NORTH-CAROLINA GÄZETTE.

Ours are the plant of fair, delightful Peace, "Unwarp'd by party rage, to live like Brothers."

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MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OR INDEPENDENCE.

If it were necessary to add any thing to the proof already published of the truth that the County of Mecklenburg, in this State, made a Declaration of Indepentence in May 1775 (more than a year before the National Declaration) the following letter from the Rev. Francis Cum mins, formerly of that county, but now of Georgia (a gentleman who was present on the occasion,) to N. Macon, Esq one of our Senators in Congress, and the Certificate of Captain Jack, who was the bearer of the Declaration to our then Members of Congress, met in Phyladelrhia, will certainly put the matter beyond all doubt.

* Lexington, (Geo.) Nov. 16, 1819. DEAR SIR-The bearer, the honorable Thomas W. Cobb. has suggested to me that you had a de ire to know something particularly of the Proceedings of the Citizens of Mecklenburg County in North-Carolina, about the beginning of our Revolutionary War.

Previous to my becoming more particular, I will suppose you remember the Regulation business, which took its rise in or before the year 1770, and issued and ended in a battle be ween the Regulators and Governor Tryon, in the s: ring of 1771. Some of the r gulators were killed and the whole disper-ed. The regulators condurt "was a rudis indiges aque molis, as Ovid says, about the beginning of creation; but the embryotic principles of the Revolution were in their temper & views. They wanted strength, consistency, a Congress and a Washington at their head. Tryon sent his officers and minions thro' the State and imposed the oath of allegiance upon the people, even as far up as Mecklenburg county. In the year 1775, after our Revolution began, the principal characters of Mecklenberg county met on two sundry days in Queen's Museum in Charlotte, to digest Articles for a State Constitution, in anticipation that the Province would proceed to do so. In this business the leading characters were, the Rev. Hezekiah James Balch, a graduate of Princeton College, an elegani scholar, Wa ghtstill Avery Esq. After'y at Law, Hezekiah and John M'Knitt Alexander, Esqs. Col. Thomas Polk, &c. &c.

Many men, and young men (myself one) before magistrates, abjured allegiance to George III, or any other foreign power. At length, in the same year 1775, I think, at least positively before July 4th, 1776, the males generally of that county met on a certain day in Charlotte, & from the head of the Court-House stairs proclaim. ed Independence on English Government, by their herald Colonel Thomas Polk. I as a young man and then a student in in the Illinois territory," passed Februa-Queen's Museum, was an agent in these things. I did not then take and keep the dates, and cannot as to date be so partithen of Charlotte, but now of Elbert counin Philadelphia-and brought back to the take the measures thought to be best.

I would suppose, sir, that some minutes of these things must be found among the perfectly settle their dates. I am perfectly sure, being present at the whole of them, they were before our National Declaration of Independence.

Hon. Sir, if the above few things can

afford you any gratification, it will add to the happiness of your friend and hum-FRANCIS CUMMINS.

Hon. NATHANIEL MACON.

Capt. Jack's Certificate.

Having seen in the Newspapers some pieces respecting the Declaration of Independence by the people of Mecklenburg County, in the State of North-Ca olina, in May, 1775, and being solicited to state what I know of that transaction; I would till the first day of September next, to observe, that for some time previous to, and at the time those Resolutions were agreed upon, I resided in the town of Charlotte, Mccklenburg county; was privy to a number of meetings of some of the most influential and leading characters of that county on the subject, before the final adoption of the Resolutions-and at the time they we e adopted; among those who appeared to take the lead may be mentioned Hezekiah Alexander, who generally acted as Chairman, John M' Knist Alexander, as Secretary, Abraham Alexander, Adam Alexander, Maj. John Davidson, Major (afterwards) Gen. Wm. Devidson, Col. Tho's Polk, Ezekiel Polk, Dr. Ephraim Brevard, Samuel Martin, Duncan Ochletree, William Willson,

Robert Irvin. When the Resolutions were finally a greed on, they were publicly proclaimed from the Court-House door in the town of Charlotte, and received with every demonstration of joy by the inhabitants.

