

VIRGINIA CONVENTION.

Thursday, Nov. 5.

The Convention having formed itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Mercer concluded his speech in favor of adopting the white population as a basis of Representation. In reply to some of the arguments which had been introduced by gentlemen opposed to the Resolution as reported, Mr. M. read some extracts from the 54th No. of the Federalist.

Mr. Leigh enquired who the gentleman supposed to be the author of that number.

Mr. Mercer replied Alex. Hamilton, and proceeded to read further extracts, accompanying them with comments intended to show that, though that gentleman advocates a qualified representation of slaves, yet he had subsequently voted another way. He now said that it was whispered to him by a friend that the author of that number was not Mr. Hamilton, but Mr. Jay, whereupon

Mr. Madison rose, and observing that he was sorry to be obliged to say any thing on such a subject, added that he did not see any very material bearing, which the paper just read, had upon the subject before the Committee; but lest he might be understood as having given his sanction to the authorship ascribed to it, he thought it proper to state, that this particular number had not been written either by Mr. Hamilton, or by Mr. Jay, but by a third person concerned in that work.

Mr. Mercer, expressed his regret at having been mistaken, and explained how his mistake had arisen, (that it was attributed to Mr. Hamilton in the copy which he used, and which had passed through a variety of editions.) He proceeded to quote other parts of the Federalist, in confirmation of the views which he had taken, and then after a very respectful reference to Mr. Madison's virtues and public services, went on to consider the subject of the relative taxation in different parts of the State, and the security against the abuse of the taxing power. He adverted to the generosity and patriotism displayed by the people of the west, during the late war, their sufferings at Norfolk, and the inertness of North-Carolina in reference to the defence of that town; in which part of his speech, he passed a high encomium on the character of General Taylor. He touched briefly on the subject of the Education Fund, and concluded his speech by declaring his unalterable attachment to the union of the State, apostrophising both Virginia & the Union, in the language of Father Paul, O America! Mater amatissima! &c.

Mr. Joyner of Accomac next addressed the Committee, in a speech abounding in statistical details, going to illustrate the interest of different parts of the State in slave property, and the necessity of adopting the plan of a mixed basis of representation for its security. But Mr. J. contended, that if there was not a slave in Virginia, the right of property to representation would remain the same, let the property consist of what it might.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, the Committee rose, & the Convention adjourned.

Friday, Nov. 6.

On the Convention being called to order, Mr. Townes rose to offer a resolution which he was desirous to have referred to the Committee of the Whole. It would be found that the resolution contains four blanks, which it was his intention to move in Committee to fill: the first blank by uniting the counties below the head of tide; the second, with the counties between the head of tide and the Blue Ridge; the third with the Valley counties and the fourth with the counties which are trans-Alleghany.

The resolution was then read as follows:

Resolved, That on all propositions for laying the taxes or appropriating the public money, or for the loan of money upon the credit of the State, the votes of the members of both branches of the General Assembly representing the divisions hereafter mentioned, shall avail in proportion to the amount of public revenue collected in each division of the preceding year. A majority of the members from each division shall give the vote of the divisions, to which end that part of the State which is composed of the counties of _____ shall be one division; that part which is composed of the counties of _____ shall be another division; and that part which is composed of the counties of _____ shall be another division.

The resolution was referred accordingly. The President then laid before the Convention the following resolution adopted by the Synod of Virginia, at its recent session, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

At the sessions of the Synod of Virginia, held in the first Presbyterian Church, in the City of Richmond, on the 1st of October, A. D. 1829, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved unanimously, That the Synod of Virginia have observed with great satisfaction that the Convention now assembled to form a new Constitution for the people of the Commonwealth, are proposing, and intending doubtless to preserve and perpetuate the sacred principle—Liberty of Conscience—declared in the Bill of Rights, and in the act establishing religious freedom, as a part of the fundamental law of the land; and they do hereby solemnly proclaim that they continue to esteem and cherish that principle, for which the Presbyterian Church in this State, and throughout the United States, have ever zealously and heartily contended as the clearest right and most precious privilege that freemen can enjoy.

Resolved, That John H. Rice, D. D. Conrad Speer, D. D. and William Maxwell, be a committee to communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to the President of the Convention, to be very respectfully submitted to that body at such time as he shall deem most proper and convenient.

WM. HILL, Moderator.

FRANCIS S. FARLAND, Clerk of Synod.

