

COTTON MANUFACTORIES IN THE SOUTH.

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It is believed that 36 blacks, with one white superintendant, will do the work of 55 white operatives. It is also believed that it would be better to purchase these hands at once; and that hands of the right description might be had for \$200 a head, on an average. It is estimated that they might be decently clothed and plentifully fed for \$1000, and that \$500 is to be allowed to a white superintendant.

According to our last Essay, 33 white operatives receive weekly \$69.50, in round numbers \$70; which, with \$500 paid to the superintendant, amount in ten years to \$41,400. The expenses of a black establishment of 36 hands would be Purchase money for 36 blacks at \$200 \$7,200 Interest on this amount for 10 years 4,320 Feeding and clothing at \$1000 10,000 Superintendent do 500 5,000 \$26,520

Less the value of the blacks at the end of ten years, after deducting 25 per cent for deaths, &c. &c. 5,400 21,120

Difference \$20,280 or about 50 per cent.

Thus we see, that black labor is about 50 per cent. lower than white labor at the present rate, the average of which is \$2.41, and that, if compared with the higher average of \$3 paid elsewhere, it is about 60 per cent. Let it also be borne in mind, that it is hardly fair to charge interest on the purchase money, as the weekly return of the manufactured and saleable article pays the interest on this, as well as on the advance made for clothing, feeding, and superintendance, by its enhanced value.

We must now enquire into the price paid by the Manufacturer at home and abroad in the raw material. In this enquiry we must be guided by the prices of last Spring, as the present ephemeral high price of cotton would not be a sure criterion to go by, particularly so, as the goods market has not yet found its level. It is, therefore, by the New York price current of April last, that we shall steer our course. This gives the lowest price of cotton at 10 to 11 cents per lb. and quotes brown three-quarter wide shirting at 6 1/2 a 7 1/2 cents per yard.

Now these brown three-quarter wide shirtings which sold in New-York in April last at 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents per yard are made of the lowest quality of cotton this country produces, and which sold at the same period, at 10 cents, per lb. at New-York, and at 6 1-4 pence sterling, (equal to 12 1-2 cents) at Liverpool. But, as this cotton has to be transported from either of these seaports to the respective manufactories, in which it is to be worked up, we shall assume that it costs the manufacturer at home 10 1-2 cents, and abroad 12 3-4 cents per lb.

The same quantity of cotton, taken from the Gin, (which involves a saving of ten per cent. by precluding bagging, roping and wastage,) sold last Spring in the South at 6 1-2 to 7 1-2 cents per lb. which, if we take the highest price in the South, viz: 7 1-2 cents, 10 1-2 cents in New England, and 12 3-4 cents in Manchester, which are the lowest in these places, we show that the Southern manufacturer has the advantage of 30 per cent. over the New England, and of 52 per cent. over the Manchester Manufacturer, in the price of the raw material.

Before we go any farther, Messrs. Editors, I must beg leave to premise that, when I was last in Manchester, no manufacturer, let him have ever so much capital at command, dreamed of making more than common interest, i. e. 5 per cent. and I am quite satisfied that our domestic manufacturers make no more.

We will now suppose that the three sets of manufacturers make the same quality of cloth or shirting, out of the same material, and we will allow them the same price for it, assuming, in either case, that one pound of cotton produces four yards of cloth.

The New England man sells his 400 yards at 7d \$28 00 100 pounds cotton cost at 10 1/2 \$10 50 5 per cent. expenses for transportation to New-York, commissions, &c. &c. 1 40 5 per cent. profit 1 40 The remainder is the cost of labor 14 70 The Manchester man sells his 400 yards at 3 1/2 pence, equal to 7 cents, \$28 00 5 per cent. expenses as above \$1 40 5 1/2 profit, 1 40 100 pounds of cotton at 12 3/4 c. \$12 75 per cent. expens as above 1 40 \$15 55

Labour about 12 per cent. cheaper than in New England, 12 45 The Southern manufacturer sells his 400 yards at 7 cents, \$28 00 100 pounds of cotton at 7 1/2 cents, \$7 50 per cent. expens as above 1 40 \$15 55

Thus we see that all the advantages favor of the Southern manufacturer, and that he will necessarily have the command of the market. Calling goods which Manchester sends, at 7 cents, made of Ameri-

can cotton? Certainly not! They are made of East India and waste cotton, which comes much cheaper, for which reason they are of an inferior quality, and it is well known that our domestic goods are preferred abroad and at home. But 100 pounds of East India and waste cotton, which, by the way, will not make 400 yards of cloth, on account of the greater waste, cost, at all events, 7 1/2 cents, 5 per cent. expenses as above Labour as above Southern expenses as above Difference \$ 5 10

So, even on this ground, we shall not only beat them in the price, but produce a much better quality. The interest of the South is, at least for the present, to confine herself to the making of low-priced articles, because, principally, these require the greatest quantum of the raw material. Besides, such articles as shirtings, sheetings, calicoes for printing, &c. &c. form the bulk of the trade, and open a vast field for the exercise of her industry.

