

THE CAPE FEAR.

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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

CORNELIUS HARNETT.

A Correction and an Appeal.

The sketch of this distinguished soldier and statesman of the Cape Fear, which appeared in another column a short time since, was extensively copied by newspapers in and out of the State. This circumstance is the incentive to the following *amende honorable*, which is due Colonel Harnett and his courageous Mrs. Colonel Spicer. The incident, as first published, was based on a conversation with a granddaughter of Mrs. Spicer; following more correct version of it from information furnished us by a venerable lady who heard it from Spicer's own lips. The lady to whom we refer read it in the Charlotte *Observer* copied from the CAPE FEAR, in perhaps the only person living who could have given to the present generation the following facts.

Colonel Harnett would not allow Spicer to entertain him as her guest, but insisted on occupying a comfortable cabin on her plantation during his painful illness. He was suffering from a severe attack of the gout. The British were swarming through New River. Wilmington was commanded by Sir James Craig. Lord Cornwallis was pursuing Gen. Green as he retreated westward. It was about the time of the battle of Cowpens.

Mrs. Spicer, in spite of Harnett's approval, paid him every attention. The nicest dishes were prepared for him, the most luscious fruits kept for him, and the servant soon found out that although the sick stranger did not occupy the guest's chamber, he was a person of importance. This discovery was what Harnett wished to avoid. Unfortunately Mrs. Spicer could not consent to neglect him in any way, and some of the negroes on the plantation—driven by a bribe, doubtless—conducted a band of Red Coats to the cabin. Harnett's disease was at its worst, and for weeks he had not been able to stand. The British could not ascertain who he was. They knew it was not Col. Spicer, for his famous black horse, with its gallant rider, were giving them serious trouble in another direction. When Mrs. Spicer heard the enemy had surrounded Harnett's cabin, she went to the officer and begged him to permit the suffering man to remain in the hut their prisoner. This they declined to do. Then she offered to go with them to Wilmington their prisoner and his hostage. This convinced them that he was a prisoner of some prominence. They did not know, however, that it was Cornelius Harnett who listened to their refusal. They bound him on horse-back and forced him, racked with pain, to go with them to Wilmington. He was carried, a prisoner, on board the Thunderer, a man-of-war, anchored in the Cape Fear river. When Sir James Craig saw him he exclaimed:

"Cornelius Harnett, is it possible that we have caught you! For your head and that of Robert Howe, King George declares he will accept no ransom. You are beyond the power of pardon, you traitor!" As the British spoke he drew the blunt side of his sword across Harnett's throat. Stung by the insult, the sick man sprang to his feet—for the first time in many weeks—indignantly exclaiming: "I am no traitor! I owe no allegiance to George III., and dropped back—dead. His grave is in St. James' Church-yard. A simple, moss-covered slab marks the spot, and the name 'CORNELIUS HARNETT' is slowly being erased by the hand of time—a name that in any other of the United States would long since have shone on a bronze or marble monument worthy the deeds of him who bore it.

Strangers can come to the historic Cape Fear section and get money enough to enable them to revel in elegance and luxuries that a few days ago were as unknown to them as the magnificence of Aladdin's magical palace, while the sons and daughters to the manner born can not raise the funds or exert the energy to erect a solitary handsome memorial statue to a single one of North Carolina's revolutionary patriots, heroes or statesmen. Is it enough that men whose "beards were once pregnant with celestial fire" and whose hands the rod of empire might have waved" are permitted to rest in peaceful oblivion in their native soil, or is it better to emulate proud old Virginia—the mother of States and of statesmen—in this respect? Her Washington, surrounded by presidents, governors,

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50 Bbls. SUGAR,

100 Bbls. GLUE,

500 Bbls. HOOP IRON,

500 Bales HAY,

BAGGING, TOBACCO, STUFF, SOAP,

LYE, CANDY, TIES, CHEESE,

SPIRIT BARRELS, LARD,

NAILS, &c., &c.

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EXTRA

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SALE BY MORTGAGEES.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE conferred in a mortgage made by Jacob Shover and Catherine A. Shover, his wife, to Charles D. Myers & Co., dated the 27th day of September, 1875, and registered in the Register's Office of New Hanover County, in Book L L L, pages 311, 312, 313 and 314 (default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured), the undersigned, as Attorney for said mortgagees, will offer for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, on SATURDAY, the 23d day of DECEMBER, 1876, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lot of land in the city of Wilmington; beginning at the N. W. corner of Block No. 27, and running thence S, with the E. line of Seventh street 119 feet 6 inches, thence E, parallel with Harnett street 36 feet 6 inches to the Lot Line, thence N, with the Lot line 132 feet to the beginning, being parts of lots 1 and 2 in Block No. 27.

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