COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT,
Raleigh, Feb. 16, 1856

To His Excellency, THOMAS BRAGG,
Governor of North Carolina:

Sir: I herewith transmit to you, as required by law, my Annual Report of the receipts and disbursements at the Treasury Department of the State of North Carolina, during the fiscal year ending the 31st day of October, 1855; also statements of the Public Revenue, as derived from the various subjects of taxation in the different counties of the State.

The General Statement shows a balance on hand, of one hundred and fifty-one thousand three hundred and fifteen dollars and ninety-five cents, (151,315,95,) belonging to the Literary Fund; while of the Public or State's Fund, there is a deficit of twenty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-two dollars and eighty cents, (23,972,80,) which has been supplied from the surplus of the Literary Fund, leaving in the Treasury, on an aggregate of both funds, the sum of one hundred and twenty-seven thousand three hundred and forty-three dollars and fifteen cents, (127,343 15.)

The nett taxes for the year 1855, including the tax on sales of Auctioneers, and for Licenses to Retailers of spirituous liquors, returned by the Sheriffs of the several counties through this Department, amount to two hundred and eighty-four thousand two hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy-nine cents, (284,296 79,) showing an increase of ninety-one thousand one hundred and seven dollars and seventy cents, (91,107 70,) over the amount for the preceding year. This increase has been realized, principally, from the levy of twelve cents instead of six on the $100 valuation of real estate, and forty cents instead of twenty on the poll, as authorized by the act of the last General Assembly. It should be remembered, also, that this levy has been estimated on the old assessment, and that an additional increase of a similar amount may be anticipated for the present year, from the increased valuation of real estate under the new assessment now already made: although no returns, under it, have been received at this Department; yet it is well known that the valuation of lands has been very greatly enhanced, especially along the lines of our public improvements, and in those portions of the State where her mineral wealth has been so abundantly developed. Other increase of the revenue will also be realized under the new law, from subjects not heretofore taxable, and, on some of which, the taxes have not become due.

Under a construction of the law by the Attorney General, the tax of 5 per cent on capital employed in the liquor traffic was estimated on the amount employed only for the interim between the 19th of March, 1855, (the day on which the act took effect,) and the 1st day of April following. In some counties, however, the clause was differently construed, and the tax was collected on the capital employed for the entire year preceding. In such instances, as soon as the necessary statements were furnished, to enable the Comptroller to make the proper reductions, warrants were drawn upon the Public Treasurer, to refund the balances to such counties. This I think right proper, in order that no injustice might result to any one from the ambiguity of the law.

Not only in this instance have the revenue officers experienced difficulty in the practical operations of some of the provisions of the last revenue act; much of which difficulty, however, no longer exists, since the chief embarrassment arose in construing the new law in its connection with the old, and in putting it into successful operation—just as a greater force is required to put in motion a complicated machinery than is necessary to continue it; there are, notwithstanding, some modifications which seem to be necessary, the propriety of which, however, need not be discussed at this time, as no legislation can be had on the subject before my next annual report will be laid before the legislature; by which time the experience of another year will enable me to point out, more successfully, the slight defects of the law, and to suggest such amendments as the public interest may require.

With very great respect, I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

GEO. W. BROOKS,
Comptroller of State.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Am't in hands of State Treas'r, Nov. 1, '54,	$55,120 79	
Receipts of Literary Fund during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1855,	146,753 35	
Ditto Public Fund,	2,452,137 32	
Making the available means for the last fiscal year,		$2,654,011 46
Disbursements of the Lit. Fund during the same period,	202,689 50	
Ditto Public Fund,	2,323,978 81	
		2,526,668 31
Leaving in hands of State Treas'r, Nov. 1, 1855,		127,343 15
LITERARY FUND.		
Balance due this Fund, Nov. 1, '54,	$207,252 10	
Receipts during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1855,	146,753 35	
	$354,005 45	
Disbursements for the same period,	202,689 50	
Balance due this fund Nov. 1, '55,	$151,315 95	
PUBLIC FUND.		
Deficit, or balance due Treasurer, Nov. 1st., 1854,	$152,131 31	
Disbursements during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31st, 1855,	2,323,978 81	
	$2,476,110 12	
Receipts during the same period,	2,452,137 32	
Deficit, or balance due Treasurer, Nov. 1, 1855,	$23,972 80	

LITERARY FUND.—(Statement A.)

Exhibiting the different sources from which the receipts of this fund have been derived.

