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Fancy & Staple Dry Goods Store.  
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TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.  
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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.  
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Grocers & Commission Merchants,  
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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  
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AGENT FOR THE SALE OF  
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will make liberal cash advances on all consignments of produce.  
March 17, 1849. 1

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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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IN THE ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,  
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HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK,  
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MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN  
CABINET FURNITURE,  
In all its varieties.  
Bedsteads, Cots, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c. &c.,  
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GENERAL COMMISSION  
AND  
FORWARDING MERCHANTS,  
Nos. 1 & 2, Dickinson's Stores,  
North Water St. Wilmington, N. C.  
Liberal Cash advances made on consignments of Timber, Lumber, and Naval Stores.  
April 3, 1849. 8-12m.

**HERON & MARTIN**  
General Commission Merchants,  
37 1-2 North Wharves,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
Refer to  
Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS, }  
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Wm. S. NEILSON, Esq., }  
ROBERT NEILSON, Esq., }  
Messrs. MOSES, TAYLOR & CO., } New York.  
J. H. BROWER & CO., }  
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Geo. HARRISS, Esq. }  
April 5, 1849. 9-f.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.  
Refer to  
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J. A. Taylor, Esq., }  
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
Messrs. Tonker, Smyth & Co., } New York.  
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Alexr. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia }  
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.  
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NAUTILUS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.  
Accumulated Capital \$130,000.  
ALSO FOR THE  
EAGLE LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE CO.  
Capital, \$100,000.  
Will take risks on lives of Slaves.  
Office 23 North Water Street.  
Oct. 24, 1848.

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AND  
GENERAL AGENTS.  
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**FOR RENT.**  
ONE of the most desirable residences for a large family, to be found in the place. Possession given immediately.  
Apply to  
F. J. LORD & Co.  
May 17. 27-f.

**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, 15, 20, 25, or 30 Barrels yellow Dippings Turpentine. Enquire of, or address by letter to  
A. H. VANBOKKELEN.  
Wilmington March 20, 1849. 2.

**PORK AND BACON.**  
25 BBLs. Mess Pork; 5 hhs. prime Bacon Shoulders.  
For sale by  
GEO. HARRISS.  
May 10. 24-f.

**MACKEREL.**  
15 BBLs. No. 1 Mackerel, for sale low, to close Consignment. Apply to  
GEO. HARRISS.  
May 10. 24-f.

**SHIPPING ARTICLES.**  
FOR SALE at The Commercial Office, an excellent edition of Shipping Articles, embracing all the laws of Congress relating to the Merchant's Service.  
**RYE!**  
100 Bushels. For sale by  
J. C. LATTA.  
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**TO PRINTERS.**  
I HAVE for sale a font of entirely new SMALL TYPE purchased for the office of the late Commercial Office, consisting of 319 pounds. It is hand-set and of approved number. The price is low in case, and will be sold, for good six months paper, bearing interest, for ten per cent less than cost; or fifteen per cent less than cost, for CASH.  
R. I. HOWZE,  
Commercial Office.  
March 22, 1849. 2-f.

**WRAPPING PAPER.**  
450 REAMS for sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
May 1, 1849. 20.

**NOTICE.**  
FROM and after the first January, 1849, no Freight will be transported or delivered without the freight being paid.  
ROBT. FENNER,  
Transportation Agent, W. & R. R. R. Co.  
Dec. 30, 1848. 123-f.

**TO RENT.**  
THE OFFICE in London's Building, near door to the Law Office of DAVENPORT Esq. is for rent till the first of October next—cheap. Apply at the Office of  
THE COMMERCIAL.  
May 5. 22-f.

**PORK! PORK!!**  
25 BARRELS of Mess New York City inspected and re-inspected in Wilmington for sale by  
GEO. HARRISS.  
Murphy's Building.  
March 31, 1849. 7-f.

**AGENCY OF**  
Nautilus (Mutual Life) Insurance Company  
PERSONS holding Policies in this office are notified that Scrip Certificates, for their Shares of profits in the business of the Company are ready for delivery at the Agency office, 23, North Water St.  
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Oct. 24. 91-f.

**GRIST MILL.**  
THE subscribers have started a Grist Mill in connection with their Saw Mill, and can furnish Meal and Hominy of great quality and at very short notice.  
JOHN McRAE & Co.  
Feb. 8, 1849. 129-f.

