



STAUNTON:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1840.

The Whig Committee of Vigilance for the County of Augusta is respectfully requested to meet at the Court-house in Staunton on the fourth Monday in this month (being Court day,) for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed proper, preparatory to the call of a general meeting of the citizens, which it is desirable should be held at as early a day as possible. It is sincerely hoped that every member of the Committee will attend.

The following is a list of the committee:—A. H. H. Stuart, Thomas J. Michie, James Bell, John McCue, John Wayt, John Newton, Col. James M. Lilley, James Bingham, Elijah Hogsett, Dr. M. Chesney, W. M. Tate, R. D. Hill, John Edmondson, Benjamin Irvine, Col. A. Rankin, David Griffith, Adam Link, Givins Fulton, and David S. Young.

We learn from the Buchanan Journal that quite a respectable meeting of the friends of Gen. HARRISON was held in Botetourt on the 10th instant—notwithstanding a heavy rain and thaw of snow, which obstructed the passage from some parts of the county to the Court-house. The meeting was addressed by Edward Johnson, and F. T. Anderson, Esqrs. in support of the claims of Gen. Harrison to public confidence, and in vindication of his character from the many false slanders which have been heaped upon it. Delegates were appointed to represent the county in the Whig Convention at Richmond, and also a large committee of Vigilance for the county.

The exhibit made by the second Auditor, in answer to the call of the House of Delegates, presents the financial affairs of the Commonwealth in a highly flattering and creditable aspect. We shall publish his report entire, in our next paper. It appears that the State owes little more than could be discharged at once by a sale of her Bank Stocks, to say nothing of the millions held in works of improvement, most of which are more or less productive.

Russian Sub-Treasury System.
We invite attention to the long article in this paper, copied from the Richmond Whig, as showing the dangerous and anti-republican tendencies of the Sub-Treasury system more completely than any thing we have yet seen. This too, be it remembered, is the case of one of the foreign models, referred to by Mr. Van Buren.

We had prepared some remarks of similar import to those in the following communication, but have been compelled to omit them for want of room. The unfounded character of the complaint against Mr. STUART, is made so apparent, however, by what is here said, that we do not know that their omission is of the least consequence. The dissatisfaction alluded to has no doubt originated in a misconception of the purpose of the resolution offered by Mr. STUART, which the exposition of our correspondent cannot fail to correct.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.
Mr. HARPER—A misapprehension exists in relation to the object of a resolution offered by G. B. Stuart in the Legislature on the subject of the Valley Turnpike Road. Some persons, (misled no doubt by the general terms of the resolution,) have supposed that it was the wish of Mr. Stuart to tax the people of Augusta county for the purpose of constructing the unfinished portions of the Valley Turnpike. As I have the means of knowing that such is not the fact, I think it due to Mr. Stuart and his constituents, that the matter should be properly understood. A brief statement of the circumstances will be sufficient to show that Mr. Stuart has merely performed a duty incumbent upon him as a faithful representative.

It is known that the public at large, and more especially the people of Augusta, have labored under great inconvenience for the want of a bridge over the Middle River. Bridges have frequently been constructed at the expense of counties where such inconveniences exist; and there is a general law authorizing the County Courts to cause them to be erected by means to be derived from a county levy. In some instances, the courts have undertaken to subscribe money for the purpose, in aid of other resources furnished by public companies, or the contributions of individuals, on such terms as justice and good feeling seemed to require. An example of this kind is to be found in the bridge over the North Fork of James River, built by Col. Jordan, with whom an arrangement was made by the county court of Rockbridge, by which in consideration of a portion of the expense being furnished by the county, the citizens of Rockbridge are exempted from the payment of toll.

