

giant enterprise and prosperity of our own metropolis, and especially the noble sympathy expressed by our citizens in behalf of Texas.

The health of the brave Houston was drank with great enthusiasm.

The following were among the toasts given:

By the President. Texas in her future civil course may be as distinguished for justice and integrity, as she is already renowned for her valor.

By Gen. Ripley. The champions of Liberty.—The brightest ornaments of the past—the surest pledges of the future.

By Gen. Hamilton. The title by which our friends in Texas have won that country—the title of civilization, liberty, and valor, over ignorance, intolerance and tyranny.

By Mr. Peyton. Texas, as "bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh."—May she be united to us by indissoluble bonds of Union.

Letters of apology were read from Col. Carson and Mr. Hamilton of Texas, who had both been obliged to go out of town; also from the Recorder.

Col. Lewis in a very excellent speech, in which he described the causes of the war in Texas, and her present condition, made a touching allusion to the death of the brave men, Fanning, Crockett, Milan, Bowie, and others, whose names ornamented a triumphal column represented in a transparency which hung on one side of the room, and where the deathless record of their deed was seen borne by the Goddess of America, of fame, and of liberty, encircling in a laurel wreath with the national colors of Texas and the United States the name of General Houston, the immortal avenger of these murdered heroes.

Behind the chair of the President was the Texan standard on a blood red field with a large white star. On each side of it in majestic folds hung the American colors, to whose beautiful field of azure blue Governor Hamilton feelingly alluded in his speech as containing "ample room and verge" to hold therein another bright star in the proud constellation which now shone upon it. Tremendous cheers were elicited by this remark.

When Colonel Lewis alluded to the names of the brave men who had been butchered in cold blood by the tyrant Santa Ana, he spoke most feelingly of young Ripley, and pointed to the silver locks of the war worn veteran, whose struggling emotions of the patriot pride of the soldier and the affectionate father, may be conceived but not described.

A great number of volunteer toasts were given, which will be hereafter published. The dinner was got up in Mr. Milford's best style. The company separated about midnight.

FROM FLORIDA.

From the *Charleston Mercury* of July 23. INDIAN DEPREDAATIONS ON THE ST. JOHNS.

The schooner *George & Mary*, Capt. WILLEY, arrived here yesterday from Jacksonville, (Fla.) having made her passage in the extraordinary time of 24 hours from that place, and 18 hours from the Bar. We are indebted to Capt. Willey for the following interesting information which was copied from the log book of the U. S. Steamer *Essex*, Capt. Peck, coasting along the St. Johns.

Capt. Peck reports that on the morning of the 19th of June, while in the St. Johns river, he discovered a boat coming from Col. Hallow's plantation on the West side of St. Johns, with him on board, wounded, also Dr. Simons, and with a few negroes. In a short time after, the dwellings of Col. Hallow and Dr. Simons were perceived to be in flames. Capt. Peck then ran over to George & Lewis Fleming's plantation on the other side of the river, took off their families and negroes and proceeded on to Picolata. On arriving there he reported the above occurrences to the commanding officer at that place, who dispatched 20 men up Six mile creek to intercept the Indians if they should attempt to cross. In the evening about 8 o'clock Capt. P. returned to Col. Hallow's plantation and found Mr. Colt's building adjoining those of Col. H. in flames.—While on the landing one of Col. Hallow's negro fellows, who had been captured by and had escaped from the Indians made his appearance, and reported that they were in number 30 strong then back of the negro houses—that a body of them had taken down both the east and west side of the St. Johns, and meant to destroy all the settlements on said river. About 11 o'clock the buildings were also burnt. In addition to the above, Capt. W. states that M. Bullman was shot at his plantation by the Indians, about 4 miles from Whiteville, and stabbed in three or four places with a knife—his wife and children made their escape.

The accounts from Black Creek are truly deplorable. Fifty-two died there in 10 days, from Measles and Diarrhea.

There were 146 reported sick at Fort Drane, among whom were 5 out of 7 Officers.

On return of Capt. CURRY'S detachment from protecting the baggage wagons, 20th inst., they saw a number of Indian trails proceeding towards Jacksonville. The Indians encamped within 3 miles of the detachment.

