

**Congress.**—A list of the Acts passed at the Session just terminated, appears in the National Intelligencer—they are 104 in number, mostly of a private or local nature. The Petersburg Intelligencer remarks: "So beggarly a catalogue it has seldom been our lot to record; and if the Members have any reasons to allege, why they should not be condemned as most unfaithful and unprofitable servants, we should be gratified to hear them. In the whole number of Laws, there is scarcely one of general concern to be pointed out; and indeed the only important measures introduced, were either smothered or lost through the disagreement of the two Houses." We have selected the following, as those only which we consider interesting to our readers:

An Act to extend the time of issuing and locating Military Land Warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.

An act to provide for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the first article of the Treaty of Ghent, and for the distribution among such claimants of the sum paid and to be paid by the Government of Great Britain, under a Convention between the United States and his Britannic majesty; concluded at London on the 13th of November, 1826.

An act to exempt Swedish and Norwegian vessels, and the merchandise imported therein, from the payment of discriminating duties of tonnage and imports, for a limited time, & for other purposes.

And act making appropriations for the year 1827.

An act to grant a quantity of land to the State of Illinois for the purpose of aiding in opening a Canal to connect the waters of the Illinois, with those of Lake Michigan.

An act to grant a quantity of land to the State of Indiana, for the purpose of aiding said State in opening a Canal to connect the waters of the Wabash river with those of Lake Erie.

An act for the gradual improvement of the Navy of the United States.

**Washington, March 5.**—The Second Session of the Nineteenth Congress was brought to a close on Saturday last, between 4 and 5 o'clock, P. M.

Two of the most important measures which have occupied the attention of the two Houses, and on which much time has been spent, wholly failed.

First—the bill for regulating Commercial Intercourse with the British Colonies. This bill was lost by the Senate persevering in its disagreement to the amendment made to the bill by the House of Representatives, from which that House as steadily refused to recede. Congress has thus refused to act upon the subject, which the Executive abstained from acting upon because it was intended to be submitted to Congress. It is supposed that the President, thus left with the law for his guide, will be under the necessity of issuing his proclamation, as prescribed by the law, for reciprocating the British interdict.

Secondly—the Woolens duty bill. This bill was lost by the Senate refusing to act upon it— which, the majority being opposed to it, was, at so late a stage of the Session, the easiest way of disposing of it, being the only way in which a long and time-consuming debate upon the subject could well be avoided.—*Int.*

**Deported Property.**—Langdon Cheves of Pennsylvania, James Pleasants of Virginia, and Henry Seawell of North-Carolina, have been appointed by the President Commissioners for the payment of claims for Slaves, &c. under the late Convention with Great Britain.

**State Rights.**—The Hon. Martin Van Buren, in acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of the Senate of New-York, re-appointing him a Senator in Congress, remarks as follows:

"I do assure the Senate, that I am deeply sensible of the honor which has been conferred upon me; and to justify their confidence, it shall be my constant and zealous endeavor to protect the remaining rights reserved to the States by the Federal Constitution; to restore those of which they have been divested by construction; and to promote the interests & honor of our common country."

**Turn Out.**—The New-York House of Assembly have excluded James Kenyon, who had been elected to that House, in consequence of his being a Quaker preacher.

The House of Delegates of Virginia has decided a second time, by a vote of 162 to 5, that Mr. Billups, (a Deacon in the Methodist Church,) is not constitutionally eligible to a seat in the Legislature.

**Agriculture.**—The different Agricultural Societies of South-Carolina have formed one general State Institution, at a recent meeting of which the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved, That it be recommended to every member of this Society, to use his best efforts for promoting in his respective District, the culture of some staple suited to our climate, and which may divert the attention of Planters from the culture of Cotton now produced in excess.

"Resolved, That a premium of forty dollars be awarded to any experimentalist, who shall succeed in introducing such new culture, on a space of ground not less than one acre."

The new cultivations which seem to be most in favor, are those of the vine and silk—both have been tried with considerable success, and the climate of the Southern States is said to be admirably adapted to both.

**Travellers Look Out!**—Owing to the scarcity of Corn in this section of country, no doubt many expedients will be adopted to prevent its consumption. We yesterday heard of one, which we trust, for the credit of the State and for the sake of humanity, stands alone; but we think it ought

to be mentioned that travellers may be put on their guard. A gentleman stopped at a house in an adjacent county, which promised "entertainment for man and beast," and requested that his horse might be fed. Before ordering him out to resume his journey, he went to the stable to see how he fared, and was surprised to find, that though there was a sufficiency of corn and fodder before him, he had eaten nothing. He was at a loss to account for this voluntary abstinence, and on putting his hand into the trough to ascertain the cause, he found the bottom of it nicely coated with *fresh tar!* It was spread on so thinly as to be imperceptible to the eye, but it is known that the horse has such great antipathy to this substance, that he will touch nothing impregnated with it.

