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FOR THE SALE OF ALL KINDS OF GOODS AND  
COUNTRY PRODUCE.  
Particular attention paid to receiving and forward-  
ing of Goods. Orders filled on the best terms, when  
cash is enclosed, or produce in hand.  
N. B. I may be found at the Store of E. Turlington  
corner of Water and Princess streets, where may be  
found a general assortment of groceries for both Town  
and Country trade.  
Nov. 10. 100-y

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And dealers in  
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS,  
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TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.  
Will make liberal cash advances on all consignments  
of produce.  
March 17. 1

CHARLES BLAKESLEE,  
(Successor to James Pufferford)  
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN  
Boots and Shoes,  
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PRINTED TO ORDER, AT THE  
COMMERCIAL OFFICE.

SADDLE, HARNESS, AND TRUNK  
MANUFACTORY,  
Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.  
THE subscriber takes this method  
of informing his friends and the public gener-  
ally, that he has taken the store formerly occu-  
pied by Porter and Blakeslee, and immediately opposite  
the Chronicle Office, where he is now opening a com-  
plete assortment of  
Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Trunks, Martingales,  
Valises, Carpet and Saddle Bags, Collars,  
Whips, Spurs, Bits, &c. &c. &c.  
All of which will be warranted of good manufacture  
and materials, and will be sold low for CASH.  
Having long experience in the above business, he  
flatters himself that he will be able to render full sat-  
isfaction to those who may be disposed to patronize  
him.  
It is his intention to keep no Books, but to adopt  
the CASH SYSTEM, by which means he will be  
able to furnish articles much cheaper than they have  
heretofore been bought in this market.  
PREPARING of all kinds done at the shortest  
notice.  
JOHN J. CONOLEY.  
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TO RENT.  
SEVERAL well finished offices, in the fire proof  
building on Water Street, over the stores of Smith,  
Mitchell & Gude.  
This large and convenient Wharf on Eagle's Island,  
opposite Town and known as the site of the Phoenix  
Distillery, 220 feet front, and running back 1600 feet  
with convenient dock, Warehouse 40 by 80 feet, negro  
quarters, &c. all in good repair. Apply to H. Nutt.  
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JUST RECEIVED,  
Per Schooner J. D. Jones,  
AT  
HOWARD & PEDEN'S  
Family and Ship Grocery Store,  
PAPER Shelled Almonds; Prail Ivaca soft shelled  
do.; Brazil Nuts; English Walnuts; Pecan Nuts;  
Filberts; Stewart & Co.'s assorted Candy; Canton  
Ginger; Citron; Olive Oil; Scotch Ale; Lady  
River; are prepared to give despatch to Goods for Fayette-  
ville, and the interior, on the most favorable terms.  
The keel of a new Steamer has been laid, which will  
soon be completed, of such light draft of water, as to  
sail all stages of the River; and which, in lightness of  
draft, will never be surpassed.  
Goods will be received and forwarded promptly thro'  
Wilmington, free of all charges for Storage, Drayage,  
Wharfage, and Commissions; and will be attended to  
at Fayetteville, free of Commissions. Goods can be  
stored there, up town or at the river, as shippers may  
desire.  
The Cape Fear Steam Boat Company are deter-  
mined to carry Goods on as favorable terms as any other  
Company; and from the long experience of their agents  
at Wilmington and Fayetteville, have no doubt  
of giving their friends entire satisfaction.  
E. W. WILKINGS,  
Agent at Fayetteville.  
ROBT. G. RANKIN,  
Agent at Wilmington.  
March 17. 1

Removal.  
THE Subscribers have removed their Office, to  
the GASTON STEAM SAW AND PLANING MILLS,  
Nov. 10. P. K. DICKINSON & CO.  
Chronicle copy. 2m100

JUST RECEIVED,  
Per Schooner H. Westcott,  
200 PAIR Ladies Kid Slippers,  
50 " Walking Shoes,  
50 " Half Gaiters,  
50 " Morocco Boots.  
For sale by  
CHARLES BLAKESLEE.  
Nov. 14. 102

