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AND NORTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE.

"Ours are the plans of fair, delightful peace,
"Unwarp'd by party rage to live like brothers."

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TIONS thankfully received. LETTERS to
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A PERSIAN EXECUTION.

When we halted, I found myself inclosed
in a dense ring of spectators, in the
midst of which stood a great brass mortar,
raised on a mound of earth, and be-
side it, stuck in the ground, was a linstock
with a lighted match. The nussukchees
ranged themselves on each side of this hor-
rible engine; and it was not without some
difficulty that I succeeded in gaining a po-
sition, which appeared to me to secure me
from the danger attending the explosion,
and its consequence, when it should take
place. Having taken my station, I began
to look around me, and saw the officers of
justice still pouring into the circle, which
was widened for them by dint of blows.—
After them, or rather between two of them,
came the prisoner. She was enveloped
from head to foot, in a black robe, which
also covered her face. Her step was firm,
and her carriage stately, she frequently
spoke a few words to an eunuch who ac-
companied her, but the noise was so great
that I could hear nothing of their discourse.
As she approached, the spectators became
more quiet; and when she reached the
mortar, not a sound was to be heard.—
Taking advantage of the silence, she spoke
aloud, with distinctness and composure
that astonished every one, and made her
words intelligible to all. The officers per-
ceiving that her wild address made some
impression on the multitude, here inter-
rupted her. She made no attempt to pro-
ceed, but resigned herself into their arms.
They led her in front of the mortar, and
yet her steps never faltered; neither did
she speak or implore, as it is common for
even men to do in her situation; neither
did she curse as some do; neither did she
weep. They told her to kneel down with
her breast against the muzzle, and she did
so. They put cords round her wrists, and
bound them to stakes, which had been driven
for the purpose; still she showed no
signs of emotion: she laid her head upon
the mortar, and waited her fate with a com-
posure which a soldier might have envied.
At length the signal was given; the match
was raised; it descended slowly; and at
the moment when it was about to touch
the powder, an audible shudder ran thro'
the crowd. The priming caught fire; a
moment of sickening suspense followed; a
groan burst from the spectators; the smoke
passed away; no explosion followed; and
the unfortunate wretch raised her head to
see what had happened. A faint hope
glimmered in my own heart that perhaps
this was a device to save her life, but it
was not permitted to live long. It had
scarcely begun to rise within me, when I
saw the priming renewed, and the match
raised again. The condemned wretch laid
her head once more on its hard pillow, and
uttered a low groan, as if her spirit had
parted. It was scarcely uttered when the
explosion took place, and the smoke cov-
ered every thing from my view. As it
gradually cleared away, it drew a veil
from over a horrid and revolting spectacle.
The two bodiless arms hung, with their
mangled and blackened ends, from the
stakes to which they had been bound, and
a few yards distant lay a scorched foot and
leg. No trace of body or head remained,
and a few tattered remnants of clothes
were all besides that were left. The arms
were unbound from the stakes; and two
women, who had issued from the ark at
the sound of the explosion, rushed to the
spot, seized them up, and concealed them
under their veils, hurried to the Harem
with these proofs that the demands of jus-
tice had been fulfilled.

Visits to the Harem.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

The pressure or weight of the atmos-
phere, as shown by the barometer, in the
sucking & air pumps, is near 15 pounds on
every square inch, so that if we could en-
tirely squeeze out the air between our two
hands, they would cling together with a
force equal to the pressure of double this
weight, because the air would press upon
both hands, and if we could contrive to
suck or squeeze out the air between one
hand and the wall, the hand would stick
fast to the wall, being pressed on it with
the weight of above two hundred weight,
that is, near 15 pounds on every square
inch of the hand. By a late most curious
discovery of Sir Everard Home, it is found
that this is the very process by which flies
and other insects of a similar description
are enabled to walk up perpendicular sur-
faces, however smooth, as the sides of walls
and panes of glass in windows, and to walk
as easily along the ceiling of a room with

their bodies downwards and their feet over
their head. Their feet, when examined by
a microscope, are found to have flat skins
or flaps, like the feet of web-footed ani-
mals, as ducks and geese; and they have
towards the back part or heels, but inside
the skin or flap, two very small toes, so
connected with the flap as to draw it close
down upon the glass or wall the fly walks
on, and to squeeze out the air completely,
so that there is a vacuum made between
the foot and the glass or wall. The con-
sequence is the air presses the foot on the
wall with a force greater than the weight
of the fly, which is thus retained in its po-
sition. It has likewise been found that
some of the larger sea animals are by the
same construction, enabled to climb the
perpendicular and smooth surface of the
ice-hills among which they live. Some
kinds of lizards have the same power of
climbing, and of creeping with their bodies
downwards, along the ceiling of a room.—
In the large feet of those animals, the con-
trivance is easily observed, of the two toes
or lighteners, by which the skin of the foot
is pinned down, and the air excluded in
the act of walking or climbing; but it is
the very same, only upon a larger scale,
with the mechanism of a fly's or a butter-
fly's foot; and both operations, the climb-
ing of the sea-horse on the ice, and the
creeping of the fly on the window or ceil-
ing, are performed exactly by the same
power, the weight of the atmosphere.

