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sessenterias, three dollars per annum-one half in advance. Subscribers in other States saunot be allowed to remain in arrears longer then one year, and persons resident without this State, who may desire to become subscribers. will be strictly required to pay the whole a mornt of the year's subscription in advance. Anygarisevents, not exceeding fifteen lines, interted three times for one dollar, and twento five cents for each continuance.

Mr. Eliter,-To encourage, in every suitable way, the Southern Institutions of learning, is most certainly the duty of every citizen of the South.

With this view, I lately, as a visiter, attendel the examination of the pupils in the male department of the Raleigh Academy, now under the superintendence of Messrs. per and Harwoon; the results of which satisfied me that this Institution deserves high commendation and is pre-eminently entitled to the confidence and patronage of this com-

After listening attentively for two days (most of which time I was present) to a very critical examination, in the various branches of English education, as well as the Latin and tree's Languages, Logar acknowledge, that transferred to order, with nearness and puncmore striking proofs of rapid and useful proficiency in the pupils.

The exercises tial not appear to be conducted as is too often the case, as if the design were merely external show, but rather to exhibit the real proficiency each propil had made n the different branches of education.

We apprehend that no person, who re oides in the progress of learning and wide diffusion of general information, could have failed to be edified.

To see young boys, not more than ten or welve years of age, before the Black Board, olving statements in "Interest" & the "Rule of Three," with the readiness and accuracy of a skillful accountant, was what I had never before seen; nor, indeed, had I not witnessdit at the present examination, could I have selieved it possible.

The students, we thought, appeared quite s well in their examination on the other English branches, and in the dead languages, as

n Arthmetic. On Tuesday evening, the exhibition of the pupils in the public speaking took place .-We expected on this occasion, to be agreeably entertained, but the exercises were far beyond what we had anticipated. The young gentlemen acquitted themselves with great credit. The pieces were judiciously selected, well committed, delivered elequently, and with pleasing effect. The whole examination, in our opinion, was of a charac er calculated to reflect the highest credit on the industry of the students, and the talents and skill of the Instructors. We doubt not the community will still continue to patronize and sustain the Institution.



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Bunk of the Sinte of A.Carolina The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank will be held at their Banking house in this city, on the 1st Nonday in January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. C. DEWEY. Rateigh, Dec. 2, 1835.



New Shoe, Hat and Cap Store, Next door to Mrs. Stewart's Boarding House Fayetteville Street.

H. P. TUCKER Respectfully informe his friends and the public, that he has recent ly received a full supply of the above articles, amongst others in his line, and invites purchasers to call and examine them. Raleigh, Dec. 1, 1835

# NOTICE.

At the late November term of the Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county of Granville, the undersigned qualified as administrator upon the estate of the late Wesley W. Paschall, decessed, and requests all the creditors of the decessed. of the deceased to make known their claims within the time prescribed by law, or this will be plead in bar of recovery; and his debt-ors are desired to make immediate payment. JNO. P. LEMAY.

Granville county, Nov. 28, 1835

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# FALL GOODS. JUST RECEIVED

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# NOTICE

State of North Carolina, ? Court of WAYNE COUNTY. & Equity.

Simon Aycock & others )

The Heirs of Benjamin Ayenek, Elms Ayenek Ayenek Jesse Ayenek

In pursuance of a Decree of the Court of Equity, holden for the County and State aloresaid, Pall Term, 1833, directing that the lands mentioned in the petition, in the shove named cause, should be sold by the Clerk and Master of the Court aloresaid, on a credit of twelve months, it appearing to the Court, from the report of the Clerk and Master, (which said report is hereby ordered to be confirmed,) that said lands have een sold agreeably to the order in said decree for the sum of eight hundred and fifty three dolburn; and it also further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, from the construction of the will of Jesse Ayeock, deceased, mentioned in said petition, that the proceeds or sales of said lands were to be equally divided among his grand children, to wit: the lawful heirs of E ias Aycock, of Jesse Aycock, of Benjamin Aycock, James Ayeock, of Ephraim Ayeock, of Timoby Ayeock, and also of Simon Ayeock, per opita, that were in existence at the time the lite estate on said land expired. And it is hereby ordered and degreed that the sales of the lands aforesaid, to wit: eight hundred and fifty three dollars, after the payment of all the costs of this suit, be equally divided among the grand children of said Jesse Aycock, mentioned in said petition, to wit: the heirs or children of Elias Ayoock, of Jesse Ayeock, of Henjamin Ayeock, of James Ayeock, of Simon Ayeock, of Timothy Ayeock, and of Simon Ayeock, on their identity, antisfactorily appearing at the next Court of Equity to be held for the county aforesaid; and it is hereby referred to the Clerk and Master of this court to ascertain who are the persons entitled as aforesaid, and report to the

