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**H. Johnston,**

**MERCHANT TAILOR,**

WISHES to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has just returned from New-York, with his full supply of newly imported GOODS, in his line of business, such as

*Superfine Cloths of the most fashionable colors, do. cassimeres do.—a handsome assortment of Vestings—also, a complete assortment of Trimmings, &c.*

All of which he is determined to sell low for Cash, or on a credit to punctual customers. He yet continues at his late stand, nearly opposite the Court-house, where he will thankfully receive all orders in his line of business, and pledges himself to execute the same in the most fashionable and neatest manner. Tarborough, Oct. 5, 1826. 7

**Drs. Dancy & Boykin,**

HAVING entered into Co-partnership, beg leave to inform the citizens of Edgecombe, that they are prepared to enter into the practice of the various branches of their professional duties, (viz.) *Midwifery, Surgery,* and the *Practice of Medicine.* Orders left at their residences or at their shop, will be promptly attended.

They also inform the Public, that they have furnished themselves with a fresh and plentiful supply of *Medicines,* and intend keeping on hand a like supply, which they will sell at wholesale or retail, upon as low terms as they can be purchased in any part of the State. Tarboro', Sept. 1, 1826. 3

**Thirty Dollars Reward.**



RANAWAY from the Subscriber, on Sunday night, the 12th of March last, a negro woman, named POLLY, about 28 years old, nearly five feet high, yellow complexion, spare made, has a mild look and genteel appearance, (for a negro,) when well dressed; she is an expert hand at roguery, and is well calculated to deceive unless tightly and closely examined. She was seduced away by a black free negro, *Carter Newson* by name, a shoemaker by trade, who is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, thick set, has a pleasant countenance and very white teeth, which he shews very much when speaking or laughing: he is strongly suspected of being a runaway slave. In my former advertisement, I stated that from threats which the wench made prior to her elopement, they would, by changing their names, and getting forged free papers, endeavor to make their escape to some free state: since that time, they have been lurking about Halifax town, in the vicinity of which, they probably are at this time. All persons are forbidden from harboring or carrying off said negro under the penalty of the law. The above reward, with all reasonable charges, will be paid for securing said woman in any jail, so that I get her again, or for her delivery to me.

Lunsford W. Scott.  
Halifax co. N. C.

August 15, 1826.

**Notice.**

WAS stolen out of the house of the Subscriber, some time in December last, a double cased

**SILVER WATCH,**

Made by J. Williams, London, No. 4015—the outer case is rather large for the inner case, and much thicker. FIVE DOLLARS reward will be given for such information as will lead to the recovery of it by

Joseph Barrington.

Tarborough, Oct. 19, 1826. 11

**Mrs. Sneider,**

HAS just received a part of her fall supply of articles in her line—comprising a general assortment of Leghorn and Straw Bonnets, silk and satin do. fancy colored Gros de Naples silks—do. silks and satins—superb belt ribbons, ostrich feathers, curls, necklaces, &c. &c. She has also received a few elegant PATERN BONNETS, direct from New-York, which she considers worthy the inspection of the ladies in this vicinity. Halifax, Nov. 1, 1826.

**D. Richards & Co.**

**CHEAP STORE,**

**IN TARBOROUGH.**

THE Public are informed that the Subscribers have lately returned from New-York, with a fresh supply of **Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.**

Which they are now opening at the Store belonging to Mr. Parker, and directly opposite Mr. Pender's Tavern, all of which will be offered at their usual low prices. At present may be found among many others, the following articles:

Irish POTATOES—COFFEE, TEA, Muscovado SUGAR—Leaf do. CANDLES—MOLASSES, N. E. RUM—W. I. do.—French BRANDY, Holland GIN—Country do.—WHISKEY, TOBACCO—ALLSPICE—PEPPER, INDIGO—SNUFF—POWDER—SHOT.

**DRY GOODS.**

Superfine blue, black, mixed & olive Cloths; Superfine Cassimeres; blue, mixed, green and drab Plains; Sattinets, Bombazetts and Bombazines; White, red and yellow Flannels; rose and point Blankets; Cotton and woolen Stockings; cotton and woolen Socks; Northern manufactured Negro Cloths; Dark and light ground Calicoes & Chintzes; Furniture Calico; cotton Cambricks, Muslins; Jaconett do. Muslin Robes; Book Muslin, plain & figured; Irish Linens, Lawns; French Cambric; Cotton Shirting; Domestic Cottons, white and colored; Canton and Italian Crapes; Green, pink and white Florences; Laventees; Sarsenets; Sinchews; Canton Crape and Silk Shawls; Cassimere, merino, muslin & cotton Shawls; Silk, muslin, linen & cotton Handkerchiefs; Furniture and narrow corded Dimity; Russia Diaper and Diaper Table Cloths; Oil Cloths; Bed Quilts and Bedticks; Ladies' Leghorn and Straw Bonnets; Gentlemen's fine Hats; Children's leather and rogam do. Ladies' dress and walking Shoes; Gentlemen's Boots, Booties and Shoes; Negro Shoes; Gentlemen's Plaid Cloaks and Plaids; Carpeting; cotton Bagging; Osnaburghs; Trunks; Cordage for packing Cotton; Sewing Silk; Thread; cotton Ball; Pins; Needles; Ribbons; thread Lace; Hair Combs, large and small; A large assortment of Coat & Vest Buttons; Cotton Cards; writing Paper; Quills.

