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RALEIGH N. C.
Will attend to all orders and commissions in their line of business, with punctuality and dispatch.
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Hon. J. R. J. DANIEL,
GEO. W. MORDECAI, Esq.,
MAJ. C. L. HINTON.
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S. M. WEST,
AUCTIONEER
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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(*Late of the firm of* NEFF & WARNER.)
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SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES AND GROCERIES,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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J. HATHAWAY & SON.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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J. S. WILLIAMS,
Fancy & Staple Dry Goods Store.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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W. BRANSON,
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.
Nutt's Building, North Water Street.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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.
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JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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STEAM SAW MILL,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
strict attention given to the faithful execution of all orders for Lumber.
Jan. 1 1849.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET.
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
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,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SOCIETY, OF LONDON,
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FIRE INSURANCE
IN THE ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,
OR, IN THE
HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK,
May be effected by application to
DeROSSET & BROWN.
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G. & W. A. GWYER,
MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN
CABNIET FURNITURE,
In all its varieties.
Bedsteads, Cotts, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c. &c.,
FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
GEORGE GWYER. WM. A. GWYER.
May 15, 1849. 26.

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A FRESH supply of very handsome Bills of Exchange, for sale at the *Commercial Office.*

BACON! BACON!!
A LOT of prime Bacon Hams. For sale by
GEO. W. DAVIS.
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CASHWELL & BLOSSOM,
GENERAL COMMISSION
AND
FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
Nos. 1 & 2, Dickinson's Stores,
North Water St. Wilmington, N. C.
DAVID CASHWELL. JOS. R. BLOSSOM.
Also, Cash advances made on consignments to our firms in New York.
Liberal Cash advances made on consignments of Timber, Lumber, and Naval Stores.
April 3, 1849. 8-2m.

BENJ. BLOSSOM & SON,
General Commission Merchants,
NEW YORK.
BENJ. BLOSSOM. CHAS. W. BLOSSOM.
Liberal advances made upon Consignments.
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Messrs. CASHWELL & BLOSSOM, } Wilmington.
" J. & D. McRAE, "
" G. W. DAVIS Esq. "
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HERON & MARTIN
General Commission Merchants,
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PHILADELPHIA.
REFER TO
Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS, } Phila.
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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.

GEO. HARRISS.
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
REFER TO
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J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
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Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
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Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
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H. F. Baker, Esq., }
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SPIRIT BARRELS.
A Good supply of Empty Barrels. For sale low in lots to suit purchasers, by
DeROSSET & BROWN.
March 1. 160.

JOHN HALL,
Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON.
April 12. 12

F. J. LORD & CO.,
Agents for the
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. 21, 1848.

MARTIN & CRONLY.
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS
Wilmington, N. C., Oct 3 1848. 5tf.

H. L. BUTTERFIELD,
PAVILION HOTEL.
Corner of Hazel and Meeting Streets,
CHARLESTON, S. C.
Where he will be happy to see all his NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS.
July 12, 1849. 59 tf

OLDS & ANDERSON,
Grocers & Commission Merchants,
No. 141 Front Street New York.
One of the partners being a native of North Carolina, and the other a Northern man with twenty years' experience in City trade, the interests of their patrons in shipping to, and buying from them will be well protected.
Strict attention paid to consignments of Cotton, Grain, Naval Stores, Lumber, and every kind of Produce; and all orders for Groceries and Merchandise generally, promptly attended to, at the lowest City prices.
LEWIS F. OLDS, F. R. ANDERSON.
May 22, 1849 29-6m

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

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

TO PRINTERS.
HAVE for sale a font of entirely new SMALL PICA purchased for the office of the late *Commercial Advertiser*, consisting of 319 pounds. It is handsome face and of approved number. This font is now in case, and will be sold, for good six months approved paper, fifteen per cent less than cost, for CASH.
B. I. HOWZE,
Commercial Office.
March 22, 1849. 2-tf.

