



Once are the plan of fair and faithful peace, Unwieldy by party rage, to live like brothers.

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MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY.

The following Letter from his Excellency Governor Williams to one of his Friends in Rockingham County, in this State, furnishes, perhaps, a more correct account of the above Territory, than any thing heretofore published.

DEAR SIR, It is true I have written to you but once since my arrival in this country, but you and my other friends are assured it has not been for the want of a disposition to do so, but because I have not had time.

My double duty (for I am directed by the Government to continue as Commissioner) takes all my time, and more than a man ought to appropriate to business. However being so unexpectedly detained from my family and domestic concerns to which I am so anxious to return, the delay can only be rendered tolerable by being constantly employed in business.

I am sorry to hear of the scarcity in your quarter, and the United States generally; but very justly suppose nothing of that kind can take place on the banks of the Mississippi, the vast extent of country through which it flows, and the variety of climates it embraces, will always make its banks overflow with milk and honey, and with maddly water alone, as is supposed by some in the States.

This climate is very agreeable in the summer, and in the winter delightful. I have never been as sensible of the heat here as in N. Carolina, or Pennsylvania; there the nights are frequently more distressingly hot than the days—here it is the reverse.

As to politics, I suppose you cannot expect much from me on that score, you living more in the way of such things than myself. I will only say for our little quarter, it will be very soon more quiet and settled than ever, and that too with general satisfaction; except with Cato West and his small party, who have attempted to embarrass my administration, but all to no effect.

The people in this country are generally well disposed to the present administration, and those measures so generally approved by the nation at large.—All they want is a chance to evince their attachment to a just administration. But the man at the head of affairs here, who affords it, and who makes qualification for office, and not political doctrines or creeds his guide, will almost expect to receive all the vengeance of this West faction, as I have done. But it has had but one effect, that is, to give themselves a LASCIPERIAN FALL.

My best respects and any information this letter may contain to Mr. — and the rest of your neighbors, for I have not time to write another letter now to any of them.

I am with usual Sentiments of respect, Your's, &c. ROBT. WILLIAMS

SOME ACCOUNT OF THE TOMBS AND SETTLEMENT.

The Editor has just received a letter from the Hon. Harry Toulmin, one of the Judges of the Mississippi Territory, dated at Fort St. Stephens, August 13th, from which the following information is extracted.—Shantford Palladium.

The settlements on the Tombigby, (or Elmore-river, i. e. Bear River), so called by the Indians, after a box-maker, who formerly lived on some of its head waters) extends from the Spanish line about 14 miles below Fort Stoddard, to the Indian boundary line about 14 miles above Fort St. Stephens, the two forts being about 44 miles from each other.—but it is no where, I think, more than six miles from the river, till you get above fort St. Stephens, where there are some plantations eight or ten miles from the river. There is likewise a pretty good settlement on the waters of the Alabama and Tensas, in the north-eastern end of the country. What the number of inhabitants may be, I do not know. Some state them to be about 300 families;—there must be that number at least.

I was at a wedding a few days ago, seven miles above this place, and there were at least 150 grown persons there. In coming from fort Stoddard to this place (fort St. Stephens) you generally pass through poor pine woods; but there is a great deal of good lands in the river bottoms, and it is very common for the settlers to have their plantations in the bottoms, but to live on the high grounds.—sometimes in sight, but often entirely out of sight of their crops. But at this place the face of the country changes—it becomes considerably hilly, and instead of pine alone, you find pine intermixed with white and black oak, ash, walnut, cucumber tree, bay tree, &c. I do not think I have seen some tracts equal in quality, I think, to the lands on Bear's ass creek, which on account of the mixture of sand, they more nearly resemble than they do those about Lexington. Such tracts, how-

ever, are neither numerous nor extensive, but there is a plenty of good arming land, well watered and not unreasonably broken. The wheat raised here is generally superior to what is raised in Kentucky; and I have seen several specimens of it;—and we have two mills capable of making very good fine flour.

Below this place the stone is principally free stone; but above this there is very commonly to be met with a soft crumbling lime stone—and wherever there is a small hill of it, you may be sure of finding a rich, black soil, so far round the hill as the washings from it can extend to. They plant corn from the beginning of March to the middle of July. We have new corn meal at this time. They reap the wheat in May, so that they have new flour by the time the flour of the preceding year reaches New Orleans. It is a remarkable fine country for pork and beef. No expense attends the raising of either, as to wheat, which is raised from the woods, sells at about 55 per 100, and beef at \$2.25 a bushel, or more, and a few weeks since, \$1.00 for beef, finished at an Indian treaty here, which never cost him one cent. I am, however, do not take place every year. There were 2500 Indians here, at that time. We saw enough of them every day, but they behave well.

