

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

THE DOCTRINE OF TREASON.

As the doctrine of treason has become a fruitful subject of controversy between the political parties of our country, and as it is necessary that the nature of treason against the state should be defined and understood by all, I cannot forbear to request you to publish the opinion of one of the most conspicuous and distinguished characters in our revolutionary struggle, upon this important subject. The character of the late Dr. Witherspoon, who was President of Princeton College, stands too high in this country to admit of a doubt that he would commit the authority of his name to any production, or to any sentiment, which was not the pure effusion of his most unbiassed judgment.

The doctrine laid down in the subjoined extract was not more applicable in the times of the war of the revolution, than it is applicable to the present contest between the U. States and G. Britain; for if one who, at that time, was "barely neuter," could "scarcely be forgiven," at least equally criminal now, since our independence has been acknowledged and established, is the American who not only wishes to "stand neuter," but who actually abets and encourages, by his gross language, and his licentious opposition to the government, the savage enemy to pursue his attacks upon our rights and independence.

Mr. Grundy, an able and distinguished member of the House of Representatives of the U. States, in a speech made at the last session of Congress, advanced doctrines upon this subject very similar to those contained in this extract, which the federal orators and writers have assailed and attempted to controvert. Mr. Grundy's high legal character is of itself sufficient to establish the correctness of any doctrines of law upon a subject with which we are bound to subject him intimately acquainted; but over and above the merit of the authority of Mr. Grundy, upon the subject of what constitutes treason against the state, if we take the evidence of Dr. Witherspoon, I think it may be considered as conclusive upon the subject.

Another reason which induces me to request you to republish this extract is, that a virtuous and respectable class of our fellow citizens, who blindly follow their wicked and prostituted leaders, may have an opportunity, before they proceed too far, to perceive their crime and the danger they are heedlessly rushing into; if such should be its effect, as well as to bear evidence to the correctness of Mr. Grundy's opinion, my purpose will be accomplished, and I shall be gratified that I have been the instrument in rendering essential service to a portion of the American people, and of strengthening the sentiments of a gentleman for whom I have the highest respect and esteem.

It will be observed that Dr. Witherspoon was a native of that country, the people of which are more remarkable than any other people for their pertinacious adherence to monarchical principles—that he was born, educated and brought up in Scotland, and it is reasonable to suppose that his early bias was in favor of the cause of his King; but reason having assumed its empire in his capacious mind, he felt no hesitation in giving currency to sentiments which tended to promote order and free government.—They were addressed to his countrymen, the natives of Scotland, residing in America during the war of the revolution.

EXTRACT.

"If there is any principle that was never controverted upon the social union, it is, that as a body, every society must be determined by the plurality. There was a time when it was not only just and consistent, but necessary, that every one should speak his mind freely and fully of the necessity or expediency of resisting the authority of Great Britain"

But the time is over long ago. The measures being resolved upon, and the conflict began, one who is barely neuter can scarcely be forgiven; a secret plodding enemy must be considered a traitor. Every one who continues among us after the decisive regulations formed by all the colonies, ought to be considered as pledging his faith and honor to assist in the common cause.

"Let me try to illustrate it by a similar case. Suppose that a ship at sea springs a leak, which exposes the whole company to the most imminent danger of perishing.—Suppose a council is called of all the persons on board, to determine what port they shall endeavor to gain. Then it is not only the right, but the duty of every one to speak his own judgment, and to press it upon others, by every argument in his power.—Suppose a great majority determine to push for a certain place, and to go to the pump, by turns, every quarter of an hour; but that two or three, or one, if you please, is of opinion, that they should have gone another course, because of the wind, current, or any other circumstance; and that it would be best to change hands every half hour—all this is well. But if, after the determination, this same gentleman, because his advice was not followed, should refuse to pump at all, should silyly alter the ship's course, or deaden her by every means in his power, or even should only, by continual complaints and despondent fears, discourage others, on whose activity the common safety depended, I desire to know what treatment he would receive or deserve? Without doubt he would be thrown overboard in less time than I have taken to state the case.

"I am not able to perceive the least difference between this supposition and what takes place in America at the present time"

BRITISH DEGENCY.

