

From the COLUMBIAN CENTINEL.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." HARD saying! What Jacobin can bear it? What, not use our tongues as we please? Where is the liberty for which we fought, if we are not allowed to speak evil, and bear false witness against that government, the "loaves and fishes" of which, the *Caricature* declare we shall not eat? Who were the instruments of the glorious revolution, but those very men whom the government now declares, shall be restrained from lying? Ingratitude this, which calls for Jacobinical vengeance from every part of the continent!!

The *Sedition Bill* will stand a monument of the ingratitude of that country, which has deprived the wide mouth'd patriots of '98, of a privilege, without the enjoyments of which, all their other privileges and rights are as nothing. "To lie, or not to lie, that's the question," and where is the Jacobin, who will not contend for the privilege? What country on the globe would it be possible to revolutionize, without some false witness? How could the *fan-culots of France*, ever have seized LEWIS, their King, by the hair, without the aid of this principle?—How could the fish women of Paris ever have been able to raise the revolutionary axe over the neck of their Queen, had not the patriots published a book containing the essence of false witness? How would *Robespierre* have been able to massacre the clergy, and put his hand into the coffers of the church, had he not derived assistance from lying, and it would have been equally impossible for him to have rid himself of the *Grondin's* without making use of this policy.

Cease to wonder, gentle reader, that a book, containing so hateful a maxim as my text, a maxim so contrary to true reasoning, should have been tied to the tail of an ass, and drove through the streets of Paris. A book, like the Bible, ought not to have been suffered in a country, which pretended to revolutionize itself and the world. Ask not the Lay Preacher, why, after the execution of the priests, we hear very little invective against the Bible from France. The fact was, that the Bible ceased to be obnoxious, when the competitors for power knew enough of each other's patriotism, that when revealed, they could hard the minority to the chopping house of equality: Understand me, reader, there was no further use for false witness, when one half the villainy of the leading patriots was sufficient to hang them, if a majority could agree to inform against them.

But if you ask, why some Gallie Americans dislike the Bible, the answer of the Lay Preacher is, that the Legislature of the Union have taken it into their heads to publish the most odious maxim it contains, under the title of the *Sedition Act*, by which is enforced the very words of the text, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Where is the liberty in our country, if we are not allowed "to write, print, or utter false, scandalous and malicious libels, with intent to detame the government," under which we live? Have we not a right to manage those that are of our own getting, our rulers, as we please? Does not the law allow us to whip even our wives, if we think they deserve it; and shall we be forbidden to kick our rulers out of their seats, when we want to get into them? If such acts as these are not repeated, Government will continue; the aim of it will be strengthened, and every idea of "doing as we please, and living as we list," will be given up.—A year ago this, France never will endure, nor will her friends in France suffer it, if it is in their power to prevent it.

Ye friends of arbitrary power—ye Congress—ye Judges—ye Senate and President—how can ye profane the name of liberty, by making a book TOM PAINE has long since proved no better than you should be, the basis of an act which ties up the tongue, that ruly member of the *Jacobin*, and forbids it to utter its usual tale of false witness? How dare you affront the majesty of the majority, who are always right, and presume to meliorate the *Common Law* against defamation? Cease then, presuming to countenance an authority no Jacobin acknowledges, and leave the Bible to ordained pastors, who never have consulted the modern expositors on the ninth commandment, or TOM PAINE, or ETHAN ALLEN, who make it as plain as a pike-staff, that the word *not* is an interpolation, and that no French Bishop since the revolution, reads it otherwise than thus, "Thou shalt bear false witness against thy neighbour."

THE O. C. LAY PREACHER.

The Trustees of the Fayetteville Academy, ARE happy to have it in their power to announce to the public, that the difficulty of procuring suitable and proper boarding near the Academy for young Ladies who reside at a distance and wish to attend the same, is now removed: Mrs. EMMET has concluded to open a house for that purpose, and will be as attentive to the manners, dress, and behaviour of the young Ladies committed to her charge, as to their cleanliness and diet.

To those parents who are acquainted with Mrs. Emmet, any thing in her behalf is unnecessary to be said; but to those who have not that pleasure, the Trustees without reservation, do not hesitate to say that they are acquainted with no lady more highly qualified for such a charge. Mrs. Emmet's terms for boarding and washing, are thirty pounds a year, including bedding, or where that is not convenient, bedding may be found on an extra allowance being made. One quarter's board will be required in advance.

