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Mr. Fisher.—A friend has just handed me the Carolina Watchman published in Salisbury, of the 1st instant, containing a communication from Charles F. Fisher, Esq., President of the N. C. Rail Road Company, in regard to the passenger schedules and through tickets of the N. C. Rail Road and the Charlotte and S. C. Rail Road. As this letter purports to review the official intercourse of the two corporations and the action of the Board of Directors of the C. & S. C. Rail Road, and reflects upon their proceedings, it necessarily calls for some statement that the public may rightly understand the matter.

While I do not admit the propriety of discussing the policy of the C. & S. C. Rail Road Company through the public journals, nor my accountability on its part to "my stockholders of the N. C. Rail Road in Salisbury," yet as these matters have been publicly discussed by the President of the N. C. Rail Road to his next door neighbor, justice requires that I should review some portions of his letter.

He tells me that up to a short time since, (21st of April) our mail train was run in close connection with the C. & S. C. Rail Road.

Our connection with the Wilmington & W. R. Road at the East end was also perfect. Now the N. C. R. R. reconstruction was completed in January last, and her train runs through in that month, and up to April 21st, as stated, the N. C. R. R. was running in perfect connection at Charlotte and Goldsboro. Why was this not continued by the N. C. R. R.? This schedule gave no indication of through passengers. What road broke off this connection? The N. C. R. R. changed its schedule, as is admitted. The C. & S. C. R. R. has not materially changed her passenger schedule in three years, and since the completion of the N. C. R. R., only 15 minutes. Why then should Mr. Fisher complain that the C. & S. C. R. R. obstructs through travel, when the N. C. R. R. did make a close connection with the C. & S. C. R. R. "and through train" also at Goldsboro, and at other points?

This schedule he states was run "for a long time before the completion of our construction," and after the completion this time was reduced to 14 hours. This only enabled the N. C. R. R. to make its connections more easily, and why were they not kept up? The President of the N. C. R. R. broke the connection going East and West, at Charlotte and Goldsboro, and he can best answer why. Because, as he says, the Directors of the Charlotte Road would not run the train in the night. Now, if the Charlotte Road did wrong, it does not justify the President of the N. C. R. R. in doing it.

It is very true, through tickets, I have only to say I have but one complaint to make, and that is, that the N. C. R. R. is not in connection with the Wilmington & W. R. Road, and Raleigh Roads at an intermediate point, with a view to connecting the two roads, and thereby making a through train from the Wilmington & W. R. Road, leaving Raleigh at 10 o'clock, and connecting with the Wilmington & W. R. Road at 9 A. M., going North. The return train arrived at Raleigh in time for the passengers of the R. & G. Road, reaching Charlotte at 1 o'clock in the morning, 14 hours before the departure of the Charlotte train. This additional route had great connections, and the N. C. R. R. had only 1 hour to its old schedule, and as well as a through train, and the through train is detained at its place, and have the use of the R. & G. Road and the Bay Line going North and returning South. This means a change of trains a distance of 100 miles, and 40 minutes at Goldsboro, leaving South, and 1 1/2 hours at Charlotte, and perhaps 1 1/2 at Goldsboro.

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The Directors of C. & S. C. Rail Road have ever desired to cooperate with the Directors of the N. C. Rail Road in promoting connections and grading facilities to be through travel, and feel that their interests in this matter are identical.

W. M. JOHNSTON.

Mr. Fillmore at Albany—A Noble Speech.

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If any reader has a lingering doubt that Mr. Fillmore cherishes these sentiments which every patriot would like to see animating the chief magistrate of the republic, let him read the following speech by Millard Fillmore, at Albany, on his way through that city. The heart of the country will thrill responsive to such sentiments. Let every patriot take his stand behind Mr. Fillmore on the ground here taken by that gentleman, and peace and prosperity will soon be restored to the Union.

Mr. Mayor and Fellow Citizens: This evening, when I am honored to appear before you, I am deeply gratified to find that the people of this city are so warmly interested in the great question which is now before the country. It is my duty to rise above every sectional prejudice, and look to the welfare of the whole nation. [Applause.] I was compelled to overcome long cherished prejudices, and disregard party claims. [Prolonged and prolonged applause.]

But in doing this, Mr. I did no more than was done by many able and better men than myself. I was by no means the sole instrument, under Providence, in formulating this difficult issue. [Applause.] There were at that time noble, independent, high-souled men, in both Houses of Congress belonging to both of the great political parties of the country—Whigs and Democrats; who sponsored the character of high party leaders, [cheers], and raised national Administration,

in support of the great measures which restored peace to an agitated and distracted country. [Cheers.] By the blessing of Divine Providence, our efforts were crowned with signal success. [cheers; and when I left the Presidential chair, the whole nation was prosperous and contented, and our relations with all foreign nations were of the most amicable kind. [cheers.] The cloud that hung upon the horizon was dissipated, and where are we now? Alas! Threatened at home with civil war, and from abroad with a rupture of our peaceful relations, I shall not seek to trace the causes of the change. These are the facts, and it is for you to ponder upon them. Of the present Administration I have nothing to say. I can appreciate the difficulties of administering this government, and if the present executive and his supporters have with good intention and honest hearts, made a mistake, I hope God will forgive them. I do (loud and prolonged applause.) But if there be those who have brought these calamities upon our country for selfish or malicious objects, it is your duty, fellow citizens, to hold them to a strict responsibility. [cheers.]

