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RALEIGH, N.C. TUESDAY,......OCTOBER 9, 1877.

CONGRESS. To-morrow week the Forty-fifth Con-

gress meets in special session because of of school children living therein. It mattered not how much a county might the necessity that exists to provide ways have contributed to the principal of this and means for the support of the army and navy. The necessity has, indeed, existed fund, it could only receive its profor three months, all the provision made portional part of the interest. For examby Congress-the only department of the ple, from "fines, penalties and forfeitures" Government that, under the Constitution, the county of Edgecombe in five years, had the power to make such provision- paid into the State Treasury the sum of having expired on the 30th of June; but \$2,496.17, while the county of Craven Mr. HAYES has seen proper, for three during the same period paid in from the months and more, to provide ways and same sources, the sum of only one dollar means for the support of the army and yet when the interest on that amount navy unknown to the Constitution, and so came to be paid out for the support of Congress will not meet in special session schools, the county of Craven, having about the same number of school children until Monday next.

In an emergency of the sort that now living in it that Edgecombe had, received exists, and the existence of which was cer- about the same amount that Edgecombe tain from the adjournment of the last did. In other words Edgecombe paid in Congress, it was manifestly the duty of very near twenty-five hundred times as the President and in accordance with prece- much money as Craven did, but for all dent, to have called an extra session at that she took out of the fund no more once. But plain as was his duty and than Craven did The county of Brunsmanifest as was his violation of it, we hear wick paid into the school fund three times not a word of condemnation from those as much as did the county of New Hanogushing admirers, who hang upon his ut- ver, and yet New Hanover drew out near terances with all of a lover's ardor, and four times more for its share of the interest than Brunswick did. who see patriotism in all his acts and honesty in all his words. This is a singular spectacle now presented to the country, in which men in the last six months of a year can find no fault with their fellow man in whom for the first six months of that year they could find no good. We do not believe that such a spectacle carries pleasure with to the disposition of the money coming in it to the North Carolina heart. We do not from fines, penalties and forfeitures was believe that plain honest people in our changed so as to read as follows: State can think it is right thus to praise Mr. HAYES to-day without its having been other property belonging to a county school fund; also, the net proceeds from wrong to abuse him yesterday. We do the sale of estrays; also, the clear pro-not believe that those same honest people ceeds of all penalties and forfeitures, and can think such sudden changes consistent with both integrity and sound judgment, laws of the State ; and all moneys which in the men who make them. We do not shall be paid by persons as an equivalent believe the plain honest people of North for exemption from military duty, shall Carolina can be persuaded that Mr. HAYES ties, and shall be faithfully appropriated is entitled to all the incense and all the adu- for establishing and maintaining free publation that is daily offered up before him by a certain class of people without shaking lic schools in the several counties of the State : Provided, That the amount cola certain class of people without shaking lected in each county shall be annually their confidence either in the honesty reported to the Superintendent of Public or in the judgment of the Democratic Instruction. party and without destroying their belief in the necessity for the continued existence It was seen that the present necessities of of that party to restore and maintain our the State for money for school purposes rights and the liberties of our country. The were greater than they would probably people of North Carolina are not thus ever be again, and therefore it was wiser fickle and changeable in their habits, ei- to devote the whole of the fund arising ther of thought or action; but fixed and from fines and forfeitures to educational steady in both as they have been from the purposes as fast as it came in than to go to beginning, they must naturally lose their work creating a permanent fund that could confidence in men who thus prove be practically available only to future genthemselves as unstable as the wind. erations. It was thought and wisely too, It is unquestionably true that in refus- that situated as we were, it was about ing to maintain carpet-bag governments in as much as we could do to take care of South Carolina and Louisiana against the ourselves and leave posterity to look expressed will of the people of those States, after itself. It was found from sad expe-Mr. HAYES did an act that was both constirience that under the old system the montutional, wise and just. The very statement eys received from fines and forfeitures were of the proposition shows that to be true. The not paid into the State Treasury at all, but people/of South Carolina as did the people were irrevocably lost to the school fund both of Louisiana had a right under the Federal for the present and the future. This evil it Constitution, and one too that existed be- was thought could be remedied by provifore the Federal Constitution, to live under ding that all such moneys should remain a government and under officers of their in the several counties, and the whole own choosing. And because Mr. HAYES amount, not the interest merely, but both did only what he was obliged in this mat- principal and interest should be expended ter to do by his oath to support the Con- in the support and maintenance of the pubstitution, as he himself confesses, are the lic schools in that county. It was thought people of North Carolina to fall down and that if this was done the county commisworship him as no President before has sioners and school trustees would be more ever been worshipped? Has Mr. HAYES vigilant in seeing to it that clerks and magever said one word in condemnation of istrates made prompt and honest returns. the many usurpations of GRANT's ad-It was estimated that the money thus ministration ? Has he even said one word saved to the State and devoted to educain condemnation of all the thousand crimes | tional purposes would be the means of committed in the South and against the furnishing instruction every year to thou-South by GRANT's minions both military sands and thousands more children of the and civil? Who knows that had he not State than were taught under the old sysfound himself stripped of GRANT's power tem, thus benefitting both blacks and by a Democratic House of Representatives whites, and all good citizens-irrespective he would not have continued GRANT's of race, color or previous condition-who programme? Mr. HAYES wished to be wished their children to have the privi-President and he saw that the Democratic leges of an education, and who had the members of the House of Representatives had the power to prevent his inauguration urged to consult both their interests and over and over again it has been and the good of the State by voting charged that he and his friends made a for the amendments containing the new specific bargain agreeing on the one side to provision above set forth. As is well permit the inauguration and on the other known to every one the people responded PEARSON the officer by whose command to obey the Constitution in leaving South to the appeals thus made to them and rat- the rioters were fired upon by the mili-Carolina and Louisiana to govern them ified the amendments by an ovewhelming tary for murder. Commenting upon this

THE LOUISIANA TRIAL. LET THE SCHOOL FUND BE COLLECTED.