Entries of vacant lands,	$15,261 63
Bank dividends,	78,746 75
Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad ditto,	28,000 00
Navigation ditto,	3,750 00
Interest on Wil. & Raleigh R. R. Bonds,	4,088 32
Ditto on Raleigh & Gaston R. R. ditto,	8,400 00
Interest on Greensboro' F. College bonds,	420 00
Interest on Wake Forest College ditto,	127 04
Ditto on Floral College ditto,	180 00
Ditto on Chowan F. College ditto.	540 00
Ditto on Normal College ditto,	484 00
Ditto on Dickenson and others ditto,	1,714 50
Retail License Tax,	4,881 32
Auction Tax,	159 79
	$146,758 35

Detailed as follows:

LITERARY FUND.—*Receipts.*

1854.

Nov. Received of sundry persons for entries of vacant lands, $2,428 42
Roanoke Navigation Company Dividend No. 30 on 500 shares of stock held by Literary Board in said Company, 500 00
Sundry Auctioneers' Tax on sales at auction, to-wit:
Charles E. Leete, Cumberland County, 18 42
D. M. R. McIntosh, Moore Co., " 23 90
W. H. Oliver, Craven " 6 12
L. W. Peck, Wake " 25 60
D. J. Willis, Craven " 11 97
Dec. Entries of vacant lands, $7,022 38
Interest on Wake Forest College Bonds held by Literary Board, 127 04
Ditto on Floral College Bonds, ditto, 120 00
Ditto on Normal College Bonds, ditto, 200 00
Ditto on Bond of Dickenson and others ditto, 1,638 00
Wilmington and Raleigh R. R. Dividends, 16,000 00

1855.

Jan. Entries of vacant lands, 972 70
Auction Tax of W. J. Potter, auctioneer, Carteret County, 24 63
Dividend on stock held in the "Bank of the State" belonging to Literary Fund, 25,135 00
Feb. Entries of vacant lands, 312 57
Cape Fear Navigation Company, 1,300 00
Mar. Entries of vacant lands, 699 20
Auction Tax of Thos. M. Clarkson, Sampson county, on sales at auction, 7 29
Interest on Bond of P. K. Dickenson and others held by Pres. and Directors Literary Board, 76 50
Ditto on Normal College Bonds ditto, 284 00
Ditto on Raleigh & Gaston R. R. Bonds ditto, 4,200 00
April. Entries of vacant lands, 477 95
Cape Fear Navigation Company dividend No. 45 on stock held by the State in said company, 650 00
May. Entries of vacant lands, 682 99
Bank of Cape Fear, dividend on stocks in said bank held by literary board, 27,220 00
Cape Fear Navigation Co., Dividend on 46 shares owned by the State, 1,300 00
June. Entries of vacant lands, 552 29
Wilmington & Raleigh R. R. Co., dividend on shares held by literary board, 12,000 00
July. Entries of vacant lands, 559 65
Bank of the State of North Carolina, dividend on 5027 shares in said bank, held by the literary board, 26,391 75
Interest on Greensboro' Female College bonds ditto, 420 00
Ditto Chowan Female College bonds ditto, 540 00
Ditto Floral College bonds ditto, 60 00
Ditto on Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad bonds ditto, 4,088 32
Aug. Entries of vacant lands, 486 43
W. R. Clark, auctioneer of Lincoln county, tax on sales at auction, 1 69
Eli C. Greer, sheriff of Mecklenburg county, auction tax collected under last Revenue Act, 1 34
Jonas Cline, sheriff of Catawba, ditto, 1 71
Sundry sheriffs, tax on retailers of spirituous liquors, 456 00
Gov. Bragg, pres't ex-officio literary board, interest on Raleigh and Gaston R. R. bonds held by said board, 4,200 00
Sept. Entries of vacant lands, 687 65
F. M. Clarkson, auctioneer of Sampson co., auction tax on sales to Sept. 30, 1855, 2 88
Sundry sheriffs, tax on sales of auctioneers in sundry counties, 29 25
Sundry sheriffs, tax on licensed retailers of spirituous liquors, 4,425 82
Oct. Entries of vacant lands, 526 50
C. E. Leete, auctioneer of Cumberland co., tax on sales at auction, 4 35

$146,758 45

(*Statement B.*)

Exhibiting the different purposes for which the Disbursements of this Fund have been made:

Common Schools,	$182,688 88
Ditto General Superintendent,	1,675 00
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind,	9,200 00
Mount Pleasant Academy,	2,000 00
Swamp Lands,	4,896 00
Expenses,	2,228 92
	$202,689 50

Detailed as follows:

LITERARY FUND.—*Disbursements.*

1854.