The wool markets are Mobile, & Pensacola, but unless the price increase in the same proportion that the settlements here will do, we must look to some more distant market. Cotton however may be regarded as the staple article, but the peculiar disposition of 14 per centum, is a great drawback on the price of the planter here; but we look forward with confidence to the extension of this claim. The price of corn is from a half a dollar to a dollar per barrel of one and a half bushels, and the price of wheat from one dollar to one and a half per bushel. Cows are nearly the same price as in Kentucky, but it is difficult to buy any, as people do not like to decrease their stock, though they are frequently numerously large. The price of land may be ascertained from the United States. However the quantity of good land for sale is so large, and consequently our wishing to purchase, ought to see the country and make his choice in time. The distance by land from Nashville, is about 160 miles. New few tracts will sell for more than \$2, payable in four instalments.

But when we have the free navigation of the river, I know nothing which should render this land less valuable than good land within 20 miles of Richmond, Virginia. We have petitioned government to purchase a fine tract of land from the Chactaws on the other side of the river. We hope likewise to obtain about 40 miles square from the Creeks. Our improvements are very bare. Few orchards,—no brick or stone houses, and but few framed ones,—no sheep, and as to poultry, only the common fowl. For a man that has several working hands, I think no place can offer more advantages. Cheap lands, a fine navigation, and some good soil. The river bottoms are sickly for white people,—but the upper country is healthy. My own family have had some short sickness, but not more than some years past.

SHERIFFS' SALES.

WILL BE SOLD, At the court-house in Beaufort, in Carter county, on the 17th February, 1836, THE following Tracts of Land and Town Lots in the said County, or as much thereof as will satisfy the Taxes due thereon for the year 1834: 30 acres lying on said Banks, and a Lot in Beaufort Old Town, No. 53, the property of Samuel Mobson. 20 acres lying on said Bank, 310 acres on Beaufort's creek canal, and a Lot in Beaufort Old Town, No. 55, the property of Amherst Mobson. Two Lots in said Town, Nos. 49 and 53, the property of Samuel Smith. And a Lot in said Town, No. 54, the property of James Parratt. JOSEPH C. BELL, Sheriff.

WILL BE SOLD, On Saturday the 23d day of November next, at Ashe court-house.

THE following Tracts or Parcels of Land lying in the County of Ashe, or as much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy the Taxes and cost due thereon for the year 1834, viz: 200 acres of Land the property of Casper Cable, on the Rich Mountain. 93 the property of Samuel Castle, on the south fork of New-River. 100 ditto of ditto on ditto. 100 ditto of ditto on ditto. 500 the property of James Chambers on the west of the south fork of New-River. 600 Eli Coffee on the Blue Ridge. 300 Hugh Allison on Elk creek. 400 William Allison on Laxton's creek. 200 of ditto on Elk creek. 350 of ditto on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 100 of Benjamin Hoagler on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 200 William Haine in Ashe county. 100 James Jackson, jun. on the south fork of New-River. 100 Richard Lewison on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 50 Jonathan Lipp on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 100 Nathan Murphy, on waters of the south fork of New-River. 100 John Randle on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 225 Jacob Reese Meat Camp creek. 317 John Vaught in Ashe county. 60 Hiram Ball on Watauga River. 70 of ditto on the waters of Watauga river. 100 of ditto on the waters of Cave creek. 200 De Jans's tract on the waters of Cave creek. 100 Valentine Reese, jun. on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 200 James Washburn in Ashe county. 80 John Jackson, jun. on the south fork of New-River. 500 Nathan Burdige on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 400 John Jans on Old-Fork creek. 100 James Porter on the waters of the north fork of New-River. 75 Paul Sams on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 400 James Chesler on the waters of Elk creek. 50 William Cash on the north fork of New-River. 100 of ditto on ditto. 600 Charles Gordon on the south fork of New-River. 100 of ditto on ditto. 200 Abraham Hunt on Beaver creek. 50 of ditto on Helton creek. 100 of ditto on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 100 of ditto on the waters of Cranberry creek. 400 Charles Lewis on the waters of Cranberry creek. 200 George Lewis on the waters of Cranberry creek. 200 Lantz and Owen on the north fork of New-River. 100 Elizabeth Boyer on Dog creek. 50 William Weaver on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 200 Lewis Carlton on the waters of Noland creek. 300 Howson Fletcher in Ashe county. 200 W. Ham Lead on Pine Swamp creek. 200 John Jenson on the south fork of New-River. 50 of ditto on Obe's creek. 200 Daniel Kessler on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 100 Benjamin McNeil on the south fork of New-River. 200 Larkin Humphrey on Pine Swamp. 200 Thomas Wade on the waters of Noland creek. 100 John Money on the waters of Little River. 100 Jonathan Hains on Peach-bottom mountain. 440 Benjamin Herndon in the big bend of Little River. 50 ditto on Cranberry creek. 50 Benjamin Guibert on the south fork of New-River. 100 of ditto on Mill creek. 50 Elizabeth Rier on Beaver creek and 40 do. 1000 Lorenzo Whitehead on the water of the north fork of New-River. 150 Gabriel Warren on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 200 John Fletcher, deceased, on Cranberry creek. 50 of ditto on the waters of Cave creek. 100 of ditto on ditto. 100 of ditto on Long Shoal creek. 400 of ditto on the south fork of New-River. 400 of ditto on the waters of the north fork of New-River. 50 of ditto on the Three Top Park. 200 of ditto on Long Shoal creek. 200 of ditto on the south fork of New-River. 200 of ditto on Pine Swamp creek. 300 of ditto on the north end of Blue creek. 200 of ditto on the waters of Watauga. 100 Joshua Hager on the waters of Little River. 50 of ditto on ditto. 50 Jeremiah Hays on the south fork of New-River. 200 Jonathan Park on the waters of the south fork of New-River. 100 Thomas Beck, on the same. 100 John Harman on the waters of the south fork of New-River. Joshua Cox, Sheriff. Sept. 23, 1835.