FOR RENT.  
THE DWELLING HOUSE lately occu-  
pied by Mr. BARNARD, on Second street,  
near the Methodist Church. Apply to  
C. W. BRADLEY.  
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NOTICE.  
I WOULD give notice to gentlemen in the country,  
for whom I have been acting as Bank agent, that  
my engagements are such as to oblige me to discon-  
tinue the agency.  
C. W. BRADLEY.  
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MOLASSES.  
50 HHDS. Prime Retailing Molasses, for sale  
by BROWN & DEROSSET.  
Nov. 5. 98

ASH OARS.  
5000 FEET Extra Ash Oars.  
Received this day for sale, by  
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FOR SALE.  
A FIRST RATE northern built Buggy. For sale  
low, by  
BROWN & DEROSSET.  
Sep. 24. 60

FLOUR, BUTTER, RICKWHEAT, &c.  
JUST received, Flour, Butter, assorted size pack-  
J. ages; Buckwheat in Bags, Boxes, and Kegs; Eng-  
lish Dairy Cheese; Soap; Oils; Candles; and Spice  
of every variety and kind. For sale at  
HOWARD & PEDEN'S.  
Dec. 14. 114

WATCHES, JEWELLERY, &c.  
THE subscriber has just opened, selected by  
himself, with great care in the Northern  
States, the richest and most extensive assort-  
ment of  
WATCHES, JEWELLERY, SILVER AND  
PLATED WARE, HOUSE-KEEPING AND  
FANCY ARTICLES, &c.  
ever offered by him, all of which will be sold on reason-  
able terms.  
N. B. Watches repaired and cleaned as usual.  
T. W. BROWN.  
Nov. 14. 102 ff.

CAROLINA HOTEL.  
THE undersigned has leased this well-  
known Hotel. He has given it a  
thorough cleaning and re-fitted it through-  
out, and will be prepared to furnish the best accom-  
modation to Boarders and the travelling Public, on  
Monday, the 19th day of October.  
FREEMAN RUGGLES.  
Oct. 17, 1846. 90

COFFE AND SUGAR.  
35 BAGS Rio and Laguira Coffee, 3 Hds. Porto  
Rico Sugar. For sale, by  
Sept. 26. 81 E. PETERSON.

Mules and Timber Wagon  
FOR SALE.  
THE Subscriber offers for sale two first  
rate Timber Wagons, and three fine  
young well broke Mules.  
Nov. 12. [101-ff] J. P. McREE.

FOR RENT.  
A GOOD Ware House in the Lazarus Building.  
ALSO  
several Wharves conveniently located for landing Na-  
val Stores, or other Produce. Apply to  
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MESS AND PRIME PORK for Sale by  
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Just Received,  
AND now opening, another lot of those beautiful  
A SILK VELVET CAPS for Infants, and other  
styles in great variety. Call and see them at  
MYERS & BARNUM'S.  
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BRICKS.  
25,000 GOOD Eastern Brick, for sale by  
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LIME.  
500 CASKS fresh Thomaston Lime,  
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HAY.  
75 BALES Prime Eastern Hay, for sale by  
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8000 SPANISH Cigars of Choice brands, di-  
rect from Havana, for sale, by  
Nov. 24. [106] J. HATHAWAY & SON.

