

MR. SPRAGUE'S ORATION.

The following extracts are from an Oration delivered at Boston, on the 4th July, by Mr. Sprague. So much and deservedly has the address of this gentleman been admired, that it has already passed through three editions. We are quite certain, our readers will think as we do, that it towers far above the common place effusions to which the occasion gives birth.

"Why, on this day, lingers along these sacred walls, the spirit-kindling anthem? Why, on this day, waits the herald of God at the altar, to utter forth this holy prayer? Why, on this day, congregate here the wise, and the good, and the beautiful of the land? Fathers! Friends! it is the SABBATH DAY OF FREEDOM! The race of the ransomed, with grateful hearts and exulting voices, have again come up, in the sunlight of peace, to the Jubilee of their Independence!

"The story of our country's sufferings, our country's triumphs, though often & eloquently told, is still a story that cannot tire, and must not be forgotten. You will listen to its recital, however unadorned; and I shall not fear, therefore, even from the place where your chosen ones have so long stood, to delight and enlighten, I shall not fear to address you. Though I tell you no new thing, I speak of that, which can never fall cold on your ears. You will listen, for you are the sons and daughters of the heroic men, who lighted the beacon of 'rebellion,' and unfurled by its blaze, the triumphant banner of liberty; your own blood will speak for me. A feeble few of that intrepid band are now among you, yet spared by the grave for your veneration—they will speak for me. Their sinking forms, their bleached locks, their honorable scars,—these will, indeed, speak for me. Undaunted men! how must their eyes brighten, and their old hearts grow young with rapture, as they look round on the happiness of their own creation. Long may they remain, to our glad and grateful gaze, to teach us all, that we may treasure all, of the hour of doubt and danger; and when their God shall summon them to a glorious rest, may they bear to their departed comrades the confirmation of their country's renown, & their children's children's felicity."

"Roll back the tide of time: how powerfully to us applies the promise: 'I will give thee the heathen for an inheritance.' Not many generations ago, where you now sit, circled with all that exalts and embellishes civilized life, the rank thistle nodded in the wind, and the wild fox dug his hole unscared. Here lived and loved another race of beings. Beneath the same sun that roll over your heads, the Indian hunter pursued the panting deer; gazing on the same moon that smiles for you, the Indian lover wooed his dusky mate. Here the wigwam blaze beamed on the tender and helpless, the council fire glared on the wise and daring. Now they clipped their noble limbs in your sedge lakes, and now they paddled the light canoe along your rocky shores. Here they warred; the echoing whoop; the bloody grapple; the doying death-song, all were here; and when the tiger strife was over, here curled the smoke of peace. Here, too, worshipped; and from many a dark bosom went up a pure prayer to the Great Spirit. He had not written His laws for them on tables of stone, but He had traced them on the tables of their hearts. The poor child of nature knew not the God of revelation, but the God of the universe he acknowledged in every thing around. He beheld him in the star that sunk in beauty behind his lonely dwelling; in the sacred orb that flamed on him from his mid-day throne; in the flower that snapped in morning breeze; in the lofty pine, that defied a thousand whirlwinds; in the timid warbler, that never left its native grove; in the fearless eagle, whose untired pinion was wet in clouds; in the worm that crawled at his foot, and in his own matchless form, glowing with a spark of that light, to whose mysterious source he bent, in humble, though blind adoration.

"And all this has passed away. Across the ocean came a pilgrim bark, bearing the seeds of life and death. The former were sown for you, the latter sprang up in the path of the simple native. Two hundred years have changed the character of a great continent, and blotted for ever from its face a whole, peculiar people. Art has usurped the bowers of nature, and the appointed children of education have been too powerful for the tribes of the ignorant. Here and there, a stricken few remain, but now unlike their blood, untamed, and malleable progenitors! The Indian, of falcon glance, and lion bearing, the theme of the touching ballad, the hero of the pathetic tale, is gone! and his degraded offspring crawl upon the soil where he walked in majesty, to remind us how miserable is man, when the foot of the conqueror is on his neck.