Nov. Paid sundry Chairmen of Boards of Superintendents of Common Schools, as follows:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Alexander,	R L Steele, Spring, '54,	$600 36
Ashe,	A McMillan, Fall,	949 68
Beaufort,	Jos Potts, do	1,330 92
Bertie,	J S Taylor, do	1,196 76
Camden,	F B Grandy, do	620 88
Chatham,	J S Lasater, do	1,926 60
Craven,	J T Lane, do	1,479 48
Edgec'mbe,	D Barlow, do	1,502 40
Franklin,	W T Johnson, do	1,141 20
Granville,	J Bullock, do	2,076 36
Guilford,	E W Ogburn, do	1,992 60
Halifax,	T Ousby, Spring,	1,560 84
Johnston,	J H Daniel, Fall,	1,423 32
Lenoir,	R W King, Spring,	741 84
Lincoln,	H Cansler, Fall,	623 16
Martin,	A H Coffield, do	835 32
M'ckl'nb'g,	J A Young, do	1,406 88
Onslow,	D W Sanders, do	844 80
Orange,	W H Brown, do	1,794 84
Perquim'ns,	E N Riddick, Spring,	723 60
Pasquot'nk,	W W Kennedy, Fall,	849 96
Randolph,	J Worth, do	1,746 12
Robeson,	J Moore, do	1,329 60
Rowan,	A M Brandon, do	1,479 48
Wake,	S Stephenson, do	2,459 76
Wash'gton,	J Ramsey, do	498 60
Wayne,	W K Lane, do	1,377 36
Stokes,	W A Mitchell, Spring,	1,018 80
Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind as per order Executive Committee,		1,000 00
John C. Cannon for publishing in Rep. Banner Fall Distribution of Common School Fund, 1854.		20 00
Waring & Heron for publishing Spring and Fall Ditto,		31 50
Holden & Wilson for printing and advertising done for Literary Board,		96 25

Dec. Paid C. H. Wiley, General Superintendent Common Schools, part of his salary, 175 00

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Alamance,	J Trolinger, Fall, '54,	$1,069 92
Anson,	H B Hammond, do	1,215 72
Bladen,	N Graham, do	962 88
Brunswick,	R M McRacken, do	714 12
Caldwell,	W A Ballin, do	700 32
Ditto,	Ditto, Spring,	700 32
Caswell,	Alvis Lea, Fall	1,459 32
Catawba,	G P Shuford, do	988 08
Columbus,	H Lennon, do	636 96
Cleaveland,	J R Logan, do	1,163 64
Chowan,	J D Wynn, do	630 24
Davidson,	A Hargrave, Spring,	1,694 76
Currituck,	T Williams, Fall,	750 84
Cumb'rl'nd,	E L Winslow, do	1,976 76
Gates,	R H Ballard, do	825 36
Ditto,	Ditto, Spring,	825 36
Greene,	E Patrick, Fall,	638 52
Hyde,	S H Hitch, do	715 20
Iredell,	M Campbell, do	1,567 44
Lenoir,	R W King, do	666 84
McDowell,	J Conly, do	686 92
Montg'ery,	C W Wooley, do	739 56
Moore,	W W Dowd, do	951 26
Nash,	J J Q Taylor, Spring,	1,084 08
Ditto,	Ditto, Fall,	1,084 08
Person,	G D Satterfield, do	1,059 60
Pitt,	A Moye, do	1,289 40
Richmond,	B B McKinzie, do	952 32
Sampson,	A Monk, do	1,477 32
Stanly,	J F Stone, do	761 76
Surry,	T Crumpler, do	2,117 16
Union,	M W Cuthbertson, do	960 96
Warren,	W A Burwell. do	1,168 92
Watauga,	R Mast, Spring,	401 76
Ditto,	Ditto, Fall,	826 76
B. F. Moore, Esq., for legal professional services rendered Literary Board,		425 00
S. F. Adams, Private Secretary, for defraying expenses of said Board,		192 00

Dec. Sundry persons for publishing Common School Fund, Spring and Fall distribution, 1854.

W J Yates,	21 00
W J Williams,	10 50
Ditto,	5 25
Charles N Webb,	17 50
Thomas W Atkin,	20 00
A Muse,	15 00
Fulton & Price,	27 95
Swaim & Sherwood,	29 75
L D Starke,	32 00
James T Powell,	20 00

1855.

