

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Raleigh Register.

Sir:—In your paper of the 24th inst., a writer over the signature of "A Responsible Witness," attempts to vindicate the Petersburg interest against the charge of instigating a certain provision in the Act of the Virginia Legislature, for the sale of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road.

The above statement, viewed as an isolated fact, is in part correct, and partly erroneous. While it professes to be a plain and true history of the transaction, it is no history at all. It is a mere ex parte statement; a brief assertion, as partial and imperfect as it is brief.

That I did submit the provision complained of, is a matter of fact, and is not a matter of opinion. I introduced it without any consultation with the delegates from Petersburg, and without apprising him of it. This the public are left to infer, that the Petersburg interest is proved by a "responsible witness," to have been entirely innocent of the legislation complained of, while I, with the interests committed to my charge, am held up as the guilty actor in, and author of a transaction over which even modest Petersburg sheds her maledictions.

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In the struggle which was thus going on to keep down the Portsmouth Road, and the effort to make North Carolina appear as a partial and interested party, it became necessary, both to the support of the Bill and the defence of Carolina against such a charge, that it should be properly denied and denounced. There was no better or more effectual way of doing it, than by the provision in the Bill which inhibits the consummation of the scheme referred to.

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Respectfully, your obedient servant, SAMUEL WATTS. Portsmouth, Va. May 5, 1846.

EDITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.

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Great Falls of Neuse River.

Important to Capitalists.

THE undersigned wishing to sell his property at this place, now offers for sale the Mill Tract, containing one hundred and thirteen acres, on which is situated, his Great Falls, Saw Mill, Tannery, and other buildings, &c. The Great Falls are in a large hollow, sixty feet long and forty feet wide, and consists of three Corn Mills and one pair of Burr Mill Stones, for grinding Wheat, with Steam Mill Elevators, Bolting cloths, and all fixtures for making first rate flour.

FORESTVILLE, Wake County, N. C. Nov. 24th, 1846. JAS. D. NEWBOM.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—SUPREME COURT—June Term, 1846.

In the matter of Thomas B. Sharpe, Starkey Sharpe, John B. Sharpe, Jacob Sharpe and Elisha H. Sharpe. The Petitioners set forth, that under a Decree of the Court, the said Elisha Seal and Sarah, his wife, agreed to sell to the said Thomas B. Sharpe, his wife, and to the said John B. Sharpe, his wife, a certain tract of land, containing one hundred and thirteen acres, situated in the County of Wake, North Carolina.

IMPORTANT SALE OF

Land, Negroes, &c.

BY VIRTUE OF A Deed of Trust, made by DANIEL TURNER, the undersigned will sell at the residence of the said DANIEL TURNER, four miles South of the Town of Warrenton, N. C., on Wednesday, the 16th day of December next, all the Land owned by him, consisting of the Tract on which he resides, containing about 1300 acres, and another adjoining thereto, containing about 2400 acres.

The Land is of excellent quality, in a perfectly healthy region of Country, and in the midst of good soil.

The Buildings on the first named Tract, are new and very extensive. The Dwelling House is finished in very superior style, and probably there is not in the State a more beautiful, or a more desirable residence.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

(REPORTED FOR THE REGISTER.)

SENATE.—Monday, November 30.

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced a Bill to incorporate the Merchants' Steamboat Company, which passed first reading.

The Bill to incorporate Buck Horn Academy, in the County of Hertford, passed third reading and was ordered to be engrossed.

The Resolution in favor of William Alexander, passed second reading.

Mr. EHRINGHAUS introduced a Bill to incorporate the Petersburg and Pasquotank Gun Works, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. EHRINGHAUS also introduced a Bill to incorporate the Pasquotank Artillery, which also passed first reading and was referred to the same Committee.

The Bill to amend an Act of the last Session, entitled an Act in favor of Peter Dobson, passed second reading and was, on motion of Mr. Halsey, ordered to lie on the table.

The Report of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, relative to the memorial sundry citizens of the Town of Fayetteville, was taken up and read, on motion of Mr. Waddell, ordered to lie on the table.

The Engrossed Resolution in favor of James Higgins and A. Nicholls, passed second reading.

The Bill to incorporate Cedar Falls Manufacturing Company, passed second reading.

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A message was received from the House, concurring in the proposition of the Senate to raise a Joint Select Committee on Public Buildings.

The Resolution in favor of James Page, was taken up, and the amendment of Mr. Francis, in favor of Samuel J. Finch, was rejected.

Mr. GRAVES moved to amend the Resolution by striking out the words "and the usual pay for mileage for his attendance on the Senate," which was also rejected.

Mr. HOGAN called for the Yeas and Nays, which were as follows: Yeas 13, Nays 32. The Resolution then passed third reading and was ordered to be engrossed.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, viz: The Bill to incorporate the Camden and Charlotte Rail Road Company, and the amendments proposed thereto by the Committee on Internal Improvements. The said amendments were severally agreed to.

Mr. PATTERSON moved amendments to the 23d and 24th sections of the Bill, which were agreed to.

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After several verbal amendments proposed by Messrs. Patterson, Gilchrist and other Senators, which were agreed to, Mr. Thompson moved to amend the Bill by adding an amendment to the 30th section of the Bill, which was adopted. He also moved to amend the Bill by adding the following to the 30th section, viz: "And he further enacted, That in case of an insolvency of the Company hereby created, or ultimate inability of the part of this Company to pay, the individual Stockholders shall be liable to creditors in sum equal to the amount of Stock by them respectively held in said Corporation."

During the consideration and discussion of said amendment, and before the question was taken thereon, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Messrs. Fleming, Gambill, George and Harrison, were appointed the Committee on Enrolled Bills, for the present week.

Messrs. Waiser, Britton, Reid, Long and Holden, were appointed on behalf of the House, the Joint Select Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. STEELE, of Richmond, presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Montgomery County, against County Court Juries; which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. Mcbane, of Orange, it was ordered that the Message of His Excellency, the Governor of Saturday last, transmitting the Report of the Board of Internal Improvements, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, with instructions to examine and report what portions of the documents accompanying said Message should be printed.

Mr. BROWER, of Randolph, presented the following Resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of each House, to designate the time and manner of counting and canvassing the votes cast for Governor at the late August election."

Mr. POTTS, of Mecklenburg, presented a Resolution in favor of the Troop of Cavalry in the County of Mecklenburg; which passed first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.