



Tarborough,

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1829.

Revival....We turn with pleasure for a moment from the gloomy details of wars and rumors of wars abroad, from the shouts and groans of successful and defeated politicians at home, and from the pecuniary difficulties and embarrassments by which our immediate neighbors are surrounded, to record an event upon which the philanthropist could look with complacency, and the Christian with heart-felt joy and gratitude. During the last week, through the instrumentality of several preachers of the Gospel, an unusual and extraordinary religious excitement prevailed among the citizens of this place; and, on Thursday, five young female converts were added to the Baptist Church under the pastoral charge of the Rev. P. W. Down. A considerable number of others appear deeply affected, and sanguine hopes are entertained that the goodly effects of this solemn visitation have not yet been all developed.

Internal Improvements....The following was recently addressed, in the form of a Circular, to several of the citizens of this county:

SIR: A number of patriotic citizens, during the last winter, at Raleigh, entered into a voluntary association, for the purpose of improving the internal condition of North-Carolina—finding that their exertions would be unavailing, without the co-operation of the citizens generally, they resolved that the opinion of the people on this subject should be ascertained as nearly as practicable. They accordingly appointed a Committee of five persons in each county, (with power to increase their numbers) with a request that said Committee should aid them in their undertakings, and ascertain the opinions of the citizens in their respective counties. Without expressing a preference for any particular scheme of improvement, they request a full and free expression of the sentiments of each individual as to the object to be improved, and the best method of making said improvement. Should they succeed in ascertaining the opinion of the people, they will recommend to the consideration of the Legislature, those subjects which may seem most desirable. The Committee for the County of Edgecombe at their last meeting, resolved "that the aforesaid object would be more satisfactorily attained by enlarging their numbers, and adding to the Committee certain persons from each Captain's district." They resolved further, "that the members of the enlarged Committee should be requested to meet at the Court-House in Tarboro', on the first Thursday in June next"—at which time and place you are respectfully invited to attend as a member thereof. It is expected that you will express your sentiments freely on the following subjects, and that you will suggest for the consideration of the meeting such others as may occur to you.

1st. What improvement can be made to facilitate the transporta-

tion of the surplus produce to the general markets of the world?

2. Should North-Carolina ask of the General Government appropriations of money for this purpose, and thereby place herself on an equal footing with her sister States; or, shall she insist on a construction of the Constitution as contended for by a minority, and remain for centuries in an unimproved condition?

3. The State having provided the means of Education for the rich, should she not establish Free Schools for the poor, and in what manner can a fund be raised for this purpose?

4. What is the most effectual method of preventing the present demoralizing and disgraceful method of electioneering for the honor of representing the people?

Yours, respectfully,

J. R. LLOYD, Chairman.

Tarboro', 13th May, 1829.

The Hon. John Branch, Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by his family, and Col. James W. Clark, Chief Clerk in the Navy Department, returned to Washington City on the 5th inst. from a visit to this state.—*Star.*

Appointment by the President. William C. Rives of Virginia, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to France, in the place of James Brown, who has requested permission to return.

We learn with regret, says the New-York Enquirer, that Edward Livingston, Esq. has declined accepting the mission to France, preferring at present to retain his seat in the Senate.

Petersburg, May 13.—Our market—the last has been a remarkably dull week—but little business doing, and prices stationary.—*T.*

Counterfeits.—A writer in the Cheraw Spectator states that counterfeit \$1 notes of the Salisbury Branch of the State Bank of North-Carolina are in circulation. They are dated 4th July 1819, and signed Wm. H. Haywood and Will. Polk.—*Fay. Obs.*

Raleigh, May 14.—We understand that Charles Fisher, Esq. of Salisbury, will probably be put in nomination, at the next session of the Legislature, as a candidate to supply the vacancy in the Senate of the U. States, created by the appointment of Gov. Branch to the Navy Department.—*Star.*

Appointment of S. Court Judge.—The Executive Council met in this city on Thursday last, for the purpose of appointing a Judge of the Supreme Court of this State, in the place of Chief Justice Taylor, deceased, and adjourned on the following day. The following members attended: Gideon Alston, Archibald M'Bryde, Thos. Kenan and George W. Jeffreys, Esqs. being a bare quorum of the Council. After several ballotings, in each of which the votes were equally divided between Thos. Ruffin and Henry Seawell, Esqrs. the name of John D. Toomer, Esq. of Fayetteville, was added to the nomination; when, on the first ballot, he received the unani-

mous vote of the Council. He was then recommended to the Governor, who appointed him accordingly. Yesterday a letter was received from Judge Toomer by the Governor, notifying him of his acceptance of the appointment.—*Raleigh Star.*

