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THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1831.

SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW.

It will be recollected that a term of the Superior Court of Law, for Jefferson county, will be commenced at the Court House in Charlestown, on Monday next the 23d inst., by Judge PARKER.

DELINQUENT LANDS.

It may not be amiss to call the particular attention of some of our readers to the important law upon our last page, respecting delinquent lands, and in doing so, we cannot use more forcible terms than those used by the worthy and intelligent Auditor himself.

A FALSE ALARM.

Our citizens were alarmed, on Friday night last, by the cry of "fire!" A sound always disagreeable to the ear and appalling to the heart.

HOME CONCERNS.

Some of our readers like to see, occasionally, a paragraph on home concerns. Our county not being fruitful of "stardling events," they must be content with plain, every-day matters.

THE NEW YORK DAILY.

The New York Daily contains the report of a man from Colombia, by the name of Kingston, corresponding intelligence that the public authorities received official intelligence, but kept it secret, however, only waited for the publication of the report to re-

northern was experienced on the 8th April, in which brig with a valuable cargo.

ABLE LAND. To the decree of the Winchester District Court, made of May, 1830, in the suit of an administrator of James complainant against Peter, Mary Kerney, heirs and relatives of Edward Kerney, etc.

STATE LOTTERY. To be drawn in Baltimore, 26th of May next, the State respectfully call their attention to the following small number of tickets.

OFFICES. of Baltimore and Calvert, N. E. and Charles Sts. The highest prices in the State are offered sold, than at any other place.

WARRIED. At Apple-ridge, Frederick county, on Sunday evening 8th inst. by the Rev. J. E. Jackson, Mr. BENJAMIN W. JENKINS, formerly of Jefferson county, now of Berkeley, to Miss LUCY ELLER SAMUEL, daughter of Francis Silver, Esq. of the former place.

DEED. On Thursday morning last, Mr. JOHN LARNEY, a very worthy and industrious citizen of Harpers-Ferry.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION AT WASHINGTON.

A letter from Washington, states, that, previous to his leaving there, Mr. Secretary BRANCH had written a pamphlet, disclosing the secret history of the Cabinet quarrels which terminated in his dissolution and the sacrifice of himself and Mr. Ingham.

Since the above was prepared the National Intelligencer has come to hand, from which we copy the following. By the article which follows Mr. Branch's letter, it will be seen that it is Mr. Ingham who is coming out with a pamphlet. He will do justice to the subject and strike home!

From the North Carolina Star. GOV. BRANCH.—The following letter from the Hon. JOHN BRANCH, late Secretary of the Navy, to a gentleman in this city, has been handed to us for publication.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 3, 1831. My Dear Sir: You have, no doubt, before this, seen in the papers accounts of the resignations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary at War, and the dismissal of the other members of the Cabinet.

The letters of the two former, addressed to the President of the United States, present their reasons; and the motives for the dismissal of the others are assigned in the answer of the President to the Secretary of the Treasury and myself. In these, the President admits that the dismissed officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties; but intimates that the want of harmony in the Cabinet, and the protection of the two retiring Secretaries "from unjust misconceptions and malignant misrepresentations," made it necessary the others should go also.

So far as regards the members of the Cabinet, this measure is comparatively of little moment. It is, however, a matter of deep concern as affecting the character of the Government. In this point of view, the American people have a right to know the whole truth; from whence the alleged discord originated; by whom and for what purpose it has been fostered; and in what respect and wherefore it has been connected with the public administration of the affairs of the nation. The President is bound to make these explanations to the people.

If it were intended to be intimated that I am responsible for the want of harmony in the Cabinet, the charge is unjust. I deny that I pursued a course that invited hostility. On the contrary, I went as far as a man of honor could go in endeavoring to promote good understanding and cordial official co-operation with all the members of the Cabinet. But it seems I was expected to go still farther, and not doing so, it has been held against my dismissal. If it is asked, why I did not abandon the Cabinet and expose to the world the malign influences by which it was embarrassed? I would reply, that I constantly looked forward to a favorable change; that especially I relied for this upon the wisdom, firmness, and justice of the Chief Magistrate. I have been disappointed. I have had the deep mortification to see him gradually discarding from his counsels and friendship his old and long-tried supporters, and throwing himself into the arms of persons whose cold-hearted selfishness and artifices were played off upon him for true and faithful service.