next term of this court.
Witness, JAMES GRISWOLD, Clerk and Master of said court, at Waynesborough, the first Monday after the fourth Monday in September, 1835

Now, therefore, I, Jan. Guiswoln, Clerk and Ret. James Wood of Prince Edward, whose lit- tween this and the first day of January next. Master of said court as aforesaid, by wirtue of erary acquirements are extensively known, -in the aforesaid order of reference, do hereby give the female school, Messrs. Robert Shaw, Nathe aforeasid order of reference, no hereby give contents the parties interested in the above connect cause, to appear before me, at the Court-house is Waynesburough, in the county aforement, and the respective Schools at Wood and Battle, to the respective Schools at the close of the examinations, was expressed the close of the examinations. to attend a bearing of the matters in reference to high approbation of the performances of the Pube had by virtue of the said order of the said

JAMES GRISWOLD, C. M. E. Waynesborough, Nov. 18, 1835 . 49 6w Committed to the Jail of Beaufort county, on the 22nd of October, 1835, as a runaway slave, a mulatto fellow, who calls bimself SAMUEL. WILLIAMS. He is about 25 years of age, 5 teet 8 or 10 inches high, he has a number of teers on his back, which give the appearance of his having been badly whipped. Said negro says he is free, and that he was raised in Wake county, about 20 miles N. W of Raleigh, near Crabtree Creek-his mother is a white woman. named Sally Williams, Mr. Stephen Kenady acquainted with bim, and Mr. Stephen Harper The owner, if any, is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away or he will be dealt with according to Law. GEO. P. PAUL, Jador.

49 6w A TEACHER WANTED.

The Citizens of Haywood wish to employ a competent Teacher to take charge of the Academy in that place the coming year. One who is rell qualified to prepare young men for the University, and of attentive moral habits, will find a desirable situation, with a good solary, if early application is made to Robert Faucette Esq. Post Master at Haywood, Chatham county,

Nov. 95, 1935,

Patent Sonpstone Paint. of the PATENT SOAPSTONE PAINT, (of various colors) which is now used at the North with great success on Shingle, Tin and Zine Roofs. It is also used for Priming the out side of buildings. One cost of the Suspetone Paint finished with one of White Lead, makes a beaufinished with one of White Lead, makes a beauty double tiful white, and will preserve its beauty double the length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The Scapthe length of time of that of Lead. The last volume will contain a very full invenient, the terms of tuition not above the ordinary standard in similar institutions, and board dead of the letters, indicating the in private families cheap. We have it in containts for leaky roofs; it is also a safe-preventative for leaky roofs; it is also guard against fire from sparks falling on the roof written. There will likewise be other tables, ment, of from chimnies, neighboring fires, &c. and it can be done,) the arrange-preside. The applied for half the expense of white lead, as ment of the various lines of the army during ment of the various lines of the army during the same and rank of the

al answers every purpose. N. B. All orders from the country will be enetually attended to. Raleigh, Nov 1.

NOTICE.

BRANCH T. HURT. (late of the firm of SON (late of Northampton, N. C. and P. S. WILLS, having connected themselves in Business, under the firm of

Hurt, Patterson & Wills, And having the same stand on Old Street for-of merly occupied by Hort & Dugger, will enrry of on the CROCERY & COMMISSION BUSI-NESS. The strictest attention shall at all times be paid to all Orders and Consingments

times be paid to all contrasted to their care.

