## VAN BUREN AND THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

We invite the reader's attention to the follow ng speech of Martin Van Buren. It is the best commentary we have yet seen on that Demagogue's empty pretensions to the support of the poor, whom he has of late so assiduously court ted. Widely extended suffrage was once an abomination in his eyes-and no Aristocrat has transcended him in deep rooted hate of the man with no property.

There are passages in his speech which will make the blood of the " Democrary" boil at his duplicity. Read it Democrats, and when you have read it well, learn to think and speak less harshly of the Whigs who denounced your Federal head :- Portsmouth Republican.

# From the New York Express.

GENTLEMEN :--- I think it muy be amusing, as well as instructive to some of your readers, to peruse the following speech made by Mr. Van Buren in Convention of 1821, that met to revise our State Constitution. As the sentiments therein contained are frequently stated by the "Knowing Ones" to be the doctrines of the present Whig party, I copy the speech entire, so that it shall not be said to be a Garbled Extract. It can be found by any one who has the curiosity to examine for himself on page 181 and 2 of Clarke's Report from the views therein expressed by Mr Van Buren, I subscribe myself one of his opposers, and consequently a FEDERALIST.

Mr Van Buren said, that as the vote he should now give on what was called the highway qualification, would be different from what it had been on a former occasion be felt it a duty to make a brief explanation of the motives which governed him. The qualifications reported by the first Committee, were of three kinds, vis The payment of a money tax ; the performance of military duty ; and working on the highways. The two former had met his decided approbation : to the latter Le wished to add the additional qualification, that the elector, if he paid no tax, performed no militia duty, but offer ed his vote on the sole ground that he had la bored on the highways, should also be a householder ; and that was the only point in which he had dissented from the Committee. To effeat this orject, he had supported a motion made by a gentleman from Duchess, to strike, out the highway qualification, with a view of adding " householder."-That motion, after full discussion, had prevailed by a majority of twenty .---But what was the consequence? The very next day, the same gentleman who thought the highway tax too liberal a qualification, voted that every person of twenty one years of age, having a certain term of residence, and excluing actual paupers, should be permitted to vote for every officer in the government, from the highest to the lowest ; far outrunning, in this particular, the other States in this Union, and verging from the extreme of restricted, to that of universal suffrage. The Convention, sensi ble of the very great stride which had been ta ken by the last vole, the next morning referred the whole matter to a select Committee of thir teen, whose report was now under consideration That committee, though composed of gentlemen a large majority of whom had voted for the pro pisition of universal suffrage, had now recom mended a middle course, viz : the payment of money tax, or labor on the highways: exclud ing militis service, which had, however, been very properly reinstated. The question then recurred, shall an attempt be again made to add that of householder to the highway qualifica And run the hazard of the re introdue. tion ? tion of the qualifications, and throwing open the ballot boxes to every body ; demolishing, at one blow, the distinctive character of an elector, the proudest and most invaluable attribute of free Mr Van Buren said he had, on the motion the gentleman from Columbia this day, hinted of which he had been a prominent supporat the numerous objections which he had to the ter. proposition which the other day passed the Convention, in regard to the right of suffrage ; ob jections he intended to make, had the committee reported in faver of that vote, and by which when fully urged, he knew that would be able to convince every member of this committee of the dangerous and alarming tendency of that precipitation and unexpected prostration of all qualifications. At this moment he would only suy, that among the many evils which flow from a wholly unrestricted suffrage, the following would be the most injurious, viz : 1st It would give to the city of New York but twenty-five thousand votes; while, unde the liberal extension of the right on the choice of delegates to this convention, she had about thousand. That the character of the number of votes would be such as would render their elections rather a curse than a blessing, which would drive from the polls all suber minded people ; and such, as he was happy to find, was the united opinion, or nearly se of the delegation from that city. would not only be injurious to them, but that injury would work an equally great one the western and northern parts of the State. was the present consolation of our hardy sons the West, that for their toils and their suffering in reducing to cultivation the wilderness, they were checked by the convention, not only that they would be secure in the enjoyment of their dear bought improvements in consequence their representation in the Legislature, but that any locrease of that representation gave them a still greater influence there : that as far as it respected this State, their march and the march of empire kept pace. This arose from the cirenmstance of representation in the State being founded on the number of electors; and, be cause almost every man, in a new county, was an elector under the existing and contemplated alincation while in the old counties, and especially in the cities, there were great numbers who would not be embraced by them. So great was this effect, that the city of New York alone would, under the vote of the other day, have become entitled to additional votes over what she was on the election of delegates, equal or nearly so, to the whole number of votes of On tario or Gennessee. The direct consequence of which would be, the additional representation of fourteen members; which are next year to be distributed among the counties, woold, instead of going principally to the West, be serrendered to the very worst population of the old coun ties and cities .--- And. 3d The door would have been entirely closed against retreat, whatever might be our after conviction, founded on experience, as to the evil tendency of this EXTENDED suffrage. The JUST equilibrium between the right of those who have courts the mob in the city of New York . and those who have not, an interest in the Gov. he wheedles " the laboring classes " in ernment, except by the sworp. According to the present report, if experience should point out DANGERS from the very exten- thously every day." And yet they who sive suffrage we wERE about to establish. the legislature might relieve against the EVIL, by eactailing the objects and subjects of taxation -by the establishment of turnpikes, the making of canals, and the general improvement of the country: The highway tax would naturally be groper, be hereafter confined to property, instead on.

