

Dr. Wyche's Ariel, beating Mr. Harrison's Maid of Lodi, Mr. Garrison's Atalanta, and Mr. Botts's Phillis—time, 7m. 58s. & 8m. 23s.

The Races terminated on Friday, with the Annual Post Stake, three mile heats, which was won at two heats by Mr. Johnson's Lafayette, beating Mr. Garrison's Sally Hope—time, 6m. 3s. and 5m. 53s.

Value of a Race Mare.—Urged by curiosity, (says the Petersburg Intelligencer of the 4th inst.) we were on Tuesday last present at perhaps as extraordinary a sale of an animal as ever took place in the world. It was the interest of the late Wm. Wynn, Sr. in the celebrated Race Mare Ariel, which expires with the Spring of 1829, offered to the highest bidder at New-Market Course—and actually sold, (the mere use of said Mare for two years, when she is to be delivered to her owner in fee,) for the incredible sum of two thousand four hundred dollars! An excellent comment this on the scarcity of money and hard times! But as a justification, it is whispered that bidders had in view the great purse (\$3500) to be run for on Thursday next over the Tree-Hill Course, near Richmond, for which Ariel is expected to be a competitor.

Cold Weather.—Notwithstanding the extraordinary forwardness of vegetation in this section of country, (says the Petersburg Republican of the 4th inst.) we believe we have seldom, if ever, had a more variable spring than the present. We have already announced to our readers the occurrence of two or three white frosts, during the last month, with on one occasion a slight appearance of ice. We have now to announce a phenomenon as regards the weather. During the morning of Tuesday last, the sky was considerably overclouded, and we had occasional gusts of wind, and some rain, intermingled with a few flakes of snow. About 12 o'clock, we had a clear sky, a bright sun, and appearances indicated a continuance of fair weather; but these appearances were deceitful,—for about 2 o'clock, a black cloud arose in the northwest, from which proceeded as heavy a fall of snow, for a few minutes, as any experienced in this vicinity during the past winter. The weather has since been very cool, but we hope not sufficiently severe to injure vegetation materially.

Petersburg, May 4.—The market—Cotton, 8 to 94 cents; the quantity received this week has been larger than usual, and the quality much better—there is also some improvement in prices—our highest quotation has been easily obtained for prime, and in one instance 10 cents has been given—we consider this as an advance of 1 cent per pound. Corn, \$3; holders of this article are more firm, and it cannot at present be purchased under our quotation. Bacon, 8 to 84—Lard, 8½ to 9 cts. Not much of these articles offered for sale—good qualities easily bring our highest quotations... Int.

Mammoth Ox.—The great Ox Columbus, is advertised for exhibition at Boston. He is stated to be 4000 pounds weight, and is probably the largest in the world.

Large Hog.—A Hog, weighing 302 pounds, was killed in Lexington on the 2d March. It was between two and three years old.

More Gold.—The Western Carolinian states that a Mr. Capp, a poor man, with a miserable, sterile farm, discovered not long since on his ground a considerable quantity of this valuable ore. He had realized a large amount.

Methodists.—The following is the number of Members, and Travelling Preachers, in the Methodist Episcopal Churches in America, taken from their general Minutes for the year 1826:

	White.	Col'd.	Trav'g Pr's.
Pittsburg,	16,953	194	72
Ohio,	28,321	134	82
Kentucky,	17,556	2,321	77
Illinois,	12,978	61	45
Missouri,	2,898	339	23
Holstein,	14,988	1,435	46
Tennessee,	15,876	2,112	70
Mississippi,	3,104	2,494	47
S. Carolina,	28,405	15,708	93
Virginia,	21,320	7,847	71
Baltimore,	25,117	9,409	38
Philad'lphia,	29,113	7,650	102
New-York,	20,136	370	143
New-Eng'd,	16,675	250	143
Maine,	7,300	6	54
Genessee,	27,056	110	180
Canada,	7,215	296*	32

309,550 51,334
Total this year, 360,800
Total last year, 348,199

Increase this year, 12,621 ———
1,319
Superannuated Preachers, 37

Total, 1,402
Total last year, 1,314

Increase this year, 92
*250 of the colored members in Canada are Indians.

Abolition of Slavery.—A law was passed by the Legislature of New-York, some fifteen years since, abolishing negro slavery in that State, from and after the 4th of July, 1827—thus giving ample time for the holders of that species of property to dispose of it to the best advantage. This being the year of emancipation, we perceive a large meeting of the descendants of Africans, has been held in Albany, the seat of government of that State; at which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Paul, (a negro preacher,) a resolve was passed to express the gratitude of the Africans to Almighty God, by a public celebration of the day.

Salisbury Car.