Under the authority, I presume, of this general law, the county court of Augusta, some years since, took the subject of erecting a bridge over the Middle River, at Baylor's mill, into consideration, and appointed a committee to ascertain what it would cost. That committee did estimate the probable cost at about \$1,500 or \$2,000, but I believe made no formal report, and it was considered expedient to let the matter rest, until the new Court-house should be paid for. That debt being now discharged, and a considerable available surplus fund, probably from \$1,000 to \$1,500, remaining on hand, some of the people of Augusta were desirous of again bringing forward the subject for consideration. The necessity, however, of any action on the part of the county would be obviated

by the complete construction of the Valley Turnpike road, as in that event the expense of such a bridge would be incurred by the county. But a sufficiency of the stock of that company not having been taken, and it being apprehended that the subscription would not be completed, an inquiry arose amongst some of our citizens whether some arrangement of the nature above alluded to could not be made with the company, by which the erection of the bridge might be procured, with some aid to be afforded by the county, on terms beneficial to its inhabitants. In order that public sentiment in Augusta might operate upon the question, by the agency of the county justices, unfettered by any difficulty arising out of the terms of the general law above spoken of, some of Mr. Stuart's constituents suggested to him the propriety of legislative action on the subject; and he, at their request, introduced a resolution directing a consideration of a law authorizing the county court of Augusta, if they should deem it advisable, to render the contemplated assistance. I do not recollect the precise terms of the resolution as to the mode of effecting the object, whether by subscription of stock or otherwise; but it is obvious that the form of the contribution, if any should be determined upon, is wholly unimportant if coupled with the proper provisions to ensure adequate compensation, by means of benefits to the people of the county—and the resolution being merely one of enquiry, its purpose would be accomplished by a general direction of the attention of the committee to the subject, leaving its provisions to be considered and discussed in committee, and reported to the House, if the object should be approved of.

The above statement, it will be seen at once, removes any, the slightest cause for dissatisfaction on the part of any portion of Mr. Stuart's constituents, and will afford them all the pleasure of knowing that the generous confidence which they have uniformly reposed in their representative (in a more remarkable degree, I believe, than has been bestowed by the people of any other county in the State,) has not on this occasion been misplaced. Every one will perceive that Mr. Stuart could have had no motive for disregarding the general interests of the county, and that he could not have acted otherwise than he has done without a violation of one of his highest duties—a respectful attention to the views and propositions submitted to him by any of the people he represents. So far from misrepresenting his constituents, he has only sought to afford an opportunity of having their will, whatever it may be on this subject, carried into effect. If he had refused to do so, then would his conduct have merited the reprobation of his fellow-citizens.

A CONSTITUENT.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.

Mr. Lockridge of Bath and the Enquirer.

Mr. HARPER.—There are few incidents connected with the present session of the Legislature, which have given me more pleasure than the contemplation of the manly and independent course of Mr. William Lockridge, the delegate from Bath. I was struck with the lofty and patriotic sentiments expressed in the address of Mr. Lockridge to the people of Bath, published during the last spring in the Spectator, but I feared that they were merely thrown out to gain votes. I find, however, that I was mistaken, for Mr. L. has acted in accordance with all his professions, and in a manner honorable to himself and to his country. No blandishments could seduce him, and no threats could deter him from the straight-forward path of duty. He seems to have acted on the principle that honesty is the best policy under all circumstances, and that an upright deportment will be sure to meet the approbation of an intelligent and patriotic people. It is really encouraging to the friends of free institutions in these days of degeneracy and corruption, to see a man adopting the course of Mr. Lockridge, and doing what is right, regardless of the denunciations of interested partisans.

I am happy to see that Mr. Lockridge has incurred the censures of Mr. Ritchie, for I really regard his disparagement as the highest encomium on the integrity of Mr. Lockridge. Mr. Ritchie has been so long accustomed to regard himself as the Dictator of Virginia, that he flies in a passion with every one who will not bow to his authority, and do his bidding. He turns political summersects to suit his own purposes, and then he requires all his party to do the same. But he has found himself mistaken in Mr. Lockridge, and I apprehend he will find the people of Bath equally unwilling to "turn about and jump Jim Crow" at his order. Mr. Ritchie praised Mr. Rives to the skies a few years ago, and called on all his party to sustain him. Shortly afterwards Mr. Van Buren recommended the Sub-treasury scheme, which Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Rives both concurred in denouncing as ruinous to the country. They both opposed it publicly. Mr. Van Buren, however, found means to silence Mr. Ritchie, but he could not induce Mr. Rives to forbear his opposition. Thereupon, Mr. Ritchie, who had changed his own course, turned all his batteries upon Mr. Rives, who had been his ally in the war upon the Sub-treasury, and denounced him as the deserter! This I suppose he did on the same principle that the rogue cried out, "Stop the thief! stop the thief!"—that is to conceal his own delinquency now.

