

THE HORNETS' NEST.

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TERMS OF THE NEST.

THE HORNETS' NEST will be published in its present form at Three Dollars per annum, half payable on the receipt of the first number—the remainder at the end of the year.

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Advertisements will be inserted at one dollar per square for three weeks; and twenty-five cents for each week continuing—subject, however, to a reasonable deduction, when continued for several months.

Murfreesboro', Sept. 3, 1812.

Hertford Academy

ON Monday the 31st ult. the examination of the Students of Hertford Academy commenced in the presence of the Hon. Board of Trustees and a numerous collection of citizens, and concluded on the 1st instant. The Committee of Examination can with confidence inform the Publick, that the male pupils under the care of Dr. Freeman, and the females under Mrs. Fitzgerald, acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of the Board; and without distinction from the highest to the lowest classes, far exceeded their most sanguine expectations.

The Committee cannot withhold the meed of just applause, due to the Students for their orderly deportment since the last yearly examination; confidently hoping, that the ensuing year may be marked by similar attention both to their classical and moral duties.

The Exercises of the Academy will again commence on the 1st of October ensuing, under the superintendence of Dr. J. G. Freeman, assisted by Mr. Nye, in the male, and Mrs. Fitzgerald in the female departments.

Mr. Huntington will attend each of the young ladies as wish for instruction in the branches of Drawing and Painting.

* * * The terms of tuition for the ensuing year will be as heretofore. Payment expected quarterly in advance.

By order of the Board,

GEORGE GORDON,

Sec. Pro tem.

Murfreesboro', Sept. 5th, 1812.

Notice.

A BILL to establish a separate Election at St. John's Chapel, will be introduced in the next General Assembly.—Also to have the Elections on different days, so as to conclude at the Court House in Winton.

Aug. 27th, 1812.

Harbour Fishery.

The above Fishery on Chowan river belonging to the heirs of A. Foster, deceased—if not let out before, will be rented out for the next season, before the Court House door, on the first day of the Superior Court.

JOS. F. DICKINSON, Guardian.

Winton, September 6.

For Sale,

THE valuable HOUSE and LOT together with the improvements which I at present occupy, situated on the main Street in the center of Murfreesboro'. The stand is well calculated for a mechanic, and the house might accommodate a number of boarders with little trouble.

SAMUEL WELLS.

Murfreesboro', Aug. 24, 1812.

Salt for Sale.

1600 Bushels Lisbon Salt, excellent quality, for Cash. Apply to BELL AND RAMSEY, who wish to purchase Apple and Peach Brandy, for which cash will be given.

Sept. 3.

BLANKS

Of almost every description, will be kept constantly for sale at this Office.

PRINTING executed with correctness and dispatch.

Murfree & Gordon,

Have on hand and offer for sale, an extensive assortment of

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES,

Among which are the following articles: Viz.

SUPERFINE Black, Blue, Brown, Drab, and Corbeau Broadcloths, Do. do. Cassimere, Sattinette, Stockinette, Bombazine, and Bombastines, Corduroys, Flannels, Fancy Cords, and Velvets, &c. &c. Fabrics Velvets, Cottons, &c. &c. Washington Stripes, Blue and Yellow Nankeens, Twilled Linings, Flais de Florentine, Canton Grapes, Mourning do. Ladies' white and black Silk and Cotton Stockings, Men's do. do. Tany'd faced black & white Silk Sileves, Flais do. Cotton do. Laced Silk Veils, Leno do. Damask Silk Shawls, Silk do. of different kinds & colours, Cotton do. long and short Silk Gloves, plain, figured and knotted Lenos, Leno Shawls, plain and twilled Cambric, Cambric-muslin, thread Cambric, Spider and Paris Net, Ladies' long and short Kid Gloves, Calicons, printed and stamped Cambricks, Ginghams, and Shambrays, 4-4 and 7-8 Irish Linens, Cotton Shirtings, Cambric Dimities, common do. white and coloured Marcellise Vesting, Barcelona, Malabar, Madras and Bandanna Handkerchiefs, silk do. India Cottons, Bed-ticking Ladies' and Misses' best green, yellow, black and dove-coloured Morocco Shoes with ties, do. leather do. Men's best calf-skin and Morocco Shoes and Pumps, Children's Shoes of all colours, Grecian Sandals, Tortoise-shell long and tucking Combs, horn do. Ladies' red and green Morocco Indispensables, do. Pocket and Memorandum Books, an elegant assortment of Ladies' Straw, Flax and Silk Bonnets of the latest fashions from Boston, Men's best beaver and rocam Hats, felt, wool, willow and patent water proof do.

Groceries.

West-India and New-England Rum, Holland Gin, apple and peach Brandy, fine and coarse Salt, Molasses, brown loaf and lump Sugars, Coffee, Copperas, Pimento, Pepper, rice and ground Ginger, Cinnamon, Mustard, Imperial and Hyson Teas, Lampblack, red and white Lead, yellow and red Ochre, Spanish Brown, Linseed and train Oil, CROCKERY of all kinds, Glass ware, Trace Chains, weeding & plough Hoes, 30, 20, 10, 6, 4 and 4d. wrought and cut Nails, Swedes and Russia Iron, German Steel, Powder and Shot, Cotton and Wool Cards.

