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Order are the plans of fair, delightful peace, Unwar'd by party rage, to live like brothers.

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Two Friends.

The following Memorial to the Secretary of State, of the South-Carolina Insurance Company, and of the Merchants and others, interested in the commerce of the City of Charleston, with the Secretary's Reply, have just made their appearance.

THE MEMORIAL Of the President and Directors, &c. Respectfully sheweth,

THAT your Memorialists are deeply affected by the recent capture, at the very entrance of this port, of the American ship Two Friends, by a French privateer. This event has excited among all classes of citizens, the strongest sensations, not only because the said ship was captured without any colour of pretence, within sight of land, but because she is our only regular London trader, and had on board a full supply of spring and summer goods. The distress and anxiety occasioned by these circumstances, are greatly enhanced from our having been hitherto deprived of our spring supplies, and from an anticipation of the consequences justly to be apprehended from a continuance of similar outrages, should not the most prompt and effectual measures be adopted for the protection and security of our commercial interests.

Your Memorialists are authorized to add, (altho' the fact be not detailed in the Protest) that it appears from undoubted authority, that the magnitude of the prize was the sole inducement to the above mentioned capture, the captor having said that they would release the Two Friends, in the event of their falling in with any other valuable prize, which might be more worthy their notice.

This most extraordinary capture, in direct violation of our treaty with France, (as appears by the accompanying documents) has already been followed by events no less alarming, our harbour being at this moment completely blockaded by three French privateers, (and more are daily expected) which examine all vessels coming in and going out of this port, and either detain or release them, according as their value excites the cupidity of the cruizers.

This degrading state of our harbor, has necessarily raised the premium of Insurance, thus forcing additional sums from the pockets of our citizens, has advanced the price of every commodity, and created a distressing stagnation of our exports; for the merchants, not receiving their goods from abroad, are incapacitated from purchasing the produce of the country. Among these deplorable effects of the defenceless and humiliating condition of our commerce, may be moreover enumerated, the immense loss of duties: those on the ship Two Friends alone, being estimated by the Collector at 45,000 dollars.

Your Memorialists have the best reasons for believing that this early success, experienced by these French privateers, will immediately allure others in swarms to our coasts and bar, to the total ruin of private mercantile concerns, and the most fatal defalcation of the public revenue: Your memorialists have no less ground for apprehending that British cruizers, availing themselves of the absence of domestic protection, will, under the colour of expelling the French, assume and occupy their ground, and either retain us in the same degraded state, harassing our vessels by searches and detentions, or subject us to the disgraceful and mortifying obligations of gratitude, for alien succour and relief.

Your memorialists are the more alarmed at these depredations, because much valuable property is still expected this summer from other quarters than London, and considerable importations will be

looked for in the fall for our winter supplies; and should there not be an early and effectual check to these aggressions; should our fall importations be also interrupted, the calamities of the last year produced by the hurricane and other causes, in which this city has so largely participated, would be aggravated to such an extent, as to eventuate in general ruin—and these great alarms and apprehensions of your Memorialists, are heightened by the well known circumstance of many of the cruizers, which infest our shores, belonging to St. Jago de Cuba and Barroca, in which receptacles our vessels and their cargoes, with the knowledge of the Government of Cuba, are instantly sold, without even the formality of a trial, or any condemnation whatever, thereby precluding every future probability of redress.

Your Memorialists avail themselves of this occasion, to notice a late decision of the district court within this State, grounded on an act of Congress, whereby the territorial jurisdiction of the United States is limited to the short distance of three miles, or a marine league, from the coasts or shores, which by the said court is construed to mean three miles from the land; consequently the middle channel of our bar being more than three miles distant from the nearest land, is pronounced by judicial authority, to be without the jurisdiction of the United States! The very entrance of our harbours, in full sight of the city, where vessels are frequently obliged to anchor, while waiting for a tide, and with a pilot on board, is, by our own tribunals, acknowledged to be without the protection of our government!!!

