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AUCTIONEERS FOR SALE OF NEGROES,
Odd-Fellows' Hall, Franklin St.,
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We pledge our strictest attention to the business entrusted to us, and will, answer all communications promptly.
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PROMPT and diligent personal attention given to the sale of all consignments of Produce Always on hand a full supply of standard quality Groceries, suited to the wants of Farmers and Families.
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DIRECTORS.
Dr. T. D. Hogg, H. S. Smith,
Q. Burbee, John G. Williams.
This Bank is now receiving deposits, at the Exchange Office of John G. Williams & Co. Discount day Tuesday, feb 18—tf.

TO THE FRIENDS OF HOME MANUFACTURES.
THE KINSTON
SHOE FACTORY
IS NOW IN
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.
ORDERS for negro BROGANS and BOOTS are solicited. J. C. CARPENTER, *Agent.*
Kinston, N. C., June 24, 1860. aug 4—tf.

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PETERSBURG, VA.
THIS WELL KNOWN ESTALISHMENT,
HAVING BEEN RECENTLY FITTED UP AND SUPPLIED WITH ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES,
Now offers to Travellers Attractions Unsurpassed by any Hotel in the Country.
mar 5— JOHN JARRATT & BRO.

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Petersburg, Va.
ja 1—1y.

DONNAN & CO.,
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AT THE
INIMITABLE WHITAKER'S,
CONTENTED MAN: FOR WHICH
He offers a premium of FIVE GALLONS of Drewry's Celebrated Southampton (Va.) **BRANDY.**
Speaking of the above OLD BRANDY, the
THE INIMITABLE WHITAKER
has on hand
DREWRY'S OLD APPLE BRANDY.
SETH JONES' OLD APPLE BRANDY,
TISDALES' OLD APPLE BRANDY,
and many other choice **BRANDS.**
P. S. The contented man can find the INIMITABLE at his Store, on Hargett St., between the hours of 6, a. m. and 10 p. m. Call on him.
ap'l 19—tf.

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OLD SACHEM BITTERS
AND
WIGWAM TONIC.

THESE DELICIOUS AND FAR-FAMED BITTERS are recommended by the **FIRST PHYSICIANS OF THE COUNTRY,** on account o their **PURITY AND GREAT MEDICINAL VIRTUE.**

They are pleasant as nectar to the taste, and are pronounced the **BEST TONIC AND STIMULANT EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.**

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For sale by Grocers, Wine Merchants, and Druggists generally.

Principal Depot, 145 Water St., New York.
dec 1—1y

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The Subscriber has the pleasure of announcing to his friends and the public generally, that after much delay trouble, and expense, owing to the war, and interruption of trade, he has procured a fresh supply of Medicines, Toilets and other articles in his line, which he has been unable to furnish for some time past.—He has to pay **CASH** for all he buys, and hopes that such of his patrons as do not pay promptly, will take the hint, and that all in arrears, who have not gone to the seat of war to fight for our independence and dearest interests, will pay up their arrearages or a part at least, so that he may be able to meet pressing demands, and keep his Stock replenished.
☞ All orders from the country (unless from prompt and reliable parties,) will go unnoticed, if not accompanied with the **CASH** or its equivalent.
P. F. PESCUD,
au 17—tf Druggist, Raleigh, N. C.

FOR BEAUTIFYING AND IMPROVING THE HAIR.--I have received the following favorite articles, viz:
Mrs. Allen's Restorer and Zylabalsamum, Wood's and Ezekial's Restorer, Burnett's Cocoaine and Cocin, Rosemary and Castor Oil, Lowe's and Piver's Pomades. Demerson, Petit & Co., Hygienique Societe, and Monpelas Pomades, Tricopherous, Kathairon, Essence Bay Leaves, Sayne's Hair Tonic, Philecome, and Pescud's Hair Tonic.
Also, the most approved **Hair Dyes** known in this country.
For sale at
PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.
Raleigh, May 18, 1860. ma 30—tf.