The schooner *Motion*, WILLEY, was loading at Jacksonville, with the inhabitants and their baggage for St. Marys.

THE CREEK INDIANS.

From the *Charleston Mercury* of July 23. We received last evening, the *Augusta Sentinel* of yesterday morning, together with other Western papers, from which we copy the following:

WAR NEWS. MILLIDGEVILLE, July 19.

The Georgia Infantry have been discharged, leaving now in the service, of our troops, Col. Beall's Regt. and Maj. Alford's battalion of Mounted Men. When these will be discharged, seems from all we can learn, to be doubtful. The Indians in small parties still continue to commit depredations. The band in the Chickasaw swamp have not yet been taken, and are supposed still to be in that swamp. And finally, Gen. Jessup, we understand, has issued an order, requiring all the Indians, without exception, to come in by a particular time, for emigration; threatening to consider those who do not comply with this order, as outlaws and enemies, and to treat them as such.

From the reluctance of the Indians to emigrate, this order, it is thought, may probably produce further hostility, and Gen. Jessup, it is supposed, will find considerable difficulty in consummating his designs.—*Recorder*.

MONTGOMERY, (Al.) July 16.

About three thousand Indians left our wharves on Thursday last, on board the steamboats Lewis

Cass and Meridian, for their destined homes across the Mississippi, under charge of Lieut. Barry of the United States Army.

From the inauspicious season of the year, and the crowded state of the Boats, it is but reasonable to expect, that the Indians will, on the route, suffer much from disease. We look forward to such a result, but hope for a different one.—*Advertiser*.

Previous to the departure of the Indians from this place some days since, many serious disturbances occurred. Upon the requisitions of the Governor of Georgia, preparations were making to so chain and fetter some twelve or fifteen of these deluded wretches that there could be no escape, when one by a sudden and energetic effort, succeed in getting from the grasp of those in whose possession he was—raised a hammer, and inflicted a very severe blow upon the head of one of the guards—gave the war-hoop, and then took to flight—he was immediately shot down dead by a Mobile volunteer, and another bayoneted and died in a few hours.

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inefficient. It is obvious that the large speculators are to derive the greatest advantages from the new regulations. The extent of these operations will show justly the procurement of specie, which is scarce in the new States; and the time of the new regulations taking effect, shows that they were designed to benefit speculators participating in the secrets of the administration.

But a main object of this Treasury Circular is to curtail the sales of the public Lands in order to diminish the surplus revenue to be divided among the States according to the Distribution Bill. This Bill which the President was forced to sign, is odious to him, and his organ the *Globe*, is attacking its supporters with the malignity of a baffled despot.

In this circular the President insolently assumes to protect the actual settlers the cultivators of the soil.—Are the hardy yeomanry of these United States so measure and unprotected as to need the outstretched arm of any individual? Do the poor need other protection than equal laws?

Of the effect of these regulations in deranging the currency we shall speak hereafter.

Such is one of the acts of an administration whose measures Martin Van Buren has solemnly promised to carry out—will the citizens of the South support him?

TREASURY CIRCULAR.—AGAIN

Under this extraordinary and corrupt administration, we have seen no measure adopted of so pernicious and evil a tendency, as a circular recently issued by the Secretary of the Treasury. By merely reading the circular, without any knowledge or reflection upon the state of the great business of speculation in the public lands carried on in the South and West, and those engaged in this speculation—the recent act of Congress for distributing the proceeds of the sales of these lands, and the course of the Government on this measure, one might be led to the belief that in the promulgation of this measure, the President and his advisers were actuated by purely honest motives. But what is the fact? Here is a circular issued by order of the President, forbidding the receipt of any thing but gold and silver in payment for public lands, purporting to be put to stop speculation and frauds in the public domain, by public men, pet Banks, and others. The effect of this will be, to stop to a stop to the sales of the public lands, and to come into market, which will cut off the vast revenue derived from the sales of the public lands, and to be distributed among the States, thus defeating by cunning artifice and wicked device, a measure, which the party in Congress were compelled to pass. Is it not obvious, that the sales of the public lands to a great extent must cease when nothing will be received in payment from purchasers but gold and silver, for there is not a sufficient metallic currency in the country to supply the demand, even were it possible to get a convenient? Here, then, is one of the evil consequences of this circular—the great benefit to be derived from the recent act of Congress which has carried revenues throughout the country, and which was so much demanded in justice to the old States, is at once blown from the Executive pedestal. This is one of the wicked designs of this circular.

