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I TAKE pleasure in informing my friends, that I am prepared to give all business entrusted to me efficient and personal attention. I have a wharf for Naval Stores, with ample accommodations, Spirit House, and Warehouse. Consignments of Naval Stores for sale or shipment; and all kinds of country produce solicited. Cash advances made on consignments.
April 18 1850. 15

ALEX. MacRAE, Jr.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHENWARE,
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
November, 9, 1850. 102.

J. M. ROBINSON,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN

HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 3 doors South of
Market street.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
May 16, 1850 27 tf c

WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.

STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.

REFERENCES:
O. G. Parsley, Esq, } Wilmington, N.C.
Col. John McRae, }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N.C.
Joseph Utley, Esq., }
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }
" Hunting & Tufts, Boston.
" J. & G. P. Fitcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

GEORGE ELLIOT,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND AGENT
FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER, LUMBER.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan. 1, 1850.

WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 30, 1850. 10-tf

GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.

REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., }
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, }
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1850. 123-tf.

HERON & MARTIN
General Commission Merchants,
37 1-2 North Wharves,
PHILADELPHIA,

REFER TO
Messrs Thos. Watson & Sons, }
Jno. C. Dacosta, Esq., } Phil'a.
Wm. S. Neilson, Esq., }
Robert Neilson, Esq., }
Messrs. Moses, Taylor & Co., }
" J. H. Brower. & Co., } New York
" J. & D. McRae, }
Geo. Harriss, Esq. } Wilmington.
April 5, 1850. 9-tfc.

MARTIN & CRONLY,
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N.C., Oct. 3 1850. 85tf.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 9th, 1850. 87-1y-c.

WILLIAM NEFF,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES AND GROCERIES,
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 7th 1850

DEROSSET & BROWN.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET,
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
March 17 1850. 1-y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.

Next door to A. A. Wanner's, on North Water st will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.

References.
Willes Hall, of Wayne, John McRae, Wilmington,
W. Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae. "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1849. 115-1y.

ALEXANDER MATTHEWS:
INSPECTOR of LUMBER and TIMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 19, 1850. 1-tf.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES
May 2, 1850. 1.

LEIGHTON, CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1849. 11-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLE SALE AND RETAL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 28, 1850. 6

MARINE INSURANCE,

THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING COMPANY OF AUGUSTA GA,
Will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargos, Freight &c at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other Institution of the kind in the Country. The Capitol of this Company is $375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1850. 65-1y.

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N.C.
Oct. 1 1849. 87

MRS. SHAW'S
FASHIONABLE MILINERY AND DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT.
On Second St. opposite Mr. O. G. Parsley's.
ALWAYS ON HAND
A handsome assortment of Cloaks and Mantillas of the latest style.
Nov. 19, 1850. 105-1y-c.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N C.

REFER TO—
Pottet & Kidder, John Dawson,
G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss, Edward Cantwell.
Oct. 26. 96-tf

DR. W. E. FREEMAN,
HOMŒOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,
Front st., one door south Messrs. Polley & Hart.
Dec. 23, 1849. 120-6

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Cash advances made on consignments to me, or to my friends in New York.
Oct. 23 1850. 93-y.

JOS. B. RUSSELL,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-1y-c.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE, continues to take Risks on Liver on fair terms.
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
Dec. 12, 1849. 93-tf.

LIFE INSURANCE
IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SOCIETY, OF LONDON,
AND
FIRE INSURANCE
IN THE ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,
OR, IN THE
HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK.
May be effected by application to
DEROSSET & BROWN.
March 17, 1850. 108

J. E. TOOMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT.
NORTH WATER STREET
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 7, 1850. 137-1y.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN MACRAE, DONALD MACRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
August 1, 1850. 59.

MILES COSTIN,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., Pres't Branch State Bank, }
Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear, } Wilmington, N. C.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, }
Dec. 19. 118-tf.

T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1850. 143-12 m.

MOLASSES.

50 HHDS. prime sweet Cuba Molasses, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Nov. 9. 102.

WM. ALLSTON GOURDIN,
FACTOR,
No. 4 East-Bay Charleston South Carolina.,
IS PREPARED TO MAKE LIBERAL ADVANCES ON CONSIGNMENTS OF
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR, GRAIN, HAY, &c.

REFERENCES.
Gourdin, Matthiessen & Co } Charleston S. C.
George A. Hopley, }
Alonzo J. White, }
Tandy Walker, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-1y-c.

