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MERCHANT TAILORS,
AND DEALERS IN
SUPERIOR Ready Made Clothing.
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Liberal Cash advances made on all consignments from the North, or on Produce from the Country
Office 2 doors on the Wharf, South side of Market Street.
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Nutt's Building, North Water Street.
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N. B. I have a large and Secure Timber Pen where I will put all Timber left with me for sale at as Small charge as is made by any other Agent in this place. W. B.
Sept. 29 1848. 83-c.

B. I. HOWZE,
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Will practice in all the Courts of Wayne, Duplin and New Hanover Counties.

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General Commission Merchants,
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CARROLL & FENNELL.
Grocers & Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, WINES, &c.
AND WILL PAY PARTICULAR
Attention to the sale of all kinds of Produce
N. J. Carroll. C. N. Fennell.
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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
March 17, 1849. 1-y.

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MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 17, 1849. 1-y.

GEORGE S. GILLESPIE.
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
TIMBER LUMBER, NAVAL STORES &c
will make liberal cash advances on all consignments of produce.
March 17, 1849. 1

GEORGE W. DAVIS.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
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J. C. LATTA.
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May be effected by application to
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CASHWELL & BLOSSOM,
GENERAL COMMISSION
AND
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Nos 1 & 2, Dickinson's Row,
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Liberal Cash advances made on consignments of Timber, Lumber and Naval Stores.
April 3, 1849. 8-2m.

LIFE INSURANCE,
MUTUAL ASSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
SURPLUS OVER $100,000.
Slaves Insured.
J. R. BLOSSOM, *Agent.*
April 3, 1849. 8 10-wp.

HERON & MARTIN
General Commission Merchants,
37 1-2 North Wharves,
PHILADELPHIA,
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Messrs. Fales Watson & Sons, } Phila.
Jno. C. Dacosta, Esq
Wm. S. Neilson Esq.
Robert Neilson, Esq.
Messrs. Moses, Taylor & Co., } New York.
" J. H. Brower, & Co.,
" J. & D. McRae, } Wilmington.
Geo. Harriss, Esq.
April 5, 1849. 9-tf.

HOT AND COLD BATH.
AT THE
VERANDAH BOWLING SALOON
by J. A. MORRIS.
March 31, 1849. 7-tf.

GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for Vessels.
Refer to
E. P. Hall, Esq., }
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Tower, Smyth & Co., } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, }
Alex'r. Heron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Baile, } Charleston, S. C.
H. C. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1849. 125-tf.

SPIRIT BARRELS.
A Good supply of Empty Barrels. For sale low for cash or part produce by
D. ROSSET & BROWN.
March 1.

JOHN HALL,
Commission Merchant,
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April 12. 12

F. J. LORD & CO.,
Agents for the
SAVANNAH FIRE & LIFE INSURANCE Co
Accumulated Capital, $130,000.
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Capital, $100,000.
Will take risks on lives of Slaves.
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Oct. 21, 1848.

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References:
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" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
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MARTIN & CRONLY.
AUCTIONEERS,
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AND
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MOLASSES.
150 Hhd's Prime new Crop Cuba Molasses, just arrived per Brig Annawan, and for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Feb. 22. 145.

SPERM, Adamantine and Tallow Candles. For sale by GEO. MYERS.
Feb 10. 140.

STRAINED HONEY.
100 GALLS. Strained Honey, for sale by the quart, gallon or barrel, at
HOWARD & PEDEN'S.
April 12. 12

COAL.
50 BUSHELS Bituminous Coal, now landing and for sale by W. L. SMITH.
April 5, 1849. 9.

COMFORT IN SUMMER.
GAUZE, Cotton Merino, Silk and Lisle Sk Under Shirts, for sale by J. S. WILLIAMS.
April 17. 14

FOR CALIFORNIA AND THE GOLD REGIONS.
CAPT. R. J. BARNES, proposes to make up a Stock Company, each individual subscribing and paying a certain amount of cash, the sum to be in proportion to the number of passengers for adventurers offering, purchase a good and substantial Vessel, the cargo and vessel to be owned by the Company, and each individual to be governed by such laws an regulations as the said Company may make after being formed. Fifteen Hundred Dollars, has already been subscribed.—Capt. Barnes is an experienced navigator, having sailed around the Horn, seven different times and well acquainted with the coast, and will furnish $700 worth of instruments for the outfitting of the Vessel, for further information apply to
HARRISS & DRAKE.
Feb. 1. 136.

