



Repository of Genius. FOR THE REGISTER.

MESSRS. EDITORS. The following Solution of the truly ingenious Mathematical Problem of "T. P. 17" which appeared in the Raleigh Register of the 13th December, is at your service.

By the Problem, 80, the distance measured down the declivity, may be conceived the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle—and 40, the distance horizontally below the base, one of the Catheti, the difference of whose squares will be = the square of the other leg, viz. 4300, for which put x: for 40 put p. Let a = the frustum (= the distance above the shiver) and c = the height of the stump—Also, the frustum (= a) may be conceived the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle, p + c = one of the catheti, & s = the square of the other leg. The distance from the top of the Pole, while standing, to the horizontal distance below, is 160, for which put x: Then a = x - p - c. Then a^2 = x^2 + p^2 + 2pc + c^2 and also a^2 = (x - p - c)^2 = x^2 - 2xp - 2xc + p^2 + 2pc + c^2: Therefore, x + p + 2pc + c^2 = x^2 - 2xp - 2xc + p^2 + 2pc + c^2, from which equation expunge p^2 + 2pc + c^2, on both sides, we have x = x^2 - 2xp - 2xc; which, by transposition, will be 2xc = x^2 - 2xp - x: Then by division = 2c, the height of the stump in feet. W. T.

Gentlemen.—For the amusement of Mr. "T. P. 17" I offer the following Mathematical Problem, and do believe with him, that the like, occasionally proposed in our very useful Paper, would have that good effect he suggests.

A Cooper has promised, for me, when at leisure, To make a round, tapering, half bushel measure.

A good price I offer'd; he said he would take it And nine inches deep, exact, he's to make it: The top and the bottom diameters to be Just in such proportion as four is to three. Now, as he is not "a computer by trade," Pray direct him how wide the top must be made, And also the bottom diameter shew, And then how to make it he'll certainly know. Surry County. W. T.

RELIGION IN PRISON.

We have been favored with the following copy of a letter from the Prisoners in the Virginia Penitentiary, addressed to the Bishops, Elders, Deacons and Ministers composing the Virginia Conference lately held in Raleigh. Richmond, January 20, 1811.

"The Members of the Church of Christ, united to the Methodist Society, called by Grace while confined in the Virginia Penitentiary, and who are still continued under that confinement—witness Grace, Mercy and Peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

"It is with unspeakable joy that we address you, to declare unto you the abundant Goodness of God towards us.—In Nature's darkness we were in love with Sin; we pursued divers vanities, and sought the gratification of various lusts, which were contrary to our real happiness, and very often flamed our hearts with anguish.—The gay pleasures of the world engaged our pursuit.—They appeared fair to us, and strongly struck our ambition. The force of our imagination worked on this illusion, which was so powerful, as to strike dead within us, every inclination to virtue.

"We lost sight of our real interests, & were chained to the world by its charms—and even when we attained the objects of our pursuits, we were still unsatisfied and sighed for other scenes to amuse us.

"The grand Adversary of our peace, poured such a blaze of false glory in our minds, that it made the vanities of the world illustrious objects to our view.—The fascination was powerful.—We did not clearly perceive, that these were mere empty bubbles, riding high on the foaming billows of life; nor, did we, with propriety consider, that vast eternity, whither we were hastening, which swallows up all the vain ambitions of time: But we continued our vain pursuits, which has brought us to the serious catastrophe of vice, under which, we have fallen, where the God of Grace has sent to the Ministers of his word and the illuminations of his spirit, which gave us a correct view of our folly, by which we saw our danger. We saw ourselves exposed to an awful, inflamed, devouring Hell. An inward sense of Guilt filled our souls with anguish, in secret stings and racks and scourges of Conscience. We felt a conviction that we had an immortal Spirit within us, that is unsatisfied with all attainments that relate to this state of existence;

that we were accountable to a God, who with a jealous eye marks the actions of our hearts; beholds the rise and progress of each desire, and records the fruit that it brings forth in our lives; his presence filled our souls with awe, and though exposed to much temptation and distress, yet our souls beheld with full desire the best Mercy, and resolved to cleave unto the Lord with full purpose of heart.

