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The residence in Charlotte, is ready to wait  
upon the sick. He may be found at his  
residence in a new door North of Maj.  
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### Rail Road Notice.

CARRENTS needing standing or open orders  
of repair, will please renew them as soon  
as orders given last fall and spring are  
filled. No Goods will be forwarded on

## NEWS FROM MEXICO.

From the Washington Union of Sept. 29.

Very interesting letter from a distinguished officer  
to his correspondent in Washington.

TACUBAYA, Aug. 22, 1847.

We are now located in one wing of the Arch-  
bishop's palace. Chapultepec, with its magnificent  
grove, is before us, and we overlook the great city  
surrounded by its lakes, and embosomed in its moun-  
tains. I never realized the beauty of the valley of  
Mexico until I reached it. The air is pure, and  
lighted by the soft, bright sun. In the evening,  
spice, hot, and mountain breezes, after all,  
you would think it even surpasses the descriptions  
we read of it. There are also some stupendous  
works of art around us. But I do not say nothing,  
for I have not yet been in the city, though I  
have knocked at its gates. There is something  
more interesting, I fear, to be seen  
of the operations of the army.

On the 7th instant Gen. Twiggs' division left  
Puebla. It was followed on the 8th by Gen. Qui-  
man's, on the 9th by Gen. Worth's, and on the 10th  
by Gen. Pillow's. Gen. Scott led on the 11th and  
overtook Gen. Twiggs that night at San Mateo.  
Our march over the mountains was unobstructed,  
except by rumors of guerrillas and resistance.  
Both disappeared as we approached, and we  
found their abandoned works as we found them. On the  
11th Gen. Twiggs encamped at Ayotla, 15 miles  
from Mexico, on the direct road. The other divi-  
sions, on each succeeding day, came up in detail,  
and took positions in the rear—General Worth oc-  
cupying Chalco. The reconnaissance of the 12th  
and 13th satisfied us of the strength of the enemy's  
defences in our front. Their principal defence  
was at El Penon, commanding the passage by  
the lakes of Tezcuco and Chalco. The hill of El  
Penon is about 300 feet high, having three plateau  
of different elevations. It stands in the  
lake Tezcuco. Its base is surrounded by a  
trench, and its sides are capped by  
its base to its crest. It was  
by its base—the waters of the lake  
side of the causeway for two miles to the north, and the  
whole distance seven miles in the city. There was  
a battery on the causeway about four hundred yards  
in advance of the Penon, another by its side, a third  
about a mile in front of the entrance to the city.  
About two miles in  
ad braced against the

San Raymond, out of gun shot of Valencia's bat-  
teries. They were now on the first San Angel road  
between Valencia and Mexico; but Santa Ana com-  
mitted to his support with seven thousand infantry  
and cavalry, drew up in battle array on the hills of Co-  
ahuac to our right, Col. Kiley's brigade, that had  
been moved to the right earlier in the day, cooper-  
ate with a front attack, and had pushed forward the  
San Angel road, now falling back upon the village  
which we had taken possession of. Santa Ana  
once determined to drive away the Americans, he  
did not trade. By the time his disposition was made,  
the sun had set, and night drew on. It was for-  
tunate that we had not light our camp fires, for  
the darkness was therefore suspended until morning.  
We were therefore surrounded the village, without  
food, without shelter, and without fire. It was a  
terrible determination to return to the original loca-  
tion, assuming Valencia's entrenchments as the  
position of Santa Ana's forces, and the principal object.

At about a m. Gen. Riley's division was put in  
motion, followed by General Smith's and General Cad-  
wallader's; General Shields holding the village.  
During the night the 9th and 12th regiments with  
a company of rifles and some detachments that had  
been left down on the previous day, were ordered  
to the summit of the mountain, which was the only  
point in their line of retreat. The enemy's position  
was now in their hands, and the only way of escape  
was over the mountain. This force morning started  
the first part of the day, which the battery was suc-  
ceeded from their front, and fire began about mid-  
day to draw themselves over us. Gen. Riley's  
brigade, sweating around their rear, and dis-  
covered their great impatience, while Gen. Riley  
South attack, their fire from the towers of Chalco,  
General Ransom, pushing across the  
line of the mountain, ordered his line upon the  
mountain, and the enemy fled before them,  
without a shot. Gen. Smith and Ran-  
dom's divisions, in the rear, broke at all points,  
and the enemy's artillery, pack train, ammunition,  
and baggage, were taken. About 800 prisoners, 4  
generals: Salas, Blazquez, Blanco, and Garcia; 4  
commanders of brigades and squadrons, and other offi-  
cers in proportion. Among the twenty two pieces  
of artillery taken, were the two belonging to Wash-  
ington's battery, taken at Buena Vista. They were  
retaken by the 4th artillery, the regiment to which  
they originally belonged. We buried the  
dead found on the field. Our loss was

wards the city, and the  
for a considerable  
the result;—though I  
it is for Santa Ana's advan-  
So far I can trust him.  
Houston killed, was the nephew  
of the Voltegers. I was  
his leg was carried off above  
bullet. He was a gallant little  
man, and his work all the morning  
fell by the side of the gun  
shooting, and died that night,  
and not hear of his death  
was standing in Valencia's  
flushed with the recent vic-  
and shivered with agony,  
his grief. It is the living for  
and not the dead. The  
vied on both days; nor was  
polished in any undertaking.

Other Letter.  
I recd with another letter from  
Mexico, dated Sept. 22d, which covers ground  
very similar to that of the  
above. We make from it the  
following extracts:  
I took a long ride of  
2500 prisoners, 8 genera-  
and a great amount of  
ammunition enough for a  
campaign. The following  
day, (21st) on taking our  
we were met by some pro-  
posals from Santa Ana,  
which the General decli-  
ned, saying that if undisturbed, he  
might have had formal pro-  
cessionners were ap-  
pointed and an order  
entered into for the pur-  
posers to meet Mr. Trist  
for the purpose of nego-  
tiating of peace. What the  
know. I have but little  
is reasonable to suppose  
then, but whether he will  
I know not. There are  
various rumors of pro-  
cession, factions, &c.  
and Paredes have form-  
ed Almonte on the oth-  
ere work for the bayonet.  
when the troops saw the  
Scott's plans, he was re-  
fused there; throughout  
must have reached  
no officers seem-  
less in our con-  
st confidence in  
for them.  
his plans were  
and success.  
to break the war an-  
gements. Now is the  
show that the country is  
will hold it until our de-  
as this temporising policy  
war. The march of Gen.  
upon the capital has been  
tern warfare. It is ascer-  
army was 32,000 strong,  
men, from their own ac-  
1. They are in the midst  
are a great distance from

charter of South Carolina and North Carolina, re-  
spectively. Also, what amount of subscription  
stands for a road by the route from the town of Cam-  
den, in the State of South Carolina, to the town of  
Charlotte in the State of North Carolina, and what  
amount stands for a road by the route from the city  
of Columbia to the town of Charlotte aforesaid.

24. Resolved, That a committee of nine be ap-  
pointed to verify proxies, and to report what stock  
is represented, either personally or by proxies.  
Upon the question of adopting the above resolu-  
tions, Mr. Williams, of Lancaster, offered the fol-  
lowing as a substitute:  
Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of  
five, to be composed of members of the legal pro-  
fession, to examine the respective charters granted  
by each of the States of South Carolina and North  
Carolina, incorporating the Charlotte and South  
Carolina Rail Road Company, and report as early  
as practicable, whether in their opinion said com-  
pany can be legally organized, or the route for the  
line of railway to connect the town of Charlotte,  
North Carolina, with some point on the South Car-  
olina Rail Road, can be determined by the stock-  
holders now met in general convention in the town  
of Charlotte.

A discussion ensued, in which Mr. Williams,  
Col. Elmore, J. W. Osborne and Gen. Buchanan  
participated, after which, the substitute was reject-  
ed and the original resolution was adopted. The  
following gentlemen were appointed on the com-  
mittee of fifteen, viz:  
Gen. John Buchanan, P. D. Torre, B. F. Tay-  
lor, F. W. Davie, James Martin, Samuel McAl-  
lister, Joseph A. Woodward, W. C. Beatty, John  
Williams, W. J. Clayton, Benjamin Cass, T. W.  
Huey, J. W. Osborne, C. J. Fox, W. W. Elms.

The following gentlemen compose the committee  
of nine, viz:  
Maj. Alexander Black, E. G. Palmer, John  
Caldwell, John Douglass, Col. W. Wright, Wm.  
Johnston, John M. Doby, C. J. Shannon, and Du-  
ciel Coleman.

The Convention was very ably and eloquently  
addressed by Major Black, Samuel McAlister, Esq.,  
Hon. J. A. Woodward, Col. F. W. Davie, John  
Williams, Esq., and E. G. Palmer, Esq., on the  
subject of the Rail Road, in which the great advan-  
tages of this particular enterprise were fully pre-  
sented.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to  
meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1847.

The Convention met this morning at 10 o'clock,  
according to

and western side of the  
the route or line of the road,  
shall be determined by the stockholders, from the  
town of Charlotte, North Carolina, to some point  
on the South Carolina Rail Road, in order to ascer-  
tain the cost of constructing the said road by the  
one or the other, and that a skilful and scientific  
Engineer, and Surveyors be elected by this Con-  
vention to make said surveys, and that the cost of  
surveying the same be paid out of the subscriptions  
of stock to the Charlotte and South Carolina Rail  
Road Company.

The resolution was advocated by Mr. Williams,  
and opposed by Messrs. Davie, McAlister, Wood-  
ward, and Palmer; after which, it was rejected by  
the meeting. Maj. Black, chairman of the com-  
mittee to verify Proxies, and to report what stock is  
represented, either personally or by proxies; made  
which was ordered to lie on the table.  
The meeting adjourned until 15th inst, not being prepared to  
take a recess until 2