**EMPTY BARRELS.**  
500 LARGE size Split Barrels in good order for sale in lots, apply to  
GEO. HARRISS.  
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**SPIRIT BARRELS!**  
225 Empty Spirit bbls. large size and in prime order. For sale low by  
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THE new A. I. Copper fastened and copper-clad, live oak and red cedar built Barque JOHN A. TAYLOR, Martin master, will sail as above, early in April. She can take the bulk of 200 tons freight and 100 passengers. For particulars apply to  
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5 BHDS. Bright straw color. For sale by  
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500 BUSHELS Bituminous Coal, now Landing and for sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
April 5, 1849. 9.

**RICE.**  
FRESH beat, in whole and half casks.  
For sale by  
DeROSSET & BROWN.  
May 26th. 31-f.

**FAYETTEVILLE FLOUR.**  
80 Bbls. fresh ground Superior, just received per Steamer Henrietta, and for sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON.  
May 8. 23.

**FLOUR.**  
75 BBLs. Fayetteville brands, assorted. Just received and for sale by  
DeROSSET & BROWN.  
May 29. 31.

**HAY.**  
100 BALES Hay prime Landing. For sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
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**GLUE.**  
GERMAN and American Glue, of prime quality for Distillers. For sale by  
De ROSSET & BROWN.  
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**GENERAL.**  
N. C. Cotton Yarn, in all the varieties of numbers. Cut nails—assorted. Short, full assortment. Liverpool blown Salt, for sale by  
R. W. BROWN.  
April 19, 1849. 15-f.

**LETTER FROM MR. EDWARDS.**  
From the N. C. Standard.  
We take pleasure in laying before our readers the following letter from the Hon. Weldon N. Edwards, of Warren, addressed to the Editor of this paper, on the subject of Internal Improvements and in relation to the Salisbury Convention. The friends of Internal Improvements were very anxious, as we know, that Mr. Edwards should be present at Salisbury, and we trust confident he would have attended but for circumstances beyond his control. Comment upon his many letter would be out of place. It speaks for itself.

**POPULAR MOUNT, June 9, 1849.**  
MY DEAR SIR, I had the pleasure to receive the day before yesterday your esteemed letter of the 5th instant. You are pleased to ask me to attend the Salisbury Convention, and inform me that "it is wish of my friends at Raleigh that I should do so." I feel flattered by the estimate placed by yourself and them on my past efforts in the cause of Internal Improvements, and regret much that it is out of my power to comply with solicitations from sources so highly valued. If circumstances permitted, they would of themselves command my presence, independently of the strong inducements for going, growing out of the deep interest I take in the great work (the Central Rail Road) to promote which the Convention is to assemble.

I learn with no little surprise that some of the friends of this work entertain fears of its failure. My own convictions of its wisdom and justice, on the contrary, inspire me with the strongest hopes. It is demanded by the most urgent State necessities—Commercial, Agricultural, and Political, and I doubt if our whole legislative history were searched, a measure fraught with more good to the people of the State could be found. The wealth of the State—its relative political strength and importance—the richness, happiness, and prosperity of the people are, in my opinion, inseparably connected with it. Besides, the people of the West are aroused to a proper sense of their wants as well as their rights, and I am entirely persuaded that there will be found in the East enough of public spirit and of a sense of justice to second their efforts. They are in want of markets for the valuable products of their rich lands—and their claims are too strong and just to be longer postponed without an utter disregard of the teachings of wisdom and the lessons of experience.

But should my expectations prove fallacious and the work fail, or some other be not speedily authorized, which shall combine all its advantages by making us a more united people and saving the sinking fortunes of the State, I shall regard North Carolina as doomed. The cause of Internal Improvement will be almost indefinitely postponed—a deep consumption will seize upon her most vital interests, and many now on the stage of life will live to deplore the humiliating spectacle the ravages of decay may present. This may be considered an overwrought picture. I most devoutly pray it may be so, but I have my fears it is too true; and having them, it would be unbecoming not to express them. Already our population, wealth, labor, enterprise are all leaving us—not for a more genial climate or richer soil, for in these we yield the palm to none other—not to escape onerous taxation—for North Carolina pays less per man than the people of any other State, and they flee to States where the taxes are fourfold compared to ours. But because the means are wanting to subdue the rich bounties of nature, with which we are so abundantly blessed, to the uses of man. Among these means, few are so valuable as good channels of intercommunication and good Markets. I mean the increase of markets, consequently increase of buyers, increase of competition, and increase of prices.

We see many of our sister States, which but a few years since were far behind us in wealth, population and political power, now throwing us in the rear, nay, some of our younger sisters, just fledged and recently admitted into the sisterhood, leading us in the race for these important elements of national greatness. How curious the fact, that for the ten years, from 1830 to 1840, the Census exhibited an increase of only 15,000 or 16,000 upon a population of more than 738,000 in 1830!