Your Memorialists refrain from commenting on the pernicious effects of a system of policy so pregnant with dishonor and ruin to the trade and navigation of the Union at large, but more particularly to those of Charleston, from the geography of whose shores, and peculiar local situation of whose bar and harbour, every vessel in her ingress and egress, is thus subjected to search, detention or seizure. We content ourselves with a bare statement of the above grievance, superadded to so many others, not doubting that the President will take the same into consideration, and being duly impressed with the necessity of some early remedial arrangement, either of a legislative or diplomatic nature, will recur to such as may appear most conducive to the desired end.

Your Memorialists having thus exhibited but an imperfect view of their ruinous, unprotected, and degraded situation, rely with confidence on the prompt interposition of the President, to obtain, by representations to the minister of France, and of Spain, (in the event of the Two Friends being carried into a Spanish port) restitution of the said ship and her cargo, and to cause a stop to be put to similar spoliations. And your Memorialists further most earnestly solicit some immediate and effectual naval protection for our harbour and shores, together with such other measures as the national councils, in their wisdom, may deem expedient, as well for prevention of the renewal of the outrages we have sustained, as for the permanent safety and protection of our commercial and navigating rights and interests.

Charleston, S. Carolina, June 22, 1805.

REPLY.

Department of State, 10th July, 1805.

SIR,

I have received your letter of the 22d ult. inclosing the Memorial of the Insurance Company of which you are President, and of

the Merchants and others, interested in the commerce of Charleston.

Having been before made acquainted by the Collector of the Customs, with the circumstances of the capture of the Two Friends, I lost no time in stating it to the French Minister, who has replied, that the communication made to him respecting this affair, by the commissary of his nation at Charleston, had enabled him to anticipate my desires, by requesting the Captains General of the French colonies, to all of whom he had written respecting it, to obtain satisfaction for this violation of the convention between France and the United States.

The observations contained in the Memorial respecting the local situation, and the protection necessary for the port of Charleston and the adjacent coast, have been weighed by the President, and in connection with other information, will promote such measures as the nature of his functions, the existing laws, and the public good, may be thought to admit and require.

I have the honor to be, sir, Very respectfully your most obt. servt.

JAMES MADISON.

THOMAS CORBETT, Esq.

For Sale.

TRAT VERY VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND,

IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Which was granted by the State of North-Carolina to Gen. Jethro Sumner in consideration of his military services it contains 10,000 Acres, or thereabout, free from dispute of any kind, emcompassing the head waters of Big Harpans, Mill Creeks, Arrington's Creek and Stuart's Creek, and is fully qualified, if not superior in fertility, to any other tract of equal extent within the Military boundaries. Land conveniently situated in this tract, or Property of almost any other kind, will be received in Payment. If one-third of the value is paid down in Cash, a convenient Credit will be given for the remainder, the purchaser giving Bond bearing interest from the date payable annually with approved Security.

Persons desirous to purchase, may learn the Price, and of more particularly informed of the conditions, by applying to Thomas Blount, at this place, or to Willie Blount or John Strother, at or near Nashville. Thomas Blount. Thos. E. Sumners. Tarborough, N. C. May 2, 1805.

Spring & Summer Goods.

THE Subscribers beg leave to inform the Public in general, and their Customers in particular, that they have just received, and are now opening, a very large and general Assortment of Goods, the greater part imported directly from the Manufacturers, which they offer for Sale, by wholesale and Retail, on moderate Terms. A considerable Discount will be made to those who purchase with ready Money.

They have also on Hand,

All Kinds of East and West-India Goods, and upwards of Ten Thousand Bushels of Liverpool Salt. Produce of every Kind received in Payment.

DONALDSON, MAC MILLAN & Co. Fayetteville, July 10th, 1805.

A CAMP MEETING,

WILL be held on Fishing Creek, near Edmund Jones's, (Ransom's Bridge) beginning on Friday 6th September next, and will continue four Days. The celebrated Lorenzo Dow is expected. PHILIP BRUCE. July 30, 1805.

Wanted to Rent, In the vicinity of Raleigh, Land sufficient to employ four or five Hands, Enquire of the Printer hereof.

SELECT HYMNS.

Just published by the Printer hereof, A New Edition (being the fifth) of Hymns and Spiritual Songs, selected by the Rev. Geo. Roberts, which may be had of J. Gales's Store retail at one shilling each; at one Dollar per Dozen, or Six Dollars a hundred.