Rest assured, however, that whatever may be the public judgment as to the merits of this question, no consideration arising from personal feeling will induce me to take a course which I should not believe calculated to maintain the character and promote the interest of the State which gave me birth.

Business of importance, especially as enabling me to settle down permanently in North Carolina, will probably require my presence in Tennessee, where I may be detained until August next. On my return to my family, I hope to meet you, when I shall be highly gratified to renew that social and friendly intercourse which heretofore, so much to my satisfaction, has subsisted between us.

In the mean time, I beg you to receive assurances of great respect and esteem. JOHN BRANCH.

The N. Intelligencer says.—To the letter of Mr. Branch, it is rumored, will soon be added an exposition, by Mr. Ingham, of the causes of the late dissolution of the Cabinet. No commentary can add force to the expressions made use of by Mr. Branch. Any attempt on the contrary, to make his language clearer would detract from the strength which it derives from its simplicity, plainness, and directness. We therefore abstain for the present from any observations upon it. We have not conversed with either Mr. Ingham or Mr. Branch since their resignation from office; but we know if they have a spark of human pride or feeling about them, that they must feel indignant at the treatment they have received. Our conjectures are confirmed, beyond doubt, as to one of them, by the above exposition, and it can hardly be doubted that a kindred feeling pervades the bosom of Mr. Ingham. It is stated that he, too, like his colleague in office, is about to return home with-

out waiting as he had been desired to do, for his successor.

We learn from Washington, that Mr. Van Buren has actually been appointed Minister to England, and is to sail on the 1st of June.—[Balt. Pat.]

Mr. BRANCH, late Secretary of the Navy, left the city yesterday, on his return to North Carolina. Though politically opposed to Mr. B. for several years past, we have always estimated his merits as a private man and a gentleman, and we sincerely wish him every happiness in his retirement. [Nat. Int. 14th inst.]

Mr. VAUGHAN, the British Minister, who has been at Barnum's Hotel for several days past, left here this morning for New York, where he is to embark for England. [Balt. Pat. 14th inst.]

From the New York Enquirer of the 11th. THE TURF.

At an early hour in the forenoon yesterday, the route to the race course presented an animated scene. The bright sun which shone so auspiciously induced many to exchange the dusty streets of our city, for the clear air of Long Island. Every countenance beamed with anticipation of the expected pleasure, and none, save those who lost too deeply, had to complain that their anticipations were not realized.

About eleven o'clock, three horses started for the sweepstakes, for which five had entered. Mr. Jones' Colt won the two first heats, 1 mile and repeat, but notwithstanding this it was an extremely interesting race; for nearly half the course, a sheet would have covered the horses. The stakes were \$100 each.—The first heat was run in 1m. 55 sec.; the other in a few seconds less.

A few minutes after 1 o'clock the match between Livingston's Goliath and Col. Johnston's Virginia mare, Bonnets of Blue, for \$10,000, commenced; the animals are each four years old, Goliath got by Eclipse, and Bonnets of Blue by Sir Charles; the sires of both have been famous on the turf. The Jockey who rode the southern mare was dressed in blue; he of the northern in red, each carried feather weight. In the first heat the mare kept the lead with apparent ease, and the knowing ones say this was permitted with a view of saving Goliath for the two last which it was expected he would win on bottom. In the second heat the mare had the lead in the first mile and a half, but the horse then passed her by and kept in the advance for more than half the race.

