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From the Albany Argus.

In order to meet the speculations and misstatements of certain opposition journals, relative to Mr. Van Buren, and the Vice Presidency, we have obtained for publication a copy of the subjoined correspondence, in anticipation of its appearance by the direction of the committee of the Baltimore Convention. The letter of the committee and the reply of Mr. Van Buren will speak for themselves. They are pertinent, and worthy of the parties. It will be perceived that Mr. V. B. frankly and explicitly accepts the nomination.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BALTIMORE, May 22, 1832.

Martin Van Buren, Esq.

Sir: At a Republican Convention, assembled in this place by previous appointment, you have been nominated as a candidate for the Vice Presidency, and presented to the people as a suitable person to fill that high and responsible office. That convention has constituted us the organ of communication to you, of this distinguished mark of their confidence. It gives us pleasure to inform you that, though there were other worthy and favorite individuals of the democratic party sharing largely in their regard, and dividing with you their confidence; yet, when the clear and ascertained will of the respective delegations indicated you as the preferred object of their wishes, every voice in the convention united in the choice.

If the great Republican party throughout the Union shall continue faithful to the principles they have so long maintained, and be animated by the same zeal and unanimity which characterized their representatives in the convention, and in a peculiar manner marked the result of their proceedings, we have every reason to congratulate you and our illustrious President, that there is in reserve for your wounded feelings a just and certain reparation, and an ample retribution for the injury meditated against the well meant measures of a Patriot, whose whole administration has been exclusively directed to the advancement of the public good.

We are not unaware that our adversaries affect to derive encouragement from the diversity of sentiments and interests which exists among us; but we confidently believe that there is disinterestedness of purpose and strength of patriotism sufficient to meet and overcome not only the difficulties arising from this source, but also the powerful and combined opposition arrayed against us. The differences among us, which our opponents have regarded as serious divisions, and to which they look with such fond expectations will yield we doubt not to the dictates of prudence and a sense of political safety, and our free institutions long be preserved.

The decided expression of the wishes of the republican party, evinced through their representatives in the convention, induces us to calculate with confidence on your acceptance of the nomination which we are appointed to make known to you.

With sentiments of personal respect, we are your fellow citizens.

ROBERT LUCAS, President.

P. V. DANIEL,

JAMES FENNER,

JOHN M. BARCLAY,

A. S. CLAYTON,

V. Pres't's.

KINDERHOOK, August 3d, 1832.

Gentlemen—I have had the honor to receive your communication, advising me of my nomination by the Convention recently assembled at Baltimore, as a candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States.

Previously to my departure from this country, my name had been frequently mentioned in connection with that office. This however was not done with my approbation; on the contrary, when consulted on the subject, I uniformly declared, that I was altogether unwilling to be considered a candidate for the station. To my friends, whenever opportunity presented, the grounds of the unwillingness were fully explained, and I left them, as I supposed, generally satisfied with my course in this respect, and resolved to recommend and unite in the support of some other individual.

Since that period my position has been essentially changed, by the circumstance to which you have referred, and to which rather than to any superior fitness on my part, I am bound to ascribe the decision of the convention, and the warmth and unanimity of feeling with which it would seem to have been accompanied.

Viewing it in this light, I cannot but regard this spontaneous expression of confidence and friendship, from the delegated democracy of the Union, as laying me under renewed obligations of gratitude to them, and of fidelity to the great interests for whose advancement they were assembled.—I feel, also, that I should prove myself unworthy of so much kindness, were I to disregard those obligations, or to shrink from any duties they legitimately imply. Whatever my personal feelings and wishes might otherwise have been, I cannot hesitate as to the course which it now becomes me to pursue; and therefore cheerfully consent, that the favorable opinion expressed by your constituents, be submitted to the more deliberate judgment of the American people.

That those who entertain the same general opinions in regard to the principles on which government ought to be administered, should sometimes disagree both as to the measures and to men, especially in a country whose interests are so diversified as our own, is to be

expected. It is to be hoped, however, that nothing will occur to impair the harmony and affection which have hitherto bound together, in one political brotherhood, the Republicans of the North and the South, the East and the West; and which, by cementing their union and securing their concerted action, have heretofore contributed so largely to the welfare of the nation. The differences to which you have alluded, grow out of circumstances not easily controlled; yet I cannot but concur with you in the belief that they may be overcome, if our efforts are conceived in a generous spirit of conciliation, and accompanied by a sincere determination not to suffer its operations to be counteracted by personal prejudices or local interests.—That such efforts will be made in every quarter of the Union, is not to be doubted, and we have therefore no occasion to despair of the safety or permanence of our free institutions. It is also most fortunate for the country, that our public affairs are under the direction of an individual, peculiarly qualified by his early and inflexible devotion to Republican principles, and by that moral courage which distinguishes him from all others, to carry the nation triumphantly through the difficulties by which it is encompassed. Thoroughly convinced that the stability and value of our confederated system, depend, under Providence, on a faithful adherence to those principles, I shall ever esteem it a sacred duty, to give them on all occasions my zealous support; and I would humbly hope that this motive, rather than any other, has led me to accept the nomination you have tendered.

