

## Communications.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

Upon looking over the columns of your paper of the 8th instant, I was struck with surprise to perceive an article over the signature of a Prince William Whig, advocating in unmeasured terms the reelection of Major Charles Hunton to our State Senate, a man whose uncompromising, thorough going, and whole adherence to the former and present dynasty is proverbial. This ci-devant democrat, and soi-disant Whig, it would seem, builds his argument in favour of the Major entirely upon his amiable, honorable and uncompromising qualities, as if his opponent were devoid of the former attributes which do credit to both, and as if the latter quality should prove a passport for the Major to the good graces and suffrages of his political adversaries. With this "most lame and impotent conclusion" the Prince William Whig, if such an anomaly can exist, under the assumed title, pronounces his firm conviction of the futility of opposition, and his firmer determination of supporting his views by apostasy from his adopted party. In a time like this when our country most needs our aid, to falter in our course, is down-right treason; but if consistency and patriotism have no charms for such as the Prince William Whig—let them depart!

"We would not vote in that man's company"

"That fears his fellowship to vote with us."

Though for years we have remained in the minority, thanks to the gradual dawn of reason and reflection, and the glaring developments of corruption, our ranks are now swelling with the indignant dupes of false promises, and the eager advocates of reform. Each day some new accession to our lines denotes the vigor with which every inch of ground will be contested and the daring with which each redoubt will be stormed. In comparing the merits of the candidates now before the people, it gives me pleasure to acquiesce entirely in the justness of those attributes ascribed to Major Hunton, whilst on the good old maxim of "Sauce for the Goose, Sauce for the Gander," I claim the same concessions to James French Esq., the Whig opponent of Major Hunton, who for amiability, independence of sentiment, and respectability of talents, is no less deserving of the support and confidence of the people.

The idea that a 'Prince William Whig' has of the political tenets of his party are it seems of a non-descript nature, if we should judge from the airy line of distinction he endeavors to make appear as the only barrier between himself and Major Hunton; and I think if he were to define his own position instead of being classed with the Whigs or messing with the loco focos, he would appear "a set tin on a rail." Now all we ask of these bare-legged gentlemen is to "hang out their banner on the outward wall," and in their own proper persona wage an honorable war. We want no assumptions of false names and titles, nor any profession of relationship from those who in the same moment avow their opposition to our men and their acquiescence in our measures. We want no allies who are not willing to enter with us shoulder to shoulder in the breach, and we unhesitatingly disdain all connection or fellowship with the vacillating few whose motto is "run with the hare and hunt with the hounds." The proper Whigs of which "a Prince William Whig" speaks as having supported and as still determined to support a genuine "collar man" are men of his own calibre, wandering loafers, whose erratic notions of party always lead them to the crib. The Whig party 'proper' acknowledges no such member; its motto is "There are no tricks in plain and simple faith;

"But hollow men, like horses hot at hand,"  
"Make gallant show and promise of their mettle;  
"But when they should endure the bloody spear,  
"They fall their crests, and, like deceitful jades,  
"Sink in the trial."

We have no fears of defeat; all we ask is union and energy in our ranks and success will settle on our banner. Let each man's watch-word be "reform," and each man's assurance in discharging the duty incumbent on him at the approaching elections, that he who serves his country best, best serves himself, and all is said.

TERRAPIN.

Bally Whack, P. W. Co. Va., Feb 10.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

I know it is but necessary to request a little space in your excellent paper, to have granted the privilege of calling the attention of the magistracy of the State and District, to a condition of things, that I am sure none are yet aware of—few even suspect in its actual extent—and when known can but claim their immediate vigilance, as well as that of all good men, whether they are or not charged with the execution of the laws.

Circumstances lately rendered it necessary for me to order out a Patrol in my neighborhood, and which being on the very border of the District of Columbia, contains probably fewer slaves, and not more free negroes than any other of like extent, between the Blue Ridge and Chesapeake Bay. Accidental information caused their particular attention to be directed to the seizure of guns in the

possession of these classes of people, and the result of only four days of their operations, in a space of not more than five miles by four square, was the seizure or surrender by slaves and free negroes of twenty-five guns: All muskets but four—every one fit for use, and with two or three exceptions, in entirely good order. These, are certainly twice, perhaps three times, as many firelocks, as were then in the possession of the white population within the same space. From evidence that does not admit of a rational doubt, I do not hesitate to say, that the guns thus secured, were not more than one half the number, that was actually held by these classes of people in my immediate neighborhood, when this search commenced; the residue, having been since secreted for them by white men, base enough to conceal them, or carried across the District Line for safe-keeping. I have therefore, particularly called the attention of your worthy Mayor to this state of things—and afforded an opportunity for a thorough search, before making these facts public; which I now do, as the only ready and certain means awakening general attention—but, not for the purpose of creating the slightest alarm; for in the present instance I certainly do not believe, there was any ground for even the slightest—except, as to the safety of our Hogs and Sheep. But, it did seem to be a condition of things, so peculiarly improper in our social state, and so probably existing in other places, as well as hereabouts, that having thus come under my especial observation, it was my duty (after having secured all I could, in my own vicinity) to make it known, for the benefit of the community at large.

