

An account of a melancholy transaction which took place in New-York, many years ago.

IT was in the commencement of autumn, that Orlando, the only son of a respectable merchant of New-York, prevailed upon the amiable Arria, to whom he had long been engaged, to fix upon a day for the celebration of their nuptials; and he had the happiness to see that morning ushered in with the warmest benedictions and wishes for his future felicity, that pure friendship can bestow. Arria's relation and his own together with a numerous acquaintance, attended at the house of her parents, whose only child she was, and whose very existence seemed to hang upon her's. Unaffected satisfaction presided in the assembly, light hearted wit broke forth in a thousand brilliant sallies, while joy heightened the flush on the cheek of youth, and smoothed the furrows on the brow of age; nor did the sprightly fair one who was just verging upon sixteen, fail to exert herself to enhance the hilarity of the company.—When a convenient time had elapsed, the priest arose in order to begin the ceremony, but upon looking round, observed that the young lady was not present: one of the bride-maids was therefore dispatched to inform her that the company were in waiting for her, but she returned with much disorder, and told them that Arrah was not to be found:—her mother, offended at this seeming want of respect for their guests, went in quest of her herself, as did several of the family; but they all, after absenting themselves for a long time, returned with the surprising account that none knew where she was. The alarmed assembly then separated to search for her, some supposing a false delicacy might have prevailed upon her to conceal herself, and others were apprehensive that some fearful accident had befallen her; every apartment, therefore of the house in which they were, and likewise the neighbours, together with the wells and cisterns were examined, but all to no purpose; for when night spread her shadows upon the earth, there still appeared no trace of her they sought.

For several succeeding days strict enquiries were made concerning her, but all proved fruitless. Orlando, and her parents gave her up for lost, abandoning themselves to all the agonies of grief: Sometimes, in frantic anguish, they would accuse her of being false to Orlando, and being with some more favored lover; again they would melt in the tenderness of affection, and bewail the unknown fate that had wrested her from their bosoms; but suspense barred the shafts of sorrow—the susceptible heart of Orlando sunk beneath its weight and before the next May opened upon the smiling year, he had sought.

"The dreary regions of the dead,
"Where all things are forgotten."

It was in that month that the mother of Arria, having occasion to put away some winter apparel, ascended to the garret, where in a remote corner was placed a large chest with a spring lock; believing it to be empty, she attempted to open it, when finding that the spring had caught, she had recourse to the key which lay by it—it unlocked—and she partly raised the lid but such a horrid smell of putridity burst through the aperture, that the lid fell from her hand! a frightful idea flushed through her brain, and, uttering a death like shriek, she fell upon the floor! Some of the family who were in the apartment below, heard her and hastened to her assistance. As soon as she was capable of motion, she raised her hand, and pointing to the chest, they instantly opened it and beheld the ghastly skeleton of the once lovely Arrah!! who, it seems, in a fit of frolic had thrown herself therein, expecting every moment that her lover, or some of the family is searching for her would enter the room and find her out; it is probable that she attempted to raise the lid of the chest, not knowing the spring had caught; but as no one thought of searching in this remote place, they neither heard her struggles or cries, and the chest being tight, the air soon became stagnant and she perished by suffocation.

DEEP & HAW RIVER NAVIGATION.

THE directors for said company, inform all whom it may concern, that as the work now progresses, they expect that in the course of next summer at farthest, a safe navigation will be effected for boats of eight or ten tons burthen (about eighteen hhd. of tobacco) from Averborough up Deep and Haw rivers, to each end of the land that has been purchased between said rivers, for the purpose of erecting the town of Haywood: It is a beautiful situation about one mile above the confluence of said rivers, and terminates on each with a high bluff.

The directors are to meet on the land the 17th inst. for the purpose of laying out the lots; and they expect to be engaged in that business until the 23d.—They will be obliged to any gentleman for advice and assistance in planning and laying out said town. And as a considerable sum of money will soon be wanted for completing the payment of said land, and for carrying on the navigation—they request those subscribers who have not as yet made any payments, to pay into the hands of the Company's Treasurer, on the 11th, 12th, or 13th day of November next, at Chatham court-house, the sum of five pounds for each share they respectively hold; and all those having made but one payment, to pay at the same time, for each and every of their respective shares, the sum of five dollars.

October 1. JOHN HENDERSON, President.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

On Tuesday the 26th of November next, will be sold at the Court-house in Wakeborough, the following Tracts of LAND, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1798.

