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THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1837.

NO. 37.

GEORGE WM. RANSON,
Attorney at Law,
WILL attend the Courts in Jefferson
and Berkeley. Office in the building
formerly known as Hanes' Tavern.
Charlestown, July 13, 1837.**CARD.**
DR. DAVID H. TUGLER
OFFERS his professional services to the
citizens of Jefferson. He can always
be found at his Father's residence.
Aug. 17, 1837.—1c.**DISSOLUTION.**
THE Partnership heretofore existing be-
tween the subscribers, under the firm
of Thomas Rawlins & Son, was dissolved by
mutual consent on the 9th inst. The ac-
counts are left in the hands of Francis W.
Rawlins, to whom, those indebted to the firm,
will please make immediate payment, as
is absolutely necessary that the business be
closed forthwith.THOMAS RAWLINS,
F. W. RAWLINS.

Sept. 28, 1838.

FRANCIS W. RAWLINS,HAVING purchased the entire stock of
the late firm, will continue to carry on
the business at the old stand, where all kinds
of Tin, Copper, and Sheet Iron work will be
wholesale or retail. Feeling himself thank-
ful for past favors, he hopes by strict at-
tention to business, to merit and receive a con-
tinuance of the patronage of a generous public.Old Copper, Brass and Pewter will be re-
ceived in payment for work.

Sept. 28, 1837.

**SADDLE & HARNESS
MAKING.**THE subscriber respectfully informs the
public that he has commenced the busi-
ness of
**Saddle, Bridle, Harness, &
Trunk Making.**IN CHARLESTOWN. His shop is immediately
opposite the Court-House and adjoining the
Coach Shop of Mr. H. L. Gallaher, where
he can be seen at all times. He makes
Saddles, Bridles, Cours & Fine Harness, Trunks,
and for repairing the same. He has just re-
ceived from Baltimore full supply of the
finest HARDWARE used in his trade,
which will enable him to send out work not
to be surpassed anywhere. He hopes, by
industry and an effort to please to merit and
receive a share of the public's favor.

Charlestown, Sept. 7, 1837.

JOHN BROOK

Charlestown, Sept. 7, 1837.

TAILORING.**HUGH MCKEE**
BEGS leave to remind his friends and fel-
low-citizens, that the season has ar-
rived for donning the habiliments of Summer
and for putting on the garments of Autumn
and Winter. Our merchants are now receiv-
ing supplies of beautiful and excellent cloths,
etc., and he takes this method to inform all
who may want.**Coats, Pantaloons, Vests,**Or any work in his line, that he is prepared to
accommodate them at a short notice and
upon terms as liberal as good work can be
executed anywhere. He receives, quarterly,**The Fashions**Of the Eastern and Northern cities—and he
pledges himself that for style, etc., etc., his
work shall not be surpassed by that of any
other establishment in this section. He re-
turns thanks to those who have patronised
him, and assures all who may favor him with
their custom, that no exertions shall be
spared to give them entire satisfaction.

Charlestown, Oct. 5, 1837.

FALL GOODS.I RESPECTFULLY announce to my cus-
tomers and the public generally, that I
am now receiving and opening a general
store.**Fall and Winter Goods,**
which will be sold to suit the times.**JOSEPH M. BROWN,**

Sept. 28, 1837.

LARD.I HAVE a small quantity of **LARD** for
sale. JOSEPH M. BROWN.

Sept. 28, 1837.

**THE OPEQUON
WOOLLEN FACTORY**HAVING been repaired, is again ready
for action.C. R. WOOL for carding and Cloth to be
filled, will be received at the Rail-Road De-
pot, Charlestown, and returned when filled.

GRANTHAM & BARNES.

Sept. 14, 1837.

PAY YOUR TAXES?THE subscribers respectfully notify the ele-
ments of Jefferson County that the Tax-
es, for Bills, and Mill-dams, collectable in
the present year, are due, and that they
are prepared to receive payment for the same.Note.—It will be understood that the law re-
quires the paying to fund change.

G. W. SAPPINGTON,

J. H. MCENDREE,

J. R. FLAGG,

Dept. Sheriff.

Aug. 3, 1837.

GRANULATED TIN; Extract of Log-
wood, Root of Black Pepper, Extract of
Hemp, Green Peas, Root of Columbo, Tooth Kast-
er, Ground Casswood, Ground Logwood,
Ground Resin Wood, Flaxseed, Kenke, just
received and for sale at**STRAITIN DRUG STORE.**

Charlestown, Aug. 3, 1837.