Under the CANBY Constitution, the moneys coming in from fines, penalties and forfeitures were all required to be paid into the State Treasury and securely invested as a permanent fund, the interest on which

set down for trial at as early a day as poswas to be divided among the several sible. The State will be assisted by the counties in proportion to the num Hon. JEREMIAH BLACK, while WELLS and his colleague have called Mr. SHELLA-BARGER, of Ohio, and Mr. WILSON, of lowa, now practicing attorneys in Washngton City, to their assistance. What old JEEE BLACK don't know about trying a case is scarcely worth knowing, and what he doesn't know about the Louisiana Returning Board and its rascality is just nothing at all. We would rather see him in charge of the prosecution than any man in America. His ability and his integrity, and his will to prosecute to the bitter end are all undoubted, and the public may

> therefore be satisfied that all that can be done to convict the scoundrels according to law will be done. There has been and there still is a grea

sued, has opened, and the case will be

deal of talk about an agreement alleged to have been entered into by Governor NICHOLLS or his friends to screen the members of the Returning Board from their merited punishment. We trust that no such agreement has been entered into, and we shall believe that none has been until forced to do otherwise by the most undoubted testimony.

It may have been that it was agreed that The Democratic party thought a system political offences were to be pardoned on that permitted such gross inequalities as either side, but that the crimes of forgery these, was manifestly wrong and ought to and perjury with which WELLS and AN be broken up. When therefore the Con-DERSON stand charged before, the court vention met in 1875 the provisions of the now in session can be classed as political 9th Article of the Constitution in regard offences is something that passes our comprehension. Certainly any party that admits that such practices are the means to which it has had resort to accomplish suc-SEC. 5.- All moneys, stocks, bonds and cess, damns itself to everhating infamy in the estimation of good men every where. And yet what is it to claim that ANDER-

son and WELLS have been guilty of politiof all fines collected in the several counties for any breach of the penal or military cal offences only, but to admit that forgery and perjury was the means resorted to by the Radical party to put Mr. HAYES in the position he now occupies? belong to and remain in the several coun-

And still to-day both these men are the rusted agents of the Federal government. In spite of their known villainy, Mr. HAYES puts them in positions of honor and emolument, where none but men of the highest integrity and most spotless character ought to be and there he keeps them. It would

The reasons for this change are plain eem to be the very aim and object of Mr. HAYES to throw his weight and influence between these guilty criminals and their just doom. If this be not so, why does he belief in their innocence of crime in the

ear."

HAMPTON IS COMING.

Governor HAMPTON will deliver the ad-The superior criminal court, before dress to the North Carolina Agricultural which the case of the. members of the Society at the approaching State Fair on Louisiana Returning Board will be pur-Thursday, October 18th.

No more welcome guest than WADE HAMPTON could come to North Carolina. Men of all colors and of every shade of political opinion will unite in giving a most cordial greeting to the citizen who, in addition to being a peerless soldier, wears among his laurels the crowning honor of being the redeemer of his State from government that for corruption and oppression is without a parallel in history. But it is not alone as a famous solder and distinguished citizen that he will be welcomed to our State for as their faithful old

ommander also he will be greeted by me from every portion of the State with whom he shared every danger and every hardshin It is therefore with the greatest pleasu

that we announce that he will be with at our approaching Fair knowing as we know to how many hearts in North Carolina it will carry joy.

SENATOR MORTON'S father and grand father are said to have died from paralysis, and he has a sister whom the same diseas has rendered perfectly helpless.

THE Pope has been contemporary with all the Presidents, having been seven years old when WASHINGTON died.

NEW YORK bankers have issued \$45 000,000 in letters of credit to American tourists this summer.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVEE.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 2, 1877. I had a call to-day from the Hon. A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, who is here for a week before the meeting of Congress. He is remarkably well, for him, though his man Aleck had to carry him in his arms up and down stairs. Upon a level he walks with he aid of crutches. Otherwise he is less changed since I first saw him than might have been expected, He reminded me of

main street, I paused at the brick market house now fearfully dilapidated and mouldy-looking, where,

"In the good old colony times, When we lived under the King,"

