FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHOCK JEFFREY R					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATO CORP [ CATO ]								(Che	eck all app Direct	ector icer (give title		rson(s) to Is 10% Ov Other (s	vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 34216					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2021									below			below)	Specify
(Street) CHARLOTTE NC 282344216 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day				Execution Date,		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				Benefic	ies cially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
						Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or F	Price	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)			(1130.4)		
Class A Common Stock 05/01/2					2021				A 4,342 <sup>(1)</sup> A		A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	28	28,023		D		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		on Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins. 3 and 4)  Amou or Numb of Title Share		str.	3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	,	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Compensation Committee awarded restricted shares on March 24, 2021. The grant was effective May 1, 2021, but the shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.

/s/ John R. Howe, Attorney-

In-Fact

05/04/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY For Executing Forms 3, 4 and 5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of John R. Howe and Stuart L Uselton, signing singularly, as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact of the undersigned to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and the timely filing of such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 5th day of May, 2009.

/s/ Jeffrey R. Shock