The Convention then resolved itself into a committee of the whole Mr. Powell in the chair, when

Mr. Fitzhugh addressed the Committee in favor of the original proposition.

Mr. Taylor, of Norfolk, after some prefatory observations relative to the instructions he had received from his constituents, and his desire that the decision of the question might be postponed till he could make arrangements for the resignation of his seat, and the appointment of a successor who would be able to obey his instructions, without violating his conscience, moved that the Committee rise. He subsequently withdrew his motion in order to allow Mr. Moore to offer his views to the Committee in favor of the original proposition. After Mr. Moore had concluded, he renewed the motion for Mr. Taylor, and the understanding being that Mr. Taylor would resign his seat, & that a successor would probably be appointed to-morrow, the Committee rose and reported progress.

The Convention then adjourned.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

Pursuant to public notice, a respectable meeting of the Citizens of Carteret county, was held in the Courthouse at Beaufort, on Wednesday the 28th day of October, 1829. The meeting was organized by appointing Bridges Arendell, Esq. Chairman, and Dr. James Manney, Secretary.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, That our Representatives from this County to the State Legislature, be requested to use their utmost exertions to obtain an act of Incorporation at the ensuing Session, for a Company to unite the waters of Neuse River with the harbor at Beaufort, by a ship Canal.

Resolved, That our Representatives from this County to the State Legislature, be instructed to use their best efforts to have a resolution passed by the General Assembly, instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to obtain a subscription from the United States, to aid the Company in the completion of this great National Work.

Resolved, That if a majority of the State Legislature prefer that the Ship Canal shall be altogether a National Work, that they instruct our Senators and Representatives in Congress to that effect, and pass a law designating the manner in which the land for the Canal shall be ceded.

Resolved, That the meeting be adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock, A. M.

On Thursday the 29th Oct. at 11 o'clock A. M. a meeting of the Citizens of Carteret County was held in the Court House pursuant to adjournment. The Hon. JESSE SPEIGHT attended this meeting, and delivered an able and pertinent address on the subject of the contemplated Ship Canal; after which on motion of Gilbert Rumley, Esq. it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to Gen. Speight for his kindness and attention to our interests, in attending this meeting.

On motion of Dr. James Manney, Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Carolina Sentinel; and that the Editors of all the other Newspapers in this State be requested to re-publish them.

On motion of Dr. John S. W. Hellen.

Resolved, That this meeting be adjourned sine die.

BRIDGES ARENDELL, Chairman. JAMES MANNEY Sec'y.

INFLUENCE OF A CANAL.

Pottsville, Pa. Oct. 31.

Prior to the completion of the Schuylkill Navigation, this part of the country was considered as "a barren and mountainous waste," not worthy the attention of capitalists, although it was well known that its bowels were well stored with anthracite coal. Since the completion of the above improvement, the attention of capitalists has been drawn towards us, and property has risen in value, within the last five or six years, at a rate almost unparalleled in this country, and is now selling at prices which would stagger the belief of the most credulous, were it not in our power to substantiate our statements with illustrations derived from ocular proof.

Five years ago the "Peacock" tract of coal land, belonging to the New-York and Schuylkill Coal Company, was purchased by them for the sum of 9,000 dollars. Last week it was sold and bought in by the original seller for the sum of 42,000 dollars. The present owner, we understand, would not dispose of it for 70,000 dollars.

A tract of 120 acres, on the Broad Mountain, was disposed of for the sum of 12,000 dollars, which was bought nine months ago for 1,400 dollars.

One fourth of another tract of 450 acres, on the Broad Mountain, has been disposed of for 9,000 dollars, at which rate the whole tract would be worth 36,000 dollars. But this estimate is too low—the remainder three-fourths will bring that sum alone at the present time. This tract was purchased about six years ago for 190 dollars.

A tract on the West Branch sold for 6000 dollars, which was purchased nine months ago for 700 dollars.

Another tract sold for 16,000 dollars, which was purchased nine months ago for 1,000 dollars.

All these sales have taken place within the last week, besides several others, of which we have not heard the particulars.—*Miner's Journal.*

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, RETURNS his sincere thanks to his friends and the public generally, for the liberal share of patronage he has hitherto received, and hopes his attention to business and exertions to please, will secure a continuance of the same.

