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NORTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE.

[The following is taken from the SOUTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE, of October 31st, being the last Paper intended to be printed in that Province, till an Alteration of Affairs in AMERICA.]

CHARLES-TOWN, OCTOBER 30.

FRIDAY the 18th instant, late in the evening arrived, and came to an anchor under the cannon of Fort Johnston, the ship Planter's Adventure, Capt. Miles Lowley, from London. It having been some time before reported, that a Distributor of STAMPS for this province was coming over in this ship, and it being suspected, from the circumstance of her not coming up to town that night, that there was on board either a stamp officer, stamps, or stamp paper,

Early on Saturday morning, (October 19th) in the middle of Broad street and Church street, near Mr. Dillon's (being the most central and public part of the town) appeared suspended on a gallows twenty feet high, an effigy, designed to represent a distributor of stamp paper, with a figure of the devil on his right hand, and on his left a Boot, with a head stuck upon it, distinguished by a blue bonnet; to each of which were affixed labels, expressive of the sense of a people, unshaken in their loyalty, but tenacious of just liberty, who had conceived, "that all internal duties imposed upon them without the consent of their immediate, or even virtual, representatives, was grievous, oppressive, and unconstitutional; and that an extension of the powers and jurisdictions of admiralty courts in America, tended to subvert one of their most darling legal rights and privileges, that of trials by juries."—On the gallows, in very conspicuous characters, was written, "LIBERTY, and no STAMP-ACT;" and on the back of the principal figure these words, viz. "Whoever shall dare attempt to pull down these effigies, had better been born with a mill-stone about his neck, and cast into the sea."—In this situation the effigies continued the whole day, without one person's offering to disturb or take them down, the court of general sessions of the peace, oyer and terminer, assize, and general jail delivery, sitting all the while; nor was there the least riot or disturbance, though a great concourse of people incessantly resorted to the place of exhibition.—In the evening the figures were taken down, and received in a cart or wagon, drawn by eight or ten horses, when a procession commenced down Broad street to the Bay, attended at least by two thousand souls, continuing from thence to the exchange, and up Tradd-street, halting at the door of a house belonging to George Saxby, Esq. (the then supposed distributor of stamps) occupied by Captain William Coats, some small injuries to the windows of which it was impossible to prevent from so great a number (whom it required great prudence, and no less exertion of influence in many, to restrain from levelling it with the ground) not owing however to any personal dislike to Mr.

Saxby,

N. B. (No Stamp'd PAPER to be had.)