

FROM THE SOUTHERN PATRIOT.

In reply to "The Writer" in the Camden Gazette, we would observe that we are ignorant in what respect we are entitled to the credit of making an ingenious defence whilst simply stating facts. In our opinion the conduct of the State Engineer required no defence; we know that he has been zealous and indefatigable in carrying into effect the intentions of the Legislature. By a resolution of that body he is expressly directed to open the navigation of the Broad and Saluda rivers, and it was generally understood that he was to commence his operations at that point. The Legislature confided in the skill of the Engineer to direct the works, we believe that the public are generally satisfied with the course he has pursued. We can only regret that he did not consult the wishes of "The Writer" in the Camden Gazette, that "all might have been done if he had," but there is reason to apprehend that some inhabitant of Orangeburg might have been dissatisfied, and that all cause of jealousy would not have been removed, even by the course suggested by "The Writer." We assure him, however, that the citizens of Charleston, who are admitted by "The Writer," to be most concerned, are generally satisfied with the course pursued by the Engineer. They think that the Saluda and Edisto rivers, will be the means of diverting the trade from Augusta and Savannah, and that the Pee Dee will probably be the channel of that trade which has hitherto flowed through North-Carolina. The works on these rivers are pursued with vigor, and together with the canal between Winyaw bay and Santee, will, probably, be completed within one year. Contracts have been entered into for remedying all obstructions in the navigation of the Congaree and Wateree, and the work is already commenced on the Congaree. Of the Santee Canal, we know nothing—we are sorry for its failure; but had hoped that it had success of that undertaking would no longer be used as an argument against the internal improvement of the State. We now take our leave of "The Writer," assuring him that our remarks were intended to correct what we deemed an error, not to take any part in a question which appears altogether local. We have no doubt that the Wateree river will meet with that attention which its importance deserves, and we hope that the commercial prosperity of Camden will be at least equal to that of Columbia.

LITERARY.

We have been favored with a copy of the "Brief Remarks, on the ways of Man, or Compendious Dissertations respecting social and domestic relations and concerns, and the various economy of life; intended and calculated more especially, for the use of those in the common ranks of American Society—By Ezra Sampson." When a specimen of these Remarks appeared in the Connecticut Courant, we read them with much pleasure, which had been augmented by the perusal of the volume before us. These numbers, amounting to 118, take largely of the pith and tact of the maxims of Franklin, united to the flowing and eloquent morality of the lessons of another townsman, Dennie. The 2d No. of the second edition of the new series of the "Christian Discipline," has been published this week. A new number will be published every two months. "Boston, or a Touch of the Times—a Poem, descriptive, serious and satirical—by N. H. Wright." contains some very easy poetry; and a portrait of the town highly flattering and complimentary. "Tom Hide's remark," "Boston folks are full of notions," is the motto of the work. And we join the author in the hope, that the citizens "will take a notion to peruse it."—Boston Centinel.

We find by a late London paper that a new volume of travels in Africa

ca has just been published in London, entitled the Mission from Cape Coast Castle to the kingdom of Ashantee—by Thomas Edward Bowditch, Esq. conductor and chief of the embassy.

Mr. Hazlitt, author of the characters of Shakespeare's plays, and lectures on the English poets, has just published Lectures on the Comic Writers of Great-Britain, delivered at the Surry institution.

We understand that His Excellency Mr. POLETICA, the Russian Minister, lately arrived at New-York, is the same gentleman who several years since was attached to the Russian Legation when Count Pahlen was the Russian Minister in this country. Mr. Poletica, during his former residence here made many personal friends, by whom he was much respected and esteemed. Since then, we learn from the journals of Europe, he has enjoyed the confidence of the Emperor Alexander, who has engaged him in important missions to Spain and elsewhere;—and councils at the late convention of Sovereigns at Aix la Chapelle, at the time when he was about immediately to embark for this country. In a biographical sketch of the late Col. Rapatel, formerly well known as a citizens of Baltimore, and who was killed in battle in the neighborhood of Paris; in this biographical sketch published in our papers in June 1814, Mr. Poletica was thus respectfully noticed, when we could not then have anticipated that he would ever again visit the United States.

