



TARBOROUGH,

SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 1837.

**"A SPECK OF WAR!"**

The President transmitted to the Senate, on the 7th inst. the following highly important message on the subject of our relations with Mexico. After being read, the message was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**To the Senate of the United States:**

At the beginning of the session, Congress was informed that our claims upon Mexico had not been adjusted, but that, notwithstanding the irritating effect upon her councils of the movements in Texas, I hoped, by great forbearance, to avoid the necessity of again bringing the subject of them to your notice. That hope has been disappointed. Having in vain urged upon that Government the justice of those claims and my indispensable obligation to insist that there should be "no further delay in the acknowledgment, if not in the redress of the injuries complained of," my duty requires that the whole subject should be presented, as it now is, for the action of Congress, whose exclusive right it is to decide on the further measures of redress to be employed. The length of time since some of the injuries have been committed, the repeated and unavailing applications for redress, the wanton character of some of the outrages upon the property and persons of our citizens, upon the officers and flag of the United States, independent of recent insults to this Government and people by the late Extraordinary Mexican Minister, would justify, in the eyes of all nations, immediate war. That remedy, however, should not be used by just and generous nations, confiding in their strength, for injuries committed, if it can be honorably avoided; and it has occurred to me that considering the present embarrassed condition of that country, we should act with both wisdom and moderation, by giving to Mexico one more opportunity to atone for the past, before we take redress into our own hands. To avoid all misconception on the part of Mexico, as well as to protect our own national character from reproach, this opportunity should be given, with the avowed design and full preparation to take immediate satisfaction if it should not be obtained on a repetition of the demand for it. To this end I recommend that an act be passed authorizing reprisals, and the use of the naval force of the United States, by the Executive, against Mexico, to enforce them, in the event of a refusal by the Mexican Government to come to an amicable adjustment of the matters in controversy between us, upon another demand thereof from on board one of our vessels of war on the coast of Mexico.

The documents herewith transmitted, with those accompanying my message in answer to a call of the H. of Representatives of the 17th ult., will enable Congress to judge of the propriety of the course heretofore pursued, and to decide upon the necessity of that now recommended.

If these views should fail to meet the concurrence of Congress, and that body be able to find in the condition of the affairs between the two countries, as disclosed by the accompanying documents, with those referred to, any well grounded reasons to hope than an adjustment of the controversy between them can be effected without a resort to the measures I have felt it my duty to recommend, they may be assured of my co-operation in any other course that shall be deemed honorable and proper.

ANDREW JACKSON.

Washington, Feb. 6, 1837.

**Election of President.**—MARTIN VAN BUREN of New York was yesterday officially proclaimed to be elected President of the United States for four years from the 4th March, 1837. The votes for the different candidates, as reported, were:

For Martin Van Buren of New York—If the votes of Michigan be counted 170  
If the votes of Michigan be not counted 167  
For William Henry Harrison of Ohio 73  
For Hugh Lawson White of Tennessee 26  
For Daniel Webster of Massachusetts 14  
For Willie P. Mangum of North Carolina 11

**Election of Vice President.**

It appearing, upon counting the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President of the United States, that no person had received for the office of Vice President a majority of the votes of the whole number of electors appointed, (R. M. Johnson having received, including Michigan, 147 votes; Francis Granger, 77; John Tyler, 47; and William Smith 23—148 being a majority,) the Senate yesterday (immediately after leaving the House of Representatives) proceeded to the election of a Vice President, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution; and the following was the result of the vote then given:

For Richard M. Johnson of Kentucky—Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Cuthbert, Dana, Ewing of Illinois, Fulton, Grundy, Hendricks, Hubbard, King of Alabama, King of Georgia, Linn, Lyon, McKean, Moore, Morris, Mouton, Nicholas, Niles, Norvell, Page, Parker, Rives, Robinson, Ruggles, Sevier, Strange, Tallmadge, Tipton, Walker and Wright—33.

For Francis Granger of New York—Messrs. Bayard, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Ewing of Ohio, Kent, Knight, Prentiss, Robbins, Southard, Spence, Swift, Tomlinson, Wall, and Webster—16.

The Chair then announced that Richard M. Johnson of Kentucky had received 33 votes, and Francis Granger 16.

The President, after announcing the result, declared that RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Kentucky, had been chosen by the Senate, in pursuance of the provisions contained in the Constitution, Vice President of the U. States for four years, commencing with the 4th of March next.

Globe, 9th inst.

**CONGRESS.**

In the Senate, on Thursday, the bill to prohibit the sale of Public Lands except to actual settlers, &c., was passed by a vote of 29 to 23.