The most interesting part of the race, appearances were so much in favor of Goliath, that although betting at the end of the first heat was three to two, and even two to one on the mare, now many were taken at even bets. Finally, the mare won the second heat by about two lengths. The time of the first heat, 4 miles, was 8m. 15 sec.; of the second 8m. Several thousand dollars changed owners during the course of the day. The spirits of the gay Southerners, were rendered still more buoyant by the success of their favorite.—They protest that they care nothing for the money they have won; that they will circulate it in the great metropolis, and are anxious for, and jealous only of the sporting character of the gallant south.

Every sportsman knows of course that this is got the first success achieved by "Bonnets of Blue." In the spring of 1830, she won the great stakes on Union Course, and in the following October she won the sweepstakes at Tree-Hill, Richmond, and on both these occasions her speed was greater than exhibited yesterday.

The Buffalo Patriot of the 3d inst. says: "The ice still continues to blockade our harbor."

THE MARKETS. BALTIMORE, MAY 19. FLOUR.—In Howard street, in the early part of the week, the market was rather heavy and inactive; one lot of 300 lbs. was sold from store at \$5 50, and one or two lots at a fraction less. Subsequently, however, the market became steady and more animated, and sales to some extent were made about the middle of the week at 50c per bushel; one parcel of EXTRA was taken on Wednesday at 5 75, cash. On Thursday sales continued to be made from store at 5 50. Today the market has assumed additional firmness, and the holders generally refuse to sell for 5 50; in the expectation of better prices; we heard of no sales to-day. On Monday the wagon price stood at 5 52 per bushel, on Thursday it rose to 5 51, and since then, until to-day inclusive, it has generally ruled at 5 57 1/2. The supplies of the week have come in freely, but most of them, we hear, have been stored for account of the farmers and millers.—[Pat.]

ALEXANDRIA, MAY 19. FLOUR.—The wagon price of Flour the last two days has ranged from \$2 25 to \$2 28; retail receipts taken at 5 30 a 5 31; Sales from stores 3 25 a 3 25. A contract was made yesterday, after the receipt of the advices from France to the 2d of April, for 300 bushels of Spring Flour, payable and deliverable the 7th day of June at 3 37 1/2 a 40 was subsequently offered, payable and deliverable at the same time, without meeting with a seller.

WE have not seen a usual supply of Fish this year, especially of Shad and cut Herring. Shad are worth 60, wholesale, and 70 retail. Potomac Herring, No. 1, net, 4 75, wholesale 5 00 retail. Great Herring, No. 1, 3 50 a 3 60; wholesale 4 00 retail.

The Rev. JOHN L. DAVIS, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will preach at Back Marsh, Frederick county, on Monday the 23d inst. at 11 o'clock, A. M. And on Tuesday evening, at Harpers-Ferry, at candle light, in the Free Church.

MASONIC.

The anniversary of St. John the Baptist, will be celebrated by Amicable Lodge at Sulekeraville, Loudoun county, on Friday the 24th of June. An oration and a sermon will be delivered on the occasion. All brethren in regular standing, are invited to attend.

PERRY WASHINGTON, THORNTON F. OFFUTT, JOHN N. T. G. KEENE, JEFFERSON THOMAS, STEPHEN CONRAD, THOMAS L. HUMPHREY, T. B. LEITCH, WARNER MUSE, Committee.

WM. C. WORTHINGTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. WILL practise in the Courts of Jefferson and Berkeley. He may at all times be found at the office of Master Commissioner Worthington. May 19, 1831.—3t.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT a superior court of chancery will be held at Winchester, on Friday the 3d day of June next, by the Hon. RICHARD E. PARKER, a judge of the general court, and judge of the superior courts of law and chancery of the 7th district and 13th circuit, assigned by resolution of the General Assembly, to hold the said superior court of chancery—of which, the marshal of the said court, the suitors, and counsel, and all others concerned, are requested to take notice. By order of the said Hon. Richard E. Parker. May 19, 1831. DAN'L LEE, Clerk.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Overseers of the Poor will be held at Beckham's hotel, in Charlestown, on Monday the 6th day of June next. All persons interested, will accordingly attend. By order of the Overseers. May 19, 1831.

A GENERAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of the Smithfield, Charlestown and Harpers-Ferry Turnpike Company, will be held at F. Beckham's hotel in Charlestown, on Friday the 17th day of June next, for the purpose of electing a President and five Directors, to manage the affairs of the Company for the ensuing year. A full representation, either in person or by proxy, is desirable. The meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, P. M. By order. May 19, 1831. A. HUNTER, Sec'y.

BATTALION ORDERS. IN consequence of the failure of officers of the 2d Battalion to attend a Court of Enquiry for said battalion, on the 17th inst., according to notice, they are now notified and commanded to attend, in uniform, a court of enquiry for said battalion, to be held at Hains Tavern in Charlestown, on Friday the 27th inst. THOMAS BRISCOE, Major. Commanding 2d Bat. 55th R. V. M. May 19, 1831.

Rail Road Notice. UNDER authority of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed on the 8th day of April, 1831, incorporating a company to construct a rail road from Winchester to the Potomac river at or near Harpers-Ferry, and authorizing the undersigned, commissioners appointed for that purpose, to open books in the town of Winchester and at such other places as they should think fit, for the purpose of raising by subscription 200 thousand dollars, in shares of 25 dollars each; Notice is hereby given, that books will be opened as aforesaid, on Monday the 23d day of May, and continue open until the 20th of June, at the following places, viz: At the office of Discount and Deposit of the Bank of the Valley, in Charlestown, under the superintendance of John Yates, The mess Griggs, Jr. Henry S. Turner, George W. Humphreys, John S. Galaher and Andrew Kennedy.

At the office of the Superintendent of the Army at Harpers-Ferry, under the superintendance of George Burt, Jr. E. D. Wager, J. B. Wager, F. G. Macdonald, and N. Carter. At the store of Thomas Timberlake, in Smithfield, Jefferson county, under the superintendance of Thomas Timberlake, Dr. Seely, Carter, Wm. Swain, E. J. and Conrad Kowalski. Henry M. Brant, Alfred H. Powell, Joseph H. Sherrard, Alex. S. Tibbalt, John Gilkison, John Heiskell, John M. Brown. Winchester, May 19, 1831.

FOR SALE. TWO valuable Work Horses, both young—a pair, two years old this spring, of large size and well proportioned, spring of large size and well proportioned, by a beautiful Heifer of the same breed, one year old this spring; several young Calves of the same stock, and four fine Cows with young calves. Apply to the subscriber, near McPherson's mill. W. Z. SINCLAIR. May 19, 1831.

NOTICE. PURCHASERS at the sale of the property of George Blosser, are notified that their respective obligations become due on the 24 day of June next. They are left in my hands for settlement. Prompt attention must be made, or they will be put into the hands of officers for collection, according to instruction. GEORGE EICHELBERGER. May 19, 1831.—3t.

TO PRINTERS. THE WHEELING COMPELLER Establishment is offered for sale for 1500 dollars in hand.—The office is supplied with 40 different kinds of type, and otherwise well furnished. The job and advertising branches have doubled in value in three years. The continued growth and prosperity of the business, render the situation a favorable one for a permanent location. Possession may be had on the 25th of June. May 19, 1831.

Wool Carding. THE subscribers respectfully inform their customers and the public generally, that the Carding Machines at the Opequon Mills, have been put in complete order, and are now successfully in operation. All wool sent to the machines, in good order, will be warranted to be carded in the best manner and at the shortest notice. Furling and Dying Will be done at all times, and finished as nearly as possible. Wool will be received in payment for Carding and Furling, at the market price. JOHN L. TEMPLER, WILLIAM JANNEY. May 19, 1831.

Wool Carding and Manufacturing. THE subscribers respectfully inform the public, that the machinery at the Factory half a mile south of Charlestown, has been repaired; and the Carding Machines supplied with new Cards of the best quality. They are now ready for the reception of Wool, either to be carded into Balls, or to be manufactured into Cloth, Blanketing, Cassinets, Flannels, or Linseys; all of which will be finished in the neatest manner, and at reduced prices. Furling and Dying Will be neatly executed at all times; and wool will be received in payment for any of the above branches of business, at the market price. WM. JANNEY, A. KENNEDY. May 19, 1831.