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. 122-tf.

TO RENT.
THE OFFICE in Lon'on's Building, next door to the Law Office of David Reid Esq., is for rent till the first of October next—cheap. Apply at the Office of
THE COMMERCIAL.
May 5. 22-tf.

AGENCY OF
Navilys (Mutual Life) Insurance Company.
PERSONS holding Policies in this office are notified that Scrip Certificates, for their *Shares of profit in the business of the Company* are ready for delivery at the Agency office, 23, North water-st.
F. J. LORD & Co., Agents.
Oct 24. 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.

EMPTY BARRELS.
500 LARGE size Spirit Barrels in good order For sale in lots, apply to
GEO. HARRISS.
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COMMERCIAL BANK STOCK.
10 SHARES Commercial Bank Stock, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
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COAL.
500 BUSHELS Bituminous Coal, now landing and for sale by
W. L. SMITH.
April 5, 1849. 9.

NEW MACKEREL & ALEWIVES.
100 BBLS. No. 3 Mackerel, and 20 do. Alewives, this season's catch—daily expected per Schr. Ontario. For sale by
BARRY, BRYANT & ADAMS.
July 19. 53.

GLUE.
GERMAN and American Glue, of prime quality for Distillers. For sale by
DeROSSET & BROWN.
Jan. 6. 125.

DISTILLERY FOR SALE.
THE Turpentine distillery at Faisons Depot, on the Rail Road, lately owned by John Christian, will be sold at a fair price, for further particulars apply to JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.
April 10, 1849. 11.

BILLS OF LADING, &c.
FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING, bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The *Commercial Office.*

CAMPHINE! CAMPHINE!!
40 CENTS PER GALLON.
For sale at the Store of J. G. BAUMAN.
Feb 27. 147

RICE! RICE!!
50 TIERCES fresh beat Rice for sale by
GEO. W. DAVIS.
June 12. 38.

DEEDS FOR SALE.
Warrantee Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage on lands just printed, in correct form and for sale at the

CONGRESS WATER.
18 DOZ. Congress Water, just from the Spring, full qts. and pints, at reduced prices; any person wishing a treatise on the medicinal properties with an analysis &c. of this Spring, can be supplied gratis, by A. C. EVANS, for Clark & Co.
July 10. 49.

PATENT MEDICINES
JUST received 6 dozen Sands Sarsaparilla; also, Old and Young Townsends do.
12 doz. Swaynes Syrup of Wild Cherry;
12 " " Vermifuge;
12 " Dead Shot "
6 " German Bitters; 4 Eping, Sarsap and Queens delight. For sale at usual prices, by
A. C. EVANS & BRO.
Also, Bernard's Cholera Remedy just to hand.
July 10. 49

(FOR THE COMMERCIAL.)

LEGENDS OF THE WILMINGTON

WHISTLING SOCIETY,

That used to meet at Dorsey's Tavern, Half a Century ago.

MR EDITOR:—To bring back to recollection and fix in memory events long gone by, gliding down the current of time to the boundless ocean of oblivion, is at once a pleasing and charitable task.

What changes has the lapse of half a century produced! Where are now the busy mortals that thronged the streets of Wilmington, 50 years ago? Where are the companions of my childhood, with whom I used to pass, satchel in hand, shivering in the morning breeze, to father Jennett's school, in Toomer's Alley? Gone to their long account—swept from time—mouldering in the grave.

"Like the dew on the mountain,
Like the foam in the river,
Like the bubble in the fountain,
They are gone, and forever."

The old court house too, that stood at the intersection of Front and Market streets, has disappeared; it served as the public Exchange, the resort of loungers and men of business, who sought a temporary recreation after dinner, and to enjoy in summer the refreshing breezes which passed thro' its elevated arches.