I will also add, that our investigations have unmasked a class of white men, long suspected, who have as far as they dared, not only thrown every obstacle in the way of enforcing the laws—but have done every thing in their power to evade their provisions—to secrete the guns, and screen the guilty from punishment. I trust, we shall yet be able to obtain sufficient evidence for their conviction, even before a Legal Tribunal; more than enough, has been had to hold them up to the perpetual and most merited execration of a long plundered and insulted community.

I call the attention of all respectable citizens to a similar class elsewhere.

Very respectfully, yours,  
G. MASON, of Hollin Hall.

Fairfax Co., Va., Feb. 15, 1839.

SPRIT OF MISSIONS.

THE subscribers, having been appointed Agents for the Spirit of Missions, will receive subscriptions for the same. Price \$1 per annum, in advance. Arrangements have been made, by which all subscribers in Alexandria and its neighborhood—as well as others who may wish to send for their numbers—will receive their papers free of expense.

Feb 15 BELL & ENTWISLE.

ALBANY CULTIVATOR.

GENTLEMEN wishing to subscribe for the sixth volume of this valuable Agricultural paper, can send their subscriptions to the Subscribers, who are Agents for Judge Buel. All Subscriptions not renewed for the sixth volume, will be stopped after the February number.

BELL & ENTWISLE.

Feb 13—2awt1

PORTRAIT OF BISHOP MOORE.

A PORTRAIT of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Channing Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Virginia, drawn on stone by Charles Tenderich, from a painting by G. Cooke; for sale by

Feb 12 BELL & ENTWISLE.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given to the Stockholders of the Alexandria Library Company, that an Election will be held, at the Library room, on the 18th instant, for a President, and eleven directors, to serve for one year. The Polls will be open from 11 o'clock until 2, on the 18th day of February.

GEO. DRINKER, Librarian.

Feb 6—2aw2w

NOTICE.

Fish Wharf to Rent.  
SEALED Proposals will be received at the office of Clerk and Auditor, until 3 o'clock on Monday 18th inst, for renting the Fish Wharf, the ensuing season. By order of the Real Estate Committee.

WM. N. MILLS,

Feb 4—dtd Superintendent of Police

FISHERY FOR RENT.

THE Subscriber will rent for a short term of years, upon reasonable terms, his upper fishery commonly called the Brick Fish House. I will also dispose of a complete out-fit for Fishery (if desired) seines, ropes, boats, capstans, sailing vats &c.

H. L. COOMBS, Tulip Hill,

Oct 17—2awt1 near Ft. Washington.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

A SMALL farm near Alexandria, situated on the north side of Hunting Creek, and in the immediate vicinity of the Bridge. The soil, orchard, garden, tenements, and other necessary appendages, are complete, and in excellent order; apply to CHAS. A. ATKINSON.

Feb 14—3t

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.

A FULL supply, consisting of every choice variety, just received in bulk, and will be sold in quantities, to suit purchasers. The subscribers respectfully announce to their friends, and the public generally, that the seeds they offer for sale, this season, are procured from Geo. C. Thorburn, of New York, whose reputation as a seedsman is too well established to need any eulogium here; suffice it to say, that the seeds will be put up in papers, or sold by the pound at a moderate price, and their accuracy and vitality expressly guaranteed.

COOK & LEADBEATER,

Feb 13 Chemists & Druggists, King st.

ALEXANDRIA MUSEUM.

Open every day, Sundays excepted

## MARRIED.

On Tuesday, the 29th January, by the Rev. Mr. Troan, at Poplar Hill, Prince William county, Mr. WILLIAM COLVIN, of Fauquier county, to Miss MARIA, daughter of Thomas Wilkins, Esq'r., of the former place.

## Notice for the Sabbath.

A Funeral discourse will be delivered, to-morrow evening, in the Second Presbyterian Church. Subject—The Resurrection of the Dead.