MORE WOOL. THE subscribers, agents for John N. Riddle & Co., Martinsburg, will give the highest price in Cash or Merchandise for clean common WOOL. WM. N. RIDDLE & CO. May 19, 1831.

WANTED, IMMEDIATELY, AN FIRST RATE Cabinet-maker. Such a one will find a good birth for a considerable time. Also, a first-rate Chair-maker will find a very liberal chance, by immediate application to the subscriber, Loudoun county, Virginia, near Harpers-Ferry. JOHN F. STRIDER. May 19, 1831.—3t.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. JUST received, a supply of Violins, Clarinets, Flutes, Violon-Bows of a superior quality—Violin Strings, Screws, Bridges, &c. &c. which will be offered very low—Also, Receptors for the above. May 19, 1831. N. BUCKMASTER.

HERRINGS. PRIME HERRINGS, No. 1, for sale by W. N. RIDDLE & CO. May 19, 1831.

LOOK AT THIS!

CHEAP BOOT, SHOE & HAT STORE. PERSONS wishing to purchase good and cheap Shoes, are respectfully invited to call at the new establishment, a few doors above Thomas C. Lane & Co.'s Store, where they can be accommodated with every description of Gentlemen's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Boots and Shoes. Also, fine beaver, black, brown and white Hats. D. KEPLINGER & CO. Shepherdstown, May 5, 1831.—6t.

A TOWN LOT. THE subscriber is authorized by the owner, to sell a valuable unimproved LOT in Charlestown, being a corner lot on the street leading from the main street direct to the Methodist Church, and near to Mrs. Jefferson's residence, in a diagonal direction. The above described valuable lot will be sold on Friday the 20th instant, to the highest bidder, at public auction. The sale will take place at 1 o'clock, P. M. on the premises.—Terms accommodating, which will be made known at the time of sale. GEO. W. HUMPHREYS, Attorney in fact for Jos. Nourse. May 12, 1831.

Office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an instalment of two dollars and fifty cents per share, (being the 30th instalment) on every share of stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, is required to be paid on the 18th day of June next; which instalment must be paid to the credit of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to the cashier or other officer of either of the following Banks, viz: The Branch Bank of the United States at Washington. The Bank of Washington, at Washington. The Bank of Alexandria, at Alexandria. The Bank of the Metropolis, do. The Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, at George-town. The Bank of Alexandria, do. The Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, do. The Hagerstown Bank, in Hagerstown, Md. The Branch of the Valley Bank, in Charlestown, Va. And the Branch of the Valley Bank, in Leesburg, Va. By order of the President and Directors: JOHN F. INGLE, Clerk Ches. & Ohio Canal Co. April 14, 1831.—1331a.

PUBLIC SALE OF A VALUABLE TANNERY. THE valuable Tannery, situated at Hillsborough, in Loudoun county, formerly owned by Dr. Long, is now for sale, at public auction.—It will be offered, on Monday the 23d of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M.—The yard has about 20 rats. There is a good stone dwelling house, stone bark house, and stone shop. There is an excellent spring in the yard. The terms will be—four equal annual payments, with interest from the date of the purchase.—Good security will be required.—This tannery is situated in a neighborhood where bark and other materials can be had in great abundance; and where very valuable custom can always be commanded. SAMUEL RIDENOUR. April 29, 1831.—15.

STRAYED. FROM the residence of Col. Henry Ward, Harpers-Ferry, on the 17th inst. a light bay horse, about 15 hands high, white legs, and a star in his forehead, which he had a right eye blind to be crooked. He will be four years old in June next. A reasonable reward will be given for the delivery of said horse to the subscriber, living at Harpers-Ferry. P. W. WARD. May 19, 1831.