London Paper.

The Summit of Mount Etna at Sunrise.

Extract of a letter from an officer on board the
United States ship Delaware, now in the Me-
diterranean, dated July 20, 1828.

"A few days after obtaining pratique at
Syracuse, three officers and myself received
the Commodore's permission to visit
Mount Etna, about fifty miles distant.—
We left Syracuse in a packet boat of the
country, for Catania, and reached that
town on the second day. Catania, situated
at the base of the mountain, is one of the
most beautiful cities I have ever seen. It
has been destroyed three times by erupti-
ons, and each time rebuilt with additional
splendor. In the evening we went to an
opera. The house is well constructed, and
much resembles the Philadelphia Theatre
in Chestnut street, but much larger.

On the succeeding morning we left Cat-
ania for the Mount with nine mules includ-
ing our guides and sumpter mules, with
provisions and beds for the night. In pass-
ing through the fertile region, which extends
about ten miles, we saw many beautiful
villages, and a country exceedingly pro-
ductive. The soil decomposed pumice and
lava. It is said to produce two, and in
many places three crops annually. Cher-
ries, apricots, almonds, figs, oranges, le-
mons, nectarines, melons, peaches, and al-
most every other fruit, are produced in the
greatest abundance. Grapes are the chief
product. It is said that ninety thousand
pipes of wine are made from the vineyards
of the Mountain, which is eighty miles in
circumference. At about 10 o'clock we
came to a small town, (Nicholozzi) where
we rested for two hours; then after cross-
ing a barren plain of two miles came to the
region called from its trees Woody. It is
uninhabited and extends about nine miles.
The trees are generally o.k. large at the
base, but present the appearance of topped
trees, being confined to a certain upward
growth by the cold.

"At the termination of this region we
stopped to dine at the mouth of a grotto
formed by lava. Here we put on warmer
clothing, so as to meet the sudden change
we were soon to encounter, and entered
the upper or barren region. Scarcely a
vestige of vegetation is found here. The
road became very rough and the ascension
difficult. A violent hail storm overtook
us before we arrived at the English house,
which we entered, cold and fatigued. We
felt so uncomfortable from the sudden
change of the temperature (from 80° to
winter weather) that we could not rest.—
At 2 o'clock, A. M. we took a cup of cof-
fee and recommenced our ascent of the
cone on foot, it being too steep for our
mules. We were armed with a long staff
to assist in crossing the crevices. In con-
sequence of the fumes of sulphur which es-
caped from the cracks, and the rarefaction
of the atmosphere, we became cold and
unable to walk more than fifteen or twenty
steps without resting. The oppression at
the breast and difficulty of breathing were
excessive. We toiled on, however, until
we reached the highest point of the cone,
looking immediately into the crater, and
stood on this immense elevation waiting
for the rising of the sun. In a few minutes
it began to show itself, and soon appeared
resplendent and glorious. The view in-
deed, was awfully sublime. To attempt a
description would be useless. The whole
island of Sicily—the island of Malta, eighty
miles distant—Mount Stromboli in erup-
tion—Scylla and Charybdis—lay all before
us, and, with our guide, we were ready
to exclaim, that we saw the whole world.
The crater was throwing out fire and smoke,
which at times nearly suffocated us. We
returned to Catania, of which, as well as a
visit to Messina, I will give you some par-
ticulars in my next."

THE HORRORS OF A SEIGE.