On Friday "the Currency Bill" passed the Senate by a vote of 41 to 5. The bill, as passed, provides that there shall be no discrimination in the kind of funds to be receivable between the different branches of the revenue; thus effectually rescinding the Treasury Order, in that respect.

The House of Representatives were engaged during the day in discussing the unfinished business of Tuesday, being the question of privilege raised by the foolish attempt of Mr. Adams to present a petition from slaves.

Mr. Patton offered the following resolutions:

**Resolved,** That any member who shall hereafter present to the House any petition from the slaves in this Union, ought to be considered as regardless of the feelings of the House, the rights of the Southern States, and unfriendly to the Union.

**Resolved,** That the Hon. John Q. Adams, having solemnly disclaimed all design of doing anything disrespectful to the House, in the inquiry he made of the Speaker, as to the petition purporting to be from slaves; and having avowed his intention not to offer to present the petition to the House, was of opinion that it

ought to be presented; therefore, all further proceedings in regard to his conduct do now cease.

The 1st resolution was rejected ayes 92, nays 105. The 2d was also rejected, ayes 22, nays 137.

Mr. Wise having informed the House of Representatives that Reuben M. Whitney positively refused to obey the subpoena, summoning him before the Investigating Committee of which Mr. W. is chairman, the House on motion of Mr. Lincoln of Massachusetts, passed the following resolution by a vote of 100 to 85.

**Resolved,** That the Speaker of the House issue his warrant, directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to take into his custody the person of the said Reuben M. Whitney, that he may be brought to the bar of the House, to answer for the contempt aforesaid."

**Scenes at Washington.**—The following description of a scene at Washington City, is taken from the New York Evening Post. Mr. Peyton recently made a speech in Congress, in which alluding to Mr. Whitney, he said, "Reuben truly has a claim to greatness; a great traitor, a great liar, and a great rogue." It would seem indeed that Mr. Peyton himself is desirous of acquiring great notoriety, unless his conduct as well as his language has been grossly misrepresented.

A man of the name of Peyton, a citizen of Tennessee, who happens by some mistake of his constituents to be a member of Congress, has been placed on a committee to inquire whether Reuben M. Whitney, the agent of several of the deposit Banks, is also an agent of the United States Treasury, and whether, in this latter capacity, he has done any thing worthy of censure. Mr. Peyton, it appears, had prepared himself for this investigation as he would for a row at "Natchez under the bill." A powder-horn instead of an ink-horn, percussion caps instead of foolscap, pistols instead of pens, and slugs of lead instead of sand, were the instruments which this polished representative of "the most enlightened and most highly civilized nation of the world" took with him into the committee-room to prosecute his profound investigation into the conduct of Reuben M. Whitney. The following version of the proceedings of Mr. Peyton, is given by the Journal of Commerce.

"The report is, that Mr. Whitney, being closely pressed by Mr. Peyton upon some point of inquiry, made a personal and rude assault upon him by way of reply. Mr. Peyton they say, instantly drew a pistol, and would have shot him down, had he not been prevented by the interposition of the members of the committee. 'Thief, villain,' said M. P. 'if you dare address me in that manner, I will' &c.,—offering some menace."

**Our Rail Road.**—We noticed in our last, the amount, at that time, subscribed to the stock of the Wilmington and Halifax Rail Road by the people of Wilmington, and thought they had done well. Since that time, the Subscription has reached the sum of \$106,000; making in all about \$400,000 of Stock taken by citizens of Wilmington alone, with a few in her immediate vicinity. Old Wilmington is sound to the core.—Wilmington Advertiser.

**Gaston and Raleigh Rail Road.**—The first annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, was held in this City, on Monday the 6th inst. Col. Wm. Robards, of Granville, presiding. The Report of the President (which shall appear if practicable, in our next,)—shows the affairs of the Company, to be in a highly prosperous condition, and is calculated to increase the confidence of the Stockholders, & of the public generally, in the Road. There is a large force (nearly 700 hands) now employed on the line, and the work

is rapidly progressing. The old Officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of William Plummer, Esq. who, having declined serving, his place was filled by the appointment of Judge Cameron. We feel gratified in being able to state, that it is expected to have fifty miles of the Road in operation, by the time of the next annual meeting.

By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen, that Books of subscription are to be opened for the Stock of the Raleigh and Columbia Rail-road—it being an extension of the Gaston Road, to the South Carolina line. *Ral. Reg.*

**Fayetteville and Western Rail Road.**—Nearly \$200,000 have been subscribed in Cumberland County (including Fayetteville) to the Stock of this Road. This looks like being in earnest.—ib.