*Raleigh Register.*

**Atrocious Murder.**—Mr. John Clifton, of this county, was shockingly murdered on Friday evening last, by one of his own negroes, it is believed. The instrument used in perpetrating this horrid deed was an axe, with which the skull of the deceased was split open. When the negro suspected was arrested, he made a bold attempt to despatch himself. On being required to give up any weapon which might be in his possession, he drew out a knife, and attempted to cut his own throat, on which he made a considerable gash; but his knife was taken away, the wound bound up, and he brought to this city and committed to jail.

*Raleigh Star.*

**Georgia.**—The Milledgeville Recorder of the 26th ult. says:—"The instruction from the Secretary of War to the Creek Indian Agent Crowell, directing him to bargain with the Chiefs of the tribe for the strip of land in dispute, will, we hope, be the means of terminating speedily every matter of dispute between the State and General Government in regard to the Treaty of Indian Spring and that concluded at Washington. How much it is to be regretted, that the President, after having determined on a course so prudent and safe, should in less than a week, send to both Houses of Congress, a message of such style and character as to deserve the reprehension of every considerate man!"

**Great Fire in Norfolk.**—We learn from the Norfolk Herald, that a most awful conflagration commenced in that place on Friday morning, 9th inst. in a wheelwright shop on Main-street, a few paces east of Church-street, which destroyed 78 houses and tenements, including the Lancasterian School, Christ Church, and the elegant mansion of Walter Heron, Esq. at Plume's, half a mile at least from the original seat of the fire. The property destroyed is estimated at about \$72,000—\$40,000 of which was insured at different offices.

DIED,

In this county, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. after a lingering illness, *William Drake*, aged 77 years.

**Price Current.**

| MAR. 9.             | per  | Peters'g  | N.York.  |
|---------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Bacon, - - -        | lb   | 7 8       | 8 10     |
| Brandy, - - -       | gal. | 75 100    |          |
| Corn, - - -         | bu'h | 65 70     | 60       |
| Cotton, - - -       | lb   | 8 10      | 9 10½    |
| Coffee, - - -       | -    | 17 19     | 13 76    |
| Flour, family, -    | bb'l | 600 750   | 525 600  |
| Iron, - - -         | ton  | \$105 112 | \$90 105 |
| Molasses, - - -     | gal  | 35 40     | 27 35    |
| Rum, New-Eng. -     | -    | 42 45     | 35 39    |
| Sugar, brown, -     | lb   | 8½ 12½    | 7 10     |
| — leaf, - - -       | -    | 18 25     | 17 18    |
| Tea, Young Hyson, - | -    | 100 112   | 75 100   |
| — Imperial, - -     | -    | 150 175   | 110 133  |
| Wheat, - - -        | bu'l | 90 100    | 92 95    |
| Whiskey, - - -      | gal. | 40 45     | 33 37    |

*North-Carolina Bank Notes.*

At Petersburg, 2½ to 3 discount.

At New-York, 3 discount.

**To All whom it may Concern.**

THE Subscribers having been appointed by the late *Wm. Drake*, dec'd, Executors of his last will and testament, hereby give notice, that they intend applying to the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Edgecombe in May next, to have said Will proved and recorded.

*LEVI DRAKE.*  
*PETER EVANS.*  
*JOHN GARRETT.*

Edgecombe County, March 13, 1827.  
The Raleigh Star will insert the above three times, and forward the account to this Office for payment.

**Re-sale of Land.**

WILL BE SOLD, on Thursday, the 19th of April, if fair, if not, the next fair day, between

**Eleven and Twelve Hundred ACRES OF LAND,**  
*Lying on Rockey Swamp,*

*HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.*

There were originally two separate tracts of this Land, the one known by the *PARHAM TRACT*, the other by the *LOWE TRACT*; they both abound with a great variety of never failing springs, pure mountain air, and a great variety of soil. On the *Lowe Tract*, there is a branch between two and three hundred yards wide, and three-fourths of a mile in length, which upon trial has proved to be first rate soil, producing from eight to ten barrels of Corn per acre; on the same tract is the celebrated *Blue marsh*, containing from one hundred to an hundred and twenty acres of made soil, or vegetable mould, from three to four feet deep, as is shewn by the cutting of a Canal and ditch last fall, by Mr. Jelks, who owns part of the marsh—he has completely drained both tracts—the tract now to be sold will require but little labor to prepare it for cultivation, as heretofore the water in winter and spring covered the land so as to prevent the growth of any thing but vegetable matter.

WILL BE SOLD AT THE SAME TIME,

**Three Negro Men,**

*Abram, Moore Harry & Jack Harry.*

All of the above property was sold by virtue of Deeds of Trust executed by *Thos. Bustin*, to *James Grant*, to secure the payment of certain debts therein contained, and bought in by myself to prevent a sacrifice; but will positively be sold on the day mentioned above—one third cash will be required, the balance in two annual payments. The *Lowe Tract* lies near *Farmwell Grove Academy*; to those who are disposed to move up the country for the benefit of their health, and the education of their children, a fine opportunity is now offered, and a great bargain may be expected. The Sale will take place at *Thos. Bustin's* house, on the *Parham Tract*, between eleven and twelve o'clock. Those who live at a distance, and may wish to view the Land, had better come to my house on the day before.

*James Grant.*

12 March, 1827. 30-3

**Blank Warrants for sale.**