The recollection of St. Sebastian will
haunt me as long as I live. It exhibited a
scene sufficient to blanch the hair and to
wither the heart. Many of the streets were
blown up into hills of rubbish; not a house
was left entire; not a living thing was to be
seen; not a sound did I hear but the sound
of my own footsteps through the lonely
streets, or the wind as it moaned away
through that city of the dead which stood in
all the blackness of recent ruin, far more
appalling than the grass-grown streets and
ivy'd walls which time has renovated with
the freshness of nature, shedding beauty
over desolation. Around the trenches the
dead had in some instances been buried;
but so partially, that their feet and hands
were frequently to be seen above the turf,
with the flesh mouldering away, and the
bones whitening in the air. Along the ram-
parts and streets, they lay in groups, even
as they had been mown down, and innume-
rable heads, legs, and arms were strewn
around about, in the various stages of de-
cay, and mangled and half devoured by
birds of prey. Numbers of dead bodies, also,
were floating beneath the walls, followed
by swarms of fishes. The effluvia was dread-
ful; but I will no longer dwell upon the
scene of horror.—Malcolm's Reminiscences
of a Campaign in the Pyrenees and South
of France.

HERCULANEUM.

The story of this city is soon told; like
Pompeii, it was totally destroyed by the
eruption of Vesuvius in the year '79. But
the destroying element was very different
from the ashes that covered the other city.
Herculaneum was buried and hermetically
sealed, 60 feet deep in liquid lava, which
on cooling, became like stone. Thus far,
it has been more than a match for the
workmen employed. The site of the city
has been ascertained, and an immense
Theatre developed 60 feet below the sur-
face. "The city proves to be directly un-
der the modern town of Portici. This is
another serious obstacle to excavation.—
They would be done at the peril of the
modern town. While exploring the dark
recesses of the Theatre, by torch light, we
heard the vehicles trundling along the
streets over head, with the noise of thun-
der. In spite of all these impediments, a
grand effort is about to be made, to bring
to light the long lost ruins of Herculaneum.
The world of taste and letters will await
the result, with the most anxious expec-
tations.

GENERAL WOLFE.

The following anecdote of the accom-
plished General Wolfe deserves well to be
remembered:—"The late professor Rob-
inson, of Edinburgh, at that time a mid-
shipman in the royal navy, happened to be
on duty in the boat in which General
Wolfe went to visit some of the ports the
night before the decisive battle of Quebec.
The evening was fine, and the scene, con-
sidering the work they were engaged in,
and the morning to which they were look-
ing forward, was sufficiently impressive.
As they towed along, the General, with
much feeling, repeated nearly the whole of
Gray's Elegy, which had recently appear-
ed, and yet was but little known, to an
officer who sat with him at the stern of the
boat, adding, as he concluded, that he
would prefer being the author of that poem
to the glory of beating the French to mor-
row. To-morrow came, and the life of
the soldier was gloriously terminated a-
midst the tears of his friends and the shouts
of his victorious army."

NOTICE.

ANY person having BOOKS belonging to the
Library attached to the Raleigh Academy,
will confer a favor on the Trustees, by returning
them to the Rev. Dr. Freeman, at the Acad-
emy, who will for the future, have charge of
the Library.
Raleigh, Oct. 34. 15

A House and Lot for sale, IN RALEIGH.

THE pleasantly situated House and Lot, on
Halifax Street, next below the Eagle Hotel,
formerly occupied by the Rev. Dr. McPheeters,
will be sold at private sale. Besides the Dwel-
ling House, which is commodious, there are all
the necessary outbuildings, a Stable, Garden and
other conveniences.
Apply to Capt. Thos. Cobbs, or to Mr. Wm.
Peck, of this City.
Raleigh, Oct. 24.

\$30 Reward.

A LIGHT Bay Horse, about 144 hands high,
and four years old last Spring, was stolen
from the subscriber's plantation, on the night of
Wednesday, the 24th ult. I have good reason
to believe that said horse was taken off by one
Henry Williams, late of this county, who has prob-
ably gone to South Carolina or the Western
District of Tennessee. Said Williams is about
23 years of age, of ordinary stature, and dark
complexion, and usually carries with him a horse-
man's pistol and a large dog.
I will give a reward of Ten Dollars for any in-
formation that may lead to the recovery of the
Horse, and 25 Dollars for the apprehension of
the thief. The horse has marks on his feet of a
recent founder.
B. COLEMAN.
Kinston, N. Carol., Oct. 10th, 1828. 15 3

DRAWING OF THE

Dismal Swamp Canal Lottery,
Class No. 17.
10, 7, 13, 53, 15, 35, 19, 31.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE

Dismal Swamp Canal Company.
18TH CLASS.

To be drawn at Richmond, on Wednesday,
the 10th of Dec. 1828.