Also the following Classical and Miscellaneous BOOKS: Viz.

Looking-Glass for the Mind, Mur ray's Reader, do. Sequel, do. Grammar, do. do. abridged, Walker's Pronouncing Dictionary, Welsh's Arithmetic, Dilworth's do. Morse's Geography, Gibbons Surveying, Riddiman's Rudiments, Corderi, Selecta Veteris, Caesar Delphini, Virgil do. Horace do. Cicero do. Ainsworth's Latin Dictionary, Howard's Greek Grammar, Greek Testament, Lucian's Dialogues, Carey's Pocket Atlas, Blair's Lectures abridged, Do. Philosophy, Xenophon, Cyropædia, Morse's Gazetteer, Do. Atlas, Scott's Works complete—5 vols. Manners and Customs, Porter's Travels in Russia, Bigland's View of the World, Buchanan's Christian Researches.

NOVELS.—Village Pastor, Tales of Fashionable Life, Think-Lo-myself, Forest of Maltabano, Cælebs in search of a Wife, Thalaba the Destroyer, Obaboo, 2 vols. Edmund the Wanderer, Hungarian Brothers, Thaddeus of Warsaw, Winter in London, Don Sebastian.

Blank and Memorandum Books, Hot pressed, vellum and gilt Letter Paper, Foolscap writing do. Quills, Wafers, Sealing-wax, &c. &c.

All which will be sold on moderate terms for cash, or on short credit.—Every kind of Produce taken in payment at the highest market price.

Murfreesboro', Sept. 3, 1812.

Sheep Skins.

A few untanned Sheepskins are wanted at this office, for which Cash will be paid.

Blank Notes, Warrants, &c. on hand.

RULES

THE GOVERNMENT

OF

HERTFORD ACADEMY,

AT MURFREESBOROUGH,

Agreed upon by the Board of Trustees, on the 26th day of Sept. A. D. 1812.

ARTICLE I.

OF ADMISSION.

SEC. 1. The quarters shall be considered as commencing on the first days of January, April, July, and October; and no scholar shall enter for a shorter period than one quarter: Provided, that when scholars offer from a distance, after the quarters have commenced; the treasurer may be authorized to receive for such quarter, such sum as may to him seem reasonable.

SEC. 2. Every student shall, at the time of admission, pay one quarter's tuition in advance, and produce to the Principal a certificate of his or her admission.

SEC. 3. The terms of tuition shall be, for Spelling and Reading, four dollars; for Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar; and the Elements of Geography five dollars; for the Languages, Mathematics, use of the Globes and general Geography, Natural Philosophy and Logic six dollars per quarter.

ARTICLE II.

GOVERNMENT OF THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE ACADEMY.

SEC. 1. From the first day of April until the first day of October, attendance will be required from the ringing of the bell, at sunrise, until dismissed for breakfast; again from 8 A. M. until 12, and from 2 P. M. until 6.—From the first of October until the first of April—from 6 in the morning until breakfast, and from 2 until 5.—No attendance will be required on Saturdays, except by the higher classes, who exhibit composition.

SEC. 2. At the ringing of the bell the students shall repair, in a decent and orderly manner to their respective seats; after which, all conversation, whispering, and improper gestures shall cease, and diligent attention to their various duties and employments shall be required.

SEC. 3. No student shall take from the desk or apartment of another student, any article without permission.

SEC. 4. A monitor shall be appointed weekly from the senior classes, in each apartment, who shall notice all absences, offences and indecorums, and report them to the Preceptors.

ARTICLE III.

EXERCISE AND STUDIES.

SEC. 1. The academy shall be opened and closed, morning and evening, by reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and by prayers—during which the students shall behave with strict decorum; and shall be provided with Bibles to look over the portion read.

SEC. 2. The branches of learning taught in the academy, shall be Reading, Writing, Spelling, Elocution, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography with the use of the Globes, Rhetoric, Logic, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, with the Latin and Greek languages. And in the female department, Needle-work, Drawing, Painting, &c.

SEC. 3. There shall be a monthly visitation of the school by a standing committee of the board of trustees, whose duty it shall be to notice the deportment and proficiency of the students.

SEC. 4. There shall be an annual examination and exhibition, which shall immediately precede the vacation in the month of September, to be regulated by the standing committee.

ARTICLE IV.

CONDUCT OF THE STUDENTS OUT OF THE ACADEMY.

SEC. 1. If any student shall absent himself from the Academy,

without permission from the Preceptors, or shall absent himself from Publick Worship on Sunday, he shall bring a written excuse from the family with whom he resides, when he next attends the Academy.

