

THE CENTINEL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 29, 1812.

ERRATA.

For number sixteen, in the head of our last paper, read, number fifteen.

Roads.

The road between Fort Stoddert and Georgia, was completed last November, and is highly approved of by gentlemen who travelled it during the dry season, but those who have arrived since the rains set in, say it has become almost impassable for carriages of any description, on account of its miriness: indeed, we understand, that various parts of the route will require extensive *cuttings*; and until they are made, cannot be passed with any certainty in the winter, or the spring.

Great applause and honor is due to Capt. Abuckles and Wilkinson's companies of the 2d. regt. of Infantry for their patriotic exertions in opening this national highway.

The road from Fort Stoddert to Baton Rouge, by the way of Galveston and Cheroula, is not yet finished; and it has been suggested to us, that it will require *100 much attention*, and too frequent repairs, to keep it in tolerable order, to be deserving the labor which has already been expended on it. The party employed on this tour of duty, has been reinforced by a detachment of the 2d. regt. of Infantry, and are now engaged in re-opening the road back to Pearl river, (even at this merciful season) and we are sorry to learn that they are deficient in a number of tents.

By Mr. Pytcham, who lately parted with the two companies of the 2d. Infantry, under the direction of Capt. Lawrence, that are cutting the road towards Tennessee, it appears they had got within forty miles of the Port, their point of destination; of course they will soon be on the return; but as the tributary streams of the Tombigby are now all overflowing, they will find it more a *duress* and fatiguing getting back, than it was going—for the creeks and rivulets, which were nearly dry when they first passed, will at the present, be either *swimming* or *flush* of ice.

The *Riflemen*, ordered to cut from the Tennessee river, had progressed only thirty miles in advance of the *Mobile* *Soldat* on the 10th of December.

Altho' we are truly sensible of the great and various advantages, both in a political and commercial point of view, to be derived from good *waggon roads* through the *desert wilderness*, which almost encompasses us, to the settlements in Georgia, Tennessee and on the Mississippi, yet we cannot perceive the *absolute necessity* of exposing our *intrepid* and *veteran* soldiers, at this *inhospitable* season of the year: in fact, the *hardships* and *real miseries* they must unavoidably experience, may sow the seeds of *coronick diseases*, and be the cause of *debbling* and *finally destroying* many a *brave fellow*, who might even have escaped a *bullet* in the *glorious field of battle*—or who much more cheerfully would have met his fate at the mouth of a cannon.

We do not pretend to question the *benevolence* of General Hampton, for we presume he acts under *irresistible* and *imperious instructions*, (which alone could justify him), but we really lament that so *little humanity* should have been exercised towards the 2d. regt. of Infantry—even from the *veteran worthy colonel*, down to the private.

During the last few weeks, three companies of dragoons and a detachment of Infantry, have arrived at

Fort Stoddert, which, in addition to the 2d. regt. renders the command of this post highly respectable.

General Hampton, we are informed, has selected a site for a *permanent cantonment* about thirty-five miles below, on the eastern channel of the Mobile, whither the troops are to be removed in the spring.

The Eastern Mail has again failed. Had it been the first or even the *tenth* time in twenty weeks, we would not have gumbled; but failure after failure at this interesting period, renders our situation deplorable.—In a few weeks, we will be enabled to lay before the Post-Master-General a concise statement of the number of failures for the last quarter, when, we hope, he will remedy the complaint.

Post Department.

We beg leave to call the attention of those "whom it may particularly concern," to the unfortunate situation of the post-establishment between Georgia and Orleans.

We have understood that the original contractor for carrying the mail *farmed out* the contract (after pocketing a few thousands) to a couple of gentlemen in Milledgeville, who keep a House of Public Entertainment, whose engagements were such, as to preclude the possibility of their attending to *this duty*, and they again, after remunerating themselves very handsomely for *their trouble*, lets the contract to other agents, one of whom was a *post rider*, who, it is said, had his horse *absolutely seized under him* for *expenses* (food) whilst carrying the mail.

Another serious disadvantage which we labor under, is, that the "mail bags" are of so *contracted a size*, that frequently, *all the letters* which arrive at Milledgeville, directed for Orleans and Fort Stoddert, cannot be forwarded at one time; and there are now actually *several* *waggon loads* of Pamphlets and newspapers detained at Milledgeville on this account.

There has very nearly been *two failures* for one arrival of the mail, for the last three months, and considering the "*peculiarities*" of our situation, and the necessity of our receiving intelligence from the seat of government regularly, we flatter ourselves that some remedy will be speedily applied by the proper constituted authority, to correct this *serious public evil*.

The mail from Georgia to Orleans was formerly under the direction of *General Post Office agents*, and carried at the expense of the United States. This mode of conveyance, altho' attended with no great pecuniary emolument, was highly judicious, and certainly the most correct, for *failures* then seldom happened, and now they constantly do. Would it not, therefore, be advantageous for government to *renovate this sound old system*, until our difficulties at home and abroad should cease?