BUIST'S FRESH AND NEW CROP TURNIP SEED.
CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES:
Early Large Flat Duch, Early Red Top, Ruta Baga, (a superior variety.) **Large White Norfolk, Large Yellow Norfolk, Large White Globe. Also, Altringham Carrot, Mangel Wortzel Beet, and large Winter Drumhead Cabbage Seed.**
For Sale in quantities to suit purchasers at
june 18—tf. P. F. PESCUD'S.

CHISMAN'S YEAST POWDERS.--MY Materials are to hand, and Mr. Chisman has put up a large quantity, all who have been waiting for supplies can send in their orders.
If you doubt that these great Powders are not superior to any now known, you can find testimonials from the most respectable families in Raleigh, at my store, where you can be supplied at wholesale or retail. P. F. PESCUD.
may 23—

ANOTHER BRILLIANT VICTORY!--While on my recent visit to the Old Dominion, I had the good fortune to procure from an old friend a demijohn of Rose Cordial of the most delectable flavor—a splendid and invigorating article for the sick. Call, by all means, and get some before it is gone; price 25 cents a bottle. Among the choice variety of other things too tedious to mention, to which the attention of the public is respectfully called, I have a fine lot of the best Hair Brushes. If you want to feel good and poetical in these gloomy times, just call around, procure a brush and a bottle of cordial, and I will guarantee a fine flow of the most *highfalutin pheelins.* P. F. PESCUD, Druggist.

NEW AND SPLENDID EXTRACTS.--Consisting of
THE WOOD VIOLET,
HUMMING BIRD,
BUTTERFLY VIOLET,
PATCHUTLY MUSK,
PINK JOCKY CLUB,
FRANGIPANI ROSE, &c.
Also, Frangipani, Verbena, Cologne and other Toilet waters. All of which are of the finest quality and put up in elegant style.
For sale at
PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.
Raleigh, May 18, 1860. ma 23—tf.

JUST RECEIVED AT PESCUDS DRUG STORE.
A VERY FINE LOT OF TOILET SOAPS.

BAKERS PREMIUM BITTERS.
A new supply of these celebrated Bitters on hand
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.

MUSTARD.
A fresh supply just received
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PHALONS HAIR INVIGORATOR.
Barrys Tricopherous,
Ezekials Hair Restorer,
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At PESCUD'S Drug Store.
au 14—tf Raleigh, N. C.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!
I SELL MY GOODS FOR CASH! I DON'T do a Credit Business! Therefore I hope every person that sees this advertisement will not ask me for **CREDIT**--because I am not able to do a credit business; and have to pay **CASH** myself.
I have called on every person that owes me a **DOLLAR,** and have not been able to collect the first **CENT.** I wish you would call on some one that is able to credit. J. B. FRANKLIN.
ap'l 17—tf

OLD DOMINION "TOBACCO."--ANOTHER Lot of Old Dominion Smoking "Tobacco," Just received at "Turner's" North Carolina Book Store. Said to be Superior to the former.
jan 5 td

WHITAKER'S IS THE PLACE TO BUY.—Goods delivered free of Charge, to any part of the City.
mar 5—tf.

FRESH MINERAL WATERS.--CONgress, Rockbridge Alum, and Green Brier Va., White Sulpher Water, also Rock Bridge Alum Mass.
For sale at
may 23— PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.

Census of North Carolina.