"As a race they have withered from the land. Their arrows are broken, their springs are dried up, their cabins are in the dust.—Their council fire has long since gone out on the shore, and their war-cry is fast dying in the untrodden west. Slowly and sadly they climb the distant mountains, and read their doom in the setting sun. They are shrinking before the mighty tide which is pressing them away; they must soon hear the roar of the last wave, which will settle over them forever. Ages hence, the inquisitive white man, as he stands by some growing city, will ponder on the structure of their disturbed remains, and wonder to what manner of person they belonged. They will live only in the songs and chronicles of their exterminators. Let these be faithful to their rude virtues as men, and pay due tribute to their unhappy fate as a people.

"To the Pious, who, in this desert region built a city of refuge, little less than to the BRAVE, who round that city reared an impregnable wall of safety, we owe the blessings of this day. To enjoy, and to perpetuate religious freedom, the sacred herald of civil liberty, they deserted their native land, where the foul spirit of persecution was up in its fury, and where mercy had long wept at the enormities perpetrated in the abused names of Jehovah and Jesus. 'Resist unto blood!' blind zealots had found in the bible, and lamentably, indeed, did they fulfil the command. With 'Thus saith the Lord,' the engines of cruelty were put in motion, and many a martyr spirit, like the ascending prophet from Jordan's bank, escaped in fire to Heaven.

"It was in this night of time, when the incubus of bigotry sat heavy on the human soul:— When crown and crossier ruled a coward world, And mental darkness o'er the nations curled— When, wrapt in sleep, earth's torpid children lay, Hugged their vile chains, and dreamed their age away,— 'Twas then, by faith impelled, by freedom fired, By hope supported, and by God inspired,— 'Twas then the Pilgrims left their father's graves, To seek a Home beyond the waste of waves; And where it rose, all rough and wintry, HEBE, They swelled devotion's song, and dropped devotion's tear.

"Can we sufficiently admire the firmness of this little brotherhood, thus self-banished from their country? Unkind and cruel, it was true, but still their country? There they were born, and there, where the lamp of life was lighted, they had hoped it would go out. There a father's hand had led them, a mother's smile had warmed them. There were the haunts of their boyish days, their kinsfolk, their friends, their recollections, their all. Yet all was left; even while their heartstrings bled at the parting, all was left; and a stormy sea, a savage waste, and a fearful destiny, were encountered—for HEAVEN, and for YOU."

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCES.

On the 21st inst. Mr. David Shoemaker, one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of Washington City, was drowned whilst bathing in the Potomac. It is supposed that he was seized with the cramp when distant from a number of persons who were bathing at the same time, as he sunk without being noticed by any of them. Immediately after he was missed, efforts were made to recover his body, but they proved ineffectual until the following morning. Mr. Shoemaker was a clerk in the General Post Office, which appointment he received before the seat of government was removed to that city. He had uniformly sustained the character of a faithful public servant and useful citizen. How strikingly does this visitation of Providence illustrate the truth of the passage—'In the midst of life we are in death!'

Two instances of suicide have recently occurred in Frederick county, Md. The one a young man in easy circumstances; the other a respectable man with a family, and advanced in life.— In both instances the parties had been subject to melancholy for some time—in the latter case supposed to have been produced by pecuniary embarrassments. A young man named Joseph Burns, residing in Gettysburg, Pa. came to his death in a very sudden and appalling manner. He had been mowing and was returning home, between sunset and dark. He was in the act of crossing a fence with his scythe under his arm—when something caused him to trip, and he fell over, the scythe penetrating his left side, close to his arm, severing the artery. He survived only ten minutes.

A daughter of Mr. Frederic Lockwood of Greenwich, N. Y. about seven years of age, was on her way to school, and in crossing a bridge, fell through a hole made by the accidental removal of a plank, and was not discovered until life became extinct. In Salem, Mass. Mr. Geo. E. Newhall aged 26, occasioned his death by jumping from a third story window of the Lafayette Coffee House, and falling up-

on the pavement in the yard, about one o'clock in the morning. It is supposed that he was alarmed in a dream, and sprang immediately from his bed out of the window. None of his bones were broken, and he was able to speak, and partly raise himself from the ground after the fall, but he survived the shock only about two hours.