Jan. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Alexander,	R L Steele, Fall, '54,	$600 36
Buncombe,	M Patton, do	1,480 56
Haywood,	Joseph Cathey, do	828 84
Carteret,	J V C Davis, do	744 96
Cherokee,	S G R Mount, do	804 36
Henderson,	John Davis, do	825 96
Macon,	Jesse R Siler, do	740 28
Forsythe,	C L Banner, do	1,200 24
Davie,	L T Bingham, do	839 76
Ditto,	Ditto, Spring,	839 76
Wilkes,	P Eller, Fall,	1,397 04
Rockingham,	W P Watt, do	1,483 56
Jones,	J H Dillahunt, do	472 20
Hertford,	Wm B. Wise, do	798 72
N. Hanover,	S D Wallace, do	1,483 32
Yancey,	Benj Henline do	968 16

C H Wiley, General Superintend't Common Schools, his fourth quarter's salary for 1854, 375 00
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, per order of Executive Committee, 1,000 00
Wm B Rodman for professional services rendered literary board, 300 00
Gov. Bragg, pres't ex-officio, for expenses of ditto, 60 00
W & R H Whitaker for publishing in Metropolitan distribution of Common School fund, 17 50

Feb. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Perquimans,	E W Riddick, Fall, '54,	$723 60
Gaston,	E B Wilson, do	867 36
Davidson,	A Hargrave, do	1,694 76

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and Blind, as per order Executive Committee, 1,000 00
Estate of N. J. Palmer, dec'd, for publishing in Milton Spectator Fall Distribution Common School Fund, 21 50
A J Cansler, Carolina Intelligencer ditto, 18 00

Mar'h. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Halifax,	Thos Ousby, Fall, '54,	$1,560 84
Cabarrus,	A J Yorke, do	890 88
Duplin,	H Bourden, Spring,	1,333 32

Institution for the Deaf & Dumb, and Blind, per order Ex. Committee, 200 00
Ditto, Ditto, 1,000 00
Pulaski Cowper, Private Secretary, Literary Board, 27 00
Holden & Wilson for printing for same, 142 75

April. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Stokes,	W A Mitchell, Fall, '54,	$943 80
Burke,	Jas Avery, do	830 28
Lincoln,	C L Hunter, do	830 88
North'mp'n,	H Faison, do	1,287 72

C H Wiley, General Superintendent Common Schools, one quarter's salary. 375 00
Pulaski Cowper, Secretary, for defraying expenses of Literary Board to the 28th inst., 79 50
Wm White, P. M., Postage account with said Board, 37 10

May. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Alamance,	J Trollinger, Sp'g, '55,	$1,219 92
Anson,	H B Hammond, do	1,290 72
Beaufort,	Joseph Potts, do	1,405 92
Bertie,	J S Taylor, do	1,196 76
Bladen,	N Graham, do	962 88
Cabarrus,	A J York, do	1,040 88
Camden,	Z Hamilton, do	620 88
Caswell,	Alvis Lea, do	1,459 32
Chatham,	J S Lasater, do	1,926 60
Cumberland,	E L Winslow, do	2,126 76
Edgecombe,	D Barlow, do	1,652 40
Franklin,	W T Johnston, do	1,141 20
Guilford,	E W Ogburn, do	2,217 60
Hertford,	W B Wise, do	798 72
Johnson,	J H Daniel, do	1,423 32
Onslow,	D W Sanders, do	844 80
Orange,	W H Brown, do	1,794 84
Pasquotank,	W W Kennedy, do	924 96
Robeson,	J Moore, do	1,329 60
Rowan,	D A Davis, do	1,479 48
Surry,	T Crumpler, do	2,117 16
Wake,	S Stephenson, do	2,584 76
Warren,	S Bobbitt, do	1,243 92
Wayne,	W K Lane, do	1,377 36
Currituck,	B T Simmons, do	750 84
Burke,	Jas Avery, do	830 28
Gates,	R H Ballard, do	825 36
Washington,	J Ramsey, act'g do	673 60
Stanly,	J F Stone, do	761 76

Institution for the Deaf, Dumb & Blind, S H Young, Treasury. 1,000 00
Seaton Gales for publishing Spring Distribution Common School Fund. 10 00
Cannon & Collins ditto, 13 50
Holden & Wilson for printing done for Literary Board, 23 50

June. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Buncombe,	M Patton, Spring,	$1,480 56
Cherokee,	S G Rillount, do	804 36
Macon,	J R Siler, do	740 28
Martin,	A H Coffield, do	835 32
Cleaveland,	J R Logan, do	1,162 64
Iredell,	M Campbell, do	1,567 44
McDowell,	Jos Conly, do	688 92
Ashe,	A McMillan, do	1,024 68
Northampton,	H Faison, do	1,287 72
Person,	G D Satterfield, Sp'g.	1,059 60
Randolph,	J Worth, do	1,821 12
Hyde,	S H Ritch, do	790 20
Sampson,	A Monk, do	1,477 32
Granville,	L A Paschall, do	2,076 36
Craven,	John T Lane, do	1,479 48
Richmond,	B B McKenzie, do	952 32
N Hanover,	S D Wallace, do	1,708 32

Institution for the Deaf, Dumb & Blind per order of Executive Committee, 2,000 00
Thomas Marshall, Superintendent for draining Swamp Lands, 40 00
R H Whitaker for advertising Spring Distribution Com. School Fund, 12 25

July. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Moore,	W W Dowd, Sp. '55.	$1,026 96
Pitt,	A Moye, do	1,289 40
Mecklenburg,	J A Young, do	1,406 88
Lincoln,	C L Hunter, do	830 88
Lenoir,	R W King, do	741 84
Greene,	E Patrick, do	638 52
Forsythe,	C L Banner, do	1,275 24
Columbus,	H Lennon, do	636 96
Chowan,	J O Wynn, do	630 34
Buncombe,	J Brown, do	714 12
Alexander,	R L Steele, do	600 36
Carteret,	J V C Davis, do	744 96
Tyrrel,	J McCleese, do	534 24
Do	do Sp. '54,	534 24
Do	do Fall,	534 24
Burke,	J Avery, balance due	76 00

C H Wiley, Gen. Superintendent, his 2nd quarter's salary for the year 1855, 875 00
C N Webb, for publishing Spring Distribution of Common School Fund, 10 50
Waring & Herring, do, 15 00
Robinson & Barcliff, do, 15 00
Jas. T Powell, do, 16 00
Wm J Yates, do, 14 00

Aug. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Stokes,	W A Mitchell Sp, '55,	$1,018 80
Perquimans,	E W Riddick, do	723 60
Mont'g'm'y,	C W Wooley, do	739 56
Catawba,	G P Shuford, do	988 08

T W Atkin, (Asheville News,) for publishing Spring Distribution Common School Fund. 13 50

Sept. Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Henderson,	J Davis, Sp. '55	$825 96
Jones,	W H Bryan, do	472 20
Nash,	J J Q Taylor, do	1,084 08
Rutherford,	H Harrell, do	1,486 56
Union,	MM Cuthberten, do	1,110 96
Rutherford,	H Harrell, Fall,	1,486 56

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, per order of Ex. Committee, 500 00

Oct. Mount Pleasant Acadamy, amount ordered to be loaned from Literary Fund, 2,000 00
Institution for Deaf, Dumb and Blind, per order Ex. Committee, 1,500 00
Jonathan Staunton for Draining Open Ground Prairie in Carteret County, 4,827 20
Ths. Marshall, balance for superintending said work, 29 50

Common Schools:

COUNTY.	CH'M'N.	DISTRIBUTION.
Gaston,	E B Wilson, Sp. '55	$867 37
Halifax,	Thos Ousby, do	1,560 84
Rockingham,	W P Watt, do	1,483 56
Haywood,	J Cathey, do	828 84

Holden & Wilson for printing for Literary Board, 409 62
M Sherwood (Greensboro' Patriot) do., 9 00
C H Wiley, General Superintendent of Com. Schools, his 3d quarter's salary, 375 00

$202,689 50

(*To be Continued.*)

WALKER ON MARCY.

The Nicaraguense (Walker's organ) announces A SUSPENSION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES! —in great form and anger thus,—

"In a brief note, which may be taken as a model of ministerial ignorance, official rudeness, and reckless violation of public law and intermatorial usages, Mr. Marcy asserts that the revolution lately effected in this State was the work of foreigners; and expresses himself incredulous that the people, or any considerable portion of any party, have given their assent to the Government of those claiming to exercise political authority in this State.

As to Mr. Marcy's ignorance we have nothing to say. We have no means of knowing how long it takes knowledge, of which all the rest of the world is possessed, to find its way into the State Department; nor to what extent the attention of a Minister of State, specially charged with the foreign relations of his government, may be pre-occupied with the affairs of a party at home, to the exclusion of information from abroad.

