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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 MULBERRY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
May 16, 1850

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., Col. John McRae, Messrs. Ballard & Huntington. } Wilmington, N.C.
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N.C.
Joseph Utley, Esq.,
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" R. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }
" Hunting & Tufts, " too.
" J. & I. 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

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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., J. D. Bellamy, Esq., } Wilmington.
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter,
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, H. F. Baker, Esq., } Charleston, S. C.
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., Wm. S. Neilson, Esq., Robert Neilson, Esq., } Phil'a.
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 1-50

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. Watson'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. 14, 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, Cargoes, 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. 66-1y.

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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—
Potter & Kidder, John Dawson,
G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss, Edward Cantwell.
Oct. 26. 96-tf

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JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Cash advances made on consignments to me, or to my friends in New York.
Oct. 22 1850. 93-y.

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 Lives on fair terms.
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
Dec. 12, 1850. 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.
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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.
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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, O. G Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, } Wilmington, N. C.
Dec. 19. 118-tf.

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

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, George A. Hopley, Alonzo J. White, } Charleston S. C.
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.
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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.
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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. "
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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
CHAS. D. ELLIS, HENRY P. RUSSELL, JOS. B. RUSSELL
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THOS. D. BARRY.
Commission Merchant and Ship Broker,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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D. STUART & SON.
WHOLESALE GROCERS.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
AND
IMPORTERS OF RIO COFFEE, &c.
EXCHANGE PLACE,
Opposite the Exchange Hotel,
BALTIMORE
REFER TO:
Messrs. DeRosset & Brown, Mr. J. M. Robinson, } Wilmington,
Jan. 18 130 3mp.

GARDEN, GRASS, & FLOWER SEED.
JUST received from the Weathersfield Seed Garden, a general assortment of Seed, of this years growth and warranted of superior quality,—also, 2 bbls. Red and Yellow Onion Setts. For sale at
C. DePRE'S, *Drug Store.*
Market Street, N. C.
Dec. 21. 119.

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Reduced in Price and improved in Quality.
PINE OIL of my manufacture can be obtained at the store of Messrs. POLLEY & HART, and will be furnished to customers by my Wagon every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at the reduced price of Forty Cents per gallon. Warranted superior to any other for sale in this place.
Oct 17. 1850. A. H. VANBOKKELEN.

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.
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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.
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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 MUTU
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
RALEIGH, N. C.
THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1849, 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, Dr. Wm. H. McKee, Dr. R. B. Haywood, } *Medical board of Consultation.*
J. Heesman, 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 0'38 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.*

TOBACCO.
3 BOXES "Gravely's" best chewing Tobacco,
2 " "Eldorado" " "
1 " Mellow Ridge " "
PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
Jan. 11. 127-tf.

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 Indellible, Carmine and copying Inks.
PAPER & STATIONERY.
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Milliprice; 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.
WARRANTEE Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage or land just printed, in correct form and for sale at the *Commercial Office.*

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 86

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 wharf 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. 99

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.

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

RAZORS.

THE best kind of Razors, just received from the best English Manufactories, for sale cheap, and warranted by
J. M. ROBINSON.
Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 3, 1850. 111

CALIFORNIA IN 1850.

The history of California for the past year, though it has not the exciting freshness of the marvels of 1849, presents many points of interest. The opening of the year found the country peaceful and the emigrants, as well in the gold-diggins, as in the newly erected cities, generally prosperous and with new prospects ahead. The first Legislature, which met on the 15th of December, 1849, at San Jose, the capital of the State, was in session, and the steamship Oregon, which sailed from San Francisco on the 1st of January, took away the Senators and Representatives elected to represent California in the Congress of the United States.

The City of San Francisco, during the past year, has been visited by several disastrous conflagrations, which consumed a large amount of property, and for a short time embarrassed the operations of business. The first of these took place on the 24th of December breaking out in a gambling house on Portsmouth square, and rapidly spreading to the adjacent buildings. In a short time the finest portion of a large block of houses was burned to the ground. The fire presented a fearful spectacle. Fortunately the weather was calm, as the slightest wind would have exposed the entire city to almost inevitable destruction. The loss was estimated at one million and a half of dollars. With the genuine spirit of Yankee enterprise, many of the sufferers by the fire commenced business next day in tents, and others on the same day prepared the site of the ruins for the erection of new buildings.

On the same night, a fire broke out in Stockton, destroying property to the amount of $250 000. In the opinion of some of the citizens, this fire was the work of an incendiary but the fact has not been proved.

Another fire took place in San Francisco, on the 4th of May, which destroyed over two hundred buildings and property to the amount of over four millions of dollars. The fire commenced in the United States Hotel, and spread with terrible rapidity in every direction. It was found impossible to arrest its progress, except by tearing down a large number of houses that presented materials for its fury. More property was consumed than could have been done within equal space in any city of the world.

The third destructive conflagration which visited the city of San Francisco took place on the 13th of June, laying four large blocks of buildings in ashes, and consuming a great amount of valuable property. A portion of the district which had suffered from the previous fire was again burned. With great difficulty the warves and shipping in the harbor were protected from destruction. The total loss by this fire has been estimated at about $5 000 000.

A fourth disastrous fire was experienced in San Francisco on the 20th of September, by which a loss of property to the amount of $1.000.000 was occasioned. The buildings consumed were mostly old and of an inferior order.

In the month of January a great overflow of the Sacramento river occurred, deluging the country both above and below the city of Sacramento, the flood extended in many places like an immense sea over the whole breadth of the valley. The course of the river was only indicated by the trees and shrubbery with which the banks were covered. A great number of horses and cattle were swept away by the flood and drowned. The woodcutters and charcoal burners on the banks of the river were obliged to climb into trees in order to save their lives. On the night of January 9th the city of Sacramento was entirely submerged, and remained under water for several days. The streets in which the principal business operations were conducted were swept completely through by the raging torrent. Every description of merchandise was borne away in the mighty rush.—Boats navigated the streets, taking passengers from the second stories of the dwelling houses. The ridge of high land in the rear was studded with tents, and man and beast, seeking safety in flight, were crowded together in dire confusion. Sutterville was overflowed. The ranches back of the river suffered the same fate. A large amount of property was destroyed by this inundation, but it is believed no lives were lost.

In the month of March, several expeditions were fitted out from San Francisco for the purpose of exploring the coast of Trinidad Bay, situated at about the forty-first degree of north latitude. The entrance to this bay, after a good deal of difficulty, was at length discovered. It was found to be five miles in length, though not much more than half a mile in width. The river empties in at the head of the bay, being about forty yards wide at the mouth. The harbor is regarded as the finest on the California coast, with the exception of San Francisco and San Diego, being protected from the north and west by a high bold headland, and with a good anchorage in every part of the bay within a quarter of a mile from the shore. This bay has since become the seat of prosperous settlements.

Another noble bay, which has received the name of Humboldt Harbor, was discovered by Capt. Ottinger, of the U. S. Revenue Marine service in the month of March. This is in lat, 40d. 45m. being eighteen miles long and from two to five miles wide. The shores are surrounded with beautiful land, and excellent timber abounds in the vicinity.

A good deal of trouble has been experienced from the incursions of the Indians in the vicinity of the Colorado, Humboldt harbor, Trinidad bay, and the Sacramento mines.—A large body of Indians at Clear lake was slaughtered in May by a detachment of the U. S. garrisons at Sonora and Bernicia.—Eleven Americans were massacred by the Yuba Indians at the crossing of the Colorado in the month of April.

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