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CONDITIONS.
 The Minerva will be printed every Thursday morning at \$2 50 per annum, in advance, or \$3 if payment is not made within 3 months.
 No paper to be discontinued until all arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the Editor; and a failure to notify a discontinuance will be considered as a new engagement.
 Advertisements, making twenty lines or less, inserted three times for One Dollar, and twenty-five cents for every subsequent insertion. Longer ones in proportion. All advertisements will be continued unless otherwise ordered, and each continuance charged.
 Letters to the Editor must be post paid, or they will not be attended to.

SCOTLAND NECK Private Academy.

The subscriber having determined on the removal of the institution formerly kept in Halifax town, to the neighborhood of Scotland Neck, begs leave to inform those concerned, and Parents and Guardians generally, that the Spring Session of the above Academy will commence on Monday the 9th of March, and terminate on Friday the 31st of July. This institution will include two departments—MALE and FEMALE; and will be open to children of any age. The course of studies will be as follows:

4th CLASS—Spelling, Reading & Writing, with first Principles of Arithmetic. 2d CLASS—The same, with the addition of English Grammar, Geography and Arithmetic advanced. 3d CLASS—Including the studies of the 3d and 4th, with the addition of Modern History, Epitomes of the Arts and Sciences, and Epistolary Writing. 1st CLASS—All the former studies reviewed, with the addition of Parsing and punctuation, Geography from an Atlas, Compositions on Selected Subjects, and Irvings Catechisms of Astronomy, Botany, Practical Chemistry, Jewish, Grecian, and Roman Antiquities, Mythology and Biography, with Ancient and Universal History.

The Female Department will be under the charge of Mrs. Norment, who will teach, in addition to the studies above enumerated, the more peculiar branches of Female Education, viz: Ornamental Needle Work, Drawing and Painting, and Music on the Piano Forte.

RATES AS FOLLOWS:
 Literary tuition, per Session, \$10 00
 Needle Work, 5 00
 Drawing and Painting, 5 00
 Music—when added to the above branches 10 00
 With any of the above omitted, 15 00
 Tax for fire wood, per session, 50

Persons wishing to patronize the above institution, will please send their children, punctually, on the day of opening the School, that all may be classed, and commence their studies at the same time. It will be necessary, however, that the tuition of each session be paid at the time of entrance. Without this requisition, no pupil can be received.
 Boarding may be had in the immediate neighborhood at \$5 per month.
 JOHN HAYWOOD NORMENT,
 25th February, 1829.

THE Washington City Chronicle,
 A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER,
 Published in the City of Washington
 By ROTHWELL & USTICK

THIS paper has been established at the seat of the general government, under auspices which the publishers think favorable to the encouragement of a periodical devoted, as it is, to the diffusion of literary, scientific and useful miscellaneous information. Its object has been, as it will continue to be, to promote the cause of letters, and to spread, within its range, a knowledge of all that may be new, interesting and valuable, in science, literature and the arts, together with the latest foreign and domestic intelligence. Mere party disputations are, and shall be sedulously avoided, and nothing will be admitted but what may tend to enlarge and interest the mind, and improve and benefit the heart.
 A summary of the proceedings of Congress will, during the sessions, be regularly given.
 The Chronicle is published every Saturday, and is printed in the best manner, on a large sheet, (imperial size.) Price \$3 per annum, or \$2 50, if paid in advance.

R. & J. DUNN & CO.,

INFORM their friends and the public, that they are receiving their SPRING SUPPLY OF GOODS which comprises a handsome and very extensive assortment of nearly every article, New, Fashionable or Desirable in the

DRY GOODS LINE.

A very large supply of Groceries of all descriptions, **HARDWARE,**

HATS, of every quality.
 China, Glass and Earthenware.

SADDLERY, BOOTS AND SHOES.

and an assortment of TIN WARE. Together with an assortment of Sole Upper, Harness, Skirting and Bridle LEATHER.—Calf, Kip, Morocco and Sheep Skins.—Soaps; Perfumery.

Ladies' Leghorn Hats and Straw Bonnets.
 Work Baskets, Brushes of all kinds, Books, Stationary, Tortoise-shell, Ivory, and Horn COMBS, Paints, Oils and Drugs; Pocket Books; Fur, Seal-skin, and Morocco Caps, &c. &c.

All of which will be offered at very moderate prices—many of the goods MUCH lower than they have been heretofore sold in this market. They have on hand a consignment of **HERRINGS AND SHAD,** of the best quality, which they will sell at reduced prices.

Being confident that they can give satisfaction to those who fall on them as regards the quality, style & prices of their goods, they respectfully invite all who want to purchase to examine their assortment.