"The word of God faithfully preached unto us, enabled us to discover, that God was pleased to offer to us poor outcasts of Mankind, the pardon of our offences, and to become reconciled to us in CHRIST. Convinced how much we needed his pardon, on our part we accepted of the Grace of God, thus offered to us, and embraced the service, love and obedience of that precious CHRIST who had done and suffered so much for us. Being justified by faith, we have as a fruit of it, peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"We feel the power of the inimitable love and passion of our DYING SAVIOUR in our hearts; our minds are impressed with a serious sense of God, RELIGION and ETERNITY. We now have found that the path of PEACE is in the way of RIGHTEOUSNESS. Many of the servants of the Lord have manifested much zeal and concern for our welfare. The Rev. Archibald Foster, a local Minister in the City of Richmond, has shewn an unabating zeal to promote the knowledge of God amongst us, and has acted for our good in every way, in which he could possibly render himself useful to us. This opportunity has been very great, from his being intimate with and having the esteem and confidence of our keeper, in a very high degree; and his endeavours have been as great and as continued, as his opportunity. Our keeper is very favourable to our Religious interests.

"Formerly, we enjoyed many advantages in the progress of the Divine life, from the holy and ardent zeal of the sympathizing soul of our beloved MEAD. We remember with melancholy joy, the pleasant moments we have spent under the instructions of and in social worship with our dear CALLOWAY. It is with pure affection and deep regret, that we have had a recent parting, with the soul-comforting and highly useful ministry, of our affectionate LATAMORE. We might multiply this account, of the pious endeavors of many other of the Lord's servants, whose usefulness in his vineyard, in part we are evidences of, some of whom continue to visit us, others of them we see no more.

"We have, from the situation in which we are placed, experienced many changes in our RELIGIOUS SOCIETY, many of our Brethren have been discharged from the prison, both by pardon and expiration of sentence, and many of them correspond with us; they still praise God for Salvation, and declare that the Heavenly lover is the best beloved of their SOULS.

"We have otherwise a good report of many:—Others alas! we hear, have turned from the way of peace. But amongst all these changes, we love and praise, and feel the present friend whom we have the best reason to trust, and with whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning. His sweet presence harmonizes all the scenes of our lives, whether prosperous or adverse. God, always wise and good in all his ways, gave us the CONSOLATION OF RELIGION when we most needed it; in deep adversity, he has bestowed on us the best MERCY. We feel, and know from what we feel, that God is love—we will live to love and praise him.

"Our number at present, is 16 whites and four blacks. May that awful and glorious Majesty that directs the councils of the Universe, preside in your Assembly, that all your deliberations, resolutions and appointments, may tend to promote and establish the DIVINE FLOURISH in the EARTH; and may you continue your Glorious race, till you join the nations of Heaven in concert with all the sanctified, and sing to golden harps, salvation, honour and glory to him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever; and may we rise to join with you in the DIVINE HARMONY, and praise our God for the sweet message of love which brought the glad tidings of salvation to us, and has filled our souls with holy love and praise.

"In all pure affection, we subscribe ourselves, your unworthy Brethren in Gospel Relation.

Signed by Order, and in behalf of the Class, MOSES JACKSON, Leader

A zealous federal Clergyman, not long since, prayed before a large Congregation, that the people of this country might be blessed with a double portion of Adam's administration.—"By this," said a grave, pious old gentleman, "I suppose our parson means, we should have two standing armies, and two land taxes.

GENUINE WIT.—From Bonaparte's enmity to the Press, it is supposed that he is a friend to Locke on the Human Understanding.

(By Authority.) LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

An Act to fix the compensation of the additional assistant Post Master General. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the additional assistant Post Master General, authorized by the act regulating the post-office establishment, shall receive an annual salary of sixteen hundred dollars, payable quarterly at the Treasury of the United States, to be computed from the time at which he may have entered upon the execution of the duties of his office. J. B. VARNUM, Speaker of the House of Representatives. GEO. CLINTON, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate. January 17, 1811—APPROVED, JAMES MADISON

An act for the relief of George Armroyd and Company. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the collector of the customs for the port of Wilmington, in the state of Delaware, be, and he is hereby directed to allow George Armroyd and Company the drawback of duties on certain merchandise, exported from the port of Philadelphia by them, in the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and nine, which merchandise so exported was imported into the district of Wilmington aforesaid, on the tenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and seven, in the schooner Christianstadt, and thence shipped coastwise to the port of Philadelphia, in the sloop Caroline and Anne; Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to compel the collector of Wilmington to grant the allowance of the drawback of duties aforesaid, until he shall receive from the collector of the port of Philadelphia satisfactory proof that the merchandise was shipped according to the forms of the laws, in such case made and provided: and also satisfactory proof from the said George Armroyd and Company, that the merchandise has been landed in some foreign port or place. J. B. VARNUM, Speaker of the House of Representatives. GEO. CLINTON, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate. January 19, 1811—APPROVED, JAMES MADISON.