JUST received and for sale, Dr. Kev-
en's Family Medicines, via Kev-
en's Universal Pill, Kershaw's Vermifuge,
Kershaw's Pastoral Syrup, Kershaw's Tool
Ash Drops, etc.**STRAITIN DRUG STORE.**

Aug. 3, 1837.

THE subscriber has for sale, at the Drug
Store John H. Straitin,
Nephil Ultra,
Best Camphor,
Common Lump,
Cut and Dried Smoking Tobacco in 1-6 lb.
Packs, Snuff, Haynes and Naseby Snuff,
Smoking and American Cigars.

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From the Knickerbocker.
NATURE.
TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.High Day reddening skies, stand glittering
On tender blades the dews,
And modulates the landscape of the spring
Upon the clear stream's blue.Fair is the rocky rill; the blossom'd tree,
The grove with gold that gleams:
Fair is the star of eve which close we see
To younger purple gleams.Fair is the meadow's green; the date's thick
Bush:
The hill's bright robe of flowers,
The older-stream, the pond's surrounding rush,
And hills' snowy showers.Oh! how the host of beings are made one
By Love's enduring hand!
The glow worm, and the fiery flood of sun,
Spring from one Father's hand.Thou behest, Almighty, if the true
Loss but a bud that blows:
Thou behest, if in immensity
Our sun is sunk and gone!**THE ANGEL'S BIDDING.**
Brother, come up—oh leave the earth
And all its sorrows care awhile,
And revere thy heavenly birth,
Where all creation glories smile—O brother come!
Brother, come up—our skies are fair,
No clouds ever the face of day,
That scatters the balmy air
That loves around our hills to play—O brother come!
Brother, come up—the flowers that bloom
In earth's fair garden, fade and die,
But here they wait their soft perfume
Thro' heaven's sweet vales eternal.O brother come!
Brother, come up—let earth still lure
The heart that loves a changing scene—
Be this the realm that still endure,
In beauty perfect and serene.

O brother come!