Fayetteville, February 2, 1800.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

THE following is a list of LANDS in New-Hanover county, the taxes of which remain unpaid: The same will be sold on the 13th of May next, being the first day of the Superior Court, or as much thereof as will pay the taxes and expenses:

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| 100 acres given in by Francis Henry, and due for 1797. | 150 ditto | by | John Marshall, | ditto. |
| 250 ditto | by | Benjamin Alexander, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | John Colten, sen. | ditto. | |
| 190 ditto | by | John Morris, | ditto. | |
| 612 ditto | by | John Simpson, | ditto. | |
| 360 ditto | by | John Wallis, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | John Burns, | ditto. | |
| 300 ditto | by | John Corbett, | ditto. | |
| 770 ditto | by | James Corbett, | ditto. | |
| 250 ditto | by | Edgerton Motte, | ditto. | |
| 165 ditto | by | Archibald M'Bride, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Jacob Powell, | ditto. | |
| 244 ditto | by | James Thomas, | ditto. | |
| 317 ditto | by | Daniel Morgan, | ditto. | |
| 1334 ditto | by | John Miller, | ditto. | |
| 325 ditto | by | John Prefout, | ditto. | |
| 600 ditto | by | William Taylor, | ditto. | |
| 1076 ditto | by | Executors of James ditto. | | |
| 300 ditto | by | Edmond Moore, | ditto. | |
| 150 ditto | by | Henry Holly, | ditto. | |
| 160 ditto | by | J. Walker (Moore's creek) do | | |
| 410 ditto | by | Joseph Tomlinson '97 & '98. | | |
| 125 ditto | by | Hardy Parker, | ditto. | |
| 275 ditto | by | James Parker, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Frederick Rowe, | ditto. | |
| 108 ditto | by | White Barwick, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | Peter Batson, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | Jacob Easton, | ditto. | |
| 960 ditto | by | James Price, | ditto. | |
| 283 ditto | by | James Towning, | ditto. | |
| 320 ditto | by | William Devaun, | ditto. | |
| 375 ditto | by | George Devaun, | ditto. | |
| 160 ditto | by | Benjamin Gideon, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Thomas Gideon, sen. ditto. | | |
| 100 ditto | by | Thomas Gideon, jun ditto. | | |
| 188 ditto | by | Michael Lopez, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | John Malpus, | ditto. | |
| 650 ditto | by | James Rogers, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | John Swinson, sen. ditto. | | |
| 200 ditto | by | Frederick Buford, | ditto. | |
| 360 ditto | by | John Erwin, | ditto. | |
| 250 ditto | by | Arthur Stuckey, | ditto. | |
| 450 ditto | by | John Stuckey, | ditto. | |
| 122 ditto | by | Jan. Williams, | ditto. | |
| 175 ditto | by | Pisa Usher, | ditto. | |
| 730 ditto | by | Arthur Savage, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | Henry Blake, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | Thomas Scarborough ditto. | | |
| 800 ditto | by | James Kinnear, | ditto. | |
| 1175 ditto | by | Moses Witter, | ditto. | |
| 141 ditto | by | Abraham Taylor, | ditto. | |
| 2607 ditto | by | William Walker, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Wm. Anderson for '98 only. | | |
| 762 ditto | by | Thomas Busley, | ditto. | |
| 795 ditto | by | Daniel Boudreaux, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | Thomas Barlow, | ditto. | |
| 120 ditto | by | William Buxton, | ditto. | |
| 410 ditto | by | Joseph Brinson, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Nathan Cook, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | Jacob Colten, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | Peter Carter, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | Isaac Colten, | ditto. | |
| 150 ditto | by | John Carrie, | ditto. | |
| 1720 ditto | by | James Devaun, | ditto. | |
| 570 ditto | by | John Edens, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | Jacob Edens, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | Jacob Easton, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | John Fellows, | ditto. | |
| 500 ditto | by | Nicholas Feniel, | ditto. | |
| 150 ditto | by | Samuel Gorgans, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | David Hall, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | John Hunt, | ditto. | |
| 340 ditto | by | James Howard, sen. ditto. | | |
| 351 ditto | by | William Hennesley, | ditto. | |
| 260 ditto | by | William Heuffhams ditto. | | |
| 100 ditto | by | Allan Hennesley, | ditto. | |
| 500 ditto | by | Thomas James, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | Joshua Knowlton, | ditto. | |
| 310 ditto | by | Daniel Kerr, | ditto. | |
| 466 ditto | by | James Lea, | ditto. | |
| 40 ditto | by | Thomas Leddon, | ditto. | |
| 195 ditto | by | Isaac Lamb, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | Wancy M'Clamey, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | Henry Miller, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Peter M'Bride, | ditto. | |
| 350 ditto | by | Mark M'Clamy, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | Mary M'Clamy, | ditto. | |
| 135 ditto | by | Joshua M'Clammy, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | John Malpus, sen. ditto. | | |
| 300 ditto | by | Benjamin Motte, jun. ditto. | | |
| 450 ditto | by | Simon Malpus, | ditto. | |
| 200 ditto | by | Henry Malpus, | ditto. | |
| 500 ditto | by | George Newton, | ditto. | |
| 150 ditto | by | Joseph Newton, | ditto. | |
| 400 ditto | by | George Nixon, | ditto. | |
| 670 ditto | by | Hardy Powell, | ditto. | |
| 100 ditto | by | John Page, | ditto. | |
| 50 ditto | by | Francis Pridgin, | ditto. | |
| 355 ditto | by | Will: H. Ramfay, | ditto. | |
| 75 ditto | by | Charney Ruffel, | ditto. | |
| 325 ditto | by | James Standley, | ditto. | |
| 860 ditto | by | Edward Spearman, | ditto. | |