An act for the relief of the heirs of the late Major General Anthony Wayne. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers be, and they are hereby authorized to re-examine and settle the accounts of the late Major General Anthony Wayne and place to the credit thereof the three several sums stated, by his executor in his memorial to Congress, dated the seventh of January, eighteen hundred and eleven, to have been disbursed by the deceased for expenses necessarily incurred in the official discharge of his duty; and three other sums stated in the said memorial, for services rendered by the said deceased to the United States. J. B. VARNUM, Speaker of the House of Representatives. GEO. CLINTON, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate. January 21, 1811—APPROVED, JAMES MADISON.

An act to authorize the Secretary at War to ascertain and settle, by the appointment of Commissioners, the exterior line of the Public Land at West Point, with the adjoining proprietor. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary at War shall be, and he is hereby authorized to settle the exterior line of the public land at West Point, in the state of New-York, now in dispute with Thomas North, the adjoining proprietor; and for that purpose to appoint three commissioners to ascertain the same, whose determination, or a majority of them, the same being first approved by the Congress of the United States, shall be final and conclusive in the premises. And any such commissioner shall be entitled to receive at and after the rate of four dollars per diem, for the time necessarily employed in executing said commission or appointment. Sec 2 And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners who may be appointed under this act, or either of them, to issue process, in nature of a writ of subpoena, for any witness that may be required on a hearing in the premises; and any person duly served with such process shall be bound to appear and testify under the like penalty, and be liable to be proceeded against in the like manner, as is provided by law in relation to any witness whose attendance is required in any court of the United States to give testimony in any matter depending therein. J. B. VARNUM, Speaker of the House of Representatives. GEO. CLINTON, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate. January 22, 1811—APPROVED, JAMES MADISON.

CASH STORE.

S. BOND, HAVING taken in a Partner, the business will in future be conducted under the firm of BOND & JONES. They have just received a fresh supply of GOODS from New York & Petersburg, which with those laid in the Fall, compose a very handsome assortment. As they intend to renew their supplies at short intervals, they expect to have it in their power to furnish their customers with almost every article that may be wanted; & as they intend to sell principally for cash, they think that their Friends and the Public will find it to their advantage to call on them. Raleigh, Feb. 13.

CASH OR BOOKS

Given at this Office for clean Linen or Cotton RAGS.

STRAYED.

About half way between Smithfield, in Johnston County, and the City of Raleigh, on the 13th instant, A SOBREL HORSE, with a blazed face, both his fore feet and his left hind foot white, a white spot on the right side of his rump; is shod before, he is about four feet eleven inches high, and five years old in spring. Also, a ROAN MARE, with black tail and main; she is shod before, is about five feet one inch high, and will be seven years old in spring. Whoever shall take up said Horses, and bring them to John Sweeney, of Mount Tirzah, in Person County, North Carolina, shall receive Ten Dollars Reward, and reasonable expenses; or any person who shall secure them, and send the owner informat on thereof, shall receive a like Reward. Jan. 30.

RUNAWAY NEGRO.

WAS committed to the Jail of Hertford County, (N. C.) on the 17th December, as a Runaway, a Negro Man who says his name is JOHN, and that he belongs to Bryan Whitfield of Wayne county.—This fellow says he is a native of one of the French West-India Islands, and his language seems to prove the assertion; he also says, he is sixty years of age, but does not look to be over fifty; he is five feet eight or nine inches high, stout made, and had on, when committed, a dark mixed Woolen Jacket and Trowsers. The owner is hereby warned, to prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. LEWIS WALTERS, Siff Hertford County, Dec. 20th, 1810. 8.90

Twenty-Five Dollars Reward!