Mr. Ritchie seems now disposed to play the same game with Lockridge. Lockridge would not join him in his abandonment of his principle, and sacrifice of Mr. Rives, and Mr. Ritchie now denounces him as the "treacher" and "renegade" Lockridge! If Benedict Arnold had denounced George Washington as a traitor to his country, there would have been some similarity in the cases.

There is one characteristic of Mr. Ritchie's remarks in reference to Mr. Lockridge, which has roused a strong feeling of indignation in my bosom. I allude to the arrogant, dictatorial and overbearing tone of his strictures. Does he think that the people of Bath are slaves who are bound to obey his behests? Or does he suppose that because they live in the back-woods, so remote from the fashionable circles of Richmond, that they are too ignorant to have that pride of character which belongs to freemen? If he does, he will find himself grievously mistaken. If I have not misconceived the character of that people, he will find that they are the worthy descendants of the heroes of Guilford—a genuine race of mountaineers, who have the love of Liberty deeply seated in their hearts, and who will scorn his dictation, his smiles, or his frowns, and remain as they ever have been, free as the air they breathe, or the deer which bound over their native mountains.

A MOUNTAINEER.

Nothing of interest doing in Congress.

The dinner to be given to Mr. CLAY at Richmond will no doubt be one of the most splendid affairs of the kind that has ever come off in this country. There are no less than nine committees—one to receive and accommodate Mr. Clay—one of invitation, and to fix the day—another to arrange the place—another to procure subscriptions—another to contract for furnishing the dinner—another to select the wines and liquors—another to procure music—another to prepare toasts—and another, a committee of thirty-six, managers of the dinner, at the head of which is Mr. Leigh.

The Whig of Saturday mentions that the dinner is to take place on Tuesday next, the 25th.

At a Harrison meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio, a procession was formed in which 2,582 persons united, and there were besides 500 more at least in attendance, who did not join the ranks. This is but one of the many specimens of popular feeling in the West, in favor of the incorruptible old patriot.

Flour, in Richmond, on Friday last—\$5 50 offered—holders asking \$5 75 and \$6—receipts light for the week.

The use of the Hall of the House of Delegates has been granted to the two political conventions about to assemble at Richmond.

A resolution to suspend the Geological Survey of the State during the present year, was rejected by the House of Delegates.

The editor of the Richmond Enquirer remarked some time ago that he was a candidate for nothing. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, thinks he will be elected.

"I never knew what fear was."—Mr. Pickens.

"I was born insensible to fear."—Mr. Bynum.

Wonder if either of the gentlemen ever attempted to snuff a candle with his fingers!

OBITUARY.

DIED, in Harrisonburg, on the 6th inst., JOHN F. DEFFINGER, Esq., of that place—a highly respectable citizen.

DIED, in Mt. Crawford, on the 31st January, WILLIAM FISHER, sen. merchant of that place.

From the Hillsborough Ohio News.

Departed this life, on Friday, 31st ultimo, at the residence of Dr. Telfair, in Clinton County, Ohio, Mrs. JANE BOYS, wife of the late Dr. William Boys, of Staunton, Virginia, in the 59th year of her age. The deceased was for many years an exemplary and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in the faith, and with the consolations of that religion which she early professed. A large family of children and grand children, with many affectionate relatives and friends, are left to mourn for one whose virtues adorned each sphere of life in which she moved.

From the Charlottesville Jefferson Free Press.

On Thursday morning the 6th inst., WM. W. W. HAYDEN, in the 18th year of his age, son of the late Dr. John R. Hayden, of this county.