They respectfully solicit the patronage of their friends and the public generally.

B. T. HURT

J. H PATTERSON.

P. B. WILLS. Petersburg, Va. Dec. 1. 51 Im
N. B. They would inform their triends and
the public, that they are prepared to receive
Consignments of all kinds of Produce, to the sale
of which special attention will at all times be

#### PROCLAMATION By the Governor of the State of North Carolina.

The Convention which met in the City of Raleigh on the fourth day of June last, having Rubber, cut in long strips or bands. A readopted certain smendments to the Constitution of the State, and having by an Ordinance, directive them to be submitted by the Governor to the people for ratification or rejection; and the said.

Raleigh, Dec. 13, 1835. Convention having directed returns of the votes to be made to the Governor, to be by him opened in the presence of the Secretary of State and Publie Tressurer, and that in ease a majority of the stant. The Spring Session will begin on the votes given, should be in favor of the ratification 15th of January. English Department as votes given, should be in favor of the rame should be heretof re.

W. J. BINGHAM, P. incipal. forthwith made known by a Proglamatice of their storegram, and the still amendments having all licen so submitted to the people, and returns of the votes having been made and opened, and FRESH GARDEN AND FLOWER SEED, the result ascertained according to the said

ernor of the State of North-Carolina, do hereby declare and make known to the people of the State, that a majority of all the votes so returned, State, that a majority of all the votes so returned,
was in layor of the ratification of the said Amendments, which said Afied, are become part of the Constitution of the
State, and will be in full force and effect from
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Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with my hand.

5 Seat. 5 day of December, A. D. one thansand engir hundred and flisty-five, and d her bule-

dence of the said State, the sixtich.

Brighten Coverence Comments of the Control of the C Wisi. T. Coleman.
Private Secretary.

Session in the MALE DEPARTMENT of the Carled Crees
RALERGII ACADEMY, will commence on Long Datch Paranip
Monday, the 14th inst. No more than 40 Students will at present be received.
L. 2. JOHNSTON.

Fresh Garden and Flower Seed. Kait. WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & Co. have just received an extensive assortment of fresh Garlen and Flower Seed; all of which are the growth of 1835.

Also, a supply official RED CLOVER SEED Raleigh, Dec. 16, 1835.

## GARDEN SEEDS,

Raised by the United Society of Shakers and D. & C. Landreths, Philadelphia, warranted fresh and genuine, evop of 1835, just received and for sale at the North Carolina Book Store. TURNER & HUGHES. Raleigh, Dec. 15, 1835.

The Northamton School. THE exercises of this School closed, with ublic examination, on Thursday and Friday, ie Sil and 4th instant.

The duties of the shool will be resumed on the first Monday in January next. The Female department will be under the directon of an approved Tutoress. Permsos heretofore, viz.

For the Languages,
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For the higher branches

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Board may be had in the family of the suberiber, or in the neighborhood, at six dollars per mantle. No charge for wood or contingen-

Jackson, N. C. Dec. 5, 1835.

LOUISBURG ACADEMY. The Examination of the Students of the Male The next session will commence 9th Jan-Dec 1, 1835.

### Russel, Shattuck and Company, Have in Press, the writings of GEORGE WASHINGTON:

With historical notes and illustrations, and a life of the Author. -BY JARED SPAKRS. THE work is to consist of the writing sof Washington, selected from the voluminous papers left by him at Mount Vernon, which have all been in the possession of the Eddor for six The object has been to gather from the whole of these papers, amounting to more than Ting Book Store. sixty tolio manuscript volumes, the best portions Heath's Picturesque Annual of Washington's writings, and to combine them | Priendship's Offering into a methodical arrangement, accompanied Christian Keepsake with explanatory notes and historical elucida" Forget Me not tions. They will be published in the following Historical Keepsake

1st Letters and other papers relating to Wash- Athum Wreath ton's early Military career in the French War, Drawing room Serap book and as Commander of the Virginia forces. 2d Letters, Instructions, Addresses, and other papers relating to the American Revolution.