SHIPPING ARTICLES.
FOR SALE at The *Commercial Office*, an elegant edition of Shipping Articles, enclosing all the laws of Congress relative to the Merchant's Service.

RYE!
100 Bushels. For sale by
J. C. LATTA.
Jan. 25. 136.

SALT.
5000 BUSHELS Turks Island, just arrived per Brig Ann, for sale by
BARCLAY BRYANT & Co.
March 10 152.

FOR SALE.
Turpentine Land and Distillery.
SEVERAL Tracts, containing about 1500 acres of Turpentine Land, in one body and free from Rugs situated near Lockwood's Folly River, and in convenient distance from Elizabeth River.
ALSO,
A 20 barrel Distillery, in good order, with every working Tool, situated on Lockwood's Folly River and about 3 miles from above Land. Apply to
ROBT. G. RANKIN, Wilmington, N. C.
Northerner copy 6 times and send bill to this Office.
Feb. 1. 136-tf

NOTICE.
FROM and after the first January 1849 no Freight will be transported or delivered without the freight being paid.
ROBT. FENNER.
Transportation Agent, Wm. R. & R. Co.
Dec. 30, 1848. 122-tf.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON.
1000 Lbs. New Wayne Co. Hams, Sides and Shoulders. Just received per Rail Road and for sale by HARRISS & DRAKE.
March 10. 151.

PORK! PORK!!
25 BARRELS Mess Pork, just received per Schooner Wilmington, and for sale by
THOMAS & GILES.
March 1, 1849.

AGENCY OF
Neptune (Mutual Life) Insurance Company
OF NEW YORK.
Persons wishing to effect Insurance on Slaves are notified that Scrip Certificates for their *Shares of profits to the 1st inst.* in the Company are ready for delivery at the Agency, No. 2, North water st.
F. J. LORD & Co. Agents.
Oct. 21 94-tf.

GRIST MILL.
THE subscribers have started a *Grist Mill* in connexion with their *Saw Mill*, and can furnish Meal and Hominy of prime quality and at very short notice.
JOHN McRAE & Co.
Feb. 8, 1849. 139-tf.

TURPENTINE STILL FOR SALE.
A TURPENTINE STILL with Cap, Arm, Worm Doors, Tub, and all other necessary fixtures, in prime order, of either of the following sizes viz: 12, 18, 20 24, or 33 Barrels yellow Dippings Turpentine. Enquire of, or address by letter to
A. H. VANBOKKELEN.
Wilmington March 20, 1849. 2.

DISSOLUTION.
THE Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of PETERSON, CASHWELL & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. D. Cashwell at the old stand, will settle the affairs of the concern.
E. PETERSON,
D. CASHWELL,
I. PETERSON.
Feb. 8. 139

HYSON AND YOUNG HYSON.
5 Catty Boxes Y. H. Tea 12 lbs. each,
5 " " Hyson " 12 lbs each,
of superior quality and for sale by
HARRISS & DRAKE.
March 8. 151.

SPIRIT BARRELS!
225 Empty Spirit bbls large size and in prime order. For sale low by
BARRY, BRYANT & CO.
Jan 16. 129.

COMMERCIAL BANK STOCK.
10 SHARES Commercial Bank Stock, for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Feb. 24, 145

FOR SANFRANCISCO CALIFORNIA DIRECT!
THE new A. 1 Copper fastened and copper ed, Live oak and red Cedar built Barque JOHN A. TAYLOR, Martin master, will sail as above, early in April. She can take the bulk 1200 tons freight and 100 passengers. For particulars apply to G. O. W. DAVIS.
Feb. 15. 142.

FLOUR.
20 Barrels Extra Canal Flour
20 half do do do
For sale by HOWARD & PEDEN.
Feb. 3. 137.

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From the N. O. Picayune, 9th inst.

FURTHER ARRIVALS from MEXICO.

