

COMMUNICATIONS.

We are told that the last words Gen. Harrison uttered for his country were, "I wish you to understand the true principles of the Constitution and carry them out." Mr. Tyler did so, according to his understanding...

Mr. Hunter's Proposition.—Our readers will have learned by the proceedings of the Senate, on Wednesday last, that Mr. Hunter's proposition has introduced into that body a resolution authorizing the President of the United States, upon the application of the Legislature of a regular Convention of the people of any State, to re-veste the jurisdiction of all forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other buildings placed under the jurisdiction of the United States by a concession to that effect from the States in question.

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Gov. Hicks, of Md., has addressed a letter to the People of Maryland. He thinks that in the event of dissolution and war between the sections, Maryland would be chosen a battle-ground, and be exposed to oppressive taxation, ruin and bankruptcy.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

County Court.—January Term.—The Alexandria County Court opened its January Quarterly term at the Court House, yesterday.

Four Commonwealth cases remained over from the October term: R. Williams, assault and battery; J. Chick, (free negro), remaining in the State contrary to law; Richard Ball, piloting a vessel without license; and R. Smith, J. Charlton, and T. Javins, for an affray.

The old issue docket comprehends forty-eight cases; the office judgments are twenty-eight, and there are thirteen new cases.

The following justices compose the Court: W. H. Fowler, P. J.; W. A. Harper, Edward Burdett, and W. Somers.

The Grand Jury was empanelled. The jurors are as follows:—John T. Creighton, foreman; Thomas Day, Charles G. Grimes, R. F. Prettiman, Peyton Ballenger, J. H. DeVaughn, Emanuel Francis, George Washington, Mark M. Mankin, Robert Bell, W. H. McKnight, James Simpson, J. T. Johnson, Wm. Buckingham, George W. Maxwell, and David Appiah.

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments:—Against David Manly, for assault and battery—a true bill.

Against Wm. King and John T. Ellis, for larceny—a true bill.

Against Rich. Williams, for willful trespass—a true bill.

Against Joseph Padgett, for assault and battery—a true bill.

Against J. E. Horseman, for illegal voting—a true bill.

POSTSCRIPT.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH. LEGISLATURE OF VIRGINIA. MORNING SESSION.

Richmond, Jan. 7.—The Legislature of Virginia met, pursuant to a call from the Governor, at noon, to-day. A quorum was present in both houses. A message was received from Governor Letcher—the substance of which is given in our editorial column.

The House unanimously adopted a resolution to appoint a committee with instructions to report a bill for assembling a State Convention.

Anti-Coercion bills were introduced in both houses.

Evening Session. The House resumed to reconsider the resolution relating to a State Convention.

Anti-coercion resolutions were reported from the Committee and passed. They say that any attempt to coerce a State will be resisted by Virginia.

There are strong manifestations in the Legislature of disapproval of Gov. Letcher's position.

FROM WASHINGTON. THE GAZETTE'S SPECIAL DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The absurd rumors that recently vexed the public ear, in reference to secret plans for an attack on this city, have now had their day, unless the coming of the reign of common sense is unduly procrastinated.

The secession of Virginia and Maryland is the only event which will render all our preparations now heralded with such a flourish of trumpets.

Secretary Thompson said to be arranging his affairs, so as to resign as soon as his State seceded.

AUCTION SALES.

BY T. M. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER. AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.—At the request of the widow of the deceased, I shall sell at public auction, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the residence of the late Alexander Arnold, on Queen street, \$100,000 worth of household and kitchen furniture, consisting of a Bedstead, Bedding, Bureaus, Chairs, Tables, Carpets, Stoves, &c., &c. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; of \$10 and over, 60 days will be given for approved endorsements.

THE DWELLING will be for rent from day to day. WILLIAM ARNOLD, Administrator. Jan 7—dt

BY JOHN T. CREIGHTON—AUCTIONEER. WILL BE SOLD at No. 8, Royal street, on Wednesday morning next, 9th inst., at 10 o'clock, several barrels, with approved endorsements, also, a general assortment of Groceries and Glassware, suitable for Shopkeepers. These goods will positively be sold, and bargains can be had. Shopkeepers look to your interests. Jan 7—dt

LAND AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—By Virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, pronounced on the 26th of December, 1859, in the case of George A. Mendenhall & Co., vs. H. K. Seaton, &c., we shall, on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1861, (court-day,) in front of the Court-House of said County, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the real estate of H. K. Seaton, consisting of 255 ACRES OF LAND, in said county, lying on the Little River Turnpike Road, near Fairfax Court-House—being that portion of the Real Estate of the late Peter Gooding alloted to Thomas J. Murray, Trustee, for Jane M. Seaton and children, and also, one acre of land, in said county, lying on the Little River Turnpike Road, near Fairfax Court-House. It is designated in said decree as Lot No. 4.

TERMS.—The purchaser to pay down 10 per cent. of the purchase money in Cash, and balance in three several bonds, with approved endorsement, in equal amounts, at 6, 12 and 18 months thereafter, with interest from day of sale, the title to be retained until the last payment is made and the deposit is forfeited. If the purchaser fails to complete his purchase, he shall be liable for the sale. H. W. THOMAS, Com'r. Fairfax county, Va., Dec 11—60

VERY FINE FARM IN CULPEPER COUNTY, FOR SALE.—I offer for sale the Farm on which is raised, "Coke's Hosiery," one of the most valuable estates in the County. This farm contains 1000 acres of land, of which 500 are in the form of PASTURE, of which about five hundred are arable, and the balance heavily timbered. It lies beautifully on Mountain Run, which passes through it, within two and one half to three miles of Rapidan, and the Orange and Northern Virginia Railroad, from which point the cities of Washington, Alexandria, and Richmond, can be reached in about three hours. It is well watered, every field having never-failing Springs. The soil is of the best quality, and the crops are abundant, and luxuriant crops of grass. The location is beautiful and proverbial for health. Two Manufacturing, and two Grist Mills are within a few miles. Churches of the various denominations are of easy access.

THE BUILDINGS are all new, and of the best kind. In fact, it combines all the advantages of a first class Farm in its fertility of soil, abundance of fine water, healthfulness, proximity to Rapidan, and near and commodious location. All persons wishing to purchase such an estate are respectfully invited to examine "Coke's Hosiery" in person. Those who wish to come by Railroad to Brandy, will be furnished with a conveyance to my residence by giving me a day's notice. For terms, &c., apply either to me or to P. Nally, at Kaceon Ford Post Office. My Post Office is Brandy Station Culpeper County. N. B. "Coke's Hosiery" can be readily divided into two complete Farms, of about three hundred and fifty acres each, each having an abundance of timber and water.

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PRIVATE SALE.—The subscriber offers at private sale, the FARM on which he resides, in Fairfax County, 3 miles northeast of Sudley Mills, containing 250 acres of land, of which 100 are in the form of PASTURE, (now under construction,) containing 100 ACRES—between 25 and 30 Acres in Woodland. The farm is divided into four fields, of about 20 acres each—about 40 acres well set in Wheat, and the balance in Corn, Potatoes, &c. There is water in the yard—BUILDINGS in good repair, and comfortable.