3d Private correspondence from the time of Language of Flowers his resigning the Command of the Army, to the Religious Souvinier beginning of the Presidency.

the Public and private letters, instructions, Lilly a Holliday Present

5th Messages to Congress, and Public Ad-

dresses. Anterior graving of Stuart's original portrait, and Hou-don's bust; together with a full length portrait, in military contume, (taken by C. the age of 22, and two portraits of Mas. Wasn-INGTON. As also with a series of plans and sketches, illustrating the military operations in sketches, illustrating the military operations in rooms in the Academy are spacious and con

the revolution, and the names and rack of the different officers. Similar tables will be added, sontaining the names of all the principal civil officers in the United States, during Washington's public career.

The whole work is expected to be completed

in the course of the next season. The first volume will be taken up with the life of Washington. This has been purposely delayed, for the obvi-ous reason that it can be much more fully and accurately written, after going through with a minute examination of the voluminous mass of papers for the purpose of selection and preparation for the press, and gathering materials from other sources. Subscribers may be assured, that the advantage of the delay will be altogeth er on their side.

Thus far, each volume has extended to a comsiderabty larger number of pages than was pro-mised in the prospectus, and no pains have been spared to secure accuracy and faithful execution spared to secure accuracy and faithful execution in every respect. Nearly thirty engraved plates and drawings have been added, none of which was originally promised. They have been executed at a large expense of money and trouble, and it is believed their value, as an ornsment to the book, and as illustrating the writings of Washington, will be duly estimated by the sub-

TEN DOLLARS REWARD. Lost, in the vicinity of Raleigh, and probably on the Tarborough road, a GREEN CAR-

on the Tarborough road, a GREEN CAR-PET B.7G, with a close mouth, containing ar-ticles of wearing apparel and a quantity of India Raleigh, Dec. 13, 1835

HILLSBOROUGH ACADEMY. The Fall Session will end on the 15th in-

December 8

Now therefore, I, DAVID L. SWAIN, Gov. WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD & Co. : Have just received the following assurtment of FRESH GARDEN SEED, all which are of

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Long Deep Orange In addition to their Garden Seed, they have received the following assortment of Flowen Senn! Chrysanthamun or Em-Elegant Ralsamine

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Starry Marygold Raleigh, December 24, 1835.

BLACKSMITH WANTED. The undersigned is in want of a good black-smith the ensuing year. One that understands and Female Schools at this place, closed on ironing carriages in first rate style, and one, Thursday the 20th ult. In the Male departwith a liberal offer, it application is made be-

WILLIAM ROLES.

NOTICE. The subscriber having, at D. c. Term, 1835, of Franklin county Court qualified as administrator on the estate of James Farrier, deall, requests all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment; and all persons who have claims against the same, are hereby notified to bring them forward within the time preserib-ed by faw, or this notice will be plead in bar o

their recovery. WILL. H. BATTLE, Admir. The sale of Mr. Farrier's personal extate, including his negroes, will take place at Louisburg on the 4th day et January next. Nine months credit will be given Louisburg, Franklin co. Dec. 22, 1835 1 4

Just received and for sale at The North Caro Loadon do

American.

and other papers, from the time of his haugu-ra ion as President, to the end of his life. Robinson Ceusoe, in fine binding, intended as a annual.

American Almanack for 1856 THE THE PERSON OF THE PERSON O ENGLISHAND CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

At Smithfield Johnston county, N. C. The exercises of this institution will be re sumed on the first Monday in January next

HIRAM W. HUSTED. BENJ. J. BORDEN. December 15, 1835

Bank of the State of N. Carolina. A Dividend of four per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank paid in, for the balf year ching the 21st November last, has been de-clared, and will be paid to the Stockholders at the Bank on the first Monday in January next; and at the Branches and Agencies fifteen days

By order. C. DEWEY, Cashier. Raleigh, Dec. 15, 1835

PRIVATE FEMALE BOARDING SCHOOL.

The exercises of the Lochiel School, situated The exercises of the Lochiel School, situated about a mile west of HELLSBOROCER, will be resumed on the second Mooday of January. As the number of Pupils is limited, an early application is desirable. Terms for Board and Tuition, including a supply of Books and Stationary, are \$75 per session of five months.

