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"Unwarped by party rage to live like brothers."

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FROM THE RICHMOND COMPILER.

TRIAL OF JOHN CONNERS.

The melancholy fate of Miss Cunningham was deeply felt throughout the whole country. The hue and cry was raised after the monster, who had perpetrated both rape and murder upon a helpless and unoffending stranger. Many persons were taken up on suspicion, and discharged for want of proof. Until at length, Justice was supposed to have lit upon the real culprit, in the person of John Connors, who without the least temptation, or the least terror, had confessed himself the murderer of the unfortunate girl.

After having been removed from Virginia to Maryland, from Cecil county to Kent; after sundry delays in the procuring witnesses both for the prosecution and the prisoner, the trial of John Connors came on, on Monday the 31st ult. at Chesterton, in Kent county, before Judges Earle and Purnell. The testimony before the Court presents a strange contrariety of evidence as to the identity of the prisoner. Some of the witnesses swear, that he was near the scene of the murder on the 4th of April; others that he was at that very time in the State of Kentucky. The case has excited so much interest, and the testimony is so curious in its contradictions, that we cannot reconcile it to ourselves to pass it over. The trial itself fills more than five columns of a Baltimore paper. We must then content ourselves with seizing its leading features, and laying the following sketch before our readers.

Messrs. Kell, the Attorney General, and David J. Campbell, appeared on the part of the prosecution;—Messrs. Chambers, Groome and McClean, on behalf of the prisoner.

Ten persons were challenged by the prisoner, before the Jury was completed. The Attorney General opened the case, and Mr. Chambers sketched the points of the evidence, on which he relied for the acquittal of the accused.

Grey Barber was the principal witness against Connors. He testified, that while travelling on a road in Virginia, about the last of May or the first of June, he fell in with the prisoner; he was with him a day and a half; that C. told him he had murdered six persons; the last of his victims was Miss Cunningham of Cecil county; that he had violated her, taken her gold ring, and expected to get a gold watch, but she had none; that he had killed her for fear she would be a witness against him;—He wanted the witness to join him in robbing the U. S. Mail: that at the house of a Mrs. Billingsby, he again confessed that he had killed her with a silver dirk. The witness said he had prevailed on a young man by the name of James Deckens to listen in the bushes while he should interrogate the prisoner, who still told the same story, and said he had sold her ring in Baltimore or Alexandria for three dollars. Witness admitted both the prisoner and himself were sometimes drunk, yet C. when sober, always told the same story. When cross-examined, the witness said that he did not know when he heard of the murder of Miss C.; that the prisoner called himself John Peters, and said he had stolen all the clothes he had on; behaved badly on the road, and was turned out of several houses for his misconduct.

James Deckens testified, that at Barber's request, he had secreted himself in the bushes, and overheard C. tell B. that he had violated Miss C. and heard him say something about a ring; but he was too far, and the wind too great to permit him to hear distinctly what passed.

Peter Bowler stated, that on the 1st. June last, Connors and Barber were together, at a tavern in Virginia, C. was cursing very much, &c. Mr. L. Jenkins questioned B. about the confession of C. Barber said that C. had confessed the murder of Miss C.—Connors wished to speak privately with B. charged him with betraying him, and attempted to strike him. When asked by witness why he had killed the lady, C. said he had not killed her, but had passed by the place where she was murdered on the day the deed was done!

L. Jenkins stated, that when B. told him he would inform him what he knew of C.; Connors wanted B. to go aside with him but witness would not let him go.—C. said B. was a liar for saying he had confessed the murder, struck him, and charged him with betraying him. C. said at one time he had worked on the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, and soon after denied it. C. said he fell in with Barber on the road, and asked him if he had ever heard of the murder of Miss Cunningham; told him he had travelled past the place where the murder was committed near the time it was done. Witness afterwards, when Connors was in Jail, asked where he was on the first of April last. C. said he was twelve miles from Wheeling, Ohio, said he had been at the mouth of the Wabash River and travelled from there to Louisville and to Millersburg, Ky. in the month of April. He had passed by the name of Connors and Peters, but said nothing about calling himself Pano; said he had bought a hat from a Mr. Dier.—Witness said, he had examined C's bundle after his arrest, and found a cambric shawl which appeared like a lady's.

Richard Boulden believed that he had seen the prisoner at his house on the 2d April; eat breakfast there; said he was going to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal; returned sometime afterwards; said he did not like the canal; left a bundle of clothes at his house, &c. He always will believe, while he has his senses, that the prisoner is the same man who left his house on the 4th day of April.

James Smith worked some time on the canal; saw the prisoner at the canal looking out for work; noticed he had a bad countenance and refused to hire him.

