

The country lying above on the Tombigbee and Alabama, possesses, we understand, qualities (in point of soil) superior to those above described; and we calculate ere long, on seeing the rich productions of the counties of Madison, Elk, Blount and Shelby, and those of Montgomery and Monroe, floating down our rivers, and crowding the streets of the towns on their borders.

### SINGULAR STORY.

*From a Portsmouth (Eng.) Paper.*

By a letter we have received from France, we learn the following very singular story: "A strange circumstance occurred lately at Brest; a man in the last stage of a dangerous disorder, sent for a priest to give him *extreme unction*—the priest after some conversation with the man, told him that he could not give him *extreme unction* without he surrendered up the lands that he held, and which belonged to the church previous to the revolution. In vain did the poor man point out that he had purchased them at a fair valuation, and had a large family to bequeath them to; the priest told him if he did not he would be damned and go to hell; the poor man replied he would not give up the land but take his chance. In a few days he died, and was refused the rites of the church or christian burial, in consequence of his having died without receiving *extreme unction*, and the priest told his family that he was certain of going to hell & that the Devil would come that night and take away his body.—The wretched family were dreadfully alarmed, and they employed an old soldier to sit up all night and watch the corpse, furnishing him with a bottle of wine, bread and cheese and a sword to protect himself.

At midnight the door flew open and in walked three figures dressed so as to appear like devils; they walked round the room to try to intimidate the soldier, but the veteran who had never feared to oppose an enemy was not to be panic struck, but broke silence, and accosted them in these words: "You Mr. Devils if one of you lays a hand upon that body, I will cut it off."

After some time, one more courageous than the rest seized upon the feet of the corpse, and another took hold of the head; the soldier immediately made a chop at the hand of the first, and nearly cut off his arm; the other he wounded on the shoulder; a scuffle ensued, but in a short time the devils disappeared, leaving a large quantity of blood behind them, which shewed they were human.

The next day the family waited on the Prefect; and related to him the strange circumstance, when he sent for the priest who had refused to give him *extreme unction*. The priest returned for answer that he was unwell, and could not attend him; after several messengers had been despatched without success, to inform him he must come, a guard of soldiers was sent, who brought

him up, and he proved to be the very person whom the soldier had cut across the arm: his accomplices have been traced out, and they are all safely lodged in prison."

On the 12th July the British Parliament was prorogued to the 25th of August. Previous to the prorogation, the following Speech was delivered by the Prince Regent from the Throne.

*"My Lords & Gentlemen:*

"I cannot close this session of Parliament without renewing my expressions of deep regret at the continuance of his Majesty's lamented indisposition. The diligence with which you have applied yourselves to the consideration of the different subjects which I recommended to your attention at the commencement of the session, demands my warmest acknowledgements; and I have no doubt that the favorable change which is happily taking place in our internal situation, is to be mainly ascribed to the salutary measures which you have adopted for preserving the public tranquillity, and to your steady adherence to those principles by which the constitution, resources, and credit of the country have been hitherto preserved and maintained. Notwithstanding the arts and industry which have been too successfully exerted in some parts of the country to alienate the affections of his Majesty's subjects, and stimulate them to acts of violence and insurrection, I have had the satisfaction of receiving the most decisive proofs of the loyalty and public spirit of the great body of the people; & the patience with which they have sustained the most severe temporary distress cannot be too highly commended. I am fully sensible of the confidence which you have manifested towards me by the extraordinary powers which you have placed in my hands; the necessity which has called for them, is to me matter of deep regret: and you may rely on my making a temperate but effectual use of them, for the protection and security of his Majesty's loyal subjects.

*"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

"I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted to me; and for the laborious investigation which, at my recommendation, you have made into the state of the income and expenditure of the country. It has given me sincere pleasure to find that you have been enabled to provide for every branch of the public service, without any additions to the burdens of the people. The state of public credit affords a decisive proof of the wisdom and expediency, under all the present circumstances, of those financial arrangements which you have adopted. I have every reason to believe that the deficiency in the revenue is, in a great degree, to be ascribed to the unfavorable state of the last season; & I look forward with sanguine expectation to its gradual improvement.