Accept, gentlemen, for yourselves, my thanks for the kind manner in which you have communicated to me, the proceedings of the dignified assembly over which you presided, and believe me, with the liveliest regard, your friend and obedient servant.

M. VAN BUREN.

To Robert Lucas, Esq. President, and P. V. Daniel, James Fenner, John M. Barclay, and A. S. Clayton, Esqrs. Vice Presidents.

BY AUTHORITY.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES PASSED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

AN ACT to increase and improve the Law Department of the Library of Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Librarian to prepare an apartment near to, and connected by, an easy communication with that in which the Library of Congress is now kept, for the purpose of a Law Library; to remove the law books, now in the Library, into such apartments; and to take charge of the Law Library, in the same manner as he is now required to do of the Library of Congress.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States shall have free access to the said Law Library; and they are, hereby, authorized and empowered to make such rules and regulations for the use of the same, by themselves and the attorneys and counsellors, during the sittings of the said court, as they shall deem proper; Provided, such rules and regulations shall not restrict the President of the United States, the Vice President, or any member of the Senate or House of Representatives, from having access to the said library, or using the books therein, in the same manner that he now has, or may have, to use the books of the Library of Congress.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Law Library shall be a part of the Library of Congress, subject to the same regulations, except such alterations as are herein provided for as now are, or hereafter shall be established for the Library of Congress; and the incidental expenses of the Law Library shall be paid out of the appropriations for the Library of Congress.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That there shall be, and hereby is appropriated, for the present year, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, and a further annual sum of one thousand dollars, for the period of five years; to be expended in the purchase of law books; and that the Librarian shall make the purchases of the books for the Law Library, under such directions, and pursuant to such catalogue, as shall be furnished him by the Chief Justice of the United States.

A. STEVENSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. C. CALHOUN

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate,

APPROVED, July 14, 1832.

ANDREW JACKSON.

AN ACT to provide for completing the removal and erection of the Naval Monument.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of paying the workmen for renewing the inscriptions, and giving uniformity of color to the naval monument, its ornaments and statues recently removed from the Washington Navy Yard to the Capitol Square, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, July 14, 1832.

AN ACT authorizing the entry of vessels and merchandise arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, or beyond the same, at the port of Edgartown, in Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first of August next, all vessels or merchandise, arriving in the United States from the Cape of Good Hope, or from any place beyond the same, may be entered at the port of Edgartown in Massachusetts.

APPROVED, July 14, 1832.

AN ACT concerning the issuing of patents to aliens for useful discoveries and inventions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privilege granted to the aliens described in the first section of the act, to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees, approved April seventeenth, eighteen hundred; be extended in like manner, to every alien, who, at the time of petitioning for a patent, shall be resident in the United States, and shall have declared his intention, according to law, to become a citizen thereof: Provided, That every patent granted by virtue of this act and the privileges thereto appertaining, shall cease and determine and become absolutely void without resort to any legal process to annul or cancel the same in case of a failure on the part of any patentee, for the space of one year from the issuing thereof, to introduce into public use in the United States, the invention or improvement for which the patent shall be issued; or in case the same for any period of six months after such introduction shall not continue to be publicly used and applied in the United States, or in case of failure to become a citizen of the United States, agreeably to notice given at the earliest period within which he shall be entitled to become a citizen of the United States.

APPROVED, July 13, 1832.

AN ACT to carry into effect the act to provide for a survey of the coast of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for carrying into effect the act entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States," approved on the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, there shall be, and hereby is, appropriated, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the said act is hereby revived, and shall be deemed to provide for the survey of the coasts of Florida, in the same manner as if the same had been named therein.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, in and about the execution of the said act, to use all maps, charts, books, instruments, and apparatus, which now, or hereafter may belong to the United States, and employ all persons in the land and naval service of the United States, and such astronomers and other persons as he shall deem proper: Provided, That nothing in this act, or the act hereby revived, shall be construed to authorize the construction or maintenance of a permanent astronomical observatory.

APPROVED, July 10, 1832.