48 NUMBER LOTTERY—7 DRAWN BALLOTS.

SCHEME:

Prize of \$10,000 is \$10,000	
1 5,000	5,000
1 3,044	3,044
2 1,000	2,000
5 500	2,500
10 250	2,500
15 100	1,500
41 50	2,050
41 40	1,640
82 30	2,460
82 20	1,640
615 10	6,150
5,740 5	28,700

6,636 Prizes, } 17,296 tickets. \$69,184
10,660 Blanks, }

YATES & M'INTYRE,

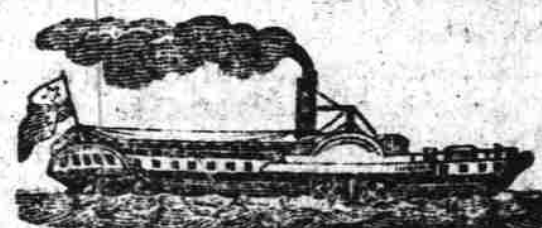
Managers.

Richmond, Oct. 21.

Commission Business.

THE Subscriber continues to transact the
Auction and Commission Business. He is
prepared to receive Cotton and other property,
on Storage on very moderate terms. And his
undivided attention will be given to the sale of
property entrusted to his Management. He has
made such arrangements, as will enable him to
make liberal advances on Property sent to him
for sale; and from long experience in the busi-
ness, he has no doubt of being able to give gen-
eral satisfaction.
Orders for Goods will be strictly attend-
ed to. WM. PANNILL.
Petersburg, Sept. 6, 1828. 4 law w

Steam Navigation up Cape Fear River.



THE Subscribers having been appointed Agents
of the Henrietta Steam Boat Company, give no-
tice to the Merchants and Shippers that the
Steam Boat Henrietta is in fine order, and under
the command of Captain RUSH, who is experi-
enced and careful, and is a part owner. The
Lights are good and sufficient, and kept always
ready in case of Low Water. Warehouses at
Campbelton are provided for the reception of
Goods and Cotton. They assure the public that
every attention and facility will be afforded to
render these Boats worthy of their patronage.—
The Subscriber will attend to the receiving and
forwarding Goods to any part of the State, and
to the shipping of Cotton and other Produce.
WILKINGS & CO.
Fayetteville, Sept. 29. 8-3w



THE SUBSCRIBER'S STAGE.

LEADING from Raleigh to Salisbury
through Pittsborough and Ashborough,
is now in full operation, with good horses, and
careful Drivers. The Postmaster General has
made an alteration in the time of its arrival
at Raleigh and departure from Salisbury, which
is arranged now as follows: Leave Raleigh every
Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Salis-
bury on Monday afternoon. Returning, leave
Salisbury at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday morning,
and reach Raleigh on Thursday; in ample time
for Passengers to dine and be in readiness to take
seats in the Stage for the North.
Price of passage through, only \$5. The ac-
commodations on the road are good, and every
attention will be paid to the comfort of those
who take this route.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Raleigh, Aug. 30, 1828. 99

COTTON GINS.

THE Subscriber has for sale in Warrenton,
upwards of 40 Cotton Gins, of John H. Da-
vidson's best manufacture, consisting of different
sizes, of from 35 to 51 saws, both Iron and Steel
plate—his prices per Saw are \$1.50 and \$2.
GORDON CAWTHORN.
Sept. 4, 1828. 1-law4w

NOTICE.

TAKEN up and entered on the Stray-Book of
Cabarrus county, on the 27th of Aug. 1828,
a roan Mare, fifteen or eighteen years old, blind
in one eye, fourteen hands high, with a knot on
one of her hamstrings.

ALEX'R. SCOTT, Ranger.
Cabarrus county, Sept. 18. 7 Swp

CAUTION.

A certain William Covington came into the
county of Surry, N. Carolina, in October
last, and bargained with me for 390 or 394 acres
of land, lying in said county, and gave me six
Notes of \$100 each, all of them being due be-
tween the 1st & 10th of the present month, & re-
ceived a penal bond from me to convey the title
when the money should be paid, but some months
after, the said Covington absconded, taking the
bond with him. This is therefore to notify Wm.
Covington to come forward, pay off his notes
and receive title.
THOMAS OLIPHANT.
October 13, 1828. 12 Sw

Subscription

For importing Grape Vine Roots from
France, at a moderate price, and encour-
aging the introduction of that culture in-
to the United States.

MR. ALPHONSE LOUBAT, having consid-
erably enlarged his Vineyard, on Long-
Island, where he now has, in full cultivation, 33
acres of ground, containing 72,000 Grape Vine
Roots; having also the peculiar advantage of
being enabled to procure the best species of
Roots from his Father's extensive Vineyards and
Nurseries, in the districts of Bordeaux, Clerac, &
Buzet, Department of Gironde and Lot and Ga-
ronne, in France, (45° N. Lat.) proposes to the
numerous friends to the cultivation of the Grape
Vine, in the United States, a subscription.

