

The Ovalion at New York.

The formal reception of Mr. Fillmore by the city authorities of New York, on the 24th, was one of the most enthusiastic and imposing that has ever been awarded to a public man in this country. Our space will not permit us to give a detailed account.

In reply to the welcome of the Mayor of the city, Mr. Fillmore spoke as follows:

Mr. Mayor.—This unexpected and cordial welcome to the great empiric of the United States, leaves me without language to express the feelings of my heart. I had hoped to have arranged my speech, but not only you, sir, but all who are within the sound of my voice, are aware that since my landing on the shores of my native soil, I have not had a single moment to myself.

Preparation, however, is not necessary—when one may find true one should have no friends.

Until I left home, I had no idea that there was a general sense of the great improvements that had been made in my own land—and it required no effort to show—how much in material prosperity even—we have been indebted to the constitutional liberty. And noble principles of peace, and concord, and union and harmony our fathers left us as a legacy. It has been my aim through life to preserve and conserve these principles and lessons they have left us, as indispensable to our material, as to our moral prosperity. To be a great people, I now see more than ever, a people must be free. Hence the Constitution our Fathers left us is not only above all price, as a bequest for law and liberty, and union, and harmony, but as the indispensable bond of our material prosperity. (Applause.) When you, sir, became the Chief Magistrate of this great city, I looked with pleasure on your attempts at upholding laws, for no true liberty can exist without obedience to the laws, and yet a government that depends for its power alone upon standing armies, or the *gens d'armes*, is no good government. Governments to be strong, must be strong in the hearts and heads of the people that are governed, and as long as we maintain such forms of government, founded upon the consent of all our people—not here alone, but everywhere throughout the broad extent of the Union—the laws will vindicate themselves. It is the beauty of our American system—if left free to represent the whole People, that we have—or must have, such laws founded upon such affections—and that then we can pass from one State to another, though all under different Governments, without any of the vexations. Passports, or *gens d'armes*, or any of those restraints upon personal liberty which reduce a man to a slavery as severe as that of the master over the slave. Every little petty Kingdom, or Dukeedom there demands your Passport,—but when I stepped once more on the shores of my own native land, I could not but hear the contrast, and thank my God I was a free man once more, with need no longer of any such companion as a Passport. (Tremendous cheers.)

Your beautiful bay, Mr. Mayor, has oftentimes been compared to the bay of Naples. I have seen something of both. Italy, with her sunny and cloudless skies, is a most beautiful country to look upon, and alas only to look upon! but would to God she had a government like ours. (Applause.) The bay of Naples, I often compare to our own beautiful bay, but there is this striking difference. When I stepped on shore at Naples I was surrounded by hundreds of beggars, but when I stepped on the shores of New York, I was surrounded by thousands of Frenchmen, great and prolonged cheering—not only saving their livelihood, but as contrasted with other laborers, a livelihood of luxury. (Great cheering.) That point of difference, Sir, is most agreeable to an American eye, and I felt it and I stand proud of it, and never than ever, not only of my bay, but of the thrifty population that surround it. Venice was once a prouder city than New York; but amid intestine and foreign wars, and under harsh governments, she has been crushed. The Constitution of the United States has brought New York into greatness by concentrating here the commerce and exchanges of all our confederated States. To preserve that concentration, and that greatness, there must be absolute internal peace, that must be peace, and friend to friend, and neighbor to neighbor. From all the parts of the confederated States, But despite your great and growing city of them, and of the protection the Constitution gives its trade and commerce, and its fate soon would be that of Venice, whose deserted streets and canals I have but recently surveyed.—England has now the control of the commerce of the world, through London, her great commercial city. I now venture to prophecy that era many years hence, those who are now within the sound of my voice will, under the protection of the Constitution, see that New York will be to the world what London is. (Applause.)

