

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

After a brief interval the Congress of the United States resumes its annual legislative labors. An all-wise and merciful Providence has abated the pestilence which visited our shores...

In my message of the 4th of December, 1865, Congress was informed of the measures which had been instituted by the Executive with a view to the gradual restoration of the States...

Having progressed thus far, the Executive Department found that it had accomplished nearly all that was within the scope of its constitutional authority.

In the meantime, the Executive Department — no other plan having been proposed by Congress — continued its efforts to perfect, as far as was practicable, the restoration of the proper relations between the citizens of the respective States and the Federal Government, extending from time to time, as the public interests seemed to require, the judicial, revenue, and postal systems of the country.

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interest in the Republic of Mexico. The newly appointed Minister of the United States, Mr. Campbell, was thereupon sent forward, on the 9th of November last, to assume his proper functions as Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Mexico.

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LAND FOR SALE On Thursday, the 20th of December, 1866, I will sell at Public Auction, on the premises 9 miles East of Charlotte, my PLANTATION containing 200 acres of Land, well adapted to the cultivation of corn, cotton, wheat, &c. 75 acres are in cultivation, and some of it in meadow land. There is a Dwelling and all necessary out-houses on the place—all in good repair.

Credit Sale. On Wednesday, 19th December, 1866, I will sell at Public Sale, my Dwelling House, 5 miles North of Charlotte, six head of horses and mules, two or three wagons, about twenty head of cattle, some fine milch cows, pigs, sheep, corn, fodder, straw, hay, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, and various other articles too tedious to mention. Terms made known on day of sale.

NOTICE. I am authorized to give notice to all persons indebted to R. HOUSTON JOHNSTON, that his papers must be settled. They have the opportunity until the 1st day of January next of paying what they can, and making arrangements for the residue, with indulgence given when such satisfactory arrangements are made—at which time my mission will end. I am also authorized to say that all suits not arranged with me by that time will be sued on. W. B. WITHERS, Agent.

Administrator's Sale. As Special Administrator, upon the estate of A. J. Orr, dec'd, I will sell at Public Sale, on the 2nd day of January next, at the Court House in Charlotte, the perishable property of said Estate, consisting of TWO HORSES in good condition, and other articles of property. ROBERT D. JOHNSTON, Special Adm'r.

NOTICE. All the creditors of J. B. French, deceased, by presenting their claims, against said estate, to the undersigned, can have them arranged for settlement. ROBT. D. JOHNSTON, Attorney.

WILSON, CALLAWAY & CO., Bankers and Commission Merchants, No. 41 Broad Street, NEW YORK.

MESSRS J. Y. BRUCE & CO., will make liberal advances on Shipments to our House. Dec 3, 1866

State of N. Carolina, Mecklenburg Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions—Oct. Term, 1866. Attachment levied on one House and Lot in the city of Charlotte, in State No. 263.

State of N. Carolina, Mecklenburg Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions—Oct. Term, 1866. W. P. Robinson vs. John H. Allen.

Attachment levied on 1 Brown Mule, 13 head of Hogs, 1 Road Wagon, 15 Plow Shears, 7 head of Sheep, 4 head of Cattle, 2 Axes, 4 Pick Axes, 4 Hoes, 4 Plovers, 1 Bureau, 1 Book Case, 3 Tables, 1 Cupboard, 3 Beds and Furniture, 1 Masket, 1 Clock, Cooking Utensils.

State of N. Carolina, Mecklenburg Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions—Oct. Term, 1866. Benjamin F. Boone and wife Mollie E. and Henrietta C. Orr, vs. James I. Orr, Executor of John Orr, deceased, and others.

State of N. Carolina, Mecklenburg Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions—Oct. Term, 1866. Wm. Tully, Administrator of J. R. Tradnick, dec'd, vs. Heirs at Law of J. R. Tradnick, dec'd.

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Just Received, 50 Kegs Superior White Lead, 40 Boxes Cheese, 800 Bushels Corn, 2,000 Lbs. Castings. For one home and foreign orders, apply to HAMMOND & McLAUGHLIN. Dec 3, 1866.