I was then solicited to be the bearer of the proceedings to Congress. I set out the following month, say June, and in passing through Salisbury, the General Court was sitting-at the request of the Court I handed a copy of the Resolutions to Col. Cannon, an attorney, and they ! were read aloud in open Court. Major William Davidson and Mr. Avery, an attorney, called on me at my lodgings the vening after, and observed they had of other manuactories is offered for vening after, and observed they had heard of but one person, (a Mr. Beard) has approved of them.

I then proceeded on to Philadelphia and delivered the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May, 1775, to Richard Caswell and Wm. Hooper, the Delegates to Congress from the State of North Carolina.

I am now in the eighty-eighth year of my age, residing in the county of Elbert in the State of Georgia. I was in the Revolutionary war, from the commencement to the close. I would farther observe, that the Rev. Francis Cummins, a Presbyterian Clergy nan, of Greene county, in this State, was a student in the town of Charlotte at the time of the adoption of the Resolutions, and is as well, or perhaps better acquainted with the proceedings at that time, than any man now living.

Col. Wm. Polk of Raleigh, in N. Carolina, was living with his father Thomas, in Charlotte, at the time I have been speaking of, and although then too young to be forward in the business, yet the leading circumstances I have related cannot have escaped his recollection.

JAMES JACK. Signed this 7th Dec. 1819, in presence of JOB WESTON, C. C. O.

JAMES OLIVER. Atto. at Law.

RY AUTHORITY.

An act for the relief of Joseph M Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to

be paid unto Joseph M. Skinner, admintrator of the estate of George Skinner, deceased, the sum of seventy-five dollars, for a wagon and other property, taken by impressment, for the use of the United States; and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved-Mar 4, 1820.

An act for he relief of certain settlers in the State of Illinois, who reside within the Vincennes Land District

Be it enacted by the Senate and House f Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person, who would have been entitled to the right of pre emption, according to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act giving the right of pre emption was present, and saw and heard it, and in the purchase of lands to certain settlers ry fifth, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, provided said act had been so construed as to embrace those who were cular as I could wish. Capt. James Jack, | living within the limits of the Vincennes land district, and who became the purty in Georgia, was sent with the account | chaser, at p blic sale, of the said land, to of these proceedings to Congress, then which the right of pre-emption would have so attached, at more than two dol-County the thanks of Congress for their lars per acre, shall be entitled to a certizeal-and the advice of Congress to be a ficate for the amount so paid, or to be little more patient until Congress should paid, exceeding two dollars per acre, from the register of the land office at Vincennes; which certificate shall be receivable in payment of any debt due to the Records of the first Congress that would United States on account of the sale of public and : Provided however, That it shall be the duty of every person claiming the benefit of this act, to prove, to the satisfaction of the register and receiver of the land office at Vincennes, that they are entitled thereto, according to its true intent and meaning.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That every person who would have been entitled to the right of pre-emption in the said Vincennes district, according to the provisions of the said recited act, passed | cash or town acceptances. the fifth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirteen, had it been so construed as to, embrace them, and who did not become the purchaser of any tract of land to which such right of pre-emption would have attached, shall be allowed prove, to the satisfaction of the register and receiver at Vincennes, that they would have been so entitled; and it shall be the duty of the register, when the satisfaction aforesaid shall be made, to grant a certificate to every such person or their legal representatives, stating therein that such person would have been entitled to such right of pre-emption, and that he did not become the purchaser thereof, neither at public nor pr vate sale. And every such person, or his legal representatives, shall, upon producing such certificate to the register of any land office, in the state of Illinois, be allowed to enter one quarter section of land, each, at the minimum price fixed by the United States, of any land which may be surveyed previous to the first day of September next whether the same shall have been offered

at public sale of not. Approved-May 11, 1820.

BOARDING & LODGING. BOND will board Six or Eight Stu S. dems, or others. He was also entertain Ladies or Gentlemen who may visit Raleigh and wish private Board.

- Raieigh, May 4.

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CAUTION

To Dealers in Gun Powder.

sale as ours, even soriemes in kegs branded DUPONT, whereby attempts are made to injure the well established character of our Gun Powder, and impose on the public ; we think it necessary to caution the dealers against purchasing Gun Powder as ours, except from our Agents, or those who are known to purchase from us or our Agents

E. J. DIPONT DENEMOURS & CO.

UPONT' GUN POWDER, direct from the Factory, and for sale at reduced Durfin, Henderson & Co, Agents.

