

gratification, I pray you to make my respects to them, as you may have opportunity, and I tender to them all my sincere and cordial good wishes.

I am, gentlemen, with great personal regard and esteem,  
Your obliged friend,  
and obedient servant,  
**DANIEL WEBSTER.**  
HON. JAMES IREDELL and others.

TO WM. DALLAS HAYWOOD, Esq., Mayor of Raleigh.

The following correspondence shows that the President of the U. States and one of his cabinet have accepted invitations to visit the University next June, and that that institution in June next, and your fellow citizens hail with delight the coming among us of the Chief Magistrate of the nation, and the more especially as you are a native of the State and a graduate of our University. Influenced by these considerations, the citizens of Franklin, Granville, and Warren, have held a meeting at Henderson, without distinction of party, and appointed the undersigned a committee to receive you at Gaston, which is near the State line, to tender to you the hospitalities of the State, and to attend you in your progress to the University. With the best feelings we approach you through the medium of this communication, and ask you to inform us at what time you will reach Gaston, that we may know when we may have the pleasure to meet you there. The mail train leaves Gaston in the night, but the train which will receive you and your suite, will not leave Gaston till next morning after breakfast, suited to your pleasure, and which will carry you to Raleigh by daylight. Hoping to hear from you, and to be notified of your contemplated movements, we subscribe ourselves, most respectfully,

Your fellow-citizens,  
Jno. D. Hawkins,  
William J. Branch,  
Wm. P. Williams,  
Thomas K. Thomas,  
William K. Martin,  
Levin Perry,  
Wesley W. Young,  
Jas. B. Littlejohn,  
Frank Hawkins,  
Ar'd E. Henderson,  
W. S. McLannahan,  
George C. Eaton,  
Wm. N. Edwards,  
Geo. E. Baskerville,  
Fr's. H. Thornton,  
William Eaton, Sen.,  
A. A. Austin,  
J. S. Johnson,  
JOHN S. EATON, Chairman,  
Jno D. Hawkins, Jun. Sec'y.  
To which letter the President made the following reply.

Washington City, April 28th, 1847.  
GENTLEMEN:—I have had the honor to receive your communication of the 17th inst. transmitting to me the proceedings of a public meeting, held at Henderson, North Carolina, on that day. I am deeply grateful to my fellow citizens of the Counties of Franklin, Granville and Warren, who composed that meeting, for the tender they make to me, through you, of the hospitalities of my native State, on the occasion of my contemplated visit to the University of North Carolina at the next commencement. Should the state of public affairs be such as to permit me to be absent for a few days, from the seat of Government, I anticipate much pleasure in revisiting your University where so many pleasant days of my youth were spent.

In answer to your enquiry, "at what time" I will probably reach Gaston near the border of the State," I have to inform you, that it is my present intention, to set out from this City on the 28th of May, and travelling by the public conveyances, I learn, that I will arrive at Gaston on the same evening or early next morning. It will be a part of the arrangements of my journey, to proceed to Raleigh on Saturday, where I will remain until Monday.

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept for yourselves, and convey to those whom you represent, my profound acknowledgments for this mark of your regard.

With sentiments of great respect,  
I am your obedient servant,  
**JAMES K. POLK.**  
To Messrs. Jno. D. Hawkins, Wesley W. Young, Weldon N. Edwards, and others, Committee &c., Henderson, N. C.

The following letter was addressed to the Secretary of the navy, the Hon. John Y. Mason.  
To the Honorable JOHN Y. MASON, Secretary of the Navy:  
Dear Sir:—His Excellency, JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States, it is announced in the newspapers, has accepted invitations to visit the University of North Carolina. In anticipation that he will make the visit, many citizens of the Counties of Franklin, Granville, and Warren, without distinction of party, have had a general meeting at Henderson, to appoint a committee of arrangements to receive the President and his suite at Gaston, which is near the border of the State, to tender to him the hospitalities of the State, and to conduct him and his suite on to the University, by Raleigh, the Capital of the State. The undersigned were appointed that committee, and instructed to invite the Heads of Departments at the City of Washington, to accompany him, under that authority, we take peculiar pleasure in inviting you to accompany the President and to partake with him of the hospi-

ties of the State, and of our attentions, which we tender to you most respectfully. It is with exalted pride we here recognize you as a Graduate of our University. And we hope and believe a visit on your part to that ancient seat of learning, will call to your pleasing remembrance, when you review the groves and scenery which encircle and consecrate your Alma Mater. The time when the President will come on, he will fix, and we hope and rely that time will be notified to you by him. We have the honor to be, most respectfully,  
Your fellow citizens,

John D. Hawkins,  
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Of Franklin.  
Of Granville.  
Of Warren.