The Rev. Mr. SERON, of Cincinnati, will, by divine permission, preach at the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Washington street, on Sabbath next, the 17th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at 7 o'clock, P. M.

## COMMERCIAL.

Price of Produce in Alexandria from Wagons and Vessels.

FLOUR, per bbl.	\$7 77	a	0 00
WHEAT,	1 60	a	1 65
RYE,	0 90	a	0 00
CORN,	0 85	a	0 00
FLAXSEED,	1 50	a	0 00
OATS, from wagons, bush	0 46	a	0 00
Do from vessels,	0 41	a	0 45
CORN MEAL, per bushel,	0 90	a	0 95
BUTTER, roll, per lb.	0 25	a	0 00
LARD,	0 12	a	0 00
BACON, per cwt.	10 00	a	10 50
PLASTER PARIS, retail, ton,	6 00	a	0 00
GROUND PLASTER, in bulk, 7 50	a	0 00	
do do per bbl.	1 44	a	1 50

FLOUR.—The news by the Cambridge to the 10th of January, has had no other effect on our market than that of making it firm.—We continue our quotation from wagons, \$7 77 from stores \$7 91 at \$8.

GRAIN.—Oats more plenty and a decline of 2 cts per bushel; yesterday 46c was the highest price that could be obtained from wagons.

BALTIMORE PATRIOT OFFICE,

Thursday, 1 o'clock, P. M.

FLOUR.—City Mills.—We hear of no transactions since our last report. Holders firm at \$5, 50; we learn \$5, 37½, was offered yesterday, but refused.

Howard street.—Sales of several hundred barrels yesterday were made at \$5½, and holders to-day are asking \$5 50, though we hear of no sales at that rate.

GRAIN.—Wheat, red, we quote from \$1 70 to \$1 55. Corn, white, 85c; yellow, 85c. Rye, from \$1 03 to \$1 05; and Oats 48c.

CLOVERSEED.—We quote from \$13 50 a \$15 00—and Flaxseed continues the same—from wagons, \$1 56 a \$1 62½, and from stores, \$1 69 a \$1 75.

WHEAT.—There is no change; we quote in bbls 44 c, and in hds, 41c.

BEER.—Mess \$16; No. 1 \$14; prime \$12 a \$12 50.

PORK.—Mess \$24 a \$24 50; No. 1 \$21 a \$22, 00; prime \$20.

BACON.—Assorted sales of Western, have been effected at 10½c, and the demand for this article is improving.

LARD.—Sales 12c, cash at 12½ cents, 90 days.

BUTTER.—Glades No. 1 26 a 28 c; No. 2 24 a 25; Western No. 2 18 a 20; No. 3 15 a 16.

FEATHERS.—Prime 55 cents.

The Drawing of the Virginia State Lottery, for the benefit of the Mechanical Benevolent Society of Norfolk, Class No. 1, for 1839, will be drawn at Alexandria, Virginia, THIS DAY, Saturday, Feb. 16, 1839, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

D. S. GREGORY & Co., Managers.

Feb 16—1t

CHURCH DICTIONARY.

A DICTIONARY of the Church, containing an exposition of terms, phrases, and subjects connected with the external order, sacraments, worship, and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with an especial reference to the Church in the United States; by the Rev. William Staunton. Just published and for sale by

Feb 15 BELL & ENTWISLE.

CHINA DINNER SETS.

WHITE French Porcelain, Canton China, English Iron Stone China and Liverpool Blue, Brown, and Green printed, and White Dinner Sets, various patterns, received and on hand for sale at moderate prices—English and French China, Gilt, and plain white, Tea Sets

Rich Cut and pressed Glass ware, in great varieties for sale by

2mo 16 ROBERT H. MILLER.

[Nat Int day 1 week]

LAMP OIL.

LAMP Oil of superior quality received and for sale by the gallon, by

JOHN I. SAYRS,

Feb 16 King street.

LAMP BLACK.

450 LBS Best quality Lamp Black, whole sale or retail by

JOHN I. SAYRS,

Feb 16 King street.

SUGAR AND COFFEE.

10 HDS New Orleans Sugar 75 bags Prime Green Rio Coffee 35 " St. Domingo

Just received and for sale by

Feb 16 W. N. & J. H. McVEIGH.

BULBOUS ROOTS.

POLYANTHUS, Narcissus, Crocus, early and late Tulips, Fritillaries, Hyacinths, Jonquils, Ranunculus and Crown Imperials,—for sale by

Feb 15 COOK & LEADBEATER.

WATER CRESS SEED

WARRANTED Genuine, for sale by

COOK & LEADBEATER.