**Alabama.**—The editor of the Montgomery Advertiser represents the money market to be in a deplorable plight in that State. He says "a general suspicion seems to pervade all ranks of the community, in regard to monied transactions;" and that a general bankruptcy seems inevitable. The editor concludes, and we think justly, that speculation is at the bottom of all this, and that some are "fattening while others are growing lean." Many of our citizens have emigrated to Alabama, in whose welfare their friends here must feel a deep interest. It is to be feared too, that many who were doing well here, have not bettered their condition, and are ready to say, with us, "give us the old North State, yet."—*Ral. Standard.*

**Fire!**—On the afternoon of Saturday the 4th inst., the dwelling house of Mr. John Latham, about nine miles below Bath, took fire and was entirely consumed, together with the other buildings on the premises, excepting his barn. All his furniture were destroyed, with the exception of two beds, and two or three articles of inconsiderable value. A black child, the property of Mr. Latham, was burnt to death.

We learn, by a passenger in the Newbern stage, that a fire broke out in that town on Friday last, but it was fortunately extinguished before it had destroyed property to any considerable amount. A few buildings were consumed on Broad st., a few doors east of the Court house. *Washington Whig.*

**INDIAN WAR.**

**From Florida.**—Accounts from St. Augustine, bring the gratifying information of the capture of the celebrated Chief Jumper and the negro Abraham; Oseola very narrowly escaped, with five of his followers, and Gen. Jesup, at the latest date, was making every effort to take him.

The war in the Creek nation, say letters from Columbus, of the 3rd and 4th inst. is carried on with a vigor and desperation, not surpassed at any period of the last campaign. Fifty warriors have gone out of camp, under charge of Lt. Sloan—in all, about two hundred men, women and children. The women have killed their children, and prepared to take care of themselves; the strongest demonstration of hostility that can be given.

**From Mexico.**—By the barque Ann Eliza, from Vera Cruz to Jan. 10, we learn that rumors were in circulation of an intended declaration of war by Mexico against the United States, and that the Congress were deliberating on the subject. News of Santa Anna's release had reached Vera Cruz.

**From Europe.**—Liverpool dates to the 4th January have been received at New York. They bring details of another attempt to assassinate the king of France—acknowledgment of the Independence of the South American Republics by Spain—Great snow storm in England, &c. The Cotton markets were improving.

Prices Current, At Tarboro' and New York

FEB. 13	per	Tarboro', New York
Bacon	lb.	12 15 13 16
Beeswax	lb.	10 25 27 28
Brandy, apple	gall'n	45 50 47 48
Coffee	lb.	13 16 11 15
Corn	bush.	65 70 100 105
Cotton	lb.	13 14 15 17 1/2
Cotton bag'g.	yard.	20 25 19 23
Flour, supf.	bdl.	\$12 \$13 \$11 12
Iron	lb.	12 5 3 4
Lard	lb.	12 15 15 16
Molasses	gall'n	55 60 32 45
Sugar brown	lb.	11 13 7 10
Salt, T. I.	bush	70 75 40 45
Turpentine	bdl.	250 275 350 400
Wheat	bush	100 125 150 165
Whiskey	tbl	45 50 44 46

**Flour, Flour.**  
THE subscriber has received on commission a quantity of **Superfine Flour,** Which he will sell on reasonable terms.  
**Jas. M. Redmond.**  
Tarboro', Feb. 14, 1837. 7

**Lost or Mislaid,**  
A PROMISSORY NOTE on R. A. & B. R. BELL, due 1st Jan. 1836, for \$60 25—Also one Note on James Weddell, due 23d June, 1834, for \$15 75—said Notes payable to the estate of Geo. W. Woodman. The public are cautioned not to trade for said Notes, as they have been settled by the makers of them.  
**The Executor.**  
Feb. 14, 1837.

**COTTON.**  
I WISH to purchase a quantity of **Blue Cotton,** For which the highest market price will be paid IN CASH.  
**Will J. Andrews.**  
Sparta, 8 Feb. 1837. 6

**Notice.**  
I HAVE taken Christopher L. Dicken in practice with me; and either the one or the other will attend to business at all times.  
**Ephraim Dicken.**  
Tarborough, Feb. 6th, 1837.