In Rutland, Mass. on the 5th July, four men were drowned by the sinking of a boat, viz. Dr. Howe, Timothy Ruggles, Jonas Howe, and Wm. Hammond. There were, in all, five persons in the boat; one of whom, Stephen W. Day, being a good swimmer, was saved. He permitted Dr. Howe to hold by his coat, and had carried him to within a few rods of the shore, when, finding he could not proceed any farther thus encumbered, he was compelled to break away and abandon him to his fate. Dr. Howe was an enterprising young man, of great promise in his profession, and with flattering prospects of success before him. Only the day before, he had amputated a man's arm, who had been injured by the firing of a cannon.

To Carpenters & Undertakers.

ON Friday the 5th day of August next, will be let to the lowest bidder, at the Courthouse door in the town of Nashville, the Building of an Academy in the said town.—The plan of the House may be seen and further particulars made known, on application to Willie G. Whitfield, Esq. THE COMMITTEE. Nashville, N. C. July 4. 73

To the Captains of the Militia of Franklin County.

YOU are hereby commanded to meet in Louisville, on Friday, the 26th of August next, with your men equipped agreeably to the Militia Law of North Carolina, at 11 o'clock A. M. in order to be reviewed by Brigadier-General Henry Blount.—You will also have your Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Musicians there, the day previous, in order for a Drill. By order of ISAAC WINSTON, Col. Comdt. Franklin, July 18, 1825. 73-3tw.

Notice.

WILL be sold at the Courthouse in Rockford, Surry county, on the second Monday in August next, the following Tracts of Land, or as much thereof as will satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1825, with costs &c.

- 150 acres given in by Benjamin Mitchell, adjoining Arthur Larter, on Ararat river. 150 do do by John Cook, adjoining David Kethcum, on Bay's creek. 200 do do by John Ryan, adjoining M. M. Hughes, Mitchell's river. 272 do do not listed, of Daniel Reece's heirs, adjoining Sebell Greenwood, Yarkin. 50 do do Daniel Reece's heirs, adjoining Rachael Reece, Mackefey's creek. 150 do do Owner unknown, adjoining Peter Simmons, Yarnel's creek. 1000 do do Jesse Lester's heirs, adjoining Mickle & Dobson, Double creeks. 200 do do Jesse Lester's heirs, adjoining Joseph Axim, Turner's creek. 100 do do Jesse Lester's heirs, adjoining John Collins, waters Double creeks. 100 do do Owner unknown, adjoining Nathan Bray, Codie's creek. 6 do do John Johnson's heirs, adjoining George D. Holcomb, Forbes crk. JOHN WRIGHT, late Sheriff. May 20. [pr. ad. \$6] 61 2m

Lands For Taxes.

THE following Lands will be sold at the Court House door of Hyde County, on the last Monday in August next, to satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1825: 105 Acres, property of Wm. S. Bell's children 193 Henry Bishop 300 Chas. Crawford's heirs 200 David Jarvis' heirs 175 Joshua Fortisue 60 John B. Jasper 370 Hugh H. Fodilly 60 Joseph G. Gowers 383 Wm. Gorlon 150 Reuben Rew 180 Benjamin B. Ratliff 200 John B. Jasper or Thomas Smith 1925 John Selby, Jr. 80 Jacob Swindle Jr. 250 Aaron Tyson's heirs 90 Jacob Swindle Sen. B. FOEMAN, Dep. Shff Germanton, Hyde County June 25, 1825.