As Reported by the Secretary of the State Convention.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	FREE COL'ED.	SLAV'S.	TOTAL.
Alamance,	7,987	421	3,445	11,853
Alexander,	5,392	19	611	6,022
Anson,	6,562	151	6,951	13,664
Alleghany,	3,357	27	206	3,590
Ashe,	7,423	142	391	7,956
Beaufort,	8,172	729	5,878	14,779
Bertie,	5,846	279	8,186	14,311
Bladen,	6,235	435	5,327	11,995
Brunswick,	4,515	260	3,621	8,406
Buncombe,	10,623	100	1,931	12,654
Burke,	6,647	219	2,371	9,237
Cabarrus,	7,402	104	3,040	10,546
Caldwell,	6,297	114	1,088	7,499
Camden,	2,940	276	2,127	5,343
Carteret,	6,064	152	1,969	8,185
Caswell,	6,581	279	9,355	16,215
Catawba,	9,038	28	1,664	10,730
Chatham,	12,555	304	6,246	19,105
Cherokee,	8,609	38	519	9,166
Chowan,	2,978	151	3,713	6,842
Cleaveland,	10,108	109	2,131	12,348
Columbus,	5,779	355	2,463	8,597
Craven,	8,795	1,288	6,190	16,273
Cumberland,	9,561	978	5,830	16,369
Currituck,	4,671	221	2,524	7,416
Davidson,	13,378	147	3,076	16,601
Davie,	6,001	101	2,392	8,494
Duplin,	8,286	374	7,126	15,786
Edgecombe,	6,880	388	10,108	17,376
Forsythe,	10,716	211	1,764	12,691
Franklin,	6,490	541	7,079	14,110
Gaston,	7,009	102	2,199	9,310
Gates,	4,180	362	3,902	8,444
Granville,	11,189	1,121	11,086	23,396
Greene,	2,826	152	3,947	7,925
Guilford,	15,738	693	3,625	20,056
Halifax,	6,642	2,450	10,349	19,441
Harnett,	5,351	104	2,584	8,039
Haywood,	5,488	85	318	5,801
Henderson,	8,981	85	1,382	10,448
Hertford,	3,948	1,111	4,445	9,504
Hyde,	4,682	259	2,793	7,734
Iredell,	11,141	29	4,177	15,347
Jackson,	5,241	6	281	5,528
Johnston,	10,548	193	4,916	15,657
Jones,	2,210	107	3,413	5,730
Lenoir,	4,963	177	5,131	10,211
Lincoln,	6,000	80	2,115	8,195
Macon,	5,370	115	519	6,004
Madison,	5,693	2	213	5,908
Martin,	5,435	451	4,303	10,189
McDowell,	5,542	273	1,305	7,120
Mecklenburg,	10,543	290	6,541	17,374
Montgomery,	6,781	45	1,823	7,649
Moore,	8,725	184	2,518	11,427
Nash,	6,319	688	4,681	11,688
New Hanover,	10,617	766	10,332	21,715
Northampton,	5,912	656	6,808	13,376
Onslow,	5,198	159	3,499	8,856
Orange,	11,318	522	5,109	16,949
Pasquotank,	4,473	1,484	2,983	8,940
Perquimans,	3,287	392	3,569	7,248
Person,	5,708	318	5,195	11,221
Pitt,	7,480	127	8,473	16,793
Polk,	3,317	106	620	4,043
Richmond,	5,211	345	5,453	11,009
Randolph,	14,768	380	1,645	16,798
Robeson,	8,584	1,450	5,456	15,490
Rockingham,	10,021	407	6,318	16,746
Rowan,	10,522	135	3,929	14,586
Rutherford,	9,060	122	2,391	11,573
Sampson,	9,106	489	7,028	16,623
Stanly,	6,590	42	1,169	7,801
Stokes,	7,847	86	2,469	10,402
Surry,	8,949	184	1,246	10,379
Tyrrell,	3,203	143	1,597	4,943
Union,	8,903	53	2,246	11,202
Wake,	16,470	1,424	10,733	28,627
Warren,	4,923	402	10,401	15,726
Washington,	3,596	296	2,465	6,357
Watauga,	4,771	82	104	4,957
Wayne,	8,721	734	5,451	14,906
Wilkes,	13,280	261	1,208	14,749
Wilson,	5,944	280	3,496	9,720
Yadkin,	9,110	168	1,433	10,711
Yancey,	8,229	64	362	8,655
	631,489	30,097	331,081	992,667

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se 11—tf Raleigh, N. C.