Col. Rapatel embarked at New-York, and sailed from the United States with Mr. POLETICA, of the Russian Legation, a gentleman of distinguished literary and political science—a Russian of zealous patriotism and of accurate and extensive political information, both with respect to Europe and this country." Baltimore Fed. Republican.

Crim. Con.—An interesting cause was tried at Oxford Circuit, Hereford, England, on the 20th March last. The damages were laid at 20,000l. The complainant was Thynne How Gwynne, Esq. and the defendant Sueti le Frederick Gwynne, Esq. They were sons of brothers. The criminal intercourse between the defendant and the complainant's wife being satisfactorily proved, the jury found 1000l. damages. Mrs. G. is the sister of Lord Hereford, and sister of the wife of Admiral Sir George Cockburn.

At the Castle Bar Assizes, on the 22d of March, a similar cause was tried between Major Fitzgerald and Capt. Carr. The jury being convinced of the criminal conversation between Carr and the wife of Fitzgerald, the jury found 1500l. damages, and six pence costs.

The population of Lima is about 64,000; yet Lord Cochrane has gone against this place, with a confidence of victory. He seems determined to maintain his character as a dashing and chivalrous partizan officer.

The Governor of the Canadas has quarrelled with the House of Assembly, of the lower province, and prorogued the session. The dispute related to the Tax Bill, in which the legislature refused to grant what his Excellency deemed the necessary supplies for the current year. The spirit manifested in this instance, as well as that of a similar kind, which recently occurred in New-Burnswick, bears a remarkable similitude with that manifested by our Assemblies from 1764 to 1774.

MARRIED.

MARRIED, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Roberts, Mr. HORACE W. BRONSON, of Bradford Springs, to Miss TABITHA SANDERS of Black River.

Drowned in this place while bathing, Mr. JON PETERS, a native of Germany, in the 26th year of his age.

Wholesale Prices Current.

Table with columns: Item, From, To. Items include Cotton, Corn, Wheat, Bacon, Irish Potatoes, Whiskey, Peach Brandy, French Brandy, Jamaica Rum, N. E. Rum, Country Gin, Iron, Castings, Shoe Thread, Tow Cloth, Indigo, Linseed Oil, Molasses, Sugar, Coffee, Tobacco, Bees Wax, Tallow, Bagging, German Steel, Crawley do., Bar Lead, Gun Powder, Shot, Butter, Lard, Nails, Salt.

Wholesale Prices Current.

Table with columns: Item, From, To. Items include Cotton, Cotton Bagging, Corn, Coffee, Flour, Gin, Ditto northern, Iron, Molasses, Nails, Rice, Rum, Whiskey, Salt, Sugar, Ditto loaf, Tallow, Tea, Tobacco, Tar.

Attention!

THE Beaver Creek Light Dragoons, are requested to attend muster at the usual place, on the first Saturday in June, every member and officer is requested to attend punctually, by order of David Archer, Capt.

Sheriff's Sales,

ROCKY BRANCH DISTRICT. By virtue of sundry executions to me directed will be sold on the first Monday in June next and the day following, within the legal hours, before the Court-House in Camden. THREE hundred and eighty eight acres of Land, be the same more or less, lying on Rocky Branch and adjoining lands of Willie Vaughan and Col. James Chesnut, levied on as the property of Lewis Cook, under separate executions in favor of Jacob Barrett & Co. Francis A. Delisseline and others, against Lewis Cook. Resold at the risk of the former purchaser. One lot of Land, lying in the town of Camden, on the west side of Church-street, and numbered 204 in the plan of the said town, levied on as the property of Drury I. Campbell and James Heron, under an execution in favor of William Aiken. Resold at the risk of the former purchaser. ALSO—One Waggon and Gears, & four horses; levied on as the property of David A. Moore, under separate executions in favor of Jacob Hughes & Co. Reuben Patterson & Co. and William A. Russell, Administrator of John Russell, deceased, against said David A. Moore. ALSO—Two hundred and thirty-three acres, be the same more or less, lying on the waters of Hanging Rock creek, adjoining lands of Hardy Horton, Ivy Horton, Chaibourn Horton, Abram Horton and Benjamin Haile, levied on as the property of Abram Horton, under a decree in equity, in favor of William Horton, against Abram Horton, Hardy Horton and Reuben I. Horton. Two hundred acres of land, more or less, lying on Granney's Quarter creek, adjoining lands of Josias Campbell, Archibald Young, Major John Cantey and Matthew Lyle, sen. levied on as the property of the Administrator of William Adamson, Lewis and John Teams, at the suits of Allen Preslar, against the said John and Lewis Teams. Conditions cash, purchasers to pay for Sheriff's Titles. M. C. Wiggins, s. k. d. May 13.

