

ELECTION OF GOVERNOR.—It will be seen by our Legislative extracts, that Thomas W. Gilmer, Esq. of Albemarle county, at present Speaker of the House of Delegates, has been elected Governor of Virginia, for three years from the 31st of March next. We congratulate our Whig friends upon the election of Mr. Gilmer. He is a decided Whig, and a firm supporter of Gen. Harrison and Gov. Tyler, and a gentleman of high public and private worth, who is zealously devoted to the true and substantial interests of the Commonwealth. The Richmond Whig says the Administration party are in a terrible rage at the election of Mr. Gilmer—a rage that perhaps is not modified by the conviction that the choice will prove highly acceptable to Virginia. Mr. Gilmer is a young man, but popular in every quarter of Virginia. He has been for many years a member of the House of Delegates, and is one of our best public men. He has been for many years a member of the House of Delegates, and is one of our best public men. He has been for many years a member of the House of Delegates, and is one of our best public men.

THE SENATOR'S PERSONAL ALLUSION.—Mr. Calhoun said—I shall not rise to notice the personalities of the Senator. I have not time to say that I have not a personal objection to Mr. Benton. I sincerely ever speak, continued Mr. C. that he does not rise to answer me. To-day he has come in between me and the Senator from Rhode Island. I consider that my proposition was wrongly stated by the Legislature of Rhode Island and that he has done me wrong. Mr. Clay said—I appeal to the Senate as to who began the personal allusion complained of. He commenced by stating in an uncourteous, unusual, and unparliamentary way, that he had no confidence in my opinion. If he wishes to make an attack upon me, and then assume the position of one acting on the defensive. This is his usual and his wily course. What are the facts? The Senator from South Carolina rises to correct the proceedings of the Legislature of Rhode Island. He wishes to say that the Legislature has misstated his opinion, and that they have not, and so believing I have corrected the Senator's errors. I have corrected the Senator's errors, and his personal allusion remains. Mr. Clay leaves his own name, and uses different language and makes an attack upon me. The Senator and myself are antagonistic to each other. We are so naturally in character and principle. I feel that we shall remain so. I am content. But whenever the Senator wraps himself in his mantle of self defence, relies upon the sympathy of his friends rather than upon the justice of his cause—when he chooses to challenge me to meet him in any honorable way, I will meet him, and in his language repeat attack.

THE SENATOR'S PERSONAL ALLUSION.—The conversation between the two Senators continued, but in milder language when Mr. Knight of R.I. defended the resolutions from the implied attacks and interpretation bestowed upon them by the Senator from South Carolina. The resolutions were then laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

HORRIBLE!—We copy the following letter from the Editor Sentinel. It relates a tale of horror, indeed!
SALMON CREEK, Jan. 27, 1844.

DEAR SIR:—Be pleased to publish in your next paper, or hand to the "Sentinel," for publication, the following particulars of a heart-rending and awful catastrophe.

about seven o'clock, the dwelling house of Miss PATSY WARD, near Windsor, Berrie county, was consumed by fire, together with all its inmates, consisting of an elderly lady, three children, and Miss Ward herself. The fire was not discovered until it had progressed so far as to render the efforts of all to extinguish it, or save the inhabitants, unavailing. Two sons of the elderly lady reached the scene only in time to see their only parent buried beneath the mass of burning timber. No person lived near a quarter of a mile of the scene, and none arrived in time to hear a groan of grief or distress from the burning inmates.

After the fire had burned out, the consumed bones—supposed to be of Miss Ward and the three children, were found among the ashes congregated together. It was indeed a dreadful sight!—sooner so awful, I hope never to witness again. The whole matter is a mystery—how the house took fire—that no one of the inmates should have escaped—and more than all, that they should not have been aroused by the flames; for from the position in which their ashes were found after the fire, they must either have perished while sleeping, or been confined in the house beyond the possibility of escape.

A suspicion, daily gaining ground, is entertained that the community, at the house, was set on fire, and the inmates either murdered or secured within by violence by the incendiary, to prevent the possibility of their escape.

Respectfully yours,
J. B. WEBB.
T. J. BEARD, Esq., Edenton, N. C.

