



Tarborough,

SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 1827.

To Correspondents.—“Leander,” in our next number. We would suggest to our Correspondents the propriety of designating their favors as “original,” or “selected.” We have inserted several articles as original, which we thought we had already seen in print; but having nothing to refer to, our library being principally composed of a bible, dictionary, and almanac, we were compelled to pass them as original. It will also be necessary to give us their real names, or a reference to some person, to guard against imposition.

Public Documents.—In addition to the Documents with which we have already been favored by the attention of the Hon. R. Hines, member from this District, we have to acknowledge the receipt of Part II. of the Documents from the War Department—embracing reports from the various Military Officers under its control, and presenting a full and explicit account of the administration of the Army of the United States the past year. It also contains the Report of the Chief Engineer, relating to fortifications, internal improvements, and the Military Academy; showing the moneys applicable and their application to those objects—the fortifications projected, but not commenced—a report respecting the Dismal Swamp Canal—and the Report of the Board of Visitors which attended the annual examination of the Military Academy in June, 1826. The press of other matter forbids our giving an abstract of these Documents; but they can be obtained for perusal on application at this office.

Cold Weather.—The papers generally, from different sections of the Union, represent the late severe weather as the coldest which has been experienced for a number of years past. A letter to the Editor, dated Halifax, Jan. 29, says:—“In the late severe weather, the ice in the Roanoke at this place was very strong, affording great amusement to the young gentlemen in skating. Foot passengers crossed the river for one or two days upon the ice—a circumstance that has not occurred before, within the recollection of any inhabitant of this town.”

Fire.—We are informed that the dwelling-house of Mr. George Boddie, of Nash county, was burnt to the ground on Monday of last week. The fire occurred in the day time, but the flames spread so rapidly that their progress could not be checked—the principal part of the furniture was saved.

Political College.—Our readers will perceive, by reference to our Legislative summary, that Mr. Potter, member from the town of Halifax, has introduced a bill proposing the establishment in this State, of an Institution bearing this novel title. The Raleigh papers are silent as to the details of this bill—but by what we can gather from the following paragraphs, we doubt not but public curiosity will be much excited to peruse the Speech with which it was introduced. To prevent misrepresentation, we

sincerely hope that Mr. P. will submit a copy for publication.

From the Raleigh Register.

In introducing the bill, to establish a Political College for the State of North-Carolina, Mr. Potter, we are informed, (for we were not present,) made a long and eloquent Speech, in the course of which, he introduced some severe personal allusions on certain known characters in this State, as well as high-wrought panegyrics on others.

From the Fayetteville Journal.

On Monday last, (says our correspondent,) Mr. Potter of Halifax, came out with his bill to establish, what he styles, a Political College; it contains 26 sections. It gives power to the Legislature to appoint a Rector and six Visitors, and directs an appropriation of \$20,000, for the purchase of a farm and buildings for the reception of the apprentices. A President and four Professors are to be appointed, and from each county is to be sent, at least, one apprentice, and over that number, in proportion to the taxes paid—with many other details. Mr. Potter made an opening Speech of one hour and a half in length. I did not hear him, but I understood that he dealt much in personalities, and made an attack on three of our members of Congress, and on a distinguished member of the Senate of North-Carolina.

From the Fayetteville Observer.

A letter to the Editor, says, “that on presenting the bill for the establishment of a Political College, Mr. Potter of Halifax delivered a Speech in its support, said to be the boldest ever heard in the House. He openly attacked the characters of many of our men in power, (in this state,) some of whom he represented as base, corrupt, selling and being sold, &c. It will make a great noise, and, I fear, lead to unpleasant consequences.”

Fayetteville, Jan. 25.—From Raleigh, this morning—there is but little change for the better in Mr. Stanly’s situation. His vision, which was much injured, is in some degree restored, and he can speak so as to be understood. In other respects, he is no better. His attack is thought to endanger his life.

We have good authority for thinking (says our correspondent) that the Convention Question will be agitated this session. It has certainly gained friends.—Jour.

Petersburg, Jan. 26.—The market—Cotton 9 to 10½ cents; corn \$3¼ a 4; Pork \$5.

Jan. 30.—Cotton 9 a 10½ cents; Corn \$3¼ a 4; Pork \$4¼.—Int.

[The Fayetteville Journal, of the 25th ult. says: “Several large lots of Cotton have sold this morning at \$9 12½. Some very superior has been sold at \$9 30; and some inferior at \$8 30. The fair quotation is \$9 to \$9 25.]

Congress.—Our intelligence of the proceedings of Congress, is to yesterday week. The two Houses were principally engaged in discussing the Bankrupt bill—the bill for the relief of the Revolu-

tionary officers and soldiers, not otherwise provided for—the bill increasing the duty on imported woollens—and, “a bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between the United States and G. Britain;” which has recently been introduced.

The Senate, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, debated a motion of Mr. Branch, to strike out the 93d section of the Bankrupt bill, (embracing the provision for the voluntary bankruptcy of classes, other than merchants and traders;) the motion was finally rejected.

Mr. Burges, in his speech in support of the bill for the relief of the survivors of the Revolution, states, that the several emissions of paper money by the Continental Congress, from June 22, 1775, to Nov. 29, 1779, amounted to \$200,000,000.