SEC. 2. The students shall maintain a decent and respectful deportment towards all with whom they converse, especially towards those advanced in years, and towards the Trustees of the Academy.

SEC. 3. All profane, indecent and passionate language is expressly forbidden; and all noisy and improper sports on the Sabbath are to be avoided.

SEC. 4. No student shall enter the enclosure of any inhabitant to commit any trespass on his property; or to disturb the peace of his family.

SEC. 5. Any student convicted of haunting taverns, tipping shops, or improper places of resort, or of gambling for money, shall be punished at the discretion of the board of Trustees.

SEC. 6. As the Trustees feel a solicitude to fulfill their pledge to watch over the morals and deportment of the youth committed to their care, many of whose parents and guardians living at a distance, cannot be consulted on such occasions; they do therefore forbid any student of the Academy from attending any dancing-school, or any balls which may be given in the place, while they are members of the Academy, unless they bring a written permission from their parents or guardians.

ARTICLE V.

PUNISHMENTS.

The only intention of punishment is to preserve good order, and to reclaim the offender; and such has hitherto been the good conduct of the students, that the Trustees feel a hope it will seldom be necessary to have recourse to it. When it shall be necessary, it shall be either private admonition and corporal punishment by the Preceptors, or publick admonition, suspension and expulsion by the Trustees—the two last never to take place without serious cause, and a full meeting of the board.

ARTICLE VI.

VACATIONS.

There shall be two vacations—one during the month of September, and the other a short period before Christmas, at the discretion of the superintending committee.

DOMESTICK.

THESE COPIES OF LETTERS

From Captain Porter to the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying those published last week.

At sea, August 20.

Sir—Finding myself much embarrassed by the Alert from the great number of prisoners we have already made (about 500) I concluded that before our arrival in America the number would be considerably augmented, and as I found my provisions and water getting short, and being well satisfied that a plan had been organised by them for rising on the ship in the event of an engagement, I considered it to be the interest of my country to get clear of them as speedily as possible, particularly as I was well assured that immediately on their arrival in St. John's an equal number of my countrymen would be released and find a sure and immediate conveyance. I therefore drew up written stipulations corresponding with the accompanying letters, threw all the guns of the Alert overboard; withdrew from her all the men belonging to the Essex; appointed lieutenant J. P. Wilmer to command her as a cartel, put all my prisoners on board her and dispatched her for St. John's, in Newfoundland, with orders to proceed from thence to New-York with such A-

mericans as he may receive in exchange.

At a more suitable opportunity I shall do myself the honour to lay before you copies of every paper relative to this transaction and sincerely hope that my conduct in this affair may meet with your approbation.

As the Essex has been so annoying about Bermuda, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, I expect I shall have to run the gauntlet through their cruizers; you may however rest assured that all a ship of her size can do shall be done, and whatever may be our fate, our country shall never blush for us.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) D. PORTER.

Hon. Paul Hamilton, Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

[The following are the papers accompanying the preceding: viz. two letters to capt. Langhorne with his answer, verbal and written to the first; a copy of the passport given to lieutenant Wilmer and a copy of capt. Langhorne's certificate certifying to the number of prisoners put on board the cartel Alert.]

August 18, 1812.

FIN.—An arrangement had suggested itself to me, which, in my opinion, is calculated to advance the interest of the United States, as well as that of his Britannic majesty, and if accepted to by you shall be immediately put in execution; should you object to the terms they will not after this be repeated, and the treatment usual to prisoners of war will in future be observed towards your crew.

ART. 1. The Alert to be deprived of all her armament, and to proceed under charge of an officer of this ship as a cartel to such British port as you may deem most advisable, and to take your officers and crew, together with the British captives and mates of merchant vessels with their crew, now prisoners on board this ship.

ART. 2. The officers to go on parole of honour, not to serve against the United States of America during the existing war, until they are regularly exchanged. The captives mates of merchant vessels and their crews, as well as the petty officers, seamen, marines, landmen and boys composing your crew to be exchanged immediately on their arrival in a British port for an equal number of equal grades of American prisoners, and are not to serve against the United States until the exchange takes place.

ART. 3. The swords of the officers to be returned to them.

ART. 4. You to remain as pledge for the faithful fulfilment of the foregoing articles.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) D. PORTER.

Capt. J. L. P. Langhorne,

late commander of his B. M. sloop of war Alert—Present.

After delivering the preceding letter to Capt. Langhorne he verbally informed me, "That his officers preferred remaining with him, and sharing his fate, and as he was confident that some of his ship's company were much prejudiced against him, he did not wish them to go to Newfoundland, until he could be present to appear in his own justification, before they could have an opportunity of injuring his honour and reputation as an officer, both of which he held as inestimable, and as a court martial could not take place in his absence." He then wrote me the following letter:

August 18, 1812.

Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, offering an arrangement for the officers and crew of his majesty's late sloop Alert.

In answer thereto I beg to inform you I accept and agree to the first second and third articles, but permit me to mention my objection to the last, as it seems by your requiring me to remain as an hostage for