\$125 REWARD.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber about two months ago, two negro fellows—GLOSTER, a small black man, with long visage, 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has a lops in his walk, and is about 42 years of age. He will aim for the county of Carteret in this State, where he wishes to live, and where he is well known. The other GRANDERSON, a man about twenty-three years of age, a coarse Carpenter, and is remarkably white for a slave, and might readily be taken for a white man; is a strong well set fellow, rather above ordinary size. He may have a scar on his forehead between, or rather above his eye-brows, ranging up and down, as by accident, the edge of an axe flying from its felle cut him there some years ago. One of his arms was broken, when small, near the wrist joint, and it is believed the left, which shows that joint enlarged, and has the appearance of dislocation, bending outwards, with the end of the outer bone of the arm next the joint considerably increased in size. His eyes are what are called blue, his hair is very straight, of a dingy yellowish white.—Had perhaps, when he went off, a black furred hat, and round about blue broad cloth coat. He is a blunt spoken fellow, speaks with assurance, and stutters and stammers in speaking, particularly when confused. His purpose is doubtless to pass for a free man. I will give for Gloster, if safely delivered in any Jail so that I can get him again, twenty-five dollars, and for Granderson I will give one hundred dollars, if safely delivered in Jail, so that I can get him again, and I will for either or both, besides, pay all reasonable expenses, if delivered to me, at my residence in Franklin county, N. C. JOHN D. HAWKINS. June 10th, 1825. 67 4f

Committed.

TO the Jail of Orange county, N. C. on the 14th inst. as Runaways, two Negroes to wit, a man by the name of Essex and a woman by the name of Moriah. They say that they belong to Richardson Finch, of Davidson county. The owner is requested to come forward and prove his property, according to law, and take them away. JAMES CLANCY, Jailor. July 21. 76 St

To Bridge Builders.

WILL be let to the lowest bidder in the Town of Lottsburg, on Thursday the 28th instant, the building of a Bridge across Tar River at that place; the undertaker to give bond with approved security for the faithful performance of the work and the keeping up the Bridge seven years. This will be a large & commodious bridge, worthy the attention of workmen. COMMISSIONERS. 62td Franklin, July 8.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber in June last, his Negro Man DIWRO, an African born, but having been brought to America at an early period of his life, his nativity will hardly be discovered by his language. He is about 35 years of age, quite black, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has remarkably small ears and feet. It is reported that he has obtained a free pass and designs passing as a free man. I will give the above reward if taken out of the State and delivered to me at my plantation in Lenoir county near Kingston, or 25 dollars if taken in the State and delivered as above, or 20 dollars if secured in any Jail, so that I get him again. JOHN COBB. Lenoir county, July 21. 76 3w

Notice.

THE subscriber offers his Tract of Land of 630 acres, for sale, lying six miles west of Smithfield, Johnston County, and on both sides of Middle Creek. There is on it, a Single Story framed Dwelling, and other out houses for the convenience of a small family, about 175 acres of cleared land, a good portion of which is fresh, and well adapted to the culture of corn and cotton, and now in excellent repair. A beautiful young Orchard of Apple and Peach trees. There is about 200 acres excellent creek land, thro' which a beautiful and never-failing stream flows.—The hills adjoining the low lands, is well supplied with never-failing springs; upland generally level, which enhances its value. It is but seldom that a tract of land of its worth, and generally reputed healthy situation and many advantages and conveniences, such as being convenient to never-failing mills, is offered for sale in this section of country. Those disposed to buy would do well to call and see. Said Tract of Land will be sold on accommodating terms, if applied for shortly. Young Negroes will be taken in payment. For further particulars enquire of Dr. Willie N. White of Craven county, or the subscriber, &c. JOHN EASON. June 10th, 1825. 65-

Pittsburgh Academy.

THE Trustees of the Pittsburgh Academy are happy to announce to the public, that the exercises of this Institution are now conducted by Mr. John D. Clancy, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, who comes well recommended to them. It is unnecessary to name, that the place, in point of health, salubrity of climate, cheapness of board and tuition, is surpassed by no similar institution in the State. Parents and guardians who may send their children here, may rest assured that every exertion on the teacher's part will be used for their advancement in learning; and the trustees pledge themselves, together with the teacher, that a strict regard will be had to their moral deportment. Under these circumstances, we flatter ourselves, that those who may try us will find that we have promised nothing more than will be performed. The trustees promise that there shall be nothing wanting on their part to render this institution such as will be highly gratifying to those who may entrust youth to their care. There is also a Female School conducted by Miss M. Mac Kenzie, whose method and capability of instruction is equal to any of the kind in the State. Board can be had in respectable families at from \$7 to \$8 per month, every thing found that is usual to furnish boarders with. By order, JOSEPH SMALL, Sec'y. July 11. 73 2t

Raleigh Register.