A SUPERIOR ARTICLE OF CHEWING "Tobacco." The Pure Southern Quid. A Supply of the above just received at
TURNER'S
N. C. Book Store.
jan 9—tf ☞ Age please copy.

SODA, WATER AND SUGAR CRACKers; 3 doz. Jars of Pickles, at
no 13 WHITAKER'S.

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NEW CLOTHING STORE!!
JUST OPENED BY
ISAAC OETTINGER,
at the corner of Fayetteville St. and Market Square **$20,000** worth of **MEN'S and BOYS'** Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, and many other articles. I wish it distinctly understood that these Goods were bought in times of peace, and consequently at much lower prices than they could be bought for now. They will be sold again at the
OLD RETAIL PRICES.
I have no particular fancy for saying much. All I ask of the public is to give me a call. They will certainly not be disappointed in the quantity, quality or in the prices of my
GOODS.
Remember, corner of Fayettevile Street and Market Square, (formerly occupied by Mr. Pool.)
Respectfully,
au 11—tf ISAAC OETTINGER.

1861. **SPRING TRADE!** 1861.
GENTLEMEN AND BOYS
IN WANT OF
CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, BOOTS, &c., of every description, will find me prepared this SPRING to furnish them with **BETTER GOODS,** at more
Reasonable Prices
than heretofore; and I most cordially invite them to examine my
GOODS AND PRICES
before purchasing.
Notwithstanding the crisis, I have been NORTH and purchased, to great advantage, a most BEAUTIFUL and VARIED STOCK of
CLOTHING
AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS,
and my friends can be furnished, at short notice, from head to foot.
Having a splendid Stock of the most fashionable and approved French **CLOTH, DOESKINS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS** of all kinds, &c, the most **ACCOMPLISHED AND SUPERIOR**
CUTTER AND WORKMEN
in my TAYLORING ESTABLISHMENT, I am ready to compete with any one in the old North State in making any Garment or Clothing to order, in the most superior and artistic manner.
The liberal encouragement I have received and continued indications of increasing confidence, inspire me with the hope that I shall be more liberally patronized than ever; to merit which I will give my undivided attention to the wants of all who favor me with a call. M. GRAUSMAN.
ap' 13—tf

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50 SUP. GREY AND DRAB MILITARY Overcoats with large capes, price 16, 18, 20 and 22 dollars, all home made.
500 Merino Shirts, Grey and White, for camp life.
500 Pairs Merino and Shaker Drawers, all sizes, Grey and White, just to hand.
50 Pair Grey, Blue, Drab and Mixed colored Cloth and Cassimeres, made to measure or sold by the pair or single pattern to suit purchasers.
Overpatings in Beaver, Pilot and Petersham.
40 Dozen sup. White Shirts.
70 Dozen Cassimere, Gingham and Calico fatigue Shirts.
Blankets and Shawls for Soldier's use.
Oil Cloth Overcoats, Leggins and Cap Covers.
Gilt buttons by the gross.
Gold Braids by the pair.
Hay sacks by the hundred.
200 Pair Drill Gaiters.
Heavy Socks by the dozen.
Gloves and Gauntletts.
Pants, Vests and Dress Clothing; a complete assortment at T. W. ROYSTON & CO.'S.
oct 9 Petersburg, Va.

1861. **AUGUST 17th,** 1861.
MILITARY GOODS!
NO. 51½ SYCAMORE, PETERSBURG, VA.
T. W. ROYSTON, & Co.,
Can furnish Military Companies with the following named goods at short notice:
Oil Cloth Over Coats,
Oil Cloth Caps,
Oil Cloth Haverlocks,
Oil Cloth Haversacks,
Oil Cloth Leggins,
Fatigue Jackets,
Plain and fancy fatigue Shirts.
Gingham and Calico Shirts.
Mirino under Shirts (White and Grey.)
Merino Drawers, (White and Grey,)
Velvet and flannel Zouave Caps,
Heavy Grey Over Coats,
ALSO, ON HAND,
Grey and Blue Satinet,
Grey Gasimere,
Grey Flannel which they will make up to order and warrent satisfaction in every instance.
T. W. ROYSTON, & CO.,
No. 51½ Sycamore St.,
au 11—tf Petersburg, Va.