Feb 15

Old Whiskey and Tobacco.

20 BARRELS Old Rye Whiskey 10 do very superior Old 4th proof Whiskey

25 boxes chewing Tobacco 5 casks prime Cheese

15 boxes fresh Prunes—just received, and for sale by KERR & McLEAN.

Feb 15

COFFEE AND TEA.

20 BAGS Old Government Java Coffee 30 do St. Domingo do

10 do Old Sumatra do

8 Half Chests fine Y. H. Tea;—just received and for sale by

Feb 15 KERR & McLEAN.

## NOTICE.

The Steamboat JOSEPH JOHNSON will on and after this date, until further notice, run as follows—viz:

Leave Alexandria at 9 and 11 A. M. at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Leave Washington at 10 and 12, A. M. at 4½, P. M.

(Nat. Int. 2aw4w)

For New Orleans (via Tampa Bay.)

The superior Ship, GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Leonard Marbury, master, will be despatched in a few days. For freight or passage apply to

Feb 11 LAMBERT & McKENZIE.

FOR PATUXENT RIVER.

The fast sailing schr. REPEATER, Thomas Travers, master, will be despatched in a few days. For freight apply to the master, or to

LAMBERT & McKENZIE,

Feb 11 Union wharf.

Stage for Alexandria and Warrenton, Va.

Will leave the General Stage Office, opposite Gadsby's, daily, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. for Alexandria; and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 6 o'clock, A. M., via Alexandria to Warrenton; returning, leave Alexandria daily at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

BRONAUH & FLEMING, Proprietors.

Jan 25—1t

ACCOMMODATION LINE.

The Stage for Winchester, Mr. William

Whaley, driver, will leave on Tuesdays and Saturdays, at half past eight o'clock, running through to Paris the same day, and to Winchester the next, (no night travel) arriving in time for the Western lines. Returning, will leave Winchester at 4 o'clock, P. M. and Paris the next day, for Alexandria and Washington, in time for the Baltimore cars. The advantages this line possesses besides avoiding night travel, are, persons for the West will arrive in time for all the Southern and Western Stages, and these for the North in time to get to Baltimore the same day, as a coach is always ready for Washington on the arrival of the Stages in Alexandria at Wises City Hotel. The drivers being on the road for the last ten years are known to the public to be experienced and accommodating.

Seats taken at Browns' General Stage Office Washington City; Wises City Hotel, Alexandria; Taylors, Winchester; the different Stages on the road.

Fare from Washington to Winchester \$4.00 T. J. NOLAND & Co.

Jan 8—eolt

STAGE NOTICE.—and Fare reduced.

The mail stages between Alexandria and Winchester, will leave Mr. Taylor's Hotel, Winchester, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 4 o'clock A. M., and arrive in Alexandria, on the same days by 7 o'clock, P. M.

Leave the MARSHALL HOUSE, Alexandria, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 4 o'clock, A. M., and arrive at Winchester same days, by 7 o'clock, P. M., by which arrangement, a regular connection is made with the stages leaving Winchester for Staunton and Cumberland, these stages leaving Winchester every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The owners of the Mail line from Alexandria to Winchester have secured the services of experienced, sober and accommodating drivers. Their coaches are new and comfortable; their harness new and strong, their teams first rate, and pledge themselves to render every possible accommodation, that can be done for the comfort and safety of those who may patronize their line.

Fare from Alexandria to Winchester \$4. Every attention will be paid to baggage, &c., but all must be considered at the risk of the owners.

THE PROPRIETORS.

Jan 5—eolt

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

THAT the subscriber, of Alexandria county in the District of Columbia, has obtained from the Orphan's Court of said county, letters Testamentary on the estate of Thomson F. Mason, late of the county aforesaid deceased. All persons having claims against said decedent are hereby warned to exhibit the same to the subscriber, passed by the Orphan's Court, on or before the 9th day of February, 1840, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit to said estate; and those indebted thereto are required to make immediate payment. Given under my hand this 9th day of February 1839.

BETSEY C. MASON, Executrix of Thomson F. Mason.

Feb 9—2aw6w

A FISHERY

ON the Potomac River, in the County of King George, between Rozier's and Machodock Creeks, and adjoining the mouth of the former, for rent, lease, or sale with the Farm. It has been successfully fished by a country seine, of small size, but wants cleaning and enlarging. Address Wm. Mardus, on the premises, Millville Post Office, or the subscriber at Smiths-ld. Isle of Wight County.

THOS. SMITH.

