ance of the cession, as well as the admis-of the State, became party questions, The vital importance of that great acquisition to the safety, prosperity, and honor of the whole Union, there can, however, now be no diversity of opinion. But the councils of the nation, in the course of time, ceased to be at all divided upon the question of constitional power to accept a cession of foreign territory, with a view to its ultimate admission into the Union. In 1819, the Spanish trenty for the cession of East and West Florida, containing the usual stipulation for ultimate incorporation into the Union, was ratified; and, upon the call of the names of the Senators present, it appeared that every one voted for the ratification. Upon the question of constitutional power, so far as that case went, the Senate of the United States had, herefure, become unanimous.

Certainly no remarks are necessary to relative positions of the territory comprising Louisiana, the Floridas, and Texas, in respect to the old United States.

I have gone thus fully and minutely into this matter, as well from a deep sense of the importance of the question, as from a sincere desire to satisfy those of my friends who may differ from me on this point, and whose opinions I hold in the highest respect, that I have not vielded my assent hastily or unadvisedly to the views I have here taken of the subject.

Having thus given you my views upon the constitutional question, I will, with the same frankness, answer the remaining portion of your inquiries, viz: the expediency of immediately annexing Texas to the United States, or so soon as her consent to such an-

nexation may be obtained. I have already referred to an application

for the accomplishment of the same object that was made to this Government by Texas, whilst I was President. The history of the Texan revolution, and the then condition of that republic, as well as the probable advantages to result to both from the proposed annexation, were placed before us in an elaborate Clay Club. and able communication. It can scarcely be necessary to say that the application was considered with that attention and care which were due to so grave a proposition, and under the full influence of feelings of sincere solicitude for the prosperity and permanent welfare of a young and neighboring State, whose independence we had been the first to acknowledge—feelings which constitute, and I sincerely hope, ever will constitute the prevuiling sentiment of the people of the United States. In coming to the decision which it became my duty to make, I was aided, in addition to the other members of my cabinet, by the counsel and constitutional advice of two distinguished citizens of your own section of the Union, of the first order of intellect, great experience in public affairs, and whose devotion to their own, as well as every other section of the Union, was above all question. The result of our united opinion was announced to the Texan minister, Gen. Hunt, in a communication from the late Mr. Forsyth, the substance of which I cannot better express than by incorporating one or twe brief extracts from it in this letter .-Upon the general subject, my own views, as well as those of my cabinet, were thus stated :

while the United States are at peace with her adversary, the proposition of the Texan minister plenipotentiary necessarily involves the question of war with that adversary. The United States are bound to Mexico by a trea. ty of amity and commerce, which will be scrupulously observed on their part so long as. it can be reasonably hoped that Mexico will perform her duties, and respect our rights under it. The United States might justly be suspected of a disregard of the friendly purposes of the compact, if the overtures of Gen. Hunt were to be even reserved for future consideration, as this would imply a disposition on our part to espouse the quarrel of Texas with Mexico-a disposition wholly at variance with the spirit of the treaty, with the uniform policy and the obvious welfare of the United

"The inducements mentioned by General Hunt for the United States to annex Texas to their territory, are duly appreciated; but, powerful and weighty as certainly they are, they are light when opposed in the scale of reason to treaty obligations and respect for that integrity of character by which the Uni-ted States have sought to distinguish themselves since the establishment of their right to claim a place in the great family of nations.

The intimation in General Hunt's letter that Texas might be induced to extend commercial advantages to other nations to the prejudice of the United States, was thus no-

"It is presumed, however, that the momaking this overture, will have equal force in impelling her to preserve, as an independent power, the most liberal commercial relations with the United States. Such a disposition will be cheerfully met, in a correspondent spirit, by this government. If the answer which the undersigned has been directed to give to the proposition of General Hunt should unately work such a change in the sentiments of that government as to induce an attempt to extend commercial relations elsewhere, upon terms prejudicial to the United States, this government will be consoled by the rectitude of its intentions, and a certainty that, although the hazard of transient loss-

just principles, no lasting prosperity secured when they are disregarded." [CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT.]

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WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

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THE PARTICULAR NOTICE OF THIS.

Some four or five of our subscribers have cut out to parts unknown," leaving their bills unsettled, and to guard against such losses in future, we shall have a black list. under which we will publish the name of show that there can be no possible difference every delinquent who " absquatulates " withproduced in the constitutional question by the out settling his bill. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

> A Dun .- Good Patrons, if you have ever been dunned when you had no money to pay, you can appreciate our feelings now. Permit us to say to you, that if you have not paid for the present volume of the Messenger, we would take it as one of the kindest of favors, if you would remit the amount immedintely. This would enable us to look the man in the face, who now says-"Thou owest me," with a little better grace. Those who owe us for job work and advertising will also confer a favor by remitting the amount of their bills, forthwith.