150 Acres the property of Obediah Thompson. 200 acres joining Moses Pearce's, which was sold on the 10th of October last for the taxes of '97, and bid off by William Johnson, but as the tax for 1798 is not paid, it will be sold for the same. 300 acres on the Dead-Fall of Thompson's creek, which sold for the tax of 1797, and bid off by Patrick Boggan, Esq. 200 acres on Flat-Fork, sold for the tax of '97, and bid off by David Collins. 100 on Long Branch, which was sold as above and bid off by Levy West. 100 do. sold last year for the tax, and bid off by Joshua Williams. 150 do. sold for the tax of '97, and bid off by Inge D. Cash. 150 do. sold for '97, and bid off by Pleasant May. 1240 do. the property of one Farris. 100 do. sold for '97, as the property of Robert Smith, and bid off by Elijah Curtis. 200 do. sold for '97, as the property of John Dickson, and bid off by Pleasant May. 150 do. on Island Creek, sold for the tax of '97, and bid off by James Liles. 940 do. the property of James Green. 200 do. sold for the tax of '97, as the property of Alexander Martin, and bid off by Edward Avery Lucy, 400 do. the property of Stephen Jackson. 770 do. the property of do. 640 do. on the waters of Gould's Fork, the property of Walter Cunningham. 200 do. joining the South line, the property of one McNeill of South-Carolina. 100 do. on Jones's creeks, supposed to be the property of Robert Wallis. 300 do. on Brown's creek, supposed to be the property of one Shepherd. 300 do. lying between the waters of Lane's & Richard's creeks, the property of Green. 150 do. on Jones's creek, supposed to be the property of Adkins. 100 do. on Old Mill Creek, adjoining Richard Odum's lands. 275 do. on Richardson Creek, patented by Pellom. 200 do. on Jones's Creek, supposed to be the property of Robert Boyd. 100 do. on Still Branch, supposed to be the property of one Thornton. 200 do. on the waters of Jones's Creek, owner unknown. 150 ditto near the Head of Old Mill Creek, supposed to be the property of Blackford. 300 do. the property of one Cobb. 100 do. the property of John Gurley. 300 do. joining Calvin Spencer, the property of the heirs of James Tindale, on the waters of Little Brown Creek. 200 do. on Leverell's Creek, supposed to be the property of Thomas Cotton. 50 do. joining Nathaniel Scott, supposed to be the property of George Andrews. 200 do. lying at the mouth of Brown Creek, the property of one Patten. 100 do. on the waters of Jones, the property of William Elleby. 250 do. on Brown-Creek, the property of John Runs. JOHN JENNINGS, Shff. Anson county, Sept. 13.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

ON the 9th of November next, at the Court house in Lumberton, will be sold the following LANDS, to satisfy the tax due thereon for the year 1798, together with the contingent charge not previously paid. 100 acres on the Big Pecotan, patented by Aaron Strickland, and said to be the property of William Hudlar. 50 acres lying on the head of the Bever Branch, and east side of the Little Marsh, supposed to be the property of Jacob Ikner. 200 acres on Curries Mill Branch joining the lands of Alexander McGahay said to be the property of one McCoulsqua. 50 acres on both sides of the ten mile Swamp, joining the lands of Edmond Baxley and Caleb Beggs. 100 acres on Dun's Marsh, joining Forters, or near Hardy Councils lands, said to be the property of Malcolm McNeill. 200 acres on the Little Marsh, near the Lumber Bridge, said to be the property of Christopher McRea. 50 acres on the waters of Big Rockfish, said to be the property of Hector McKennon. 100 acres joining Browns lands said to be the property of John Conley. 100 acres on Big Rockfish, the property of Daniel McKennon. 100 acres on the Beaver Dam, a branch of the Rast Swamp, said to be the property of Duncan Smith. 100 acres in the Gabery Swamp, the property of the heirs of John Pernell deceased. The above-mentioned Lands having not been given in agreeable to law. Robeson county, Oct. 3. R. HAILS, Shff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

WILL be sold on the 25th of November, at the Court-house in Raleigh, the following LANDS, or so much as will satisfy the taxes for the year 1798, 200 acres lying on the north side of Neuse river, supposed to be the property of Edward M'Bride. 100 do. on the south side of Neuse river, on Fall Creek supposed to be the property of James Ray. 50 do. on the north side of Neuse, supposed to be the property of Thos. Hollingworth. L. BLEDSO, Shff. Wake, September 24.