There may be some discrepancies in the above calculations, but they come near enough to truth to show the general result; and if the Southern People, instead of suffering themselves to be gulled by the advocates of free trade, will turn manufacturers, they will reap a golden harvest.

FOR THE REGISTER.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

Agreeably to previous appointment, a respectable portion of the citizens of Chatham assembled in the Court-House in Pittsboro', on Tuesday the 12th inst. immediately after the adjournment of the Court, for the purpose of electing Delegates to represent the County of Chatham in the State Convention which is to meet in Raleigh on the 24th inst.

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Wm. H. Harden, Esq. as Chairman, and Dr. John H. Hawkins, as Secretary. After the objects of the meeting had been disclosed, in a pertinent address from the Chair, the following Resolutions were introduced by Hugh McQueen, Esq. and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting is impressed with the belief that the most important issues, either of war or peace, are suspended upon the direction which may be given to the present spirit of Improvement which is pervading the State of N. Carolina, and that every rational hope for an auspicious change in her commercial condition will be forever extinguished, should the prevailing excitement on the subject of Internal Improvement be permitted to expire without producing a train of measures calculated to improve the internal condition of the State.

Resolved, That notwithstanding our deep conviction that more precious and extended benefits would result to the State from the general introduction of Rail Roads within her borders, than from any other improvement; yet we conceive that it would be casting away the bounties of Providence to omit the improvement of channels of water communication.

Resolved, That the Delegates appointed to represent the county of Chatham in the State Convention, be instructed to submit to that body the propriety of improving the Navigation of the Cape-Fear and Deep Rivers, together with the connection of their waters with those of the Yadkin, by means of a Rail Road.

Resolved, That we are decidedly in favor of a loan being contracted by the State for the purpose of executing such plans for her Internal Improvement, as may be recommended by the Convention and adopted by the Legislature.

The foregoing Resolutions were advocated, at very considerable length, by Hugh McQueen and Harly L. Holmes, Esqrs. when the following Resolution was introduced by Jonathan Haralson, Esq. and unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Delegates appointed by this meeting to attend the Convention which is to assemble in Raleigh, be empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur in their number.

Hugh McQueen, Abraham G. Keen and Thomas M. C. Prince were then appointed Delegates.

On motion of Hugh McQueen, Esq. the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the Chairman and Secretary, for the satisfactory manner in which they discharged the duties of their respective stations.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Raleigh Register. When the meeting adjourned.

WM. H. HARDEN, Cha'n. JOHN H. HAWKINS, Sec'y.

FOR THE REGISTER.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.

Morganton, Nov. 9, 1833. Pursuant to adjournment, a respectable meeting of the Citizens of Burke county convened at the Court-House, for the purpose of expressing their sense upon the various schemes of Internal Improvement proposed in this State, and choosing Delegates to the Convention to be held in the city of Raleigh, on the fourth Monday of this inst. Thomas W. Wilson resumed the Chair, and Joseph J. Erwin was appointed Secretary.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting approve of the Central Rail Road scheme, commencing at the harbor of Beaufort, and extending to the Western section of the State, through the most direct and eligible section of country, and that our Delegates in the Convention be requested to promote that scheme as far as practicable.

Resolved, That provided the Raleigh Convention should recommend to the Legislature to negotiate a loan for the purpose of constructing a Central Rail Road, that our members in the Legislature be requested to promote that measure.

Resolved, That four Delegates be chosen to represent this county in the Raleigh Convention. Whereupon the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen, viz: Peter R. Hines, John Ruth sford, Jun. B. S. Gaither, Esqrs. and Col. C. J. Chisholm.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be officially signed, and sent to the Raleigh papers for publication.

J. J. ERWIN, Sec'y.

State Legislature.

SENATE.

Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Petition presented.—By Mr. Caldwell, of sundry citizens of Ireddell county, praying that John Andrews, of said county, be restored to the privileges of a citizen; which was referred.

Bill presented.—By Mr. Lindsay, concerning the Beach and Marshy lands lying in Currituck county; which was read three times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Messrs. Montgomery, Sherard, Lindsey, Vann and Wilder were appointed, on the part of the Senate, to compose the joint select committee to examine whether the public printing cannot be done on terms more advantageous.

Mr. Morris presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee, consisting of five members on the part of each House, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of passing a law exempting in case of imprisonment of military duty (except in case of insurrection) all commissioned officers of the militia of the grade of Captain and upwards, who have served, or who may hereafter serve with good reputation in the militia of this State for the space of five years in succession; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Which resolution was, on motion of Mr. Edwards, so amended as to make it the duty of the committee on Military Affairs to make the inquiry alluded to, and adopted.

Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Petitions presented.—By Mr. Morrison, of William Davidson and others, of Mecklenburg county, securities of John Sloan, late Sheriff, praying to be released from the payment of a forfeiture of 400 dollars, incurred by the said Sheriff for failing to pay the public taxes due to the State, and another from the same parties, praying the passage of an act to authorize them to collect the arrears of taxes due the said Sloan from the year 1824 to 1831. Referred.

Mr. Hussey presented the memorial of Isaac Weston and others, citizens of Duplin county, praying that said Isaac Weston be restored to the privileges of a citizen.—Referred.

The engrossed bill for the better administration of justice in Haywood county, was read three times, passed and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to which was referred the resolution in favor of William Ferrand, made a report recommending its passage. The resolution was then read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Montgomery, from the joint select committee appointed to examine whether the public printing cannot be done on more advantageous terms, made a report thereon stating that, in the opinion of the committee no investigation of the subject is necessary; which was laid upon the table.

Thursday, Nov. 28.

Petitions presented.—By Mr. Clayton, of Jacob Reel, praying to be divorced from his wife Franky. By Mr. Burns, of sundry Pilots of the county of Carteret. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Vann, Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law, so as to effect a more uniform system of administering or distributing the estates of deceased debtors, as may not be sufficiently able to satisfy all their just creditors.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, Resolved, That the Public Treasurer be requested to make out and transmit to this House as soon as practicable, a statement of all the funds belonging to the State, specifying their description, and the gross amount of each.

On motion of Mr. Sitton, Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the present law relative to the Oath by which testate property is rendered in, so as to require the cash value of the real estate to be given in on oath.

On motion of Mr. Mann, Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering and amending an act of the General Assembly passed in 1827, chap. 1039, that when a guardian shall have renewed his bond and given new and further security, the former securities shall be free from all liabilities.

Mr. Brittain presented a bill directing the sale of the Lands remaining unsold, acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians.—Read the first time and referred.

Mr. Martin, of Richmond, a bill vesting the right of electing County Surveyor in the County of Richmond in the free white men thereof. Read the first time.

Friday, Nov. 29.

On motion of Mr. Clayton, Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to Deeds and Conveyances, made by femes cover, so as to provide that the proof of execution, and the private examination, may be made out of Court.

On motion of Mr. Hogan, Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to enquire into and report to the Senate, what part of the printing is executed for the sum regularly appropriated as a compensation, and what part is embraced under the head of extra printing—likewise into the expediency of changing the mode of having the public printing executed, and of making a specific sum for all that may be required annually.

Messrs. Montgomery, Sherard, Lindsey, Vann and Wilder, form said committee.

Mr. Edwards present a bill to legitimate Thos. Pettis Gardner, which was read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Brittain, of Mac-n, from the committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Cherokee Indians, to which was referred the bill directing the sale of

the lands remaining unsold, acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians, reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read, and on motion of Mr. Beard, ordered that the said bill be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The Senate adjourned early to attend the deliberations of the Internal Improvement Convention.

Saturday, Nov. 30.

Petition presented.—By Mr. Hussey, of James Moore, of Duplin, for a Pension. Referred.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, made unfavorable report on the petition of Jacob Reed which was concurred in, and the petition was rejected.

Mr. Sherard from the joint select committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him of his election, and ascertain when it will be convenient for him to attend the two Houses and qualify, reported that he would attend for that purpose on Friday next, at 12 o'clock.