Mr. Fillmore being waited upon by the Whig Central Committee of New York, made the following reply to the address of welcome of their chairman:

I rejoice this congratulation with a mixture of pride and satisfaction. You have agreeably reminded me of the many hard fought battles through which we have passed, and it has gratified me to look round upon the faces of those who have been so often associated with me in struggles for our common country. (Applause.) Though I now belong, sir, to the American party which has grown out of the exigencies of the time, yet there is not I hope and trust, that difference of sentiment between us which should alienate old friends. (Applause.) You have spoken, sir, of the defeat of Henry Clay, in 1844, and you have alluded to the causes of that defeat in our own States? There, gentlemen, was the wound inflicted that began the destruction of the Whig party. There was the cancer worm that gnawed at the heart, and subsequently carried it in the grave. These painful reminiscences, all—let them pass. I foresaw from that time that confidence was gone here in this State among the members of the Whig party, and that men could no longer act in harmony together when such a noble spirit was sacrificed to passion or prejudice as to any ambition that may have stood in its way.

When in 1848, partly by the voice of those people, and partly by the act of Providence, that took us if then President elect, and shrouded the country in mourning, it so happened that I was without pledges, and was left to administer the Government, as it seemed to me the best interest of all demanded. Nothing prevented me performing my duty to my country, and to all parts of that country—North as well as South. Thus not only the Whigs, who elected me, rallied around me, but the Democratic party also, certainly that portion of it which was conservative, and which abominated the violent efforts to administer the government for the good of all concerned. (Applause.) Should it be my lot again to occupy the Presidential chair, I trust not only to have the support of old line Whigs,—the whigs of 1840, '44 and '52—but the support also of the old Conservative elements of the Democratic party. They together carried my administration through the trying scenes of 1850, and to them, in common with you, was I indebted for the order, peace, contentment and prosperity that I was thus, under Providence, enabled to give to our common country. But I have said more than I had intended, sir. Only wished to say that I am still the Whig whom I see around me, for thus extending to their confidence and respect. (Loud and prolonged applause followed by three hearty cheers for Millard Fillmore.)

Mr. Fillmore in Albany.

The Reception of the Hon. Millard Fillmore at Albany on Saturday evening, 24th inst., and we regret that the crowded state of our columns utterly precludes the possibility of giving even a few of the many interesting incidents connected with this occasion. The "modest President"—for so our Democratic friends were, once pleased to term him—replied to the address of welcome of the Mayor, and it is so purely American in tone, so highly finished in its style, that we cannot refrain from laying it before our readers to the exclusion of other interesting matter already in type. After the cheers which succeeded the Mayor's address, had somewhat subsided, Mr. Fillmore replied, as follows:

Mr. Mayor, and Fellow Citizens: This overwhelming demonstration of congratulation and welcome—a noble tribute of the poor & save us, to the chief of our political career. In this session, [cheers] but at that time it was the expression of the aspirations of my heart to be a simple, rustic, unpolished welcome to this, in the capital of my native State. (Cheers.) You have been pleased, sir, to allude to my former services and my probable course, I should be again called to the position of Chief Magistrate of the nation. (Applause.) It is not pleasant to speak of one's self, yet I trust that the occasion will justify me in briefly alluding to our two events connected with my last administration. (Cheers.) You will know that when I was called to the executive chair, by a movement which overwhelmed the nation with grief, that the country was unfortunately agitated from one end to the other upon the all-existing subject of Slavery. It was then, sir, that I felt it my duty to raise above every sectional prejudice and look to the welfare of the whole nation. (Applause.) I was compelled, to a certain extent, to overcome long cherished prejudices, and disregard party claims, (threat and prolonged applause.) But in doing this, sir, I did no more than was done by many other and better men than myself. I will by no means the sole instrument of Providence. Then, in formulating those noble principles of peace, and concord, and union, and harmony, but as the indispensable bond of our material prosperity. (Great applause.) When you, sir, became the Chief Magistrate of this great city, I looked with pleasure on your attempts at upholding laws, for no true liberty can exist without obedience to the laws, and yet a government that depends for its power alone upon standing armies, or the *gens d'armes*, is no good government. Governments to be strong, must be strong in the hearts and heads of the people that are governed, and as long as we maintain such forms of government, founded upon such affections, and that then we can pass from one State to another, though all under different Governments, without any of the vexations. Passports, or *gens d'armes*, or any of those restraints upon personal liberty which reduce a man to a slavery as severe as that of the master over the slave. Every little petty Kingdom, or Dukeedom there demands your Passport,—but when I stepped once more on the shores of my own native land, I could not but hear the contrast, and thank my God I was a free man once more, with need no longer of any such companion as a Passport. (Tremendous cheers.)