From the Liverpool Kaleidoscope.**CONVICTION UPON CIRCUMSTAN-
TIAL EVIDENCE.**In the year 1723 a young man, who
was serving his apprenticeship in Lon-
don, was accused of having committed
murder. He was tried before the Queen's
Bench.He was condemned, and sent to the gallows
to visit his mother, to spend the Christ-
mas holidays. She lived a few miles
beyond Deal, in Kent. He walked the
journey, and on his arrival at Deal, in the
evening, being much fatigued, and also troubled with the bowel com-
plaint, he applied to the landlady of a
public house, who was acquainted with
his mother, for a night's lodging.Her house was full, and every bed occu-
pied; but she told him that, if he
would sleep with her uncle, who had
lately come ashore, and was boatswain
of an Indian, he should be welcome.He was glad to accept the offer, and after
spending the evening with his new comrade, they retired to rest. In
the middle of the night he was attacked
with his complaint, and—wakening
his bedfellow, he asked him the way
to the garden. The boatswain told him
to go through the kitchen, but as he
would find it difficult to open the door
into the yard, the latch being out of
order, he desired him to take a knife
out of his pocket, with which he could
raise the latch. The young man did as
he was directed, and, after remaining
near half an hour in the yard, he returned
to his bed, but was much surprised to
find his companion had risen and gone.Being impatient to visit his mother and
friends, he also rose before day, and
pursued his journey, and arrived at home at noon. The landlady, who had
been told of his intention to depart
early, was not surprised; but not seeing
her uncle in the morning, she went to
call him. She was dreadfully shocked
to find the bed stained with blood,
and every inquiry after her uncle was
in vain. The alarm now became general,
and on further examination, marks of
blood were traced from the bed-room
into the street, and at intervals down
to the edge of the pier-head. Rumor
was immediately busy, and suspicion
fell, of course, on the young man who
slept with him, that he had committed
the murder, and thrown the body over
the pier into the sea. A warrant was
issued against him, and he was taken
that evening at his mother's house.On his being examined and searched,
marks of blood were discovered on his
shirt and trowsers, and in his pocket
were a knife and a remarkable silver
coin, both of which the landlady swore
positively were her uncle's property,
and that she saw them in his possession
on the evening he retired to rest
with the young man. On these strong
circumstances the unfortunate youth
was found guilty. He related all the
above circumstances in his defense,
but as he could not account for the
marks of blood on his person, unless
he got them when he returned to the
bed, nor for the silver coin being in his
possession, his story was not credited.The certainty of the boatswain's dis-
appearance, and the blood at the pier,
traced from his bedroom, were too evi-
dent signs of his being murdered; and even
the Judge was so convinced of his guilt, that he ordered the execution to
take place in three days. At the fatal
tree the youth declared his innocence,
and persisted in it with such asser-
tions, that many pitied him, though
none doubted the justness of his sen-
tence.The executioners of those days were
not so expert at their trade as modern
ones, nor were drops or platforms in-
vented. The young man was very tall;
his feet sometimes touched the ground,
and some of his friends who surround-
ed the gallows contrived to give the
body supports till it was suspended. Af-
ter being cut down, those friends bore
it speedily away in a coffin, and in thecourse of a few hours animation was
restored and the innocent saved. When
he was able to move, his friends insisted
on his quitting the country, and never returning.
He accordingly travelled by night to Portsmouth, where he entered
on board a man-of-war, on the point of sailing to a distant part of the world; and as he changed his name and disguised his person, his melancholy
story never was discovered. After a few years of service, during which his
exemplary conduct was the cause of his promotion through the lower grades,
he was at length made a master's mate; and his ship being paid off in the West
Indies, he, with a few more of the crew, were transferred to another man-
of-war, which had just arrived short of hands from a different station. What
were his feelings of astonishment, and then of delight and ecstasy, when
he saw the first person he saw on board his new ship, was the identical boat-
swain for whose murder he had been tried, condemned, and executed, five
years before; nor was the surprise of the old boatswain much less when he heard the story. An explanation of all
the mysterious circumstances then took place. It appeared that the boat-
swain had been bled for a pain in the side by the barber, unknown to his
niece, on the day of the young man's arrival at Deal—that when the young man
had wakened him, he had retired to the pier, where their boat was waiting; a
few minutes bro't them on board a friend, who had just arrived from the
yard, and he omitted even writing home to account for his sudden disappearance.One of the most barbarous, most hor-
rid acts was committed on the body of
child 10 years old, daughter of Mr. James Nelson, residing on Capacon, in
this county, on the 20th of this month, by
a black man, named Harry, belonging
to Col. James Caudy, and recently purchased
by him from Helm's estate in Frederick county. The wretch after
violating the unfortunate child, murdered her as he supposed, secreted the
body, and then returned home; but the
child not returning, suspicion was excited,
a search was made, and the child was found on the following day still
living, but in a state of insensibility.—
We have not heard certainly whether
the child has recovered herself—it is
however reported she has. The negro is
in jail in this place, and may be tried
to-day (Friday) as a Court has been
summoned for that purpose. Yet, we
presume, the case will be adjourned to a
future day, on account of the child,
who is unable to be present, and whose
testimony will be necessary in the case.

(Romney Intelligencer.)

In the Romney Intelligencer we find
the following statement of cases tried
at September term of the Circuit Superior
Court of Law and Chancery for Hampshire
County, Judge Douglass presiding.Samuel House, indicted for aiding
and abetting the escape of a runaway
slave; found guilty and sentenced to
six months imprisonment and pay a fine
of \$200 and costs.George E. Dencale, pltf., against
Samuel House, dtf., in case for assisting
runaway slave to escape; judgment for
plaintiff.John H. Lipcomb, pltf., against
Samuel House, dtf., in case for aiding
and abetting the escape of runaway
slave; judgment for plaintiff, \$1,200
damages and costs.Princeton College.—The Annual
Commencement was held on Wednesday
last. On the evening previous an
address was delivered before the Literary
Society of the Institution by the Hon. Samuel L. Southard. The exercises
of the graduating class are favorably
spoken of. Number of graduates, fifty-five.

(PRENTICIANA.)

Meers, Van Buren and Co. have an
establishment at Washington for making
a specific currency out of Treasury
shin-plasters. Several French cooks in
N. York have establishments for making
turkey-soup out of fat kittens.Washington Sarcophagus.—On Sat-
urday last we were afforded the opportunity
of viewing and admiring one of the
most creditable specimens of American
sculpture that we ever remember to have
seen. We allude to a sarcophagus intended for the remains
of the Father of his country, which
had just been completed at the marble
yard of John Struthers, Esq. of this city,
and which is to be placed in the crypt of the
convention of the Union suspended cross
from the top of the shield by an arrow.The design, we understand, was furnished
by that gifted artist Mr. Wm. Strickland,
but the execution is by an
exquisitely delicate chisel from the
hands of a workman, Mr. John Hill
in the employ of Mr. Struthers. The
fleecy folds of the banner, with the
bright and polished stars upon it, are
beautifully done, and are highly creditable
to the skill of the artist. Underneath
the shield the word WASHING-
TON is cut in sunken letters so perfectly
clean and neat as to give a feel-
ing of entire chasteness to the whole.