MOLASSES.  
58 HHDS. of Prime Retailing Molasses, now land-  
ing from Brig Lisbon, will be sold, delivered after  
the 1st day of December next, by  
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MALAGA WINE.  
10 QUARTER CASKS MALAGA WINE, Re-  
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HAY.  
150 BALES Prime Eastern Hay.  
For sale, by  
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Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.  
THE Subscriber has for sale the following ar-  
ticles:  
Coffee—Rio, Java, Laguira, and St. Domingo.  
Brown, Loaf, and Crushed Sugar.  
Molasses, Cheese, Flour, Pork, Butter, Bacon,  
Soda Biscuit, Pilot Bread, Butter and Sugar  
Cakes.  
Teas; Smoked Beef and Beef Tongues.  
Nails—a general assortment.  
Candles—Sperm, Adamantine, and Tallow.  
Vinegar and Lamp Oil.  
Raisins, Almonds, Butter Nuts, Filberts, and  
Currants.  
Cotton and Manilla Rope, and Leading Lines.  
Hats and Caps; Boots and Shoes.  
Skillet, Pots, and Ovens.  
Cinnamon, Mustard, Ginger, and Pepper.  
Collins' Axes, Hatchets, Lead and Shot, Steel  
and Rat Traps.  
Dry Goods—including Domestic, Calicoes, Satin-  
ets, Kerseys, Blankets, Flannels, &c., &c.  
Also, Hardware, Cutlery, &c., &c.  
S. P. GAUSE.  
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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!  
ATTENTION! MAMA'S AND PAPA'S.  
J. H. ROTHWELL,  
AT HIS  
Crockery Store and Warehouse,  
HAS just received one Package, containing 600  
CHINA TOYS, consisting of China Dogs;  
China Sheep; Pleasant Boys and Girls; Queens and  
Alberts; Napoleons and Wellingtons; Fancy Ink-  
stands; China Baskets; Tom O'Shanter's; Prince  
and Horse; Swan and Trump; Monkey and Fox;  
Warwick and Virginia Castles; Rabbits eating; 1 large  
Eagle; 2 Gothic Lodges; 2 Sing Hunts; 2 Fish-  
man Hats; 1 Fisherman in Boat; 2 pair large Span-  
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DRIED PEACHES.  
25 BUSHELS peeled Dried Peaches.  
Received this day, for sale, by  
Nov. 17. [103] J. & W. L. MCGARY.

Boarding House.  
THE subscriber has taken the well-known House  
on the southeast corner of Dock and Front streets,  
formerly occupied by Mrs. J. A. Hux, for the  
purpose of accommodating regular and transient  
boarders.  
F. J. SWANN.  
Nov. 17. 102 ff.

FOR SALE.  
THE fine Passenger Steamer SOLID, cap-  
per fastened, about two years old, and  
fast, well suited for a Pilot, Pleasure or Pro-  
duce Boat, about 12 Tons—carries 70 to 80 Bbls. Tur-  
pentine.  
For further particulars, apply on board, or to  
Dec. 14 1846. BARRY & BRYANT. 114

REPORT  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE  
JUDICIARY,  
On the Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the  
Town of Wilmington to borrow Two Hun-  
dred Thousand Dollars, and for other purposes.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to  
whom was referred "A Bill to authorize the  
Commissioners of the Town of Wilmington  
to borrow Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,  
000) Dollars, and for other purposes," have  
had the same under consideration, and have  
instructed me to make the following

REPORT:  
The Committee are unwilling to submit  
the result of their investigations, without as-  
signing some of the reasons which have in-  
fluenced them in coming to the conclusion at  
which they have arrived; and this they feel to  
be their duty, not only on account of the  
importance of the question involved, but also  
because of the respect which they feel for  
that portion of the citizens of Wilmington,  
who have presented to the Legislature a  
"Counter Memorial," which, no less than the  
Memorial accompanying the Bill, has re-  
ceived the anxious consideration of the Com-  
mittee.

Deeply regretting that questions so grave  
should be presented for their determination  
amid the press of active engagements in this  
Hall, and with too little time, during the  
recess of its sessions, to enable them to arrive  
at satisfactory results, your Committee have  
nevertheless devoted all the time at their com-  
mand to the investigation of the subject com-  
mitted to their charge.

The Bill proposes to give to the Town of  
Wilmington the power to subscribe the sum  
of two hundred thousand dollars in the stock  
of "The Wilmington and Manchester Rail  
Road Company," and to this end, that the  
corporation of said Town may borrow such  
sum, upon the faith and credit thereof; and  
to secure the payment of the same, as also  
the annually accruing interest thereon, that  
the said corporation shall have power to levy  
a tax on the citizens, not exceeding the sum  
of 50 cents on each poll, and one per cent  
on each hundred dollars value of real estate  
and improvements in said Town, provided  
that the same shall be sanctioned by a ma-  
jority of the qualified voters in town meeting  
assembled.