Music and Painting, taught in the house, by experienced Instructors, form an extra charge.

WM. E. ANDERSON.

Hill-borough, Dec. 5, 1835. 51-5t.

State of North Carolina, TYRRELL COUNTY.

NOTICE is hereby given to the heirs of Rohouse, of the county storessed, did administer on the said Robert B. Webster's Estate, and now hold myself ready to settle with his lawful Heirs, if any; if not, this notice will be plead igainst any recovery hereafter, agreeably to law. Given under my hand and seal, this September

JOHN BRICKHOUSE, Senr. Admr.

## STATE LEGISLATURE. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, Dec. 1.

mitted by Mr. CLINGMAN, of Surry: Received, As the opinion of this General General Assumbly, that the having been extinguished, and the object for have heretofore received: Now this State, be-which the cossion of the properties perform of ting ever desirons of doing apple justice to the the public domain by the States which origin public creditors, as well as the establishing the nally held them, having thus been accomplished, that such distribution of the public lands, or the proceeds thereof ought to be made among the States of the Union, as shall be proportionincurred by them in support of the United plied: States, or, at least, in proportion to their federal population.

Resolved. That the Governor be, and he is nereby requested, to transmit copies of these Resolutions to the Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United

The Clerk having read them, and the Speaker stating the question to be use or purpose whatever. on their passage, Mr. C. addressed the House as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: In presenting the Resolutions on your table, I have consulted my own feelings less perhaps deep interest, not only to our own cit- and bonn-fide disposed of for that purpose, and izens, but to every State in the Union. for no other use or purpose whatsoever. the country; so that the merits of this question are more generally understood than those almost of any other, in pol-

vations, as the nature of the subject judiced by our own past acts.

they now are. In this state of things, sustain this view of the question, we went into the war of the Revolut. After an examination of all of these tion. During its progress, the dispo-sition of the unsettled territory was a different ground. The payment of

"Resolved, That the unappropriated lands which may be ceded or relimpuished to the United States, by any particular State, pursuant to bert B. Webster, if any within the limits of this the recommendation of Congress, of the 6th day of September last, shall be disposed of for that the acid Robert B. Webster, deceased, died on the 25th day of August, 1833, to L. John Britke be settled and formal into distinct Republican be settled and formed into distinct Republican States, which shall become members of the Pederal Union, and have the same rights of sovereignty, freedom and independence, as the other States," &c.

In compliance with the recommendation of Congress, all the States, soonewor later, made cessions of their waste territory. These treaties or compacts are all similar in character. I will call the attention of the House to some of them. . That of North The House took up, for considera-

following words: Whereas, the United States, in Congress as-Assembly, that any act by which the Congress sembled, have repeatedly and curnestly recomof the United States shall give the public lands mended to the respective States in the Union, to the States in which they are situated, or any claiming or owning vacant Western territory, act by which the minimum price at which these to make cessions of part of the same, as a furlands are now sold shall be reduced, would se- ther means, as well of hastening the extinguishriously affect the prosperity of all the old States, ment of the debts, as of establishing the harand do great injustice to those States by which mony of the United States; and the inhabitants they were originally ceded to the Confederacy. of the said Western territory being also desi-Resulved further, As the opinion of this rous that such cession should be made, in order debt to obtain a more ample protection than they harmony of the United States, and complying

with the reasonable desires of her citizens, &c. Then comes a clause directing the manner in which the fund shall be ap-

That, all the lands intended to be ceded by virtue of this act to the United States of America, and not appropriated as before mentioned, shall be considered as a common fund, for the use and benefit of the United States of America, North Carolina inclusive, according to their respective and usual proportion in the general charge and expenditure, and shall be faithfully disposed of for that purpose, and for no other