our first acquaintance, on the visit of Mr. Clay to Wilmington in April 1844. On that occasion he delivered a speech at the sip over the news and to fill their 1 L found this: "Married on Tuesday, stand erected in the Walker lot-a speech ers. It stands in the middle of the wid the 21st May, 1811, by the Rev. James Boyd, the Rev. Pleasant Thurman to highway. Much as the rusty weather of great power and humor, which delighted the great crowd in attendance, as is no worn houses on either side of this street Mary G. Allen, daughter of Col. Nathanie need repairs and paint, and unattractive as doubt remembered by many still living, Allen, deceased, of the town of Edenton. they are in themselves for the lack of few of whom, I suppose, expected the d Another entry at page 8 indicates that the newly wedded pair removed from Edenminutive and sallow young man before careful keeping, they are invested with a them to reach the eminence to which he certain aristocratic dignity by the stately ton between the 15th and 21st of October overshadowing presence of a triple row of has attained, or to live through thirtyin the same year. And thus North Carothree years of a stirring period, a dreadful elms. These are of immense size. The ina gave to Ohio her two foremost Central row' threads the filum via, persufferer as he has been from rheumatism. Democratic statesmen, for one is a native haps to mark the limits of latent proprie-The recollection of that first meetand the other of North Carolina parentage. tary right, subject to use for passage, in the opposite holders of the soil. The street is ing carries me back to the events which followed it, brings before St. 'Paul's church was twenty years a building, having been commenced thus split into two majestic avenues, shut me the towering and imperious form of 1736 und finished in 1756. Its completion thus publicly take occasion to declare his Mr. Clay, full of undoubting confidence in above by Gothic arches by interlacing was provided for by a poll tax for two boughs, grand and dim, even in the noonin his election to the Presidency; the years of two shillings on each taxable faces of the State Committee of escort, day, as Cathedral aisles. the province At the left going up, and occupying with the Hon. Richard Hines at its head, brick structure and venerable with ivy with its ample grounds enclosed by a high viz : Jas. C. Johnston, Hon. Ebenezer which entirely covers one side of it. Its fence an entire block, is the "Governor's Pettigrew, Hon. Burgess S. Gaither, N. predecessor, which occupied the same site L. Williams, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, palace;" on the right and nearly opposite Giles W. Pearson, T. P. Devereux, Dr. F. are the old Colonial court-house and that J. Hill, Bryan Grimes; of whom only Col. antique hostelry once known as the "King's Arms." Near the upper end of Gaither, Mr. Williams and I are living. And minister of the congregation. His service of all the conspicuous actors in the course of this same street stands St. Paul's, still used began in 1704. In the church yard, that ovation, how few are yet alive ! 1 by the Episcopalians, with its wide vestiamongst many handsome modern monurecall but two, Mr. Stephens and Hon B. F. Moore, who delivered the address of welcome at Weldon. Mr. Clay's Wil-mington friend, Gen. Jas. Owen, his hosments, are the humble tombstones, of bitable entertainer in Halifax, Hon. An- Ives, intrepid and conscientious, who gave though slow attrition of the weather, most irew Joyner, Governor Morehead, whose up his high sacerdotal place to become a of the oldest inscriptions have become unguest he was in Raleigh, Mr. Badger, who layman of the Church of Rome, has addecipherable. Of those that I hurriedly ministered confirmation and ordained velcomed him at Raleigh, and with whom he and a large party dined, all gone ; Mr. priests. This is the oldest extant church Clay himself dying without reaching edifice in North Carolina. the great height of his ambition, though The people of this vicinity, as indeed of the whole North-eastern section of the greater as a Commoner than others as One State, are of Virginia stock-that is, all of the patriot brothers Lillington is buried | scores of years ago. Mr. Stephens said to-day that he had the descendants of the old families there. On the farm of the late Joshua Adjoining the lodge room is a high pitched hall, 60 by 40 feet in size. Here are. The original Albemarle settleadvised against the issuing of the celebra-Skinner is the grave of Gov. Henderson Walker and his wife. Their memorial ments were composed of immigrants ted Raleigh letter in regard to Texas, the Legislature of North Carolina was from Virginia. William Drummond. which was one of the two causes of Mr. tablet is of slate, seven inches thick. The a Scotchman, whose name is com-memorated in the beautiful lake of the Clay's defeat. The other was the associaremains of Gov. Samuel Johnston, an emiby its sessions. The walls are of waintion of Mr. Frelinghuysen, as the candi-date for Vice-President. If the Texas letnent jurist, whose opinion was quoted by Dismal Swamp immortalized by Moore, Judge Black during the progress of the recent Belknap impeachment trial, are enwas appointed by Gov. Berkeley, of Virter had never appeared, or if Mr. Fillmore tombed near the residence of the late ginia, as governor of these old settlers. had been on the ticket, the election would He gave them a simple and liberal governhave been sure. Who can tell what James C. Johnston. ment, and gathered the first legislative disasters our country might have been Through the courtesy of Mr. Wm. B assembly at Edenton in 1668, twenty saved from in that event ! Shepard, present secretary of the vestry of 'St.' Paul's, I was permitted to examine We trust we shall not be censured as years before James II was supplanted It was a proud boast of that period, that hough no Whig doubted of Mr. Clay's by William and Mary. The colony election, he had not a solitary application had a rough time of it with the Tus-Bourbons for objecting that such a disthe old records of the vestry. They comelection, he had not a solitary application for office whilst in the State. That could grace is upon us, but if we are, we can not mence December 15th, 1701-almost two carora and Coree Indians. A hundred centuries ago-and extend without interhelp it. Every time, that we remember hardly be the case now. and thirty of them were massacred in a ruption to Sept. 28th, 1779. A break then single night in 1711. The next year the I had the pleasure also of seeing yester occurs, of which there is no known record unruly aborigines met their Nemesis and day and to-day several North Carolina extant, to October 2d, 1811, with which the remnant of the Tuscaroras were driven friends on their way to the triennial Condate begins the vestry-book of St. Paul's The seines are operated by steam engines. northward and received as a sixth nation church as a purely ecclesiastical and non- The truck farming industry has devention of the Episcopal church at Bostoninto the confederation of the Five Nations. political organization-the separation of Some stragglers, it is alleged, found their church and State being one of the imme-DeRosset, and daughter, Mrs. Daves. Hon. W. H. Battle and Gen. Martin were way into the swamps in what is now diate results of the Revolution. No of early vegetables are annually sent hence known as Robeson county, and to the record, so far as is known, was kept to the numerous Northern markets. There Sandwich Islands; and from them came also here on the same business, but I did during the latter part of the Revolutionary King Kalakaua and Henry Berry Lowery not see them. War. The interesting letter of your Halifax and his gang. These ancient minutes, are of that err At the session of the provincial legislacorrespondent mentions the fact that in color which was so appropriately popular 776, when Halifax was one of the conture here in August, 1720, Gov. Charles with the ladies during the "centennia Eden was present, and the village, up to that time called Queen Anne's Creek, iderable towns in the State-if any at that They begin with a record of period could be called considerable-one o the appointment of Hon. Henderson Walker and eleven others as a vestry from a stream which flows through it, was the five newspapers of the State was pubin his honor, christened Edenton. This lished there. At present I think there is for the "Chowan Precinct." in obedi amiable personage seems to have projected the influence of his pacific qualities into none, its neighbor, Weldon, having superence to an act of Assembly made No. eded it in that and most other respects. vember 10, 1701. These vestrymen first But about sixty years ago there was a the population and fortunes of the met at the house of Mr. Thomas Gillam on town; for I cannot learn that it was ever paper of some notoriety printed there. It was called the *Halifax Compiler*. I for-get who was its editor, but he lived in the 15th of the following month. The reof the 27th September. afterwards the scene of any battle or other You and your correspondent have been led into so many mistakes in regard to it, cord proceeds : " It being debated where a sanguinary incident of warfare. The rechurch should be built, Edward Southwick a stormy time. The little town was envolutionary war left its soil unstained by that I desire to correct them. undertakes to give one acre of land upon blood. During the war of 1861-5, it was tiled, under the State Constitution adopted his old plantation and to give a conveyance there in 1776, to a Borough member of the recognized as neutral ground, not so much for the same to the church wardens for the by any special convention as by tacit con-sent of both sides, and the understanding Legislature. Party spirit was terribly high, the celebrated (or notorious) Robert Potuse and service of the precinct to build a church upon, and for no other use, and to ter leading one party and the Hon. Jesse was never, in a solitary instance, violated acknowledge the same in court." Pro-It was a place of recreation, especially for A. Bynum the other. I think there were vision was made the same day for the erec-tion of a wooden church "25 feet long, But changes in the Constitution for the would say "got the wrong sow by the less than fifty voters in the town so that a United States naval officers and marines: but the Confederates, who came there few votes either way turned the scale with posts in the ground." Public imeetings, collisions, and even often, were treated with equal kindness The following is a literal copy, from the and hospitality. In the very hottest epoch of the war "the blue and the gray" met there not unfrequently, in social interpistollings, were common. The Comvestry book, of the famous Edenton deoiler of course did its part in the claration of independence. As the vestry was all in all in those days, and spoke for excitement. Printing offices lation either on our bwn account or that of country were seldom locked; and on a course. I myself once saw Northern and the whole people, the Episcopalians can claim no exclusive credit for its patriotic Southern officers, with lady partners, ami-Sunday some one entered the Compiler cably playing whist together, I think in 1864, in a cozy Edenton parlor. How office and transposed the large types formetteville, we rejoice to see, are at last to have daily mail service from this city. After Monday next they will be able to utterances. DECLARATION different a fate from the bitter experience St. Pauls) Be it remembered that the of Plymouth-just across the sound-taken and retaken continually by either Rarish, 1776. Freeholders of St. Paul's The discovery of the change. It was consider Parish met the Sheriff at the Court House ed a very good thing in view of the char. party, sometimes reeking with the gore of in Edenton on Monday the 8th of April acter of the paper and the hot politics of the town; but the Editor was in a towerslain and wounded, ever and again scourged by fire—a bone of contention always for the unleashed dogs of war. And yet Edenton is a graveyard. It then and there pursuant to an Act of Assembly did elect the following Rersons to tion of the profits. ing passion, and offered five dollars re-ward for the discovery of "the miscreant." serve as Vestrymen for one year agreeable was the burying-ground, more than two centuries ago, of the Chowan tribe of In-dians. Their graves cover the whole site to resolve of the Provincial Congress held. never heard that he avowed himself at Halifax the 2d of April and qualified there would probably have been occase for the services of the coroner if he had. agreeable thereto, viz : Thomas Bonner, of the town. Human bones, wonderfully well preserved, are even now exhumed in digging wells and ditches. But then, ter, John Beasley, Wm. Bennet, Wm. Roberts, Richard Hoskins, David Rice, Aaron Hill, Palatiah Walton, Wm. Hinton. Augusta Air-Line, subscribers to THE OB-**DUPLIN COUNTY LETTER.** SERVER on the line of the Carolina Central Young or Pollock, --- I forget which now--The Great Rain Storm-Heavy Losses by the Farmers and Merchants, &c., &c. We the subscribers, professing our Alegitells us, ence(sic) to the King and acknowledging the "All the world's a grave." The "Governor's Palace" is a unique constitutional executive power of Govern-KENANSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 2, 1877. two storied structure, located at the inter-section of Queen and Broad streets, and ment, do solemnly profess, testify and de-clare that we do absolutely believe that [Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.]