Two questions present themselves at the  
threshold of this investigation: the first,  
"Whether the Legislature can constitutionally  
pass such an Act?" and the second,  
"Whether, having the power, it is expedient  
to do so?"

In regard to the first question, it may be  
remarked, that the government of North  
Carolina is not one of specially delegated  
powers, but one of limited and restricted power.  
The Constitution vests the Legislative  
power in "a Senate and House of Com-  
mons." There are no grants of powers to  
the Legislature, except in a few instances,  
where the power would not seem to arrange  
itself naturally under the class of Legislative  
powers according to precedent usage, as the  
election of the Governor and other high offi-  
cers. It does not even confer the Revenue  
power, yet the Legislature has always exer-  
cised it in levying taxes. Indeed, this power  
in every sovereignty is indispensable and in-  
contestable. In creating a government for  
the people of the State, and erecting a Legis-  
lative department, the Constitution vests in  
that department, without special grants of  
power, all such rights as the exigencies of  
the people may require. The right of taxing  
themselves and their property, is imported in  
the grant of Legislative power, because it is  
essential to the very existence of govern-  
ment; and as the exigencies of government  
are unlimited, so the exercise of this right  
has no restriction, except that which results  
from the form of the government, viz. that it  
be done by the consent of the governed.—  
This, the only restriction upon the taxing  
power found in our organic law, is contained in  
the 16th section of the Bill of Rights, and is  
as follows: "That the people of this State  
ought not to be taxed or made subject to the  
payment of any impost or duty, without the  
consent of themselves, or their Representa-  
tives in General Assembly, freely given."

The assent then, of the people, or of their  
Representatives, will give validity to any ex-  
ercise of this power; but it is obvious, that  
its rightful exercise must depend upon the na-  
ture of the tax to be levied: Where the tax  
is to bear upon all the citizens; or upon all  
the property of the State, for general and  
public purposes, the Legislature is the best  
judge of the amount to be assessed, and the  
proportion in which it ought to be collected;  
and this power has accordingly been exer-  
cised by the Legislature alone. But it was  
soon found, that for the assessment of taxes  
for local purposes, that body was utterly in-  
competent; it could not exercise it judiciously,  
and it became indispensable to delegate  
the power to other agents, whose knowledge  
of the local wants, as well as the local re-  
sources of the tax-payers, might furnish a  
superior guaranty for its proper exercise.—  
Hence, this power has been delegated to the  
Justices of the Counties, and this grant of the  
taxing power has not only been long acquies-  
ced in, but twenty-five years since was sol-  
emnly adjudged by our Supreme Court to be

Constitutional, in the case of "Lockhart v.  
Harrington," 1 Hawks, 408.

But this delegation of the power to tax,  
has been extended to every incorporated town  
in the State, for certain purposes, and in  
most instances with a general authority to  
enact such bye-laws as their citizens might  
deem necessary for the welfare of the cor-  
poration. It is manifest then, that all former  
Legislatures have thought they had the right  
to delegate the taxing power to any incor-  
poration, if it were exercised according to the  
requirements of the Constitution, viz.: with  
the assent of the corporators themselves. But it  
is insisted that it must be with the assent of  
each and every individual in such corpora-  
tion. In reply to this it may be said, that he  
who thinks proper to become a citizen of any  
community, must be content to be governed  
by a majority of those with whom he has  
common interests—in truth, to exact such an  
unanimous assent, would be to render the en-  
actment of all laws nugatory; for no such  
assent ever was, or probably ever will be,  
given to any law. Societies can speak only  
through their majorities. Such a construction,  
as requires the assent of each individual,  
would not only be at war with all our insti-  
tutions, but would render the taxing power it-  
self inoperative and valueless. Most of our  
rights of life, liberty and property are passed  
upon, and either taken from, or confirmed to  
us by a majority of our peers, and it is  
not easy to perceive why in the levying of  
taxes for the supposed improvement of a  
Town, any other or more safe rule need be  
resorted to. But the Bill as amended, does  
more than require the concurrence of a ma-  
jority; it exacts a majority which shall repre-  
sent two-thirds in value of all the real estate  
within the limits of the corporation as pre-  
scribed in the Bill.