of imposing it, as they now do, on every adult For one hundred years, at least, this would af ford sufficient protection against the evils which were apprehended. He would, therefore notwithstanding his desire to have the qualification of householder added to the electors of the third lescription, remain unchanged, accept the report of the committee as it was, with the addi tion of the military qualification, which he thought ought to be adopted for the sake of prin-ciple, if for no other reason. He thought the ommittee, constituted as they were, had done themselves great credit by their concession to the opinion of those from whom they had differ ed, and he, for one, returned them his sincere thanks. Under all circumstances, he would be well satisfied with the right of suffrage, as it will now be established, and would give it his that whole hosts of ruthless disorganizers, strikzealous support, as well in his capacity of delegate as that of citizen. Thus, Messrs Editors, finishes this highly

Democratic speech, which ought to be read by all that class of people (alias the very worst population, &c.) who do not happen to have made so much property by speculation in lands &c., and perhaps too, by means of Bank favors, for all we know, as our highly Democratic President of an exclusively Democratic Party .--Please be so kind as to ask the Editors of the Post' & 'New Era' if they are not overron with complaints about the 'Corse' inflicted upon them because their votes in the ballot box counts as much as the kind soul who was so anxious to save them from that when once surrendered, is never to be regained except by the sword. Respectfully, yours, &c.

The following brief article will give the reader an idea of the kind of reception Mr. Clay meets with in the several towns which he has visited in New York.

From the Sackets' Harbor Journal. RECEPTION OF MR. CLAY AT OS-WEGO.

It was our good fortune to be appointed a member of a delegation from this village, to repair to Oswego, and on the arrival of Mr Clay at that place, to invite him to spend a short time in our village, and to partake of the hospitalities of the inhabitants.

He arrived at Oswego on Saturday last, accompanied by a delegation of the citizens of Syracuse and Onondaga County, (which place he had last visited.) and a numerous escort of the citizens of Oswego, who had gone out to meet and convey him to their village.

On Mr Clav's arrival at the Oswego Hotel, in front of which a large concourse of of his sons over to a foreign court, at different

nuch to insult the merchants and injure the mechanics and loboring interest of New York, has that in a few days we shall see it appounced thought fit by way of sett off to have recourse that one of the rivals has withdrawn, and after to wheedling, and in his reply to Mr Marcy and the election is over we shall see his name ga-the Committee, he says that he does not be-lieve that the laboring classes seek to take a berth under the Government. Mr Van Buren share in the Government for the purpose of over turning it; thus endeavoring to show by implications that such charges are made by the opposition. No such slanders ever emanated from a respectable Conservative or Whig print. The moral and intelligent of the producing classes are against the administration, and go with us heart and hand for the overthrow of the present corrupt rulers. We, in common with others, have charged, aye, and open good ground too, ing directly at all time-honored institutions i civilized society, have become identified with the party in power, and have received favors and honors at its hands. Witness the host of infitdels appointed to offices of emolument and trust !-- Witness also the upholding for Congress by the Globe of such a man as ROBERT DALE OWEN, with his works against the blessed religion of our Redeemer, and that most sacred institution of marriage, every where on record. Under such circumstances is there not cause to fear that should Mr Van Buren again succeed, that all that is honorable and virtuous would be lost sight of, and anatchy and confusion prevail?.