Seduction, Murder, & Suicide... We find in a New-Orleans paper of the 7th ultimo, a horrid account of the murder of a young man named James Gray, at Greenville, near Port Gibson, (Mississippi,) by Mrs. Gable, with whom he boarded. He was a respectable young merchant, lately appointed Post Master of the place. The woman seduced him, and then en-

deavored to inveigle him into matrimony, but without success. His refusal raised her jealousy to the highest pitch, and she declared to her servant girl that if he did not yield to her wishes she would kill him the first opportunity. Accordingly on his return from New-Orleans, whither he had been on business, she sent for him, and with this direful intent, prevailed on him to stay all night. Towards morning, and when he was asleep, she appeared to have got up, laid her burial dress, previously prepared, on the table, took one pistol and shot him in the back of the head, and then deliberately laying down on the bed by him, placed another to her forehead and blew off the whole of the upper part of her head. They were found in this condition the next morning, by the neighbors, who had to creep through the window to get into the room.

Gazette.

Slander.—At the Circuit Court lately held for Otsego county, (N. Y.) verdicts were recovered in four cases of slander to the amount of nearly \$4000; of which one was an action brought by a female against another, for implying a want of chastity, whereby she lost a marriage—verdict 1200 dollars.

Foreign.—By an arrival at Boston, we have English dates to the 26th March. These late advices, as respects commercial affairs, are less flattering than even our previous accounts. The British manufacturers were still suffering from the stagnation of trade, and the laboring poor were yet clamorous for a modification of the Grain Laws; while the Irish Catholics were complaining bitterly on account of the recent rejection of the Bill in favor of their claims. On the one side, beset with the importunities of a starving population crying for immediate relief; on the other, assailed with the clamor of an infuriated People, driven to despair by the continued denial of their religious rights; the Government of George the IVth, for some time will probably have its hands full. Rumors were afloat of the intended resignation of Mr. Canning; but such a man at such a moment could scarcely be spared from the Cabinet—and in case of the death of Lord Liverpool, better would it be to give the Foreign Secretary a *carte blanche* in the formation of a new Ministry, than that the nation should lose his services.

Additional troops were about to embark from England, destined to reinforce the army of Portugal—a circumstance indicating any thing but confidence in the existing state of tranquillity in the Peninsula.

According to accounts from Constantinople, the British and Russian Ambassadors, doubtless with the most philanthropic motives, and not disheartened by the cool repulses of the Divan, were still endeavoring to bring about a pacification—but in the present posture of affairs, the Greeks appear so decidedly to have the upper hand of their barbarous taskmasters, that any foreign interfe-

rence is rather to be deprecated, than wished for, on their account.

Petersburg Int.

South America.—An arrival at Philadelphia from Carthage, brings intelligence to the 4th ult. The country was considered in rather an unsettled state. The British residents had sent a requisition to the Admiral at Jamaica, for a vessel of war to be sent down for the protection of their property. The apprehensions arose immediately from the troops being sometime without pay, and the expectation that they would soon be without rations, than from the dissensions among the chiefs.

Extract of a letter from Carthage, March 31—"Our market is in a perfect state of stagnation. Every one seems at a loss as to what may take place. It is known that Bolivar and Santander are now decidedly opposed. We will not recommend the shipment of any thing, nor do we wish to see property introduced. We give no quotations, because it is impossible to fix a value, or to know whether we may not all in a month hence have to leave the country."

MARRIED,

On Thursday evening, the 3d inst. at the residence of Mrs. Penelope May, in Pitt county, by the Rev. John Gibbins, Gen. Jesse Speight, of Green county, to Miss Louisa May, daughter of Benj. May, Esq. deceased.

DIED,

In Pitt county, on Friday the 21st April, in his 50th year, Peter Rives. In the death of this man society has sustained the loss of a respectable and worthy member; and a fond and affectionate wife, with six amiable children, are left to moan the irreparable loss of a kind and affectionate husband and parent.

[Communicated.]

In the city of New-York, on Sunday, the 29th ult. in the 73d year of his age, Rufus King, for many years a Senator in Congress from that State, and recently U. S. Minister to England.

Price Current.

	MAY 4.	per	Peters'g.	N. York.
Bacon,	- - -	lb	7 8	8 10
Brandy,	- - -	gal.	75 100	
Corn,	- - -	bu'l	55 60	60
Cotton,	- - -	lb	8 9½	8½ 10
Coffee,	- - -	-	16 19	13 18
Flour, family,	- - -	bb'l	600 750	525 600
Iron,	- - -	ton	\$105 112	\$90 100
Molasses,	- - -	gal	35 40	27 35
Rum, New-Eng.	- - -	-	42 45	35 36
Sugar, brown,	- - -	lb	8½ 12½	7 15
leaf,	- - -	-	18 25	17 19
Tea, Young Hyson,	- - -	-	100 112	75 100
Imperial,	- - -	-	150 175	110 133
Wheat,	- - -	bu'l	90 100	92 97
Whiskey,	- - -	gal.	40 45	33 37

North-Carolina Bank Notes.

At Petersburg, 4 to 4½ discount.
At New-York, 4½ discount.

H. Johnston,

WISHES to inform his Friends and Customers, that he has

Just received from New-York,

A SMALL SUPPLY OF

SPRING GOODS,

SUCH AS

Superfine blue and black Cloths,
Black Circassian and Lastings, for thin Coats,
Black Nankeen,
Cross, white, and drab Drillings,
Russia Nankeen, for thin coats and pantaloon, (a new and very handsome article,)
Black figured silk Vestings,
Valencias, white Marseilles do. &c. &c.
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