He would also inform his friends & the public, that he has just received a handsome assortment of CLOTHS of the following colours, viz: Superfine Blue, and Black, Brown, Dark and Light Steel Mixed, and Miller's Grey. Also, Silk, Tulanette and Valencia Velvets. Raleigh, Oct. 26, 1829.

NEW AND CHEAP Seasonable Dry Goods.

Fine and Common Cloths of all colours, Cassimeres, Sattinets, Calicoes, Isomarine and Gros de India Silks, Plain, Figured and Black Palmatine, Swiss and other Mustins, Merino Shawls, Splendid Belt and Bonnet Ribands, Lace Caps and Veils, Fine Hats, Seal Caps, Shoes of all kinds, Rose and Point Blankets, Irish Linens, &c. &c.

B. B. SMITH, has just received and opened the Cheapest and most extensive assortment of SEASONABLE DRY GOODS (of which the above named compose a part,) he has ever offered in this market; and which having been purchased by a friend of his at the Package Sales in New-York, on the most advantageous terms, he is necessarily enabled to sell them remarkably cheap. His CLOTHS he would particularly recommend to the attention of buyers, as many of them are 50 per cent lower than formerly. He has besides, superior Loaf & Brown Sugar, Tea and Coffee, Cotton Bagging and Iron.

Raleigh, Nov. 12. 24 4t

JUST RECEIVED, A Fresh Supply of Articles in the CONFECTIONARY LINE;

RAISINS, in boxes and half boxes Prunes, Zante Currants, Figs and Dates Italian Citron and Preserved Ginger Newtown Pippins Pine Apple Cheese Water and Butter Crackers Wax and Spermaceti Candles Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace and Nutmegs Candies and Kisses Nonpareil, Comfits and Sugar Plums Childrens Toys, &c. &c. &c.

The above articles having been purchased much cheaper than heretofore, the Subscriber will be able to dispose of them at such prices as will suit the times.

HENRY HARDIE. Raleigh, Nov. 11. 24 w4t

NOTICE.

STRAYED from the Subscriber, on the 5th of January last, a Horse MULE, about ten years of age, dark color, compactly built, and has the hair rubbed off his shoulders by the collar. He was seen at one time, between Murphey's Mills in Orange & Greensboro' in Guilford county, making for this place. He has no doubt been taken up or he would before this have reached home. A reasonable reward will be given and all expenses paid, for his delivery to me in Raleigh.

LEWIS HOLLOWMAN. Raleigh, Nov. 10. 24

LAND FOR SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the Court of Equity of Franklin County, made at Fall Term, 1829, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse in Lewisburg, on Tuesday the 15th day of December next, a Tract of Land, lying in the county of Franklin, on the waters of Lynch's Creek, adjoining the lands of Wm. Johnson, Jas. Houze & others; supposed to contain about 700 acres, it being the late residence of Isaac Houze, Jr. dec. sold for the purpose of making partition among the heirs of said Isaac. The above land will be sold on a credit of one, two and three years, by equal instalments, the purchaser giving bonds with approved security for the purchase money—the last two bonds to bear interest after twelve months from the date.

SAML. JOHNSON, C. M. E. Raleigh, Nov. 10, 1829. 24 404w

NOTICE.

WAS taken up and committed to the Jail of this county, on the 2d of March last, a negro man supposed to be a Slave, who calls himself SAMUEL WILKINS, and says that he was bound an apprentice to Wm. Mosely, of Norfolk, Va. and that he ran away from the said Mosely before his term of apprenticeship had expired. The said negro has been in this county 5 or 6 years, and has passed during that time as a free man; he is about 24 years of age, 5 feet, 4 or 5 inches high, and coal black. The owner of said negro is requested to come forward, prove property and pay charges, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAMES PALMER, Jailor. Windsor, Bertie county, June 9. 82-6m. Price adv. \$7.

North-Carolina State Bank.

Raleigh, Nov. 2, 1829. AGREEABLY to the 2d section of the Act incorporating the State Bank of North-Carolina, an Election of nineteen Directors of the Principal Bank is to take place annually on the first Monday in December. The Stockholders of the said Bank are therefore called upon to meet at the Principal Bank in this City, on Monday the 7th of December next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and hold the said Election, and attend to such other business in relation to the general interests of the Institution as may be judged necessary.

By order of the Board, CHARLES DEWEY, Cashier. Such Stockholders as cannot conveniently attend the meeting, will please to vote by proxy.

State of North-Carolina.

Bertie County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1829. Elijah Rayner, Adm'r. &c. v. Blount B. Ruffin. Original attachment returned "John Ruffin garnished."

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant Blount B. Ruffin resides out of the limits of this State: It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Raleigh Register for three months that unless the said Blount B. Ruffin make his personal appearance at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Bertie at the Courthouse in Windsor, on the second Monday of November next, and replevy, final judgment will be taken against him.

By order of Court. 2 3m E. A. RHODES, Clk.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT OF LAND, in Wake county, lying on both sides of Dutchman's Branch, containing 397 acres, and another Tract lying on the south side of Swift Creek. The Tracts are contiguous, and were purchased some years ago by the late Wm. Gilmour of Wm. Brown. Apply to the Editors of the Register, who are authorised by the owner to sell, said land. August 15, 1829. 99tf



MY LIVERY STABLES

ARE OPEN, and offer great convenience to the Members of the Legislature and other visitors to Raleigh, who prefer having their Horses kept in the city. Good Provender and trusty Osters are provided. The price will be moderate.

WILLIAM SMITH. October 22, 1829. 22

RALEIGH REGISTER, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1829.

The Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of North-Carolina, commences to-day in this City. Judge Potter will preside. Chief-Justice MARSHALL is a member of the Virginia Convention and will not be present. We learn that Mr. Devereux and Mr. Gaston who appear on one side or the other in almost every case, wrote to the Chief Justice, proposing to continue the causes in which they are concerned, leaving him to consult his own convenience with regard to attending the court. The Chief-Justice returned an answer expressing his thanks and his determination to avail himself of their courtesy.

Ice formed in this City, on Wednesday morning, for the first time this season.—During the night of Tuesday, there was the greatest transition from heat to cold, we ever experienced.

On Monday last, the Southern Stage did not arrive, but the Mail was brought in on one of the horses. We understand that the horses ran away with the stage, some ten or twelve miles from this city, crushed it to pieces and injured the driver, though not seriously.

We are informed that the Rev. Dr. McAuley of New-York, a distinguished divine of the Presbyterian Church, contemplates being in Raleigh, at the meeting of the Delegates from the different Bible Societies of the State, on Wednesday next the 18th inst.

Georgia—The Legislature of this State met on the 2d inst. Col. Warren Jordan was chosen Speaker of the H. of Representatives, beating the late incumbent Mr. Hudson, 20 votes. Mr. Stocks had no opposition for the Chair of the Senate. William C. Dawson was chosen Clerk of the lower House, and Wm. Y. Hansel Secretary of the Senate, finally after 5 ballottings, beating John A. Cuthbert by two votes.

There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Forsyth will have zealous opposition for the Senate of the United States.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania assembled at Harrisburg, on Friday last, 3d instaut. Daniel Sturgeon was unanimously re-elected Speaker of the Senate, and Frederick Smith was elected Speaker of the House on the fifth ballot.

New-York.—The election of Members of the Legislature, commenced in the City of New-York on Monday week.—The parties sail under so many flags and are distinguished by such diversity of names, it was impossible even in the city to tell, after the first day's election, who would gain the day.

Vermont.—The Legislature of this session has just adjourned. One of its most important measures, is the abolition of all Militia trainings except the annual inspection in June. It is thought that it will save annually to the people more than \$50,000, aside from its favorable effect upon their morals and habits.

Penitentiary.—The bill for establishing a Penitentiary in Tennessee, has passed its third reading in the Senate, and its second reading in the House of Representatives, thus seeming to have favor with both branches of the Legislature. Its final passage appears therefore probable.—It provides for the appointment of a board of Commissioners to fix the site of the institution, and with the approbation of the Governor to adopt a plan for the construction of suitable buildings.

Something New.—We learn that Garrett D. Wall has declined the office of Governor of New-Jersey, to which he was lately appointed.

The London Magazine mentions that the Methodist Conference has just closed at Sheffield. It is considered to have been the best Conference since the death of Mr. Wesley. The increase of the society is 2,434 in Great Britain, and 2,743 in the missionary stations; making a total of 5,177 since the last Conference.—We learn by a private letter from Sheffield, that Mr. Hampet, recently stationed in this city, was present at the Conference.

It is stated in a letter which has been received in Philadelphia, from Liberia, dated 18th September last, that out of the number of persons of color who emigrated thither from Norfolk, in the ship Harriet, thirty had died, among whom was the person called Prince Abdul Rahman.

The "Halifax Mercury," published by Mr. John Campbell, has changed hands, and is now under the sole editorial guidance of Edmund B. Freeman, Esq.—From our knowledge of the new Editor, we are confident it will prove an interesting and valuable vehicle of information, and must prove particularly so to persons residing in that prosperous section of the State.

We learn by a letter dated Sept. 22nd from Gibraltar, that the Ontario, Capt. Stephens, had arrived at the Rock, after a passage of 27 days from New-York.—Our correspondent says, on the 8th, the ship was struck by a tremendous squall and had not the ship been efficiently manned, it would have proved disastrous. The oldest sailors on board were most alarmed, possibly, because they had known the extreme danger which threatened her.

Halifax Superior Court.—The trial of James Mitchell, a man of colour, for murder, came before Judge Mangum on Friday 30th ult.—From the testimony of a negro slave, it appeared that the prisoner burnt by suspending naked over a fire, a child about 4 years old, the daughter of his wife by a former husband, that whilst engaged in this barbarous act he observed that he was determined to put her out of his way, and that the child died three days after. The slave was supported in his statement and character by his overseer and another witness, who deposed to several corroborating circumstances.—Counsel having been assigned the prisoner, he was ably defended by Messrs. Ramsom & Bynum, and by H. Seawell, Esq., as well known in our courts for the very faithful discharge of such duties to those who cannot, as well as those who can employ his powerful aid—the charge from the court was of the most favorable character for the prisoner—the jury retired from the box at 4 o'clock, P. M. and on Saturday 11 o'clock after a deliberation of 19 hours returned a verdict of guilty. Previous to pronouncing the sentence, Judge M. addressed a few remarks to the prisoner.—We have never witnessed a scene of this kind more solemn nor heard a more feeling address. All in the presence of the Judge seemed moved except the unfortunate creature to whom he addressed himself.

The sentence of the court is to be carried into execution on Friday 4th December next.—*Minerva.*

Lamentable Occurrence.—We learn with regret, that on Wednesday the 21st ult. Capt. Whitnell Cotten, of Scotland Neck Halifax county, deliberately shot his overseer, Mr. John F. Harris, who died on the following Friday—the Coroner's jury returning a verdict of murder. We understand that the provocation was given to day previous, in a quarrel between the parties, in which Mr. Harris knocked Capt. Cotten down. Capt. C. is a worthy and highly esteemed citizen, with an extensive circle of relatives and friends, who are overwhelmed with the greatest distress by this inconsiderate and passionate act; he has as yet eluded the pursuit of the officers of justice.—*Tarboro Free Press.*

Newbern, Nov. 7. The Steam Boats Long Branch and Mount Vernon, Com. Walker, two days from Washington City, bound for New-Orleans, via Charleston, S. C. touched at Beaufort, a few days since, for a supply of wood. Passengers, Admiral Coffin, of the British Navy, and upwards of 100 others.—*Spectator.*

A specimen of the "Improvement of the Press, under the new order of things," is furnished by the National Journal, of Thursday, that can hardly be exceeded. It is in the comparison of two articles, each purporting to be Editorial, taken, the one from the Richmond Enquirer, the other from the Kentucky Gazette—published so nearly at the same time, as to render it impossible that one could have copied the other; while, both are identical in opinions, in the train of reasoning, in the facts, and very frequently in the very phraseology of whole paragraphs.

The purport of these two pretended editorial articles is to vindicate the Postmaster General in his conduct towards the two Bradleys—and their identity is so complete, as to prove, that they were the production of the same pen, and that both were written by, or under the revision of, Mr. Barry himself—of whose wishes and intentions, they speak with apparent knowledge and authority.

With the merits of the questions discussed in these Editorials! we do not meddle, but notice the above facts respecting them, in order to elucidate the notion of duty to his readers, and of self respect, which an Editor must possess, who can thus consent to put forth to the public, and adopt as his own, statements prepared by another and an interested party—and which, by the manner of their publication, are imposed upon the Community, as the deliberate convictions and examinations of an impartial inquirer.

N. Y. American. A gentleman of Tennessee, Mr. W. C. Davis, who is a "fortunate and successful proprietor of a race course" in the vicinity of Nashville, has, on being requested by several of his fellow-citizens, contributed thirty dollars of his winnings to constitute himself a life-member of the American Bible Society.