LETTER FROM CHOWAN. DENTON-BRAUTY OF ITS SITE-THE IRON STRAM-SHIP CHOWAN—QUAKER GUNS—AN OLD MARKET HOUSE—STATELY TREES—ANCIENT LANDMARKS F COLONIAL TIMES-THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE forme ST. PAUL'S-THE KING'S ARMS-GOVERNOR RUMMOND-IN INDIAN MASSACRE-GOVERNOR A NEUTRAL GROUND-TRUCE OF THE BLUE AND THE GRAY-INDIAN GRAVES-UNA s on glass and has otherwise defaced ; but its -THE ALLEN HOMESTEAD-THE THURMANS tures, including the resolutions adopted by the patriotic ladies, still appear. Amongst the valuable old papers owned by the Misses Bond, some of which are of ESTRY BOOK OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH-AN EARLY DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE-THE COURT HOCSE-WASHINGTON'S MASONIC CHAIR-A BALL-ROOM OF THE LAST CENTURY-THE FISH-

NG AND TRUCK INDUSTRIE [Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.]

EDENTON, N. C., Oct. 3, 1877. MESSES. EDILORS: Making in slightly

from the great, wide sound, clearly define 1757-'60 and '61. They also from Benjamin Franklin, dated from it, is a fair inland bay on whose curved shore stands Edenton, queen city of the richly historic region known as the Albemarle country. It is the oldest of all the existing towns of North Carolina. Its citizens look forth upon a watery expanse last year and tried to get copies of these precious photographs, for publication but as broad to the eve as the ocean, for its op posite boundaries are out of sight, while without success to approaching vessels and steam-craft the thick green of its embowering trees seems

as the emerald setting of a well-jeweled ring, such as once Venitian princes wellded Adriatic with. Taking passage at Franklin, a y Virginia village, fast growing around

us of a station of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, to a thriving and busy town, the fine Iron Steamship Chowan Captain'Ainsworth, hore me in a few hours to the wharf of this ancient burgh. Here almost the first things my eye fell upon were several venerable memorials of the antiquity of the place in the shape of some ante-revolutionary iron cannon in use as posts for fastening the bausers of the steamboat. They were made in 1734; or, at least, that date is imprinted on the trunnions. In wandering about this town I afterwards saw others of these old guns, set upright at the corners of the I was told that they lay for many. years behind John M. Jones' ice-house incovered from the weather, except where they had buried themselves by their own weight in the ground. Occasionally one was made to do service in honor of the "glorious Fourth." They are 32 pounders,

and are very long, with thick muzzles. During the late war they were mounted on gun-carriages taken from the wreck of old, with him to Virginia and thence to a Spanish vessel, which foundered near Hatteras. About eight of them remain. As I walked from the landing up the

the following entry from the records of the M. E. church at Edenton, kindly shown citizens were wont to come to gos me by Mr. J. R. B. Hathaway. At page