A communication was received from the President of the Internal Improvement Convention stating that should it meet the approbation of the General Assembly, that body would sit upon the Legislature at 1 o'clock, this day, and submit for their consideration a result of its deliberations.—Messrs. H. C. and Jones of the Senate, and Mr. Leal and Long, of the House, were appointed a select joint committee to wait upon the Convention and inform them of the readiness of the two Houses to receive them.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to which a petition on the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize Jeremiah Ingram, of Anson, to erect a Gate across the Road leading from Walsborough to Stanback's ferry on Pedee river. Read the first, second and third times, and ordered to be engrossed.

A communication was received from Henry Reardon and Asa Dilozier, informing the Legislature that they have discovered a valuable silver mine on the State lands, near the Tennessee line, and praying compensation for making the discovery. Read and referred to a select joint committee, consisting of five members from each House.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, of Chowan, Resolved, that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of compelling all persons who have erected, or may hereafter erect a Gate across any Public Road, to keep some person to open the same; and also to enquire into the expediency of reporting a general bill on the subject.

Monday, Dec. 2.

Petitions presented.—By Mr. Hinton, of P. Pouyer, and other natives of France, praying the passage of an act authorizing native Frenchmen to hold lands within this State, and to transmit the same to their heirs.—Referred.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to restore to credit Isaac Weston, of Duplin county.—Read three times and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Skinner, of Chowan, from the Judiciary committee, to which a Resolution was referred instructing them to enquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to Justices of the Peace, made an adverse report thereon, which was concurred in.

The engrossed Resolutions in favor of Alfred Slade and Isaac Baxter, were read and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Beard submitted a resolution in favor of the heirs of Philip Alston, a Colonel of Militia, during the Revolutionary War. The engrossed bill to emancipate Joe Hostler passed its third reading, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Thursday, Nov. 28.

Petition presented.—By Mr. Battle, of sundry citizens of Franklin county, praying the incorporation of a Company, for the purpose of constructing a Rail Road from the Roanoke river through said county.—Referred.

On motion of Mr. J. D. Jones, Resolved, that the Committee on the currency be instructed to enquire into the expediency of rechartering the Bank of Cape Fear.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill to prevent Justices of the Peace from issuing a capias ad satisfaciendum on the judgment of a Justice of the Peace until the return "no property," is made, reported unfavorably thereon. Mr. Outlaw made an unsuccessful motion to lay the bill on the table, which was not agreed to, and on motion of Mr. Poindexter, it was indefinitely postponed.—Ayes 82, Nays 42.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee of Claims reported a resolution in favor of Isaac Baxter, Sheriff of Currituck County. Mr. D. from the same committee, reported a resolution in favor of Mary Sloan, widow of Capt. John Sloan—which passed their first reading.

Mr. Guthrie presented a resolution in favor of George R. Griffith.—Referred.

Friday, Nov. 29.

Sipha Smith one of the members from the County of Hertford, appeared, produced his credentials, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Waugh presented a bill to establish Franklin Academy in the county of Surry, and to incorporate the Trustees thereof.—Read the first time and passed.

Some private bills were read the second time, but the Legislature adjourned at an early period to attend the deliberations of the Internal Improvement Convention.

Saturday, Nov. 30.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Marsteller, to repeal and amend part of an act passed last session, amendatory of the Militia laws.—By Mr. Martin, to repeal an act passed in 1818, fixing the sum to be paid to the State, hereafter for vacant lands. By Mr. Guthrie, concerning the Poor of Chatham county,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of dividing the State into seven Judicial Circuits, whereby the evil attending the present arrangement of the Judicial Districts shall be remedied, more especially, the great inconvenience existing in the Mountain or Sixth Judicial District.

On motion of Mr. Outlaw, Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire whether the present tax on Pedlars is sufficient, and if so, what amendments in the present laws are necessary to secure its collection.

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The resignation of Thomas W. Norman, as Brigadier General of the 3d Division and 16th Brigade, was read and accepted.

Monday, Dec 2.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Cherry, to prohibit Justices of the Peace in Pitt, from allowing extra service money to the County officers. By Mr. Murray, providing that State cases shall not be taken up in the Superior Courts of Hyde, before the Thursday of Court week. By Mr. Tillet, authorizing the erection of a fire proof Court-house in Camden county. By Mr. Fisher, to extend the time for registering grants, mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale, and deeds of gift. These bills passed their first reading.

The engrossed bill to incorporate Sylvester Academy, in Moore county, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill allowing Constables one dollar for executing State warrants, was, on Mr. Edmonston's motion indefinitely postponed.