Office of the Superintendent of Construction B. & O. Rail Road. BALTIMORE, May 2, 1831. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That sealed proposals will be received at this office until the first day of June next, for laying a single track of Wooden Rails upon the 4th Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road, extending from the summit of Parr's Ridge to the Monocacy River, a distance of about fourteen and a half miles. Also for the unfinished part of the Third Division, including the Eastern part of Parr's Ridge, a distance of about three miles.

Proposals will also be received for laying the second track upon these three miles, and upon about five miles of the Fourth Division, including the Western part of said Ridge, embracing a distance of about eight miles. Proposals will further be received for laying a single track of Wooden Rails on the Fifth Division, extending from Monocacy River to the Point of Rocks, a distance of about eleven miles; and for laying a single track of Wooden Rails upon the lateral road, to Frederick City, a distance of about three and a half miles. The whole including a distance of about thirty-seven miles. Materials of every description will be delivered along the line of the road as well be designated in the proposals, in the manner in which the work is to be done, can be had on application to— JACOB SMALL, Supt. B. & O. R. R. Co. Persons offering to contract for laying any part of the above work, will be expected to furnish testimonials of character, &c. May 12, 1831.

Virginia Free-Road Lottery, CLASS NO. 1, FOR 1831. TO be drawn on the 23d day of June, 1831. Prizes amounting to \$63,000, and not two books to a prize. Tickets \$4 00 | Quarters \$1 00 Halves \$2 00 To be had in the greatest variety of numbers of WM. GLEVELAND. Charlestown, May 12, 1831.

I. N. CARTER RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he is receiving and opening a larger and more splendid assortment of GOODS, than he has at any time had the pleasure of offering. Harpers-Ferry, Chesapeake No. 1. } May 12, 1831.

MOLLEBERRY. SPRING FASHIONS. MISS M. E. LAMON, thankful for the liberal patronage which she has received, begs leave to inform the ladies of Charlestown and its vicinity, that she will be happy to serve them still further. She has received the Spring Fashions from the Eastern cities; and will take great pleasure in attending promptly to the orders of her friends and customers. May 5, 1831.

VIRGINIA, JEFFERSON CO. SECT. March Term, 1831, in the County Court. Thomas Griggs, Jr. COMPLAINANT, vs. THOMAS BROWN, DEFENDANT. IN CHANCERY. THE defendant in this suit, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the Act of Assembly, and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence, to wit: by the affidavit of Elias Edmonds, that the said defendant is not an inhabitant of this Commonwealth; It is ordered, that the said defendant do appear here on the first day of the next June term of this Court, and answer the bill of the complainant, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in this county, and posted at the front door of the Court-House of this county, for two months successively. A copy—Teste, SAMUEL J. CRAMER, Clerk. May 12, 1831.

VIRGINIA, JEFFERSON CO. SECT. March Term, 1831, in the County Court. John Clapp and Mary his wife, David Clapp and Catharine his wife, David Sheeler, Sr. John Sheeler, Samuel Sheeler, Mary Sheeler, Margaret Sheeler, and Catharine Sheeler, widow and relict of Jacob Sheeler, deceased. COMPLAINANTS, vs. MARTIN SHEELER, and A. McDONALD, and Jane Sheeler, Catharine Sheeler and Frederick Sheeler, which said Jane, Catharine and Frederick are infants under the age of twenty-one years. DEFENDANTS. IN CHANCERY. THE defendants not having entered their appearance and given security according to the Act of Assembly, and the rules of this Court; and it appearing by satisfactory evidence, that they are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth; It is ordered, that the said defendants do appear here on the first day of the next June term, and answer the bill of the complainants, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in this county, and posted at the front-door of the Court-House of this county, for two months successively. A copy—Teste, SAMUEL J. CRAMER, Clerk. March 31, 1831.

There are many items due to this office, for Job Printing, Advertising, &c. &c. which will be paid for by the subscribers at this moment, when bills are put in from every quarter. Free Press Office, May 5, 1831. (Quitted Advertisements inserted next week.)