Edenton, including Mrs. Penelope Parker, of North Carolina, approved by the Genthe lady president of the famous "Tea eral Assembly which convened here the Party," given at Mrs. King's in February year before, providing for the purchase of one acre of land for the purpose and levy-ing a poll tax of five shillings. It is a solid piece of masonry and looks likely to by some naval officers when stationrecord of this "Tea Party,

on of Mrs. Dr. T. D. Warren. It ass and has been much broken and surmounts it affords a far-reaching view. The tower which prominent fea-ons adopted by floor. Over the judge's bench still appears the royal coat of arms, albeit some what indistinct from hard knocks and the wear and tear of something like a hundred an official character and of very early date and fifty years. Among the court records are several unpublished autograph letters are registered indentures signed by Lord Granville. The original deeds, some of which were deposited there for convenient access and have survived all the mutations of George Washington, of his mother Han-ah, and of his wife Martha, written in

have one dated at Passy, of time, are scolloped instead of indented. France, June 10th 1783, and addressed I do not know, however, that this would Hon. Thomas Barker, then a prominen affect their validity; at least at this late lawyer of Edenton. A special correspond ay. On an upper floor of the court house is ent of the New York Herald came here

the ample room in which Unanimity Lodge of Masons has held its communications for within a few months of an hundred years. By the records of the Lodge, which were politely shown me by W. D. Pruden, Next door to the law office of State Senator Octavius Coke,-who by the way is a vounger brother of Goy, Richard Coke. Esq., it appears, under date of July 6th, United States Senator elect from Texas.that a resolution was that day stands a middle-sized frame house with adopted that, in accordance with leave granted by the Justices of the Peace, the Lodge be moved from the King's Arms one of those giant Dutch roofs which seem to have 'suggested the modern Mansard. Here was born, in 1807, no less a character Inn-now Berkeley's hotel-to the court than Gov. William Allen, of Ohio, some house which is immediately east of it on King street. "The Lodge was accordingly moved," states the record, "when Bro. Rus times irreverently styled by the profane vulgar "Olebillallen," and popularly supposed to be of immense age. The house is on King street, two doors from the sel (a newly-made Mason) presented the with an elegant Master's chair for lodge southwest corner of Main or Broad, and is which he received their sincere thanks." now occupied by James C. Warren, but This chair has been the subject of a good owned by the estate of the late Edward wood. It is still known as the Nat. Al-and otherwise, for many years. It has len place. The Allens were a reputable been thrice demanded by Virginia lodges. and highly cultivated family, but rather fond of fighting. Nathaniel Allen was a It was called for by Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Jan. 2, 1815, a previous demand having man of high standing, a wealthy merchant, been made for it in 1811. The chair is and one of the proprietors of the noted "Lake estate" of 75,000 acres in Washpopularly but erroneously supposed to have come from Alexandria. The tradition, quite well authenticated, is that it was ington county. He died when his son ought from Williamsburg, Va., when William was hardly more than an infant;

leaving a daughter named Mary, several in 1777, the year before its prese William's senior, who afterwards Washington is said to have presided in a "Tent lodge" held in a marquee. On the back of the chair is the odd name "Benmarried Rev. Pleasant Thurman, then tationed at Edenton as a Methodist preach er. When Mr. Thurman left Edenton he jaan Bucktrout." Capt. Coke, who came ook William Allen, then about four years from Williamsburg, says that Bucktrout is an immemorial patronymic of cabinet ma-

Since Pleasant and Mary Thurman were the parents of the distinguished democratic U. S. Senator from Ohio, Hon. A. G. Thurscattered.

man, Gov. Allen's nephew, it may not be This chair is of mahogany. It is surwithout interest to the reader to transcribe the motto in gilt letters, "virtute et silentio." Mr. John M. Jones tells me he caused this motto, which had become somewhat defaced, to be renewed in 1817. The back of the chair is composed of three upright standards, of columnar form, representing the three orders of architecture. Above covered with a turban and designed to rep-A gilded device of the sun crowns the right hand column, and a crescent moon the

a sixty foot channel he does not state The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal is eighty feet wide, and in many places one hundred feet wide.

It is well known that the Dismal Swam Canal Company has expended over \$200 000 in improving less than three miles of its navigation, and well informed eng neers estimate the cost of its enlargemen at \$1,500,000. Whether it would be judicious to spend this latter sum, will h for Congress to determine. If any im provement is to be made, it certainly should be for a larger class vessel than can pass through the Albemarle and Chesa-peake Canal, which Professor McAlpine says in his Report may be from 1,000 to 1,500 tons burthen.

The United States Government has caused surveys to be made since the war for the improvement of the Dismal Swamp Canal, and the amount estimated was so great compared with the small amount (\$100,000) required to light up and deepen the channel across Currituck Sound, on the line of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, that no action has been taken in the matter. The great importance of an inland coast line considered in a militar point of view, cannot be overestimate and Congress should provide a channel of navigation free from the dangers of Hat. teras for the light draft Iron-clads and Torpedo boats. There are two routes by which they can avoid our dangerous coast. The Dismal Swamp Canal and the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. As the State of North Carolina owns one-third of the stock in the latter and none in the former, it would seem it would be for the interest of the State of North Carolina that her Representatives in Congress should look to the improvement of Currituck sound and that canal, particularly when by the expenditure of \$100,000 the same re sults could be obtained as by the expendi ture of fifteen times that amount by im proving the D. S. Canal. P. M

LETTER FROM CLEVELAND.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.]