Haley Moffit believed he had seen prisoner at the canal: has no doubt on his mind of it.

William Adam found Miss C's body about 200 yards south of the state road, between Elkton and Havre de Grace.

George Stubbs saw a man coming out of the woods where the murder was committed: the man had a knapsack, enquired the road to Havre de Grace; thinks his voice was like the prisoner's, but cannot think it was him.

George Turner is impressed with the belief that on the morning of the 4th April he passed the prisoner near Elkton. Charles G. Black also thinks he met him on that morning.—Joseph P. Bunting thinks too he met him, but could not be certain.

Now here are three witnesses who swear to his being in the neighborhood—four others who think they saw him—and two who heard him confess the murder. This seems very strong proof; let us see the other side.

Wm. Watson—Miss C. lived with him; knows nothing of her rings except the one found on her hand after her decease.

Wm. Moffit—does not believe the man he met on the morning of the murder is the prisoner, though he had first thought so. John Coduen does not think the prisoner the same man he met, with a long surtout coat on, &c.—Jas. Russell—the same.

Wm. Coale stated, that a man with a bundle got into his gig, and rode fifty or sixty yards when they met Miss C. The man then got out, and he himself rode off.—Does not think that man was the prisoner.

Abraham Knight, the ferryman at the Chesapeake, on the evening of the 4th, put a man over the river; the clothes in his bundle were bloody—thinks he was the guilty person—but the prisoner is not that man.

Jas. Sewall—examined C. in the jail at Stafford; he then said, he did not know where he was on 4th April—but in Elkton jail, he told him he was in Millersburg, Kentucky, at the time; he mentioned his acquaintance with Dier, Saunders and Vimont of that place, and spoke of a hat he had bought of Mr. Dier there. Witness had, at the request of the counsel for the prisoner, written to Mr. Forbes, a respectable and intelligent gentleman of Virginia, respecting the character or veracity of Grey Barber. The answer to the inquiries was, that he was a man addicted to intoxication—except that, he knew nothing against him, and his evidence in his opinion, would be entitled to credit.

Thomas Walker, was the person who had gone to Kentucky after the witnesses; the prisoner had told him, before starting, that he had been employed by a Mr. Vimont, and his son Jefferson T. Vimont, &c.; and he had found things just as he had described them, &c.;

Jas. Sanders had described particular marks on the prisoner, without being asked about them.

James Sanders, from K. was then sworn, and stated that James Connors, the prisoner, did come to Millersburg on the last day of March, and worked with him one week, when he was discharged for drunkenness. The witness spoke too of the hat bought of Dier.—Prisoner knew witness the moment when he saw him in Chestertown jail. Jefferson T. Vimont, of K. also appeared and swore to prisoner's being in Millersburg on the last day of March last; witness kept his father's books at the time, and now produced his day book to shew he was there at that time; he had charged certain things to him under the name of Pano (which he had first called himself,) though he afterwards said his name was Connors, &c.

Dr. Morgan Brown, high sheriff of Kent county, sworn, said—He was in the prison when the witnesses from Kentucky were taken into the presence of the prisoner; he immediately named James Sanders & Jefferson T. Vimont, and appeared much affected and agitated. Witness had given orders that they should not be taken into the presence of the prisoner until he was present.

The evidence being gone through, the case was argued on both sides, during the rest of that day and part of the next.

At 10 o'clock the Jury retired—at 20 minutes past 2, they returned with a verdict of "Not Guilty." The prisoner was then discharged; and left the courthouse in company with his counsel, without any observation from the Court.

Watches, Jewellery, &c. &c.



THE Subscriber has just returned from New-York, with an additional supply of Goods in his line. His assortment is now pretty complete, consisting in part of—
Ladies' Gold Lever Watches
Gentlemen's do. and Silver do.
Plain Watches
Fine Gold Chains, Seals and Keys
Ear Rings, Finger-Rings and Breast-Pins
Gold Cable and Jazaron Chain
Table, Desert and Tea Silver—poons
Soup Ladles, Sugar Tongs & Salt Spoons
Silver Pencil Cases
Ever-pointed Patent do.
Crayon Pencils (by the dozen) &c. &c.

With a great variety of other articles too tedious to enumerate. Daily expected, Infantry and Cavalry Swords, Gold and Silver Epauettes, Horseman's and Pocket Pistols. A 1/2 Britannia Ware, in sets, Plated & audle-sticks, Plated Castors, &c.

All of which he offers for sale on reasonable terms for cash.

The Subscriber has employed a first rate Watch and Clock Maker and is prepared to attend to the cleaning & repairing of Watches & Clocks of all descriptions. Job Work in the Jewellery line, punctually attended to. Old Gold and Silver received at its full value.

