



**WATCHMAN.**

**SALISBURY:**

**FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1840.**

*We have tried the Magician, his magic went do, We must see the storm with Tippecanoe.*

**MAGNANIMOUS.**

Some of the means resorted to by the Loco Foco Federalists of this region to prevent the people from attending our celebration on the 4th, were in no small degree creditable. One was to propagate a hint that some of their party had got access to our cider barrels and had put tartar-oremic in them. We believe that the account of the Canton-treat in Mississippi, (where such a trick is represented as having played off on some Whigs) was re-published in the Western Carolinian a short time before the 4th, with the view and design of giving color to this belief.

Another most miserable and dirty trick resorted to was to produce a belief in the country, that there would be riots and pistol fights and blood-shed on that day. This notion did prevail to a very great extent. How it could have got abroad unless it was from the violence and threats of certain persons who have figured somewhat in this line, we cannot imagine. We are certain that no Whigs gave currency to such a notion, for their whole attention and efforts were directed to the suppression of this rumor. We are confident that very many peaceable and orderly citizens were kept away by that means. We know of hundreds of our neighbor women who would not have missed the sight for any consideration, had not their fears been roused by this tale.

Comment on such conduct is unnecessary, it will find a censure in every bosom where there is a spark of generosity or magnanimity.

The attempt of Romulus M. Saunders to thrust himself upon the Whig meeting, when he was well aware that a violent political discussion was totally inconsistent with the views and feelings of those who gave the Entertainment, will, in our opinion, lose him more than the office of Governor could give him. His formal demand to be heard at the Entertainment was made after he knew that Mr. Morehead was not to speak. Why then was it made? The answer is plain—he wanted to create an idea that Mr. Morehead was afraid to meet him.—To wear laurels that he had not won!—John Morehead or his friends afraid to put him against Romulus Saunders!! Why this is almost laughable. As well might the Eagle be afraid of the Turkey buzzard. That such however, was the object of these braggarts, we are sure, from the fact, that Saunders endeavors to insinuate such a belief in his stump speeches; and from the further fact, that certain scribbles in the Western Carolinian are crowing over this, as if it were a triumph.

If General Saunders was so exceedingly anxious to meet Mr. Morehead, we think he might have done so at any of his appointments in the Yadkin country, for they had all been published. There they could have had a fair field without asking favors; or if he is still so anxious to be heard in Rowan in reply to Mr. Morehead, we will furnish him with Mr. M's next appointment in due time to do so. In the mean time, we hope he and his friends will dispense with their inglorious boastings.

To Correspondents.—“A friend to Fair Dealing” has been received, but we have come to the conclusion not to admit any thing into our columns, at present, alluding in the most distant way to the two worthies therein hinted at. “Z” will answer as well when we are less crowded. “No Loco” is unavoidably crowded out. “Only Reflect” shoots at small game. The “hump,” “bustle,” and “bishop” poetry, from Davidson College, has come to hand. “Not Guilty,” on the subject of the reported murder of the Rowan Temperance Society, has been received, but we think it would do no good, under the present circumstances. We have not had and intend not to have any hand in the unwise and malicious attack on this Institution. Let those who commenced the work, consummate it, and there will remain no doubts as to who should bare the blame.

Southern Literary Messenger.—We have received the June No. of this excellent work. We do not any where know of a publication of this kind besides it, that we can so justly and heartily recommend to all men and ladies of taste. Its selections are made with extraordinary care, and its originals always afford an abundant repast to the reader. Truly are we obliged to Mr. White (of Richmond Va., the Editor) for this monthly treat. And we ask why is it not more generally patronized, by our Southern people at least.