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, living in Orange County, on Haw River, near the Shallow Ford, on the 9th inst. TWO LITTLE NEGRO MEN.—One named JACOB, about 21 years of age and upwards of 6 feet high; had on when he went away, a short lead colored cloth coat, a low crowned hat, one pair of pantaloons of homespun filled with woolen, another pair of tow linen, and a jacket striped with red. The other Negro, named MARTIN, is about 20 years of age, and about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high; has a long chin; and carried with him the same kind of cloths as the other, together with a suit of Sunday cloths. The above Reward will be given for the aforesaid Negroes, on their being delivered to the Subscriber, or confined so that he can get them again, with all reasonable expences; or halt the Reward for either of them. DANIEL HEOPHENAS. Jan. 21. 1811. 93

WAS COMMITTED

To the Jail of Nash County, on the 31 of Jan'y. A NEGRO BOY, by the name of BOB, 14 or 15 years of age, who says he belongs to Wm. Allen, of the county of Isle of Wight (Virg.)—and that he was stolen from his master's quarter in Brunswick county—His Overseer's name is John Powell. The owner is requested to come and prove his property, pay charges and take him away. WM. HAYWOOD. Jan. 14, 1810. 3.93

WAS COMMITTED,

To the Jail of Southampton County, (Virginia) On the 24th day of Sept'r, 1810, a NEGRO Man, who calls himself LEWIS, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high; and says that he belongs to Arthur Freeman, near Wadesboro', Anson county, North Carolina. WM. HART, Jailor. Jan. 1, 1811. 2m.92

NOTICE.

ON the 23d day of November, 1810, was committed to Salisbury Jail, a Negro Fellow, by the name of REUBEN, who says he belongs to Dr. THOMAS BRACKHOUSE, living in Augusta, Georgia. He had on, when committed, blue pantaloons and a roundabout of blue cloth, the cuffs bound with red. He is about 5 feet 5 inches high, and his back has been well whipped.—He has a scar over his left eye, and one also by the side of his right eye, and bald headed; his upper fore teeth stand apart. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges according to law, and take him away. JOHN HAMPTON, Jailor. Salisbury, Jan. 14, 1811. 92

State of North-Carolina.

MARTIN COUNTY. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, December Term, 1810.

Joseph H. Bryant, vs. James Tunstall. } Orig. Attachment

IT appearing to the Court, that the defendant is not an inhabitant of the State aforesaid, it is therefore Ordered, that publication be made three weeks successively in the Raleigh Register, that unless he appear at the next court, to be held for the county of Martin, on the second Monday of March next ensuing, and replevy the property, judgment will be entered against him by default.—Fest. HENRY B. HUNTER, Clk. Williamston, February 2, 1811. —94

Philadelphia Paper Warehouse.

THE Subscriber, Agent for the principal Paper Makers in this State, has for sale, Imperial, Super Royal, Royal, Medium, Demi, & Foolscap WRITING PAPERS, of a superior quality; Hot pressed and plain Folio and Quarto Post, Lead and Vellum; Superfine and low priced PRINTING PAPER, of various sizes; Bonnet and Binders' Boards, &c. &c. which he will dispose of wholesale at the Manufacturers' prices. Printers and Stationers throughout the Union may be supplied with Paper to any pattern (by giving a few days notice) on the same terms as the Philadelphia Bookellers are usually supplied. Specimens will be forwarded, with the prices and terms. Accounts, ruled & bound to any pattern, with and without fine lines, patent Spring Backs and Russia Bands, which he offers for sale on terms worthy the attention of wholesale purchasers.—Orders promptly executed. JOHN T. SULLIVAN, No. 45, N. Front Street, Philadelphia, Dec 3. 6w.82

INFORMATION.

THE Road about, generally lead to Fayetteville, distance, 32 miles. Towards Charleston, by Laurel Hill and Marlboro' court house, to the Long Bluff, Fee, 41 miles. Towards Augusta, to Cheraw-Hills or Sneedborough, 35 miles. Towards Camden, the Road about, partly a ridge, to Hailey's Ferry, 28 miles. The Road to Nashville, by Rockingham, to Webb's Ferry, 23 miles. By Morris and Terry's stores, to W. Cole's store, near Mass's Ferry, 33 miles. Towards the Union, by Moore's c. h. 25, and to Tyson's on the river, 35 miles. Towards Halifax and Tarboro', to A. verasborough, Smith's or M'Nail's stores, 47 miles.—On the latter direction, it is 8 miles to the ford of Rockfish (in Goler's bridge old road) which new part is completely laid off and opened on a level ridge, except one small branch. New Roads which are laid off, but not yet passable for Carriages.

