167 3 oz.  
Rottolo, in Portugal, do. 12-4 oz.  
Rottolo, in Genna, do. 24  
Rottolo, in Leghorn, lbs. 3  
Selma, in Sicily, varies from 1-12 to nearly bushels 3  
Ship pound, Hamburg and Denmark, lbs. 351  
Ship-pound, in Holland, lbs. 368 4 oz.  
Stato, in Trieste, bushels 2-3-8  
Tape, in China, oz. 1-1-2  
Tara, in Rio Janeiro, 1-1-4 yd. nearly  
Vera, in Spain, 100 are equal to yds. 905  
Werst, in Russia, feet 32-00

### REMOVED FROM THE OLD STAND—BOOT & SHOE STORE.

REMOVED from the old stand of Morehouse & Peirson, Market-street, to the store formerly occupied by Mr. Hoard, Front-street, third door South of Messrs. Polley & Hart's.  
The subscriber has on hand every variety of Ladies' Gaiters, Boots, and Slippers; and all of this spring and summer manufacture.  
He has also on hand a complete assortment of Gentlemen's Fine Calf, Kip and French Calf Boots. In fact, every article in the Boot and Shoe line; all of which he will sell at first cost.  
V. R. PEIRSON, Agent.  
Sept. 5, 1851. 52-1f

CREW LISTS.—A large supply on hand and for sale low at the JOURNAL OFFICE.

### From the New York Spirit of the Times. A Wisconsin Debating Society.

Wisconsin is a great State, and Gen. Henry Dodge is her greatest man, in the estimation of her citizens. It was a good many years ago that a horseman might have been seen alighting from his jaded steed, at the close of a pleasant day in the fall of the year, in front of a substantial looking tavern in the village of J——, and State of Wisconsin. A few moments later he might have been seen carefully directing the hostler to give proper attention to his panting horse; and a few moments later still he might have been seen devouring with avidity the substantial meal spread before him in the supper-room of his host. All this might have been seen, and more too, if you, gentle reader, had been there to see.

"Landlord," said the dismounted horseman, as he pulled away at a Cuba short six, "landlord, any amusements in the village to-night?—meeting, singing-school, or anything?"

"Well, no, stranger," replied the host, "not exactly any amusements, if you'd only come a little sooner, now, for we had Howe & Mabus's Circus here a week ago, and they had a first rate clown. But that's a Debatin' Club over to the school-house to-night; spoz'n you go over?"

Rejoiced to find anything wherewith to while away the tedious hours of night, our traveller assented, and to the "Debatin' Club" he went. The house was a country school-house, and I presume that you, kind reader, know how it must have looked, for who is there in this ger-reat and gel-lorious ked'ntry that has not seen one? There, mounted upon his throne in that temple of knowledge, sat the village school-master, ex-officio the President of the Society—the counterfeit presentment of Dominic Sampson, of "prodigious" notoriety. In front of the old dominie sat the Secretary, as is usual, while near at hand the debaters for the evening occupied the desks of the scholars; back from their line of desks the room was crowded—all J—— had gathered there, her beauty and her chivalry.

The house was called to order, the "minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted," the Report of the Committee on "Hezekiah Pileher, charged with non-payment of dues," was offered and laid on the table, when the Chair arose and said—  
"Is the house ready for the question?"  
"Aye! aye!" cried a dozen voices.

And the Chair proceeded:—  
Gentlemen—the question for this evening is, which conferred the greatest benefit on mankind, Mr. Christopher Columbus, or General George Washington? On the affirmative, Messrs. Van Dreezer, Duzenbury, and Penix; on the negative, Messrs. Foster, Milligan, and Sampson. Mr. Van Dreezer has the floor."

Mr. V., the village lawyer, a smart, dapper-looking man, arose, and taking a sup of water from the tin cup which was before him, did depose and say:—  
"Mr. President and Gentlemen and Ladies—I arise to advocate the affirmative of this question; that is to say, that I affirm that Mr. Christopher Columbus did a greater benefit to mankind than did General Washington. In order more fully to digest the interrogatory just propounded, to enter fully into the merits of the case, I will give a brief, succinct, and condensed account of Mr. Columbus's life and exploits. Sir, who was Christopher Columbus! Sir, echo answers, the greatest man of his times. Sir, Columbus was the offspring of a man of the same name, who was an indigent basket-maker in a small town called Rome, situated on the river Tigris, a stream which takes its rise in the Pyrenean mountains, and flows in a south-easterly course into the Gulf of Mexico. At an early age Columbus evinced a decided talent for the sea, and occupied the leisure hours of his infancy in perusing books of travel and works on navigation; it was while engaged in these pursuits that he inadvertently met with the works of Robinson and Crusoe and Captain Cook, and the definition he made from them was that far away over the trackless main, thither was trodden by the foot of man, was an undiscovered country. As he approached manhood, he was filled with a desire to discover that country which he so often saw in his youthful dreams; actuated by this desire, he petitioned the great Pontifical Pope of Rome to give him three yawls and a jolly-boat to carry out his designs. That distinguished man at first refused, but his wife Cleopatra, being pleased with the promising looks of Mr. Columbus, actuated with a magnanimity which is a caricature of her sex, prevailed upon him to grant Columbus's request, whereupon, providing his vessels with stores and men out of his own pocket, Columbus got ready, and on a certain day of a certain month, and in a certain year, he set sail from the Holy Sea of Rome, and after a long and tempestuous trip, he set foot, at last, upon the Plymouth Rock, in the Island of Juan Fernandez; it was on that occasion that he exclaimed—  
"Breathes there a man with soul so perfectly dead as never to himself has said, this is my own, my native land!"

"Sir, Mr. Columbus did not long survive the hardships of that voyage, and was finally taken prisoner by the King of the Cannon-ball Islands, and, with all his crew, cast into chains and slavery, where he died, at an advanced age, an ignominious natural death, with his whole crew, leaving not one to tell the tale. Peace to his ashes and their'n."

"Sir, the discovery of this continent was the greatest invention of the year 1492. Fernandez's Island was the stepping stone to the settlement of this country, sir. Look around you, and behold the populated world, the United States, North and South America, Oregon and Asia, Hindoostan and Belorehistan, England and Turkey, France and China, and many others, too numerous to mention—behold these countries traversed by steamboats, railroads and telegraphs, and ask yourself, would these things have been if it hadn't been for Columbus? and your reply would certainly be, 'Certainly not, sir.' If it hadn't been for Mr. Columbus, Gen. Washington wouldn't have been born—but suppose he had, what then? What did Washington ever do that was a great benefit to this country? There is much