LIBERTAS ET NATALE SOLVM.  
RALEIGH, MAY 12, 1847.  
ANOTHER BRILLIANT VICTORY.  
We publish in another part of this paper the particulars of the great victory achieved by the army under Gen. Scott at Cerro Gordo. The number of killed and prisoners, considering the troops engaged, stamps it as one of the most brilliant military achievements ever performed on this Continent.

The Mexican army were 12,000 strong the American 8000. There were 6000 Mexicans taken prisoners and 5,000 killed and wounded. Our loss was 700 killed and wounded. Santa Anna's carriage, dinner, cork leg, and \$18,000 in specie, were taken.  
CAPT. CLARK'S COMPANY.  
The company of regulars just enlisted for the service, by Capt. Wm. J. CLARK, of this city, now numbers, we understand, between ninety and a hundred men, and will march for the seat of war next week. Thirty to thirty-five of them are now in this city, and the others at different points of enlistment.  
RARE AND UGLY CUSTOMER.  
On Monday morning last, one of the largest sized Bull Frogs was found in the yard of one of the dwellings on Hillsborough street, in this city. What brought this extraordinary visitor from his favorite aqueous quarters into the city, is altogether a matter of conjecture. There had been, until Saturday night, nothing very inviting to one of his taste and habits, (if we except the music of the "doubing drum," which he may probable relish;) for the dry weather had parched the high grounds and filled the streets with entirely too much dust for a vocalist. We had rain on Saturday night, and on Sunday night a very heavy shower; and some think it highly probable he came down from the clouds, on his return from an aerial voyage which he had taken to participate in a concert of the spheres.

VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.  
There is still some doubt as to the exact result in Virginia. If Fulton and McComas are elected, they stand, for Congress, Whigs 7, Locos 7, and one vacancy. It seems to be certain the Whigs have five. The Whigs claim a gain in the Legislature of 18—and admit a loss of 7—clear 11, which, if correct, sweeps away the Loco majority of 22 in the last Legislature. If Mr. Polk's Editor at Washington, has tears to shed, he may shed them now. The sceptre is departing.  
THE NEWBERN DISTRICT.  
A Whig District Convention was held in Washington on the 28th ult.; by which RICHARD S. DONNELL, Esq. of Craven, was nominated for Congress by acclamation, who appeared before the Convention, and, in a spirited and stirring address, accepted the nomination. This is a most excellent choice. Mr. Donnell is a gentleman of high qualifications, and may be pointed to by the State as one of her jewels. With such a leader there can be no doubt of a glorious whig triumph in that district. Eight counties were represented in the convention, by about ninety delegates.

WHIG DISTRICT CONVENTION.  
Delegates from eight of the Counties composing this Congressional District, assembled in convention on Wednesday last in Washington. The official proceedings of that body we are not yet in possession of, but such of the particulars as we have we lay before our readers. The Convention was organized by the appointment of Col. S. S. Biddle of Craven, President, John B. Beasley of Washington and David Carter of Hyde, Vice Presidents, and F. B. Satterthwaite of Pitt, and John Harvey of Craven, Secretaries. A committee was selected to draft resolutions, but the duty of confiding to that committee the selection of a candidate for Congress was dispensed with. The name of R. S. DONNELL, Esq., was presented by a gentleman from Pitt, which was taken up by acclamation, and he was nominated unanimously. Mr. Donnell being informed of his nomination, came before the Convention on invitation, and accepted the nomination in person. His speech on the occasion was happy

and well timed. Mr. Joyner of Pitt also addressed the Convention.  
We learn the representation was unusually large, and the best feeling prevailed.  
*Newbernian.*

THE NEXT HOUSE OF REPS.  
Will be Whig. The result of the recent elections is 88 Whigs, 69 Locos—only 8 vacancies to be filled. The Polkites are daily "growing beautifully less by degress."  
In New Bedford, Mass., the spring election has resulted in the success of the whole Whig ticket. WHIG VICTORIES are all the rage. Hurrah! for Taylor!