The following words are inscribed:

WASHINGTON.

By the permission of

Lawrence Lewis,

the surviving Executor of George
Washington.

THIS SARCOOPHAGUS

was presented by

John Struthers,

of

Philadelphia.

Marble-Mason.

September, A. D. 1837.

We learn that some time since, the
Executive of the U. States wrote to Mr.
Struthers, inquiring the cost and size
of a sarcophagus as we have described.
The letter was promptly responded to, but accompa-
nied with an earnest request on the
part of the artist that he might be af-

From the National Intelligencer of Saturday last.

The U. States and Texas.

The documents communicated to the House of Representatives by the President of the United States, in pursuance of the resolution of that House, requesting "the President of the U. States to communicate to that House, if in his opinion it should be compatible with the public interest, whether any proposition has been made on the part of the republic of Texas to the Government of the United States, for the annexation of the said republic of Texas to the Union; and if such proposition has been made, what answer has been returned, and all correspondence which has taken place relating thereto," consist of a letter of great length from the Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Texas (Hon. M. HUNTER) to the Secretary of State of the United States, under date of August 4, 1837; of the reply thereof to the Secretary of State under date of August 26; and of the rejoinder by the Minister of Texas under date of September 12.

The object of the letter of the Minister of Texas is to propose a negotiation for the purpose of annexing that country to the United States, which is pressed upon the Secretary of State by such considerations as will be substantially comprehended by perusal of the reply of the Secretary of State, which we think it proper to insert entire, as follows:

JOHN FORSYTH:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, August 25, 1837.

The second letter of the Minister of Texas replies to some of the arguments of Mr. Secretary FORSYTH, and concludes (besides the compliment of usage) with the following declaration:

"The undersigned most respectfully assures the Honorable Mr. Forsyth, and through him His Excellency the President of the United States, that the present and decisive rejection of the annexation of Texas to the United States will not be imputed to an unfriendly spirit towards the Government or People of Texas."

General MINNICK HUNT, &c.

The undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States, has had the honor to receive the note of his excellency General Hunt, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Texas, dated the 4th instant, proposing a negotiation for the purpose of annexing that country to the United States.

This communication has been laid before the President, who has considered it with just sensibility. In giving to the undersigned instructions to present, in reply, a prompt and decisive indication of the course it has been deemed necessary to adopt, the President indulges the confident expectation that no unfriendly spirit towards the Government or People of Texas will or can be imputed to the U. States.

Neither the duties nor the settled policy of the United States permit them to consent to an examination of the political relations of the two states related by the American Union, to determine if they are admitted to be correct, or contrary to the decision of the question presented by him. The United States were formed in acknowledging the independence of Mexico, and have uniformly desired and endeavored to cultivate relations of friendship with that Power. Having always, since the formation of their Government, been exempt from civil war, they have had the value of internal quiet, and have consequently been anxious, yet passive spectators of the feuds with which their neighbor has been afflicted.

Although, in the controversy between Texas and the United States, the former has been engaged in events which peculiarly calculated to enlist the sympathies of our People, the effort of the Government has been to look upon that dispute, also, with the same rigid impartiality with which it has regarded all other Mexican commotions.

In determining with respect to the independence of other states, the United States have never taken the question of right, between the contending parties into consideration. They have decided it by a dictate of duty and policy to decide upon the question as one of fact merely. This was the course pursued with respect to Mexico herself. It was adhered to when analogous events rendered it proper to investigate the question of Texan independence. That inquiry was made without due circumspection, and the result was not arrived at until its probable consequences had been accurately weighed. The possibility of a collision of interests arising, among other causes, from the alleged superior aptitude of the climate and soil of Texas for the growth of some of the staples of the United States, was not overlooked. A sense of duty and a reverence for consistency, however, it was considered, left this government no alternative, and it therefore led the way in recognizing Texas. A hope was certainly entertained that this act, and the motives which conducted to it, even so other considerations were to have influence, would point out to the Government of Texas the propriety not only of cherishing intimate and amicable relations with this country, but of abstaining from other connections abroad which might be detrimental to the United States. Apart from this, however, it was presumed that Government would enter upon the execution of the intentions manifested by its envoy extraordinary, with respect to connection with foreign Powers, with a full understanding of the just and liberal commercial stipulations existing between the United States and other nations. A pervading principle of those compacts is impartial treatment of the citizens, vessels and productions of the parties in their respective territories." As it was not to be believed that the commercial allies of the U. States would sever from their engagements, no apprehension was felt that the interests of this country would suffer from the arrangements which Texas might enter into with them.

