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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.
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Commission and Forwarding
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.
May 21, 1850. 29-9mo c.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
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GAUSE & BOWDEN,
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AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
THOS F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.
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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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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. Hallard & 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. 1851. 123-tf.

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.

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 1851. 1y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Next door to A. A. Wanust'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, 1850. 115-1y.

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, 1850 117-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, 1851. 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 1850. 87

HALL & LONEY,
General Commission Merchants,
BALTIMORE.
Will receive and advance on Consignments, and pay particular attention to filling orders for produce, &c.
Refer to Messrs. DEROSSET & BROWN.
March 13. 153-3m-p.

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 Edw'd Cantwell.
Oct. 26. 1850 96-1y-c

BUSINESS CARDS.

ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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COACH MAKING.
COACH-MAKING; JOBBING AND REPAIRING
Horse-shoeing, &c. done with neatness and dispatch:
Corner of Third and Princess Street: opposite Nixons's Livery Stable.
N. S. NEALE.
Wilmington, N. C., April 1 1851. 145-tf.

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.

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

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

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERY & NORTH WATER STS.
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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, ston
" J. & G. P. Pitcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

WILLIAM A. GWYER,
GENERAL AGENT, FORWARDING
and Commission Merchant.
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.
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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

W. G. BROWNE,
PORTRAIT AND MINIATURE PAINTER,
REQUESTS persons who wish to have Portraits painted, or to view his collection of Paintings, to visit his Gallery in the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 and 5 o'clock.
April 5. 9-tf

WILKINSON & ESLER,
WOULD respectfully invite those wishing good Segars to call and examine their large assortment, among them may be found:
10,000 Principe, Justo Sanz, good;
20,000 Regalia, Lion; Jenny Lind, and Mensurado;
10,000 Havana, La Nacional, prime;
10,000 Lady in the cage handsome;
18,000 Pantillos La Terrestre, do
17,000 De La Vuetta, old enough to walk;
20,000 half Regalia, Jicolineal, very superior;
15,000 Wandering Jews, very cheap;
8,000 El Galleo, fine;
14,000 La Cathedral;
20,000 Low price, various qualities.
Our stock of Segars &c., is much larger than ever offered in this place, and at lowest cash prices.
Call on WILKINSON & ESLER,
Market street.
March 14. 1

GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.
COMMENCEMENT.
THE Examination of the Classes in Greensboro' Female College will begin at 9 o'clock on Monday, the 2d of June, and occupy three successive days.
The Board of Trustees will convene in their Room on Tuesday, the 3d, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
The Address before the two Literary Societies will be delivered on Wednesday the 4th by Robert P. Dick, Esq.
The Commencement Exercises will take place on Thursday the 5th of June.
CHARLES F. DEEMS, President.
May 9. 23-1lt.

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

J. MASSALON, Portrait Painter, would respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington and the surrounding country, that he has permanently located himself in this place, and will be happy to receive the patronage of any ladies or gentlemen who may wish to procure faithful likenesses of themselves or any member of their family. He flatters himself, from his long experience in the art, that he will be enabled to give satisfaction. His rooms at Mr. Love's Furniture Establishment, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
April 5, 1851. 9-1y.

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, Platforms and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct. 10. 89

DEEDS FOR SALE.

Warantee Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage on 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 CRANER & 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

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.*

FOR SALE.

A Good family Carriage, suitable for a Hack, of good and substantial material, will be sold or exchanged for a light Buggy. Apply at the *Commercial office.*
July 9. 48.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.

WE have just received the handsomest and most beautiful assortment of fancy Dry Goods that ever was brought to this or any other market.—Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call and examine.

Country merchants are particularly invited. Orders will be promptly attended to.

We also have on hand a splendid assortment of Spring and Summer Clothing, which we keep entirely up stairs. We have them made up ourselves, and do not want to pay profit to others. We are able to sell them cheaper than any House.
S. & D. TELLER.
March 18. 153.

TO TURPENTINE DISTILLERS.

THE subscriber would inform the *Distillers of Turpentine*, that he has now on hand at his Cooper Shop in this place, a supply of *seasoned timber*, sufficient for the present year; and that those who were disappointed in getting work last year, may rely upon being served this, as he has added greatly to his former arrangements; and having permanently located himself here, he will be enabled to pay strict attention to the quality of the work; and should any casks made by him prove bad, he will exchange them, or return the price of such casks: also, from the first of March next, he will deliver them *free of charge*, at any point in or around Wilmington. Hereafter his casks shall be marked with the letters A. M., on either head, so that the work may be known. The price will be $1 75 per barrel of 40 gallons. Should any change be made in these prices, due notice will be given in this paper.
A. MORGAN.
Jan. 16. 123-6m-p.

BACON SIDES.

25 HHDS. Western Sides. For sale by
ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.
April 28. tf.

A CIRCULAR.

We the undersigned beg leave to inform the Ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington and its vicinity, that our Spring and Summer Stock of Goods are now open for inspection: consisting of the latest styles of FANCY DRESS GOODS, directly imported from European markets. The greatest variety of SILKS, SCARFS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, LINENS, BAREGES, CAMBRICKS, &c. &c. &c., too numerous to mention.

We do not hesitate in saying that our Stock is equal to any other in the southern market, in the selection, as well as in prices.

We would further add, that one of our firm is continually in the European markets, thus enabling us to have always on hand the latest fashions which may appear. We therefore most earnestly solicit a call before purchasing elsewhere.

We tender our sincere thanks for your kind and liberal patronage heretofore, and hope you will continue the same.

N. B. Gentlemens' stock of Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, are equal to the above. H. & J. MAYER.
April 24. 17

NORTHERN ADVERTISEMENTS.