Among those who were lost in the steam-boat Lexington, there was none whose death is more deeply to be regretted, and who will leave a wider space unoccupied, than JOHN W. KEIRLE, of Baltimore. He was one of our wealthiest merchants, and in a long life, passed in active business, and which was marked for great probity and usefulness, he won for himself the profound respect of his fellow-citizens, and the highest esteem of a very numerous acquaintance. He was engaged in the shoe business, which he began in this city, and from a very humble commencement, by a life of honorable dealing and industrious application, he became the most extensive establishment of the kind in the city, and he the possessor of great wealth. At the time of his melancholy death, his large means were liberally employed in active business, usefully to the city and affording comfortable support to hundreds, whom his capital and enterprise furnished constant employment.—*Balt. Patriot.*

The notorious Stephen Burroughs, so well known for his various ruses in early life, for his counterfeit preaching, as well as his counterfeit money, died, recently, at Three Rivers, Lower Canada, at the probable age of about eighty. Burroughs had been in numerous prisons for various crimes, and made many surprising escapes from them—and finally took up the business of being a respectable man in the latter part of his life. He was the son of a very worthy clergyman of Coventry, Connecticut.

Three hundred and thirty-eight persons had application for the benefit of the insolvent laws at the present term of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and of this number, three hundred and thirteen were discharged.

Mr. Pickens of S. C. spoke in opposition to the resolution and was followed by Mr. Profit of Indiana.

U. S. SENATE.—February 14.

ABOLITION OF SALT TAX.

An interesting and animated discussion was continued until a late hour this evening, upon the proposition of Mr. Benton to print extra copies of a document upon the subject of salt and the salt tax. Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Benton were arrayed the one against the other during the discussion, and the peculiar relationship of these distinguished men to the Administration made the controversy the more interesting.

Mr. Benton strenuously contended for the printing of extra copies, and mainly opposed the salt duty as especially unjust to the West. He commented at length upon the Kanawha Salt water proprietorship of Virginia, and denounced the owners as monopolists who should be controlled by the law. He spoke of the unconstitutional and unworthy of a Statesman. The effect of it was to leave the country without the means of revenue, in one hour, at midnight, that Act was in force, and the consequence would be, in 1843 no man could salt. Mr. Benton passed to commenting upon the authors of the Act, and the motives which had prompted them to bring it forward.

Mr. Calhoun fell himself to be personally attacked, though not by name, and not as the Senator from South Carolina. He said, first, in reference to the subject before the Senate, that he should not vote for the extra printing proposed by the Senator from Missouri nor for the printing of the document proposed by the Senator from New York on a question, "Would you receive a petition to abolish the Christian religion?" "Would you receive one calling Senators rascals?" Mr. Calhoun—(to Mr. Tallmadge)—"Will you answer me that question?" Mr. Tallmadge—"I will answer you when you get through."

Mr. Calhoun—in a very pre-emptory manner—"answer me now."

Mr. Tallmadge—I have answered the Senator fully, and believe satisfactorily. I did not expect to say anything. I read a petition to abolish the Christian religion as an exception to some law, and I would refer it to a Select Committee, and have the Senator from South Carolina made Chairman of the Committee. No doubt he would give an answer satisfactory to the whole country.—(Laughter.)

Mr. Calhoun—"New York has better return and say this to its constituents."

Mr. Calhoun then entered into a more enlarged view of his first position in regard to Abolition Petitions, and contended that it was doing gross injustice to receive them.

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5. Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns, they adjourn until the third Monday in March...

6. Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretaries...

7. Resolved, That for this object, we recommend and approve of the holding of a Convention...

8. Resolved, That we have the utmost confidence in the political integrity and democratic principles of Hiram W. Lee...

9. Resolved, That we cordially solicit the cooperation of our Republican friends...

10. Resolved, That the approaching elections in Virginia involve principles and consequences...

11. Resolved, That the resolutions having been read and adopted...

12. Resolved, That the resolutions, CHARLES B. HARDING, Esq. read and adopted...

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Anthony Patton...

NOTICE. Let those knowing themselves to be indebted to me, either in whole or in part...

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NEW STORE. I would respectfully inform my customers and the public generally, that I have commenced the MERCANTILE BUSINESS in the room formerly occupied by Richard Williams...

WANTED. I wish to hire for four months a careful and competent hand to take charge of my horse and carriage...

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