That of Virginia, of which ours seems to be almost an exact copy, is

in the following words: That, all the lands within the territory so ceded to the United States, and not reserved for than those of my constituents. I or appropriated to, any of the before mentioned should not do justice to those whom I purposes, or disposed of in bounties to the officers and soldies of the American arrepresent here, if in the absence of my, shall be considered as a common fund for any other measure in relation to the the use and benefit of such of the United States subject, I had failed to bring forward as have become, or shall become members of the those propositions. The proper disposition of the Public Domain has, for several years past, been a question of charge and expenditure, and shall be faithfully

It has been subject more than once, All of these deeds of cession are to the action of both Houses of Con- similar in substance, and in several gress.-Elaborate Reports on it have instances the same language is used. been made and circulated throughout I shall, therefore, sir, not detain you

itics. Indeed, Sir, it seems to me, deeds of cession, is that the Legislathat there is more need at this time, tures of the States having made treaof action, than of debate. And it is ties, have a right to defend them. in the hope, that these Resolutions They have entered into solemn comwill lead to action, rather than to de-bate, that they have been presented. pacts with the Federal Government, by which they have conveyed a large It is incumbent upon me, however, amount of property for certain purpoas the mover, to make a brief state- ses therein specified, and if the fund ment of those facts and arguments on thus granted is likely to be wasted or which I rely to sustain the principles misapplied, it is their right and duty of the Resolutions. Though the de- to endeavor to avert such an evil. It tails may be uninteresting in them- is undoubtedly the province of the selves, yet on account of the magni- General Assembly to guard all the tude of the question, itself, I trust the great interests of North Carolina, but House will include me, especially as it is more expecially our duty to take I promise to be as brief in my obser- care that our constituents are not pre-

We are next, sir, to consider the During the contest for territory nature of the compacts themselves. among the nations of Europe, conse- On this point there is diversity of quent upon the discovery of America, opinion. It has been supposed that most of the Charters under which the as the payment of the public debt was Colonies were originally settled, con- the inducement, and in fact the main tained a grant of a portion of land, object of the cessions, that the debt definite and well defined on the sea- being now paid, Congress has no farcoast, but extending without limits to ther power over the lands so ceded. the westward. Thus the limits of If the payment of the public debt had North Carolina extended back to the been the sole object in view, and it Mississippi River. What is now Ten-had been expressly so declared in the nessee, was then a part of this State. deeds themselves, then there would be Virginia claimed a large extent of ter- an end of the question. For the debt ritory lying North West of the River being paid, and the trust discharged, Ohio, out of which have since been the remainder of the property not beformed several new States. In fine, ing disposed of, would revert to the the boundaries of all the old States, original donors. And I admit that except three, were more extensive than the Preambles of some of the acts

most embarrassing question to the the National debt was undoubtedly Federal Congress. Some of the States the principal object of the cessions; attempted to dispose of their waste but at the same time it was foreseen lands for their own benefit. This pro that there might be other burdens duced much discontent-three of the from which it was desirable that the States, Mary and, Rhode Island, and States should be relieved. In order New Jersey, had no such lands lying therefore, that the power of Congress within their boundaries. It was urg-might be sufficiently ample for all of ed on the part of these States, that these purposes—all the clauses directthe Colonies, were then engaged in a ling the application of the lands so common struggle—that the blood and ceded declare, in substance, that they treasure of all were alike expended in shall be considered as a common defence of the vacant territory-and fund for the use and benefit of the that if it were won at all, it must be United States of America, according won by the united effort of all the to their respective and usual propor-States. It was said that these lands tion in the general charge and expenought to be regarded as a common diture, and shall be faithfully dispose fund to defray the expenses of the of for that purpose, and for no other war, and to secure the payment of use or purpose whatever." Such is those debts which the United Colonies the language of Virginia, North Carowere obliged to contract in its support. lina and Georgia, and in substance, it It was on this ground that Maryland does not materially vary from that refused to enter into the articles of used by the other States. It makes Confederation. Congress more than Congress the trustee of all the States. once urged upon the States owning Congress is the legal owner of this waste lands, the propriety of ceding property, but is nevertheless bound them, in order that they might become to use it for the benefit of each of the a common fund for the use of all the States in proportion to her share in States, and finally, in the year 1780, the general charge and expenditure, passed a Resolution in the following Its application to the payment of the words: