

STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

By his Excellency JOHN DRAYTON, Governor and
Commander in Chief, in over the state of South
Carolina.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on or about the fifteenth of February last, two valuable Negroes were stolen, and carried away, from Doctor Waring's plantation on Waccamaw River, by a man called *Baldwin*, who was employed by him as an overseer: I hereby offer a reward of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS**, to any person, who shall arrest and deliver him to any Sheriff or Gaoler of this state, to be duly confined in gaol on the charge of negro stealing, until thence delivered by due course of law.

Baldwin is about five feet five, to seven inches in height, from twenty-seven to thirty years of age: well made: remarkably active; speaks fluently, and is very plausible: his voice is more effeminate, than strong and manly: was surveyor in the Mississippi Territory; and kept a school on the *Long Bay* in this state, during the summer: he says he is a native of Massachusetts, but more probably it is supposed from Virginia.

And I do hereby earnestly require, and strictly enjoin, all Officers of this state civil and military, and all authorities of the same, to be vigilant in arresting, trying, and bringing to justice, and to due and lawful punishment, all persons, charged with negro stealing: which, has of late increased to a degree, requiring such punishments, as the laws of the state authorize; and which shall, in proper cases, be carried into full effect; so far, as depends upon the authorities and powers, with which, I am invested.

Witness my Hand, and the Great Seal of the state, at Hopeland; this first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten, and in the thirty-fourth year of American Independence.

JOHN DRAYTON.

By the Governor,
STEPHEN LEE, Secretary of State.