J. HATHAWAY & SON.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
J. HATHAWAY. J. L. HATHAWAY.
Oct. 15. 91

GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
SOUTH FRONT STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 28. 109.

GAUSE & BOWDEN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS
THOS. F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.

REFERENCES.
Alexander McRae, President W. & R. R.
E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley. " Commercial Bank.
John Dawson, Merchant.
J. & D. McRae & Co., "
P. K. Dickinson & CO. "
Dec. 7, 1850. 112.

PIPES.

30 Gross Clay Pipes, for sale by
J. B. GUSSELL.
Nov. 5, 1850. 100

COW PEAS.

50 BUSHELS, for sale by
DeROSSET & BROWN.
Nov. 12. 103.

CEMENT.

A SUPPLY of first rate, constantly on hand, and for sale by E. J. LUTTERLOH, Ag't.
Oct. 12. 90-tf.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

THE subscriber offers for sale his plantation in Brunswick County, at the brick house Ferry, 2 miles from Wilmington, where are about twenty acres of tide swamp land, under fair embankments, with an upland situation, twenty acres or upwards of which are enclosed. Said place, from its situation on the river, and at the junction of two public highways is thought to command a fine prospect for doing a variety of profitable business apart from its farming advantages. Persons desiring a situation for trade, or merchandize, for opening a public house and stables, or for carrying on timber, lumber and turpentine business could not perhaps suit themselves better. Conditions can be made convenient to the purchaser. Persons wishing to purchase can call upon the subscriber, and see for themselves.
W. M. D. MOORE.
Jan. 1. 123-2m

OUR MOTTO IS "TO PLEASE,"
AT THE
Wilmington Saddle, Harness, and Trunk Manufactory.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has recently received additions to his stock of Saddle and Harness Mountings, &c., the latest and most improved style, and is constantly manufacturing, at his store on Market street, every description of article in the above line. From his experience in the business, he feels confident that he will be able to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with a call. He has now on hand, and will constantly keep a large assortment of

Coach, Gig and Sulkey Harness; Lady's Saddles, Bridles, Whips, &c., Gentlemen's Saddles, Whips, Spurs, &c. &c.,

all of which he will warrant to be of the best materials and workmanship. He has also a large assortment of **Trunks, Valises, Saddle and Carpet Bags, Satchels, Fancy Trunks, &c.**, and all other articles usually kept in such establishments, all of which he offers low for CASH, or on short credit to prompt customers.

Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Medical Bags, &c. &c., made to order.

In addition to the above the subscriber always keeps on hand a large supply of **String Leather**, and has now, and will keep through the season a good assortment of **Fly Netts.**

All are invited to call and examine my Goods, whether in want or not, as I take pleasure in showing my assortment to all who may favor me with a call.

Harness and Coach Trimmings sold at a fair price to persons buying to manufacture.

Also, Whips at wholesale.

All kinds of Riding Vehicles bought and sold on commissions. JOHN J. CONOLEY.
June 13. 39

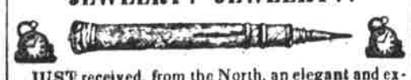
BACON AND LARD.

4000 LBS. Bacon Shoulders.
Lard in Kegs and Barrels just received and for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Sept. 10. 10

BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

A FRESH supply of Bills of Exchange, an elegant impression, which will be sold in sheets or quires, or bound in Books, to order, just received and for sale at THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE.
Jan. 26 133.

JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!



JUST received, from the North, an elegant and extensive assortment of fine Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Plated Ware and Musical Boxes, to which we would call the attention of Ladies and citizens of Wilmington and surrounding Country.

We will continue to sell goods in the above line at prices that will not fail to merit the continuance of the patronage we have received since our commencement in business, and having now procured a competent assistant, we will in future be able to despatch, at the shortest notice, every description of repairing requisite to adjust and accurately time.—Chronometer, Horizontal, Duplex, Lever, Repeating, and Vertical Watches.

N. B. Clocks, Jewelry, Plated Ware, and Musical Boxes, promptly and in a workmanlike manner repaired, and warranted to please by
A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch) Ft. St., Wilmington, N.
Nov. 5 100-t

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
RALEIGH, N. C.

THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1848, under the direction of the following Officers, viz:
Dr. Chas. E. Johnson, President,
Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President,
James F. Jordan, Secretary,
Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer,
Perrin Busbee, Attorney,
Dr. Charles E. Johnson, } *Medical board of Consultation.*
Dr. Wm. H. McKee, }
Dr. R. B. Haywood, }
J. Hersman, Gen'l Agent.

This Company has received a charter giving advantages to the insured over any other Company. The 5th Section gives the Husband the privilege to insure his own life for the sole use of his Wife and Children, *free* from any claims of the representatives of the husband or any of his creditors.

Organized on purely *mutual* principles, the life members participate in the *whole* of the profits which are declared annually. Besides, the applicant for life, when the annual premium is over $30 may pay one half in a Note.

All claims for insurance against the Company will be paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the party is furnished.

Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rates which will enable all Slaveholders to secure this class of property against the uncertainty of life.

Slave insurance presents a new and interesting feature in the history of North Carolina, which will prove very important to the Southern States.

The last four months operation of this Company shows a very large amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 200 Policies.

All Communications on business of the Company should be addressed to JAS. F JORDAN, *Secretary.*
Raleigh, April 1, 1850. 8-tf.

BILLS OF LADING, &c.

FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The *Commercial Office.*

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!

600 BBLS. Lincolnville White Lump; Also calcined Plaster, Plastering Hair, and Fire Brick, Hydraulic Cement; 1000 bbls. Lime &c.; for sale by
J. C. & R. R. WOOD.
Contractors and Builders.
Dec. 22. 1849. 119.

Account Books,
PAPER & STATIONERY ARTICLES.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
77 Maiden Lane, New York.

INVITE Merchants, Dealers and all who require articles in their line, to call at 77 Maiden Lane, New York. We offer every variety of Blank Book, Paper and Stationery, at very low prices. As we both manufacture and import all goods in our line we are enabled to sell cheap and offer inducements to buyers. Orders receive prompt attention.

BLANK BOOKS,
For all kinds of business, Banks, Public Office, County clerks, sets of books with Printed heading for Lodges, Divisions and others. Hotel Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Pass and Memorandum Books.

COPY YOUR LETTERS!
By the use of Francis' Manifold Letter writer, Letters and copies are written at the same time; the Ink is contained in sheets; the pen never wears out; both expeditious and economical; price $1, 2, 2,50 and 5,00.

CROTON INK.
If you want good black writing Ink use the Croton; flows freely from the pen and retains its color; also Indelible, Carmine and copying Inks.

PAPER & STATIONERY.
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Mill price; Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfollios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks, and every variety of Fancy Stationery.

DIARIES FOR 1851.
From the full Cap size to the smallest pocket edition containing Almanac Time and Interest Tables, a space for memorandums for every day in the year, &c., suitable for business. Professional or Private use. Price 50c 75c, and $1. Sent by Mail free.
Book Binding executed in any style.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.
LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 25. 31-w&t-tf.

DEEDS FOR SALE.

Warantee Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage or land just printed, in correct form and for sale at the *Commercial Office.*

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

21 FIRKINS prime Goshen Butter,
50 boxes Cheese For sale by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
Nov. 16. 104

SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!

JUST Received, a large assortment of Single and Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns, of the finest finish and latest style, made by those celebrated makers CHANEE & SONS, and others of known celebrity. Guns of all weights and calibre, also, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, percussion Caps, and in fact the best collection of sportsmen's goods ever offered in this market. Gentlemen please call and examine.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct 3 96

TO RENT OR SELL,

FROM the 1st of Oct. next, my store on the south side of Market street, now occupied by the Rev. Mr. McDaniel.
THOS. D. MEARES,
Apply in his absence to ED. G. MEARES.
Sept. 19. 80-tf

IN FULL BLAST.
- PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER.

J. & D. SCOTT are now offering at their Wood and Coal Yard, for sale, 300 tons "Red Ash and Peach Orchard Coal." 2000 Bushels Charcoal; 100 do. Blacksmith's Coal; 1500 cords oak, ashe, and black jack wood; 800 cords pine, do.

Families, Hotels and Stores supplied at short notice. Also, any order for Coal sent from the Country will meet with prompt attention. Apply at Walker's wharr, to J. & D. SCOTT.
Nov. 7. 101-tf.

STOVES AND GRATES.

