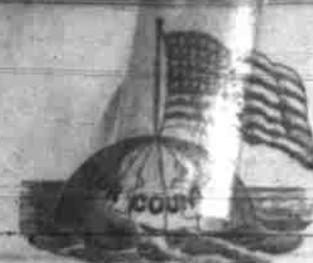


# THE SENTINEL.



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## HONOR.

There are some things we like. We like the *Statesman* of Baltimore in the main. We think it is, however, disposed in such some good things. It quotes, for instance, Andrew Johnson's patriotism. That is neither democratic, nor just. It cannot be denied that Johnson stood up for the Constitution. We grant, that the *Statesman* is conducted with ability and calmness generally. Its standard of journalism is elevated, and it aspires to be a teacher. For all this we give it due applause. But we think "Pompey nods" sometimes too often in letters and politics. Of course, we do not expect the editors to be exempt from human infirmities. All moreover are prone, and the *Statesman* is no exception. We like it, and do not prefer exceptions to any particular. But to our dissenting voice. In an article upon present grief, they, it asks this question:

"Dickens and Mrs. — remember the great How many people, & what adventure Bacon as Lord Verulam? — by the way did Macaulay make to his Lord? — Thinking himself to be called a — on Sat. of a proposition to put a coronal garment on the three greatest noblemen in Britain ever saw — Shakespeare, Bacon and Burke — were made to notice by — that any distinction of rank or title would have been like adding perfume to the — or like a vixen, vixen cire round the moon, imparting no radiance to it, and soon fading away, and leaving the orb of com pass silver to reign in solitary majesty in the firmament. It is gratifying to see a man of genius, like Mr. Dickens, show that he has some sense of the fitness of things."

Now we like some part of this. The sentiment in some particulars is correct. But there is a quiet sneer at honor that strikes us as neither good taste nor strict democratic; and the *Statesman* claims to be an organ of democratic principles and policy. We believe that Sir Walter Scott merited his knighthood. His devotion to country; if an uncommon genius; if a most brilliant career in letters; if a genuine British manhood ever entitled a man to honors, we believe that the great wizard deserved them. It is true that Sir Walter was not a greater or more honored man than Mr. Dickens, but it was the less grateful and deserved tribute to his high and unquestioned genius when Britain's ruler bestowed upon him the Knighthood. And so with Lord Macaulay.

Shakespeare, and Burns, and Byron would not certainly have been men of less parts or less honor if they had been Lords and Dukes. What Burns has said is true — we can not copy the entire passage — as we have not his work by us — that "a man's a man for a' that." In spite of honor some continue to be right noble specimens of humanity.

Was Bacon injured in popular estimation by being made Lord Verulam? If a man of reading has never become familiar with his title, he is simply more negligent in that particular than hundreds of students in Colleges and schools have been. We suppose there is not in the State a moderately well read man in *belles lettres* who is not familiar with both names; and we venture to assert that neither Lord Bacon (his common title,) nor Lord Verulam (his proper title) ever made Francis Bacon any less a wonder to any man who had some enough to understand his wonderful deductive philosophy — the Novum Organum — or his unique essays.

To denounce titles in this country, to say the least, is all bush. Was Washington really any greater man as President than he was before? Was Alexander Hamilton, or Daniel Webster, or the two great Southerns, Henry Clay and Jno. C. Calhoun, any less great because they failed of Presidential honors? A thousand times, n.y. They, however, if they had been Presidents, they would have received that tribute which they have won, by long and brilliant services, and been crowned with honors that would have been most worthily worn.

A man may be "noble by nature" but that is no disqualification for heroes and fame. Because he is one of "nature's noblemen" constitutes really a first rate reason why he should be crowned with the aristocratic wreath and wear honors and titles.

We believe, then, the sentiment of the *Statesman* is false, both as to the fact and the practice. Before hours considered by either a sovereign or the sovereign people are barren, the time must come when men shall no longer seek fame or fortune; and it is best and badge for the *Statesman* to endeavor to pain off such thread bare falsehoods upon the public. If the public do not know very much of literary masters, it will readily perceive the absurdity of confounding titles in America or in England, or indeed anywhere. The world over peculiar merit, real or reputed, has been rewarded by titles. Charles Dickens may not agree to be made a Knight (if such a project is on foot,) but whether known as Sir Charles or Lord Dickens, he is still a huge dandy, with very bad morals and considerable genius. There was more true manhood in General Sir Walter or my Lord Macaulay, (which we believe,) than in a whole host of genoms Dickens'. It is a funny thing to read Lyton Bulwer's marvellous rhetoric invectives all to behalf of plain Mr. Charles Dickens, and then to read Mr. Charles' very clever response. The *Statesman* likes such eloquence. We do not.

The Present Journalists continue to express surprise at the increase of immigration from the kingdom. On the 6th ultimo the railroad company reported 3,500 passengers, east on the following day 2,000 others, about to embark for America. The power existing in the eastern provinces induces us to see the means of existence in a new country.

## COL. WALTER CLARKE.

We omitted the name of the Colonel as a member of the Halifax bar. His promotion at the bar bids fair to be as rapid as his promotion in the army. The Colonel was the youngest officer of his rank in the army of Virginia.

At fifteen he entered the army, in which he served two years. He returned home, entered our University, took the highest honors, and at graduation in his 18th year, again entered the service of his country, and was elected Major of the "Junior Reserves." He fought in the battles between Goldsboro' and Raleigh, in which he distinguished himself.

Napoleon said a Frenchman wanted no higher distinction than to have it said, "he belonged to the army of Italy." There was a time when there was no higher distinction than to say he belongs to the army of Virginia. But, alas, defeat will bring down; even the old Quartermaster, Judge Hodges, who fed the poor Colonel, would now fain make him odious for having belonged to the army of Virginia.

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