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IMPORTER OF
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and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
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GENERAL
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
REFERENCES:
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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
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COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND AGENT
FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER, LUMBER,
WILMINGTON N. C.
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CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
REFER TO
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J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
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Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq.,
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37 1-2 North Wharves,
PHILADELPHIA,
REFER TO
Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS, }
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ROBERT NEILSON, Esq., }
Messrs. MOSES, TAYLOR & Co., } New York
" J. H. BROWER, & Co., }
" J. & D. McRAE, } Wilmington.
GEO. HARRISS, Esq. }
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GENERAL AGENTS.
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NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
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COMMISSION MERCHANT.
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W. Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
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ALEXANDER MATTHEWS:
INSPECTOR of LUMBER and TIMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 19, 1850. 1-tf.

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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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May 2, 1850. 1.

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CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLESALE 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

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THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
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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.
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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.
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AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N C.
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Potter & Kidder, John Dawson,
G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
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George Harriss, Edward Cantwell
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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.
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ANDERSON & LATIMER,
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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
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AND GENERAL AGENT.
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General Commission Merchants,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear, } Wilmington, N. C.
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T. C. WORTH:
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MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
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E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
IMPORTERS OF RIO COFFEE, &c.
EXCHANGE PLACE,
Opposite the Exchange Hotel,
BALTIMORE.
REFER TO:
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DR. JAMES E KEA,
Surgical and Mechanical Dentist.
Office over Mr. Agostine's Store, Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan 30, 1850. J. & N. C. T. copy 3m. 135-tf.

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Commission Merchants,
CORNER OF PRATT AND COMMERCE ST., BALTIMORE.
Agents for the sale of Provisions, and American Produce generally.
Also, for purchasing Coffee, Sugar, Grain &c. to order
REFER TO
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" DEROSSET & BROWN, } Wilmington.
" SAVAGE & MEARES, }
Feb. 1, 1851. 136-3mos-p.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for sale or Shipment,
And liberal cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1851. 135-tf.

A. M. HATCH,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
180 WATER STREET, N. Y.
Mr. H. has great facilities for effecting satisfactory sales of Spirits Turpentine, Rosin, &c., and will always give his personal attention to the same. He would refer to Messrs. Glover & Davis, of Charleston, S C., as having done business for them in the above line.
Feb. 6. 138-1m

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.

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

DEEDS FOR SALE.
Warantee 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.
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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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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.*

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Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.
LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 25. 31-w&t-tf.

UNITED STATES WHOLESALE
CLOTHING WAREHOUSE.
S. H. HANFORD & Co.,
Successors to
LEWIS & HANFOR ,
Nos. 252, 254, 256 and 258 Pearl Street, New York,
Between Fulton St. and Burling Slip,
Have on hand the largest assortment of
CLOTHING
In the United States, adapted to all markets. In the articles of SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, we keep an endless variety. Also the most extensive manufactures of
OIL CLOTHING AND COVERED HATS,
In the world.
Plain and Fashionable Clothing of all kinds.
Catalogues of stock sent by mail. Orders promptly filled.
S. H, HANDFORD & Co.,
Successors to
LEWIS & HANFORD,
Nos. 252, 254, 256 and 258 Pearl St.
New York
Jan. 16. 129-m.

RUBBER GOODS.
UNION INDIA RUBBER COMPANY,
19 Nassau St, New York.
Manufacture and have for sale on favorable terms the largest stock of
"Goodyear's Patent Metallic Rubber Goods"
in America. Warranted to stand all climates:—consisting of Coats, Cloaks, Ponchos, Leggins, Pants-Caps, Sou' Westers, Blankets, Piano and Table Covers, Crumb, Carriage and Horse Cloths, Sailors' and Travelling Bags, Gold Diggers' Exploring, and Military Goods, Diving Dresses, Breast Pumps, Syringes and articles for Druggists and Surgeons, Engine and Factory Hose, Gas Tubing, Horse Fenders, Knapp's Patent Premium Cow-milker, Machine Belting, Dolls, Toys, Life Preservers, Cushions, Pillows, Beds, Whips, Bridles, Wagon and Boat Floats Boats, Knapsacks, Canteens, Water tanks, Pails, Fire Buckets, &c. Articles for the trade made to order.
Jan. 16. 129-3m

MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE CO,
(CITY OF NEW YORK.)
CASH CAPITAL, $100,000.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Myndert VanShich,	Caleb S. Woodhull,
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ALONZO A. ALVORD, *Pres't.*
C. Y. WEMPLE, *Secretary.*

This Company Insures persons whilst travelling in public conveyances against *Accidental Injury or Death*, at rates not exceeding one cent per hour.
The person injured will receive from $200 to $500 according to the severity of the injury. This Company also insures all persons without regard to age, sex, or health, against DEATH BY ACCIDENT from any cause. Also, *Life Insurance on the Mutual Plan*, for a term of years or for life, whereby the person insured participates in the profits of the Company.
Applications for Life Insurance received, and Accident Policies issued by EDWARD CANTWELL Esq. Attorney at Law, Agent, Wilmington N. C.
Jan. 21, 1850. 131-4m.