KING'S MOUNTAIN, Oct. 2, 1877. MESSRS. EDITORS : Your columns have contained at sundry times interesting communications from almost every other section of our State but this. These communications constitute an admirable feakers in that old town. Just after the hold-ing of the "tent lodge" mentioned, many valuable Masonic relics became lost or and varied resources of a State which is but poorly known at home and little un-derstood abroad. The truth is that hithmounted by a sealed book, under which is erto there has been no journalistic medium of communication between the different portions of our State. Our people are not behind others in general information or intelligence, as is unjustly supposed, but various causes have combined to citizens of one section ignorant of the advantages and attractions of another. Our the central column is a bust with the head local newspapers have not come up to the full measure of their duty in this resent the Worshipful Master of the lodge. | tant regard, and then we are without any great State railroad system : no great trunk line from the rich mountain region of the left. Immediately under the capital of West to the spacious and beautiful harbors the second column was a 24 inch gauge, of the East. But a better day is dawning now detached, and below this the Holy we trust. You, at least, are deserving of Bible, opened at Kings I, chap. vii, with the thanks of all lovers of North Carolina, the square and compass across the pages. for your persistent labors in her behalf On either side of the bottom of the central and your noble efforts to build up her in column are crossed quills-the Secretary's terests at home and to defend her honor abroad.

No longer ago than the 14th of last month, the New Orleans Picayune boasted in the plainest terms that Louisiana had time, in the columns of another paper, one part in the Chisholm, tragedy, the grand nothing to fear from Mr. HATES, saying : of the very strongest reasons that moved jury of Kemper county had indicted the "If the worst comes to the worst, we have us to desire a Convention, was that the Sheriff of the county for killing a man in President HAYES' promises reduced to Constitution might be so changed as to his attempt to prevent the tragedy! The writing and securely stowed away, which may be produced when occasion shall demand." With all these facts staring them in the face, we think the people of North Carolina will deem a much longer probation necessary before they can consent to receive Mr. HAYES in full: fellowship with those whom they have been accustomed to esteem as worthy of their admiration and regard.

seves.

We take it then that knowing the sentiments of their constituents, that not one regard to fines and forfeitures is not obeysingle Democratic member of Congress ed. It is said in some instances, not many will go to Washington next week, as a we hope, that the moneys received from HAYES gusher and incense burner-not a fines and forfeitures have not been paid single one. We take it that measures of over to the county authorities, and in this legislation that promise to enure to the benefit of the country they will sup- the recent action of the Board of Commisport, no matter if Mr. HAVES favors them, sioners for Wake county in directing prosand no matter if he opposes them; in a word we take it that in deciding what failing to account properly for all funds of votes they will give, they will not stop to this character, and to express the hope consider from what source any measure that the example will be promptly followed

may come but only whether it is constitu- in every county in the State. Let school tional, just and wise, and vote accordingly. committees and school trustees, and every What will be done at the special session, body who feels an interest in promoting

less one.

better will do no good practically unless

the better provisions are regarded, and it

would seem, if the complaints that are be-

ginning to come in are well founded, that

the new provision of the Constitution in

connection we take occasion to commend

ecution to be instituted against all persons

ost direct manner in for him to do so?

One of two things is certain. When Mr. HAYBS appoints men charged as WELLS and ANDERSON have been charged, with the gravest crimes, he either does not believe those men guilty, or he intends to screen them from punishment at all hazards. As Mr. HAVES is not a fool, it is not to be supposed he thinks WELLS and ANDERSON two injured innocents, and we are forced to the conclusion, therefore, that he is bent on saving them from punishment for crimes committed in his interest, and the fruits of which he is to-day enjoying. He may do this simply from that kind of honor which is said o exist even among thieves, or he may do

because he fears their disclosures ; we now not which it is nor do we care much. We do know, however, that the appointment, one after another, of the Radical members of the Returning Boards of Florida and Louisiana to offices of honor and trust and lucrative emolument is a shame and a disgrace to the country and to the age in which we live.

that such scoundrels as those now in office in New Orleans are the trusted and honored agents of our government, we can not help feeling the greatest indignation of the clergy, Rev. Drs. Huske and Bux prosperity of the State at heart, were at the man who is responsible for the ton, and Rev. Mr. Hughes; and Dr. A. J. damning disgrace.

INSTEAD of indicting the rioters at Pitts-

burg the grand jury has indicted Gen. majority, by such a majority indeed as fact the New York Nation asks what the was before unknown in the State. With Northern people would have thought if us, we frankly confess as we stated at the instead of indicting the men who took permit the Legislature and the people of question is a very pertinent one and shows North Carolina to go forward untrammel. the difference between the Southern view led in the cause of education. Under the of things and the general Northern one. Canby Constitution the work was a hope- The Nation evidently thinks that the Pittsburg grand jury as Judge Pearson

> The mail service in North Carolina does not often afford opportunity for congratuour neighbors. But the people of Fayread THE OBSERVER on the morning of its publication and to find therein later news than will reach them from any other quar-With our old friends of the Pee Dee

country, too, we are to be brought into lose connection. So soon as a mail agent is placed on the route of the Raleigh &

