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City Taxes.—At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Saturday last, the tax for the present year, on real property, was laid at 45 cents on the \$100 value;

That a weak advocate is injurious, even in a good cause, is an axiom universally admitted. "Save me from my friends, and I can defend myself from my enemies," is another pithy saying, and the Lady whose reputation the Editors of the Star have taken under their protection, may subscribe to the truth of both.

Boston Elections.—At the election for members to represent the City of Boston, in their State Legislature, out of 30 members voted for, but eight were elected.

The Steam Engine.—Dr. THOMAS P. JONES, Editor of the Franklin Journal, (lately a resident of this State,) is delivering some highly interesting Lectures on the Steam Engine, at the Mechanic's Institute of Maryland, at Baltimore.

James Mitchell, of Connecticut, is appointed by the President, to be Marshal of the United States for the District of Connecticut, in place of Andrew Hull, Jr. deceased.

Tax on Commerce.—A case was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, at the last winter session, (Alexr. Brown and others vs. the State of Maryland, from Baltimore,) which involved the constitutionality of a law passed by the Legislature of that State, which required all importers of foreign merchandise, and other wholesale dealers, to take out an annual license to sell, for which the sum of fifty dollars was required.

entertained of its constitutionality, and it was at length determined to have the question finally settled. The result is, that the law has been solemnly pronounced unconstitutional and void."

It becomes a question whether our act of 1822, imposing an annual tax of 25 dollars upon every wholesale merchant, does not come within the spirit of this decision, wholesale merchants being generally importing merchants also?

We are glad to see, that an attempt made in the British Parliament to lay an additional tax of nearly a dollar a barrel (four shillings sterling) on Foreign Flour, has been defeated, 152 votes to 116.

Angling.—It may not be generally known to Anglers, that by besmearing their bait with Assafœtida, or other aromatic, fish from a considerable distance around will seize it with delight.

Another Fire.—Col Williams, of Moore county, lost his valuable Mills, on Little River in that county, by fire, on Saturday night last. The particulars we have not heard, but understand there is no doubt but the fire was the act of an incendiary.

It appears by a letter in the Illinois Intelligencer, that Mr. D. P. Cook, the late Representative in Congress from that State, has found it necessary to take a voyage to Cuba for the benefit of his health.

The Presbytery of Orange met in Hillsborough by adjournment, on the 11th inst. The Rev. Ezekiel B. Currie, presiding as Moderator. Three young gentlemen, candidates for the Ministry, delivered their trial Sermons, which were well received.

The following liberal and patriotic remarks are taken from the Boston Commercial Gazette, of the 19th ultimo: "We are sorry to see, in some papers, a disposition to keep up a jealousy and hostility between the Northern and Southern States."

Constitutional Public Meeting.—At a meeting of the principal inhabitants of St. Hyacinthe, held on the 12th inst. the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

- 1. Resolved, That the conduct of the House of Assembly, composed of the Representatives of this Province, always firm and constant in maintaining our privileges, has produced in the heart of every good Canadian, sentiments of gratitude which never will be effaced.
- 2. That the House, by declaring that it would grant supplies only in the manner provided by the act of 1825, has proved to our entire satisfaction, that, although always disposed to grant supplies necessary for the support of the Government, it would never cease to protect the rights of the People of Canada.
- 3. That of the numerous bills which received their origin in the House of Assembly during the last session, there were many which the situation of the country for many years imperiously required, and that the Province has been deprived of the valuable benefits which those bills would produce, by the sudden and unexpected prorogation of the Provincial Parliament.
- 4. That the province, and especially the country parts which were so lately calculating the knowledge and happiness that the inhabitants would have acquired by the liberal grant of the Representatives for the purpose of promoting education, have been cruelly disappointed in their expectation that so necessary a bill would meet with no obstacles.
- 5. That we have seen with surprise the House of Assembly of this Province seriously accused, in the speech of his Excellency the Governor in Chief of having failed in its duty to its country.
- 6. That, although we have the greatest respect for every thing that emanates from superior authority, it is impossible for us to cease re-

posting confidence, the most entire, in a body composed of Canadians, attached to the happiness of the country by the closed ties, and whose patriotism has been so eminently distinguished on many occasions, but particularly during the short continuance of the late session.

JH. FORLIER, Secretary. New-York, May 14, 1827. LATE & IMPORTANT

To Capt. Owen of the fast sailing schr. Mary Livingston, arrived yesterday in 20 days from San Juan de Nicaragua, we are indebted for the following important information.

The different provinces in Central America, were in a state of anarchy, and business of all kind at a stand: the cause without doubt, arose from the jealousy of the mulattoes against the whites, and the vague and inconsistent ideas imbibed by them of liberty and republicanism.

The Provinces of Nicaragua were involved in a most serious civil war. The cities of Leon and Granada have declared war on the cities of Nicaragua and Merigua; the latter was surrounded by the Granadians and Leonians and was momentarily expected to surrender.

Agriculture has become neglected; the crops of Indigo throughout the whole country would fall short nearly two thirds. Owing to the neglect of the Hacendados of cattle, hides were becoming scarce.

Fom Havana.—We learn from the schr. Saluda, arrived yesterday, in 11 days from Havana, that Com. Porter's small vessels go out and in when they please: his ship continues there and has captured a Spanish ship and two brigs from Spain.

To the Editors of the Raleigh Register. I am much gratified by observing your protest against the manner in which the public execution of criminals is conducted.

It was with horror and disgust I read in the newspapers that "Negro Ned who was hung for the murder of his master, was arrayed in a black robe, and escorted to execution by a military band."

Some of these were not well suited to the spirit of the times, but I have lived to see most of them overtaken by the march of public sentiment. Perseverance will ultimately accomplish every thing that humanity and policy can require.

- 1. Negroes to be tried for criminal offences by the same tribunal, and in the same manner, as white persons.
- 2. Executions to be private.
- 3. Drunkards and spendthrifts to have guardians.
- 4. Imprisonment for Debt to be abolished.
- 5. Lands to be exempted from the devouring effects of the credit system.

4. Subsequently it became a law that the debtor should be imprisoned or enslaved, at the pleasure of the creditor, or until the debt was paid.

5. The imprisonment was mitigated at length to a year, to 60, to 40, and to 20 days.

6. North Carolina at last set the example of abolishing imprisonment altogether.

DIED. In this vicinity, on Friday last, Mr. Samuel Suggs, planter, for several years a resident of this city.

A Wool Carding Machine Is now in operation at Boylan's Deep River Mills, in Chatham County.

Wool Carded by a Machine, will enable our farmer's wives to save more than half the labour, and to make a finer and an even thread, and consequently more lasting cloth.

Twenty Dollars Reward. RAN AWAY from our Mills at Wilmington, four or five weeks since, a dark Mulatto man named CHARLES, 26 or 27 years of age.

COHEN'S OFFICE—114, Market-street, Baltimore, May 7th, 1827.

Literature Lottery, The whole to be drawn in ONE DAY, in the city of BALTIMORE, and under the superintendance of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor or Council.

HIGHEST PRIZE, 20,000 DOLLARS. BRILLIANT SCHEME. 1 Prize of \$20,000 is \$20,000. 10 10,000 10,000. 10 2,000 20,000. 10 1,000 10,000. 20 500 5,000. 20 200 4,000. 20 100 2,000. 40 50 2,000. 100 30 2,000. 150 10 1,500. 300 5 1,500. 9000 4 36,000.

9662 prizes, amt'g to 114,000 dols. 20338—only 30,000 Tickets. The CASH for the whole of the Prizes can be had, as usual at COHEN'S OFFICE, the moment they are drawn.

MONY DRAWING.—The numbers will be put in one wheel as usual, and in the other will be put the prizes above the denomination of Five Dollars, and the drawing to progress in the usual manner.

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P. S. Take the following items among the above enumerated, as evidences of the state of public opinion at different periods, shewing the progress of improvement:

- 1. The civil law once gave creditors the privilege of cutting up the body of the debtor, and dividing it among them.
- 2. This bloody law was repealed by providing that the debtor, his wife and children, should be sold into slavery for the benefit of his creditors.
- 3. It was afterwards more humanely provided, that the debtor himself only should be sold.

Oxford Female Academy. THE semi-annual Examination of the pupils of this Institution will commence on Wednesday the 5th of June next, and end on the Thursday evening following.

EXAMINATION. THE Semi-Annual Examination of the Pupils of the Warrenton Female Academy, will commence on Tuesday 5th June next, and continue three days in succession.

The Teachers of the Warrenton Female Academy, tender sincere and grateful acknowledgments to their friends and patrons, for their liberal patronage, and inform them that the next Session will commence on Monday 11th June.

The Subscriber, who has presided several years in public Seminaries, is desirous to superintend an Academy in some healthy part of North-Carolina.

Stolen or Lost. A Hillborough, on the 19th inst. a POCKET BOOK, tied with a tape string, containing 3 Bank Notes, one of \$10 and the other of \$5, a 25 cent and a 20 cent Treasury Note, a small piece of silver money, a Note of Thompson Newly for \$29 payable one day after date, a Judgment and some other accounts and Papers of no value but to the owner.

One Cent Reward. RAN AWAY from my House, the 26th March last, my apprentice boy by the name of Jas Jeffrey Fraser, about eighteen years old, small of his age, of dark complexion, partaking very much of the tinge of Creole or Portuguese.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH-CAROLINA. THE Public Anniversary Examination of the Students of the University of North-Carolina will be held at Chapel Hill, on Monday, the 18th day of June next, and continue from day to day until Thursday the 28th, which last mentioned day is appointed for the Annual Commencement of the College.

The following Trustees constitute the Committee of Visitation for A. D. 1827: His Exc'y. H. G. Burton, President, ex officio.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Caldwell, Thomas P. Devereux, Esq., Genl. Solomon Graves, James C. Johnston, Esq., Col. Robert H. Jones, Genl. Thomas Love, Hon. James Martin, Frederick Nash, Esq., Genl. Romulus M. Saunders, John Stott, Esq., John Stanly, Esq., Genl. Montfort Stokes, Col. James F. Taylor.

All other of the Trustees who may attend will be considered, under an Ordinance of the Board, Members of this Committee. On Tuesday, the 26th day of June, (two days before Commencement,) a special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the University for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Visitors, upon sundry Resolutions heretofore referred to them, and of considering other subjects of importance to the Institution.

To obtain a general concert of opinion in these matters, and to superintend with increased vigilance and care, the Anniversary Examinations and Exercises of the young gentlemen of the College, a practical attendance of the Committee, and of the Trustees generally, is solicited and expected.

By order of the Board, CHAS. MANLY, Sec. Trustees University N. C. Raleigh, 15th May, 1827.

Raleigh Academy. THE Semi-annual Examination of the Students of this Institution will commence on Monday, the 4th day of June and close on the 7th day following.

Parents, guardians and the friends of the Institution generally, are respectfully invited to attend. W. R. GALES, Sec. Raleigh, May 7, 1827.