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 15. 3l-wat-tf.

NOTICE EXTRA.

OWING to the increased demands of our Trade in the following articles we have been induced to enlarge our Stock of Fruit, Confectionary, Nuts, Tobacco, *Segars* and Snuff of all kinds which retailers and others can select from at lowest prices.
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 22. 16.

SASH, BLIND
AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss
THE public are hereby informed, that I have been appointed agent for the sale of Window Sash, Blinds and Doors, manufactured by the New Haven Co., and am prepared to fill all orders in the above line. The quality of the work of the New Haven Co. is well known in this market. Builders and all persons in want of the above articles, are requested to send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled. Terms invariably cash on delivery.
WM. A. GWYER.
General Agent Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
April 18. 15

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.

CAPE FEAR
MARINE RAILWAY
AND
SHIP CARPENTERING.

THE subscribers having now completed their Marine Railway, are prepared to take up Vessels of any size. They pledge themselves that all work done by them shall give satisfaction, both as to charges and workmanship. They have a large force employed, which will enable them to perform all work with dispatch.

They are also prepared to build any size Vessel, from a PILOT BOAT up to a SHIP; and will warrant that their work will compare favorably with any done here or elsewhere, and upon as reasonable terms.

Always on hand a large stock of Timber, &c.
SAMUEL BEERY & SON.
REFER TO
P. K. Dickinson, }
DeRosset & Brown, }
Barry, Bryant & Adams, } Wilmington, N. C.
Geo. W. Davis, }
J. & D. McRae & Co. }
June 27, 1850. 45-12m-p.

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. C.
Oct. 18 1850. 100-tf

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. B. WOOD,
Contractors and Builders.
Dec. 22. 1850. 119.

ROSIN STRAINERS.

FROM No. 18 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by
POLLY & HART.
March 29. 6.

A MAN'S REQUIREMENT.

BY ELIZABETH B. BROWNING.

Love me, sweet, with all thou art,
Feeling, thinking, seeing—
Love me in the lightest part,
Love me in full being.

Love me with thine open youth
In its frank surrender,
With the vowing of thy mouth,
With its sincere tender.

Love me with thine azure eyes,
Made for earnest granting!
Taking color from the skies,
Can heaven's truth be wanting?

Love me with their lids, that fall,
Snow-like at first meeting;
Love me with thine heart that all
The neighbors then see beating.

Love me with thine hand stretched out
Freely—open-minded;
Love me with thy loitering foot—
Hearing one beyond it.

Love me with thy voice, that turns
Sudden faint above me;
Love me with thy blush that burns
When I murmur 'love me!'

Love me with thy thinking soul—
Break it to love-sighing;
Love me with thy thoughts that roll
On through living—dying.

Love me in thy gorgeous airs,
When the world has crowned thee!
Love me kneeling at thy prayers,
With the angels round thee.

Love me pure as musers do,
Up the woodlands shady;
Love me, gaily, fast and true,
As a winsome lay.

Through all hopes that keep us brave,
Fourth off or nigher,
Love me for the house and grave—
And for something higher.

Thus if you wilt prove me, dear,
Woman's love no fable,
I will love THEE—half-a-year—
As a man is able.

In the memoranda of Dr. Breckenridge's travels in Europe, some ten years ago, the following anecdote occurs:

A gentleman-like and well-informed Englishman, who was in the stage coach with me, and who found out I was an American, after dilating on the greatness, the beauties, the majesty, in short, of this noblest of British rivers, (the Thames,) concluded thus:

'Sir, it may seem almost incredible to you, but it is nevertheless true, that this prodigious stream is, from its mouth to its source, not much, if at all, short of one hundred and fifty miles long!'

I looked steadfastly in his face—too see if he jested; but the gravity of deep conviction was upon it. Indeed, John Bull never jests. After composing myself a moment, I slowly responded:

Perhaps, sir, you have never heard of the Ohio river?'

'I think I have.'

'Perhaps of the Missouri?'

'I think so; though not sure.

'Certainly of the Mississippi!'

'Oh yes, yes.'

'Well, sir, a man will descend the Ohio, in a steamboat of the largest class, a thousand miles.'

'Of what sir? how many sir?'

'A thousand miles; and there he will meet another steamboat of the same class, which has come in an opposite direction twelve hundred miles down the Missouri, and then, after going fifteen hundred miles more, down the Mississippi—he may see that flood of waters disembogue by fifty channels into the sea.'

I had made up my mind to be considered a cheat; so I went calmly and emphatically through the statement! As I progressed, my companion seemed somewhat disposed to take my story as a personal affront; but at its close, he let down his visage into a contemptuous pout, and regularly cut my acquaintance.

'PREACH SMALL.'

Mother, said a little girl seven years old, I could not understand our minister to day he said so many hard words. I wish he would preach so that little girls could understand him. Won't he mother? 'Yes, I think so if we ask him.' Soon after her father saw her going to the minister's. 'Where are you going Emma?' said he. 'I am going over to Mr.——'s to ask him to preach small.—*Christian Times.*

WILD MAN OF THE WOODS.

A gigantic man of the woods has been discovered in Green county, Arkansas, and a party has beeen organised to endeavor to catch him. When last seen he was pursuing a herd of cattle, who were flying in a state of great alarm, as if pursued by a dreaded enemy. On seeing the party who discovered him he looked at them deliberately for a short time, turned and ran away with great speed, leaping from twelve to fourteen feet at a time. His foot-prints measured thirteen inches each. He was of gigantic structure, the body being covered with hair, and the head with long locks that fairly enveloped his neck and shoulders.