Petersburg, April 20 1820 NEW AND ELEGANT FASHIONABLE SPRING GOODS.

THOMAS NEILSON & CO.

MAVE just received from New-York and Philadelphia, and are now opening and offering for sale at their wholesale and retail Store, Twenty Packages, comprising a superb assortment of New and Fashionable Spring and Summer Goods, among which are 2 bales 5-4 domestic sheetings,

1 do. 7-8 do. shirtings, 1 case Irish sheetings, 2 do. 4-4 Irish Linens, 1 do. 7-8 do. Quality. do. " do. Long Lawns, Calicoes, 1 do. superior undressed fancy, choice do. light ground, (do. patterns.

10 pieces 6-4 elegant plush stripe, 15 do. " do. check'd cambric, do. 4-4 do. do. do, ass'ted pink, blue & buff stripe do. do. strip'd & check'd domes-

10 pieces handsome Seersuckers, 10 de. corded & satin stripe cambric, One case 4-4 & 6-4 cotton cambric. One do. 9-8 & 6-4 cambric, One do. " " medium, jaconet and mull Ten pieces elegant worked jaconet,

12 pieces 6-4 satin check 20 do. striped, fig'd & plain leno, do. book, do. do. Elegant fig'd real Indian Antipore, 5 pieces Tambo ured book, One case Nankin & Canton Crapes ass'ted cols. 35 superb & elegant fig'd Nankin Crape robes. do. black do. do. A few do.

A handsome assortment of Nankin Crape Shawls, One case fashionable Parasols & Umbrellas, A beautiful selection of Pink, Blue, Pearl, Black and Green Figured Satins, Pink, Blue, Black, White, &c. Plain Satins, do. do. Levantines, do. do. do. Florence, One case black Senshews & Sarcenetts, Ladies & Gentlemen's Silk & Cotton Hosiery, Ladies White and assorted Kid Gloves,

silk Do. do do. Gentlemen's do. do. A superior assortment of Tortoise New Tuck Combs, do. do. Side do. 500 Pieces superior short Y llow Nankeens 400 ditto ditto long ditto Ten ditto blue and pink stripe cotton cassimer, dark ground-Ten pieces plai

blue ditto ditto 5 pieces Russia Drill for Pantaloons 5 ditto Irish Sheetings for Pantaloons Beautiful stripe and white Jeans Marseilles and Valencia Vestings One case superior Steam Loom Shirtings Superior blue, black and light Cassimeres One case 5 4 and 6.4 cotton checks Russia and Irish Diapers, &c &c Beautiful silk shawls and handkerchiefs Thread Laces and Edgings Satin and Lustring Ribbons, &c &c &c

In addition to the above we have a variety of other Fancy Articles, and are in daily expectation of further supplies; all of which will be disposed of at reduced prices for

T. NEILSON & CO. have on hand a superior assortment of Shephard's and Wellington's CLOTHS and CASSIMERES.

Petersburg, April 25, 1820. By the President of the United States.

WATHEREAS, by an act of Congress pass-VV ed on the 3d of March, 1817, entitled " An act to authorise he appointment of a Surveyor for the Lands in the northern part of the Mississippi territory, and the sale of certain I ands therein described," the President of the United States is authorised to cause certain lands to be sold :

Therefore, I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States do hereby declarand make known, that public sales shall be held at Hun sville, in Alabama for the sale of the Lands in fractional township five, in range four, west, and in fractional township three, in range eleven: west, except fraconal section No. 31, in said fractional township Also the lo s (designated for sale on be plan of the town, laid off for a town in the said fractional towns ip, shall be sold in lots. Also the lots laid off for a town in township tour in range eleven, west. The sales shall commence on the 1st Mc day in June next, and continue till the Lands and Lots shall have been offered for sale.

Given under my hand at the City of

Washington, the 6th of March, 1820. JAMES MONROE. By the President: JOSTAR MEIGS. Commissioner of the General

Land Office,

PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT.