FIRST RATE.  
Prentice says, "None of the regular locofoco papers have as yet run up Gen. Taylor's name for the Presidency. We see however, that although they do not run it up, they dere not run it down."  
LAST OF THE ROMANS.  
Mr. Bowden, M. C., in a recent speech in Taladega, called Mr. Polk "The last of the Romans." The Montgomery Journal on the occasion expressed its delight that the breed was so well high run out!

A WELCOME TO THE PATRIOTIC.  
The Annapolis (Md.) Herald, a Locofoco paper, says if "Polk's renomination is out of the question, and the party cannot be concentrated upon him on account of any Northern faction of possessors, would-it not be best to rebuke such feccious spirits by supporting Gen. Taylor?"  
We know not who are meant by the term "Northern faction of possessors," unless it be Silas Wright, Van Buren and others opposed to Polk's re-nomination; but we are decidedly of the opinion that it "would be best" for the Locofocos, in order to avoid getting a real Buena Vista thrashing, to take the Herald's advice, and join in the support of old Rough and Ready for the Presidency. True, the old fellow is a true-hearted-Henry Clay Whig; still that fact does not, should not, & WILL NOT prevent his friends from throwing the door wide open, and extending their hands most heartily to all who feel willing to join them in elevating Gen Taylor to the seat now occupied by a man who was afraid to put the old hero's name in his message; and who let Santa Anna "pass" into Mexico, and place himself at the head of an army 20,000 strong to slay him and his patriotic and unconquerable little band!

TROOPS FOR OREGON.  
The Washington Union says that of the 6,000 volunteers for the Army who are embraced in the call of the War Department, for the present month, about 2,000 are destined for Oregon and Santa Fe.  
The Liverpool Albion says that recently a man sold his wife in the public market place, at Barto, for a shilling. The rascal!  
The Cecil (Md.) Whig of Saturday says: "Some farmers in this neighborhood are ploughing up their wheat, and preparing to plant corn instead, so unpromising is the appearance of the former grain."  
Gen. Worth is known by the cognomen of "The Waving plume," a title pretty graceful and spirited.  
SCOTT AND TAYLOR.  
A large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of Gen. Scott for the Presidency was held in Lebanon on the 24th ult. Spirited resolutions were adopted in favour of the "Great Pacificator," and also highly commendatory of old "Rough and Ready."  
NEAT PUN.  
A printer, on seeing a sheriff closely pursuing an unfortunate author, remarked "that it was a new edition of the "Pursuit of Literature" unbound and hot pressed."

The wife of a good Whig of Fairfield county, Ohio, presented him with two sons and a daughter at one birth—all living and well. He named them Zachary Taylor, Winfield Scott and Martha Washington.  
"Father Matthew," the great Irish Catholic Temperance Lecturer, has announced his intention to visit the United States this summer.  
WHEN A MAN BECOMES OF AGE.  
Chancellor Kent has decided that a man becomes of age the day previous to the anniversary of his birth-day; so that a person born on the second of April, attains his majority on the first.  
EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.  
The annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese, assembled in Newbern, on Wednesday the 5th May. Many of the clergy and laity expected to be in attendance. Bishop Ives who was called for his visitations by the death of Mrs. Hobart, was expected to return in time to attend the Convention.  
TAYLOR CANDLES.  
A dealer in Philadelphia advertises an article which he calls "Taylor candles," for the illumination, which are warranted not to run.