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1825.

The Supreme Court will adjourn either to-day or to-morrow, and a list of the Cases decided will be given in Tuesday's Register. Since our last, Alexander Little, of Anson, has been admitted to Superior Court, and Nathl J. Palmer, of Orange, to County Court practice.

In consequence of the great scarcity of Flour, which has existed for some weeks, in our market, several loads of that article have been disposed of during the present week, in our City, for eight dollars per bbl.

There is a general complaint, we believe, among the editorial fraternity, of the great dearth of news. Indeed, but for the honors paid to the good LAFAYETTE, and a cheering word now and then from the Greeks, nothing occurs to disturb the monotony of the times. Some Editors go so far as to make a summary of advices, foreign and domestic, in four words, "there is no news." It is true, that some of our neighboring prints give us wonderful accounts of mammoth gooseberries, gigantic watermelons, or enormous beets, but these are now so common, as to excite neither interest or attention. If news were an article, the

manufacture of which was encouraged by a patent, there might be some inducement for ingenuity to take that direction. In England, we believe something of this kind is practised—at least, persons are employed by Editors to collect every thing strange and marvellous that happens, and when no necks or legs are really broken, there is but little doubt that they break them by proxy. We remember to have laughed heartily at the reply said to have been given by a little boy in London, to the following question asked him by a gentleman, "What occupation does your father pursue for a living?" He answered with great simplicity, "he is a dreadful accident maker, Sir, for the Newspapers."

The Farmer's Bank of Va. at Richmond, has declared a dividend on its stock, of 2 1/2 per cent. for the last half year.

The Bank of Virginia, has declared a dividend of 3 per cent. on the original stock for the same period.

Saxon Sheep.—The American Farmer states, that a number of Saxon Sheep were sold at Brighton, Mass. on the 14th inst. at public auction, and brought on an average, including lambs, nearly one hundred and sixty dollars each. The highest price given for a single sheep was four hundred and fifty dollars. The improvement in the quality of the Wool of our country will, in a short time become a matter of much interest, as it is well known that the manufacture of broad cloths, equal in quality to those of European fabric, is beginning to excite that emulation among artizans which its importance merits.

Virginian Convention.—Monday last, the 25th inst. was the day appointed, for the meeting at Staunton, of Delegates deputed by the friends of reform in Virginia, in order to consider the best means, of procuring certain amendments to the constitution of that State. It is believed that about fifty Counties, have taken steps in relation to the matter, though nothing has as yet, been heard definitively from the meeting. In our next, we shall be able to give most probably, an account of the transactions of the Convention.

The late excessive heat, we believe, was confined to no particular section, but was general throughout the Union, for complaints of its intensity, are gathered from every quarter. We made no mention of the fact, but we suffered equally with our neighbors, though occasional relief was afforded us, through the medium of grateful showers. The weather has been so hot in Massachusetts, as to have caused the death of multitudes of fish, in Concord River. This is the first instance we recollect of mortality among the finny tribe, from such a source, and reminds us of certain doggerel lines, which we have somewhere seen:

The sun's perpendicular height, Illumin'd the depth of the sea, The fishes beginning to sweat, Cried, bless us, how hot we shall be!

John Quincy Adams, President of the United States, entered upon the fifty-ninth year of his age on the 11th inst.

The Rev. Abraham Rees, D. D. Editor of the Encyclopaedia, &c. died in London, on the 9th June, in the 82d year of his age.

Colonization Society.—In addition to the former collections mentioned as having been taken up on the 4th July, in behalf of this Institution, may be added the following. In Richmond Concord—Newburyport Mass. \$40—Concord \$44.50.

Two negro men have lately been tried in South Carolina, and convicted of breaking open and burning the house of a Mr. Wilson. They were sentenced to have each of their right ears cut off and banished from the State, or forfeit 500 dollars each.

ITALY.—General Devereux, of the Columbian service, but a British subject, while travelling in Italy for the restoration of his health, was arrested at Rovigo on the 13th May, by order of the Austrian government, and sent to Venice, where he has since been confined a close prisoner. The General, it appears, had no previous notice, before entering the Austrian territory, of the