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## Stray Puppies.

STRAYED or stolen from the Subscriber, two HOUND PUPPIES, about six months old—one a yellow and white spotted, the other a black and white spotted. Any information respecting them will be thankfully received, and if delivered to the subscriber a reasonable reward will be given.

J. H. SIMMONS,

Enfield, Nov. 29. 37-3t

## One Hundred Dollars REWARD.

RUNAWAY, or was stolen from the Subscriber, on the night of the 8th instant, a bright mulatto woman (slave) and her child, a girl of about four years old. This woman ran away from the Subscriber, executor of John Hunt, deceased, in the summer of 1808, and passed as a free woman, by the name of PATSEY YOUNG, until about the first of June last, when she was apprehended as a runaway. On the sixth of the same month I obtained possession of her in the town of Halifax, since which time she and her child ELIZA have, in compliance with an order of the county court of Franklin, been sold, when the Subscriber became the purchaser. She spent the greater part of the time she was runaway (say about sixteen years) in the neighborhood of, and in the town of Halifax, one or two summers at Rockland, where I am informed she cooked for the hands employed to work on the canal; she also spent some of her time in Plymouth, her occupation while there not known. At the above named places she has many acquaintances and friends. She is a tall, spare woman, thin face and lips, long sharp nose, her fore teeth in a state of decay. She is an excellent seamstress, can make gentlemen's and ladies' dresses, is a good cook and weaver, and I am informed is a good cake baker and brewer, &c. by which occupations she principally gained her living. Sometime during last summer she married a free man of color, named Achrael Johnson, who had been living in and about Plymouth, and followed boating on the Roanoke. Since his marriage he leased a farm of Mr. James Cotton, of Scotland Neck, (Halifax county) where he was living, together with this woman, when she was taken up as a runaway slave in June last. I have but little doubt that Johnson has contrived to seduce or steal her and child out of my possession, and will attempt to get them out of the state and pass as free persons. Should this be the case, I will give *Sixty Five Dollars* for his detection and conviction before the proper tribunal in any part of this state. I will give for the apprehension of the woman and child, on their delivery to me, or so secured in jail or otherwise that I get them, *Thirty Five Dollars*. Or, I will give *Twenty Five Dollars* for the woman alone, and *Ten Dollars* for the child alone. The proper name of the woman is Piety, by she will no doubt change it as she did before. I forewarn all owners of boats, captains and owners of vessels from taking on board or carrying away this woman and her child Eliza, under the penalty of the law.

N. T. HUNT.

August 16, 1824.

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## N. Carolina Legislature

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Hon. the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina.

Gentlemen: In obedience to the laws of the State, and in discharge of that part of my official duties, as Public Treasurer, I do myself the honour respectfully to submit to the Legislature the following Report, to wit:

The receipts at the Treasury of North-Carolina for the year commencing with the first day of November, 1823, and ending with the last day of October, 1824, including sundry payments of arrearages and the public Taxes of every other description, which became due and were paid at the Treasury of this State, within that period, together with the dividends declared by our State Bank, on the stock or shares held in it by North-Carolina; the purchase-money or proceeds of the vacant and unappropriated lands lately entered, and paid for in the course of the time abovementioned; and the collection made from the bonds given by purchasers of the public lands, near Raleigh, which were sold in 1820, amount to one hundred and fourteen thousand, six hundred and thirty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents, and five-sixths of a cent, (114,639 39 5-6.)

To this sum, the balance remained in the Treasury, on the first day of November, 1823, and thereafter to be accounted for, as reported to the last General Assembly, being added viz: one hundred and nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty-three dollars, twenty-one cents and five-sixths of a cent, an aggregate amount of two hundred and twenty-four thousand, three hundred and sixty-two dollars, sixty-one cents and two-thirds of a cent, is formed, (224,362 61 2-3.)