a very large proportion of the special term thus arising shall be appropriated to the position of Commander-in-Chief of the THE removal of MEHEMET ALI from his owning two-fifths, would be \$1,304 a year. It must be admitted not a good investment many never having seen a railroad. This with the new line of s MESSES. EDITORS:-If the news sh neither the Parliment (sic) of Great Britain on \$2.0,0001 Therefore, Messrs. Editors, it cannot be said the canal has been a *fi-nancial success*. That it has been of great service to the State more will done of great rpose prescribed by the Constitution. built of timber brought from abroad, hav-Turkish army on the Danube and the apnot reach you before this you may menrangement of the committees of the House, nor any member or constituent Branch We look upon this as an important mat- pointment of SULEIMAN PASHA to the couing been framed in England. Was not thereof, have a right to impose Taxes upon this something like bringing coals to New tion, as a matter materially affecting the farming prospect of Duplin county, the fact that the largest freshet ever known to so, that by the time the committees are all ter, and beg that our cotemporaries of the mand is attributed to Turkish jealousy of this something like bringing coals to New-castle? It was crected by Francis Corbin service to the State, none will deny, and if produce and causing considerable reduc-the amount set aside for dividends since tion in the cost of freight is awakening appointed, and the House ready to get to press will call special attention thereto cy thereof, and that all attempts by Frand the foreign element in civil and military work, the beginning of the regular session the oldest citizens of this county occurred in 1757-8. On its top is a queer octagonal We have entered upon a new era in the or Force to establish and exercise such the amount set aside for dividends since 1841, had been expended in keeping up the canal, it would not now be in such a de-plorable condition. It was owing to this fact that the States of North Carolina and in the North East River a few days since positions. Between the two Generals also Claims and Powers are Violations of the observatory or tower, which seems a meet abode for owls. Age gives dignity to this old, dreary, grim-looking wooden pile; as it does to so many things not intrinsically observatory or tower, which seems a meet will be at hand. We are inclined to doubt, matter of education in North Carolina, (Saturday night and Sunday.) Some of the best farms in this section are comthere has long been rivalry. The recent therefore, if the special session does more and let us see to it that it shall prove a victories of SULEIMAN and retreat of MEthan organize the new House, appoint its pletely overflown and materially injured. better one as well as a new one. But to it does to so many things not intrinsically worthy. It is approached by huge steps of imported hewn sandstone. The wains-coting and other interior wood-work is chiefly of black walnut, entirely free from knots. Virginia chartered another company, "The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Compa-ny," which is the only canal in this coun-HEMET have given opportunity for the The merchants on the river have sustained and Collectively are bound by the Acts and Resolutions of the Continental and the Provincial Congresses because in both committees, and make temporary provision make it a better one we must have more for the maintenance of the army and navy, extensive losses by the washing away of turpentine, tar, staves, &c., and stock will be injured or lost more or less. As an ilchange, though the Turkish Government money as well as better intentions, and ny." which is the only canal in this coun-try on which steam power is used exclusive-ky. This canal has only one Lock forty feet wide, the largest on the Atlantic coast, an abundant supply of water and according to the report of the Hon. W. J. McAlpine, Civil Engineer and Expert of the U. S. Supreme Court, is capable of transporting fifty millions of tons annually; or more than two hundred times its present business. has not been slow to change its Generals. and leave all legislation pertaining to the this the prompt and full return of all they are freely represented by persons chosen by themselves and we do solemn-ly and sincerely promise and engage under the sanctions of Virtue, Honor and vertise all over the Northern States farms placed in their hands free of charge, only vexed questions of the day to the regular lustration of the dimensions of the freshet we will mention that the stores of R. H. Brown and Wallace & Middleton, in the the British coat-of arms. The windows moneys arising from fines and penalties and "THE organization of Texas State troops demanding a fair commission when sale is made. It is to be hoped everybody who session, which begins on the first Monday forfeitures into the hands of the proper Brown and Wallace & Middleton, in the town of Hallsville were covered in water from six inches to one foot and a boat could be carried in the porches in front. We hear of some families that had to be carried from their houses in boats. The loss will be immense not only to private individual but to the county as many bridges are washed away entirely. From several portions of the county there can be no passing at all. Trom Onslow county we hear that the state of affairs is amilar. I will mention the fact, too, that within for service on the Rio Grande looks like in December." county authorities will give us. If the the Sacred Love of Liberty and our counhas more land than they can profitably business." We hope it does. If the Govpress of the State shall do its duty fully in try to maintain and support all and every the acts, resolutions and regulations of the said Continental and Provincial Congresses cultivate will place it with this company, and thus encourage this effort to settle up ernment of the United States cannot pro-THERE will be lively times in South the premises, as we doubt not it will do Carolina this month. The legislative com- it, our experience will prove that the tect the people of Texas they should the country with a class of good practical to the utinost of our power and ability. In testimony whereof we have hereto set our hands this 19th of June, 17.76. protect themselves. Experience has shown mittee have incontestable evidence of PAT- benefits actually derived from the ratificafarmers. It may not be generally known that the navigation of Dismal Swamp Canal has not been interrupted for several years. Boats continue to pass through it, and without the expenditure of money it can do ten times the business now offering. Your Baltimore correspondent says it has been estimated that \$200,000 would TERSON and CHAMBERLAIN'S robberies, and tion of the amendments to the Constituthat DIAZ either cannot or will not stop the raids of Mexican marauders. He needs that nearly every Radical member of the tion, in this regard at least, are to the full RICHARD HOSKINS, WM. BOYD, assistance from the American side, and we present State Senate is guilty of bribery, as great as it was predicted they would be. DAVID RICE, DAVID RICE, THOS. BENBURY, AARON HILL, JACOB HUNTER, PELATIAH WALTON, JOHN BEASLEY, forgery and corruption. Warrants are out hope the Texans will teach him how to for the arrest of all of them, and their now owned and occupied by four maiden daughters of Captain Nathaniel Bond long since deceased. These ladie dminister justice. THEATTAR WALTON, JOHN BEASLEY, WM. HINTON, WILLIAM BENNETT, THOS. BONNER, WILLIAM ROBERTS The present Court-house in Edenton was built, or rather begun, in 1728, under an en-actment of his Excellency the Palatine and the rest of the absolute Lords Proprietors forty feet wide should pass each other in the rest of the absolute Lords Proprietors forty feet wide should pass each other in Snow Hill, -Advance, A NEW Radical paper called the Nacases will come up in the present term of tional Union made its appearance at the I will mention the fact, too, that within THE Grand Duke NICHOLAS is suffering from liver compisint. Turkey don't agree the last week two negroes have been killed long since deceased have a great many coroner has been investigating them to cheological curiosities. the general sessions. Quite a number of National Capital on Wednesday morning from liver complaint. Turkey don't agree the rascals are anxious, it is said, to peach. last. It will support Mr. HATES. interesting ar-Their walls are very truly, X. Y. adorned by portraits of early residents of with him. day.