Hon. JOHN M. MOREHEAD of Guilford is the Whig candidate for Governor, opposed by Gen. Romulus M. Saunders, Van Buren. They are both men of good character, and talents, and neither will lose on personal grounds a vote which belongs to his party. Each canvasses the State fairly and handsomely and they often speak in turn to the People—always with ability, moderation and perfect temper. If Morehead is elected by a small majority—say under 2500—we shall feel very confident of the State; if he is defeated by a like majority, we shall have strong hopes; if he succeeds by several thousands, the Whigs will very likely go to sleep and lose the Electoral Vote. It is a miserable way they have in that quarter.

A Legislature is also to be chosen in August, on which depends a United States Senator.

We copy the above from the (N. Y.) Log Cabin: It tells us our character as well as we could do it; and we publish it with the hope that our whig friends may take the hint, and never relax their efforts until they have secured every thing.

**THE VOICE OF GENERAL MILLER.**

Read the subjoined letter from that veteran patriot and hero, General James Miller, who, when asked whether he could take a British battery that was pouring a destructive and point blank fire into the ranks of the American troops made the memorable and characteristic answer, “I’LL TRY, SIR!” While the pensioned cannoniers who scribble for the Globe—the bullies and braggadoos who disgrace Congress—and other mean and malignant spirits are industriously assailing General Harrison, we find, in every quarter of the Union, men of the most severely tried courage and patriotism, of the most distinguished talents, and of the greatest integrity of life and conduct, pressing forward, eager to vindicate his just character and his just fame. [Madisonian.]

BOSTON, June 29, 1840.

MY DEAR GENERAL—I address you with the frankness which one old friend may use toward another. My object is to learn what you think of the recent attacks on the military character of Gen. Harrison. I believe you were in the army in the West in the campaign of Tippecanoe, although I do not remember that you served with him after the declaration of war against England; but as a military man, forming your judgment impartially, & when the facts were recent, your opinion would be of great value. If there be any blot on his military fame, it ought to be known; if there be not, you will feel that an old soldier ought not to be unjustly and rudely attacked.

Gen. Harrison is before the country for the Presidency. I do not know that we shall elect him, but I can say, in your own language, my dear General, that “we’ll try.”

Yours, with unceasing regard,  
DANIEL WEBSTER.  
Gen. JAMES MILLER.

SALEM, June 30, 1840.

MY DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to have received your letter of yesterday, requesting me to state what I think of the recent attacks on the military character of Gen. Harrison. In answer I can truly say that I have noticed with deep regret attacks not only on his well-earned military fame, but also upon his private and moral character. My first acquaintance with General Harrison was in the year 1811. I was on duty in the 4th regiment of infantry then commanded by Col. John P. Boyd, afterwards Gen. Boyd, under orders to proceed to Vincennes, and there report to Gov. Harrison. We did so. We remained at Vincennes some days, and united ourselves with the volunteers stationed there, devoting our limited time to purposes of organization and drill. We then took up the line of march for the Indian country, and proceeded by slow and cautious marches until we had reached about seventy miles up the Wash toward Tippecanoe, where we halted and threw up a stockaded work, which we called Fort Harrison. Here I remained until the army returned from Tippecanoe after the battle.

Although I was not in the battle, still I took great interest in it, had much conversation with all the officers on their return, and made every inquiry I could think of respecting their movements and encampments, the attack and defence, and the operations of the battle throughout, and I made up my mind, unhesitatingly, that the campaign had been conducted with great bravery, skill, and judgment, and that nothing was left undone that could be done consistently with the General's express orders from the War Department, which I saw and read. Nor have I ever known or heard of any act of his which has, in the least degree, altered the opinion I then formed of him. I will add that if I ever had any military skill, I am more indebted for it to General Harrison than to any other man. Soon after the battle I wrote a letter to General Benjamin Pierce, late Governor of New Hampshire, (my military father, as I call him,) giving a somewhat detailed account of the campaign of Tippecanoe. That letter was preserved by General P., and might now probably be found among his papers. If it is in existence, it will show what were my opinions at that time, as would also several other letters then written by me to various friends. In those days I never heard that Gen. Harrison was a coward, or worse peccator.