The ship Fair American, Captain Weathers, which arrived here on Monday from Lisbon, was boarded on the 26th July, in lat. 42, long. 64, from his Britannic Majesty's frigate Maidstone, Captain Burdett, after a chase of 18 hours, and the following particulars respecting the infamous treatment received from Captain B. were noted down by the passengers, and are published at their request.

At 9, a. m. was brought too, and hailed from Captain B. (who stood in the main rigging,) as follows:—"Where are you from? Answer, "From Lisbon." Why did you not heave too, and not run me so far out of my way?" Answer, "I understood there was a French squadron out, and I thought you might have been one of them." To which Burdett replied, "You have heard of no such thing sir, you are a liar—you are a damned liar, sir, and your whole country are a damned set of liars—you are a nation of liars, and repeated the same several times over. He then continued, "I will cut your cabin to pieces—I will cut you in pieces—lower your topsails down, sir—get a bag of dollars ready to pay for the shot I have hove at you—they were the King's shot, sir—you are an enemy, sir, (twice repeated)—for you have no licence from my government, sir, or you would not have run away from me." He then repeated over several of the above blackguard expressions, and ordered Captain Weathers to come on board with his papers, which he complied with, and while there, was grossly insulted with the foulest language.

[We recommend the above to the attention of the Boston Rebel, who says in his Centinel, that the English are the most pious, humane and gentlemanly people in the world.]

Boston Patriot.

JOSEPH ROSS

HAS RECEIVED, AND OFFERS FOR SALE, SUGAR in barrels—Coffee in bags—Superfine Flour—Hyson Tea—Gin Cases and a small assortment of Dry Goods. Raleigh 24th July, 1813.

FOR SALE,

IN THE CITY OF RALEIGH, TWO LOTS, well improved, convenient to a fine Spring, and in an excellent Neighbourhood, and well situated for the convenience of private families. One of them including two acres, a most elegant Seat. The other has not so much Ground attached to it. Apply to STERLING YANCY. July 27.

A Roll of Maps,

Was left, undirected, some months ago, at the Stage-Office, in Raleigh, consisting chiefly of Maps of the West-India Islands. The owner, on application, will have the Packet restored. WM. SCOTT. July 29.

PROPOSALS

For carrying Mails of the United States on the following Post Roads, will be received at the General Post-Office, in the City of Washington, until the 18th day of September next, inclusive.

95 From Petersburg, by Billup's, Parham's Store, Hicksford, Halifax, Enfield, M'Nair's Store, Tarborough, Greenville & Washington, to Newbern, twice a week. Leave Petersburg every Tuesday and Friday at 4 a. m. arrive at Halifax the next day by 2 p. m. leave at 2 1/2 p. m. and arrive at Newbern on Friday and Tuesday by 10 a. m. Leave Newbern every Friday and Tuesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Petersburg on Monday and Thursday by 7 p. m.

IN NORTH-CAROLINA.

97 From Warrenton, by Falconer's & Lewisburg, to Raleigh, every day. Leave Warrenton every day at 1 a. m. and arrive at Raleigh by noon. Leave Raleigh every day at noon, and arrive at Warrenton by 11 p. m.

98 From Raleigh, by Averasborough, to Fayetteville, every day. Leave Raleigh every day at 1 p. m. and arrive at Fayetteville the next day by 3 a. m. Leave Fayetteville every day at 9 p. m. and arrive at Raleigh the next day by 11 a. m.

99 From Fayetteville, by Lumberton, Noland's and Barfield's, to Port's Ferry, S. C. every day. Leave Fayetteville every day at 3 a. m. and arrive at Port's Ferry by 10 p. m. Leave Port's Ferry every day at 3 a. m. and arrive at Fayetteville by 9 p. m.

100 From Suffolk, Va. by Gates c. h. to Edenton, twice a week. Leave Suffolk every Monday and Friday at 7 a. m. and arrive at Edenton by 4 p. m. Leave Edenton every Tuesday and Saturday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Suffolk by 6 p. m.

101 From Edenton, by Lee's Mills and Plymouth, to Washington, once a week. Leave Edenton every Tuesday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Washington on Wednesday by 11 a. m. Leave Washington every Wednesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Edenton on Thursday by 6 p. m.