JUST RECEIVED
A
Large Supply
OF
SHIP, PARLOR, CHURCH, AND OFFICE
STOVES!
of the BEST and most approved PATTERNS.
wholesale & retail
ALSO,
an assortment of

GRATES & FURNACES, Solar, Camphine, Fluid, and Oil Lamps, plain and japanned Ware, Steak Dishes, Coffee Urns, Biggins, Tea Trays, Waiters, Platform and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct. 10. 89

FRESH ARRIVALS.

CANAL Flour;
P. O. Sugar & Crushed do.;
Adamantine Candles;
Laguyra Coffee;
Western Bacon, Sides & Shoulders;
Mess Pork, city inspected;
Western & N. C. Lard. Just received and for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Sept. 17. 79.

FOR SALE.

A FIRST rate second hand Buggy and Harness, apply to W. L. SMITH, or
E. J. LUTTERLOH, Agt.
August 15. 65.

GUNNY BAGS.

5000 GUNNY Bags in bales, for sale by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
Dec. 7. 113

COMMUNICATED.

WAKE CO. N. C., Jan. 1st, 1850.

Cousin R: Another new year has ushered upon us, and the force of the duties it brings along with it presses hard upon the reflecting mind. Another year has past never again to be recalled. No subject can be more important to the mind, and certainly none better calculated to improve the conduct of the individual, than a due consideration of the manner in which the moments that are past have been employed. Time like every thing else has been given to man by the Creator of all things in order that it may be used. Upon the creature rests the responsibility of giving an account at the last day of the manner in which he has used it. He alone is responsible for the omissions and commissions of his own life. With him is committed the obligation of attending, and the responsibility of neglecting, the duties he owes to his family, neighbors, and society in general.—How fearfully deficient are we all in the performance of those duties even which lie nearest home, such as relate particularly to our own immediate families, the government of our children, their proper instruction. In view of these things what subject is better calculated to entertain and instruct the mind, or to improve its morals, and bring it to bear with full right upon the absolute duties of the individual, so as to insure the performance of the same, than a retrospection? An exhibition of public piety is perhaps as common in our country at the present day, as it ever was in any age or country; but can we say as much for the private circle? I fear the contrast is too great. Perhaps to the formality, ostentation, and I may add the obstinacy with which they are pressed hard to the mind, are mainly attributable the feuds that seem so rife among our countrymen.—It is literally true, emphatically so, that we live in an age of improvement. But whether this state is to continue progressive, or be superceded by an age of bigotry and superstition, certainly depends upon the proper improvement of the heart, as well as the head. Would that all were sufficiently impressed with this important fact. Our citizens under our form of Government, the best that the wisdom of man has ever invented, if properly adhered to in all its departments, have arrived to that eminence in point of intellectual culture that would put to shame in a comparison the happiest and palmiest days of Greece or Rome. Our Government has arrived to that point of political greatness in the short space of a little more than half a century, which astonishes the world, and bids fair to become, under the guidance of Divine Providence, should fanaticism stay its hand, the most powerful, in almost every respect, that has existed since time began.—Well may the philosopher of the old world stand still with wonder and amazement, and gaze upon the political greatness presented to his view by the commanding spectacle.—It is the triumph of intellectual cultivation over dormant ignorance, of christianity, enlightened christianity over superstition, bigotry, and their long train of tyranny and despotic rule. Shall the proud structure be overthrown? One false step committed by the guardians of our rights may lead the way for the accomplishment of this fearful work. A people reared up in the enjoyment of such political, and religious liberty as is every where realized throughout the entire extent of our land, can never endure tyranny and oppression no matter by whom attempted, until that age spoken of above in the prospective shall have taken its iron grasp fast hold of the American hearts.

Nothing but christian forbearance, mutually exercised by the sectional divisions of our country, can ever perpetuate this mighty Government "now and forever, one and inseparable." Christianity, in my opinion, lies at the foundation of our Government, and is the only thing that can sustain it; that Christianity which purifies the heart, and not that which consists in outward formality and obstinately fastidious notions, up to the law punctiliously in their outward professions "while their hearts are far from God." Such I look upon as letting religion down to the superstition that reigned over the minds of the people during the dark ages, the rule Popery. You know my religious sentiments, I am conscientious, entirely so in the maintenance of them. I do not claim, in the strictest sense of the word, to be a religious character, yet I am emphatically a religious character. No man under the sun believes more heartily in the efficacy of the Christian religion than do I. No man is more strongly impressed with the imperative necessity of the heart-felt Christian religion for the maintenance of good society, governed by wise, liberal, and just law. Yours sincerely.