From this sum total, disbursements have been made, within the time first abovementioned, including the worn Treasury notes, and other monies burnt, to amount of eighty-seven thousand, three hundred and twenty-one dollars, fifty-five cents and one-sixth of a cent, (17,321 55 1-6,) the vouchers for which have been handed over to the Comptroller, and passed upon by that officer.

This expenditure being deducted from the aggregate amount, abovementioned, will be found to leave a balance of one hundred and thirty-seven thousand and forty-one dollars, and six cents and an half, remaining in the Treasury of this State, on the first day of November, instant, say on the first day of November, 1824, and hereafter to be accounted for, (137,041 06 1-2.) The Treasurer takes occasion, however, here to remark, that three thousand, two hundred and forty-four dollars and twelve and an half cents of this balance, being proceeds of vacant lands entered and paid for, are appropriated by law for the promotion of Agriculture, &c.; which being deducted, will, of course, lessen the sum applicable to ordinary purposes, or the support of Government to that amount.

For the several items, forming the reception and expenditure abovementioned, the Public Treasurer respectfully refers to the printed statements, prepared and furnished by the Comptroller for the use of the Members of the present General Assembly.

The State Bank declared dividends in the months of December, and June last, at the rate of four per cent, which, on the Shares held in it by North-Carolina, amounted to twenty-one thousand, three hundred and seventy-six dollars: which were passed to the credit of the State, and are, of course, included in the amount of the receipts, at the Public Treasury, first abovementioned. It is known the December dividend was subject to a deduction of three thousand, three hundred and fifty-six dollars, twenty-four cents; being the amount of the interest which had accrued and was payable by the State to the Bank, on account of the unpaid-for shares of the stock, held therein by North-Carolina, on the first day of that month. And it is likewise known, that the money emitted by this State, in the years 1783 and 1785, and from time to time redeemed by this Bank, and handed over to be burnt and destroyed, as directed by its charter, is also chargeable to this fund, or the dividends declared in favour of the State.

The amount of those emissions, however, which have been handed over by the Bank and burnt and destroyed, according to law, from November, 1823, to November, 1824, is but small; being one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, only, (158 75,) which sum, together with the amount of the interest abovementioned, as paid to the Bank, was included in the general account of expenditure or disbursements for the year.

Of the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven thousand and forty-one dollars, six and an half cents, abovementioned, as being the balance due and payable from the Public Treasurer to the State of North-Carolina, on the first of the present month, viz: on the first day of November, 1824, fifty-eight thousand, eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars, sixty-two cents, are deposited, & at my credit, as Public Treasurer, in the State Bank of North-Carolina, at Raleigh.

Forty-nine thousand and five dollars and forty-six cents, are deposited and stand at my credit, in like manner, in the Bank of Newbern, in Raleigh.

And twenty-four thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars and forty-nine cents, are deposited, in like manner, and stand at my credit, as Public Treasurer, in the Bank of Cape-Fear, at Fayetteville.

The remainder is in the public chest, and is formed partly of warrants and other vouchers, paid off and received since the first day of the present month, and partly of cash kept in the office, to be at hand, and in readiness to meet the demands of the day.

In the month of November, last, John Patton, esquire, the Commissioner appointed by the Governor, to sell or superintend the selling, &c. of the lands belonging to this State, commonly

called the Cherokee Lands, or such part of them as might be in demand, paid into the Public Treasury the sum of four hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty-three cents, (427 43,) being the nett proceeds of the sales, then lately made by him, and which had come into his hands, in cash, as Commissioner aforesaid; and at the same time, Col. Patton paid, additionally, and as Commissioner aforesaid, the further sum of fifty-five dollars and twenty cents, (55 20,) being the amount of an error or omission in his settlement, as Commissioner, in the year 1822; which two sums were forthwith and agreeably to law, placed at the credit of the Board of Internal Improvements; as has been, also, in course of the late fiscal year, the further sum of six thousand, five hundred and fifty-one dollars and forty cents, (6,551 40,) collected by the Treasurer, from purchasers at the several sales of the lands abovementioned.