[Woodstock Sentinel.]

GENERAL SCOTT.—We understand that General Scott addressed a letter on the 20th September to the Secretary of War, respectfully claiming the immediate direction of the Florida war. He rests his claim upon the grounds, that the theatre of operations constitutes a part of the geographical division, of which he is the commander; that nearly all the troops of the division are ordered to Florida, and that he is the senior in rank of the officer who is at present commanding the troops in that quarter.

We have not understood what, or whether any, reply has been made to this application.

The Virginia Delegation, being apprised of his application, were making, without any agency of his, a strong, but respectful appeal in behalf of this most reasonable request.—Rich. Eng.

It is understood here that a compliance with this request has been demanded by the War Department.—Nat. Int.

THE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE MARKET,

For the week ending Friday evening, Oct. 6.

CATTLE.—We quote as before at \$47.50.

FLOUR.—Market street Flour.—Prices are without change—sales from stores at \$25.50, and wagon price \$25.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The sales of good to prime reds have ranged from \$1.75 to \$1.75, and white from \$1.80 to \$1.85.

CORN.—The prices of white have ruled throughout the week at about \$0.92 cents.

We quote from 96.99 cents. Sales of Corn at 70 cents.

RYE.—Has improved—last sale of Md. at \$5.6 cents.

OATS.—Sales at 22.33 cents.

CLOVER SEED.—No new yet in market; sales of old from stores at \$7.25 to \$7.50, according to quality.

WHIPLASH.—No change in prices. The general wagon price of lbs. is 34 cents.

ALEXANDRIA, Oct. 7.

FLOUR.—The wagon price of flour per bushel (\$2) \$2.25.

LOCAL MEMORANDA.

Sale of personal property by Jacob Foulke, at his residence, on Monday next.

Sale of Leonard Saxon, Esq., on Tuesday next, (noon day,) of Hotel property, in Charlestown.

Sale by James Lang, of personal property, at his residence, on Tuesday next.

Sale by Thomas Russell, near Gerrardstown, of personal property, on Tuesday next.

Charlestown Literary and Debating Society.

A MEETING will be held at Mrs.

Town's School Room, THIS EVENING,

(Thursday,) for the purpose of perfecting the arrangements for the organization of a Literary and Debating Society, at which all the gentlemen who wish to participate, or who will be interested in the proposed Society, (and are there any who do not?) it is hoped will attend, if they have leisure to do so.

Oct. 12.

Company Orders.

The legal parade of the Leetown Company will be on the 2d Saturday of the present month, at the usual place, Leetown. By order of the Captain.

Oct. 12, 1837.

spirit of the treaty, with the uniform policy, and the obvious welfare of the U. States.

The inducements mentioned by General Hunt, for the United States to annex Texas to their territory, are duly appreciated; but, powerful and weighty as certainly they are, they are light when opposed in the scale of reason to treaty obligations and respect for that integrity of character by which the U. States have sought to distinguish themselves since the establishment of their right to claim a place in the great family of nations. It is presumed, however, that the motives by which Texas has been governed in making this overture, will have equal force in impelling her to pursue, as an independent power, the most liberal commercial relations with the United States. Such a disposition will be most cheerfully met, in a corresponding spirit, by this Government. If the answer which the undersigned has been directed to give to the proposed General Council should unfortunately favor such a view, in the next meeting of that Council, an attempt to extend commercial relations, where, upon terms prejudicial to the United States, this Government will be consulted by the legislature of its intentions, and a certainty that although the hazard of transient losses may be incurred by a rigid adherence to just principles, no lasting prosperity can be secured when they are disregarded.

The undersigned avails himself of the occasion to offer Gen. Hunt renewed assurances of his very distinguished consideration.

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STEPHEN DALGARN, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Texas.

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On Wednesday morning, October 4th, by the Rev. Eliza. Phelps, the Rev. Newson Brown of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Miss Ellen Small, of Martinsburg, Va.

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Notice.

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VARIETY.

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To us, the idea of placing a young and thoughtless child upon a throne, to rule over a mighty nation, is absolutely ridiculous! What does little Victoria know about the wants of the people, or the policy of foreign nations?