The following piece we extract from the Mississippi Gazette, not on account of the correctness, or authenticity of the same, but to shew those persons who are acquainted with the "sundry extra judicial and tyrannical acts of H. Toulmin esq." what his enemies can resort to in order to stain his character. The presentment alluded to was positively denied as having been made, by one of the grand jury a few days after the rise of the court, in order that Judge Toulmin should not have an opportunity of refuting the calumnies contained therein, before the same should have obtained circulation. We feel no hesitation in stating that the person's character who

communicated the same to the editor of the M. G. is as far from honestly or candid, as the piece is full of venom.

(BY REQUEST.)

"A Presentment of the Grand Jury of Baldwin county, complaining of sundry extra judicial and tyrannical acts of Harry Toulmin, esq. Judge of the Superior Court of Washington District, was read, and on motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee of five members and Meigs Kennedy, Hoggatt, C. C. Bolch and Patton were appointed said Select Committee.

Mr. Kennedy, from the committee to whom was referred the Presentment of the Grand Jury of the county of Baldwin, against Harry Toulmin, Judge of the Superior Court for Washington District, made the following report, to wit:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, in general assembly convened, That the speaker of this house be requested, without delay, to forward three copies of the Presentment of the Grand Jury of Baldwin county, made to this house against H. Toulmin, esq. Judge of the Superior Court for Washington District, one copy to the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States, and one copy to the Hon. George Poindexter, our delegate in congress, together with a transcript of the resolve, to be by him, laid before the house of representatives of the United States, in congress assembled, for their consideration.

On motion, Resolved, That the said Report and Resolution be received and agreed to by the house.

The editor of the National Intelligencer will recollect the remarks he made on the Presentment of the Citizens of the Mississippi Territory, residing in the counties of Washington, Wayne and Baldwin; and he will recollect that the above resolve is against the *scandalous Public Servant*, the Hon. H. Toulmin.

Extract from the communication of the Governor of North Carolina to the Legislature.

Fellow Citizens—Partisans and threatening clouds darken our political horizon, which must soon be dispelled, or they will generate a storm that will burst upon our heads with redoubled fury. The crisis is alarming. Too long have we borne the injuries heaped upon us by the oppressive belligerents of Europe. In vain have we deplored on the justice of these hostile nations. They have trampled on our rights, imprisoned our citizens, plundered our property and degraded us with insults not to be endured by a nation having any pretensions to honor or independence. Our forbearance and love of peace have tempted their insolence. It is full time to make a determined stand. Let us discard all foreign partialities or prejudices, the bane of republics. Let us know the nations of the earth only as enemies in war, in peace, friends. Let us cling to our own government, and support it with zeal, as the ark of our safety. Let us assure our political head of the warmest support, with our lives and fortunes, in the sacred cause of defending our country's rights. Viewing the man as a traitor, who would encourage a separation of the States, let us cherish that unanimity which will secure our safety against a world in arms. Let us strive in our neighborhoods, both by precept and example, to discard all party bickerings, and promote a spirit of harmony and good will. Let us cherish industrious and frugal habits, improve domestic manufactures, facilitate the means of education, but above all, regard "the one thing needful," which will bring down blessings on

ourselves, and ensure from the giver of all good gifts, peace, liberty and happiness to our common and beloved country.

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that Whereas J. B. CHANDLER, late of Charles county, state of Maryland, by letters of attorney, bearing date the 5th Feb. 1811, did constitute, and appoint WILLIAM H. ROBERTSON, of the city of New Orleans, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name to transact all business relative to a Commercial Establishment on Tombigby, in the Mississippi Territory.

Now, be it known, that for divers reasons, I the said J. B. Chandler, have this eight day of Dec. 1811, revoked and made null and void the aforesaid letters of attorney, and all power and authority, matters and things therein contained, by me given.

And I hereby notify, and request all persons indebted to the aforesaid House, whilst under the immediate direction of the said William H. Robertson, at the town of Mobile, to make immediate payment to me only, otherwise an attorney will be duly authorized to recover the same.

John B. Chandler.

Town of Mobile, Dec. 8, 1811.

Testis

George W. Field.
Alex. Miller.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The undersigned will still continue to transact the BROKERAGE & COMMISSION BUSINESS, in Mobile. He will be always happy to serve those who may favor him with their custom.

John B. Chandler.

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Notice.

THE subscriber being appointed Executor of the Estate of PASCAL EVANS, deceased, request all those to whom the estate is indebted, to present their accounts to him duly authenticated for settlement; and those indebted to the said estate will make payment to him.

D. Deval, Ex'r.

Mobile, Jan. 1, 1812.

Any person wishing to contract for getting out and delivering at Mobile, one hundred thousand hhd. STAVES and HEADS, between this and the 1st day of April next, will please apply as above. Jan. 21

Wanted to Purchase,

FROM fifteen to thirty bushels of

Rye seed,

for which a liberal price will be given. Apply in Mobile to

James Innerarity.

August 30th, 1811. 14 3wp

Drug Store.

THE subscribers have the honor of informing the public in general, that they have opened a

Drug and Medicine Store, in Mobile. They will constantly have on hand a general assortment of

Drugs, Medicines, Surgeons' Instruments, Patent Medicines, Paints, &c. &c.

Wm. H. Dobbs & Co.
Mobile, July 16, 1811. 218