In the reply of Governor Seward to the Com mittee, refasing to upite with, or make himself a party to the disgusting pageantry of receiv-ing a political chief in aid of a political movement, we find the pure doctrines of republican- not a fig for a Bank or Tariff, except as bugism set forth as they emanate from the feelings bears to defeat a man whom it hates. Mo and are exhibited in the actions of the Conser- Clay is no more of a Tariff man than Van vatives and Whigs In the reply of Van Buren to Marcy, we find the laboring' class treated with whining and hypocritical adulation, while the heart is far off. Who, in this city, has ever seen an honest man of the producing class treated other than with haughty distance, and repelling coldness ? Yet this is the man when he has an object to effect, that can smile and smile and in piano tone, beseech for the support of a class that he respects less than he dues his coach horses A wilder Locofoco in speech, and a ranker aristocrat in practice, does not exist than Martin Van Buren, of Kinderhook-his person, his dress, his equipage, every thing about him evince the fact-and can the honest and industrious yeomen of New York be gulled by his soft speeches into the support of a man, whose aim is to force upon the country a measure that will blight their every interest. and cause a depreciation in property to the amount of countless millions? We ask the people of New York to contrast his democratic speeches with the circumstance of sending two

The President with his party having done so post haste for Washington. The result of his mission is not yet known, but the probability is is determined not to be in a minority in the next House of Representatives, if money or Executive influence or patronage can prevent it.

# MR. FOSTER.

Express

The Hon E. H. Foster, Senator in Congress from this State, in a letter to a friend, intimates that should the people elect a majority of Administration men to our next Legislature, he shall feel it incumbent upon him to resign his station in the Senate, and not to await instructions. This is what we call pure republicanism, and affords a most striking contrast to the contemptible shuffling of the democratic Senators of North Carolina .- Western ( Tenn ) Whig.

The Enquirer is always asking wheth the People of Virginia can vote for Mr Clay with his Bank and Tariff notions? And yet the Enquirer supported Mr. Craw ford, one of the most decided advocates of a National Bank in the Union; and Jack son, who voted for the Tariff of 1824; and Van Buren, who voted for the Tariff of 1828! The Enquirer, it is evident, cares Buren, and the Enquirer knows it -and as for the Bank, Van Buren would come out in favor of it to-morrow, if he thought he could secure his election by so doing.

Lynchburg Virginian.

From the New Orleans Bee, July 29. BATTLE BETWEEN THE TEXIAN TROOPS AND THE INDIANS.

The following highly interesting letter to the editors of this paper, was received yesterday by the steamer Velocipede, from Red River :

NATCHITOCHES, July 25, 1839.

Gentlemen - Inclosed you will herewith receive an official report of an engagement which took place on the 15th instant, and a etter from Gen. Rusk, dated on the 17th

Camp Carter, July 6, 1839.

men from Captain Todd's company, by

Gen. Rusk. The enemy displayed from

the point of a hill- Gen. Rusk motioned to

them to come on-they advanced and fired

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The ravine was instantly charged and flank-

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## TEXAS.

A bright destiny is in reserve for Texas Every thing is working for her benefit. The slanders of her enemies at home have been put down by a just administration of the laws, honesty and good faith In England it has been announced in Parliament, that the British Minister at Mexico has been directed to negotiate for the recognitton of the Independence of Texas-and the French Government, is at this time, deliberating upon the expediency of a similar recognition. This, however, is not all -Aware of the obstinate and unyielding temper of the Mexican rulers, they will be made to understand distinctly, from the Government of the U States, that if they shall again march an army into Texas for the purpose of overthrowing the existing government, it will be construed into an unfriendly feeling towards this country, and the people will be allowed freely to follow their inclinations in taking part with Texas. The result of such a move ment, backed by a bounty of Government Land of five hundred acres to every volunteer who joins the army of the Republic, with his rifle for the campaign, would throw twenty-five thousand men into Texas from the Western States, in three months. We incline, however, to the belief, that discretion in this respect will govern the Mex-

Texas the moment they can arrange for a

IMPORTANT FROM THE INDIAN

COUNTRY.