It is not the least reprehensible feature in the excitement gotten up on the subject of Internal Improvement, that party spirit is invoked to mingle her baneful influences in the struggle; and an attempt is made to persuade one of the great parties in the State, among whom are numbered many of her most devoted and patriotic sons, to take position against the system. To make the people happy and contented at home—to promote brotherhood among them—to bring the means of comfort within their reach—to impart vigor to their enterprise and value to their labor—in fine to make them independent, is the very essence of Democracy.

As I have written, that this may go by the morning's mail, I should like more time to take a short but busy view of the financial aspect of the subject of improvement.

While writing, a letter from my good friend Dr. Watson has come in, urging me to attend the Convention. As I have no time to answer it, please offer him my best wishes and regards, and give him an opportunity of learning from this why I do not go.

You may make what use of this letter you choose. I say this, that it may not be supposed by any one that I am absent from the Convention that my opinions may be withheld.

Be haste, truly your friend,  
W. N. EDWARDS.

**LATE FROM ST. DOMINGO.**  
From the N. O. Commercial Bulletin.  
By the arrival of the brig Phoenix, of Provincetown, Cook, 12 days from St. Domingo, we have the following intelligence:

For the past two months the city was in a state of great excitement, on account of the cowardly conduct of the President, who was on the point of sacrificing his country to the Haytiens.

He and his Generals had deserted his army, and abandoned several strong points, and the enemy were making direct for the city, when the former President (Santa Anna) arrested their progress with a few hundred men, and drove them back into their own territory.

Santa Anna after the fight desired to return home, but was refused admission into the city, when the whole country arose in his behalf, and laid siege to the city.— On the 16th of May the tyrant within, commenced arresting men and women, and threatening the lives of all who were opposed to him.

A great number took refuge in the houses of the several Consuls. An attempt had been made to arrest Mr. Elliot, the American Consul, which would have succeeded, with that of 20 persons, who had taken refuge under his flag, had not the British Consul, and the Captain of an English man-of-war interfered.

On the 22d, at 4 P. M. they commenced firing from all the forts of Santa Anna, which continued to 2 P. M. of the 23d, when a white flag came from Santa Anna, with a demand that they should surrender, as he had 8000 men and 20 pieces of cannon; if they refused he said he would take the city.

Provisions were scarce in the city, and it was blockaded by sea and land.

Santa Anna had proved that Jimmes intended to put the island in the possession of the Haytiens. It is believed Jimmes will stand the siege.

Santa Anna having refused all mediation, the Consuls will embark on board the man-of-war in the harbor. All the women and children, together with the Congress, are to go outside. Santa Anna has 8000 men, and Jimmes has 400 and the fortifications.

**THE ANNEXATION OF CANADA.**  
A Toronto correspondent of the Rochester Daily Advertiser, confesses his positive conviction that a majority of the people of Canada are willing to be annexed to the government of the United States. His language, it will be seen by the following extract, is very decided.

"I believe the time to have arrived when annexation could be effected if it depended upon the majority of the Canadians. I have come to this conclusion by mixing with all classes of society, and by close observation. You cannot enter the house of any well informed man in Canada, and broach the subject of politics, but annexation is spoken of as a cure for all our present misfortunes, and the fact is, that until we have annexation, we shall have no peace, no prosperity nor safety in this province."

**WAR OF ANNEXATION.**  
BATTLE FIRST.—The Independent, a weekly paper printed at Quebec, contains the following warlike statement.

"On Friday last, (22d inst.) at the ordinary session of the City Council, one of the members proposed a motion of the nature of which we are ignorant, but which another member objected to, remarking, at the same time, that in three months we would be Americans. Hereupon, the member who had brought forward the motion, crossed the hall, and administered a tremendous blow to his opponent, which prostrated him on the floor. The war spirit then communicated to others, and the combat threatened to become general, when the Mayor called in the police, who put an end to the quarrel and ejected the audience.

**GEN. GAINES.**  
The New Orleans papers give some of the particulars of the illness and death of the late gallant veteran, Gen. E. P. Gaines. His disease was cholera, which proved fatal within twenty-four hours. The Picayune says:

"Gen. Gains retained his consciousness during his short illness, until the moment of the collapse. Yesterday morning recognizing one of his young military friends who stood much affected at his bedside, he remarked to him in measured accents—'Well, my young friend, my time is ap-

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The New Orleans papers give some of the particulars of the illness and death of the late gallant veteran, Gen. E. P. Gaines. His disease was cholera, which proved fatal within twenty-four hours. The Picayune says:

"Gen. Gains retained his consciousness during his short illness, until the moment of the collapse. Yesterday morning recognizing one of his young military friends who stood much affected at his bedside, he remarked to him in measured accents—'Well, my young friend, my time is ap-