Also, 3000 bushels Turks Island Salt, which will be sold in large or small quantities very low.

CASH given for Naval Stores, Cotton in the seed and baled Cotton, Beeswax, &c.

Those who are disposed to purchase, will find it to their interest to call at the above described Store. Tarborough, Oct. 1826. 10

**Cabinet-making, Turning, &c.**

THE Subscriber having erected a complete workshop for the above business in all its various branches, respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he is now prepared to execute any work in his line that he may receive orders for, viz:

*Sideboards, China presses, secretaries, book-cases, bureaux, tables, wash-stands, candle-stands, gentlemen's and ladies' wardrobes, ladies' and gentlemen's cabinets, cylinder-fall desks, portable and common do. and bedsteads of all descriptions.*

The work in general will be well executed, and of good materials.

ALSO, THE

**TURNING BUSINESS,**

Will be carried on in all its branches, viz: *Wood, iron, brass, ivory, &c.* Carpenters who may want turning done, can be accommodated, with the turning of columns, newel posts, balusters, drops, corner blocks, rosettes, &c.

The above work will be executed as cheap as the times will admit of, and in as short time as it can be done.

LEWIS LAYSSARD.

Halifax, Sept. 1826. 5

**KING & GATLIN,**

**TAILORS,**

WISH to inform their friends and the public generally, that they have recently entered into Co-partnership, and taken for their stand, the house opposite the shop of Doctors Hall & Sugg, next door above the store of Henry Austin, Esq. and a few doors below the Post Office—where they will thankfully receive all orders in their line of business, and (having just received a general assortment of the best *Trimmings* that could be procured in New-York) pledge themselves to execute their work in the most faithful, neat, and fashionable manner. In doing this, they hope to merit a share of public patronage.

Tarborough, Oct. 18, 1826. 9

**Domestic.**

**Survey of the Dismal Swamp Canal.**—It appears by a letter from a gentleman in Norfolk, published in the Danville (Va.) Telegraph, that a minute survey and examination of the Dismal Swamp Canal has been made by a detachment of Engineers, composed of Col. Gratiot, the principal Engineer at Old Point Comfort, and three Cadets from West Point, lieutenants in the army. They sounded the Canal from the northern to the southern extremity; then returned, and ascended the Feeder, a distance of 34 miles, to Lake Drummond.\* By the process of levelling, it was found that the surface of this Lake is four feet and seven-tenths above the surface of the water in the Canal, affording at all times an abundant supply of water for the Canal. The Engineers next descended the North West River, about two miles, to ascertain the practicability of connecting by a short canal the navigable part of this stream with the main canal. This river empties into Currituck Sound.

The survey and examination having been finished, and a map of the Canal, the Lake, &c. prepared, with the probable costs of

all the necessary improvements, a report was made to the Secretary of War, agreeably to the act of Congress. Upon inspection of the report, it was approved, and the Stock subscribed for by the Secretary of the Treasury. The President of the Dismal Swamp Canal has now competent authority to check for the whole amount of the loan authorised by Congress, which is \$150,000. And we presume this important work will be commenced early in the next year.

\*This Lake, which is about 15 miles in circumference, derives its name from its discoverer. It is situated within the limits of Virginia, about a mile from the borders of North-Carolina, in a Swamp almost impenetrable, from the innumerable quantity and thick growth of junipers; of which the water of the Lake is strongly impregnated. It is used altogether by persons residing near, and is considered conducive to health. An abundance of water is conducted by the feeder from the lake, and emptied into the canal about the centre; which being considerably higher than either end, the water separates, and gradually moves each way, a sufficient quantity being retained by the locks for transportation.—*Eliz. City Star.*

**Shipwreck....**An arrival at New York lately brought the melancholy tidings of the loss of the schooner *Perquimans*, of Hertford, Wm. Thomas, master. She was fallen in with at sea in lat. 28, lon. 66, bottom up, scuttled, and a man found dead in her run; from which circumstances there can be no doubt the whole crew perished. The *Perquimans* was a new vessel built by an experienced workman of the best materials, on her first voyage, bound to St. Lucia with a cargo of stave and shingles, and owned partly by Mr. Leml. C. Moore, merchant of this place. She was insured for 4,000 dollars. There were five white persons on board including Mr. Wm. Fletcher, a respectable citizen of Perquimans County, who had gone as passenger for the purpose of regaining his health. He has left two children and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his untimely death.

Capt. Thomas was for many years an able ship master from this port, and sustained the character of an industrious, sober, discreet man, and a man of strict integrity. By his death a wife and several children are bereft of their main support. The others were residents of this place, and have also left widows and children dependent on them for support....*Ib.*

**Egyptian Cotton....**Accounts from Egypt, as late as July, give intelligence of the failure of the new Cotton crops. Twelve ships were lying at Alexandria, but the quantity of Cotton there was not sufficient to load a quarter part of them.

The fundamental qualities of true friendship are constancy & fidelity.