CANNON'S LINE OF
BALTIMORE PACKETS.
THE subscriber intends running a regular weekly line of Packets between Wilmington and Baltimore, consisting of six A. I. fast sailing schooners, *Corinthian, Susan Cannon, Virginia Griffith, Palestine, Gazelle, Geo. W. Robinson.*
Persons purchasing goods in Baltimore and wishing them forwarded without delay, will please direct them shipped by this line.
JOHN W. CANNON, Agent,
Baltimore, Md.
J. & D. McRAE, Agents, Wilmington, N. C.
Jan. 25, 1851. 133-tf.
Fayetteville Observer, and Salisbury Watchman, copy 3 months.

ONE OF THE DUNS.

'Twas on the dark autumnal night,
A dismal one to view;
Dark clouds obscured fair Venus' light,
And not a star appeared in sight,
All the thick forest through;
Muggins—as usual—'blue,'
Beat homeward, 'tacking' left and right,
When at once he brought up right
Against an old dead yew;
At which he 'rounded to,'
And 'squared off,' as if to fight,
Said with an oath I shan't indite,
'——infernal scoundrel you!
Light—an' I'll lick you, black or white!
Just then above him flew
An owl, which on a branch did light
A few feet o'er the boozy wight,
And then commenced, 'Tu-whoo—
Tu-whoo—Tu-whoo—Tu-whoo!'
Quoth Muggins 'Don't you think to fright
A fellow of my weight and height,
With your Ter Whoo-ter who,
You cursed bugaboo!
An' if you're Belzebub, its quite
Unnecessary you should 'light—
For Muggins ain't you 'due,
For money matters are *all right!*
The *Printer's paid up—honor bright!*
Therest the owl withdrew;
And Muggins mizzled too.
But there are other chaps who might
Be caught out late some dismal night,
Who *hasn't paid what's due!*
They know—*to who—to who.*

Engineer's Office Wilmington & Man. R. R.
January 20, 1851.

GEN'L W. W. HARLEE,
President Wil. & Man. Rail Road:

SIR.—I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, the third annual Report of this department, exhibiting the progress of the work during the year ending 31st December.

The accompanying abstracts, marked A. B. and C., exhibit, in detail the progress of the contracts for Graduation in each month of the year; the amount executed during the year, and the total amount from the commencement of the work. The amount of work due during the past exceeds that of the previous year 133.385 cubic yards, equivalent to the average required on ten miles of Road; and the amount executed at the expiration of the year is equal to *one-half* of the total amount required in the Graduation of the whole Road.

The high price of cotton during the year, and the consequent increase in the demand and price of labor, induced some of the contractors to withdraw a large number of their hands, during the summer months, than was anticipated when the contracts were made, and when cotton was selling much below its present value; while others have abandoned their contracts, preferring to forfeit the reservation of twenty five per cent of the value of the work executed, and pay up the remainder of their Stock in cash.

Under instructions from the Board I have entered into a contract with a Company of Stockholders for the Graduation uncontracted for in North Carolina at the date of my last Report. From the known energy and experience of these gentlemen on other portions of the line, I have every assurance of the speedy completion of the contract, and in a manner satisfactory to the Company.

Between Sumterville and the Camden Branch, the contracts of Graduation are or will be completed in time for the reception of the Iron, with two exceptions,—the first adjacent to the Junction, and the latter on the western side of Cane Savanna Swamp, and containing respectively 17,500 and 33,000 cubic yards. Efforts have been made to relet the letter, and to obtain additional force to hasten the completion of the former, but without success. On this portion of the line the contracts have been difficult to let, from the heavy work required on the Graduation, the inferior quality and scarcity of timber, and the difficulty of transporting it to the line of the Road. As the Iron for this portion of the Road will soon arrive in Charleston, some provision should be made for the expenditures required to put it in operation, which are more particularly explained in statement marked D hereunto annexed. Included in this estimate is the cost of one Locomotive, one Passenger coach, one Baggage, and ten Freight cars, which will be sufficient to work the line until its completion to Darlington.

The Iron contracted for (3000 Tons) will extend from the Junction to the Road east of Lynches' Creek, provided no portion of it be used in the construction of Turnouts, for which a lighter Rail will answer. For laying down the remainder of this Iron between Sumterville and the Road east of Lynches Creek, and for the purchase of turnout Iron, 200 tons for the main track, and the completion of forty miles, upon which the last instalment of the State's subscription depends; the further sums set forth in statement E will be required, and to which your attention is directed. These estimates are founded upon the assumption that the contracts in existence will be completed; but if contrary to my executions any of them are abandoned, a still greater sum will be required.

I would respectfully urge upon the Board and Stockholders the importance of providing the means for the immediate completion of forty miles adjoining the Camden Branch, without which the Company cannot realize the last installment of $50,000 of the State's subscription. In operation for forty miles, it would inspire a new confidence in the speedy

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