The St. Louis Republican publishes an

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The following is received in this city. siding in St. Augusti "Time will only pr say that we have just Tampa Bay, that the hatchie, under the c. ney, were recently nil extract of a letter received in that city from who had "gone in an a gentleman residing at Fort Snelling, dated 15 out of 30 killer July 10, by which we learn that a most an- | self narrowly escaped happy state of affairs is now existing be- the harbor. These at tween the Sloux and Chippeway tribes of of this miserable and Indians, and great slaughter has been made | and these too are the of the latter. Mercy seems to have formed | companied Col. Harne no part of the savage character. One indis- King, to dupe the co

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some seven or eight hundred persons had assembled to see the Statesman and Patriot of the West-he was addressed by Mr Dewer, of Oswego, in a neat and appropriate manner, who referred to Mr Clay's eminent public services-bis ardor in the cause of human liberty-his devotion to the best interests of the country, and his earnest efforts to preserve her laws and constitution inviolate.

Mr Clay returned thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received by the citizens of Oswego, 10 ar address which occupied twenty-five or thirty minutes in the delivery. Although his appearance told too well even to a stranger, that he was wearled by his journey and the constant calls and attention he had been in a measure compelled to receive, yet he spoke in a manner that fixed the attention and delighted all within hearing. He spoke of those great measures of national importance of which he was the projector, or in behalf

He referred to the subject of internal improvements, and to the great benefits which our country had received from works of this. character; and concluded this portion of his remarks by saying that he desired to see the great connecting link between Lake Erie and Ontario-a Ship Canal around the Falls of Niagara-soon commenced and completed at an early day.

The public lands, and the attempts of the administration to purchase votes of the new States with these lands, were properly noticed by Mr. Clay.

He spoke of that thrice rejected project -the Sub-treasury scheme-by the operation of which the public monies, instead of being deposited in banks for safety, are put into the hands of such sub-treasurers as Swartwout and Price.

In the course of his remarks, Mr Clay was frequently interrupted with the applause of his hearers, and retired amid long and continued huzzas. These were the grateful, spontaneous, and unbought demonstrations of the people, towards a man whose life has been spent in their service.

Mr Clay was waited upon during the evening by the delegation from this village, with the invitation of its citizens, but owing to the indisposition occasioned by the fatigues of his journey, it was declined He passed this place on the 28th instant, in the Steamboat St. Lawrence. and received the calls of some of our citizens on board.

Every attack which the Monarchists | dred spirits puzzles our comprehension. We make upon Mr Clay is of course doubly presume that the Bank Director Editor, and the applicable to Mr Van Buren. Mr Clay is travelling as a private citizen, upon his own fonds, is a candidate for no office, and shuns public attention wherever he goes, which notwithstanding the people will force upon him. Van Buren, on the other hand, is President of the United, States, and a candidate for re-election-his travelling expenses are paid out of corporation funds, which the people are indiscriminately taxed to raise, his opponents as well as his supporters-he raises the Party flag and discourses on Party topics, wherever he goes-in one word, he is svowedly, openly and shamefully electioneering ! He flatters the Dutch in Pennsylvania; he Albany; and he feasts and lodges with those who wear fine linen and fare sumpsneer at Mr Clay as the "Political Pilgrim' cannot find one word of rebuke for Mr Van Baren ! Their rudeness towards the former is only surpassed by slavish servility. towards the latter. Such men are fit for Lynchburg Virginian.

periods, to enter into all the unmeaning expense necessarily attendant upon Royalty, and then to draw their own inferences between his republican theory and practice.-[Madisonian.

# From the N. York Express.

# TWO SPECIE CIRCULARS.

The Land Specie Circular was bad enough. It drained the Atlantic States of the precious metals, without profiting the new States. Almost all the Van Buren Senators of Congress solici ed its repeal-and none were more openmonthed against it than several of the Senators from the new States, particularly Mr Sevier of Arkansas.

This Specie Circular being so bad as to disgust so many prominent Members of the Party that promulgated it, what can be thought of reviving it ? And this being, by so many Van Buren men admitted to be so bad, what can be thought of adding a Custom House Specie Circular to it?