WILL BE SOLD, On Friday the 23rd day of November next, at Sampson Court-House.

THE following Lands in Sampson County, or so much thereof as will satisfy the Taxes due thereon for the year 1834: 700 Acres on the south side of Six-runs, being Micajah Newson's, no return made. The property of George Jennings, dec'd. 44 ditto on the east side of Steward's Creek, the property of Thomas Brewer or James Cook, joining Jacob Moss's Mill Land, no return made. 50 ditto on the land and on the south side of Mill Branch, near the waters of Cohery, joining Wm. Blackman and Joel Lee's lines, supposed to be the property of the Heirs of Antony Cox, no return made. 100 ditto on the east side of South River, claimed by Daniel Williams and Andrew Rivers, no return made. 100 ditto on the seven mile Swamp, joining Reuben Williams and Nathaniel Williams, supposed to be the property of Daniel Dudley or Timothy Williams, no return made. 5 ditto on or near the waters of Saylor's Branch, joining John Denison's Land, Lot George's Land, supposed to be the property of Sarah Johnson, no return made. 600 ditto returned by James Carnill, on the bend of Crane Creek. 250 ditto on the waters of Great Cohery, returned by Josiah Whitney, sen. 200 ditto returned by John Portevent, on the east side of Black River. 600 ditto on the east and south side of Little Cohery, returned by Roberson's Orphans. 200 ditto the waters of Newman's Mill Swamp, returned by William Hinder. 100 ditto on the south side of Little Cohery, returned by Sampson Deas. 100 ditto on the waters of Rockash, joining the county line, returned by Hester Brookman. 30 ditto on the east side of Six-runs, given in by the Estate of Thomas James, dec'd. 100 ditto on the waters of Rockash, returned by John Deanel. 50 ditto on joining the county line on the east side of Black River, returned by Thomas Harcher. 400 ditto returned by J. Johnson. 240 ditto on the east side of Saylor's Creek, formerly the property of William Coley, owner's name unknown to me, no return made. 250 ditto the property of John Deaman on the waters of Mill, no return made. 500 ditto on the waters of Great Cohery, returned by William McLean. 50 ditto returned by John Sampson Young. 250 ditto on the west side ten mile Swamp, returned by Edward Boyd. 100 ditto on the waters of The Lees returned by Thomas Hill. 100 ditto on the waters of South River, returned by John Larson. 150 ditto returned by Reuben Moor, returned by John Hill, returned by Thomas Magee, for one half. 300 ditto returned by John Monk, for one half. 200 ditto returned by O. S. Tyler. 200 ditto returned by J. S. Hill. 1,200 ditto the property of John Hill, of Fayetteville, on the south side of Six runs, no return. 200 ditto returned by Robert M. Price. 50 ditto the property of Isaac Hill, no return made. 14 ditto near the county line the property of John Fallow, dec'd no return. 100 ditto returned by James Goodson. 100 ditto returned by James Goodson. 500 ditto on Currituck, returned by James Alva, under Grant and Thomas Jackson's Lines, supposed to be the property of George Murray, or William Tucker, no return made. Jesse Darden, Sheriff. September 25, 1835.

WILL BE SOLD, At the court-house in German, in Stokes county, on the 16th day of November next.

THE following Tracts of Land, or so much thereof as will satisfy the Taxes due thereon for the year 1834, together with the cost of advertisement, viz: 300 acres on waters of Dan River, given by Thomas Sims. 100 ditto on waters of Dan river, given by the name of Millwood's Tract. 80 ditto on snow creek, said to be the estate of William Sharp. 100 ditto on waters of Muddy creek, given by Jonathan Houser. 300 ditto on the waters of Dan river, given by James Angel. 750 ditto on waters of Beaver Island given by William Davis. 100 ditto given by Arch'd Hill Carmick. 70 ditto on waters of Little creek, given by William Williams. 100 ditto on Muddy creek, given by William Edmonds. 100 ditto given by Joseph Cox. 100 ditto on the waters of Little Yalkin, given by Garret Spauldy. 50 ditto on waters of Heloise creek, given by Benjamin Turner. 50 ditto on the waters of Yalkin river, given by Daniel Hester. 50 ditto given by Willie Wright. 45 ditto given in by George Pierce. Isaac Nelson, Sheriff. Oct. 2, 1835.