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AUCTION AND COMMISSION BUSINESS. The subscribers have associated themselves together under the firm of Young & Depass in this line, and will transact and dispose of all species of Merchandise and other commodities, entrusted to them and their disposal in said business, and will be thankful for the same.

A CARD. WILLIAM SEVERNS, TAILOR.—Grateful for the patronage he has hitherto received, respectfully informs the citizens of Camden and its vicinity, that he has commenced the above business at the stand formerly occupied by J. Goodlad, immediately opposite Shannon, McGee & Co., where he will cut and make garments in the neatest manner and most fashionable style.

NOTICE.—The notes and accounts of W. B. Daniels are placed in my hands for collection—all those indebted will please come forward and settle the same immediately.

FOR SALE.—The former residence of Col. James S. Deas, situated in the town of Camden, comprising six acres of ground, situated on the Eastern side, and in one of the most pleasant neighborhoods for a private family it has many advantages.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the late firm of Carpenter & Bonney, and to the subscriber, either by note or account of two or more years standing, are requested to call and settle before return day.

NOTICE.—The subscriber has for sale, a fine Broach with extension Lasting top, silver mounted, for one or two horses, which he will dispose of low for cash.

SOUTH CAROLINA, KERSHAW DISTRICT. In Equity, June Term, 1837. Lewis Ciples, and F. A. Adamson, vs SA Adamson and others.

BY order of the Court on Monday the 2d day of April next, will be sold at public auction, before the Court House door in Camden, the following property, belonging to the late William Adamson, dec'd., for so much cash as will pay the cost, and the balance on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest payable annually, the purchaser to give bond with good security, and a mortgage of the property, viz: a tract of acres of land, granted to William Adamson, on the 3d day of April, 1829.

FOR SALE. Town Lots, Nos. nine hundred and ninety four (904) and nine hundred and ninety five (905) in the town of Camden, belonging to the estate of John Doby, Esq. dec'd., whereon are two Stores, one now occupied by Mr. Dunlap, the other by Mr. Bryant.

IN EQUITY, SUMTER DISTRICT. John Jennings, vs Thos Williams, et al. The judgment creditors of John Jennings, are hereby notified and required to be and appear before the Commissioner of this Court, and establish on oath, their claims to the funds in the hands of the defendants, administrators of Joseph Dunlap, dec'd., arising from sales of property and money paid to him, within ninety days from this date.

IN EQUITY, Kershaw District, William M Brett and wife vs Wiley Jenkins, et al. Bill for Division & sale of Land. It appearing to my satisfaction, that John Jenkins, Wiley Jenkins, Exam Jenkins Thos Jenkins Jos. Jenkins, & Jas. Jenkins defend'ts in this case, are absent from this State, it is ordered that they do answer, plead or demur to the said Bill of Complaint, within three months from this date, or an order proconfessus will be entered against them therein; also, that this order be published for said time in the Camden Courier.

IN THE COMMON PLEAS, Kershaw District. Joseph M. Marshall, vs Henry H. Schrook. WHEREAS, the plaintiff has this day filed his declaration in this office, against the defendant, who is absent from and without the limits of this State, it is said, and having neither wife nor attorney known within the same: It is ordered that the defendant appear and plead thereto, within a year and day, or final judgment will be entered of record against him.

NOTICE.—The undersigned having formed a co-partnership for a term of years, under the firm of Murray & Bonney, for the transaction of Mercantile business, respectfully solicit from their friends and customers a continuance of their patronage. They have on hand a very extensive assortment of Dry Goods, Hardware and Groceries, which they will dispose of at reduced prices for cash, or on credit to punctual customers.

NOTICE.—The subscriber returns his sincere thanks to his friends and customers for the liberal encouragement the late firm of M'LEISH & SMITH has received, and begs leave to intimate that he is now ready to receive all orders for Iron and Brass Castings, Locomotive and Car Wheels, Locomotive and Stationary Engine Tenders, Boilers, Blacksmith Work, &c.

NOTICE.—Orders from the country left at Lewis & Robertson, No.—East Bay, or at the establishment, Gadsecn's wharf, will be attended to with punctuality and despatch. JAMES M'LEISH.

MEDICINES. BOTANIC STORE AND INFIRMARY.—The subscriber grateful for the liberal patronage extended him in the above business, during the last year, would now inform his customers, that he is this day receiving by the Steamer THOMAS SALMOND, a large supply of Medicines, which will be sold on accommodating terms for cash, or on three months credit to approved purchasers, either by whole sale or retail.

SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER DISTRICT. Summons in Partition. Elizabeth Dunlap, applicant, vs David J. Duulap and others.

IT appearing to my satisfaction that William Gibson and Rebecca his wife, William F. Dunlap and Sarah his wife, Michael Solla and Eliza his wife, Tyre Logan, (heirs of Samuel Dunlap, deceased,) resides without this State. It is therefore ordered that they do appear and object to the division or sale of the real estate of Samuel Dunlap, dec'd. on or before the first day of May next, or their consent to the same will be entered of record.

JAMES L. BRASINGTON having this day executed a deed of assignment of all his estate, to the subscribers for the payment of his creditors in the manner in the said deed of assignment declared. Notice is hereby given that all debts due the said James L. Brasington, either in his own name, or in the name of Brace & Brasington or McDonald & Brasington, included in the said assignment, and persons indebted are requested to call on the subscribers and settle the same.

INFORMATION WANTED! The sympathies of a generous public, are feelingly solicited to the following statement and enquiry. JOSEPH B. RHAME, of Sumter Dist., near Bradford Springs, S. C., left an interesting family in December, 1836, to seek his fortune in the Western States. His letters were received from Mecon and Columbus, Ga. up to the 17th December, 1836, from which it appears, he was at that time to embark for Tuscaloosa. After this period, and up to the first of January, 1837, letters were received from New Orleans, and from whence he was to embark as Clerk, on board a ship of war, under command of Capt. Williams, bound for Texas. Since this period, no account of him has been received.

BOOK BINDING. THE Subscriber has removed his Book Bindery to the building situated on the N W corner of Market and Rutledge streets, where he is ready to execute any work in the above line, with neatness and despatch.

SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER DISTRICT. Summons in Partition. Jefferson Logan, vs Ransom Logan, and others.

Five Dollars Reward. RUNAWAY from the subscriber, a Mulatto boy named John, he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, one front tooth out, and both feet frost bitten, and several toes off of each foot. Information has reached me, that he is on a boat running from Camden to Charleston. The above reward will be paid for lodging him in any jail.

NOTICE.—The subscriber offers for sale his whole stock of Dry Goods, at cost and charges, for cash. JAMES M'EWEN.

Kirkwood House for Sale. The house belonging to Mr. Blair at Kirkwood, is for sale. Apply to JOHN WORKMAN.

FOR SALE or Rent. The Kirkwood House and Lot belonging to Mr. Hugh M'Call. J. M. DESAUSSURE.

J. G. HALL—Will practice Law in the Camden Courts. Feb. 24 42 6t.

FOR SALE. The Premises on the E. side of street, belonging to Mrs. Teresa Taylor, now occupied by Mr. Lucas. Proposals for the same will be received by JOHN WORKMAN.

FOR SALE.—A neat, light rough, for one or two horses. Apply at this office. Jan. 27 39 1f.

Petit Gulph Cotton Seed. Bags of the above seed, warranted genuine, for sale by March 17 46 4t. SHANNON, M'GEE & Co.

TOWN TAXES.—Being due, the subscriber will attend to receive the same, as also the Comutation for Road duty. J. W. LANG, Jan. 20 38 1f. Rec'd and Treasurer.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, Columbia, 22d March, 1838.

PURSUANT to an order from Major Gen. B. Channan, an election will be held in Columbia on Friday the 15th June next, for Brazer General of Cavalry. The following persons will manage the election. Capt. J. U. Adams, Capt. Stark, Lieutenants Taylor and Brown.

FOR THE INFORMATION of the officers, I refer them to the following resolution, passed December 1829: Resolved, That in all elections for Maj. General, and Brigadier General, hereafter to be made in this State, it shall be lawful for all commissioned officers of the Militia entitled to vote, to do so by proxy: Provided, that all proxies so offered by proxy, be signed by the officer voting, stating his rank and title, presented under sealed cover, addressed to the Col. of the Regiment to which he belongs, or other officer holding the election.

Cabinet Manufactory. THE subscribers respectfully inform the citizens of Camden, and the surrounding country generally, that they have opened a cabinet establishment immediately in front of the Post office, where they will be happy to fill any orders which may be sent to them.

THE ROBBER OF THE WILDERNESS. The application of steam to the purposes of navigation has been no where attended with results at once so useful and magnificent, as upon the gigantic rivers of the West. Whether their sources are found among the icy lakes of the North, the rugged passes of the Alleghany, or the unexplored mountains of the Pacific, their accumulated waters mingle in the exuberant valley of the Mississippi, and run in a united stream far into the Gulf of Mexico.