AN ACT providing for the purchase by the United States of the rights of the Washington Bridge Company, in the District of Columbia and for the erection of a public bridge on the site thereof.

WHEREAS it is represented to this present Congress that the Washington Bridge Company are willing and desirous to sell, convey and transfer to the United States, the bridge by them owned, in its present condition, with all their rights, property and privileges, as a company, under the existing laws including their lands, piers, abutments, roads, and ways, as well as all materials by them owned at the site of the said bridge, whether worked up or not, in the construction or re-construction of the same or not, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That provided the said Washington Bridge Company shall at a lawful meeting of the stockholders thereof, agree to convey, and shall actually convey to the United States the said bridge as it now is with all the estate, right, title, and interest, either in law or equity, by them owned, as a company under existing laws, in said bridge, with its piers, abutments, roads and ways, together with all the materials by them now owned as a company, at the said bridge and ways, either worked up or not, in the construction or re-construction of the said bridge and all other their rights, privileges, and immunities as such company, within two calendar months from the passing of this act; which conveyance the said company is hereby authorized and empowered to make, by deed, under their corporate seal to be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, then the said Secretary shall be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to pay to the said company the sum of twenty thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That upon the execution of such conveyance by the said company, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be erected upon the site of the present bridge a good and sufficient bridge across the river Potomac, of such materials, and upon such plan of construction as he shall approve and direct: provided, That the said bridge be so constructed as to have a draw therein suitable for the safe passage of vessels of the largest dimensions, capable of navigating the Potomac river above the said bridge, not less than thirty-six feet at the least and, also, on each side of the said draw, and at a suitable distance therefrom, an arch of sufficient elevation to admit the passage under the same of an ordinary steamboat; which said draw and arch shall be at the Virginia channel in the said river: And provided, further, That there shall be a similar draw at the Maryland channel, of not less than thirty-five feet with a similar arch: And, provided, also, That in the selection of materials and in the construction of the said bridge, draws and arches, all practicable attention shall be had to the preservation of the navigation of the said river.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That to

wards the construction of the said bridge and works hereby authorized and directed, the sum of sixty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby, appropriated, payable out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said company shall apply and distribute the said sum of twenty thousand dollars in the following manner that is to say; first to reimburse the expenses incurred by the said company since the last adjournment of Congress, to the stockholders advancing the same and the balance among other stockholders, pro rata, on the cost of each share, to the present holders thereof, to be ascertained by the company if necessary, by the oath or affirmation of the present holder.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall have no effect, unless three valuers, to be appointed by the President of the United States having no interest in the said bridge or in any property in the District of Columbia, and not being inhabitants of the said District, or a majority of them, shall, on oath, decide that the property of the said bridge company, so to be conveyed to the United States, exclusive of any supposed value of the privileges by them held under their charter as a company, is of the value of twenty thousand dollars: or unless in case the said valuers, or a majority of them shall value the said property at a sum less than twenty thousand dollars, the said bridge company will agree to accept the amount of such valuation. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

Approved, July 14, 1832.

AN ACT to extend the provisions of the act, entitled "An act regulating commercial intercourse with the islands of Martinique and Gaudaloupe," approved the ninth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and to refund the tonnage duties on the French ship Victorine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges, which are extended by the act entitled "An act regulating commercial intercourse with the Islands of Martinique and Gaudaloupe;" approved the ninth of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, to French vessels laden and coming direct from those islands, shall be extended to vessels coming in the same manner, in ballast, subject, nevertheless, to the proviso contained in said act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to refund, out any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amount of tonnage duty as may have been collected, by the Collector of the port of New York, upon the French ship Victorine, and which is referred to in the letter of the French Minister to the Secretary of State, dated the fourth of November last.

APPROVED July 13, 1832.

AN ACT giving the assent of Congress to an act of the Legislature of North Carolina entitled "An act to incorporate a company entitled the Roanoke Inlet Company, and for other purposes," and also, to an act amendatory thereof, which passed in one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assent of Congress be, and the same is hereby given, so far as the same may be necessary to the validity thereof, to an act of the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, entitled "An act to incorporate a company entitled the Roanoke Inlet Company and for other purposes;" and also, to an act of the said Legislature to amend the former which passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the assent hereby given to the several acts aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to extend to the provisions of any act which may be passed by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, to revive, amend or carry into full effect the purpose of the acts aforesaid, so far as the assent of Congress may be deemed essential to the validity thereof.

APPROVED, July 13, 1832.