On Mr. Cansler's motion, the Judiciary Committee were directed to enquire as to the expediency of giving to County Courts the power of authorising the erection of gates across Public Roads.

Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Petition presented.—By Mr. King, of Mary Sloan, widow of the late John Sloan, of Ireddell county, praying that she be allowed a pension on account of the revolutionary services of her husband; which was referred.

Bills presented.—By Mr. Moore, to provide for the better administration of justice in Rutherford county; Mr. Calvert, a bill to incorporate the Northampton Independent Volunteers; Mr. Corpening, a bill to authorize William A. Erwin to establish a ferry across the Catawba river, in Burke county; Mr. J. L. Smith, bill to re-appoint trustees for Greenhill Academy, in Haywood county; Mr. Clement, a bill directing the manner in which constables shall be appointed in this State; and Mr. Jordan, a bill to amend the act of 1782, giving an equity jurisdiction to the Superior Courts; which bills passed their first reading, and the last mentioned was referred.

Mr. Tillet presented a bill requiring the Register and Clerks of Camden county to keep their offices at the Court-house; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill to authorize the County Court of Onslow to transcribe certain records, reported that the object sought to be attained by the bill has been already provided for by law, and recommended that the said bill be rejected. Concurred in.

Mr. Barringer, from the same Committee, reported a bill concerning Coroners' fees; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Fuscue presented a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to provide that all persons now exempt from working on the public roads, be also exempt from serving as overseers on the same; which was read and rejected.

Mr. Wyche, from the Committee of Finance, to which was referred the resolution of A. M. Slade, made a report thereon, recommending its passage. The resolution was then read the second time and passed.

Mr. Bragg submitted a resolution, tending to the Internal Improvement Convention, now in session in this city, the use of this Hall in the afternoon of each day during their session; which was adopted.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the Commissioners appointed to superintend the rebuilding of the Capitol; which report, on motion of Mr. Fisher, was transmitted to the Senate, with a proposition that a joint select committee be raised on the subject of the public buildings; and that the report be referred to such Committee.

Mr. J. B. Jones presented a resolution in favor of Isaac Baxter, sheriff of Currituck county; which was read the first time and referred.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the joint select committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of selling the Cherokee lands, were instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the regular prices fixed upon the different qualities of the said land that has been surveyed; and also of subjecting the surveyed lands to entry.

The engrossed bill to amend the act of 1829 for the protection of the bridge across Scuppernon river at Columbia, passed its third reading, and was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Seawell, the committee on Internal Improvements were instructed to enquire into the practicability of draining either a part or the whole of the swamp lands within the State; and, if deemed practicable, the probable cost and expediency of effecting the same; also to ascertain, as far as may be within its control, any information in relation to the probable value of said lands when reclaimed.

The bill to emancipate Joe, a slave, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed—yeas 72, nays 51.

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By Mr. J. D. Jones, to incorporate the Ladies working Society of St. James' Church, in the town of Wilmington. By Mr. Williams, to alter the names of John, Lucy and Jesse McHenry, illegitimate children of Dickinson Mask, of Richmnd county. By Mr. Peoples, in relation to the Voluntary Companies formed out of the 57th and 58th Regiments of Guilford Militia. By Mr. Waugh, to provide for the collection of debts where there is no visible property.—By Mr. Long, to ascertain the amount of experts raised in the State for one year, and for other purposes. By Mr. Pierce, allowing Constables one dollar for executing State warrants. By Mr. King, to incorporate the Ireddell Union Troopers. By Mr. Whitehurst, concerning the building of a Court-house in Carteret county. By Mr. Gillespie, to prevent obstructions to the run of Rock Fish Creek, in Duplin county.—By Mr. Brandon, to amend an act passed in 1826, to regulate the time of appointing Overseers of Roads in Anson county. By Mr. W. J. Horton, to prevent obstructing the passage of fish up New River, in Ashe.—By Mr. Weaver, for the further regulation of the Buncombe Militia. By Mr. Bragg, to incorporate the Greensville and Roanoke Rail Road Company. Which bills were severally read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Wyche, Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary enquire how much of the salary of the late Chief-Justice Henderson is due for the present year.

The engrossed Resolution in favor of W. Ferrand, of Onslow, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Pierce submitted a Resolution in favor of Richard H. Weaver, which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Seawell, Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of dividing the State into seven