102 From Warrenton, by Grovehill, Jones's Store, Halifax, Bellevue, Murfreesborough, Winton, Colerain and Windsor, to Edenton, once a week. Leave Warrenton every Saturday at 6 a. m. arrive at Murfreesboro' on Sunday by 3 p. m. and arrive at Edenton on Monday by 6 p. m. Leave Edenton every Tuesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Warrenton on Thursday by 6 p. m.

103 From Edenton, by Hartford, Nixonton Elizabeth, Camden c. h. Indiantown, Currituck c. h. Tull's Creek, N. W. R. Bridge, V and Great Bridge, to Norfolk, once a week. Leave Edenton every Tuesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Norfolk on Thursday by 4 p. m. Leave Norfolk every Friday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Edenton on Sunday by 6 p. m.

104 From Elizabeth City to New Lebanon, once a week. Leave Elizabeth City every Saturday at 4 a. m. and arrive at New-Lebanon same day by 10 a. m. Leave New-Lebanon at noon, and arrive at Elizabeth City by 6 p. m.

105 From Warrenton, by Williamsboro', Merritsville, Goshen, Mount Tirzah, Roxboro', Leasburg, Caswell c. h. Lenoxcastle, Rockingham c. h. Mount Pleasant, Rocky Spring and Germantown, to Salem, once a week. Leave Warrenton every Saturday at 4 a. m. arrive at Merritsville by 1 p. m. leave at 2 p. m. and arrive at Salem the next Tuesday by 10 a. m. Leave Salem every Friday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Warrenton the next Friday by 8 p. m.

106 From Raleigh, by Southerland's Store, Lemay's X Roads, Merritsville and Stagsville, to Hillsborough, once a week. Leave Hillsboro' every Wednesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Raleigh on Friday by 10 a. m. Leave Raleigh every Friday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Merritsville on Saturday at 1 p. m. depart at 2 p. m. and arrive at Hillsborough by Saturday at noon.

107 From Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Mason's Hall, Haw River, Alлемance, Greensboro', Martinville and Dobson's, to Salem, to return from Salem by Jamestown, Greensboro', Alлемance, &c. once a week. Leave Raleigh every Saturday at 4 a. m. arrive at Hillsborough by 4 p. m. depart at 4 1/2 p. m. and arrive at Salem the next Tuesday by 10 a. m. Leave Salem every Tuesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Raleigh the next Friday by 6 p. m.

108 From Salem, by Bethania, Panther Creek, Huntsville, Hamptonville, Mountonville, Statesville, Island Ford, Morganton & Mackeysville, to Asheville, once a week. Leave Salem every Tuesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Asheville the next Friday by 8 p. m. Leave Asheville every Saturday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Salem the next Tuesday by 10 a. m.

109 From Huntsville, by Rockford, Wilkesborough, Ashe c. h. and Elizabethtown, to Jonesborough, T. once a week. Leave Huntsville every Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Jonesborough the next Sunday by 4 p. m. Leave Jonesborough every Monday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Huntsville the next Friday by 6 p. m.

110 From Hillsborough, by Mount Tirzah, Peason c. h. Williamsville, the Red House, and Irvine's, to Halifax c. h. Va. once in two weeks. Leave Hillsborough every other Sunday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Halifax c. h. on Monday by 6 p. m. Leave Halifax c. h. every other Tuesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Hillsborough on Wednesday by 6 p. m.

111 From Salem, by Lexington, Salisbury, Locke's, Concord, Millgrove, Charlotte, Whitehall and Hill's Iron Works, to York c. h. S. C. return the same road to Charlotte, thence by Alexandrians, Mount Morne, Falls-town, Statesville, Barbary, Salisbury & Lexington, to Salem, once a week.

Leave Salem every Tuesday at 2 p. m. arrive at Salisbury on Wednesday by 9 a. m. arrive at Charlotte on Thursday noon, and arrive at York c. h. the next Friday by 6 p. m. Leave York c. h. every Saturday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Salem the next Tuesday by 10 a. m.