610 acres given in by Thomas Simmonds & Coe for '98.
 700 ditto by James Smith. ditto.
 455 ditto by John Standley ditto.
 111 ditto by Thomas Woodhides ditto.
 350 ditto by James Wilson ditto.
 200 ditto by George White ditto.
 200 ditto by Luke White ditto.
 350 ditto by Long White ditto.

WILLIAM NUTT, Sheriff.

Wilmington, February 11, 1800.

An Act to ascertain the amount of the certificate debt of this state.

WHEREAS it is necessary to ascertain the amount of the certificate debt of this state, to the end that provision may be made for discharging the same:

I. BE it therefore enacted by the General assembly of the state of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all persons holding certificates of the debt of this state, shall on or before the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred, present the same at the office of the Treasurer; whole duty it shall be to register the number, date and amount thereof together with the name of the persons to whom the same shall be made payable, in a book to be by him provided for that purpose; and the Treasurer shall note on the said certificate that the same has been presented and registered as by this act required.

II. And be it further enacted, That all certificates of the debt of this state, not presented to the Treasurer for the purpose of registration as aforesaid, within the time limited by this act, shall forever thereafter be barred, and shall not be received in any payment to the state, nor in any office thereof.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to give public notice of the requisites of this act in the state gazette, and at least three other newspapers within this state, within one month from the date of the General Assembly, and continue the same at least three months.

IV. Provided, and be it further enacted, That this act or any part thereof shall not be construed or operate to give credit or currency to such certificates as have by any act of this state heretofore been declared fraudulent, or refused to be received at the treasury or other offices of this state.

State of North-Carolina.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, February 15, 1800.

BY an act of the last General Assembly, entitled, "An act to perfect the titles of the officers and soldiers of the continental line of this state, and of claims under entries made in the office of John Armistrong," the Secretary is authorized to issue grants upon warrants issued to soldiers that appears entitled by the muster roll, and such as may appear to be just by the report of the commissioners appointed in 1792; and in all cases where the soldier's right has been assigned to any other person, the Secretary shall not issue a grant to the assignee unless evidence shall be produced to him of the fairness of such transfer from the original claimant; and that no evidence shall be produced to the Secretary (or if produced shall be by him admitted) but such as may have been given by persons in his estimation disinterested and worthy of credit: Therefore, the Secretary, conceiving himself unable to judge of the disinterestedness and credibility of strangers, persons who may be introduced as evidence, and having no power given him by any law to administer oaths, and also for the convenience of persons living at a distance, Requires, That each and every person applying for a grant upon a military warrant, or on a warrant issued from the office of John Armistrong, and claiming the same by an assignment or assignments, must produce a certificate from under the hand of some one of the Clerks of the Courts within this state, with the seal of the county annexed, that the several transfers on such warrant has been proven in open court, and that by evidences, who, in the presence of such court, did declare on oath that they were disinterested, and that some one of the Justices of such court, then present, did also declare that he was acquainted with and believed such evidence to be of credibility.

WILLIAM WHITE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

I Have been informed that the Sheriff of this county, has levied an execution against the late Benjamin Lockhart, one Negro well known by the name of Cox, as being the property of said Benjamin: I do hereby forewarn the Sheriff or any other person from selling or exposing the said Negro for sale; also caution all persons against purchasing of him, as whoever does, will undoubtedly purchase an unprofitable lawsuit—the right of said Negro being in me, as will appear by a bill of sale duly executed, and recorded in the county court of Wake. JOHN LOCKHART, Wake county, Feb. 16, 1800.

WANTED,

A Journeyman Waggon-Maker, to whom a generous price will be given by the month or year. WILLIAM DANIEL, Raleigh, Feb. 4. Carriage & Cabinet Maker.

Sheriff's Deeds, Common do. and Warrants, for sale at this Office.