The agitation which disturbed the peace of the country in 1850, was unavoidable. It was brought upon us by the acquisition of new territory, for the government of which it was necessary to provide territorial administration. But it is for you to say whether the present agitation, which disturbs the country and threatens us with civil war, has not been recklessly and wantonly produced by the adoption of a measure to aid in personal advancement rather than in any public good. [cheers.]

So you have been pleased to hear that I have the honor of this States at Albany. This, sir, is most true, for if there is one object dearer to me than any other, it is the unity, prosperity and peace of this great Republic, and I confess frankly, that I fear it is in danger. I was nothing of any particular opinion, much less of the several candidates before the people. I presume they are all honorable men. But, sir, what do we see? An exasperated feeling between the North and South, the most exciting of all topics, resulting in bloodshed and the shedding of military arms.

But this is not all, sir. We see a political party, presenting candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, who for the first time in the history of this State, with the exception of the election of the President and Vice President, have been engaged in such a contest, and have seriously reflected upon the consequences which will inevitably follow in case of success. [cheers.] Would he be required to do with the side prescribed by those who elected him in an unqualified manner, and by the law of the land, to be elected at all? (Prolonged cheering.)

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misunderstood him or he is entirely mistaken in relation to this subject. I was elected President of the Charlotte & S. C. R. R. Company on the 7th of February last, and was much engaged for a fortnight or more on the Road—could not have called on him before the 20th of the last of February, and could not have delayed answering his proposition for "several months" when his latest change of schedule went into operation 21st—less than two months after my first official interview. It being his mail train he must have determined upon it a week or more before the 21st to have obtained the consent of the Post Office Department—as the mail was thereby delayed 12 hours.

It is needless for me to say of Mr. Fisher, with whom my intercourse has always been so agreeable, that he is a gentleman of unquestioned integrity, and I cannot conceive how this misunderstanding could have originated. It would seem that so important a proposition, submitted even to the harrassed and varied duties of his or my position, would have met with prompt consideration. Rather than have the connection broken off, I should have endeavored to arrange with me now says as proposed, although it might have much deranged the well known and established connections of the Charlotte R. R. in its correspondence with every alternate train on the S. C. R. R.

Surely the President of the N. C. R. R. is not so inconsiderate as to say that the Wilmington & W. R. Road is not in connection with the Wilmington & W. R. Road, and Raleigh Roads at an intermediate point, with a view to connecting the two roads, and thereby making a through train from the Wilmington & W. R. Road, leaving Raleigh at 10 o'clock, and connecting with the Wilmington & W. R. Road at 9 A. M., going North. The return train arrived at Raleigh in time for the passengers of the R. & G. Road, reaching Charlotte at 1 o'clock in the morning, 14 hours before the departure of the Charlotte train. This additional route had great connections, and the N. C. R. R. had only 1 hour to its old schedule, and as well as a through train, and the through train is detained at its place, and have the use of the R. & G. Road and the Bay Line going North and returning South. This means a change of trains a distance of 100 miles, and 40 minutes at Goldsboro, leaving South, and 1 1/2 hours at Charlotte, and perhaps 1 1/2 at Goldsboro.

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"I have no hostility to foreigners; I have with respect to the deplorable condition in the old country, and God forbid that I should add to their suffering by refusing them an asylum in this. I would throw the gates wide open, and invite the oppressed of every land to partake of the blessings of our laws and country; I would only exclude from this emigration the pauper and the criminal. I would give free toleration to every creed; but while I did this, I would, for their sakes as well as ours, declare that Americans should love America. They should love the benefit of equal laws.—but neither their education nor knowledge of our institutions qualify them to govern America. The failure of every attempt to establish a free government in Europe is demonstrative of the fact. But if we have the blessing which Providence has so bountifully showered upon us, it becomes every American to stand by the Constitution of this country, and to resist, that independent of all foreign influence, Americans shall and will rule America."

THE GRAND RECEPTION OF MR. FILLMORE.

The N. Y. Express gives some six columns of detail of the formal reception on Tuesday last. It consisted of a Procession through the principal streets, with banners, &c., addresses, speeches, introductions, dinner, &c. Besides the city population, vast numbers of people from the country, and the adjacent States, were present to participate in rendering the highest honor to the faithful patriot and accomplished statesman.

Mr. Fillmore delivered several speeches in reply to addresses. To a Philadelphia Committee he said:

"You have, sir, in your remarks, well fit to allude to my travels and receptions in foreign countries. It is true that, from the crowded head to the peasant, I have received marked courtesy and attention; but I do not attribute this to any merit of my own, but to that power which elevated me to the office of Chief Magistrate of a great and free Republic. But often, sir, while I have received such kindness abroad, I must own that I have heard, with the most painful solicitude, of events and scenes which have been transpiring at home. Not often, in many parts of Europe, have I been able to see an American paper, but extracts from them I have seen everywhere copied into foreign journals, which showed that alarming dissensions and turmoil existed in my own country—such as excited in my mind the liveliest sympathy, and which have given me the greatest pain. And when it is known that foreign monarchs are watching, with deep feelings of satisfaction, every new cause of internal disorder, and expecting the retro- or a speedy dissolution of this great and free Republic, it is to be wondered at, that such should be my feelings."

"But, Sir, it was some consolation to me, that, as a real consolation to know, that in all parts of Europe, many benevolent hearts were beating with anxious solicitude for our welfare, and were trusting and believing, that a free people would continue in persevering to rule and govern themselves. They trusted, and I trusted with them, that the day is far distant when we shall be called upon to witness so calamitous an event as general dissolution, or civil war, in these States. For God's sake, let us all remember that our present freedom and greatness is the gift of our forefathers, and of their courage and unity in your own city of Philadelphia."

To Mayor Wood's address he replied: