

COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR OF THE REGISTER: DEAR SIR: You may remember, that when I lately had the pleasure of meeting with you at "Old Point," I promised or threatened to send you, after the "burly burly" was over, some account of my impressions upon a first visit to this watering-place. It certainly combines many advantages—the magnificent water-scenery, the salubrious and delightful sea-breezes, the Shipping, the Steamers plying in various directions, the sea-bathing, the fish, the adjacent fortress, and "the Castle of the Rip Raps." A visitor arriving there for the first time, may perhaps for a while feel a little awkward, something "like a cow in a strange lane." But as soon as by dint of asking questions and poking about inquisitively, he becomes sufficiently au fait in the topography and economy of the place, he will discover, that although "a mighty maze," it is "not without a plan." If he manages to make some agreeable acquaintances, especially of the gentler sex, the fog will soon disperse, and, in the ever-varying series of attractive recreations and social charms, within doors and without, he will find himself daily more and more fascinated; he will "Eat and drink and dance away the time," "Fresh as the breezes and happy as the climate," so that, at last, he will bid adieu to the enchanted spot, with reluctance and regret, and without casting "many a longing, lingering look behind."

Dock and Navy Yard. It would be a long delay, to enumerate the wonders of the big Ship—her great guns and cables and anchors, her brilliant array of masts, muzzles, carlines and the endless curiosity-shop of nautical and warlike implements and fixtures. After descending from deck to deck, we at length reached a tank of Juniper water, eight months old, as pure and sweet as when first poured into the reservoir. The Juniper water is brought from the "Dismal Swamp," where it is found impregnated with the flavor of the Juniper tree, which appears to make it keep during any length of time. It is indeed reckoned medicinal in the country bordering on the Swamp, and the inhabitants, at some distance, send and procure it in barrels.

SANTA ANNA. THE WASHINGTON POLICY. The return of Santa Anna to Mexico, his triumphant reception at Vera Cruz, the complete success of his party at the capital and throughout such departments as have been heard from, leave no room to doubt that he is once more established in power, and under auspices which enable him to exercise supreme rule with a firmer hand and a more daring purpose than at any previous period of his life. He has been by turns the foot-ball and pet of fortune. He has swung to and fro like a pendulum that touched in its vibrations the extremes of fate. A victorious general, a prisoner of war, a dictator with uncurbed power, a fugitive from an exasperated populace, an exile upon penalty of death, a deposed tyrant and a ruler for the third time clothed in purple, are portions of the chequered character he has played in the great drama of life. He is a medley of contradictory passions, a compound of cruelty, duplicity, talent, energy, courage and rapacity. His greatness arises from the vigor of his vices, his successes are traceable to the force of systematic selfishness. He has simplified statesmanship into one idea—self, and to this point all his acts—whether as ruler or fugitive, whether as despot or supplicant, whether as demagoguing captives or imploring mercy, as mass-creating prisoners of war or skulking from an outraged people in the fastnesses of the Cordilleras. For self he will do things in themselves chivalrous, bold and generous, and for self he will enact prodigies of cruelty and descend to shifts of the lowest pusillanimity and baseness. With him friendship is an obsolete weakness and patriotism a nursery illusion. To him the government, the people, the army, laws, religion, liberty, the state—all are Santa Anna or nothing.

GOING TO MUSTER IN N. CAROLINA. BY THE AUTHOR OF "COURSE SALLY DILLERS." JOHN S. GUTHRIE, Esq. of Chatham, long a member of the Legislature, was distinguished for his good sense, fine wit, and occasionally some of the most extraordinary bursts of eloquence. Our various passages (his and mine) have been too frequent and too notorious for me to get into print, and he also. The fact is, if there was any painter on earth who could have apprehended the expression of John's face, when he was in the quizzical humor of that impatient grey eye, and above all, the longitudinal expansion of that mouth, with its peculiar curves and angles—I would have the picture for my frontispiece. Nothing could be more proper, either as a mark of my regard for the bearer of that face, or as a pre-exponent of the happy contents of these pages, their innocence and light-heartedness. But I have not set down to write the biography of John Guthrie, only to narrate an incident which he used to tell himself with inimitable glee. (He says that when he arrived at the age of eighteen, he was put upon the muster-roll, and duly warned by the Orderly of the Company to appear on next Saturday morning at the usual parade ground equipped according to law. John says that he knew well enough that he was eighteen years old, but the thought of bearing arms in the service of his country had never once crossed his brain; but when the idea was brought home to him by the summons of the subordinate of Capt. Dillier, he says he did not know what he should do—so near being a man! So he went and whipped a big dog that had always kept him at a tin-cup of hot water; he then took out a rusty razor, and strapped—strapped—strapped it, until—until he could have seen it drawn across the old chap's weasand. He then quietly lathered his face, and then tugged and grinned, and relathered and tugged away again. He thought at length, by way of relief, of taking a conversation with the old lady, who was sitting by, knitting; but here comes the crisis of the story—old Mrs. Emerson was obviously in no very serene condition of temper, and his reception in this quarter was anything but entertaining.

OFFICE OF THE PICAYUNE. Thursday, Aug. 27, 1846. ARRIVAL OF THE ALABAMA. SIX DAYS LATER FROM THE ARMY. The Steamship, Alabama, Capt. Windle, arrived at this morning, from Brazos Santiago, whence she sailed on the 24th inst. Capt. Windle reports that Gen. Worth, with 2000 men, had left Camargo and proceeded 75 miles on his route towards Monterey. This report is no doubt premature. We have late dates from Camargo, which represent that active preparations were going on to move at an early day. Since writing the above, we have received the American Flag of the 23d inst., which thus notices the report: FROM CAMARGO.—The Steamer Virginian reports having crossed Gen. Worth and his command, consisting of the 8th infantry and 2 companies of artillery, over the San Juan River, on the 19th inst. Gen. Worth, says our informant, received orders to march to the village of China and remain there until further advised. This may or may not be so; we are inclined to believe that there is a little more of the may-not than may. It would be hardly Worth while for the commander of this expedition to start at all if he had to stop at 85 miles. Massachusetts has more than 300 towns where not a drop of Alcohol can be bought; except from Physicians. TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF JOHN JUSTICE, DECEASED: In the matter of William H. Bridges and Sarah his wife, John Justice, William Duncan and Elizabeth his wife, Warren Durham and Nancy his wife, Allen Justice, David Justice, Keziah Justice, Elizabeth Justice, Sarah Justice, Allen Robertson, Nathaniel Robertson, Stephen Robertson, David Robertson, Merritt Robertson, John Robertson, William Thompson and Elizabeth his wife, William Justice, Clayborn Justice, Wesley Edwards and Dolly his wife, and Franklin Freeman and Sarah his wife—Plaintiffs, AND Stephen Pleasants, Executor of the last Will of Stephen Justice, deceased—Defendant. PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, directing me to enquire and state to the Court who were the children of John Justice, deceased, (a brother of the testator, Stephen Justice) living at the death of the said testator, to wit, in 1835, and whether any of them are since dead, and if dead, who is or are their personal representatives: I DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE to all such persons, to come in and make out their kindred before me, at the Office of said Court, in the City of Raleigh, on the second Monday in March next, as in default thereof, they will be excluded from all benefit in the distribution of a fund now in said Court. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, C. F. Sept. 2, 1846. 71-3m.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.—CHATHAM COUNTY—Court of Equity, Spring Term, 1846. Edwin P. Snipes, et al. vs. William S. Snipes and others. Original Bill. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Britton Snipes, Elizabeth Wilkinson, and the Heirs of Anna Sanford, are the true and lawful owners of the said Delandens to appear at the next Term of this Court, to be holden at the Court House in Petersburg, on the 3d Monday in September next, and plead in answer or demurr to the Plaintiff's Bill, otherwise judgment pro confesso will be entered against them. Witness, Joseph Ramsey, Clerk and Master of said Court at Office, the 3d Monday in March, 1846. J. S. RAMSEY, C. M. Pr. Adv. \$5 62 1/2. GREAT BARGAINS IN HARDWARE. IN contemplation of a change in the Business on the 1st of January, and being anxious to reduce our stock as much as possible by that time, we offer it at wholesale or at a very small advance upon the importation cost for cash, or approved Town Acceptances. Country Merchants are invited to examine our Stock, when they will be convinced that there can be no lower than in New York, or elsewhere. Our Stock is entirely new, our English Goods are Imported, and the greater part of them recently received, consisting of all articles generally kept in our line. We have a fine lot of Single and Double Barrel Guns of our own importation, which will offer at unprecedented low prices. E. LORRAINE & CO. Sycamore st., Petersburg, Va. August 6, 1846. Notice. TO all whom it may concern, be it known, that at the next Superior Court to be held for the County of Warren, at the Court House in Warren, I shall file a petition in said Court for leave to emancipate the following slaves belonging to me, to-wit: Betsy and her two children, William and Addison. THOMAS M. GREEN. mark. August 13, 1846. 