CASTOR OIL.

J. GALES has just received a fresh Supply of Castor Oil, which he will sell by the Bottle, or in smaller quantities.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.

IN the Night of the 23d instant made their Escape from the Goal of Hillsborough district, Thomas Maurice, John Jones, Abraham Collins, Nathan Holtsclaw, and John Gester; the two first of whom were convicted at the last Circuit Court of the United States, held at Raleigh, and sentenced to five years imprisonment for counterfeiting or passing counterfeited Bank Notes of the Bank of the United States; the third and fourth were also committed for trial for the like offence; and the fifth on a charge of Horse stealing.

I will give a Reward of one Hundred Dollars to any Person who shall apprehend and deliver to me at this place, either of the four first named persons, and Twenty five Dollars for the last.

SAMUEL TURRENTINE, Sheriff of Orange County.

North Carolina. Hillsborough, July 25, 1805

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN Away from the Subscriber living in Caswell County, within four Miles of the High Rock Ford on Haw-River, a Negro Man named CHARLES, of a yellow Complexion, branded on his Forehead and Breast with I HILL: He speaks bold, coarse and thick. I have no doubt but he will endeavour to pass as a free Man, having taken with him 55 or 60 silver Dollars. The rewards are so particular and plain, that I think a farther Description is unnecessary. Any Person who will deliver said Negro to me at my own house, shall receive the above Reward and all reasonable Expences paid; or the above Reward to secure him in any Gaol so that I get him again.

THOMAS NEELY, Caswell County, July 18, 1805.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RUN AWAY, From the Subscriber, on the 25th of June last, near the Alenance Post-Office, Guilford County.

TWO NEGROES, a Fellow and a Wench, the Fellow named Jacob, about 60 years old, about six feet high, black Complexion, both his Ears are cropped, and he generally wears a Cap. The Wench is about 35 years old, of a middle stature, black complexion. They both had on when they went away, homespun Cloaths. It is supposed they will make for Edenton, as they were raised there, and are expected they will pass for free.

Any person apprehending said Negroes, and confining them in Gaol, or delivering them to the Subscriber, shall be entitled to the above Reward, and all reasonable Expences. JOHN SMITH. July 13, 1805.

RUNAWAY

From the Subscriber living in Waynesborough, N. C. about the 20th of June last,

A NEGRO MAN named JOHN about twenty five Years of Age, five Feet 4 Inches high; very black, and his Eyes rather red; he is a little bow-legged he has a very bushy Head, and a small Scar in his Forehead; he was raised in South Carolina by a Mr. Burgess, and sold to some man in the lower part of that State; he was taken off by a northern Negro, and was taken up here, and said his Name was DAVY; some time since, a Mr. John Dyson came after said Fellow and sold him to me; I think he will aim for some Sea-port. Any Person that will apprehend said Negro, and confine him in any Jail so that I get him, shall have a Reward of Twenty-five Dollars; or any Person that will deliver said Fellow to me in Waynesborough, shall be paid for their Trouble. ISAAC HANDLEY. July 10th 1805.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, } HERRFORD COUNTY. } May Term. 1805.

Hardy Murfree, } Original Attachment. John S. Hill, } attached one Negro Man by the Name of Willis, the Land and Plantation whereon John S. Hill farmer, lived.

I appearing to the Court that the Defendant does not live within the limits of the State—it was, by the Court, on motion, Ordered, That Publication, by way of Notice, be made in the Raleigh Register for three Months, for the Defendant to appear and reply to the Property attached, by putting in Bail, &c. otherwise the Court will, at the next Session, proceed to Judgment and award Execution. A Copy, Test, JO: F. DICKINSON, Clk.

NOTICE.

THE Subscribers intend to remove out of this State in the Month of October next. All those that have claims against either of us, are requested to come forward and receive payment; and all those indebted to either of us, are requested to discharge their respective balances immediately.

WILLIAM MOSS, jun. THOMAS B. S. MOSS. Caswell County, (N. C.) July 29, 1805.

ALL KINDS OF PRINTING Executed with neatness and dispatch, At the State Printing-Office.

SHERIFFS' SALES.