**Land for sale.**  
THE subscriber having determined to move to the south, offers for sale his **Land adjoining the town of Tarborough,** Which for health, beauty of location, good water, &c. is not inferior to any in this section of the State. The tract contains **300 Acres.** And will be sold at Public Sale, before the Court House, on Tuesday in February next, if not disposed of before that time. Terms made accommodating.  
**Chas. G. Hunter.**  
February 6, 1837

**Watches, Jewelry and Silver ware.**  
THE subscribers will be at Pitt Superior Court, at Edgecombe County and Superior Courts, at Nash County and Superior Courts, and at Wayne Superior Court, with a large and splendid assortment of **Watches, Jewelry and Silver ware.** Consisting of gold and silver watch cases, a great variety of Jewelry, table, desert and tea Spoons, &c.  
**Roberts & Huguenin.**  
February 6th, 1837. 6

**Negroes for sale.**  
**Two young negro women, FOR SALE.**  
Apply to Allen Taylor, near Ing's mill, Nash county, N. C.  
February 6th, 1837.

**For Sale.**  
**A likely young negro Girl,** Aged about eight years, is offered for sale on accommodating terms.  
**Apply at this office.**  
February 6th, 1837.

**Cotton Gins**  
THE subscriber has removed from Tarborough, and established himself on the Raleigh road near the store of J. C. Knight, on Cokey, where he continues **The making and repairing Cotton Gins**  
All those who wish to supply themselves with Gins of the best quality, are respectfully solicited to apply to the Subscriber personally, or by letter. All orders for Gins will be promptly executed. Gins out of order will be expeditiously repaired.  
Persons wishing to have work executed, will please leave their orders at the store of J. C. Knight, Esq.  
**SAMUEL D. PROCTER.**  
February 6th, 1837.

**Notice.**  
FOR SALE, a young **Negro Woman,** For cash. Apply to **R. D. Hart.**  
December 9, 1836.

**Gig for Sale.**  
THE subscriber has for sale a second hand **Gig and Harness,** Which he will sell cheap and on accommodating terms.  
**Geo. Howard.**  
Tarboro', 1837.

**CALL OF Special Meeting**  
OF THE **Stockholders of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company.**

IN pursuance of authority in them vested by the Act of the General Assembly, incorporating the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, the President and Directors do hereby call a special meeting of the Stockholders, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington, on **Monday, Feb. 27th, 1837.**

For the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of immediately opening books for subscription for the balance of the Capital required, in order that the Company may avail themselves of the subscription by the State for 2 1/2ths of the whole amount. A general attendance, either in person or by proxy, is particularly requested, as a meeting cannot be organized, unless a majority of stock is represented; and it must be recollected, that neither the President, Directors, or any Officers or Agent of the Company, can act as proxies.

**E. B. Dudley, Pres't.**  
Wilmington, Jan. 30th, 1837.  
Names of the Officers & Agents disqualified by the Charter from acting as Proxies:  
E. B. Dudley, A. Lazarus, J. S. Hart, J. Owen, A. Joyner, W. B. Moore, W. Moseley, A. Anderson, F. K. Dickson, R. H. Cowan, and T. H. Wright. Directors—W. Gwynn, Engineer—J. S. Green, Treasurer—A. McKee, Superintendent—R. F. Brown, Agent

**Notice.**  
I S hereby given that, pursuant to an order of the Board of Directors of the **Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company,** A fifth installment of ten dollars on the Share, will be required of the Stockholders, on or before the 1st day of April next.  
**E. B. Dudley, Pres't.**  
Wilmington, Jan. 20th, 1837. 5

**Notice.**  
I S hereby given to the Stockholders, in the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, resident in the counties of Nash and Edgecombe, that the Collector of the Installments due upon said Stock will attend at Nash Court the 2d Monday, and at Edgecombe the 4th Monday, in February next, for the collection of the same—remaining at each place, three days.  
29th January, 1837. 5

**Notice.**  
A FULL MEETING of the Justices of the Peace for the county of Edgecombe is particularly requested, on Tuesday of February Court next, as there will be a Solicitor for the county to elect, and other important business to transact.  
Jan 30, 1837.

**Notice.**  
THE subscriber having removed to the southwest, has appointed **WM NORFLEET, Esq.** His Agent to adjust his affairs. All persons therefore, having unsettled business with me, will please call on him.  
**Edwin L. Dancy.**  
Tarboro', Jan. 30, 1837. 5

**AUCTION SALES**  
**Land for Sale.**  
WILL BE SOLD, before the Court house door in Tarboro', on Tuesday in February Court next, one Tract of land joining the land of John H. Daniel and others, and containing **104 Acres.**

A credit of twelve months will be given, bond and good security will be required bearing interest from the date.  
**Thomas B. Irwin.**  
Dec. 9th 1836. 48

**Square the Yards.**  
Call and Settle.  
THE Subscriber being about to remove from town, requests all persons indebted to him to call and settle forthwith—and all those having claims against him will present them for adjustment.  
**I. B. BRADY.**  
Dec. 23d, 1836.

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