It may be that the urbane Secretary of State has had so much to do with Hards and Softs, Know Nothings, Black Republicans and spoils, that he has never heard of the two years war which has lately prevailed between the Liberals and Serviles of Nicaragua; of the nine months siege of Granada by Sorez, with an army at one time amounting to two thousand men; of the invitation extended to American Democrats by the accomplished and lamented Castillon; of the acceptance of the offer by General Walker; of his arrival with fifty-six men; of the little army entrusted to him by Castillon, in which the native force was never less than three to one of the Americans, who were themselves citizens of Nicaragua by adoption; nor of the bloody fight at Rivas; nor of the battle and victory of La Virgen; nor of the brilliant movement by which, in conjunction with Valle and Lusaraga, and other gallant native democrats, he surprised and took Granada and restored peace, which for three months has remained unbroken throughout Nicaragua, and unthreatened, unless by Mr. Marcy and his confederates, foreign refugees, and political speculators at Washington.

Mr. Marcy's ignorance, we repeat, is none of our business, even if he still thinks Nicaragua in South America, as he once said to a distinguished gentleman of our acquaintance. But when he undertakes to question the validity of a foreign government, and to express an opinion upon its relations to its own citizens, he deserves a rebuke, and he has gotten it, as will be seen from the following decree of President Rivas, and letter of Don Fermin Ferrer to the Hon. J. H. Wheeler.

THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA TO ITS INHABITANTS:

Knowing with certainty that the Government of the United States, in opposition to the public opinion of that nation, declines to recognise the present administration of Nicaragua, and refuses to enter into relations with the Hon. P. H. French, its present accredited Minister near that Cabinet; in use of its powers:

TO THE HON. J. H. WHEELER, RESIDENT MINISTER OF THE UNITED STATES IN NICARAGUA.

SIR:—My government being well convinced that the present Cabinet at Washington, contrary to the popular wish of that nation, refuses its recognition, it becomes incumbent upon me to notify you that the powers conferred on Mr. P. H. French, the present Minister of Nicaragua, near the United States, have been this day revoked, and that he has been commanded to return to this city. At the same time, I have to communicate to you, in the name of my government, that in consideration of the aforesaid conduct of the government which you represent, all communication with you, in the character of a Minister resident of the United States, is from this day forward suspended.

I have the honor to offer you the assurance of my highest consideration. FERRER.

DECREE.

Article 1 All official communication with the Hon. J. H. Wheeler, Minister of the Government of the United States, residing in this Republic, is suspended.

Article 2. All the powers conferred upon Col. P. H. French, as Minister Plenipotentiary near that nation, are revoked.

Article 3. Let this decree be communicated to whom it may concern, and to the said Col. P. H. French, that he may return to this Capital to give an account of his mission.

Given in Granada, the 22d day of the month of January, 1856. PATRICIO RIVAS.

To the Minister General, the Licentiate DON FERMIN FERRER.

"Here is a Roland for an Oliver. Mr. Marcy questions whether our President represents the people of Nicaragua; and our President asserts, as he may do with truth, and therefore with more propriety than the Secretary, that Mr. Marcy misrepresents the people of the United States.—Such are the consequences, when a man in so responsible a position is misled by a morose and fractious disposition into a forgetfulness of ordinary official courtesy, and of the long established diplomatic usages of all civilized countries, and especially of the uniform precedents of his own government.

We cannot conclude without an expression of our regret at the position into which, without fault of his own, Mr. Wheeler has been brought. The course of this gentleman has won for him honor, which no fault of his superiors can obscure. By his firmness and sagacity, and fearless of the mutterings and frown of the State Department, he has done for his country more than all the rest of its diplomatic corps combined have effected under the administration of Mr. Pierce. At the same time, by his uniform politeness, unaffected kindness, and unstinted hospitality, he has endeared himself to all, whether foreign born or native to the soil."

"Why was General Cass, when he got his bad fall, like a young Niagara?" quoth Peter to Paul.

"Because," replied Paul, "such a *Fall* as he made may fairly be called a tremendous *Cascade!*"

THE RALEIGH REGISTER.

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

RALEIGH, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 20, 1856.

SUPREME COURT.