This can't be beat!" as the farmer said when he pulled up a carrot.  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (old school), will hold its next annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, in the City of Richmond, on Thursday, the 26th of May instant.  
Senator Pearce, in his speech on the Three Million bill, quotes the following Resolution, offered by Mr. Benton, when protesting against the Treaty of Annexation, which embodied the claim of Texas to the Rio Grande:—  
"RESOLVED, That the incorporation of the Rio del Norte with the American Union, by virtue of a treaty with Texas, comprehending, as said incorporation would do, a part of the Mexican Departments New Mexico, Chihuahua, Coahuila, and Tamaulipas, would be an act of direct aggression, for all the consequences of which the United States would stand responsible."  
And yet yet Mr. Polk has undertaken, of his own mere power, to involve the country in war with a neighboring power for the sake of this territory. The Baltimore American, speaking on the subject, very properly says:  
The responsibility which Mr. Polk assumed of determining that Texas did extend to the Rio Grande—a thing which Congress had refused to say—was indicated to the world by the order to General Taylor to march to that river and to occupy its left bank. If Congress had authorized this order—and Congress was in session when it was given—it would have been substantially a declaration of war, as it was in fact when it came from Mr. Polk. The difference to be observed is that Congress is empowered by the Constitution to declare war, and the President is not. This difference is apt to be overlooked by Mr. Polk's apologists.  
"Well, after all," said Santa Anna to his officers on the evening of the 23d of February, "I believe I won't take the trouble to go back to whip that contemptible old Yankee, Taylor."  
"That's right, General!"  
A son killed his mother a few days since in Greensburgh, Ky. He sat her as she lay asleep in her bed. He was intoxicated!  
The Governor of Louisiana has been called on by the President to raise five companies of Dragoons for the war!  
In the Wayne Congressional District in Indiana, both the Whig and Democratic candidates for Congress are for Gen. Zachary Taylor for the Presidency.  
The Canada papers are loud in their complaint of many British troops deserting their flag and fleeing to the United States, to enlist in our army. It is estimated that not far from four hundred men have taken "French leave" of their posts.  
THE VICTORY TO COME.  
Prentice says: "We have before us maps of the battle-grounds upon which Gen. Taylor won his four victories in Mexico. We have also before us a map of the battle-ground upon which he will win his great battle of 1848—that is to say, a map of the United States."

PUBLIC MEETING.  
At a very large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Raleigh and the County of Wake, assembled at the City Hall, on Saturday the 8th inst., for the purpose of making arrangements for a proper reception of the President of the United States, on the occasion of his intended visit to the State in June next, on motion of Col. John H. Manly, Wm. Dallas Haywood, Esq., Lieutenant of Police, was called to the Chair, and James F. Jordan was appointed Secretary.  
The Chairman having, in an appropriate address, explained the object of the meeting, on motion of Perrin Busbee, Esq., a committee of five were appointed to report resolutions for the action of the meeting. Whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair, viz: Perrin Busbee, Weston R. Gales, William K. Poole, John H. Manly, and James T. Marriot, Esquires.  
The Committee retired, and after a short absence, reported through Wm. R. Poole, Esq. the following Resolutions:  
The citizens of Raleigh and the County of Wake, have been much gratified to learn, that the President of the United States contemplates a visit to the University of the State at its ensuing Commencement in June, and that he will pass through Raleigh on his way to that place: And being, without distinction of party, desirous of extending to him the honors and regards due to the exalted station of Chief Magistrate of the Union, and of tendering to him a hearty welcome to the hostilities of his native State: Therefore  
Resolved, That a Committee of 50 be appointed by the Chairman, on behalf of the City of Raleigh and Wake County whose duty it shall be, together with the Committee heretofore appointed on behalf of the City Commissioners, to make suitable preparations for the reception of the President, and of those who may accompany him, on his arrival in this City.  
Under the foregoing Resolution, the following gentlemen were appointed:  
Committee on behalf of the City and County: Dr. Josiah O. Watson, Hon. Will-

l. Haywood, Hon. John H. Bryan, Hon. James Iredell, Wm. Hill, Esq., Perrin Busbee, Duncan K. McRae, Geo. W. Mordecai, Edmund B. Freeman, James B. Shepard, Charles Manly, William White, Albert Smith, Joseph B. Routhac, H. W. Husted, H. W. Miller, Rich'g. B. Haywood, George Little, Wm. R. Poole, Alfred Jones, B. B. Smith, E. P. Guion, Wesley Jones, James D. Newson, John H. Manly, Weston R. Gales, Geo. W. Thompson, James T. Marriot, Matthew Shaw, James F. Jordan, Edward Yarborough, Willie Pope, Willie Whitaker, Charles E. Johnson, William H. Tucker, Wm. H. Jones, Wm. G. Hill, Wm. R. Scott, Simon Smith, Jesse Brown, James S. Walton, William C. Tucker, Jordan Wemble, P. B. Burt, Kimborough Jones, Sion Rogers, Jr., Henry D. Turner, Jno. M. Fleming, Joseph Cooke, Samuel P. Norris, Esquires, Dr. Wm. H. McKee, Nathaniel Warren, Esq.  
The Committee is requested to meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, next, the 15th inst., at 12 o'clock, A. M.  
Committee on the part of Commissioners: Wm. Dallas Haywood, Wm. W. Holden, Geo. W. Haywood, S. W. Whiting, John Hutchins, Esquires.  
Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the City papers, and a copy thereof transmitted to the President.  
On motion, the meeting then adjourned.  
WM. DALLAS HAYWOOD Ch'n,  
JAMES F. JORDAN, Sec'y.