To conclude, I freely express my opinion, after following him through all his civil and military career—after living with him in his family more than six months—that Gen. William Henry Harrison is as free from stain or blemish as it falls to the lot of man to be.

I am, dear sir, your old friend,  
JAMES MILLER.  
Hon. DANIEL WEBSTER.

The bankrupt bill, which passed the Senate has received the go-by in the House. The navy appropriation bill has passed the House.

The following extract of a letter from Columbus (Ga.) has been kindly favored us, by a Gentleman passing through this Town. It will be read with interest.

COLUMBUS, 6th July, 1840.

“Dear Sir—I take great pleasure this morning in giving you an account of our Celebration on Saturday, and would even say something about our Vanities, if they could have been seen or found on that day, but sir, if there was any other party here on Saturday, save that of Harrison, I did not see any of its members, nor could I even perceive a greasy spot left of them. You must not think that I exaggerate, when I say, you never saw at any one time in Columbus a greater crowd of people than was here on Saturday. I believe that 2,000 men dined, real Harrison men (no soap tails) and women and boys not a few. Kimbro's Ware House accommodated seven hundred at table at one time, and I think there were three tables of men; between three and four thousand persons dined.—The proceedings at the Church were altogether of the best order. Howard acquitted himself with much honor, his oration was very highly spoken of indeed, I did not hear it myself, not being able to get in the House. Foster addressed the crowd about one hour and a half, and then Hines Holt, and J. S. Calhoun, and Chipley. Night came on and I left. They adjourned for supper, and met at the Club House, where John Flournoy, I am told, made a better speech than he ever made before; he came out unreservedly upon men and measures—Colquhoun, Cooper and Black—especially, the present incumbent.

“I was much pleased at a remark of Foster's in his speech: he was on the acts of Van Buren, and when he came to his supporting De Witt Clinton against Mr. Madison, said he wanted to know how many there were in that vast crowd, who if Mr. Van Buren had come to the State of Georgia in the year 1813 or 1815, after his violent opposition to Mr. Madison and the War, would have voted for him for Constable? A general exclamation broke from all sides, none, none, none, and not one for him; tell you the celebration outstripped any thing of the kind I ever saw. Seymour R. Bonner has come over, and I have heard, many others with him.”

Letters received by the Committee of Invitation.

CHARLESTON, June 17, 1840.

Gentlemen: I have had the honor to receive your invitation to an “Entertainment to be given at Salisbury, by the friends of Harrison and Reform,” on the 4th July next.”

It would afford me the greatest pleasure to be able (as I unfortunately shall not be) to participate in what I trust will be the frank, joyous and triumphant festivity of such an occasion.—Exulting as I do for the honor of the Country, at every manifestation of a proper spirit of resistance to the insolent Cabal at Washington who aim at perpetuating by the worst means the power they are abusing to the worst ends, it is in the South, especially, that I rejoice at the awakening of that spirit. These men have not only treated us, in other respects, as they have the rest of the Country—they here attempted to do a great deal more: They have reserved for us the broadest and the grossest of those insults which they are in the habit of offering to the understandings of the people in the shape of grimace and imposture. They seem to think Southern gullibility proof against any thing. They actually wish to make us believe that a man born and educated in the South, who sacrificed himself, as a politician in the West, in defending the rights of the South—well knowing, at the time, that such would be his fate—is not to be trusted by the South, on that very subject! This is not all: Not only are you to repay a friend and a benefactor with hostility, but that appears to me a most criminal one, instead of teaching your children to place implicit faith in loose professions and broken promises, you are to be taught to be suspicious of every man who of his own free will, stands by you, on any question, and to have the lie to all his promises, and was at the time, demonstrated and unprincipled, by those who were the dupes of his artifices, is not only hope left us!

Now, I do not mean to imitate the example of our adversaries, and to charge Mr. Van Buren with any purpose to injure our interests or our institutions. I mean to give him the credit of himself—or would you be so kind as to be ruled, as in 1829 by the popular voice, to promote any such purpose in other respects, as was done in 1836, by some of his present allies. I act only on the defensive, and I maintain that the impudence or the folly of those who would have us sacrifice Gen. Harrison to him, on the sectional ground in question, is equalled only by the injustice—the glaring and unparadoned injustice with which you are required to repay a tried friend for his fidelity to you and to the Constitution, at one of the most important epochs of our history.

As for Mr. Tyler, if he does not obtain the unanimous vote of the South, I shall begin to fear that faction has entirely bereft us of the clear judgment, of which more than any other people, we now stand in need.

I have the honor to be—Gentlemen—with sentiments of high consideration, your obliged and obed't serv't,  
HUGH S. LEGARE.

R. MACNAMARA, and others, Committee.

GEORGETOWN, D. C., June 18, 1840.

Gentlemen: Your favor of the 25th ult., inviting me to an entertainment to be given at Salisbury, N. C., on the 4th of July next, by the “friends of Harrison and Reform,” was received two days ago.

I need not assure you that it would afford me great pleasure to be present at such an entertainment, and mingle with some much valued friends that I should meet there, but the distance is so great which separates us that I hope you will excuse me for declining to undertake such a journey at this season of the year. Absent, however, as I shall be compelled to be in the body, I shall be present with you in the spirit. For the cause to which you propose to do honor, has not only my most decided and warm approbation, but my most confident anticipations of success.

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The manner of Mr. Van Buren's election to the Presidency I regarded at the time as an evil omen to our Country. Not because he was deficient in the requisite talent to discharge the duties of the office, but because he had not rendered such signal services to the Country as to attract to him the cordial support and confidence of the people. It was the overwhelming popularity of his predecessor which pointed to him in no equivocal manner that secured his elevation: And if a President thus popular may combine the potency of his name with the almost resistless power of patronage which his office confers on him, to place his favorite in the office he is about vacating, it requires no argument to satisfy any candid mind that the freedom of election among us exists only in name. This view of the matter, independent of the numerous faults which I know to exist in his administration, constitutes one of the principal objections I have to urge against Mr. Van Buren; and in the face of these objections without the intrinsic merit requisite in the first instance to secure his election, but succeeding, as I have said, entirely on the borrowed capital of Gen. Jackson, he can now perpetuate his power by the mere patronage of his office, what, let me ask, are our institutions really worth? I ask the question for no rhetorical flourish, but with a sad conviction that if these things be so, the benefits contemplated from our form of government, are in truth, and in fact, defeated and gone forever. The sacred associations connected with the approaching jubilee of our National Independence, which you have chosen as the day of your festival, must be abandoned and forgotten! For if the recent instances of Executive disregard of the popular will which we have seen displayed, are suffered by the people to pass without rebuke, the future returns of that day will serve only to convince us that we have thrown off the yoke of a foreigner for that of a domestic tyrant.

I say nothing about the pertinacious adherence which this administration has shown to its favorite measure of a Sub-Treasury.—Wicked as we may consider such conduct, it is prompted by inexorable political necessity. The President having “committed” himself against a U. S. Bank by way of stepping stone to his office and having “as in duty bound,” ratified the extraordinary edict from the Hermitage that the State Banks were unworthy of confidence, and unsafe depositories of the public money, there in truth remained no other position for him to occupy but the one which he has with sufficient boldness assumed. He denies that the Government whose hand he is, has any authority to interfere in the present alarming and distressing emergency of our affairs, except for the kind and parental purpose of securing the public money. If indeed this be the awkward dilemma of the President, who seems to think that if the Government had the Constitutional authority, it might, in the present state of things, beneficially exercise it, ought not the good people of these United States, not that they love Martin Van Buren less, but that they love their Country more, to come to his relief and get him out of so painful a dilemma.