No News.—We have nothing later from Europe, and our domestic news is “flat, stale, and unprofitable.” The prospect of an Indian war on our Southern border has disappeared, and the discontented portion of the Creek nation, as well as the wandering tribes of Alabama and Florida, have given assurances of their intention to remain at peace.

DIED.

At his residence in Halifax county, on the 28th ult. Mr. Hilliard Fort, a wealthy and respectable planter. In the death of Mr. Fort, his relations have sustained a loss which will be recollected by them with sorrow...the Masonic fraternity a true and worthy member...and the county a worthy, upright citizen. We seldom know the worth of a friend until we have lost him...Com.

At Greenville, Pitt county, on the 21st ult. Mr. James Stewart Vison, merchant, in the 24th year of his age. His remains were interred at Newbern, his native place.

Price Current.

	JAN. 30 th	per	Petersburg	N. York.
Bacon, - - -	lb	7	8	8 10
Brandy, - - -	gal.	75	105	
Corn, - - -	bu ^h	65	75	56
Cotton, - - -	lb	9	10½	10 11
Coffee, - - -	-	17	19	13 16
Flour, family, -	bb ^l	600	700	525 600
Iron, - - -	ton	\$105	112	\$90 100
Molasses, - - -	gal	35	40	27 33
Rum, New-Eng.	-	40	45	35 38
Sugar, brown, -	lb	8½	12½	7 10
leaf, - - -	-	18	25	17 19
Tea, Young Hyson,	-	100	112	75 107
Imperial, - - -	-	150	175	110 135
Wheat, - - -	bu ^l	80	90	92 95
Whiskey, - - -	gal.	40	45	33 37

North-Carolina Bank Notes.

At Petersburg, 2½ to 3 discount.
At New-York, 3 discount.

Runaways

MOSES, NAT & HARRIS.

FIFTY DOLLARS Reward for Moses, TWENTY-FIVE Dollars each for Nat and Harris. Said negroes ran away about the 15th instant, and are supposed to be lurking in Occonechy Neck. Moses has a wife at Wm. Long’s plantation in Northampton county, four or five miles from Halifax town. I am somewhat of opinion that they have gone to Southampton county, Va. they have some near relations belonging to the Mr. Rieks’, in Southampton. I am confident that Moses enticed Nat and Harris off. Moses is about 27 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high—Nat is 21 years old, and Harris 17 years old—all of them near one height and one weight, that is, about 140 or 150. They are brothers, and of a bright complexion for negroes—no mark that I can recollect.

ISAAC RICKS.

Halifax county, Jan. 27, 1827.

PROPOSALS FOR PUBLISHING

A Semi-Weekly Paper,

At the Office of the Star and North-Carolina State Gazette.

THE object of the Editors in publishing a semi-weekly paper, must at once arrest the attention of a discerning public. The prosperity of our happy country, and the maintenance, in their original purity, of our civil and religious institutions, are not secondary considerations with any truly republican American citizen. As these are based on the public will and regulated by the public voice, “that will and that voice to be righteous must be enlightened.”

The rapid advancement of this country in every branch of national prosperity—in the increase of her population, the extension of her commerce, the improvement of her system of agriculture, and the cultivation of the arts and sciences, is the source of proud exultation to every American bosom. But the North-Carolinian must go farther; the improvement of his own State, her rising importance in the national scale, is a subject of just congratulation, and calls upon her sons to redouble their exertions to advance her prosperity and happiness. The Editors believe that to attain these desirable objects nothing can contribute in a greater degree than the frequent and extensive circulation of a well conducted newspaper; for, although our academies and colleges afford ample means of acquiring a competent knowledge of the first principles of education; yet none will pretend to deny that it is from newspapers alone that information relative to passing events, is to be obtained. As the world grows older, events multiply upon us; and they have already accumulated to such an extent as to render it impracticable to give even a summary of all that is interesting in a weekly paper.

In order, therefore, to facilitate the promulgation of useful knowledge, the Editors have determined, should it meet public approbation, to commence, as early as practicable, the publication of a paper twice a week; and as all the papers in this State, with the exception of one only, are printed but once a week, they calculate, with some degree of certainty, on success.

The advantages to be derived from such a publication will readily be estimated by our enlightened and discerning fellow-citizens. It will be the means of giving earlier intelligence of every important circumstance, foreign and domestic; of presenting a more general view of things at home and things abroad; of enabling us to devote more of our paper to the interests of the farmer; of giving a more detailed and satisfactory account of our legislative and congressional proceedings; and, in short, of publishing a greater variety of matter, thereby affording our columns the advantage of suiting the taste of every class of readers.

The attention of the citizens of the State, and our old friends and patrons particularly, is respectfully invited to this subject. Our project must stand or fall on the extension or withholding of their patronage.

TERMS.

The semi-weekly Star will be issued as soon as the subscription list will justify it, and be published every Tuesday and Friday, at five dollars per annum.

Advertisements will be inserted on the same terms as in the weekly paper.

There will be no alteration in the weekly paper, except the contemplated enlargement. It will continue, as usual, to be published once a week, at three dollars per annum.

Those of our old subscribers who may prefer the semi-weekly paper, will please to advise us of it as soon as possible.

A. J. LAWRENCE,
THOS. J. LEMAY.

Raleigh, Jan. 13, 1827.



With an elegant Engraving,
Printed in a neat and approved manner,
and on moderate terms, at this Office.
Jan. 1, 1827.