The following decisions have been delivered since our last report:

By NASH, C. J. In Grimes v. Hoyt, equity, from Beaufort, dismissing the bill. Also, in Wilmington & Manchester R. R. Co. v. Sanders, from New Hanover, affirming the judgment.—Also, in McFarland & Pearson v. Fauly, in equity, from Richmond, declaring that there is no error in the interlocutory order. Also, in McRae v. Berry, from New Hanover, affirming the judgment. Also, in Little v. Gurley, in equity, from Hertford, dismissing the bill with costs. Also, in Watt v. Johnson, from Cumberland, affirming the judgment. Also, in Harden v. Cheek, from Moore, affirming the judgment. Also, in Jones v. Tuck, from Granville, awarding a *venire de novo*. Also, in Sytle v. Bird, from McDowell, awarding a *venire de novo*.

By PEARSON, J. In University of N. Carolina v. Maultsby, equity, from Columbus, declaring the plaintiff entitled to the fund in the hands of the defendant. Also, in Brame v. Brame, equity, from Warren, affirming the decree. Also, in Barnes v. Bridgers, equity, from Bertie, affirming the decretal order. Also, in Nixon v. Lindsay, equity, from Randolph, declaring the plaintiff entitled to contribution—account ordered. Also, in Savage and Meares v. Hussey, from Duplin, judgment of the Superior Court and judgment here according to *Sci. Fa.* Also, in Rogers v. Ratcliff, from Buncombe, awarding a *venire de novo*. Also, in Bradley v. McDaniel, from New Hanover, affirming the judgment. Also, in Henderson v. Wagoner, in equity, from Davidson, affirming the decree. Also in Palmer v. Pritchard, in equity, from Camden, decree for plaintiff. Also, in Burwell v. Canneday, from Franklin, awarding a *venire de novo*. Also, in Hill v. Whitfield, from Sampson, awarding a *venire de novo*.

By BATTLE, J. In Joiner v. Joiner, supplemental bill, directing a decree in favor of Mrs. Hines' children for the increase. Also, in Brookshire and Dubose, equity, from Randolph, affirming the interlocutory order. Also, in Davis v McPherson, from Randolph, affirming the judgment. Also, in Wells v. Clements, from Northampton, awarding a *venire de novo*. Also, in State v. Gerhardt, from Johnston, awarding a *venire de novo*. Also, in Mathis v. Mathis, from Sampson, directing a new trial. Also, in Higgs v. Nelson, from Edgecombe, affirming the judgment. Also, in Lloyd v. Whitley, in equity, from Martin, bill dismissed with costs. Also, in Kea v. Council, from New Hanover, dismissing the bill with costs. Also, in Smith v. Turrentine, in equity, from Orange, dismissing the bill with costs. Also, in Delap v. Delap, in equity, from Davidson, declaring that the testator's children by his last wife are entitled to the slaves.

PER CURIAM. In State v. G. and L. Parker, from Davie, declaring that there is no error.—Also, in State v. D. Parker, from Davie, declaring that there is no error. Also, in McCormick v. Munroe, from Cumberland, affirming the judgment.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN ORDER.

The New York Express, in announcing a special session of the American National Council on Monday last, at Philadelphia, states that the session will probably continue until Friday, the 22d, when the nominating Convention is to meet; the delegates to the one being in many instances delegates to the other.

It is believed that the Presidential question will be discussed in the earlier Council, when the proposition to postpone the nomination will receive due consideration.

Other important questions, it is said, will also be deliberated upon, and the belief is expressed, that, notwithstanding the conflicting interests, harmony and good feeling will prevail both in the Council and Convention.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.—We publish in another column a list of the various Standing Committees of the House of Representatives. It will be seen that the Black Republicans did not stick to BANKS for nothing. On the Territorial Committee he has placed seven Northern men to two Southern,—six anti-Nebraskaites (Giddings among them) to three of the other sort. Campbell, (Black Republican,) has the post of honor on the Ways and Means. The Committee on Elections (to deal with the Kansas credentials) has six Northern men to three Southern, with one majority for anti-Nebraska. New York is somewhat interested in the Committee on Commerce, perhaps,—but we see the name of only one New Yorker on the list,—Guy R. Pelton, (Mr. Pelton "stuck to Banks.") Mr. Fuller is assigned a place on Foreign Affairs,—in the company, however, of some gentlemen, who voted for a Black Republican Speaker. Mr. Bayly, of Va., remains on the Committee with Mr. Clingman, of N. C., (this is poor compensation to the author of the plurality rule, the adoption of which secured Banks' election!)—Administration Democrats, who voted for Richardson. On Patents, the Blacks also have the majority. We looked with some curiosity to the composition of the famous *Committee on Engraving*, to see if a certain Pennsylvania friend of Mr. Banks, (who might be able to "make a good thing of it,") was there, but we see he has been kept out of sight. The lucky men are Kelsey, of New York, Damrell, of Mass., and Wright, of Tennessee. The first two, of course, "stuck to Banks." In short, the Black Republicans have got the lion's share,—all around,—and the "Cause of Freedom," it is presumed, feels better.