AN ACT to provide for the extinguishment of the Indian title to lands lying in the States of Missouri and Illinois, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of forty-six thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be applied, under the direction of the President, to the extinguishment of the title of the Kickapoos, Shawnees, and Delawares, of Cape Girardeau, to lands lying in the State of Missouri; and of the Piankashaws, Weas, Peorias, and Kaskaskias, to lands lying in the State of Illinois; and for the purpose of defraying all the expenses of treating with, removing, and subsisting, said Indians for one year; for an additional compensation to the Shawnee Indians, for their reservation at the Wapachkonitta in Ohio, an annuity of two thousand dollars per annum, for fifteen years; and also, the sum of three thousand dollars to defray the expenses of procuring the assent of the Menominee Indians to the treaty between them and the United States, which was provisionally ratified during the present Session of Congress.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, the Secretary of the Treasury, be, and he is hereby directed, to pay to the legal representatives of John Pettigru and James Pettigru, the sum of nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, with interest, at the rate of six per centum, from the month of June, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, until the time of payment.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby,

directed to pay to the legatees, of Alexander McKnight the sum of two thousand one hundred and twenty dollars, with interest, at the rate of six per centum, from the month of June, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, until the time of payment.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted That said sums be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 14, 1832.

AN ACT supplemental to the act "granting certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the State of Alabama, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahaba, and Black Warrior rivers," approved the twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for the State of Alabama, to alter the plan for the improvement on the Tennessee river below Florence, by canalling instead of sluicing, so as to accomplish the object which Congress had in view in making the appropriation: Provided, That not more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, including the sum already expended on that part of the river, shall be expended below the said town of Florence.

Approved July 16, 1832.

RESOLUTION directing the distribution of a compilation of Congressional Documents, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby directed to distribute, by mail or otherwise, the compilation of documents directed to be published by the act entitled "An act making provision for a subscription to a compilation of Congressional Documents;" approved March second eighteen hundred and thirty one; in the following manner to wit:

To the President of the United States, and to each person who has been President one copy.

To the Vice President of the United States, one copy.

To the Department of State, four copies, viz: one for the use of the Secretary, one to be deposited in the Patent Office, and the two others to remain in the Library of that department.

For the Ministers of the United States, in foreign countries, fifty copies, to be deposited in, and distributed under such regulations as may be made by the Department of State.

To the Treasury Department twelve copies, namely: for the use of the Secretary; one copy; and for the use of First and Second Comptrollers; the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Auditors; the Treasurer, Register, Solicitor and Commissioner of the General Land Office; one copy each.

To the War Department thirteen copies, namely: for the use of the Secretary, one copy; for the use of the Commanding General of the Army of the United States, the paymaster General, the Adjutant General, the Commissary General of Purchases, the Ordnance Department, Commissary General of Subsistence, Quartermaster General, Engineer Department, Topographical Bureau, one copy each; and for the use of the Military Academy three copies.

To the Navy Department fifty-four copies, namely: for the use of the Secretary one copy; or the use of the Commissioners of the Navy Board, one copy; and to enable the Secretary of the Navy to place one copy in every public armed vessel of the United States, when in commission under such regulations as the said Secretary shall prescribe, fifty-two copies.

To the General Post Office, three copies, namely: for the use of Post Master General one copy, and for the use of each of the Assistant Postmaster General, one copy.

To the Library of Congress five copies.

To the Library of the Senate ten copies.

To the Library of the House of Representatives, twenty copies.

To each member of the Senate and House of Representatives and Delegates of the twenty first and twenty-second Congress, one copy.

To the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, each one copy.

To Mr. O. Rich, agent for the Congress Library, in London one copy, to be disposed of by him in some suitable manner, in return for a donation made by authority of the British Government, to the Library of Congress, of the volumes of the Record Commission publications.

To supply the several States and Territories of the United States, eighty-one copies, viz: for the use of the Governor and each branch of the Legislature of every State, one copy; for the use of the Governor of each of the Territories, one copy; and two copies to be deposited in the archives of each of said Territories, for the use of the Legislature thereof.

To each incorporated college, and Athenaeum in the United States, not exceeding sixty-nine: one copy.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That of the copies of the Secret Journals of the old Congress, remaining for distribution, there be a further distribution as follows, namely: that one copy of each volume be delivered to each member of both Houses of Congress, and that the residue remain for a future order of distribution.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House be, and hereby are directed to divide the remaining documents of the two Houses from the fourteenth to the eighteenth Congress inclusive and to keep them for the use of each House in their respective libraries.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the copies of the Journal of the Convention for forming the present Constitution, remaining or distribution, be equally divided between the two Houses of Congress, to be kept in their respective libraries.

APPROVED, July 10, 1832.