J. C. STEDMAN.

Raleigh, Nov'r. 10th. 7 t J.

John F. Goneke,

HAS just returned from the North, with a great variety of Articles in his line, selected by himself, which will be sold at a small advance for cash, or on a short credit to punctual customers. His musical department comprises a complete assortment of INSTRUMENTS, among which are—
PEDAL HARPS,
PIANOS,
VIOLINS,
FLUTES,
CLARIONETTS, &c.

Also, the most approved new Music, Violin Bows, various kinds of screws & Strings. He has also received several new cases of Gentlemen's fashionable Beaver Hats, of the first quality; also Fur Caps for children. The additions to his Confectionary and Grocery Department, will enable him to supply all orders. He has on hand the greatest variety of Children's Toys.

He will furnish Balls or Parties at the shortest notice.
Raleigh, Nov. 8, 1825. 7-

\$50 Reward.

THE above reward will be paid for apprehending and committing to goal, my three Negro Men, to wit, BEN, PLEASANT and LEWIS, or proportionately for each. Ben is a fellow of about 30 years of age, has a large scar on the top of his head, on which there is no hair, supposed to be occasioned by a burn, and several scars on his body from the same cause, and has one toe off. Lewis and Pleasant are about the same age, quite black, rather taller, and more slender than usual, and Lewis has a scar on one cheek. Lewis was purchased of a Mr. Williams of Warren County, and the others of Jacksonias Yancey of Person County, and they are probably in their neighborhoods.

WILLIAM McWILLIE.

Camden, S. C. Sept. 7, 1825. 3 10w.

\$50 Reward.

RUNAWAY on the 8th inst. a little yellow fellow, called HARRY, 23 years of age, very low and well built; weighing from 115 to 130 lbs. left handed, very flat feet, his hair lately cut short, inclined to be straight; he is very polite, artful and cunning, being raised a house servant, though on the last two years worked in the crop. His clothes are such as field hands work in, probably a grey round Jacket of coarse cloth, one of white yarn, and one of yellow cotton, though he may have exchanged them for finer clothes, he took off a new three point blanket.

He will no doubt endeavour to pass as a free man, and in travelling keep the most public road, as he did about two years ago on a trip to Wilmington, when he called himself Martin Fog.

I will give the above reward to any one that will deliver him to John Kiteral, who lives on my plantation 7 miles south of this place, provided he is taken without the limits of this state; and \$20 if taken, secured &c. within its limits.

JOSEPH HAWKINS.

The Editors of the Fayetteville Observer, Hillsborough Recorder, Newbern Sentinel, Edenton Gazette, Washington, (N. C.) Recorder, Halifax Free Press, Western Carolinian, and Wilmington Recorder, will give this insertion, & forward their accounts to this office.

Factorage & Commission Business.

THE Subscriber tenders his services to his friends and the public in general, as a Factor & Agent for the sale of Cotton, Tobacco, or such other articles of Country Produce as are brought to Fayetteville for Market, and for the purchase of Goods generally.

He will invest the proceeds of any sales by him made, without commission, in Goods of any description that may be ordered, or pay or remit the same as he may be directed, paying the most particular attention to the orders of his employers in that respect.

Having convenient Warehouses for Storage of Produce or Merchandise, he will also receive and ship, or forward any Produce or Goods that may be committed to his charge for either of those purposes.

He promises prompt and strict attention to the orders and interest of his employers, and that his charge for Commission shall be moderate.
JOSEPH BAKER.
Fayetteville, N. C. Sept. 14. 98 3m

Notice.

THE Subscriber having qualified, and obtained letters of Administration in Northampton County, N. C. on the estate of Jno. Maddrey, who died in the latter part of the year 1823, and it appears that John Maddrey, the father of said deceased, if living, is the lawful heir to the said deceased's estate:—This is therefore to give notice, to the said John Maddrey, if living, to come forward and receive the estate of his said deceased son, John Maddrey, otherwise, I shall proceed to dispose of the said deceased's estate as the law requires in such cases, and this notice will be plead in bar against the recovery.

WM. MADDREY,

Admr. of John Maddrey.

Northampton, N. C. 24-6w.

October 13, 1825. 4-6w.

Lafayette Hotel.

MRS. SARAH JETER,

Begs leave to inform her friends and the public, that she has taken the House late in the occupancy of John W. Pullen, Esq. (south west corner of the State-House Square) where she will continue to keep a House of Entertainment. She tenders her thanks to those who have been pleased to call on her, and assures them that nothing shall be wanting to render them comfortable. Her Table will be of the best of the market affords. She can Board 15 Members of the Legislature.

Her Stable will be provided with good Ostrlers and plenty of forage. She solicits a portion of public patronage.
Raleigh, Sept. 22. 95tf

Union Hotel.