To his bereaved mother, who has within the brief space of seventeen months, been deprived by death of husband and three children, his loss will be severely felt. He was the eldest child, and the morning of his life gave flattering hopes of the future.

DIED, in this place on Tuesday the 7th inst., MISS SUSAN G. SHARP, for the last 20 years a pious and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—*Charlottesville Advocate.*

THE CONSTITUTION.

As there is only one principle of Life, so there is only one principle of Disease; and only one method of cure!

What is that we call the constitution? The constitution is evidently that which constitutes, and that which constitutes is the Blood. We therefore know that the Blood is the constitution, and that a good or bad constitution, is neither more or less than a good or bad state of the Blood. There is no person who having lost health, does not wish to have it restored.

USE THEN THE PROPER MEANS.

Expel with Purgative Medicine, all corrupt humors from the body, and the blessings of Health will be the certain result. For all pains or unpleasant feelings proceed from the presence of corrupt or vitiated humors, which are the real cause of every disease, and, therefore, the only disease to which man is subject, because they stop up the veins and arteries, and prevent the free circulation of the blood.

DR. BRANDRETH'S VEGETABLE, UNIVERSAL PILLS.

will cure this disease, because they remove the corrupt or vitiated humors, leaving the good humors to give Life and Health to the body.

The above named PILLS are for sale by A. ROBINSON, agent for Dr. Brandreth.

Staunton, Feb. 20, 1840.

FAMILY FLOUR.

A few barrels of Flour, manufactured at Joseph Smith's Mill, for sale by ALLEN & COCHRAN.

Feb. 20.

NEGROES FOR SALE.

FOUR or five likely and valuable young Negro Men, will be sold on Monday next, the 24th inst., in front of Garber's Tavern, in Staunton, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Feb. 20.

FOR HIRE.

A Negro Woman, who is a good nurse, and understands washing, ironing and all kinds of House-work, with two small children. A place 5 or 6 miles from town preferred. Apply to B. Crawford, esq. Feb. 20.

FOR HIRE.—Two stout young NEGRO MEN—one a good farm hand, &c. Enquire at this office. Feb. 13.

Tailoring in Style.

THE undersigned beg leave respectfully to inform the public, that they have formed a co-partnership to carry on the above business, in the name and style of

CALVERT & FREER,
at Mr. M. Quinland's old stand in Staunton—the latter partner being direct from New York and Philadelphia, where he has devoted much time to his business—and the former, well known among you; they announce, that they are now prepared to execute all work in their line of business in very superior style, and at the shortest notice.

Having had their shop fixed in the neatest manner, and every arrangement made to continue their business on an enlarged and much improved scale, they respectfully solicit, that encouragement, from a generous public, which they trust they will be found to merit. The public are respectfully invited to call and examine their work and fashions, specimens of which will always be kept on hands.

A full suit of clothes will be made up at any time, when required, in twenty-four hours.

ELIJAH CALVERT.
HENRY S. FREER.

Staunton, Feb. 20, 1840.

THE undersigned having relinquished his business and rented his old stand to Messrs. Calvert & Freer, he would respectfully ask to tender his thanks to his old friends and customers, who have so long sustained him, and to recommend, as worthy of their favour, and support, the gentlemen who succeed him.

M. QUINLAND.

Feb. 20.

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the County Court of Augusta, pronounced on the 29th day of January, 1840, in a cause therein depending, on the Chancery side of said Court, in which Peter Rubush and Elizabeth his wife, are Plaintiffs, and Peter Teter, and Molly his wife, and others are Defendants: I will, on the 20th day of March next, on the premises, proceed to sell, at public auction, a certain

Tract or parcel of Land,

mentioned in the plaintiff's bill, lying and being situate in the County of Augusta, containing

196 ACRES,

be the same more or less, and adjoining the lands of James Byres, Samuel Whitmore, John Estill, and others. The said tract or parcel of land is the same of which the late Peter Beard died seized.

Terms of sale.—One-third of the purchase money will be required in six months, one-third in twelve months, and the remaining third in eighteen months from the day of sale, bonds with approved personal security will be required, and a lien on the land retained to secure the purchase money.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, M. when due attendance will be given by the undersigned.

