



Tarborough,

TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 1826.

Presidential....The following letter was handed us last week, by the Postmaster at this place:

SALISBURY, (N.C.) Nov. 13, 1826.

Sir: You will have the goodness to request the editor of the *Press* to send me a sample of his paper, and if it pleases me I will become a subscriber and remit him the money. It may be necessary to say that I am friendly towards the present administration, and shall continue so as long as its measures are calculated to promote the best interests of our country and the happiness of man.

The administration is gaining ground in this quarter; and I can see no good reason why it should not gain friends every where.

Yours, &c.

The Postmaster, Tarborough, N. C.

We have forborne, in common with most of the Southern editors, touching the ensuing Presidential Election, as it will probably occasion more excitement than has been exhibited in this country for a quarter of a century past. The people of these United States have been under the impression that the theory and practice of their government were similar...that what was not expressly granted in the Constitution was withheld...but 'the powers that be' have declared otherwise, and the ensuing Presidential election must determine, whether we are to be governed by a written Constitution or by 'safe precedents'...whether the people or the 'selectmen' at Washington are the sovereigns. The extraordinary and unprecedented manner in which the present Executive was shuffled into office, is still fresh in the recollection of an astonished and indignant people; and perhaps it would be more prudent to let those angry passions, excited by such an unjustifiable event, in a manner subside, before the subject is again agitated: but, as we are thus publicly called upon for a "sample" of our sentiments in relation to the present administration, we freely give them...we do not approve of the manner in which Mr. Adams came into office; his views of the power of the General Government are inconsistent with those of his predecessors, since the days of the elder Adams; his Executive appointments are injudicious, and better calculated to subserve party views than "to promote the best interests of our country;" his unwarrantable assumption of power is unprecedented in our annals, and inimical to the perpetuity of our institutions; finally, his sentiments in regard to the theory of our government, and the monopolizing policy and extravagant projects, which unhappily have lately obtained an ascendancy in our National Councils, and which are preying on the vitals of the South, are such as to destroy all confidence in the wisdom or purity of his measures, and plainly indicate their insufficiency to promote "the happiness of man." This is a brief summary of our sentiments, and at present we believe they are in accordance with a vast majority of our citizens; who on these grounds see "good reason" why the administration "should not gain friends" any where. The intelligence that "the administration is gaining ground" in the western section of this state is new to us. Two years since the 'lion of the west' bore proudly the insignia of another individual; who, if he has not had it in his power since, to signalize himself in the eyes of

his countrymen, has certainly done nothing to forfeit the esteem and gratitude so recently evinced for former services.

In conclusion, we would be pleased to furnish our western friend with a paper, if the above "sample" of our sentiments on the subject referred to, does not prove an insurmountable obstacle. We profess to conduct a *Free Press*, and its columns are open to the investigation of any subject, whether the opinions advanced are at variance or in accordance with our own; still we must confess, that we consider the discussion of the Presidential question at present rather premature.

COTTON.

Petersburg, Nov. 21....Owing to the unfavorable nature of the last advices from England, Cotton is not so brisk in our market; the prices given yesterday, however, were 10, 10½, a 10½...*Int.*

Fayetteville, Nov. 22....We regret to state, that in consequence of the late news from Europe, Cotton has declined from 10½ to 9 8-10 cents. It is coming in pretty freely...*Obs.*

The Fall Races over *New-Hope Course*, Halifax, commenced on Tuesday, the 14th inst. and continued four days.

First day—A purse \$200, two mile heats:

Wm. M. West's b. m. Margaret Green, by Sir Archie, 4 y's old,	1 1
J. K. Bullock's b. m. Molly Walker, by Harrod, 4 years old,	2 4
J. J. Harrison's s. f. Saluda, by Timoleon, 3 years old,	3 3
W. R. Johnson's ch. f. Nancy Abner, by Sir Archie, 3 y's old,	4 2

Time...first heat, 4 minutes; second heat, the same.

Second Day—Proprietor's Purse, \$200, two mile heats:

H. M. Clay's b. f. Sally Magee, by Timoleon, 3 years old,	1 1
J. J. Harrison's ch. f. Sally Walker, by Timoleon, 4 years old,	2 2
W. Wynn's Sr. b. m. Pocahontas, by —, 5 years old,	dist.
M. H. Pettway's b. f. Nonplus, by Sir Arthur, 3 years old,	dist.