The New York Journal of commerce states, that in 1801, there was a famine in England, scarcely less extensive and distressing than that which now scourges Ireland and a part of Scotland. William Pitt, then Prime Minister, issued an order engaging to pay £4 10s. or \$21 per barrel for every barrel of American flour which should be shipped to England, with full liberty to the importer to get a higher mercantile price if he could.  
Was the Tariff of 40% then in force? Was "free trade" even a topic of discussion?  
The Gazette Medicale, published in Paris, speaking of LOUIS PHILIPPE, King of France, says—  
"He rises at 6 in the morning, at all seasons; works in his cabinet while fresh and clear, and therefore with ease—breakfasts simply—then takes a long walk, which promotes a mild and salutary reaction towards the skin; at dinner has constantly half a fowl dressed with rice, and for his drink takes only pure water, about which His Majesty is very particular. At the end of his meal he takes half a glass of old Bordeaux wine. He sleeps on a single mattress, laid on a camp bedstead, but for never more than six hours. Such is the sober and austere life of our Sovereign, and with such a regimen men may live long. It is known that Louis Philippe has some medical opinions of his own. His remedies, however, are most innocent, and have the sanction of one of the greatest practitioners by whom our art is honored. Like Sydenham, in fact, the King may carry the whole of his therapeutical apparatus in the head of his cane—The lancet and opium are his great remedies."

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A fine BROOD AND WORK MARE, and a splendid three year old FILLY. Apply at the Star Office.  
RALEIGH, MAY 11, 1847.  
NEW & BEAUTIFUL SPRING GOODS  
Cheaper than ever.  
JAMES LITCHFORD thankful for past favors, would respectfully solicit a continuance of patronage for the future. He has now the pleasure of informing his friends and customers, that he has just received his Spring supply of  
NEW & BEAUTIFUL DRY GOODS:  
Which, having been bought on favorable terms, will be sold cheaper than ever—consisting, in part of the following articles, viz:  
Super blue, black and brown Cloths  
Do do do Drap d'Ete and Casimeres  
Do fine Marcellis Vestings  
K stockey Jeans and Petticoats  
Alpacas and Union Drillings  
Nankens and fancy Paisiotees with  
attached and unattached Shirting and Sheetings  
Cotton checks and Brod Tickings  
Linen cambrs and Bedsteads  
Fancy cravats and Wash handkerchiefs  
Beautiful, Low and White Bonnets  
Fins and comb's Umbrells  
Elegant fancy summer Prints and Ginghams  
splendid Organdies, new style Madras  
Spool Cotton, Needles, Padings, Canvas  
silk, Twist, Thread and Buttons  
Drapery, Bleached and brown Jeans  
Hosiery, Gloves, Pastebard.  
A superior lot of Gentlemen's and Ladies' shoes, shooetes and Slippers.  
Gun Powder and Imperial Tea, Lost, Crushed, and Pulverised sugar, Coffee and Brown sugar, Molasses, Vinegar and small Gray Onions  
Blacking, Admiration Candles, Powder and shot, chewing Tobacco and segars, Pepper, Allspice and Ginger.  
China, Crockery and Glass Ware,  
Elegant China Tea sets Plates and Dishes, Tea Pots, Basins, Bowls, Pitchers, Chambers, and beautiful plain and mould Tumblers.  
Brads, Nails, Patent Axes, cut brooms, cut Tacks, and J. K. Knives, together with many of our desirable articles all of which, for a season, will be sold on the most favorable terms.  
To his old friends and patrons, he would also say, that he still carries on the TAILORING BUSINESS, and would be glad to execute any job, either in cutting or making, with which they, from time to time, may see fit to favor him.  
Raleigh, May 8  
PRIME VINEGAR,  
Just received by  
JAS. LITCHFORD