R. R. JOHNSON.

AVING purchased and taken possession of the House in Warrenton formerly ecupied by Mr. Ruffin, and recently by Col. Dancy, will accommodate Travelling Families and Individuals. Every attention will be paid to those who favor him with their company; and their Horses will be well fed and carefully attended to. April 6, 1820.

TO CONTRACTORS.

DROPOSALS will be received at this Of fice until the 30th of June, for carrying the Mai on the following Post Route, viz. From Raleigh by Harr sop's Store. Franklin County, Pat erson's Store and Sills's Store to Nashville or Nash court house; once a week :

Leave Haleigh at 6 o'clock a m every Saturday and arrive at Nashville on Sunday at 10 o'clock am; and leave \ashville every Sunday at 11 o'clock am. returning by the same route, and arrive at Raleigh on Monday by 4 o'clock, p m

B. B. SMITH, P. M. Post Office, Raleigh, 18th April 1820 TO CABINET MAKERS.

THE Subscribers have the satisfaction to inform all persons engaged in the above line, that they have just put into operation, in the City of Charleston, their SAW-MILL, (the only one at present in the Southern States,) erected for the sole purpose of Sawing Mahogany into Veneering, &c.

From the samples produced of its cutting, and inspection of the Machinery, it has been pronounced by the most competent judges, to be equal to any in the Northern States. They now offer to supply such persons as

may favor them with their custom, with any quantity and quality of Mahogany Boards or Veneering, agreeable to order, and at the shortest notice.

Having supplied themselves with a large and choice assortment of the above Wood, they will be able to supply their customers on as low, and perhaps lower terms than they ever had before.

All orders from abroad, directed to the subscribers, post paid, and with due reference to some person in this place, will meet with the strictest attention, by

JOHN EGIESTON and B. S. RIDGEWAY.

Charleston, S. C. March 11, 1820.——71 3m

ACCOMMODATION STAGES, From Petersburg to Baltimore in Forty Hours.

THE Mail Coach leaves Petersburg every day at 7 o'clock, P. M. arrives at Kich mond 11 P M starts from Richmond at 3 A. M. and arrives in Baltimore via Fredericksburg and Washington Ci y the next day to dine. By this arrangemen Passengers are expedited nearly 24 hours, and the Fare through is much less than by any other route And the Propri-tors pledge themselves that every attention shall be paid to Passengers both n the road and in Houses fo accommodation that can be required.

Returning, the Coaches leave Britimore at 5 A. M. every day, arrive at Washington to the Steam B at at 12-and arrive at Rich mond at half past 4 P M. next day, in time for the Southern Mail Coach. In order to effect this arrangement, the Proprietor from Richmond to Petersburg, bave provided comfortable close Mail Co ches, that are for the express purpose of carrying those Passengers that are under the necessity of hurry ng on; and to prevent the delay in Ric mond and Petersburg, so much complained of The Passengers shall not be delayed in Richmond that are in the regular line, and who apply in season for seats. Extra Carri-

ages shall always be in readiness to start at the time of the regular Line. The regular lines of Morning Coaches to and from Petersburg will be continued as

Charlottesville and Lynchburg Stages, leave Richmond every Tuesday and Friday

(Seats taken at the Stage Office, Union Hotel.) THE PROPRIETORS.

Richmond, March 22, 1820 70 3m By the President of the United States.

W HEREAS, by the acts of Congress, passed on the 26 h of March, 1804, on the 3d of March, 1805, and on the 25th of April, 1808, the President of the United States is authorised to cause the Lands in the District of D troit to be offered for sale when surveyed:

Therefore, I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known, that public sales, for the disposal (agreeable to law) of certa a lands, shall be held at Detroit, in Michigan Territory, on the first Monday in July next, viz:

East of the South of the merid. line. Town- base line. in ranges 4, 5 & 6. ships 1, 2, 3 4, 5.6 & 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in ranges 7. in sanges 8. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5,

excepting such lands as are or may be reserved by law for the support of scasols or for other purposes. The sale shell continue so long as may be necessary to offer the lands for sale, and ro longer ; and the lands shall be offered in regular numer cal order. Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this 15 h day of March, 1820. JAMES MONROS. By the Presidents

JOSIAH MEIGS, Commissioner of the General Land Office. 70- July 1.