The Commissioner, Col. Patton, at the same time, made return of the bonds taken to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase money of the lands last sold by him as aforesaid, amounting to four thousand, two hundred and forty-four dollars, twenty-three and a half cents, the whole of which were placed on file in the Treasury Office.

The Public Treasurer has rendered to the Board of Internal Improvements an account of his Receipts and Expenditures from the first of November, 1823, to the first of November, 1824, comprehending the sums abovementioned, together with all other moneys received by him which are subject to its drafts, or disposal, which shews and leaves in his hands an unexpended balance of twenty-two thousand, nine hundred and fifty-six dollars forty eight and a half cents yet to be accounted for:—a copy of which account or statement accompanies this, and is marked with the letter A.

The Treasurer has the honor likewise to submit to the General Assembly a Statement, showing the condition of the Agricultural Fund, on the first day of the present month; including as well the amount received at the Treasury in the fiscal year of 1823, for vacant lands entered and then paid for, as heretofore reported: as the amount of the like lands paid for in 1824, and now reported; and including likewise all other monies appertaining to the said fund which have come to his hands; leaving a balance of six thousand, three hundred and thirty-four dollars, and sixty-three cents in favor of and to the credit of said fund: (\$6,334 63) which Statement also accompanies this, and is marked with the letter B.

The Returns, in this regard, made previously to the close of the last fiscal year, were few in number, and the sums mentioned as due in them or which were paid on them, were generally speaking, very small:—From the returns, however, which have been since handed in, the prospects of the current year would seem to brighten, and the Treasurer is flattered with the hope of being able to make a

further and a much more considerable collection, and consequent addition to this fund, in course of the next month.

It may, perhaps, be considered the duty of the Public Treasurer to inform the General Assembly, that the Board of Internal Improvements made such arrangements or came to such agreement with the Stockholders of the Cape Fear Navigation Company, in course of the last Spring, as led to its subscribing on the books of the said company, for additional Stock, or Shares for the State, to the amount authorized by the General Assembly through their Act of the last Session, entitled "An Act concerning the Cape Fear Navigation Company"—Chap. 16th.

It is believed, that no additional Subscription for account of the State was made by the Board of Internal Improvements for other or more Shares in the Capital Stock of the Roanoke Navigation Company, previously to the first of the present month, under the act of the last Assembly, entitled "An Act concerning the Roanoke Navigation Company."—A meeting of the Stockholders of that Company has lately been had, in which North-Carolina was represented, but the Treasurer is not yet fully informed of the proceedings of that meeting, nor of its determination as to further subscriptions for its Stock.

The Public Treasurer has progressed in issuing the Treasury Notes ordered by the last Assembly, as rapidly as to him appeared expedient, and is still daily going on with that work. The notes procured are considered neat and strong or durable, and are such, in all respects, as he trusts will meet the approbation of the Legislature. He has not yet made any actual investment in bank stock of the proceeds of the notes disposed of, but has provisionally contracted for stock or shares in the Banks, with the current dividends on, to the full amount of his issues; and a transfer is only delayed for a few days, at his instance and in the hope and expectation of thereby becoming better satisfied as to the price or sum per share, which it is right and proper he should give. This business will be conducted in such sort as shall best and most effectually tend to promote and secure the interest of the state.

The surplus money in the Treasury having considerably accumulated of late, it necessarily occurred to the Treasurer that it might be expedient a part of it should likewise be invested in bank stock; but being aware that a very considerable portion of that surplus is formed of old or worn Treasury Notes, which cannot again be put into circulation; and taking into view likewise the daily and well nigh hourly calls or drains on the Treasury, in consequence of the prevailing disposition, or rage, if that term be admissible, for bringing in and exchanging the old for the new Treasury Notes; and not being able to foresee its limit, he could but hesitate and doubt of the expediency of any measure which should go directly and considerably to lessen the ability of