Twenty-Two Days Later from California.

We received yesterday, by the barque Plymouth, Capt Perkins, and the brig Lima, Capt Higgins, from Vera Cruz, the former the 30th ult., and the latter the 1st inst., files of the *Monitor*, the *Universal* and the *Siglo*, from the city of Mexico to the 26th ult., and the Jalapa *Zempoalteca* to the 27th, inclusive. In these we find much further information from California, which we proceed to give below, first introducing the following brief letter, which also reached us yesterday, from a well informed source at Mazatlan, which brings down our dates from San Francisco to the 29th of March, or twenty-two days later than we published yesterday.

MAZATLAN, April 9, 1849.

GENTLEMEN—The Peruvian bark Fanny, Capt. de Brot, arrived here on the 7th inst, direct from San Francisco, whence she sailed on the 29th ult.

A short time before the Fanny left, one of the boat's crews belonging to the U. S. flag ship Ohio ran away with boat and all. They were pursued, captured and brought back. Shortly after, the crew being called to perform some duty, they refused to turn out or obey the orders of the officers; in consequence of which about thirty of the leaders were confined in irons—a court-martial was being held on board the Ohio, and it was the opinion that Com. Jones would hang a number of the conspirators. There was much disaffection in the navy. All of the officers of the sloop of war St. Mary's had been tried by a court martial save two.

The U. S. propeller Massachusetts arrived at San Francisco on the 25th March. Owing to the immense number of people arriving at San Francisco, the country is rapidly overrunning the state. A great want of an efficient military force, and the existence of the laws of the United States over the country.

Yours, &c.

The *Siglo* of the 27th ult., states that office of the "Alta California," published at San Francisco, had just come to hand containing date the 15th of March. There it was stated that meetings had taken place at which resolutions were passed to organize a Legislative Assembly composed of [illegible] members, charged with the task of framing laws for the preservation of [illegible] property, and the protection of [illegible] and which resolutions were passed to [illegible] Francisco [illegible] 1st of [illegible] judge [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] Alcalde [illegible]

We saw a letter yesterday, dated the 24th ult., at Vera Cruz, from a foreign merchant, which confirms the above information given by the *Siglo*. It is represented that the people of California had organized a Government which removed the authority of Gen. Smith as Governor, and had annulled his prohibition excluding foreigners from working the mines. Thinking it quite probable that Gen Smith had modified the order which he promulgated at Panama, we were at first inclined to suppose that such modification, upon a popular representation made to him, had been confounded with a disavowal of his authority, but it would appear that something more serious has occurred, though precisely what we do not understand. The convention which it was proposed to hold in March to organize a Government was definitively postponed to the first Tuesday in May, (May 1st,) as we had supposed, but it is possible that the necessity of an earlier organization became apparent, and that the convention proceeded to their work as first intended, and that the Legislative Assembly above named is a part of its work.—On this point we must await further news, for we are not willing to suppose for a moment that Gen. Smith's authority has been suspended. It could not fail to be known to our correspondent at Mazatlan, and he would not have neglected to mention it.

The *Monitor*, two days earlier, (the 22d) says Gen. Smith has organized a good police, and tacitly permits every one who chooses to dig at the placers; that it would be impossible for him at the present time to hinder them. This we presume is about the extent of the difficulty. The same paper says that every successive arrival increases the excitement about the gold region.

The following is an extract from a letter addressed to the editors of the Monitor by a merchant at San Francisco, dated 9th March.

It appears that throughout the immense extent of the placers you cannot find a foot of ground without gold, and there are spots where from one cradle (*batea*) full of earth the adventurer washes out a pound of precious ore.

The activity in this part is extraordinary, and the circulation of money prodigious. Every thing is high in price—more particularly manual labor and the transit of goods. The freight of a barge from here to the landing place of Santa Clara (three leagues from San Jose) is from $100 to $500. Here wretched hacks of horses sell for $50 in San Jose, $100. Food for one man is $5 a day.

From San Francisco to San Jose, by land, it is twenty leagues, thence to the quicksilver mines, now working by Mr. Forbes, it is four leagues; and to the placers sixty leagues more.