ATTENTION, WHIGS!

The Whigs of Asheville and vicinity are requested to meet at the Court House to mor row (Saturday) evening at early candle lighting, for the purpose of re-organizing the

THE WHIG NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

vate dwellings! The day itself—the first of "Oh! shame, where is thy blush!" May-is a lovely one, and seems to smile in proud day for Baltimore! Not only has she Clay has been proven to be false. never before witnessed any thing like the glorious spectacle this day presented-the assembling of hosts upon hosts of the people are ready and willing to join the Standard in from every state, and from several, thou- acts: but we solemnly protest against the sands-but neither our sister city, Philadel- practice of editors, and others, launching phia, nor New York, nor Boston-no, nor their denunciations, for moral transgressions, "So long as Texas shall remain at war, the mightiest gathering ever yet assembled in made to sustain it! When the Whig party

> server, writing home from Baltimore under go down, down to the very depths of oblivion, date of May 2d, speaks of the Young Men's and if remembered at all, only to be cursed that inquiries have been addressed to Gen. Convention of Ratification, which assembled by all succeeding generations. in that city on that day, in the following terms: This day of days is over. It has been an event in a life-time. And if I lived to the age of Methuselah, I should never hope to look upon its like again. I thought that the events of yesterday formed a climax, which nothing subsequent could eclipse; and so they did in some respects. The intellectual feast yesterday can neither be surpassed nor equalled; they should indignantly rebuke all attempts nor could any thing equal the enthusiasm of to injure him by falsehood. that ever-to-be-honored body. But that was on a small scale as to numbers. To-day the world seemed to be here! The countless thousands who composed the proces sion, formed but a small part of the people I have seen to-day. The whole street, from one end to the other, some three or four miles, was one mass of men, women, and chidren. And then ten thousand doors, windows, and house-tops, were filled with the loveliest beings, who every where welcomed the Whigs with faces beaming with pleasure, and hands ever waving a " God speed" to the patriots who had come to lay their hearts at their country's altar, and to devote themselves to the accomplishment of their country's good. I know not how many people were here. It would be idle to hazzard a

Delaware took the prize banner at the Young Men's Convention of Ratification .-The number in attendance upon this convention is estimated at 65,000!!

try in all hours, whether of prosperity or wo, and who preserved the garments of Washington, so that they knew no stain like this,

election of Henry Clay !"

heartily condemn the practice of duelling as your other engagements. does the Editor of the Standard, but we must be permitted to say, is all candor, that the above remarks are unjust and uncalled for. William R. King, a prominent leader in the Democratic party, gave the challenge, and according to the rules of the accursed " code of honor," if Mr. Clay had refused to necept it, though at the same time recognizing Mr. King as a gentleman, he would have been branded with the epithet of coward, and published to the world as such by his enemies. time during the canvass for the office of Gov. Not one word of censure does the Editor of ernor, and am highly gratified by this mark the Standard apply to Mr. King for giving the of the confidence and respect of my fellow which have been committed by members of glow from their mountain home, and that Mr. Dromgoole, and Gen. McDuffie have not the country a regular, just, and beneficent conduct of a candidate himself. Not only it only fought duels, but (if we mistake not) Government. have sent their antagonists, without one moment for repentance, into eternity. We should not have refreshed these circumstances

only demands. lect to inform his readers that Mr. King was notice of the time. As yet, I have been pre. pending Presidential election is decided, I can The Baltimore Patriot thus speaks of the also "bound over to keep the peace?" Why vented by sickness for two months past, not accept nor attend any public meeting of convention which assembled in that city on did he not tell his readers that Gen. Jackson from leaving home, either on professional bu-1st inst., to nominionte candidates for was during the whole time he was President, President and Vice President :-- "Never be. and is to this very day, "bound over to keep the State, but I am now, I flatter myself, al. when I leave this city, to return home as qui fore have the citizens of Baltimore witnessed the peace?" Why did he not tell his renders such a mighty gathering of the people as this where Gen. Jackson was when the blood of day fills our streets, avenues, hotels and pri- his antagonist cried up from the ground ?-

in the memory of our readers, had the Stan-

It is true Mr. Clay has has been engaged unison with the countless thousands of strange in two duels, but he never slew a fellow-befaces that are beaming with joy through every ing. The allusion to the Cilley duel can healthful pore of the city! This is indeed a have no weight. That charge against Mr.

A great many of the public men of our country have been engaged in duels, and we from the four quarters of the Union, many sweeping denunciation of them all for such any part of Ohio-ever beheld such a mighty against those only who are opposed to them gathering! The Baltimore Whig Convention in politics. How far gone must a party be of May, 1844, will long be remembered as when a resort to such expedients has to be becomes so desperate as to have to be sup-The Editor of the Fayetteville (N. C.) Ob. ported by such flimsy props, we say let it

LETTER FROM HON. T. L. CLINGMAN.

We cheerfully give place to the subjoined letter from our representative in Congress An attempt to injure him by a resort to falsehood, must fail, for the people will not tolerate such. When the people have a representative that is honest, faithful, and capable,

House of Representatives, May 3d, 1844.

INO. MILLER MCKEE, Esq : Sir,-I have been informed that a repor has been put in circulation by some individu als in my district, that I had voted to abolish slave representation in the House of Representatives. You will confer a favor on me by stating that this report is totally destitute of

Very respectfully yours, T. L. CLINGMAN.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Spirit of the Age is the title of a neat little temperance paper just started at Hudson, N. Y., by Wm. B. Stoddard. It is is. him. The whole time Mr. C. was speaking has been spared. sued weekly-every number embellished with one of more engravings, and afforded to subscribers at the low price of one dollar per ancum, in advance.

No. 5 of Hewett's illustrated edition of Shakespeare has been received. It is all that the publisher promised.

The April number of Winchester's reprint of Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine is upon our table. Besides being the cheapest, it is one of the best magazines we get.

We have not received the May number of derenilla

tral Committee, to extend to you an invifirst office known to men? May that to visit their county seat during your elec-

Executive chair of the State has been conor any stain whatever, preserve us also from firmed by them with every demonstration so great a calamity as would befall us in the respect, yet they nevertheless desire to give firmed by them with every demonstration of you a further assurance by cordially joylije We are no apologist of the duellist-we as you to visit them at such time as may so

Very respectfully, Your obedient servants. THOMAS M. MOORE, JOHN Y. HICKS. DAVID W. SILER.

HILLSBORO' APRIL 24th, 1844. Gentlemen-I have been honored with the receipt of your cordial invitation on behalf of the Whig central committee of Macon county to visit them at their county seat, at some part of the United States, who assembled of challenge. He tries to throw the whole bur- citizens of that county. The demonstrations and obligations which appertain to me in the den of guilt upon Mr. Clay, although Mr. of zeal and interest in the Whig cause, which character. King was the aggressor. This is the fair- have been every where exhibited in that ness with which the Standard deals with an quarter of the State, cannot but command the opponent. Will not the people of North admiration of all true whigs throughout the Carolina indignantly rebuke the inconsistency country. They give assurance that the spirit lically, and ought to be exclusively, their ow of this purist, who condemns the same acts of the pople is high—that "The unconquer. business. Upon the wisdom of their choic in his opponent, for political effect alone, able mind, and freedom's holy flame " still depends the preservation and soundness of free his own party? Gen. Jackson, Col. Benton, they are eager to do their part in restoring to free, impartial, and wholy unbiassed by the

Be pleased to toform the Committee, whose organ you are, that, if with any degree of convenience I can comply with their polite be supposed to seek, to influence their judg request, it will afford me much gratification to ment. dard acted with that fairness which justice meet them, and all the citizens of Macon in their own county-should I be able to make Why did the Editor of the Standard neg- the visit, I will endeavor to give them ample formity with them. Hereafter, and until the siness, or to address the people in any part of be invited. It is my wish and intention most entirely restored, and will endeavor, if etly and quickly as possible, and employing possible, to do my duty to those by whom my name was presented to the people for the first office in the gift of the State, and to the coun-

I am, gentlemen, with high respect, Your friend and obed't. sev't. WILL. A. GRAHAM. To Messrs. Thomas M. Moore, John Y.

Hicks, David W. Siler.

MR. VAN BUREN.-It appears that Mr Van Buren's course on the Texas question has produced considerable dissatisfaction in the Democratic ranks. Ritchie thinks that Mr. Van Buren's letter has killed himself and to the 2d March, his party, at least in Virginia. A good deal of excitement as to who shall be the Locofoco candidate for the Presidency prevails in Washington among the leaders of the party. said to be very ample and specific, but there It is thought Mr. Van Buren will be dropped, and not been time for him so to acquaint himand it is not at all improbable that he will. We learn from a Washington letter writer If he should be in favor of annexation, he will doubtless be nominated as a candidate for the Presidency.