ROBERTSON & BLACKMAN.

Liberty Hill are now opening and offering at reduced prices, an elegant assortment of staple and fancy goods. SUITABLE TO THE SEASON: VIZ. Silks, Bombazetts, assorted Cotton Cambric, Muslins, &c. Calicoes, Furniture ditto, Fancy Shawls, Collarets &c. in great variety, Silk and Cotton Hosiery, Vestings of finest quality, Ribbons, fine and fashionable, fine Lenoos and Book Muslins, Silk and Kid Gloves, Silk and Cotton Umbrellas and Parasols. Ladies Beaver, Straw and Silk Hats, elegant and fashionable. School Books, Plays, Novels, History, &c. A variety of Jewelry, latest fashions. Ladies and Gentlemens Shoes. Wines, Spirits, &c. Hard ware, China and common ware, of latest forms and colours. Our friends and the public are invited to call. May 27.

IN THE COMMON PLEAS, Lancaster District.

Benjamin S. Massey, and Henry Massey, vs. Archibald Cousar. THE Plaintiffs in this case, having this day filed their declaration in the Clerks Office, against the Defendant, who is absent from and without the limits of this State, and hath neither Wife nor Attorney known within the same, upon a copy of the said declaration, with a rule to plead thereto, within a year and a day, might be served. It is therefore ordered, that the said defendant do appear and plead to the said declaration, on or before the 22d day of May next, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty; otherwise judgment will be given and awarded against him. Wm. McKenna, c. c. p. Office of Common Pleas. Lancaster District, May 21, 1819.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the late concern of GOOCH, CUNNINGHAM & Co. are requested to call at Liberty Hill and settle their accounts with Mr. James Duren, (as his receipts only will be good against the Books of the concern,) arrangements of the Notes and accounts are daily making payments alone will prevent suits. Those having demands, are advised to shew them without delay. John Gooch, Joseph Cunningham, Joseph McD. Garlick. Liberty Hill, May 19.

Notice.

TAVERN KEEPERS and RETAILERS of SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS—within the Town of Camden, are reminded that their Licences expires on the last day of this month. Wm. O' Cain, Recorder. May 22.

Notice.

ANY Person wishing to contract for keeping all the Public Wells and Pumps in this Town, in repair for one year; is requested to hand in sealed proposals to the Recorder, on or before the 5th day of June next. Wm. O' Cain, Recorder. Camden May 22.

Taken Up

BY the Subscriber, on the 13th inst. a HORSE, about 15 hands high, with two small spots of white one on his forehead, and another on his nose, and the mark of the harness on the shoulder. The owner can have the same by applying to Littleton Trapp, On Willie Vaughan's Plantation, on Rocky Branch, May 20.

SHERIFF'S SALES, Kershaw District.

By virtue of an execution to be directed, will be sold on the first Monday and the day following, in June next: A NEGRO slave named Garrick, his wife Linda, and their three children, named Harry, Phillis and Will, levied on as property of the estate of Doctor Isaac Alexander, deceased, under an execution in favor of the Administrator of William Adamson, deceased, against Sarah Alexander now Sarah Horton, Administratrix of the estate of said Isaac Alexander. Conditions of sale Cash, purchasers to pay for Sheriff's Titles. M. C. Wiggins, s. k. d. Camden, May 19, 1819.