GEORGE M. COCHRAN, Com'r.

Feb. 20.

PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be sold to the highest bidder on the 12th March next, at my house on Middle River, several NEGROES, HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS and SHEEP—GRAIN of all kinds. A credit of nine months will be given on all sums over five dollars, (by the purchaser giving bond with approved security,) and under that amount, the cash will be required. Sale to commence at 9 o'clock.

GEORGE RANKIN.

Feb. 20.



TO THE FARMERS OF AUGUSTA.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform the Farmers of Augusta, that he will have some of his improved SELF-SHARPENING HORIZONTAL PLOUGHS at Staunton, on the Monday of the February Court, for sale, and will warrant them to perform in the best manner on level, as well as hilly lands.

C. H. MCCORMICK.

Feb. 20.

ESTRAY.

TAKEN up by Eli Long, a RED COW, with white face and white under the belly, each ear cropped off, the appearance of an undercoat on the right ear, and there is a hole in each horn, white at the end of the tail, and each hind foot white.—Supposed to be seven or eight years old, of low stature, and appraised to \$15.

Extract—Teste,

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Clerk.

Feb. 6.

A MILLER WANTED.

THE subscribers wish to employ a Miller, at their Mills in Crab Bottom, Pendleton County, Va.—as their former Miller has married a fortune, and wishes to retire to enjoy the sweets of retired life. The Mill has a large custom, sufficient for two hands.

Application need not be made, unless the applicant can come well recommended for honesty, industry and sobriety; to such, liberal wages will be given.

STILLINGTON & SNYDER.

Jan. 30—31

Commissioner's Sale.

IN obedience to a decree of the Honorable Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Augusta County, pronounced on the 20th day of June, 1839, in a cause therein pending, in which Abraham Hanna is plaintiff, and John New, defendant: I shall at the Court-house of Augusta County on the 24th day of February next, (if being Court-day,) proceed to sell for ready money, the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which tract contains by estimation

26 1-4 ACRES,

and adjoins the lands of Uriah Diller, Thos. A. Turk, and Joseph Duzey—and lies near Mossey Creek, Augusta County.

The title to the above property is believed to be unquestionable, but acting as a Commissioner of the Court, I shall convey such only, as is vested in me by the decree aforesaid.

REUBEN D. HILL.

Jan. 30.

LAND AT AUCTION.

ON Saturday the 27th day of March next, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, upon a liberal credit, a first rate

TRACT OF LAND,
containing nearly 900 acres, lying within 3 miles of Lexington, Rockbridge County, Va. on the North River.

The greater part of the above mentioned tract of land has an excellent clay foundation, and is well adapted to Clover, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Indian Corn, and every kind of vegetables. There is a fair proportion of CLEAR-ED and WOOD LAND on the tract. The wood is sufficiently convenient to be hauled to Lexington, where it will command from two to three dollars per wagon load. There are upon this tract twelve or thirteen constant springs, furnishing an abundant supply of WATER FOR STOCK, on all parts of the place. There is a large comfortable frame DWELLING HOUSE, a large Barn and other necessary out houses on the tract. The tract will be divided, and sold, in three parcels, the smallest of which will contain upwards of two hundred acres: with A FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, Barn, &c. on one; and A LOG DWELLING HOUSE and SPRING HOUSE on another; and the third has a very handsome and convenient situation for the erection of a DWELLING HOUSE and other necessary buildings, near a constant spring.

The above Tract of Land is the same on which Andrew Moore, dec'd. resided; is in an excellent neighborhood, and is convenient to several good mills. Persons wishing to purchase, will please to call and view the land before the day of sale.

SAMUEL McD. MOORE,

Agent for the heirs of Andrew Moore, dec'd.

February 13, 1840.

Overseer's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Overseers of the Poor for Augusta County, will be held at the Tavern of Wm. H. Garber, in Staunton, on the second Monday in March next.

As this meeting is held for the special purpose of closing all accounts with the collectors, those delinquent are requested to attend prepared for final settlement and punctual payment. I am requested to say that no farther indulgence will be given.