Time...first heat, 3m. 54s.; second heat the same.

Third Day—Jockey Club Purse, \$400, three mile heats:

H. M. Clay's b. h. Monsieur Tenson, by Paolet, 4 years old,	1 1
W. R. Johnson's h. h. Shakespeare, by Virginian, 4 years old,	2 2
J. K. Bullock's b. c. Nameless, by Harrod, 3 years old,	3 dis.

Time...first heat, 6m. 1s.; second heat, 6m. 7s.

Fourth Day...The Ladies' Purse, \$200, two mile heats:

W. R. Johnson's ch. f. Nancy Abner, by Sir Archie, 3 years old,	4 1 1
J. J. Harrison's s. m. Lady LaGrange, by Sir Archie, 4 years old,	1 2 2
W. M. West's s. m. Lady Greenville, by Conqueror, 4 y's old,	2 3 3
T. B. Turner's b. f. Venus, by Sir Hal, 3 years old,	3 dist.

Time...first heat, 4m. 2s.; second heat, 4m. 7s.; third heat, 4 m. 14s.

New York Election.—It is now satisfactorily, though not officially ascertained, that Governor Clinton is re-elected by a majority of about 2000 votes over his opponent Judge Rochester.

RALEIGH, NOV. 24.

Federal Court....This Court adjourned on Saturday morning last, after a session of six days, being the longest term which it has held for many years. The interesting suit, brought by the *Rev. Jonathan Whitaker*, formerly of New-Bedford, Massachusetts, against the *Rev. Frederick Freeman*, now of Plymouth, in the same State, for defamation, which has so long been upon the docket, was commenced on Tuesday, the 14th inst. and terminated at a late hour on the night of the Friday following. Counsel for the Plaintiff, Wm. Gaston, Esq. For the Defendant, Geo. E. Badger and Henry Seawell, Esqrs. A large mass of testimony was read on both sides. No proof of the truth of any of the allega-

tions contained in the libel was made out by the testimony on the part of the Defendant. It appeared in evidence that the Plaintiff had been the object of persecution in Massachusetts on account of his political and religious opinions, which he expressed and asserted with great freedom and warmth; but that his standing, as a clergyman, was respectable, and that he had maintained an unimpeachable character for integrity and morality. On Saturday morning, the Jury returned a verdict for the Plaintiff, assessing his damages to \$1800 and costs of suit. Upon the trial it appeared that there was a variation between the words used in the original Libel and the Declaration which set forth the defamatory charges; which variation gave rise to a legal question, to be decided by the Judge, (who was, by the urgency of his engagements elsewhere, compelled to leave the city before he had decided the question,) and the verdict of the Jury is subject to that decision. The cause was managed with uncommon ability by the Counsel for both parties, and never did we listen to finer displays of legal knowledge and eloquence.

Immediately after the disposal of the foregoing case, the suit brought by the same Plaintiff against the *Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Pheeters* and Judge Henry Potter, for sending a copy of the above mentioned defamatory letter to Fayetteville, was settled by an amicable reference...*Star.*

Damages....At the late superior Court of Rockingham county, the suit of *Sarah Linden vs. John Martin*, for a breach of promise of marriage, occupied the Court two days, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff of *three thousand and five hundred dollars*. Bartlett Yancey and Turner Moorehead, Esqrs. counsel for plaintiff—John Moorehead and Thomas Settle, Esqrs. for defendant.

Fayetteville, Nov. 22....The Superior Court for this county is still in session. On Friday last, negro Dick, the slave of R. Wolf, of Sampson county, charged with having committed a rape, was tried. The jury retired about sunset, and after deliberating about 19 hours, returned a verdict of "Guilty;" in pursuance of which the Judge proceeded, on Monday, to pass the awful sentence of the law, viz: that he be hung at this place on Saturday the 9th day of next month.

On Monday a white man was convicted of Perjury, but a motion in arrest of judgement has since been made.