The Sub-treasury system is advocated by two-thirds of the Van Buren party on the Specie principle-but the other third mystify in arguing it. The two-thirds insist upon collecting the revenues from the Public Lands in Specie. and the taxes at the Custom House in Specie. The other third mystify upon an "Indepen dent Treasury."

The Sub treasury, which proposes the exaction of all the Government revenues in specie is a tangible, a comprehensive proposition. It can be met, and it can be argued with. We can understand what a man means when he wishes to levy specie from us for Government purposes, and leave the common business of life to Banks and Bank issues. Gold and silver for the Government, and Bank paper for the people is some-thing we can comprehend the meaning of. We can reason then whether two currencies can coexist, the Government exclusively adopting the one, and discrediting the other.

The Sub-treasury, however, which proposes the collection of the revenues in Bank paper,by checks upon Banks-and then the depositing of this paper with officers of the Government. because they are better or safer depositories than the Banks, is a proposition that looks to us like humbug. It is difficult to understand it the Sub-treasurers are preferred to the banks for safety, it is absurdity to take bank paper for them to have the custody of, because if the banks themselves are not trust-worthy, their promises to be trust-worthy certainly are not. It is nonsense to discredit banks, and then to take a bank's promises. It is ridiculous to insinuate

a bank will rup away, and then to take its paper promises, and deposite them with an officer for tear it will run away. If a bank's mere bi paper is good, a partiori, the bank itself is. The two Specie Circulars, therefore, that Mr Van Buren argued for at Castle Garden, if this is what he means by an " Independent Treaspry," we can understand. But the " Independent Treasury" of the Albany Argus and kin-

part of his regiment; the rest of Burleson's regiment were led by lieutenant-colonel ment charged at the same time, and anothportion took a position on a point of a bill to the right, and drove a party, who attempted to flank us from that quarter Thus instantly driving the enemy from the ravine

and thicket. leaving eighteen dead on the field, that have been found, and carrying off, as usual, their wounded, as was seen by our men

Our loss was two killed, one wounded mortally, and five slightly.

Col. Crandrum was not able, having so much further to march, to participate in the engagement, but has been ordered to join this morning. All behaved so gallantly, that it would be invidious to particularize. The action commenced about half an hour before sunset, which prevented pursuit firest of their baggage was captured, 5 keys of powder, 256 pounds lead, and many horses, cattle, corn, and other property. R. H. DOUGLASS,

to the date of the letter The extract says : "The Sioux and Chippeways have had a instant, seventy five miles northwest of Nabrush at two different points on the St. cogdoches, Texas, between a large body o Croix, and again about thirty miles above the Cherokees, Caddos, and other Indians the falls of St. Anthony .- The Chippeways and the troops under the command of Brigjust before leaving the Pillagers, I believe, adier-General R. H. Douglass, from which had killed, at Lake Calhoun, a Sloux Brave, it will be seen the enemy have sustained a one much liked and esteemed by his tribe. and took his scalp. An hour or two after sun-rise, the news having spread like wild fire, the Sloux, about 200 strong. left the To the Hon. Sydney Johnson, Secretary of War. Falls (St. Anthony.) - Hale-in-the-day. a Chippeway Chief, had pushed on with his SIR-On yesterday the negociation on party, and was not overtaken. The Stoux the part of the commissioners having failed, who left the falls, came actoss a party of under your order, the whole force was put the Rum River Band, attacked them about in motion towards the encampment of sun rise the next morning, and killed one Bowles, on the Neches. Colonel Laundhundred and thirty-three men, women and rum crossed on the west side of the Nechildren. This was above the falls. Big ches, and marched up the river, the regi-Thunder, a Sioux Chief, crossed the counassiats under Colonels Burleson and Rusk try in pursuit of the Strong Ground Band moved directly to the Camp of Bowles of Chippeways, and overtook and fought Upon reaching it it was found to be abanthem at St. Croix. Big Thunder told the doned. Their trail was ascertained, and a Stoux not to fight where the whites were, rapid pursuit made. About six miles above (Messrs. Atkins and McLoud's party,) and the encampment, in the vicinity of the Delas the Chippe ways huddled round the whites, aware village, at the head of a prairie, they many of them thus escaped .- Notwithwere discovered by the spy company, under standing, the Sloux killed thirty-six men Captain J Carter, and a detachment of 25

> and children. "The country is in great excitement, and will continue so for some time. There will, no doubt, be a general engagement between the Sloux and Chippeways before many months more. Hale-in-the day is a Chief not to be trifled with, and the Sioux are consolidating under Bad Hail, a first rate warrior, who has been to Washington " This is the substance of the extract referred to, and is an evidence of the unhap-

of the Chippeway party, and some women

py state of affairs existing between those Woodleff. A portion of Gen Rusk's regi- tribes. The next news, in all probability, will be an account of the slaughter of an equal or greater number of the Sioux by some band of the Chippeways.