*"My Lords and Gentlemen:*

"The measures which were in

progress at the commencement of the Session, for the issue of a new Silver Coinage have been carried into execution in the manner which has given universal satisfaction; and to complete the system which has been sanctioned by parliament, a Gold Coinage of a new denomination has been provided for the convenience of the public. I continue to receive from Foreign powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition towards this country; and of their desire to preserve the general tranquillity. The prospect of an abundant harvest throughout a considerable part of the continent is in the highest degree satisfactory. This happy dispensation of Providence cannot fail to mitigate, if not wholly remove, the pressure under which so many of the nations of Europe have been suffering in the course of the last year; and I trust that we may look forward in consequence to an improvement in the commercial relations of this and all other countries. I cannot allow you to separate without recommending to you, that upon your return to your several counties, you should use your utmost endeavors to defeat all attempts to corrupt and mislead the lower classes of the community; & that you should lose no opportunity of inculcating among them that spirit of concord and obedience to the laws, which is not less essential to their happiness as individuals, than it is indispensable to the general welfare and prosperity of the kingdom."

### Fever and Ague, and Intermittent Fever CURED!!

The subscriber has just received from Doctor Griffith, an *infallible* remedy for the above mentioned diseases. Of the many hundred boxes which have been sold in New-York and Cincinnati, a *single* case has never occurred in which ONE box failed to cure in THREE days, as can be attested by many gentleman of respectability.

For Sale by

THOMAS DOUGLAS.  
Madison, Sept. 16, 1817. 40tf

### John Sheets

**R**ESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Madison and its vicinity, that he is now opening a general assortment of Merchandise in the white building opposite major Henry Ristine's tavern; where all those wishing to purchase can have an opportunity of examining the prices for themselves, which he hopes will be perfectly satisfactory, as nothing on his part shall be wanting to give general satisfaction.

Madison, July 7, 1817. 29tf

### One Rifle

## GUN

For sale at this Office.

## NOTICE.

THE Partnership of M'Clure & King is this day dissolved mutual consent—All persons indebted to said Firm, are requested to make immediate payment to David M'Clure, who is authorized to receive the same.

DAVID M'CLURE  
VICTOR KING.

Madison. Sept. 3, 1817.

### New Goods!

DAVID M'CLURE & CO. HAVE just received and are opening in the house formerly occupied by M'Clure and King a large and elegant assortment of Seasonable Goods—among which are the following articles, viz:

Dry Goods  
Superfine Cloths  
Fine do  
Coarse do  
Coatings  
Kersey netts  
Prince's Cord  
Swansdown  
Flannels, assorted  
Rose Blankets  
Point do  
Domestic Plaid  
Stripe do  
Calicoes, assorted  
Cambric Muslin  
Jaconet do Plain & Figure  
Book do  
Melmul do  
India Muslins  
Chambray do  
Velvets  
Cords  
Merseilles Vesting  
Steam Loom Shirting  
Shirting Cambric  
Irish Linen  
Levantine  
Lustring  
Satin  
Florentine  
Silk, Shambrays, Hdks, &c.  
Hardware  
Cutlery, assorted.  
Screws  
Hinges  
Handsaws  
Tenon do  
Crosscut do  
Wrought Nails  
Cut do  
Pig Lead, &c.  
Crowly Steel, &c.  
Window Glass, 8 b 10  
Queensware  
Glassware  
Chinaware  
GROCERIES  
Best Green Coffee  
Imperial Tea  
Young Hyson do  
Loaf Sugar  
New-Orleans do  
Pepper  
Alspice  
Ginger  
Coperas  
Madder  
Alum  
Rosin  
Shad, &c. &c.

All of which they will sell low for CASH—They will also keep constant supply of Coffee & Sugar by the bl. and Young Hyson Tea by the box.

Madison. Sept. 16. 40--tf

Tallow wanted at this OFFICE.