112 From Raleigh, by New Hope Bridge, Pittsborough and Randolph c. h. to Salisbury, once a week. Leave Raleigh every Sunday at 3 p. m. and arrive at Salisbury the next Wednesday by 9 a. m. Leave Salisbury every Wednesday at noon, and arrive at Raleigh the next Saturday noon.

113 From Charlotte, by Beattiesford, Graham's, Lincolnton, Morganton and Fort Defiance, to Wilkesborough, once a week. Leave Charlotte every Thursday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Wilkesboro' the next Sunday by 10 a. m. Leave Wilkesboro' every Sunday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Charlotte the next Wednesday by 10 a. m.

114 From Asheville to Haywood c. h. once in two weeks. Leave Asheville every other Saturday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Haywood c. h. by 4 p. m. Leave Haywood c. h. at 6 p. m. and arrive at Asheville the next day by 6 p. m.

115 From Fayetteville, by Moore c. h. and Waddel's Ferry, to Tyson's Store, omitting Waddel's Ferry on the return. Leave Fayetteville every Thursday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Tyson's Store on Saturday by noon. Leave Tyson's Store every Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Thursday by 10 a. m.

116 From Fayetteville, by Reed's Store, Haywoodsboro', Pittsboro', Clover Garden & Lindley's, to Hillsboro', once a week, omitting Lindley's on the return. Leave Fayetteville every Thursday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Hillsboro' on Saturday by 4 p. m. Leave Hillsboro' every Saturday at 6 p. m. and arrive at Fayetteville the next Thursday by 10 a. m.

117 From Fayetteville, by M'Fauldsville, Rockingham, Suedsboro', Wadesboro', Al-lentown, Henderson, Salisbury and M'Al-lay's Store, to Fayetteville, once a week. Leave Fayetteville every Sunday at 6 a. m. arrive at Suedsboro' on Monday 6 p. m. and arrive at Salisbury on Wednesday by 10 a. m. Leave Salisbury every Wednesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Saturday at 5 p. m.

118 From Fayetteville, by Laurel Hill, Wmfieldsville, S. C. Cheraw c. h. and Camden, to Columbia, thrice a week. Leave Fayetteville every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Marlboro' c. h. by 3 p. m. Leave Marlboro' c. h. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3 a. m. and arrive at Camden by 9 p. m. Leave Camden every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 3 a. m. and arrive at Columbia by 1 p. m. Leave Columbia every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 11 a. m. and arrive at Camden by 9 p. m. Leave Camden every Wednesday, Friday & Monday at 3 a. m. and arrive at Marlboro' c. h. by 9 p. m. Leave Marlboro' c. h. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, at 3 a. m. and arrive at Fayetteville by 7 p. m.

119 From Warrenton, by Ransom's Bridge, Arrington's, Philip's Store, Tarboro', Westrayville, Nash c. h. Sills's Store and Ransom's Bridge, to Warrenton, once a week. Leave Warrenton every Saturday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Tarboro' on Sunday by 6 p. m. Leave Tarboro' every Thursday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Warrenton on Friday by 6 p. m.

120 From Washington, by Bath, Woodstock and Germantown, to Lake Landing on Mattamuskeet, once a week. Leave Washington every Monday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Lake Landing on Tuesday by 6 p. m. Leave Lake Landing on Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Washington on Thursday by 6 p. m.

121 From Raleigh to Nash c. house once a week. Leave Raleigh every Saturday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Nash c. h. by 6 p. m. Leave Nash c. h. every Thursday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Raleigh by 6 p. m.

122 From Halifax, by Scotland Neck, Hamilton, Williamston, Jamestown, Plymouth, and Washington c. h. to Scuppernon, once a week. Leave Halifax every Sunday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Scuppernon the next Tuesday by 6 p. m. Leave Scuppernon every Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Halifax on Friday by 6 p. m.

123 From Raleigh, by Smithfield, Waynesboro', Snowhill and Kinston, to Newbern, once a week, to return from Kinston, by Patrick's Mills, to Waynesboro'. Leave Raleigh every Saturday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Newbern by Monday at noon. Leave Newbern every Monday at 3 p. m. and arrive at Raleigh on Thursday by 10 a. m.