☞ We see it stated in an exchange that a man cannot whistle *Yankee Doodle* or *Hail Columbia* in Cincinnati without danger of being knocked down and trampled upon by foreign bullies, who infest the streets for the purpose of quelling the spirit of Americanism, and carrying out the behests of native demagogues, whose purpose is, to secure the votes of those from other lands, and not to preserve the institutions of their fathers.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.—We commence to-day the publication of the Comptroller's Report, showing the receipts and disbursements at the Treasury Department, for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1855. It is a document in which every citizen of the State is interested, and it will no doubt be, as it should be, generally read.

☞ The citizens of New Hanover county, we are pleased to perceive, are making extensive preparations for a brilliant celebration of the approaching Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, (27th inst.,)—certainly one of the most eventful incidents in our early Revolutionary struggles.

☞ "JUSTICE" in our next.

A FEW WORDS ON A "*SMALL*" SUBJECT.

Mr. Senator BIGGS, one of the "*small monuments*" erected by the last Legislature to mark the political degeneracy of North Carolina, has recently made his *debut* upon the Senatorial boards. The exhibition which he made of himself was worthy of the man and in admirable consistency with all his antecedents.

And what, think you, was the occasion that brought this puissant gladiator of ours, full panoplied, into the arena, which has been the scene of such mighty intellectual conflicts? Was it one that called into exercise those qualities of Statesmanship, of which, in other days, in more humble spheres, he gave such rare promise? Or, was it one that held out the opportunity for a manifestation of that liberality of sentiment, and that comprehensive public spirit, which have heretofore, in matters of domestic polity, so preeminently distinguished him? None of these. Let the State hang its head in shame,—let its cheeks blush as crimson,—when it learns that its Senator's first appearance, in the character of *its* representative, was in opposition to a miserably scanty appropriation for the relief of the suffering and starving poor of the District, whose only Legislature Congress is!

Truly, our "Monument," viewed at a distance, grows "smaller by degrees and beautifully less!"

But this is not all. This Senator of ours, who occupies, *not fills*, the seat just vacated by GEO. E. BADGER, in his hot and eager haste after fame, is not yet content with the laurels he has won.

During the last week, he capped the climax of magnanimity, and showed of what gentle stuff he was composed, by offering and advocating a resolution to proceed to the choice of officers of the Senate, and proposing, as a new rule, that an election of the officers of that body shall be held at the beginning of each future Congress.—He supported the proposition as being in accordance with *Democratic* instincts, (the largest idea of which he is capable; a heavier one would produce a catastrophe in his upper story,) and avowed *his* (*Asa's*) intention of drawing more closely toward the Senate the attachment of the people of the country.

Mr. MASON contended that every officer under them held their places solely during the pleasure of the Senate, and might be dismissed whenever it should please them. These officers were upon the same footing as those in the various Departments, but it had long been considered by the Senate that experience and ability were essential to the proper performance of the clerical and other duties, and that a periodical change of these officers would be attended with inconvenience.

Mr. BIGGS, however, vast as are his powers of deglutition, could not stomach this liberal and proper view of the subject. He thinks it of much higher importance that a public officer should be a *Democrat*, than that he should be honest, capable, and faithful. The Senate, to its credit be it said, put an effective extinguisher upon our Senatorial luminary, by the almost unanimous rejection of his very little proposition.

A magnifying glass to see our "Monument" with, now!

☞ THE LONDON TIMES discusses the points at issue between the British and American Governments, in respect to the interpretation of the Clayton Bulwer Treaty, in a spirit of fairness and magnanimity, which augurs well for such satisfactory explanations, on the part of Her Majesty's Ministers, as cannot but conduce to an early and satisfactory settlement of the dispute. "LET US FRANKLY GIVE UP OUR QUESTIONABLE RIGHT TO THE MOSQUITO PROTECTORATE, AND THE ISLAND OF RUATAN,"—says the 'Times,' "AND, BY WAY OF DELIVERING OURSELV