Another object of this circular is this. For the last three years, the vast treasure of the country has been in the hands of irresponsible office-holders, or in a string of corrupt pet Banks, that have not only used the money for spending themselves, but have loaned it out to the millions of Van Buren for the purpose of buying up the public lands. They have purchased largely, probably, to the whole amount of the public money in the pet Banks. The recent act of Congress for regulating this money in safe Banks, under the control of the law, has taken out of the hands of these public robbers the means to carry on their schemes. Now, the effect of this circular will be, to give these speculators of the Government, a chance to escape exposure, and while others are prevented from honestly buying up the lands, they may have the whole matter into their own hands, in selling off to settlers, at a large advance, the lands already in their possession—it is shutting the whole land market to all but a few individuals who have been favored by the Pet Banks, and the Pet Banks themselves, for in this very circular, the charge is made that the deposit Banks have been engaged with the public lands in speculation.

But, wicked as is this circular, in its object, it is no less weak and absurd, as a public measure. Suppose even the objects of this Circular to be as stated,—for preventing frauds in the sale of the public lands, and prevent the lands from falling into the hands of capitalists!—by demanding all payments for lands to be made in Gold, and Silver, what would be the result?—Why, capitalists in the Eastern cities, who wish to speculate in lands will not hesitate to transport specie from the Eastern cities, to the land offices in the West to the amount of every dollar in the Banks—a run will be made upon the Government Banks, and all others, to the amount of every Bill which they issue, and the result will be a string of broken Banks and a worthless currency, unless the Banks curtail their issues to a great extent. Besides, as soon as the specie is paid into the Land Offices in the South and West, the Government will be obliged to convey it back by wagons or otherwise, to the Eastern cities to keep up the credit of its deposit Banks, and for other uses, thus opening a wide stream of expense to the Government. How is it possible in Missouri, for instance, to obtain specie to give in exchange for public lands, where they have no Banks at all, their currency being supplied by the Banks of other States? In Mississippi their Banks contain but a small amount of specie, and the inevitable result of this circular will be the destruction of all her Banks. In every point of view, this movement of the Government is unwise, impolitic, wicked, and destructive to the best interests of the country.

With these comments we will now submit the circular.

IMPORTANT TREASURY CIRCULAR. To Receivers of Public Money, and to the Deposit Banks.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, July 11, 1836.

In consequence of complaints which have been made of frauds, speculations, and monopolies, in the purchase of the public lands, and the aid which is said to be given to effect these objects by excessive bank credits, and discounts, of not partial facilities through bank drafts and bank deposits, and the general evil influence likely to result to the public interests, and especially the safety of the great amount of money in the Treasury, and the sound condition of the currency of the country, from the further exchange of the national domain in this manner, and chiefly for bank credits and paper money, the President of the United States has given directions, and you are hereby instructed, after the 15th of August next, to receive in payment of the public lands nothing except what is directed by the existing laws, viz. gold and silver, and, in the proper cases, Virginia land scrip; provided, that, till the 15th of December next, the same indulgences heretofore extended with the kind of money received, may be continued for any quantity of land not exceeding three hundred and

twenty acres to each purchaser who is an actual settler, or bona fide resident in the State where the sales are made.

In order to insure the faithful execution of these instructions, all Receivers are strictly prohibited from accepting for land sold, any draft, certificate, or other evidence of money or deposit, though for specie, unless signed by the Treasurer of the United States, in conformity to the act of April 24, 1820. And each of those officers is required to annex to his monthly returns to this Department the amount of gold and of silver respectively, as well as the bills received under the foregoing exception; and each deposit bank is required to annex to every certificate given upon a deposit of money the portions of it actually paid in gold, in silver, and in bank notes. All former instructions on these subjects, except as now modified, will be considered as remaining in full force.