Mr. Fillmore's Arrival Home.

BUFFALO, June 28.—Mr. Fillmore's reception was the greatest public demonstration that ever transpired in this city. Early in the morning the stores and public buildings were lavishly decorated with flags and banners and devices in the best taste imaginable. Main street was perfectly covered with ornaments in the shape of flags—Nearly every building for seven or eight squares was decorated. The shipping in the harbor had hunting flying at their mast heads.

Mr. Fillmore arrived at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, via the Falls road. The procession formed at the depot. It was composed of military, the city firemen, the Board of Trade, and private citizens. It paraded through the principal streets.

Numerous review stands were erected. After reaching the platform, thirteen carriages, dressed in white, came forward, and each presented Mr. Fillmore with a bouquet. H. W. Rogers then delivered an address on behalf of the citizens, welcoming Mr. Fillmore home. Mr. Fillmore replied, thanking them for the compliment bestowed by his fellow-citizens, without party reference, and reverting to his tour in Europe, contrasting the condition of that continent with this, adding he received congratulations, not as a party affair, but as from old friends whom he had known for thirty years. He closed by thanking his friends for the cordial manner with which they had welcomed him home.

He then retired to his residence, escorted by the military, and cheered by the large crowd present. The streets were perfectly crowded, but every thing went off in perfect order.

From the Philadelphia News.

Hon. John C. Breckinridge's Truckling to Foreigners.

The political career of this gentleman has been short, yet remarkable. Coming into Congress, he came to approve, but on the contrary must condemn, as un-American, that which he failed to claim he may have ever had to the support of those who love America and the American people better than foreign lands abroad or foreign rulers at home. Mr. Breckinridge was a Representative from Kentucky in the Thirty-third Congress. During that Congress a bill passed the House of Representatives granting a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of the public lands to actual settlers. The vote stood:

Yeas 107; nays 72. In the affirmative appears the name of John C. Breckinridge. The sixth section of that bill reads as follows:

"That if any free white person (who is the head of a family, or 21 years of age) now a resident of any one of the States or Territories, and not citizen of the United States, but at the time of making such application, is a citizen of the United States, and shall have taken an oath of allegiance to the United States, provided no declaration of independence is required by the naturalization laws of the United States, and shall be a citizen of some before the issuance of the patent, an oath made and provided for in this act, shall be placed upon an equal footing with the native-born citizen of the United States."

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 distract 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 public good. (Cheers.)

I have been pleased to say that I have the union of these States at heart. This, sir, is most true, I may have an object dear to me than any other, it is the unity, prosperity, and glory of this great Republic; and I confess frankly, sir, that I fear it is in danger, of nothing of any particular section, much less of the several exalts before the people. I presume they are all honorable men, but, sir, what do we see? An exasperated feeling between the North and the South, on the most exciting of all topics resulting in bloodshed and organized military array.

But this is not all, sir. We see a political party presenting candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, selected for the first time from our Free States alone, with the avowed purpose of electing these candidates by the suffrages of one part of the Union only, to rule over the whole United States. Can it be possible that those who are engaged in such a measure can have seriously reflected upon the consequences which must inevitably follow, in case of success? (Cheers.) Can they be so unwise, so foolish, as to suppose that our Southern brethren would submit to be governed by such a Chief Magistrate? (Cheers.)

