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Selling off at Cost.

THE Subscribers having determined on closing their business in this place, now offer their

Goods at prime Cost.

Their present Stock consists of a general assortment of

Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.

All of which will be sold at Cost to close the concern.

Persons indebted to them are informed, that Corn and Cotton will be received in payment until the 20th of January—and that all Notes and Accounts due us at that time, will be placed in the hands of a Constable for collection.

CRANE & KINGSBURY.

Tarboro', 28 Dec. 1827. 19

Look at this.

Money Wanting.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscribers for 1826 and '27, are requested to come forward and settle their accounts, as they wish to pay their debts but cannot, unless they can collect what is due them. They hope this will be attended to.

KING & GATLIN.

1st January, 1828. 20

Stop the Runaways!

RAN OFF from Beaufort, North-Carolina, where they were employed on the Fortifications at that place,

Seven Negro Fellows,

To wit: **HILLIARD, HENRY, LEWIS, ANTHONY, ROY, ISAAC, and FRANK.** The three first-named Negroes were apprehended at Hicks' Ford, Greenville county, Va. Anthony and Roy were at the time in company with those apprehended, but effected their escape. Frank was left by the party some 20 or 30 miles beyond Halifax, N. C. and Isaac some 5 or 10 miles on this side of Halifax, both complaining of sickness and unable to travel. Frank is a small black fellow, and about 22 years of age—Isaac is a stout young fellow, about 21 years of age, complexion rather yellow—Roy is a slender black fellow, about 20 years of age—and Anthony is a stout built black fellow, about 23 years of age—no particular marks recollected.

The above Negroes were making their way to Norfolk for the purpose of joining me.

A liberal REWARD will be given for the apprehension of Frank, Isaac, Roy and Anthony, and should they be delivered to Mr. Niblo of Petersburg, he will pay for their apprehension and all necessary expenses.

J. P. TAYLOR,

Capt. 3d Reg't Art. stationed at Old Point Comfort, near Norfolk.

Nov. 9, 1827. 13

OXFORD

Male Academy.

THE Exercises of this Institution will be resumed on Monday, the 7th day of January next, under the superintendence of Mr. James D. Johnson.

AUGUSTUS BURTON, Sec'y.

17th Dec. 1827. 19-4

A List of Letters,

Remaining in the Post-Office at Halifax, N. C. on the 1st of January 1828, which if not taken out before the 1st of April next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

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| Browning Wm 2 | Isbell P B |
| Baker Jno 2 | Jones Thomas |
| Burt P M Mrs | Kelly James Esq |
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77 **JOS. L. SIMMONS, P. M.**

A List of Letters,

Remaining in the Post-Office at Tarborough, N. C. the 1st day of January, 1828, which if not called for and taken out by the 1st day of April next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

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| Barrow Jas | Mendenhall Nath 2 |
| Bilberry Jas | Mayo David 2 |
| Bowing Solomon | Mayo Levi |
| Bell Benj L | Mason Jos S |
| Blackburn A Mrs | McDowell Patrick |
| Brown Reuben | Mecchem Allen |
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| Cobb Eaton | Norvell Jas 2 |
| Cobb Josiah | Nettle John |
| Cloman William | Owens Alpheus |
| Clerk Superior Court | Parker Theo 2 |
| Clerk County Court | Pender Drury |
| Dicken Eph Dr | Pender Jas |
| Dew Arthur | Pitman E B Miss |
| Downing James | Randolph F Miss |
| Edmondson Jos 2 | Ruffin Martha Mrs 2 |
| Edmondson Thos | Ruffin Jacque A |
| Fort John | Shelton Wm |
| Foxhall Robt | Sugg George A |
| Flowers Duncan L | Skiles Richard |
| Haine Jesse | Sugg Peter |
| Howell O V Rev | Wilkinson Levi 6 |
| Harrell Christopher | Weeks Pender |
| Harper Stephen | Williams MR Miss |
| Hatton Francis | Wiggins Lawrence |
| Jones John | Warren Joshua |
| Johnston Reuben | Williford Meedy |
| Jenkins Samuel H | Wimper George |
| Johnston Wm | Williamson Henry |
| Kail Josiah | York Duncan |
| Lodge Mt Moriah 3 | |

85 **J. R. LLOYD, P. M.**

Tarboro' Academy.