THE Subscriber having purchased this Establishment, on Fayetteville Street, lately occupied by Mrs. Sarah Jeter, is now in readiness to accommodate Travellers and Boarders. He tenders his thanks for the patronage and friendly support bestowed upon him at his former stand, and assures the Public that in his present situation, every exertion will be made to conduce to the comfort and pleasure of his guests. He will be prepared to accommodate from twenty-five to thirty Members of the approaching General Assembly.

His Bar will be constantly supplied with the best and choicest Liquors.

His Table, with the best of the country and market will afford. His Stables which are commodious and large, will be attended by faithful and steady Ostrlers.

JOHN W. PULLEN.

Raleigh, Sept. 12, 1825.

Boots and Shoes.



WILLIAM S. McEWEN, has the pleasure of announcing to the public, that he has just returned from the north, with an excellent and extensive assortment of Boots and Shoes of every description selected with great pains by himself in N. York and some other northern towns, and which for the cash, or on a short credit to punctual customers, will be sold on the most reasonable terms.

Raleigh 14th Nov. 1825. 8-3w.

NOTICE.

ON Monday, the 5th day of December next, before the Court House door in Plymouth, will be sold so much of the following Lots in Plymouth, as shall be sufficient to satisfy the town taxes due thereon, with costs:

Lot No. 5, the Property of Kenneth B. Rober
No. 49, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
Part, 19, 42, 45, 61, 105, & 131. do. do. do.
Do. 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 17, 54, 70, & 81. do. do.
No. 11 & 13, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 24, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 55, the property of James E. Devron
No. 129, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 158, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 75, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 6, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 46, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 16, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 21, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 52, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 57, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 98, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 113, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 130 & part of 131, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 20, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 12, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 150 & 151, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 96, do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
No. 78, 125, 126 & 132 Robert Armistead's heirs.

J. C. NORCOM, Cor.
Plymouth, Oct. 10 1825. 2-11 D.

State of North-Carolina.

Rowan County.
In the Court of Equity, October Term, 1825.
Little Hickerson,

vs.
Sarah Dalton, John Jackson, and Susanna his wife, and the other heirs at law of Jonathan Dalton, deceased.

HE complainant having shown that John Jackson and Susanna his wife, are not residents of this State: It is therefore ordered, that unless the said John Jackson and Susanna his wife, appear at the next term of this Court at Salisbury, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, and plead, answer or demur to the complainant's bill, that it will be taken pro confesso to them.

It is further ordered, that this interlocutory decree be published for three months in the Raleigh Register.

SAM. SILLIMAN, c. c. 13m

State of North-Carolina,

Rockingham County.
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,
August Term, 1825.

William Carter,

vs.
Judicial att. levied on land.

Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant in this case is not an inhabitant of this State: It is ordered, by the Court, that publication be made for 3 months successively in the Raleigh Register, giving notice to the said defendant to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Rockingham, at the Court-House in Wentworth, on the fourth Monday of November next, and reply plead to issue, or demur, or otherwise judgment will be entered up against him.
RO. GALLOWAY, C. C. C.

State of North-Carolina,

Johnston County.
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,
August Term, 1825.

Reuben Barber,

vs.
Att. levied on land, &c.

Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the Defendant Caleb Griffin, is not a resident of this State: It is ordered, that advertisement be made in the Raleigh Register for three months, that unless the Defendant Caleb Griffin, appears at our next County Court, to be held for said County, at the Court-House in Smithfield, on the 4th Monday in November next, to plead answer or demur, judgment will be entered pro confesso and execution issue accordingly.
Teste, RM. SANDERS, Ck. 92

For Sale.

TWO Black Men, who were taken up and committed to the jail in Randolph county, N. C. as Runaway Slaves, to wit: one who says his name is Ben, and belongs to Wm. Arnold, of the State of Alabama, who runaway, perhaps, in June, 1824. The other, who says his name is Sindrack, and belongs to Joseph Williams (a speculator) and that he left said Williams some time in April, 1822, in the State of Alabama, will be offered for sale in the town of Ashboro', on the first Monday in February next, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Randolph.
I. LANE, SAs.
October 20, 1824. 2-3m.

Entertainment.

THE subscriber, thankful for past favors, takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally, that he still continues to keep a House of Entertainment in Greensborough, N. C. at the Sign of the PLOUGH. Having declined the Mercantile business, his whole attention will be devoted to his House, which is supplied with the best the country affords. His Stables are furnished with provender of every kind for horses, a steady and attentive Ostrler; and he pledges himself to give due attention to all who may honor him with a call.

JACOB HUBBARD.
Greensboro, N. C. August 24. 86 3m

BLANKS

For Sale at this Office.