Would he be required to follow the same rule prescribed by those who elected him, in making his appointments? If a man living South of Mason and Dixon's line not worthy to be President or Vice President, should it be proper to select one from the same quarter, as one of his Cabinet Council, or to represent the nation in a revenue, or admiralty or the laws of the United States? (Applause.)

These are serious, but practical questions, and in order to appreciate them fully, it is only necessary to turn the tables upon ourselves. Suppose that the South, having a majority of the Electoral College, should declare that they would only have slaveholders for President and Vice-President; and should elect such by their exclusive suffrage to rule over us at the North. (Applause.) What would you do? (Applause.) And do you believe that your Southern brethren are less sensitive on this subject than you are, or less jealous of their rights? (Tremendous cheering.) If you do, let me tell you that you are mistaken. And therefore, you see that if this sectional party succeeds, it leads inevitably to the destruction of this beautiful fabric reared by our forefathers cemented by their blood, and bequeathed to us as a priceless inheritance.

I tell you, my friends, that I speak warmly on this subject, for I feel that we are in danger. I am determined to make a clean breast of it. I will wash my hands of the consequences, whatever they may be; and I tell you that we are treading upon the brink of a volcano, that is liable at any moment to burst forth and overwhelm the nation. I might, by soft words, hold out delusive hopes, and thereby win votes. But I can never consent to be one thing to the North and another to the South. I should despise myself if I could be guilty of such evasion. (Tumultuous applause.)

For my conscience would still ask, with the democratic poet—

"Is there not some secret curse—
Some hidden thunder red with mortal wrath—
To blast the wretch who owns his greatness
To his country's ruin?" (Cheers.)

In the language of the laudable, immortal Cleo—

"I had rather be rather than be President." (Enthusiastic and prolonged cheers.)

It seems to me impossible that those engaged in this, can have contemplated the awful consequences of success. If it breaks asunder the bonds of our Union, and spreads anarchy and civil war through the land, what is it less than treason? Law and common sense, the man responsible for the natural consequences of his acts, and must not those whose acts

The American Signal.

RALEIGH, N. C.

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The foundation of my preference is that Mr. Fillmore has administered the Executive Government with signal success and ability. He has been tried and found true, faithful, honest and conscientious.

HENRY CLAY.

If there be those either North or South who desire an administration for the North as against the South, or the South as against the North, they are not the men who should give their suffrages to me. For my part, I know only my country, my whole country, and nothing but my country.

Mr. Fillmore's Speech at New York.

NATIONAL AMERICAN TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,
MILLARD FILLMORE,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR GOVERNOR,
JOHN G. GILMER,
OF OXFORD.

AMERICAN ELECTORAL TICKET.
FOR THE STATE AT LARGE.
L. B. CARMICHAEL, WILKES.

JOHN W. CAMERON, of Cumberland.

1st district, Lewis Thompson, of Burke.

2d " O. P. Meares, of New Hanover.

3d " Jas. T. Littlejohn of Granville.

4th " A. J. S. Chapman, of Graham.

5th " Gen. W. M. Jones, of Davidson.

6th " Gen. A. J. Dargan, of Anson.

7th " Jas. D. Hyman, of Buncombe.