THE facilities of bank paper and exchange were then unattainable, and each individual carried the returns of his toil and enterprise in gold and silver. Great temptations were thus held out to the robber, who, concealed in the fastness of the forest, perpetrated his acts of violence and cruelty with little fear of detection. The rich trader, in his produce and slaves, and the poor boatman, bearing back to his family, his hard earned pittance, were alike the victims of rapacity; and life was frequently sacrificed to the passions or fears of the banditti.

lived, still survive, who will attest the general truth of the narrative, though unimportant errors may be observed. They will, at all events, recollect the jokes and good sayings occasioned by the result of the expedition. A robbery and murder of more than usual atrocity had been perpetrated and a number of citizens of the then Mississippi Territory, united in a determination to pursue the robbers and bring them to death. Under the command of (it is believed) the late Col. B., the party well mounted and armed, commenced their march. Soon after entering into the borders of the wilderness they came upon the trail of Mason, and ascertained that he was but a day or two in advance, making toward Pearl river, they pushed on day and night, and did not halt until they came to the river—they found new evidences of a party preceding them, and they did not doubt of him, of whom they were in pursuit—both men and horses were all in need of rest and sustenance, they therefore resolved to strip their horses, repose for a few hours, and again renew the chase. Those preliminaries being disposed of, two of the party strolled to the bank of the river, and tempted by the coolness and beauty of the stream went in to bathe. In the course of their gambol, they crossed to the opposite shore, where society under the then present circumstances, afforded them very little satisfaction. Mason, aware that he was pursued, and having ascertained the superior force of his pursuers, determined to effect by stratagem what he could not hope to do by open contest. The path into the forest was here narrow, and much beset with undergrowth, and he placed his men in ambush, so that by a sudden onset the party of Col. B. on entering the woods, would be thrown into confusion, and thus be easily despatched or routed. Chance however, produced a success more complete than he could have anticipated. No sooner had the naked and unarmed men reached the Eastern shore of the Pearl, than Mason rushed upon them before they could collect their thoughts or comprehend their danger. He was a hale, athletic figure, and roughly clad in the leather shirt and leggings common to the Indians and hunter of the frontier.

As he approached, they instinctively seized their arms. "If you approach one step to raise a rifle," cried the robber, "you may bid your friends farewell. There is no hope for them but in your obedience; I want nothing but security against danger to myself and party; this I mean to have." "Stack your arms and deposit your ammunition on the beach near the water. I will send for them. Any violence to my messenger, or the least hesitation to perform my order, will prove certain and sudden death to your companions. Your compliance will ensure their release, and I pledge my honor as a man, to take no other advantage of my victory." There was no alternative: the arms and ammunition were disposed as Mason directed. Two of the band were despatched for them, while a rifle was at the head of each prisoner. No resistance was attempted, however, by Col. B. or his party and the arms were brought across. The banditti were soon in readiness for a march; the prisoners were dismissed with a good humored farewell; and the dreaded Mason, true to his word, was soon lost sight of in the wilderness. It is hardly necessary to say, that the pursuers, disarmed and discomfited, and a little choppfallen, made the best of their way back to "the settlements."

Subsequent to the occurrence just detailed, the violence and depredations of Mason became more frequent and sanguinary. One day found him marauding on the bank of the Pearl; the next proved fatal to the life and fortune of the trader, in the midst of the wilderness; and before pursuit was organized the hunter, arrested by the descending sweep of the solitary vulture, learned the story of robbery and blood on the remote shores of the Mississippi.

Treachery, however, at last effected what stratagem, enterprise and courage had in vain attempted. Mr. W. a citizen of great respectability, now deceased, passing with his sons through the wilderness, was plundered by the banditti.— Their lives were, however, spared, and they returned. Public feeling was now excited, and the government of the Territory now found it necessary to act.— Governor Claiborne accordingly offered a large and liberal reward for the robber Mason, "dead or alive!" The proclamation was widely distributed, and a copy

About the year 1802, the wilderness was infested by a notorious freebooter, who, with two sons, and few other desperate miscreants, were the terror of the peaceful traveller. From the morasses of the southern frontier, to the silent shores of the Tennessee river, the name of Mason, and his band, was known and dreaded. Their depredations became at length so frequent and daring, that the citizens of the adjoining territories were driven to adopt measures for their suppression; but the knowledge of the wilderness, possessed by the banditti, their circumspection and enterprise, not surpassed by the savages among whom they wandered, baffled every attempt concerted for their capture. One of these incidents, as detailed by a contemporary, possesses some interest; and some of the individuals composing the party, it is be-