1. The Cut off, by an accurate survey, N. 76, East to Fayetteville, 27 miles. 2. Another Cut off, nearly direct South, 77 West, to Hailey's Ferry, 25 miles. 3. Towards Salem, by Gibson and Williams, on the dividing ridge between the watercourse Peedee and Lumber rivers, to Cochran's store, 38 miles. 4. Towards Raleigh, by Gov. Williams's Saw-mills, to Adkin's Ferry. 5. To Danell's Ford or Northington's Ferry (by Mason's Ford, on Little river,) 40 miles. The latter is nearly opened, and when it, or any of the aforesaid new roads are passable for carriages, public notice will be given, and due attention paid to clearing stumps, &c. making repairs, putting up mile posts and sign boards only where malicious persons have or may know the arms of direction. The Turnpike Bridge is upwards of 16 feet wide and 350 feet in length, extending across the River and Swamp from high water mark on both sides; the Toll moderate, established by an act of '98; constant customers will be intitled to every seventh trip toll free, and no charge for foot passengers. D. M'FARLAND, Lumber River, Feb. 2, 1811. 115.

On cheap terms may be had a SAW MILL SEAT near the Turnpike, within one mile of navigation, to which extends a large quantity of Juniper, Cypress and Pine.

Sheriff's Sales.

WILL BE SOLD, At the Court-House in Fayetteville, on Friday the 5th day of August next.

THE following Lands and Town Lots, with their improvements, or so much thereof as will satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1809: 150 Acres of Land on the east side of Cape-Fear River, supposed to be the property of the heirs of — Filkins. 180 acres, near the head of Falling Run, supposed to be the property of — Vinge. 640 acres on the east side of Cape-Fear River, near or adjoining the lands of John Dickson, given in by Daniel M'Niell. 1 lot of ground in Fayetteville, the property of said M'Niell. 5 acres of land, near the Town of Fayetteville, given in by Thomas Brandy. 3 lots in Fayetteville, with their improvements, and 1000 acres of land in different tracts in Cumberland county, the property of the heirs of Isaac Burkle, dec. A house and lot on Hay Street, the property of Mary England. 1 duty in Fayetteville, supposed to be the property of Thomas England. 1 ditto the property of William M'Kerrall. 1 ditto the property of Lewis Davis. S. GILMORE, Shff. Jan. 30, 1811. 94

WILL BE SOLD,

AT the Court House in Newbern, on the 20th day of March next, as much of the following tracts of Land, as will satisfy the taxes due for the year 1809, to wit: 260 Acres of Land, lying on the North side of Neuse River, and on Beard's Creek, adjoining the lands of Jos. Nelson, belonging to the heirs of Tho. Hollis. 3000 Acres of Land, lying on the North side of Neuse River and on Dawson's Creek, the property of Jno. G. Blount. 260 Acres of Land, lying on the North side of Neuse River and on Goose Creek, adjoining the lands of Matthew Brinson, the property of Jno. G. Blount. 50 Acres of Land, lying on the North side of Neuse River and on Beard's Creek, adjoining the lands of Morris, belonging to the heirs of Heady. 100 Acres of Land, lying on the North side of Neuse River and on Dawson's Creek, the property of Benj. Bush of Tennessee. Also, 600 Acres lying on the North side of Neuse River and at the head Branches of Beaver and Broad Creeks, the owner unknown. R. P. JONES, Sh'ff. Craven County, Jan. 10, 1811. 92

WILL BE SOLD

AT the Court-house in Lumberton, on Tuesday the 5th of March next, the following tracts of Land and Lots in Lumberton, or so much thereof as will satisfy the taxes and costs for advertising, for the years 1808 and 1809. 150 Acres of Land, the property of Thomas Channell, for 1809. 100 ditto on the Big Marsh, not given in for 1809. 150 ditto on the South side of Ashpole Swamp, for 1809. 7518 ditto not given in, supposed to be the property of Benjamin Wood, for 1808 & 1809. 100 ditto on the South side of Ashpole, not given in, the property of Isham Jones, for 1809. 100 ditto on Saddle Tree Swamp, the property of John Hamilton, for 1809. 1286 ditto given in by John Eccles, for 1809. 170 ditto given in by William Allen, 1809. 410 ditto given in by Durcan Shugar, 1809. 50 ditto given in by William Ackles, 1809. 470 ditto given in by Charles Bell, 1809. 300 ditto given in by Silas Lee, 1809. 50 ditto given in by Isaac Lee, 1809. 200 ditto given in by Absolom Sages, 1809. 170 ditto given in by Bennet Born, 1809. 108 ditto given in by Chas. Campbell, 1809. Part of Lot No. 107 and part of Lot No. 91, for 1809. A. ROWLAND, Shff. January 18, 1811.