

Claims of the Merchants.

Following Piece on the subject of the Claims of the Merchants...

From the Carolina Gazette.

The claim of our merchants for indemnification respecting French spoliation, is a measure, which well deserves the serious consideration of every well-wisher to his country...

be convenient now for the merchants to assert, that the protection of their property was neglected. But we have already shown, that as the whole power of the community were in the hands of men strongly attached to the mercantile body, our commerce must have been protected as far as circumstances would admit...

expect to come in as insurers. For, who are the insurers but the most opulent of the merchants, and the best informed respecting the real risk upon commerce? It is by industry that the insurer makes money, unless it be the industry of the gameller. By calculating the chances for and against the capture of our vessels, he discovers the real risk; and in rating his premium for insurance, he takes care, like all other true gamblers, to have the chances in his favour...

we have been obliged to pay, for a fulling, from 16 to 20, and from two to nearly three dollars, for the respective articles. How is it possible to account for this exorbitant price upon any but the foregoing principles, to wit: that the consumers of these articles have not only made good the reasonable profits of the commercial agents, but have absolutely paid for all the property lost or captured by the way, together with all other extra charges...

Scheme of a Lottery. Prize to consist of 850 Acres of good Land in Johnston County... This Lottery will commence Drawing at Smithfield by the Managers, on the second Monday in June next...