YADKIN NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HE annual Meeting of the Stockholders in the Yadkin Navigation Company, will be held at the House of Mrs. Smith in the Town of Blakeley, in Montgomery county, on the 9th of June next.

A D. MURPHEY, Prest, of the Company.

ICE-CREAMS

AN he had at the House of the subscriber on Saturday next, and every following warm day during the Summer season, from 10 o'clock in the morning till 10 in the evening. Also ICE by the pound or bushel, and good PORTER and CIDER by the single or dozen bottles.

S. SCHAUB. 77. 4W

May 11 ICE-CREAMS.

AVID SHAW has opened his Ice-House, and is prepared to furnish Ice-Cream, Punch or Lemonade, every day (the Sabbath excepted) from 10 in the morning until 10 at night. He will also sell Ice by the pound on reasonable terms. He still keeps on hand a full supply of Confectionary, Cordial, Lime-Juice, Candies, Spunge and Pound Cake, and nearly every article in the Confectionary line. He feels sincerely thankful for the encouragement he has beretofore met with, and will endeavor to merit and hopes to be favor-

ed with a continuance of public paironage. Favetteville sireet, Raleigh, May 12

A NEW STAGE.

THE Suescriber, agreeably to contract with the Postmaster-General, has commenced unning a mail stage from Halifak Courthouse, in Virginia, to Salisbury, in this State; and having provided excellent Horses and careful Drivers, he

hopes for encouragement.
This Stage leaves Halifax C. House every Saturday morning at 4 A. M. and passing through Milton, by Caswell C. H. Lenox Castle, Greensborough, Salem and Lexington, arrives at Salisbury on Tuesday at 10 A. M. It returns from Satisbury the same day at 1 P. M. and reaches Halifax C. House every Friday evening

at 7 P. M. JOHN MORING. Raleigh, May 3, 1820 The Stage from Fredericksburg, which meets this Stage at Halifax C. H. is in operation, and that which meets it at Salisbury and goes to Powelton, in Georgia, where it meets the Milledgeville

Stage, will be in operation in a few days. STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,

Cabarrus County. Cert of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, April 1'erm, 1820.

Wm. W Spiers &7 William M'Nulty, Orig'l attachment levied on lands.

Joseph G. Spiers.] TT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, loseph G. Spiers, is not an inhabitant of this State. It is therefore cridered that public notice be given for three weeks in the Raleigh Register, that unless the said defendant appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the coun-

next, replevy and plead, judgment final will be entered against him. Witness, John Travis, Clerk of our said Court, at Concord, the 3rd Monday of April, A. D. 1820, and in the 44th year

ty of Cabarrus, at the Court-house in

Concord, on the third Monday in July

JOHN TRAVIS, Clerk. 78—\$1 pd

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, Wilkes County.

of American Independence.

Court of Pleas and Qu rter Sessions, May Term, 1820. Waugh & Finley. Attachment. Sum-

moned Francis Bar-Joel Chandler. Inard, Garnishee.

T appearing to the satisfaction of the L Court, that the defendant resides beyoud the limits of this State. Therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Raleigh Register for three months, for the defendant to appear at our next County Court to be held at the Court-house in Wilkesboro' on the fifth Monday in July next, then and there replevy and plead, or judgment will be ta Test. ken against him.

STATE OF NORTH AROUNA, BUNCOMBE COUNTY. Superior Court of Law Term of the first Monday after the fourth Monday of

ROBERT MARTIN, CIK

March. A D. 1820. Petition for divorce Hester Withley, filed first Monday afte

the fourth Monday o William Withley. March, 1819.

IN this case, it appearing to the satisfac-tion of the Court, that the legal course has been taken, and the defendant tailing to appear; it is ordered by he Court, that publication be made for three months in the Star and Rale gh Register newspapers, for the Defendant to come in and answer at the next Term of the Court, to be held a Buncombe Court-house, in the Town of Asheville, on the 1st Monday after the 4th Monday of September next, or this petition will be heard ex parte

Witness, Robert Henry, Clerk of said Court, at office, the first Monday after the fourth Monday of March, 1820

ROBERT HENRY, Clerk, 74-3m