Dorsey's tavern too, one of the great land marks of the time, with its barn-like appearance, has given place to an edifice constructed after the tasteful elegance of modern architecture; and instead of the jollification of court weeks and election days, there is little to distinguish those eventful periods from the ordinary pursuits of life. Things, indeed, have altered—strangely altered—but whether for better or worse I leave for others to decide, satisfied with detailing facts, not writing their commentaries. But as this is the age of progressive improvement, the jury of our self-love empannelled from the venue, would of course give a verdict by a *strong twist in the evidence*, in favor of the present times.—Formerly the credit system did not prevail much; men labored hard and speculated little; by attending strictly to their various avocations, they maintained their families comfortably and had something to spare, having little regard for ostentation. When they met on public occasions, it was a pleasing recreation and relaxation from their toils; hence the cordial greeting with which each met the other, the hearty shake of the hand, indicating benevolence and good feeling to his neighbor; and if, as was sometimes the case, through excess of hilarity, and an ardent temperament, they came to blows, all was soon forgotten, and they usually parted friends, forgiving each other their trespasses, and returned with renovated spirits to their labors.

Men are said to be the same in all ages, and are the creatures of circumstances, stamping with their signet and impress, their characters, their manners and their habits, forming and moulding them with irresistible power. I attribute this change in manners and habits, in a great measure, to the credit system, and the deep indebtedness of modern times. The broad, loud, ringing and joyous laugh, the cordial greetings of friends, have given place to an artificial reserve, a sombre aspect, as if brooding over care, and a mistrustful complacency to each other as apprehending a demand on the purse or some pecuniary favor. And indeed, it is enough to try ones equanimity, to be overtaken, going to dinner, by a clerk, thrusting into the hand an invitation not to dine, but to this effect: Sir, your note discounted at the Bank of —— due —— payable ——." Or thus: "Mr. A. B's note, endorsed by you, is past due, and payable, and remains unpaid, the principal holders look to you for payment." It is in fact a journeying by steam in a locomotive, driving ahead in full pursuit of a dollar in another locomotive, put to the top of its speed to keep out of the way, and followed by another locomotive filled with pressing creditors.

Whether this state of things is friendly to the development of the kindlier feelings of our nature, and the warm gushings of a benevolent heart, I leave for others to say; but to one who highly estimates the impulses, and overflowings of friendship and sympathetic feeling, a residence on the borders of the lake of the Dismal Swamp, would be as congenial to his feelings.

"O! when shall I see the dusky lake,
And white canoe of my dear?"

But are not the benevolent societies formed and forming around us some corrective of the evil?

On the lot of ground now occupied by the tasteful building of Mr. Gilbert Potter, stood in former times an old brick tenement, perforated with innumerable windows and doors, which must have so weakened the walls, that it is a miracle how they held together, unless by that power which is said to be the cement of political parties, (viz:) cohesive attraction. Constructed by unskilful or careless workmen, the windows were carelessly fixed in their casements, and when the wind was high, made just such a clattering noise as the innumerable drays and carriages driven rapidly over the pavements of populous cities. In fact some have asserted they were set to music, and like the chiming of church bells, played regular catches. Being the only tavern in the place, it is astonishing, on public occasions, how such a number of people could be accommodated. There were often two or three hundred boarders at a time, and but 20 or 30 rooms to accommodate them. It is said some of the arts and inventions of ancient times have been lost to posterity, this is possibly one of the arts that have passed away. At present, each man must have his separate room, then it served for 20, and some have asserted that the secret lay in packing away the guests with jack screws, like bales of cotton, which may have originated from the fact of their looking so flat next morning after their uncomfortable rest. It was kept by an old sea Captain, who was quite an Emperor in his way, and certainly stood at the head of the profession. Who has not heard of old Robert Dorsey, his good fare, his good old jamaica, his good wines, and every thing else good in his way? He was the very beau ideal of the jolly landlord—obese and rotund—latitudinal in his dimensions, florid in countenance with a venerable whiteness of locks; not only furnishing his guests with good cheer, but fond of it himself—having one peculiarity—he is said never to have tasted water for 30 years; and when Gen. Washington was entertained by him, upon inquiry, could not inform him whether the water was good, bad, or indifferent, avering he had not tasted it for 30 years, unmixed with his old jamaica. In this building, and under the auspices of such an host, was held the meetings of one of the most extraordinary societies that ever floated on the tide of time. It was denominated and ycleped "*The Wilmington Whistling Society*," a short history of which I desire to lay before the world, and to rescue from oblivion its sayings and doings, which deserve to be registered in golden letters; and I am equally astonished and indignant that no historian has yet been found to transmit to posterity its memorable acts and deeds. The biographical sketch of the dramatis persona of the Society is from real life, fiction has nothing to do with it, and as they were all good men and true, it is to be hoped that no fastidious relation or descendant may take offence, as none is certainly intended.