If this Methuen editor was in England, he would be whipped at a cart tail, as he ought to be, for uttering treason of the worst kind. "The little Miss Victoria," he speaks of, is a stout bosom lass of eighteen, with red hair and its usual accomplishments. She could take a dozen like the Methuen editor across her knee and spank them—child fashion—without stopping to wink. "Little Miss Victoria," indeed! why she is big enough to rule a dozen such kingdoms, with the aid of her two eyes. There have already been old grannies enough on the throne of England, and we are glad to see the crown revert again to youth and beauty—the only despotism under which men will be happy in spite of their teeth. Yes, if we must have a monarchy, give us the monarchy of beauty; if we have a despotism, give us the sullen tyrant of a pretty woman. You old, ugly, gruff, gouty, brandy kings, may die off as fast as they please, and worms may eat them if they have a stomach for such food; but the young and handsome Queen Victoria, may she live forever and a day, without losing a dimple or sporting a grey hair! There's our sentiments. —[Boston Times.]

A great fondness for Children.—Fondness for children denotes not only a kind heart, but a guiltless one. The great and good have always been remarkable for their fondness for children. Agællus, King of Sparta, was the most popular of all monarchs, and the most beloved of fathers. Driving himself one day with riding on a stick with his children, and being surprised by a friend in the action, he desired him not to mention till it was a father. Henry IV. of France, taught his children to call papa, or father, and die in the new fashion. One day going on all fours, with the Dauphin on his back, an ambassador suddenly entered, when Henry looked up, "Monseigneur Ambassador, have you any children?" "Yes, sir," replied he. "Very well, then I will finish my race round the chamber."

A gentleman traveling, found by the way side, a man supposed to be 80 years of age, weeping most bitterly. Desirous to learn the cause of such immediate grief, he inquired of the old gentleman, why it was that he was crying. He was informed that his father had just been whipping him—"Your father!" exclaimed the astonished traveler, "is it possible your father is alive?" "Yes, sir," said the mourner, "he lives in that house," pointing to a small habitation near the road. The traveler was anxious to see the father, and accordingly turned into the house, where he saw and conversed with him, expostulating with him on the absurdity of his conduct, in whipping as old a man as his son. The old man apologized, saying that the young rascal had been throwing rocks at his grandfather, who was at work in the garden.

Editorial Labor.—The Oldeite Gazette is printed in a barn, which answers every purpose for a publication office, bulletin office, editorial office, printing office and chamber, parlor, kitchen, dog house and stable for the editor, his family and cattle. He does all the composition, writing, selecting, book keeping, marketing, deviling himself. He says, with perseverance and economy, he thinks he can get along. If he don't it will not be his fault. —[New Era.]

Virginia, to wit:
In the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, held for Jefferson county, on the 3d day of April, 1835.

John R. Flagg, and others, PLAINTIFFS,

Maria Buckmaster, Administratrix of Theophilus W. Buckmaster, dec'd., and the heirs of Mary Ann Buckmaster, dec'd., who was sole heir of the said Theophilus W. Buckmaster and others, DEFENDANTS,

IN CHANCERY.

ON consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order, and decree, that the Bill be taken for confessed as to the said defendants failing to answer, and that the administrative account of the said Maria Buckmaster, and the heirs of Mary Ann Buckmaster, be referred to Master Commissioner Worthington, to state and report the amount of specialty debts binding the heirs of the said Theophilus W. Buckmaster, which have been paid by the administrators out of the personal assets—the amount of the claims due to the complainants, and the amount of the proceeds of the real estate still remaining in the hands of Andrew Hunter—and any other matters pertinent, or which may be required to be specially stated by any of the parties—and make report thereof to this court, in order to further the proceedings to be had herein.

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THIS cause came on again to be heard, this 21st day of June, 1837, upon the papers formerly read, and the exceptions filed by defendants' counsel to the commissioners' report; returned March 29th, 1836, and was argued by counsel: Upon consideration whereof, the court doth sustain the second and third of said exceptions. And, it is ordered, That said report be recommended to Master Commissioner Worthington, to reform the same, respecting the subject matter of said second and third exceptions, according to the opinion of the court, filed in the first of said exceptions for further consideration. And the Commissioner is directed to state in his report the amount of the legal costs incurred by the plaintiffs, in defending the several suits instituted against them by Baker's heirs, in recovering the tract of land in the proceedings mentioned, mesne profits, &c. 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