124 From Fayetteville, by Sampson c. h. Duplin c. h. and South-Washington, to Wilmington, once a week. Leave Fayetteville every Sunday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Wilmington on Wednesday by 10 a. m. Leave Wilmington every Wednesday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Saturday by 6 p. m.

125 From Fayetteville, by Elizabethtown and Belvidere, to Wilmington, once a week. Leave Fayetteville every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Wilmington on Sunday by noon. Leave Wilmington every Tuesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Thursday by noon.

126 From Elizabethtown to Whitesville, once a week. Leave Elizabethtown every Saturday at 10 a. m. and arrive at Whitesville by 6 p. m. Leave Whitesville at 8 p. m. and arrive at Elizabethtown the next day by 3 p. m.

127 From Newbern, by Swansboro' & Wilmington, to Smithville, once a week. Leave Newbern every Monday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Smithville the next Thursday by 6 p. m. Leave Smithville every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Newbern the next Monday by 10 a. m.

128 From Newbern to Beaufort, once in two weeks. Leave Newbern every other Monday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Beaufort on Tuesday by 6 p. m. Leave Beaufort every other Sunday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Newbern on Monday by 10 a. m.

NOTES.

1. The Postmaster General may expedite the mails and alter the times for arrival and departure, at any time during the continuance of the contract, he previously stipulating an adequate compensation for any extra expense that may be occasioned thereby.

2. Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for opening and closing the mail, at all offices where no particular time is specified.

3. For every thirty minutes delay (unavoidable accidents excepted) in arriving after the times prescribed in any contract, the contractor shall forfeit one dollar; and if the delay continue until the departure of any depending mail, whereby the mails destined for such depending mail lose a trip, a forfeiture of double the amount allowed for every trip the mail one trip shall be incurred, unless it shall be made to appear that the delay was occasioned by unavoidable accident; in which case, the amount of pay for the trip will, in all cases, be forfeited and retained.

4. Persons making proposals are desired to state their prices by the year. Those who contract will receive their pay quarterly—in the months of February, May, August and November, one month after the expiration of each quarter.

5. No other than a free white person shall be employed to convey the mail.

6. Where the proposer intends to convey the mail in the body of a stage carriage, he is desired to state it in his proposals.

7. The Postmaster General reserves to himself the right of declaring any contract at an end whenever one failure happens, which amounts to the loss of a trip.

8. The contracts are to be in operation on the first day of January next, and continue until December 31, 1816.

GIDEON GRANGER, Postmaster General.

General Post-Office, Washington City, May 20, 1813.

Committed to Wake Jail,

On the 22d instant,

A NEGRO BOY, about sixteen or seventeen years old, low but well set, says his name is Bacchus, and that he belongs to Colin Woodberry, living some distance beyond Lumerton.

The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, and take the Boy away, July 29. WM. SCOTT, J'r.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

WILL BE SOLD,

At the Court-house in Waynesville, Haywood County, on Monday the 20th day of September next;

THE following LANDS in said County, or so much thereof as will discharge the Taxes due thereon for the years 1810 & 1811, viz. 200 acres, the property of Alex's M'Clure, lying on the west fork of Pigeon River.

100 do. the property of Matthew Leadbetter, on Scott's Creek. 47.50 do. given in by Thomas C. St. Clair, on the waters of Richland Creek and Bigeon River, for the years 1811 and 1812. 200 do. the property of Thomas M'Intyre, on Jonathan's Creek. 200 do. the property of Jesse Toler, on the waters of Richland Creek. July 20. DAN. M'DOWELL, Shff.

GLAUBER'S SALTS.

J. GALES having lately received a considerable supply of SALTS, offers them for sale, on low terms, by the Barrel, cwt. pound, or single dose. June 20.

Two Runaway Negroes

TAKEN up and committed to the Jail of Stokes County, on Sunday last: One of yellow complexion, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high, says his name is Willis, and that he will be 20 years old next Christmas. The other is a black Fellow, about 23 years old, says his name is Sam, is 5 feet 6 1/2 inches high. They say they ran away from a plantation of Mr. Wm. Murphy's, in West-Tennessee, and that James Simons, their master, lives in Murfreesborough, N. Carolina. The owner is requested to apply, prove his property, pay charges, and take them away. G. BANNER, Shff. Stokes County, Aug. 3.