N. B. We will continue to buy COTTON and CORN for cash, and to take them in trade or payment. Those of our customers who wish to send their Cotton to Dunns & M'Ilwaine of Petersburg, to be Stored or Sold, will find us accommodating in our arrangements and anxious to promote their interest.

R. & J. D. & Co.
 Halifax, N. C. Jan. 1829. 2—

Saddle and Harness Making Business.

THE subscribers embrace this opportunity of informing their customers, as well as the public generally, that they have on hand, and intend keeping,

A General Assortment of Articles in their Line, which will be sold on very moderate terms, for Cash; or on a short credit to punctual customers. Those indebted to us, would do us a considerable favor by coming forward and settling their accounts, as it would be much to our advantage at this time.

CLARK & LITCHFORD.
 N. B. Old Work repaired with neatness and despatch. C. & L.
 January 30. 2—

THE CABINET,
 Of Literature, Instruction and Amusement.

CONTENTS OF NO. 6—FOR DEC. 1.
 Fort Niagara, with an engraving. The Woodsman, Henry, or the Captive. Destructions of Jerusalem. Manners in Venice, A true Fish Story, Envy, The Curate of Survisio, Chances of Marriage, Pelham, or the Adventures of a Gentleman, Patrick Henry, Weyer's Cave in Virginia.

POETRY.—The Maiden's Wail, The Saint's Rest, Winter is coming, Nothings amount to Something, A Farewell, A Dream, to B. S. The Village Church, The Grave, Useful Domestic Hints, &c.

This work is published at No. 61, Fulton Street, and may be had of the principal booksellers and news carriers. It is published on the 1st and 16th of every month, each number containing sixteen large octavo pages with double columns, and embellished with an elegant engraving, at 6 1-4 cents per number—being unquestionably one of the cheapest works in the United States. Country subscribers will be required to pay \$1 50 in advance.
 The Cabinet will be forwarded regularly to the editors of newspapers who advertise the Contents of each number.
 New York, Dec. 6.

WOOD, FEATHERS AND MOST KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE WILL BE TAKEN IN PAYMENT FOR THE MINERVA.

FRANTIC



and meansung on at follow- places. zone day, ay, Esq's in every week at Mr. William Leigh's, in Greenville, Va. and the balance of his time at the stable of the subscriber, in Northampton county, N. C. and will be let to mares at the reduced price of TWELVE DOLLARS the season, and TWENTY DOLLARS to insure a mare to be in foal—the insurance money to be demanded as soon as the mare is discovered to be in foal or the property changed.

FRANTIC is a beautiful Sorrel, of fine Action, seven years old, now in the prime of life, and nearly fifteen and three quarter hands high. The subscriber will use great exertions to prevent accidents or escapes, but will not be liable for either. Mares left at either stand will have every attention paid them, and grained at the neighborhood prices, if requested. The season will commence on the 1st day of March and end the 1st day of August.

R. CRUMP, Jr.
 P. S. For further particulars see Hand-bills.
 Feb. 13. 4—

FOR SALE, AT THE POST OFFICE, IN THIS PLACE.

The following Articles, to wit: **BACON, LIME, HERRINGS, SHAD,** Stained Curtain Bedsteads,



Windsor Chairs, LEATHER, WAGGON COLLARS, FLOUR,

TOBACCO (twist and bundle), wholesale and retail.

ALSO—The following articles: Bottle Corks, Fly Stone, Termerick Liquid Blacking, Ginger, Spice Venetian Red, Red Lead White Lead, Verdigris Laitman's Drops, Opodeldoc Nutmegs, Allum, Letheridge Ink Powder, Pearl Ash Ground Paint Brushes Assorted

Shaving Boxes and Soap Spanish Whiting, Turkey Umber Crom, Yellow, Prussian Blue Durable Ink, Staughton's Bitters Tooth Brushes, Mace, Snuff Boxes Spanish Annatto do Blueing do Indigo Spinning Wheels Waggons ironed do, not ironed Garden Marrowfat Early six week Green Bunch Shaving Brushes, Razors Blank Warrants do, Notes do, Bonds Almanacs

JUST RECEIVED, in addition to the above articles, some Drab and Blue Cloths and Cassimeres, Violins, Bridges and Strings for ditto, Flutes, Pipes, Brier Seythes, Spirits Turpentine, country made Russet and Black Shoes, Fur Hats, a complete assortment of Garden Seeds, Candles, Wafers, Gentlemen's and Ladies' Plaid Cloaks. Also—a few bushels Ewepow Tea, an article which is, but seldom offered in our market, and one that never fails to insure one thing that is sought for by all, viz: **HEALTH,** where it is regularly used. I speak not without experience.
 All of the above articles will be sold very low, for Cash only.
JOS. L. SIMMONS.
 Halifax, Feb. 6th, 1829. 3—

NOTICE.