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WHITAKERS!!!
SPRING GOODS!
SPRING STOCK!!
E. A. WHITAKER,
THE INIMITABLE.
THE INIMITABLE WHITAKER.

50 Boxes Oranges,	$4 00	10 boxes French Candy,	45c.
50 do Lemons,	4 00	20 boxes Webb & Whitted's celebrated TOBACCO.	
50 Bbls. Apples,	4 00		
10 do Potatoes,	4 00		
40 Boxes Candles (⅝ 100 lbs.,)	22c.	20,000 Havana CIGARS.	
40 boxes Common Candy,	16c.	20 Cases Crackers.	
10 boxes Fancy Candy,	20c.	20 Bbls. Crackers.	

WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.
Daily expected at the INIMITABLE WHITAKER'S a great variety of WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.
FISH! FISH!! FISH!!!
Herrings, Mullets, Mackerel, Salmon, White Fish, and Shad are daily expected at
WHITAKER'S CITY EMPORIUM.
ap'l 6—tf.

JUST RECEIVED AT FRANKLIN'S.
Strong Fresh and Salty Snuff, and all to be had in the **SOUTEERN CONFEDERACY.**
Also, a Large lot of Every conceiveable article known to the trade.
Come one, come all, to
se 7—tf **FRANKLIN'S** Call.
☞ Standard and Spirit of the Age copy.

FINE GOLD JEWELRY.--THE SUBSCRIBER has in store a splendid assortment of *FINE GOLD JEWELRY,* embracing a variety of styles of patterns of Brooches, Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Bracelets, Finger Rings, Ladies and Gentlemen's Watch Chains, Pencils and Pens, Cuff Pins, Miniature Lockets, Gold Thimbles, &c. Call and examine.
no 9 C. B. ROOT.

USE
CHISMAN'S YEAST POWDERS

The Raleigh Register.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 15, 1862.

THE MERRIMAC.

We regret to believe that our contemporary of the Wilmington Journal is right in his impressions of the worthlessness of the Merrimac. The Journal says:

The Merrimac, long on the stocks at Portsmouth, being made into an iron-clad marine ram, turns out, we fear, to be anything else than what she was expected to be. We had feared so for some time, both from the mysterious delay in launching her, as well as other things going to show that the enterprise must have hung fire, to say nothing of private hints and remarks going to confirm this opinion. We suppose there need be no long any peculiar reticence on this subject, since it has got into all the papers—the Richmond ones of course—some going so far as to pronounce the Merrimac "an abortion."

It appears that the affair is too heavy and draws too much water. After this had been discovered on floating her, and while attempting to shore her up again, she caught upon the blocks and received a considerable strain. Her machinery had to be removed and a quantity of dead wood will have to be introduced to correct the tendency to "hog" thus unexpectedly developed.

She draws so much water as to prevent her being used in active operations, and about all that she will be good for will be to moor across the Elizabeth river as a sort of floating battery or hulk.

We are only the more confirmed in the correctness of what we said some days ago—that if instead of the vast amount of money thrown away on the Merrimac, the same money had been spent on the class of gun-boats suited to the waters of Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, we would have little fears for Roanoke Island, and feel more confidence of being able to give a good account of Burnside's expedition.

THE BLOCKADE ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

From the London Times (City Article) Jan. 22.

The English funds, in the face of the increasing ease in the discount market from the influx of gold to the Bank, continue with a heavy tendency.

The fact that, if France or any other Power should demand the concurrence of England in disavowing the inefficient blockade of the Southern ports by the federal fleet, it would be difficult to find a logical plea for refusal, is apparently the main consideration that induces the public to look cautiously at future contingencies. The evidence seems complete that, if the present nominal blockade is to be respected, the provision of the Treaty of Paris that a blockade shall not be recognized unless it be real must be looked upon as cancelled, and an impression prevails that this result would be distasteful to all statesmen who recognise the claims of commerce and civilization.