Jan 26—eolt

Genuine Italian Spring Wheat.

THE Subscriber has a quantity of Italian Spring Wheat, (for sale at two dollars per bushel,) which was raised on his own Farms: he has had the experience of 2 years crops and has no hesitation in recommending it as much the most productive and profitable summer crop he has raised. He procured the seed from J. Hathaway, of Rome, New York.

NOBLE BEVERIDGE Middleburg, Loudoun County, Va.

Feb 1—eolt

LACE GOODS.

A GENERAL and handsome assortment of thread laces, and edgings, from eight to seventy-five cents per yard,—style and imitation thread do. wire ground laces Bobbinets, Insertings, edgings, Quillings &c. &c.—just received and for sale, wholesale and retail, low, by

Feb 12 GEO. WHITE.

MANUAL OF VOCAL MUSIC.

MANUAL of the Boston Academy of Music, for instruction in Vocal Music, on the system of Pestalozzi, by Lowell Mason; for sale by

Feb 7 FELL & ENTWISLE.



## VARIETY AUCTION.

THIS evening, at my Auction store, commencing at 7 o'clock, will be sold Dry Goods, Double barrel Guns, Shoes, Boots, &c. &c. Also, a lot of New Books, Quills, Pencils &c.

Sale of Furniture in the market square, this Morning, at 8½ o'clock.

Feb 16 GEO. WHITE.

PUBLIC SALE.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on Friday, the first day of next month, (March,) the schooner Potomac, burthen 52 38-95 tons, light draught of water, built for conveying Wheat to, and Flour from the Accomack Mill, will carry about 800 barrels flour under and on deck. Will also be sold on the same day, a lot of ground, on the south side of Duke street, beginning 61 feet 9 inches west of Washington st., thence east on Duke street 30 feet 10 inches, thence South parallel to Washington street 94 feet 4 inches, then west parallel to Duke street 30 feet 10 inches thence to the beginning.

Sale 12 o'clock, at noon, in front of the store lately occupied by Jonathan Janney, deceased. Terms cash.

R. I. TAYLOR, Trustees.

S. M. JANNEY, Trustees.

Feb 15—1t

THIS DAY.

French Brandy &c at Auction, One half Pipe 4th proof French Brandy

One or two Boxes starch 2 half Boxes Cavendish Tobacco

One half chest fresh Y Hyson Tea together with sundry other articles, will be sold at auction, in front of my Store, on Saturday next, the 16th instant, commencing at 11 o'clock

Feb 13 CRAVEN ASHFORD Auct.

Valuable Real Estate for Sale.

IF not previously disposed of at private sale, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 25th inst., expose to sale at public auction, a three story farm dwelling-house and lot of ground on the north side of Queen street, between Fairfax and Royal streets occupied by Mrs. E. Laws, the lot fronting 22 feet on Queen street, and running back 86 feet 8 inches;—also, a lot of ground extending from Fairfax to Royal street, at the distance of 122 feet 3½ inches south of Princess street;—also, a lot of ground on the east side of Royal street, adjoining the last mentioned lot on the north, 29 feet in front and running back 162 feet 10 inches, having a 10 foot alley leading through the square on its north side. This property is in the immediate neighborhood of the termination of the Alexandria Canal.

R. JOHNSTON, Jr., Agent.

Feb 12—eolt

THE GROVE-AT AUCTION.

BY virtue of a deed of Trust, executed to the subscriber, by Hurlah Graham and Mary his wife, and recorded in the Clerk's Office, of the County Court of Prince William, I shall sell, on the 1st day of April next, (that being April Court,) in the Town of Brentsville, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the tract of Land in said deed mentioned, called the Grove. The said tract of land lies in the County of Prince William, within two and a half miles of Brentsville, bounded by Cedar Run on the south, and Col. Gibson's on the north, and contains about five hundred and forty-eight acres. It has on it a commodious Dwelling, Kitchen, and other out houses, a never failing well of fine water, in the yard, and springs on various parts of the Farm, also, a young orchard of fine choice fruit, and upwards of one hundred acres clothed in fine timber, in a country where timber is very scarce, and is situated in one of the most desirable neighborhoods of Virginia. It is deemed unnecessary to be more minute in its description, as it is supposed that those persons desirous of making such a purchase will examine for themselves. As the Farm will positively be sold, and for cash, an excellent opportunity is now afforded, of making a valuable speculation. The title is unquestionable, but the subscriber will only convey to the purchaser, such title as is vested in him.

J. A. WILLIAMSON, Trustee.

Jan 28—dtd

MARSHAL'S