The preceding winter had been exceedingly severe, both in California and in Oregon. A report was put in circulation that a gold placer had been discovered in the latter territory, but a party of men who went to explore the banks of Power and Burnet rivers [Powder and Burnet rivers, probably—tributaries of Lewis's Forks,] the site of the supposed placer, but they returned without finding anything like what was reported.

In the middle of January of this year the placers were covered with snow; notwithstanding this many persons continued digging. It was, however, understood that immediately the rivers began to rise, which event was shortly expected to take place, all the works would be abandoned.

Several meetings had been held in San Francisco for the purpose of opposing the introduction of slavery into the country, with a view to put to greater profit the labor of the Indians.

The *Siglo* of the 22d ult. contains a communication by Gen. Almonte, which is of some importance to the gold-diggers and treasure-holders in California. He states that having perceived that duties had been levied at the Mexican custom-houses in ports on the Pacific on gold brought into the Republic for the purpose of being coined at the mint in Culiacan, he had made a motion in the State, with a view to ascertain if this was not an abuse. The Minister of France, Senor Arrangoiz, stated that there was no law in existence authorizing the collection of such duties, and that the Government was not disposed to impose any tax thereon. If gold dust were brought into the country and coined, then, on its exportation, it would be subject to the duty levied on metals the produce of Mexican mines.

Don Rafael Espinosa has been appointed by the President Political Chief of Lower California. The greatest confidence is placed in his talents and energy in urging forward the development of the mineral resources of that State.

The *Registro Oficial* of Durango states that Donna Josefa Castaneda, a Mexican lady, had been redeemed from the hands of the Indians, the price of her ransom being $852.

The State of Chiapas has been divided into seven partidos, each of which has its capital city, and again subdivided into eleven minor districts, with a controlling town attached to each.

The Siglo has reported from President Herrera information as to the measures he has thought proper to adopt in the case of the sale of the Yucatan Indians by Governor Barbachano to the Habaneros. The *Monitor* of the 23d says that this imported [illegible] would be somewhat [illegible] [illegible] was in the Panama [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] would be [illegible] [illegible] detailed [illegible].

The *Siglo* announcement that two of the [illegible] Gen. Ansta and Senor Cuva [illegible] resign. The *Monitor* denies the authenticity of the report.

The diligence which left Vera Cruz on the 19th ult., at night, was robbed by ten brigands, five on horseback and five on foot. They robbed and maltreated the passengers, tore the mail bag to pieces, and extracted a portion of the correspondence. The preceding diligence was attacked between Boca del Potrero and San Juan, wounding a passenger, (the unfortunate Bugbee,) who afterwards died at Plan del Rio. The same week the church in the town of Las Vigas was robbed of a considerable quantity of property. The diligence which arrived at Vera Cruz from the interior was robbed between Calera and the Garita of Queretaro. By all accounts, the road from Vera Cruz to the capital is more than usually infested with robbers, but we mentioned yesterday that the Governor of the State was about to organize a police force to protect travellers on this road.

THE VIOLATED VOW;

OR,

THE BROKEN-HEARTED DEACON

BY MRS. ANN S. STEPHENS.

"She loved not wisely but too well."

It was a balmy, pleasant Sunday morning, so quiet and tranquil was our valley home, that the very air seemed more holy than on other days. The dew was floating in a veil of soft mist from the meadows on School hill, where the sunshine came warmly, while the wild flowers in the valley lay in shadow, still heavy with the night rain. The trees which feathered the hill sides were vivid green, and Castle Rock towered—a magnificent picture—its base washed by the water, and darkened by unbroken shadow, while a soft fleecy cloud, woven and impregnated with a silvery light, floated among its topmost cliffs. The two villages lay on their opposite hills, with the deep river gliding between, like miniature cities, deserted by the feet of men, not a sound arose to disturb the sweet music of nature, for it was the hour of morning prayer, and there was scarcely a hearthstone which at that time was not made a domestic altar. At last a deep bell tone came sweeping over the valley from the Episcopal steeple, which was answered by a cheerful peal from the belfry of our new academy. The reverberations were still sounding, mellowed by the distant rock when hitherto quiet village seemed suddenly teeming with life. The

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