Finding no decision of our Courts upon  
this question, the Committee have turned to  
the reported decisions of other States to aid  
them, and find that in Massachusetts, two ca-  
ses at least have been decided, in which it  
was held that the Legislature might make  
such grant. It is conceded in argument by  
Mr. Binney, of Philadelphia, in his opinion  
against the right of that City to subscribe  
for Rail Road stock, that such power might  
have been given by the Legislature of  
Pennsylvania in the acts of incorporation.—  
By reference to the laws of other States, we  
are also aided to some extent in construing  
the power of our Legislature. In 1838,  
(laws of Virginia, p. 275.) the Common  
Council of Lynchburg are authorized to sub-  
scribe stock in the James River and Kan-  
awha Company, with power to levy taxes and  
borrow money to pay the subscription, by  
the assent of the majority of the voters of the  
town. The Legislature of New York au-  
thorized the city of Albany to borrow \$400,  
000 upon the faith of their city, to be invest-  
ed in the stock of the Albany and West  
Stockbridge Rail Road Company, with power  
to levy and collect taxes with the assent of  
a majority of the qualified voters of the city.  
This was in 1839, (see laws of N. Y. p.  
313.) The Legislatures of South Carolina,  
Tennessee, Georgia, and Pennsylvania, have  
at different times authorized their cities and  
towns to invest large sums in works of  
Internal Improvement, with power to tax their  
inhabitants to sustain them, and their rights to  
do so does not seem to have been questioned.  
But as it has been insisted that the present  
is a novel attempt in North Carolina, we  
would call the attention of the Senate to the  
fact, that in 1818 the Legislature of this State  
invested the Commissioners of the town of  
Fayetteville, with power to borrow money  
and levy taxes, for the purpose of opening a  
road from Fayetteville to Morganton.—  
(Pamphlet Acts, 1818, p. 87.) And in 1832,  
the Legislature authorized the Commission-  
ers of the town of Fayetteville to borrow  
\$200,000, to be invested in the stock of the  
Cape Fear and Yadkin Rail Road Com-  
pany. (Pamphlet Acts of 1832, p. 93.) Find-  
ing nothing in the Constitution itself to forbid  
the exercise of this power, and much in the  
acts of our own Legislature, as well as those  
of other States, to justify it, your Committee  
are brought to the conclusion on the first  
question, that such an act would not be un-  
constitutional.

In reference to the second question, viz.  
"whether it is expedient to exercise such  
power supporting it to exist," your Com-  
mittee find themselves at much less difficulty  
than in the examination of the first.

Within the limits of a report, it is neither  
to be expected or desired, that all the consid-  
erations involved in the question of expedi-  
ency should be examined. A brief allusion to  
some of the most prominent, may be pardon-  
ed to the Committee. In determining whether  
it be expedient to delegate the power pro-  
posed in the Bill, the present condition of  
Wilmington, as contrasted with that in which  
it was found by the Wilmington and Raleigh  
Rail Road in 1840, seemed to the Commit-  
tee a proper subject for consideration. That  
much of its present prosperity is attributable  
to the Road, seems to be conceded by the  
counter memorialists, and a succinct state-  
ment of its population and resources at their  
different periods, may aid the Senate in ar-  
riving at a proper solution of the question.—  
According to data laid before your Commit-  
tee, the Town in 1840, when the Road was  
completed, contained a population of about  
4,500, and its Real Estate was estimated at  
the sum of \$650,000; in the present year  
its population is near or quite 9,000, and its  
Real Estate valued at \$1,500,000, and  
although to the individuals who subscribed  
stock, it has proved an unprofitable invest-  
ment, yet to the town the work has been one  
of pre-eminent benefit. If it be denied that  
the Road is the cause of this, it is asked,  
why have the business, population, prosper-  
ity, and value of real property in the town,  
taken a new birth with the commencement  
of the Rail Road—increased three times as  
much in the last thirteen years as in the pre-