Commodore Charles Stuart, familiarly known as Old Ironsides, has come out in favor of the immediate annexation of Texas to the United States. He is fishing for the nomin ation by the Locofoco 'National Convention, as the candidate of that party for the Presi-

VIRGINIA ELECTIONS .- As far as heard from the Whigs have a clear gain of 13, giving them a majority on joint ballot of 2! his epaulets torn from his shoulders." This Branch State of Go and only one or two counties to hear from. Last year the Locofocos had a majority on joint ballot of 24. "Glory enough for one day !"

Hon. Thomas G. Pratt has been nominated as the Whig candidate for Governor of personage. The amount of the paragraph is Maryland.

DIDN'T SEE MR. CLAY!-A man from Buncombe county, who went to Raleigh on Raleigh hunting Mr. Cay, but could not see to be grieved that the life of the ex-President at the State house, our hero was at the Gov.

A wee bit of a mistake, Mr. Chronicle The people of Buncombe are not quite so tors of the recent insurrection.

"green" as all that. There were but few of the Captain General has been severely blamed for the severity displayed by him in The people of Buncombe are not quite so 12th, but all that were there did see Mr. Clay. You have certainly been hoaxed, neighbor.

on my part, not exceeded by the on the 1st instant in Baltimore. A Convertion of Delegates from the Whig party, coning from all parts of the United States, see ing is conformity with the well ascertained within and scattments of the Whigs of the United Stated, has formally anyounced prosents of the United States, and from a highest of the United States, and from a highest of the United States, and from a highest of the United States. sense of duty, I have accepted the nomination it has been, moreover, ratified by another co vention, composed of Delegates from even the 2d instant in Bultimore. Being thus ple ced, with my own consent, in the attilude a candidate for that high office, I feel myse bound to respect and perform all the dutie

The election of a Chief Magistrate of free, great, and enlightened nation, is one of the gravest and most momentous function which the People can exercise. It is emphasiinstitutions, and the welfare and prosperi of themselves. In making it, they should I my opinion, is it his duty to abstain from al solicitation, direct or indirect, of their suffra ges, but he should avoid being voluntarily pla ced in situations to seek, or in which he migh

Entertaining these views of what become a candidate for the exalted office of Presiden of the United States, I shall act in strict con my fellow citizens, assembled in reference that object, to which I may have been or myself in my private business and affairs there to await the decision of the Presidentia election, acquiescing in it, whatever it migh be, with the most perfect submission.

I hope those who have honored the with in vitations to which I have not yet replied, an those who may have intended me the h nor of transmitting others, will accept, with out disapprobation, this exposition of the mo tives by which I am governed.

I am, gentlemen, your friend and obedier H CLAY.

From South America.

The New York Commercial Advertiser ha file of the Buenos Ayres "British Packet"

The paper of the latest date announces the arrival of the new French Admiral (Laisne) at Montevideo, on the 25th of February, in the frigate Africaine. His instructions were self with the state of things as to determine on his line of conduct. It will be remembered that the French Consul General struck his flog some time ago, and withdrew on board one of Cass as to his opinion on the Texas question. the French men of war, because the Montevi. STEEL, German dean Government refused to disband the corps. of French residents who had enrolled and arm-TOBACCO, N. Caroli ed themselves to take part in the war.

The Packet tells a story of a rude insult offered by Commodore Purvis, of the British squadron, to Capt, Conover, of the United States ship John Adams, at a dinner on board the British steam frigate Gorgon. Ex President Oribe's personal merits being the subject of conversation, he denounced by Cum. Purvis and defended by Cupt. Conover; whereupon the former became outrageous, and stri-king his fist upon the table, said, " that if one of his own officers had made the remaks Brunswick Bank which had just fallen from Capt. Conover, he Bank of Augusta would have him tried by a court martial and rudeness, it is added, was treated by Capt. Conover with merited contempt, and Purvis abruptly left the ship.

The Packet has a paragrph not very intelli-gible, respecting ex-President Santa Cruz, of Bolivia, from which it would seem that disaster has attended the recent movements of that that a St. Helena exile has been provided for Santa Cruz .- A farm-hause near Moquegua -and a Sir Hudson Lowe, in the person of a hear relative of Salaverry, whom Santa the 12th. He says that he walked all over Cruz caused to be shot. The Packet seems

From Cuba.

Accounts from Havana to the 23d ultimo City Council of M represent that the authorities were still busily City Council of M ingaged in ferreting out the authors and abet-

suppressing these revolts. Already more than two hundred ringleaders have been ex-

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