plumb; above this two gavels, and, still higher and directly under the open Bible. was of wood and very small. The deed of of symbolism to the brethren of the mystic agricultural and mineral sections of the the church lot is recorded in Old English or German text. Dr. John Blair was the first wide—and has a buckskin covered cushion. State. Within 1½ miles of our village is wide—and has a buckskin covered cushion. on's heads; the arms a lion's paws. dark slate or red sandstone, of some masons being present, by virtue of a war-of the early settlers. Owing to the per- rant from J. Montfort, P. G. Master. On ishable quality of the stone under the sure | that date officers were elected and the name "Unanimity" adopted. Two years ago its centennial was duly celebrated. The Bible of the lodge was printed at London in examined I could make out none older 1738, and is still in use. Other old relics than 1763. The most ancient cemetery in are a quaint porcelain pitcher decorathis vicinity is about four miles south- ted with masonic emblems and odes, and eastward of the village, immediately on the sound. It is called Montpelier. One cisely 60 minutes to run out, as they did cisely 60 minutes to run out, as they

wont to meet when Edenton was honored

scene of colonial festivity in ball and ban-

"Youth and beauty meet, To chase the glowing hours with flying feet.

herring and 6,000 shad have been made.

quet, and is yet a place where often

county, near the Gaston county line, on the Charlotte and Atlanta Air Line Re two plumbs. The whole presents a wealth Road. This is certainly one of the finest wide-and has a buckskin covered cushion. the King's Mountain gold mine, which has The front feet of the chair represent drag- been in operation for years until recently and from which millions of the coveted ore According to the minutes, the Lodge has been taken. Crowder's Mountain was organized Nov. 8th, 1775, six master which is but a continuation of the King's Mountain range, both of which are a singular and beautiful span of the Blue Ridge is almost a bed of iron, said by Prof. Kerr, to be found in more abundance and in as fine quality as anywhere in our State. The ore creeps out in various places and here and there masses can be picked up lying about on the sides of the mountain. Thes mines are not worked now at all, simply

King's Mountain is situated in Clavelon

for want of enterprise and capital. Near Crowder's Mountain is a remarkable pring which is known locally as the allnealing spring. I do not know that the

water has ever been analyzed, and yet any number of certificates could be obtained of its wonderful curative properties. All cu-taneous and scrofulous or syphilitic discoting. This hall has witnessed many a seases yield to it like a charm. Cases of chronic and acute sore eyes-sore legs of years standing and all other maladies growing out of impurities of the blood,

and diseases peculiar to females, and Every North Carolinian who can, and others more than I can mention have been for that matter everybody else, ought to relieved after regular course of medicine visit Edenton, see all these antiquarian treasures, and drink in from the lips of the from the physicians have failed. The waters are fine and persons send for it from a old citizens all these riches of tradition. The trip from Franklin. is, in itself, dedistance in quantities and it does not seem to lose its efficacy. Near it are mounds lightful. There are immense fisheries in the vicinity where single hauls of 150,000 and old camp debris which show that the Indians years ago knew its propertics and came to seek its virtues. this spring in New York instead of North Carolina, it would be eagerly sought after veloped rapidly within the last few years as an investment and made to contribute in this neighborhood, and great quantities its wonderful relief to suffering thousands. Even consumptive patients, in the last stages of the disease, have been cured by using the waters of this spring. Mrs. Chism, a highly respected lady living near here, is a remarkable instance of the latter. ALBEMARLE & CHESAPEAKE GANAL AND DIS-MAL SWAMP GANAL. and after using the water for less than two

months she has been entirely restored. This is but introductory to other letters which I propose to send you, from our MESSES. EDITORS:-I notice your abl We have cotton factories and Bection. diforial and also the communication of paper mills and flour mills and schools, your correspondent in Baltimore in regard to the Dismal Swamp Canal in your issue and agricultural societies which are eminently worthy of notice. Respectfully, J. S.

BEAUFORT COUNTY LETTER.

The Dismal Swamp Canal is perhaps The Storm-Bridges, Mill-Dams and one of the oldest works of its kind in the Mills Swept Away-Damage Crops, Etc., Etc. United States. Its charter dates in 1786. It was enlarged and rebuilt in 1818, and

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER] WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, 1877.

since that to 1840, all the surplus earnings were spent on its enlargement and im-MESSES EDITORS : This section of the rovement. In 1841 a change of manage State is visited with the heaviest rain fall ment was made, and the company whose stock was owned principally by the Uni-ted States Government and State of Virknown within memory of the oldest inhabitants. For several days the clouds had been gathering with ominous indicaginia, divided the surplus earnings instead tions, and on Thursday evening the rain set of expending it on the canal as before that in and continued falling in torrents steadperiod. The company has been incorpo ily without intermission or abatement until rated 92 years and has made only thirteen Saturday morning, accompanied by a heavy lividends, amounting in all to about northeast gale. All the creeks and smalle \$300:000: of which two-fifths, or about streams are swollen to a height unpreceden-\$120,000 was due to the government and nearly a like sum to the State of Virginia. ted, the water sweeping away all the bridges in every direction, thereby putting State received her dividends, but a stop to traveling. All the mill dams owing to the representations made to Conthroughout the county are broke and several gress, the United States Government remill houses carried away-the destruction to this kind of property being great and mitted to the company nearly all her porserious. The bridges over the streams being carried away, we have had no mails since the 27th ult., and it may be several Your correspondent has endeavored to show the canal was a profitable enterprise, and therefore entitled to aid from the gendays yet before the mail carriers can travel. Wm. Boyd, Thos. Benbury, Jacob Hun-ter, John Beasley, Wm. Bennet, Wm. Roberts, Richard Hoskins, David Rice, Wm. loss of the cotton crop, it being blown flat on the ground and much of it covered with water and mud.

does not say anything about that amount being returned to the company to be ex-pended on the work. Thirteen dividends Railway, from Wilmington to Charlotte, Our isolated community is considerably is by no means certain. The regular ses- the efficiency of our school system feel will receive their papers on the day of issue. in ninety-two years of \$300,000, will aveexcited over the completion of the Rail sion will meet in less than two months, and that it is his duty to see to it that the fund road from Jamesville to this place-very rage \$3,260 annually ! The United States,

is much to see of new as well as old. PSI UPSILON. [Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] NORFOLK, Oct. 1877.