68-5w. Notice. ALL persons indebted to me individually, and to the late General of Stryker & Pascoe, whose notes and accounts were due on the 1st of January, 1846, are hereby notified, that longer indulgence than the 15th September, will not be allowed; and all claims unpaid at that time, will be put in a train for collection. I dislike exceedingly to resort to legal means to effect a settlement of any claim due the late concern of Stryker and Pascoe, or myself, and earnestly hope that I may not be under the necessity of doing. P. P. FESCUD. Raleigh, Aug. 10, 1846. 64. SHORT HORN DURHAM BULL. THE Subscriber offers for sale his splendid Bull, Rob Roy. He was three years old in May last; color red and white, supposed to weigh fifteen hundred pounds, calved in Dutchess County, New York, and purchased by the late General of Stryker & Pascoe, No. of Culpitor, 1845. Gentlemen desiring of improving their cattle, have now an opportunity of doing so, attended with much less expense or risk than procuring one from the North. His calves from common cows are remarkably large and fine. For further particulars, address the Subscriber, Watson's Bridge, Moore County, N. C. C. CHALMERS. August 26, 1846. 70-2w. MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE Annual Course of LECTURES in this Institution, will commence on the second Monday in November, upon the following branches: ANATOMY, by J. E. HARRISON, M. D. SURGERY, by GARDNER, M. D. INSTRUMENTS AND PRACTICE, by S. H. DEXTER, M. D. PHYSIOLOGY, by JAMES MOUTRIER, M. D. MATERIA MEDICA, by HENRY R. FAOR, M. D. OBSTETRICS, by THOMAS G. PROBLEAU, M. D. CHEMISTRY, by C. U. SHEPARD, M. D. DEMONSTRATOR, ST. JULIAN RAYNER, M. D. The Demonstrator's apartment has recently been much improved, and will be opened on the first of November or earlier, under the immediate direction of Dr. Rayner. CLINICAL INSTRUCTION will be delivered at the Marine Hospital, Almshouse, and College Hospital, to which the Students are admitted. Students have access to a valuable Medical Library. Good boarding can be obtained at from three and a half to four dollars per week. Specimens in Pathological Anatomy, and in Natural History, will be thankfully received. For further information refer to the Annual Circular of the College, or direct to HENRY R. FROST, Dean. Charleston, August 22. 70-w5t. Leather! Leather!! AT REDUCED PRICES. M. T. & J. DAVIDSON, Old Street, Petersburg, Va., are now receiving their Fall supply of Leather, and other articles in their line, consisting in part of OAK and HACKLOCK SOLE LEATHER, various qualities; KEEL'S FRENCH and other CALF SKINS, UPPER LEATHER, MONROE, KIRK LINED and BIRKENHEAD SKINS, LASTS, all kinds SEWING, &c. &c. &c. Being confident they can sell as low as any other House in this Market, they invite dealers visiting Petersburg to give them a call. All orders promptly filled. Petersburg, Aug. 26, 1846. 70-4P. E. P. Nash, PETERSBURG, AND Nash & Woodhouse, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. CONTINUE their Establishments in the above named places, upon a very large and extensive scale. They keep on hand at the two Stores from twenty to forty Piano Forts, varying in price and finish from the plainest and cheapest, up to the richest and most costly, all of which are offered upon trial, subject to be returned if not good, and upon terms not only as favorable as at other Establishments in Petersburg and Richmond, but also as low as they can be had in any of the Northern Markets. They have been selling these Instruments for the last ten years, and whilst upwards of four hundred have been sold, not one in all that number has proved to be defective. Their Fall Stock of Books, Piano Forts, &c., has been purchased upon very advantageous terms, and all that is asked is a fair trial. August 24, 1846. 70-w4w. 1846. Fall Stock. 1846. HATS AND CAPS. THE Subscriber has commenced receiving his supply of Hats and Caps, for the Fall trade, embracing every variety, usually kept in Hat Establishments, &c. &c. &c. Gentlemen visiting this Market, are requested to call and examine, confident that his prices will be as low as any other house in the State. J. N. O. ECKLES. Petersburg, Va., Aug. 25, 1846. 69-3t.