WE have just received a parcel of **FAMILY FLOUR,** on consignment, which will be sold low for cash.
HAWKINS & HARRIS.
 Halifax, Feb. 2d, 1829. 2—

NEW SPRING Goods.

Just received, a supply of fashionable spring Goods among which are:

20 pieces Calicoes, all new style Plain and Figured Gros de Nap; Black, White and Pink Satins; Yellow Bandanna Hkfs. Gros de nap Hkfs, some very splendid.
 Men and Women's Linnen Hose; Brown Love Hkfs; Brown Cambrics; Brown French Drilling, Buckram; Oil cloth, Denmark Satteen; Belt Ribbons, fancy Vestings &c. Ladies dressing cases, and an additional supply of **GROCERIES, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, and MEDICINES;**
 All of which will be sold low for cash, by

J. HEMPSTEAD, Jr.
 Halifax, N. C. March 1829. 7—

NOTICE.

AT February Court, 1829, the Subscriber qualified as Administrator on the estate of William B. Finny. All those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby requested to present the same, legally authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.
JOHN T. CLANTON, Adm'n.
 Halifax county N. C.)
 March, 1829. 7—3w.

A valuable Country Seat, FOR SALE AT AUCTION.

Pursuant to an interlocutory decree of the court of Equity, for the County of Halifax, made at Fall Term last; will be sold, at public auction, before the Court House in the Town of Halifax, on Monday the 20th day of April next, that pleasant and healthy country seat, known as **LAUREL SPRINGS** containing

128 ACRES, adjoining the Lands of F. Jones, W. Sturdivant and others, and lying 22 miles above Halifax, on the road to Louisa.

Terms made known on the day of sale.
E. B. FREEMAN, C. M. E.
 Halifax, March 5th, 1829.—1s.

THE CONTEMPORARY,
 A weekly Cabinet of the Belles Lettres, Embellished with Engravings.

ON the first of January next, a work with this title will be commenced in Philadelphia. It will be handsomely printed in the super royal quarto form, and be published every Wednesday. It will be devoted to polite literature, criticism, the fine arts, general intelligence, poetry, &c. The original department shall be occupied by writers of respectable talent, and the best selections of foreign journals and domestic magazines shall be sought after. Slightly sentiment and puerile verse shall be excluded its columns. This journal will be one of a pure literary character. It will be under the superintendance of a private club of literary gentlemen, in Philadelphia, of high character some of whom are well and creditably known to the public. The editorial department will be filled by a gentleman of much research and acknowledged intelligence. The work will certainly commence with the first week in January. The terms of subscription will be two dollars, payable in advance. Address **JOHN K. BECKINGHAM,** Philadelphia.
 Editors of newspapers will be kind enough to give the above one or two insertions, and forward their papers immediately for exchange.
 Dec. 10, 1828.

NOTICE.

WE have for sale, on consignment a handsome **PANNEL GIG and SULKEY.**
CLARK & LITCHFORD.
 Feb. 14. 4—

NOTICE.

AT February Court, 1829, the Subscriber qualified as Administrator, de bonis non, on the estate of Hilliard Fort, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby requested to present them, legally authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. And those indebted to said estate, will make immediate payment.
RICE B. PEARCE.
 Administrator d. b. n.
 Halifax County, N. C.)
 February, 1829. 5—

MURDER—The following letter from one of the most highly respectable citizens of Kentucky to the Editor of the Kentucky Gazette. The murderer is the son of Robert Wickliffe, the Lawyer of the bank of the United States—the bosom and confidential friend of Mr. Clay. As we do not receive the Kentucky Reporter, we are unable to comply with the request of our correspondent otherwise we would lay the publications, which led to the fatal catastrophe, before our readers. We are not in the habit of publishing accounts of murders, but this is a case calling upon every conductor of a press, and we call upon every citizen, to aid in making known the facts and arresting the fugitive.