Mr. A. L. will engage to furnish subscribers
with their Grape Vine Roots, before the First of
March next, and forward them, free of expense,
to the different cities where subscription lists
shall have been opened. The roots will be 3
years old, and will produce considerable fruit
the second year from the time of their being
planted. They will be carefully classed and
packed in boxes with some of the original soil
in which they have been raised, which will greatly
facilitate the thriving of the roots, when trans-
planted.

Orders will be punctually attended to; the
subscribers designating the quantities and spe-
cies of the Grape Vine Roots they wish to have.
They will engage to pay, for 1000 roots or more,
at the rate of 12 1/2 cents for each root; for less
than 1000, at the rate of 15 cents; and 25 cents
per root for less than 50. Roots, only two years
old, shall be paid for at the rate of 9 cents each,
for 1000 or more; 12 1/2 cents for less than 1000;
and 18 cents for less than 50 roots.

Payment to be made on delivery of the roots.
Letters not received unless POST PAID.

Subscription Lists are opened at
New-York, with Alphonsus Loubat, 65, Wall-st.
Boston, E. Copeland, Jun.
Albany, R. McMichael,
Philadelphia, Van Andring,
Baltimore, Willard Rhoads,
Washington City, Thos. W. Pairo,
Richmond, Davenport, Allen & Co.
Savannah, Hull, Shaples, & Tupper,
New-Orleans, Foster & Hutton,
Charleston, T. & T. Street & Co.
Raleigh, J. Gales & Son. 15Al

Subscribers in this State will have
their Vines delivered at Newbern, free of
expense.

Bank Stock for Sale.

FOR SALE 70 (Seventy) Shares of Stock in
the State Bank of North-Carolina. For terms,
apply in person or by letter, postage paid, to
David Jordan, Suffolk, Va.
Oct. 20. 15 6w

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber lost, on the 18th of March
last, in the city of Raleigh, his Pocket Book,
containing the following Notes, Judgments and
Executions, which he hereby forwears all per-
sons from trading for, and the makers of them
from paying the same, to any person but him-
self:

1 Note on Col. Wm. Daniel, due Nov. 1827,
for \$84 05
1 do. on Alvan Utley, due in 1826, 32
1 Judgment and Execution against Henry
Jones, for 13
1 do. against Uriah Perry 3 40
There were also in the Pocket Book, sundry
other papers, and thirty dollars in money.
LEMUEL JONES.
Wake county, Oct. 25. 15 3t

JUST PUBLISHED, GALES'S North-Carolina Almanack, FOR 1829,

CONTAINING besides the usual Astronomi-
cal Calculations, some useful Essays on Ag-
riculture; a variety of valuable Recipes and
much instructive and entertaining matter.
The Almanacks may be had wholesale of the
Publishers, J. Gales & Son, Raleigh, or of Mr.
Edward J. Hale, Observer Office, Fayetteville,
or of Mr. Salmon Hall, Bookseller, of Newbern;
and retail of most of the Storekeepers in the
State.
Sept. 10, 1828. 2

J. Gales & Son, Have just received a supply of ADLUMS

MEMOIR on the Cultivation of the Vine, and
on the best mode of making Wine, second
Edition. Washington City, 1828. Price half-
bound, One Dollar.
Raleigh, Sept. 32. 6

NOTICE.

M. L. DRINKARD wishing to withdraw from
the Commission Business, the Copartnership
of Gilmore & Drinkard is this day dissolved
by mutual consent. Those who are indebted to
that concern, will settle the same with either of
the subscribers, and those who have claims will
call on them for payment.
Sept. 30. WM. GILMORE,
M. L. DRINKARD.

COPARTNERSHIP.

THE Subscribers have formed a Copartnership
under the firm of Wm. Gilmore & Co. for
the purpose of continuing the Commission Busi-
ness heretofore conducted by Gilmore & Drinkard.
Their counting room is in the store of L. E.
Stainback, on Bollingbrook Street, and they oc-
cupy the large fireproof Warehouse adjoining
that of the former firm, where they are pre-
pared to receive Cotton and other produce for sale
and on storage. They request a continuance of
business from their friends, assuring them of
every advantage to be derived from personal at-
tention, from acknowledgment of markets at home
and abroad, and from being sellers and not pur-
chasers of produce. They will receive and for-
ward goods for Country merchants and others,
at the customary rates.
WM. GILMORE,
L. E. STAINBACK.
Petersburg, Sept. 30.