ERASMUS STRIBLING, c. o. r.

Feb. 13, 1840.

Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust executed by John Sittlington on the 19th Sept. 1832, and of record in the Office of the County Court of Pendleton, I will proceed on Saturday the 18th day of April next, to sell at public auction on the premises, to the highest bidder for ready money,

THE PLANTATION,

lying and situated on the Bullpasture river in the county of Pendleton, known by the name of the Ervine and Parrot lands, and adjoining the lands of Peter Hull above & Chas. Stewart below:—it being the plantation on which said Sittlington formerly resided.

It is a highly valuable grazing farm with extensive improvements on it—but a particular description of the property is deemed unnecessary, as bidders will examine it for themselves.

The title is believed to be unquestionable, but as Trustee I will convey such only as is vested in me by the aforesaid deed.

THOS. JONES, Trustee.

Feb. 13.—2m.

NEW STORE.

John M. Pitman & Son,
WOULD inform their old friends and the public that they have opened a large and general assortment of

DRY GOODS,
Groceries, Queensware,
Hardware, &c. &c.

in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Andrew Cowan, on the corner opposite the Post Office in Staunton, where they will be pleased to receive their calls, satisfied the quality of their goods and their prices cannot fail to please purchasers. Their stock comprises almost every article usually kept in well assorted Stores in this part of the country—among them a quantity of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, and CASSINETS of excellent quality.

In addition to their stock first opened here, they are just receiving a general assortment of fresh Goods—all of which they are determined to sell at a moderate profit.

Also a general assortment of BOOTS and SHOES.

They respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

Staunton, Feb. 13, 1840.

Trustee's Sale.

IN pursuance of a Deed in Trust executed by David Rankin and wife and Absalom Fisher and wife to the subscriber on the 30th day of September 1837, and of record in the County Court Office of Augusta, will be sold for cash to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 14th day of March next, before the door of the Post Office in Staunton, a tract or parcel of LAND, lying in the County of Augusta, on the waters of Naked Creek, adjoining the lands of Cutshaw, Altafer, Rankin and others, and being the same land conveyed by John Nichol to said Rankin and Fisher, and is supposed to contain between

150 & 160 ACRES.

Such title only as is vested in the subscriber will be made to the purchaser.

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Trustee.

Feb. 13, 1840.

FOR SALE.

I have sixty acres of Wheat now growing, which looks as well as any in this part of the country, and ten acres of Rye, which I will expose to sale, to the highest bidder, on the fourth Monday in this month, on a credit of three months. Bond and security will be required.

GEORGE G. MITCHELL.

Feb. 13, 1840.

JOB PRINTING

Neatly and expeditiously executed at this office.

10 MILLERS AND COOPERS.

I wish to hire or let my MILL out on the shares to a good Miller—one who understands the business properly. A single man would be preferred—but a man with a small family would not be objected to. The Mill is in good order for business, and has a fine custom. I have a Miller's house, near the Mill, which would suit a small family.

I wish also to employ one or two good Coopers to make Flour Barrels for my Mill, and some Oil Barrels. The Coopers are wanted immediately, as I could pack 30 barrels every day, if they could be had. I could furnish a Cooper with a house and garden for a family—I have likewise cooper-stuff, tools and shop, and will give the highest price in cash for making barrels.

I wish to hire also a Carder and Oil-Maker.—To a man who understands the business I would give good wages and a large job.

I wish also to hire a man who understands driving Wagon. I would give good wages to a sober man, and none other need apply.

I am anxious to sell a Lot of Ground, supposed to contain

10 OR 12 ACRES,

on the main stage road leading from Lexington to Fincastle—also, on the road that runs from Lynchburg by the Natural Bridge to Daggers Springs. On this lot of ground there

is a HOUSE with EIGHT GOOD ROOMS, and a CELLAR under part of the House. There is a good SPRING and a number of FRUIT TREES. This house was used as a public house, some time ago. There is a BARN and other out houses that would be useful to a family. This property is valuable, and is a first rate stand for a