WILL BE SOLD,

on Saturday the 14th of September next, at 10 o'clock Court-House in Robeson County,

THE following Tracts of Land, or so much as will satisfy the Taxes and Costs due thereon, for the year 1804, viz. 2000 Acres belonging to Philemon Hodges, not given in. 300 Acres in the Horse Neck, not given in, owner unknown. 500 Acres on both sides of the Reedy Branch, supposed to be the property of John Sloan. 400 Acres on the Great Swamp, supposed to belong to said John Sloan. 300 Acres on the South side of Ashpole Swamp, the property of the Heirs of William Beaswell. 100 Acres given in by William Brown. 750 Acres given in by John Little of Richmond County. ALFRED ROWLAND, Siff. August 1st, 1804.

NOTICE.

WILL be sold at the Court House in Robeson County, on Saturday the 7th of September, 550 Acres of Land, supposed to be the Property of Richard Thomas, deceased, lying on both sides of the White Oak Swamp, and the Taxes due for the year 1804. A. ROWLAND, Siff. July 20, 1805.

NOTICE

IS hereby given, that on the 16th day of September next, the following Tracts of Land situate in the County of Burke, will be exposed for sale, at the Court-House in Morganton, for the Taxes due thereon for the Years 1803 and 1804, viz.

10,000 Acres lying on the Waters of the South Fork of the Catawba River, the property of James Greenlee. 50 Acres lying on the Waters of South Muddy Creek, the property of James McConnell. 100 Acres lying on South Muddy Creek, the property of Jonathan Hinds. 300 Acres lying on Silver Creek, the property of James Ben. 100 Acres lying on the Waters of South Muddy Creek, the property of Kisen Robertson. 100 Acres lying on the Waters of the Catawba River, the property of John Jones. 250 Acres lying on the Waters of South Muddy Creek, the property of Samuel Pritchard. Two Tracts lying on the Waters of Tower River, the property of Abel Sinking. R. ALEXANDER, Siff. July 22nd, 1804.

WILL BE SOLD,

On Saturday the 31st day of August next, at the Court-house in Montgomery County,

THE following Tracts of Land, or so much thereof as will satisfy the Taxes and Costs due thereon for the year 1804, viz. 275 Acres on Long Creek, formerly belonging to Acy Atkins. 300 Acres on David's Creek, formerly belonging to Benjamin Edwards. 300 do. on the waters of Peedee, formerly belonging to William Hunter. 300 do. on the waters of Rocky river, belonging to Joshua Hadley. 150 do. on the waters of Mountain creek, belonging to Leonard Marby. 113 do. on the waters of Rocky river, belonging to Green Roper. 200 do. on Cedar creek, belonging to W. Sneed. 200 do. on the waters of Little river, belonging to Alexander Chance. 240 do. on Little River, belonging to John Deaton, 1315 do. on the waters of Deep river, returned by Wm. Goin. 90 do. on Mountain creek, run by Edward Harris, Esq. 150 do. on the waters of Yadkin river, returned by Lewis Latin. 300 do. on Cheek's creek, returned by Edward Howard. 65 do. on Clark's creek, the property of William Howard, jun. 100 do. on Haman's creek, belonging to Stephen Pitcock. 5000 do. on the waters of Rocky river, joining the Cabarrus line, belonging to Rose, or his heirs, of the State of N. York. 100 do. on the waters of Mountain creek, belonging to John M'Lisier. 200 do. on do. returned by L. Marberry. 100 do. on do. belonging to Arth. Harris. 75 do. on Big Long creek, belonging to the heirs of Augustus Rowland. 300 do. on David's creek, belonging to Governor Martin. 200 do. on the waters of Rocky river, belonging to Harman Hobson. 250 do. on Peedee river, formerly belonging to Simon Poo. 100 do. on the waters of Clark's creek, belonging to Solomon Barrett. 350 do. on the waters of Little river, returned by Jesse Boling. 75 do. on do. returned by Aneel Erwin. 100 do. on do. returned by H. Morris, jr. 400 do. on do. returned by Sol. Carpenter. 100 do. on Little river, returned by Reuben Morris. 400 do. on Clark's creek, returned by James Scarborough. July 12. TH. C. WILLIAM, Siff.