Blank Warrants of Attorney and Declarations for sale at this office.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

WILL be sold on the 13th of November next, at the court-house in Wilmington, the following LANDS, situated in the county of New-Hanover, for the taxes thereon.

29084 acres entered by James Carraway, situated on the north side of the North East Branch of Cape-Fear River, about the mouth of Holly Shelter, beginning at a pine in the county line, 24 poles south of Curling Smith's second corner of land, formerly patented by Job Harrington, and about 180 poles east of the mouth of Rockfish creek, conveyed by said Carraway to David Allison, and by him conveyed to J. B. Bond of Philadelphia. The above land is liable for tax for the year 1797 and 1798.

44160 acres entered by Daniel Wheaton, on the east side of North-East Branch of Cape-Fear River, including part of great Holly Shelter Pecofon, beginning at a large cypress and water oak on the edge of Holly Shelter creek, on the south side thereof, about one quarter of a mile above James Howard's line, the same is liable for the tax for the years 1796, 1797, and 1798.

14,080 acres on Holly Shelter, near or adjoining said lands, said to belong to Mr. Tawney of Georgetown, Maryland. WM NUTT, Sheriff of New-Hanover county. October 11.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

Of Lots in the city of Raleigh.

On Friday the 1st of November next, will be sold for the taxes of 1798, at the Court-house in Raleigh, the following Lots in said city, not given in as the law requires.

No. 142, 143, 125, 164, 87, 201, 164, 60, 99, 144, 1, 3, 228, 216, 217, 245, 260, 261, 248, 249, 264, 265, 243, 272, 226, 258, 192, 176, 174, 189, 172, 196, 197, 182, 183, 200, 185, 186, 202, 165, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 163, 138, 70, 171, 20, 21, 36, 37, 23, 22, 38, 39, 24, 25, 40, 41, 42, 9, 10, 145, 149, 273, 274, 203, 204, 205, 219, 220, 221, 235, 251, 267, 268, 260, 34, 18, 35, 19, 6, 211, 227, 109, 117, 80, 81, 96, 95, 79, 48, 49, 61, 43, 59, 16, 17, 32, 33, 14, 15, 31, 30, 157, 156, 98, 182, 197, 198, 157, 141, 156, 140, 180, 212, 87, 62, and part of 130.

Also 305 acres of land, the property of Samuel Guthrie. JOSHUA SUGG, jun. Collector.

TO BE SOLD.

ON the 8th day of Nov. next, at Wilkes court house, the following tracts of land, or as much thereof as will satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1798, together with the incidental expenses, viz 55,080 acres, lying on the waters of Buffalo, Elk and Stoney-Fork creeks, supposed to be the property of Isaac Pollock and Gideon Denison. 61,227 acres lying on the waters of New Reddies and Roaring river supposed to be the property of Isaac Pollock and Gideon Denison. 33,700 acres, lying on the north side of New river, supposed to be the property of Isaac Pollock and Gideon Denison. 82 4 August 27- RICHARD ALLEN, Shff.

FOR SALE

THAT valuable Plantation and Ferry, known by the name of Fisher's Ferry, on the Yadkin River, about eight miles above the Narrows, containing 800 acres of land, 75 of which are cleared and under as good fence. On the premises, are a well finished frame dwelling house, two stories high, 32 feet square; a cook house; and a large barn, 24 by 44 feet—well covered. The ferry, which has an excellent boat, is on a very public road.—Good Horses and Negroes will be taken in payment.—Further particulars may be known by applying to the subscriber on the spot. GEORGE FISHER.

Rowan county, July 20, 1799.

JUST PUBLISHED,
And for sale at this Office,
INSTRUCTIONS
TO BE OBSERVED FOR THE
FORMATION & MOVEMENTS
OF THE

C A V A L R Y;
By WILLIAM R. DAVIE, Esq. Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief of the Militia of the State of North-Carolina.

UNIVERSITY.

PROPOSALS will be received at Raleigh from the 15th day of the present month, until the 15th day of October next, by William R. Davie and John Haywood, or by either of them, from such persons as may incline to undertake the Stewardship of the University of the state aforesaid, for the ensuing year, or for a term of years. Mr. Davie and Mr. Haywood, as a Committee of the Trustees, are not only authorized to receive proposals, but to make such contract in this respect as they may think proper, which they purpose doing immediately on the expiration of the time aforesaid.

W. R. DAVIE.
JOHN HAYWOOD

Raleigh, August 7. 79 15 Oct.