U. S. Telegraph.
 Lexington, Ky. March, 10, 1829.
 Dear Sir: An unfortunate occurrence took place in this town two days since, which marks the vindictive character of the coalition party here. Thomas R. Benning Esq. Editor of the Kentucky Gazette, was, on the day before yesterday, inhumanly murdered in his own office, by Charles Wickliffe, a son of Robert Wickliffe, of this place. The circumstances are these—A publication appeared in the Reporter, signed "Coriolanus," which was extremely vituperative and abusive in its character; the writer assailed the character of some individuals without naming them, in the most virulent manner, but made the allusions so pointed that they could not be mistaken. A publication appeared in the Kentucky Gazette, addressed to "Coriolanus," in which the writer treated with merited severity the author of Coriolanus, and concluded by challenging him to come out under his own signature, and "Dentatus" would do the same. Young Wickliffe, after this publication made its appearance in the Gazette, called on the editor to give up the author of "Dentatus." Mr. Benning informed him that no one except the author of "Coriolanus," had a right to make such a demand. Wickliffe then avowed himself as the author of "Coriolanus." Mr. Benning told him to remain in his office and he would go out and look for the author of "Dentatus," after being absent some time, he returned & informed Mr. Wickliffe that he had not been able to find the author, but that by 8 o'clock, the next morning, he should be given up, and when he (Wickliffe) learned of his name, he would be one of the last men he would wish to hear from, and that he thought the piece, of which he had avowed himself the author, was but little credit to him; upon which Wickliffe called him a damned rascal, and Mr. B. raised a small stick, which was the only weapon of defence he had—Wickliffe wrested the stick out of his hand, Benning retreated towards the door, and while retreating, Wickliffe deliberately pulled a pistol from his bosom and shot Benning through the body. The wound was mortal, and he expired twenty four hours after receiving it, in great agony. Before his death, Wickliffe was arrested and taken before two justices, and held to bail in a recognizance of \$5,000 for shooting with an intent to kill. After Mr. Benning's death a warrant was issued against Wickliffe for the crime of murder, but he has made his escape. Mr. Benning was a young man, who had been married but a short time, he was kind and benevolent in his feelings, much business as an editor, and great moral worth as a man; and he has fallen a victim to the fell and vindictive spirit which marks the character of the aristocracy here. If they imagine however, that they can in this way put down the liberty of the press and quench the spirit of free inquiry here they are mistaken. The Gazette shall be sustained in defiance of the cut throats of the coalition with their pistols and daggers. These

are the men who impudently claim to be the exclusive friends of law and order.

A young lady, pretty, but quizzical, not long since arrived at Savannah from N. York and made a visit to a village in the interior of Georgia, in male attire. She represented herself as **Master Thompson**, and the nephew of a respectable gentleman in the village, who humoured the joke. The precious Tomboy, it is said, has returned to the north, after quizzing the Georgian crackers and making fun of their hominy.
Boston Patriot

During the last four years, Massachusetts has incorporated thirty banks, being more than seven each year. Some of them could not go into operation for want of capital; and others were brought into being, but live a miserable three per cent. life.

The first bank incorporated in Massachusetts was the Massachusetts Bank, This was granted in 1784. They have now 65 banks, good, bad, and indifferent.

The Philadelphia Chronicle, speaking of Stephenson, the Banker's case, says, whether he be guilty of all the crimes imputed to him by the English newspapers, or, what is exceedingly difficult to believe, as innocent, comparatively, as he is said to have represented himself—his seizure was an act of lawless violence, and worthy of severe punishment, yet the civil process under which he is in custody, may detain him until demanded by the Government of Great Britain.

The New York Enquirer says: **Piracy.**—The President, on hearing of the late atrocious piracy, ordered the sloop of war Natchez to sail in 24 hours, with instructions to the West India squadron to scour the coast, and visit every port where the marauders may be concealed. This looks like energy.

We knew at the time that among the first acts of the present Secretary of the Navy, was to despatch the Natchez as stated. But knowing that the pirates might avail themselves of the notice, we waited until now before we announced it. The merchants of the United States may rest assured that there never yet has been a head to that department, who was more prompt and attentive to his duties than the present Secretary.—U. S. Telegraph

Another new method devised to make money.—There are persons prowling about our streets at night for the purpose of robbing those who are returning home from parties, the theatres, &c. They go in squads of three or four—espy a gentleman ahead—all, suddenly, pretend to be drunk—rush against the gentleman—he steps aside, imagining they were what they pretend to be, i. e. in a state of inebriation; one of the squad follows the gentleman, and says, "you have insulted me, and I'll have satisfaction!" and at the same time commences battle. The gentleman, of course, defends himself. The others, peaceable souls, rush into to make peace. They succeed after considerable difficulty. The gentleman walks home, and lo! his watch and pocket book are missing!—N. Y. Courier

Homicide.—A sudden encounter took place last Wednesday night, near Lumberton, between Merideth Messer and a young man named McDaniel, from Randolph, in which the latter received a stab with a knife in the abdomen, of which he died on Thursday night. Messer has not been taken. The body of McDaniel was carried to Randolph by his uncle, who was with him, when the unfortunate occurrence took place.
N. C. Journal.