## INTERESTING FROM FLORIDA

"The Har Ended! !"-It will be perceived from the following important intelligence from Florids, that Gen. Macomb's treaty has turned a complete failure, and that the Indians seemed determined not to leave their hunting grounds without causing the whites some trouble and bloodshed :

From the Charleston Courier.

OFFICE OF THE NEWS. St. Augustine, E. F. Aug 3, 10 o'clock, A M THE WAR RENEWED!

The following treacherous account of the dence have been even surprise of Col. Harney's command reach- | eral hand; and w

The steamboat Wm riday evening. for cargo and a great onu 9 o'clock it was discov fire, supposed to have She was immediately i was saved except the and crew. The carg The passengers s prompine.s, and co his officers. The f the alarm was given. exertions the Clerk of the boat and cash le CROPS. - The North

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Albany Regency are humbugging Tammany Hall, as when they denounced the Bank, and created hosts of banks in the same breath. We presume they are playing the same old game over again of making fools of such people as love to be made fools of. Our opinion is, that this is a very poor, and very dishonorable business for respectable men, and that offices and money thus won are no honors, and not worth having. Ten years success has made this regency believe that the attempt is making unce more. It is a great misfortune even to the Whig Papers that Leg gett, who had the heroism to demand action upon his principles, is dead -but perhaps there is some other Leggett in the midst of this Hypocrisy and Corruption,

Government Interference in Elections .- In one of the Congressional districts in Kentuckya strong loco fuen district-there are two loco fo co candidates in the field, where the Whigs brought on their candidate, encouraged by the division. The party, it appears, became alarm ed lest the Whigs should succeed, and the state anxiously await further intelligence from of things was hid before the " Government" at that quarter, and will endeavor to keep our Washington. Immediately one of the Editors readers promptly and correctly advised on of the Globe, John C. Rives, was despatched this important subject." to make an arrangement with the rival candidates, and get one of them off the course. Rives

and after a close conference with them set off as,) to this place.

Brigadier-General Commanding T. A.

A letter from Gen. Rusk, dated 17th inst. remarks: "We have had another engagement to day, with the Indians, who occupied a very strong position. The contest lasted an hour and a half, when we charged Fammany Hall can be duped at any time-and and drove them from their station, in which, however, they sustained considerable loss, the amount of which is not yet ascertained. Bowles was found amongst the dead. Their numbers were very considerable; I think 5 or 600. Our loss was, 2 men killed and upwards of 20 wounded, amongst whom are my brother and Major Augustine, of San Augustine county." We are happy to learn that every precaution has been taken to cut off the retreat of the enemy, and thereby prevent a protracted war. We shall

F, S All the above news is corroberated Imported, and might, if the legislature thought collars, if they have not yet put them met the two candidates, Boyd and Murray, and by persons direct from Nacogdoches, (Tex-) a complete surprise.

ed here this morning by express.

Col. Gates, commanding east of St John's, has transmitted orders for immediate defence of the posts South.

### Ass't. Adj't General's Office ? Army of the South.

Fort Brook, E. F. July 29.

SIR-It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the assassination of the greater part of Lt. Col. Harney's detachment by the Indians, on the morning of the 23d instant, on the Coleosabatchie river, where they had gone in accordance with the treaty at Fort King, to establish a trading house. The party consisted of about 28 men, armed with Colt's rifle; they were encamped on the river, but unprovided by defences of any kind, and it is said without sentinels. The Indians in large force made the attack before the dawn of day, and before reville, and it is supposed that thirteen of the men were killed, among whom were Major Dallam and Mr Morgan, sutlers. The remainder with Col. Harney, escaped; their good character several of them severely wounded. It was A good reputation

The Commanding General therefore di- cept wooing a fash

light. It would be better encourage young fine cost in almost a