The meeting of the French Chambers on the 16th inst., and of the English Parliament on the 6th of February, may be followed by some important declaration on the subject. The initiative is thought likely to be taken by France, since the effects of the cotton dearth are more severe upon that country than upon Great Britain, where a great compensation is found in the impulse given to India. At the same time it is seen that this country can have little inducement to forego joining in an imperative enforcement of legal principles, as the popular and almost universal cry in the federal States seems now to be that every advantage which can be gained, whether from success at home or from the forbearance of foreign nations, is to be hailed as a means of hastening the time when the Trent affair can be "avenged." Still, notwithstanding this consideration, the feeling here would be in favor of leaving the Washington politicians to work their own way through their anarchy and bankruptcy undisturbed by foreign reclamations, if it were possible to do so without a sacrifice of principle.

BURNING OF HARPER'S FERRY.

From a lady who arrived in this city from Jefferson county last evening, we have intelligence of the destruction of a large portion of the town of Harper's Ferry, by the Yankees, on Friday night last. Our informant states that on Friday the Guerilla company commanded by Captain W. Baylor, of Jefferson, went to the Ferry with a view of capturing a traitor by the name of George Rohr, who has been acting in the capacity of ferryman between the Virginia and Maryland shores and who had rendered himself particularly odious by giving information of the movements of our forces in that neighborhood. Captain Baylor succeeded in having Rohr enticed to the Virginia side of the river; but finding it impossible to capture him, he shot him in the boat. This exasperated the Yankees to such an extent that they came over, under the cover of night, and fired the town. The result was as stated above, the destruction of a considerable portion of the Town. We learn that Rohr died soon after he was shot.

Richmond Dispatch.

NAPOLEON PROPOSES TO EXCHANGE THE MEXICAN THRONE WITH AUSTRIA FOR VENICE.

The *Börsenhalle,* of Hamburg, publishes the following extract from a letter from Venice:

It is confidently stated that the project of the accession of the Archduke Maximillian to the throne of Mexico was made the subject of confidential communication between the Ministers of the Government of Austria and the French Government. If we are well informed, the Cabinet of Vienna has recently charged Prince Metternich to give such an answer to the French propositions, without absolutely declining them, as may leave doubt that the Austrian Government will never entertain the idea of making any acquisitions in Mexico a ground for negotiating a transfer of Venice.

A NEW WAR VESSEL.—The Charleston *Courier* calls the attention of the authorities intrusted with the duty of procuring a Steam Ram, for which an appropriation of $300,000, was made by the South Carolina State Convention at its late session, to the model and plan of war a vessel recently designed by one of our native mechanics. The plan has been examined by the Navy Department at Richmond, by whom it is admitted to "embrace features which are regarded as new and eminently useful."

Among the advantages presented by this plan, are those of swiftness to overtake a fleeing enemy and the ability to crush the opposing vessel in a part most susceptible of damage and incapable of repair. At the same time this war vessel will be so constructed as to expose but a very small surface to the shot of the enemy, and even that surface, small as it is, can be at pleasure safely reduced by depressing the vessel still further in the water. The internal arrangements are such, that should a shot accidentally penetrate one part, the injury therefrom cannot be communicated to the other parts of the vessel.

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Seward is reported to have said recently:

"An eclipse may be partial; it is not necessarily total. I have said that the effective part of the war is over. I now say that the solutive properties of the Union are held in abeyance by a coefficient. To some extent I speak algebraically; partially with reference to fluxions and not wholly with the ordinary signification of words."

These explicit remarks (says the Northern reporter of the above,) have produced a powerful effect upon the public mind. The hopes of the nation may well be elated. The reporter should have added, that the constant imbition of alcoholic distillations, by the distinguished functionary, had so fuddled th *brægen* locale of his caput, as to obfusticate the heretofore bright scintillations emitted from that direction.

Petersburg Express.

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