Having extended this letter already beyond the limits I at first intended, I shall add nothing about General Harrison further than to say that I know him personally, and with some degree of intimacy for several years while he was a Senator in Congress from Ohio, and that I regard him as a well educated gentleman—of orthodox political creed, and possessing capacity sufficient to administer our government faithfully and advantageously at home and abroad.

I beg leave to offer thro' you to the favorable consideration of your meeting, the following toast: WM. HENRY HARRISON—strong as he is in the affections of his Countrymen, so pure is he in the conscious rectitude of his purposes.

I am altogether unable to express the deep sense of gratitude which I feel for the honor which such an invitation implies.—The day set apart by your committee, for a manifestation of public feeling in relation to the great cause, which we have so much at heart, is of all others the most appropriate. Consecrated, as it is, in one heart, by the holiest associations, it is best calculated of all others to inspire us with that restless patriotism, which neither disaster nor defeat can depress, and whose destiny, whether it may be the obstacles that surround it, is ever a glorious success.

Assembling on that day, the votaries of Constitutional liberty, cannot but rekindle in their own bosoms, that sacred fire which animated these illustrious patriots, whose deeds have given them immortality, and distinguished the 4th of July as the proudest epoch in the history of mankind.

They will remember that the glory of that day, owes its lustre to a successful resistance to power. They will remember that those who united to that resistance, pledged to each other, for the accomplishment of its end, “their lives, their fortunes, and sacred honor,” and I trust they will remember, that the spirit which prompted it, amid the unnumbered perils, pains, hardships and disasters which encompassed it, faltered and shrank not till Power was overthrown, and victory theirs.

What an example is here to encourage us who strike in the same cause! What occasion so fit, upon which to manifest, by the sons a worthiness of such sires, a determination to imitate the example of their fathers, and a resolution to wrest power from the hands of those, who, in their day and time, have usurped and abused it?—And what instrument so fit in their hands for the achievement of such an end, as that son, whose father pledged his life, his fortune and sacred honor” in the same cause, and who has, through a long and brilliant career, proved his lineage, not by the record of his birth, but by the glorious record of his deeds.

Let us mingle our congratulations upon the bright prospect, indicated by “the signs of the times,” in all quarters of a speedy riddance of our present rulers and a happy deliverance from this Administration: an Administration which, whether we look to its principles or its practices, its promises or its performances is alike destitute of capacity and integrity, and whose guilt only awaits that condign punishment, which the ripening censure of an outraged and indignant people, will surely award them.

I regret to say, that circumstances beyond my control, will deprive me of the pleasure of mingling with you on the promised occasion, and beg that you will tender to the committee all and each my most profound acknowledgements & accept for yourself the assurance of my continued friendship and esteem.

WHIT'P. TUNSTALL.  
Dr. G. B. Douglass, in behalf of the Committee of Invitation.

COLUMBIA, S. C., 10th June, 1840.

Gentlemen—Your favor of the 25th ult., inviting me to join “the friends of Harrison and Reform” at an Entertainment to be given in your Town, on the 4th July next, was received yesterday.

I regret that a previous engagement will prevent my accepting this token of your kindness and hospitality.

Although personally absent, I am with you heart and hand, in the good cause. I hold it a duty, to buckle on our armor, for the fight against the present Administration, and its ruinous measures; and to meet it as we would an invading Army, laying waste our country with fire and sword.

It is most gratifying to witness the notes of preparation—sounding for the coming contest in our sister State. I pray you full and complete success. I hope the Laurels that shall reward the exertions of our neighbors, North Carolina and Georgia, in the approaching contest, will remind South Carolina, that her true place, is at the Post of danger, rather than at the division of the spoils.

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,  
PIERCE M. BUTLER.  
To Messrs. R. Macnamara, Wm. Chambers and others, of the Committee.

P. S. North Carolina—In the approaching Presidential contest—May the spirit of Gaillard and King's Mountain, animate her countrymen, to perpet