THE Trustees have the pleasure of informing the patrons of this Institution, and the public generally, that they have engaged Mr. James J. Sanford, a gentleman eminently qualified, to superintend the male department of this Academy the present year.

Mr. Sanford superintended three years as principal teacher in the Classical department of the Fayetteville Academy; and for the last eighteen months in the Washington Academy—from which institutions he comes highly recommended.

The School will commence on Monday, the 14th inst.

ROBT. JOYNER, Sec'y.

Tarboro', 2d January, 1828. 20-3

New Academy.

THE Subscriber having contracted with Mr. DEMSEY BRYAN to superintend an Academy in that vicinity, (now building,) about 8 miles north of Tarborough, the ensuing year, respectfully informs the public that he intends opening School on the second Monday in February, where will be taught the several branches of an English education, and where he hopes to receive that patronage heretofore manifested to him. He is authorized to say Board can be had in respectable families convenient to the Academy on very moderate terms.

WILLIE ATKINSON.

December 28, 1827. 20

\$10 Reward.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, on the 27th day of November last, a bright mulatto boy by the name of

RICKEY MITCHELL,

Between 19 and 20 years of age. I expect he has steered his course toward Halifax. I am told he has a brother by the name of Lewis, in the town of Halifax, learning the blacksmith trade. The above reward will be given if delivered to the Subscriber near Tarborough, or FIVE DOLLARS, if secured in any Jail in this State so that I get him again. All persons are hereby forbid harboring or employing said boy, under the penalty of the law.

S. L. HART.

Dec. 24, 1827. 19

Notice.

COMMITTED to the Jail of Edgecombe county, N. C. on the 16th of November, 1827, a negro fellow, who says his name is HENRY, that he is the property of Mr. James Okrey or Akrey, and that he was purchased by Mr. Okrey from Mr. Amos Rawls, of Nansemond county, Va. Henry is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches in height, spare built, no marks perceivable. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

FRED. BELL, Jailor.

Nov. 1827. 15

General Assembly.

CAPTIONS OF ACTS,

Passed by the Legislature of N. Carolina, 1827-28.

PUBLIC ACTS.

1. An act concerning the State Bank of North-Carolina. [Authorises and directs the Speaker of the Senate to exercise all the du-

ties and powers in the meetings of the Stockholders, and in the Board of Directors of the State Bank, heretofore exercised by the Public Treasurer.]

2. To alter the act of 1804, fixing the time for paying the purchase money into the Treasury on entries of land. [Extends the time for paying such money until the 1st January, 1828.]

3. Prescribing upon what evidence the Public Treasurer shall receive the purchase money for vacant and unappropriated land. [The want of the entry taker's certificate supplied by the warrant and plat of survey being filed with the Secretary of State. He is to grant a certificate, on which the Treasurer is to receive the purchase money.]

4. Extending the time for registering grants and mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale, and deeds of gift. [Allows two years further time.]

5. Increasing the penalty of the official bonds of the Clerks of the several courts of record in this State, and providing for the deposit and safe keeping of said bonds. [The bond to be in the sum of ten thousand dollars, Bonds of the clerks of the Superior Courts to be deposited in the offices of the clerks of the County Courts, and vice versa as to the clerks of the County Courts and clerks and masters in equity. Said bonds to be registered in the register's office; a certified copy thereof to be received in evidence; Judges of the Superior Courts and Justices of the County Courts to cause the bonds of the clerks of their respective Courts to be acknowledged before them, and to give a certificate of such acknowledgment. Any clerk who shall enter upon the duties of his office before giving bond, shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars.]

8. Allowing the right of challenge to the State in certain cases. [Authorises the prosecuting officer in behalf of the State to challenge peremptorily four in all criminal cases of a capital nature.]

7. Concerning the Public Treasury. [Enforcing in a more rigid manner the accountability of the Treasurer, and incorporating the several acts of Assembly relative to the Treasury.]

8. Subjecting bail to costs. [Whenever a scire facias shall issue against bail, and said bail shall not, at the term of the Court in which he is bound to appear, be discharged from his liability by the death or surrender of his principal, the bail shall be liable for all costs.]

9. Supplementary to the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors. [Provides that whenever any debtor shall file a schedule of his effects, all debts due to such debtor shall vest in the Sheriff, who is authorized to sue for and collect the