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The interesting article published last week, from the Norfolk Beacon, on the subject of the Convention, lost some of its force and beauty by an inadvertent historical inaccuracy. It must have been an inaccuracy, because a gentleman of Mr. Gresham's general information could not have been ignorant of the real condition of affairs.

An interesting era to a portion of the Christian community has just passed off. The Presbyterian Synod of Virginia, assembled to appoint members, commenced its annual session here on Thursday last, and concluded its labors on Monday.

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After the death of William the fourth, the Duke of Cumberland will be King of Hanover, and thus will the crown of England and Hanover be separated. The Duke of Cumberland's only son is so feeble in health that it is believed he cannot live long. After him comes the Duke of Sussex, whose sons by Lady Augusta Murray, although debarred from the British throne, are entitled to succeed in Hanover.

We copy the above from the Baltimore American. We were indebted to an observant friend for some further particulars on this subject. The Duke of Sussex, (above mentioned) who was the sixth son of George the Third, Elector of Hanover and King of Great Britain, married the Lady Augusta Murray, daughter of Lord Dumfries, the last Royal Governor of Virginia. This marriage was declared to be null, being in contravention to the Royal Marriage Act, (which forbids the marriage of a Royal Heir to a subject), and the children of the marriage, consequently illegitimate and incapable of accession to the crown of England. By the succession of the daughter of the Duke of Kent (the fourth son of George III.) to the crown, the union of Hanover and England in the same person will be dissolved, (the latter law prevailing in Hanover,) and the Duke of Cumberland will succeed to the Electorate of Hanover.

The Duke of Cumberland's only son being an extremely delicate constitution, probably will not be the Duke of Sussex will succeed to the Electorate of Hanover, in which event a question will be raised in reference to the legality of the marriage before mentioned, as it repeats the name of Hanover. The son of the Duke of Sussex, (the Lady Murray,) who takes the name of Sir Frederick D'Este, has filed a bill in the Court of Chancery in England, to legalize the marriage of himself and wife to him the Duke of Cumberland.

The Ohio election returns are not yet complete. In an article on the subject, in the National Intelligencer of yesterday, we stated that the Rev. Mr. McMillan was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Mr. Van Lear Clerk. The proceedings were characterized with great dignity, moderation, and harmony; and the immense assembly who attended from all quarters were highly gratified with their visit.

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CHURCHES AND ORDINARY.

A PUBLIC MEETING of all the citizens of Harpers-Ferry, for the purpose of opposing the proposed extension of the Harper-Ferry Ferry, was held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Keyes, on Monday, the 14th of October, 1854.

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Education.

The undersigned, to meet the wishes of several young men who have already applied, is willing to open a NIGHT SCHOOL at the Harpers-Ferry Academy, whose number proposed will justify it.

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Public Sale.

The subscriber, wishing to farm a large tract of land in the County of Frederick, will sell at public auction, on the 11th of November, at 10 o'clock, A. M., a tract of land containing about 100 acres, more or less, situated in the County of Frederick, and containing a variety of valuable farming stock, viz: Horses, Cattle, Sheep, &c. Also, Wagons, Ploughs, and other farming implements, together with a complete set of blacksmith's Tools. There will also be sold some Corn.

A credit of nine months will be given on all sums above five dollars, the purchaser giving bond with good security. For all sums of five dollars and less, the cash will be required. Sale to commence early in the day.

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