There was Jacob Levy, the prince of auctioneers, whose jests and gibes are proverbial in the town; he who has not heard of Jacob Levy must have come from some other planet, for if once seen or heard of, the impression is indelible; his hooked nose, his shrewd eye, his laughing mouth. He was to be sure a Jew, but had nothing of their reputed faults; for he was all liberality, and generosity; a warm heart and benevolent soul—always ready to do unto others, as he would they should do unto him—and like Shakespear's Yorrick, "a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy, and would set alike the table and auction room in a roar at his pleasure." It was well said of him that he could make fun out of a brick bat, in default of no better subject to exercise his wit upon. In gathering a crowd at his sales he would begin somewhat in this way, varying the matter at pleasure, for he never tired you by repitition, nor let his jests grow stale, but had an inexhaustable magazine at command.—Standing over a large lot of goods, (for they did not then retail in driblets at auctions as now-a-days) he would say, "Walk this way gentlemen, here is a lot worth looking at, a general assortment: wooden frying pans, cross barred molasses, crow bar tooth picks, fat padlocks and other musical instruments; now is the time for all you that have scolding wives and wish to close their mouths—a beautiful lot, a superb lot and magnificent—why gentlemen I know a man that would give fifty dollars just to look at this lot." "Blind Bartemeus, I suppose you mean," says a lad in the crowd." "Precisely so, Billy; hope you have made you will Billy (alluding to the saying, the wise and smart seldom live long) give us a bid gentlemen." Jacob would play off his jests on such men as he knew he could take liberties with, and who being of known unexceptionable characters did not mind his jokes and which seemed to render them more ludicrous.—Seeing Mr. Dorsey, who bore the best of characters as an honest publican—"Ah, Mr Dorsey, have I caught your eye—just in time; here is a fine grin-stone just going for nothing; the very thing to sharpen your boarders teeth upon, you may now get clear of that inveterate old cow hide tripe you have been feeding them upon for the last twelve months. Gentlemen, you have all heard I suppose how Mr. Dorsey makes one dish of tripe last the whole year? no? well he takes a little lime and gets clear of the hair on a cow hide, boils it down to resemble tripe, a fine imitation too, hard to detect, but when taken between the teeth no impression can be made for want of a keen edge; now here is the very remedy at hand, give us a bid, &c." "Ah Jamie, come at last (seeing an old Scotch huckster of very good character enter the door) I was looking out for you; here is the very barrel of sugar to suit you; will bear heavier sanding than that I sold you last, Gentlemen, do you know Jamie's practice before he retires to rest at night? no?—well I'll tell you; he assembles his family around him; a large bible before him, and calls for his clerk; come in Robert. Have you sanded the sugar? Yes sir. Have you watered the rum and molasses? Yes sir.—Then let us pray." Jemmy would say good naturedly—"Ah, Levy, it is weel known ye are a *preveleged caloomneator* and the greatest harm that can befa' a man is to ha' yer praise." "Here is a cask of most

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