The Court this morning entered upon the important suit, which has been pending for several years, of the *State Bank against the Securities of Robt. Raiford*, (former Cashier of the Branch in this town.) The trial will probably occupy several days, and excite much interest, not only on account of the amount depending (60 or 70,000 dollars,) but also on account of the ability of the Counsel on both sides. For the Plaintiffs, Messrs. Seawell, Hogg, and Taylor. For the Defendants, Messrs. Gaston, Toomer, and Henry...*Obs.*

MARRIED,

In this county, on the 19th inst. by *Rev. Ichabod Moore*, *Mr. John Lang*, of Pitt county, to *Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers*, relict of the late Stephen Rogers, deceased.

As Isaac and Rebecca give,
A pattern chaste and kind;
So may this married couple live,
And die in friendship join'd.

With gifts of grace their hearts endow,
Of all rich dowers best;
Their substance bless and peace bestow,
And sweeten all the rest. *Comm'd.*

Notice.

THE Semi-annual EXAMINATION of the Students of *Tarborough Academy*, will commence on Wednesday the 20th, and end on Friday, the 22d December next. Parents and Guardians are particularly invited to attend.

The Exercises of the Institution will commence again on Monday, the 1st January next.

ROBT JOYNER, Sec'y.

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Raleigh, Nov. 24....On Tuesday night last, a white man by the name of Drake in attempting to chastise a free woman of color, was stabbed nine or ten times, in various parts of the body. We learn the wounds are not considered dangerous...*Reg.*

Notice.

WILL be sold on Wednesday, the 20th day of December next, at the late residence of Alexander Cotten dec'd, about six miles north of Tarborough, and two miles from Teat's Bridge, that VALUABLE PLANTATION whereon the dec'd formerly lived...bounded on the south-west by Swift Creek, and on the north-east by the road leading from Tarborough to Enfield and Coffield's Bridge...adjoining the lands of Richard Harrison and Dempsey Bryan, Esqrs. containing about five hundred acres... Also will be sold on the premises the same day, the crop of *Corn, Cotton, Fodder, &c. House-hold & Kitchen furniture, work Horses, plantation utensils and about sixty head of fat Hogs.*

Six months credit will be given, bond and approved security required. A correct survey and plat of the land will be exhibited on the day of sale, and possession given on the first day of January, 1827.

SPENCER D. COTTEN, Ex'r.
Nov. 27, 1826. 14

Notice.

ON Wednesday, the 10th of January next, will be sold at *Mooring's Cross Roads*, in the county of Pitt, North-Carolina, a large quantity of

First Rate TAR RIVER LAND, Lying on the north side of Tar River, handsomely situated, and inferior to no Lands on said River for Corn and Cotton. The Land is generally in the county known to be as represented, it being the lands that the late John Mooring purchased of Josiah Carney, and laying opposite the town of Greenville, containing one thousand acres. There is at this time open land on said tract, sufficient for at least five hundred barrels of Corn. Six months credit will be given to purchasers, they giving bond with approved security...or negotiable paper to the State Bank of Newbern will be taken for their accommodation. The Sale to continue from day to day until all are sold...and probably more than the above quantity will be sold at the same time.

JESSE H. MOORING, Ex'r.
22d of Nov. 1826. 14

Found,

ON Timber-street, last evening, about 9 o'clock, near Capt. Pender's ice-house, and nearly opposite the Red Tavern, at present occupied by Mrs. Simmons & Co. *A Fur Hat*, of common quality, about half worn, with a cotton handkerchief in it, and a pin in the band near the buckle. The Hat is deposited at the Planter's Hotel, in room No. 6, at present occupied by the Subscriber. The owner is particularly requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take it away, or otherwise it will be disposed of according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

As I walk'd out and in again,
I saw a man, knew not his name;
Quick he stept and down he fell,
But rose again and run as hell.

PHILO JUNIUS.

Tarboro', 27th Nov. 1826.

Notice.



STRAYED or stolen from *Mr. Lewis A. Powell's*, in Martin county, in September last, a light Bay Mare, 7 years old, trots, paces and canters; goes well in a gig...She has one of her hind feet white, with a small star in her forehead; a short switch tail, and a blemish in her left eye; supposed to be taken by a negro named Allen, who ran away at the same time. **FIVE DOLLARS** will be given for the delivery of the mare, or **TEN DOLLARS** if stolen, for the mare and thief on conviction, by the Subscriber.

JESSE F. JONES.

Spring-Green, Martin Co. Nov. 26, 1826.