State Bank.—The Governor, Secretary of State and Comptroller, in pursuance of an act of the last General Assembly, have appointed Gen. Romulus M. Saunders of Salisbury, Gen. Louis D. Wilson of Tarborough, and Isaac Wright, Esq. of Bladen, Commissioners to represent the State in the meeting of the Stockholders of the State Bank, to be held in this city on the first of next month.—*ib.*

Federal Court.—The Circuit Court of the United States for the district of North-Carolina held its spring term in this city on Tuesday last—Chief Justice Marshall and Judge Potter presiding. The Counsel employed in most of the cases being absent, the Court transacted but little business, and adjourned after a session of about two hours.—*ib.*

Flour was selling at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on the 18th ult. at \$12 per barrel; and but small quantities were to be obtained at that price.—*ib.*

Golden Statue.—The Cheraw Spectator states that on Saturday, 9th inst. the river boat Franklin was launched at the boat yard of Cheraw, and that there was placed on board of her a solid lump of Gold, which weighs about one hundred and thirty-eight pounds, as near as may be!

This stupendous and magnificent curiosity was derived from a single mine in Montgomery county, North-Carolina, formerly owned by a man of extremely limited pretensions to affluence. If we who have been for years in the habit of occasionally handling and buying the article by the pound, were slow to credit the assertions of our friends as to the enormous size of this lump, what will those at a distance think of our story? When it shall be taken to New-York, to be thence re-shipped to Europe as a curiosity, the whole world will then acknowledge the truth of our statement.

This great mass of precious metal was several years in being concentrated together. The operation of adding to the treasure, was performed in the most secret manner, until the proprietor tho't he had amassed as much as it would be prudent to usher before the world with safety. The whole was then moulded together somewhat to resemble at a little distance, the form and structure of our own species in an erect position. It represents the model of a statue as nearly as the rough state of the arts and sciences in the interior could be reasonably supposed to have adapted it.

Gold Mines.—Referring to the gold mines in this State, the last Raleigh Register observes:

"Already there are several companies from the North and South

engaged in the business, and we have recently heard of the formation of a company in Baltimore, with a capital of \$50,000, for working a mine in Cabarrus. Indeed, monied men from every quarter of the Union, are purchasing up land, for which they pay extravagant prices. Foreign capitalists have not thought it beneath their attention to visit the Gold Region, for purposes of speculation; one of whom informed us, a few days since, that he had just returned from a visit to the South American mines, and that those of North-Carolina greatly exceed them in riches. In the county of Mecklenburg alone, it is believed, the amount of gold dug from the bowels of the earth, in each week, produces \$2,000. And it is nothing uncommon for the merchants in the town of Charlotte, when they go on to make their purchases, to carry with them from 10 to 40 pounds of the precious metal. It can easily be imagined what life and activity is infused into every department of business, where the only Bank which is required to relieve the wants of the people is a bank of earth."

"We are not without hope, from some recent discoveries, that gold will yet be found in this (Wake) county. The first discovery of it was made in Cabarrus, and confined to that county for many years. The limits within which it was then supposed to be embraced, are continually enlarging, as people have been led to search the country for it. It has been subsequently found in the counties of Rutherford, Burke, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Anson, Davidson, Montgomery, Randolph, Caswell, Guilford, Orange, and very recently in Chatham."

Washington, N. C. May 16.... At the last term of Hyde Superior Court of Law, before Judge Norwood, the trial of a negro slave named Allen, the property of Richard Young, charged with committing a Rape on a white female, came on. The proofs were, that the female injured was walking with another female, and a small child, about a quarter of a mile from the house of Henry Gibbs, Esq. that the accused (who was then runaway from his master) was discovered approaching them; they walked faster to avoid him, he overtook them, seized the largest female; that then the next in size ran to the house of Mr. Gibbs and alarmed the persons there, who ran towards the place where the injured female was last seen, found her greatly agitated and almost breathless by reason of her resistance; that one of the persons who ran to her aid, saw the accused running from the place where the offence was committed. The injured female proved all the requisites that constitute in law the offence. The Jury, after retiring a few minutes, returned a verdict of guilty, and the defendant was sentenced to be hanged on the last Friday of this month.—*Echo.*

Elizabeth City, May 6.—The Superior Court for Camden county, his Honor Judge Donnell presiding, closed its session on Thurs-