

*The Bandit—Taken!*—In addition to the details which we have extracted from the Petersburg and Norfolk papers, we lay before our readers the following Letters which have been addressed to this city. The first is from the pen of a gentleman to whom we have been so much indebted for the previous details of this murderous insurrection. We place full confidence in his statements. No man can read these accounts, without setting **Nat Turner** down as a wild fanatic or a gross impostor—but without possessing a single quality of a Hero or a General—without spirit, without courage, and without sagacity.—We are happy, however, that he is taken; as it will extinguish in the minds of the ignorant wretches the delusions which his pretensions may have created; and as it may enable the citizens of Southampton better to understand the plans and extent of the insurrection, from the confessions of its leader:

#### EXTRACTS OF LETTERS.

*Southampton, Nov. 1.* "Nat Turner is at last safely lodged in jail. He was apprehended in a cave, near the residence of his late master, on Sunday about 12 o'clock, and brought to Jerusalem on Monday, where I heard him examined by the magistrates, and saw him committed to the custody of the 'four walls.' He was taken by Benj. Phipps, an industrious man, in the neighborhood, and in reduced circumstances, so that the reward will be of great consequence to him. Nat made no resistance, and had no other arms but a small light sword, which he surrendered. His captor had a shot gun well-charged.

"He answers exactly the description annexed to the Governor's Proclamation, except that he is of a darker hue, and his eyes, though large, are not prominent—they are very long, deeply seated in his head, and have rather a sinister expression. A more gloomy fanatic you have never heard of. He gave, apparently with great candour, a history of the operations of his mind for many years past; of the signs he saw; the spirit he conversed with; of his prayers, fastings, and watchings, and of his supernatural power and gift, in curing diseases, controlling the weather, &c. These he considered for a long time only as a call to superior righteousness; and it was not until rather more than a year ago that the idea of emancipating the blacks entered his mind. How this idea came, or in what manner it was connected with his signs, &c., I could not get him to explain in a manner at all satisfactory—notwithstanding I examined him closely upon this point, he always seemed to mystify. He does not, however, pretend to conceal that he was the author of the design, and that he imparted it to five or six others, all of whom seemed prepared with ready minds and hands to engage in it. These were they who rendezvoused in the field near Travis's. He says their only arms were hatchets and axes at the commencement—that he entered Travis's house by an open window, passed through his chamber, and going through the outer door into the yard to his followers, told them that the work was now open to them. One of them, Hark, went into the house and brought out three guns—they then commenced their horrid butchery! he, Nat, giving the first blow, with a hatchet, both to his master and mistress as they lay asleep in bed. He says that indiscriminate massacre was not their intention after they obtained foothold, and was resorted to in the first instance to strike terror and alarm. Women and children would afterwards have been spared, and men too who ceased to resist.

"I had intended to enter into further particulars, and indeed to have given you a detailed statement of his confession, but I understand a gentleman is engaged to take them down verbatim from his own lips, with a view of gratifying public curiosity; I will not therefore forestal him."

*Another.* "The hero of the Southampton insurrection is taken and safely lodged in our jail. I have had a conversation with some gentlemen who saw him yesterday, from whom I learn the following particulars, which may be relied on:—Nat states that there was no concert of an insurrection; that he did mention the subject to two persons, about the months of April or May last, and that no other person knew any thing about his plans, until the day previous to the attack which was commenced on his master's family [Jos. Travis.] He admits he struck his master with his hatchet first, who called on his wife when he received the fatal blow from one of his associates. He was asked what he had done with all the money he had taken from the individuals they murdered? He answered, that he only received 4s. 6d., and turning to one of the prisoners [a free negro] who stands over for further trial, said to him you know money was not my object. He had been seen several times within the last fifteen days by negroes; and about three days before he was taken, Mr. Francis found him in one of his stacks and fired a pistol at him, but he succeeded in making his escape. About fifty men turned out immediately, and kept up the pursuit two or three days, but could not see any thing of him, and on Sunday last, a young man by the name of Phipps, went out by himself and found

\*Nat states there were eight in number when they commenced, and they, only, knew any thing of his plans.

him in a cave, on the same plantation they had drove the previous day; he had no arms except a sword, which he threw down and surrendered."

*Another.* "Nat, the ring leader of the late insurrection, was apprehended by B. Phipps, on Sunday last, and has been committed to jail. He is making a voluntary confession, of the motives which induced him to commence the insurrection, to Mr. Thoas R. Gray, who intends publishing them, in pamphlet form, for the satisfaction of the public."

*Important Indian News.*—We learn that on Wednesday last, Mr. Gardiner, the commissioner on the part of the United States, concluded a preliminary agreement in writing, with the Chiefs of the Wyandot tribe of Indians, for a cession of all their lands in Ohio, on terms similar to those of the treaties made with the other Indian tribes in this State, during the past summer. The final conclusion of a complete treaty depends solely on the report to be made by an exploring Delegation of the Wyandots, now on their way to examine the country designed for them, west of the State of Missouri. The Delegation, six in number, conducted by William Walker, Esq. of Upper Sandusky, passed through this town on Friday afternoon. Mr. Gardiner accompanies them as far as Cincinnati, to furnish the necessary funds for the expenses of their party.

It is said that the tract of country assigned to the Wyandots, which lies on the Missouri river opposite the mouth of the Kansas, is highly fertile, and in every respect calculated to supply their wants; and there is little doubt of a favorable report from the Delegation; in which event the completion of a treaty with them may be expected in two or three months. It is expected the Delegation may return by Christmas.

Although these treaties are necessarily attended with considerable expense to Government, yet we think there is reason to congratulate the people of Ohio on the success which has attended the negotiations with the Indians in this State.—By the cession of the Wyandot Reserve a large and very valuable body of land, occupied by them, will become the abode of civilization, industry and wealth.—The Sandusky plains embrace some of the most beautiful and fertile tracts in the State.—*Bellefonte Ohio Gazette.*

#### YORKVILLE, S. C. Nov. 10.

The Postmaster General has established a Distributing Post Office in this place; and the Postmaster has received his instructions, and opens and closes the mail accordingly.

That stupendous work at the Navy Yard in Charlestown, (Mass.) called the Dry Dock, is finished, all except fitting in the gates, which are to be sixty feet in breadth. It has been built for the reception of ships of war, including the largest class, which can be floated in at high tide; when the gates are shut, and the water pumped out, so as to leave the vessel dry on the ways for any repairs that may be wanting. The frigate Constitution, about which so much anxiety was expressed last year, is the first to undergo repairs in this great artificial harbor.—*Tuscaloosa Intelligencer.*

One hundred subscribers to Webster's Dictionary have been obtained in Europe. Is not brother Jonathan about to refine his mother-tongue, and to send back to the Anglo Saxon capitol a purer dialect than can be obtained in the manufactories of Oxford and Cambridge, or from the mines of Cornwall?—*ib.*

It is rumored that part of the annual appropriation for pensions, will be set apart for the purchase of Mount Vernon, (the well known seat of General Washington) where an asylum is to be erected for the benefit of disabled soldiers.—*Tuscaloosa Intelligencer.*

## LINCOLNTON FEMALE ACADEMY.

THE Trustees take this method of announcing to the public, that the exercises of the School have commenced, under the superintendance of MISS AMELIA THOMPSON, a lady of fine literary acquirements, and eminently qualified to teach the various branches of female education.

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