Permit me here, Mr. Chairman, for a moment to speak upon a subject to which I have never before adored upon this floor, and to which, I trust, I may never again have occasion to advert. I mean the subject of Slavery. Before it forms a Territory, like those of a State, shall decide for themselves whether slavery shall or shall not exist within their limits? This was before believed to be the inevitable meaning of the language of the act itself. Mr. Buchanan argues it says it means this: "We hope hereafter that it will not be questioned, by the Southern Democrats, that they will soon be able to introduce into the act other language, by which they make it mean that the right of the Territories to decide the question of the admission of slavery, is restricted to the time when they come to form State constitutions." This is a good Southern doctrine, undoubtly it does not belong to the act. It is not in the letter of acceptance, and is in fact the Southern meaning of the celebrated Nicholai letter, which Gen. Cass, its author, after his defeat, openly repudiated in the Senate, when questioned by Jeff Davis. We call on our Democratic friends to be honest about this. The Kansas act means that the people of a Territory, while it is a Territory, may decide the question of Slavery before it forms its constitution, and it may be done by those who are not even citizens of the United States, provided they have only declared on oath their intention to become such, and shall have taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the provisions of this act." This is its very language. Who can vote then in Kansas, at this time, to exclude slavery? Why, Hans Stolzenberg, Amundah Hoodley, and all their descendants, from the dykes and sand-banks of Dutchland; Michael Mahoney, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Grady O'Toole and Dan O'Whackins, and all the race of Paddies from Cork, within ten days after they are speeded on their way—all provided, nevertheless, some dreadfully pious Democratic abolitionist can catch them upon their arrival, force them to declare their intention to become good citizens, Heaven save the mark! and take the oath to support a Constitution, which they have never seen, and the laws of a Territory, which till that blessed moment, they never heard of! These are the men to sit upon Southern rights! Great Heaven! are we mad? Has common sense left us? Has our reason fled to the brute?

Add to this, that in the Kansas bill, there is no appeal from such a decision. Congress has not, in the act, even reserved the right to approve or disapprove of the laws of the Territory. If this conglomeration of foreign worthies, Irish, High Dutch, Chinese and Hindoo, should be allowed to remain in their Territorial Legislatures, decide, though should you find it in the body of the bill, to make white slaves, it would be no redemption for the poor slave owner, but in the pardoning mercy of the Territorial Government, and he was the infamous Reeder!—and is obliged to be the appointee of the President, who may be one who has proclaimed slavery to be "A GREAT MORAL AND A GREAT POLITICAL EVIL"—and who in this section, is resolved to leave no device—no imposition—no fraud—no meanness, untried to prop up sinking fortunes. No scruple is felt to pile upon us, if necessary, to effect their purpose, and save them from the ignominious defeat which awaits them. Their last roarback of this description, (rather too big and briefly a lie, however, even for the most credulous gommander of falsehood to swallow without choking right!) is, that a number of distinguished "old line Whigs" (as they are called) in this section, viz.: Charles L. Hinton, Gen. W. Moree, B. F. Moore, Esquires, and Ex-Governor Manly, will support Gilmer for Governor and Fillmore for President, but will vote for Bragg and Buchanan! Now, we feel justified in pronouncing this report, put in circulation to injure our ticket, to be false out-and-out, and that so far from these gentlemen, or either of them, supporting Buchanan or Bragg, they are ardent friends of Gilmer and Gilmer will suscipit them through and through!

Will it Retract and tell the Truth? The "Standard" of the 13th of June 1856, gravely asserted that the "Kansas Nebraska" act leaves the question of Slavery to be decided by the people of the territories when they come to form State Constitutions." On the contrary, the act expressly declares that "It is the true intent and meaning of this act not to interfere Slavery into any territory or State or to exclude it, therefore, to leave the people thereof (of the Territory or State) free to regulate their domestic institutions in their own way." (See 10th Vol. Stat. at large page 283.)

Here then the power is expressly given to the people of the territory before they proceed to establish their constitution, not simply to regulate their domestic institutions, but to rule them, not to regulate slavery, but to prohibit it! Will the "Standard" retract?

The Loco Candidate for Vice President.

The Loco candidate for the second office in the gift of the American people, though but for a short time in public life, seems to be as unfortunate as his chief in the record he can spread before the country. From the praises bestowed upon him, one would suppose that he had never inhaled a breath of air that was not thoroughly Democratic. In the debate which took place at this time, he uttered a word that was not in praise of Democracy. But it seems to me that he too has had a bad influence over the east, for he will be popular to all the world. There will be no equanimity or dodging with him. He will know where to find him always. He will play one tune in the mountains, and another on the sea-board. He wears heart of falsehood—and he will never present himself even sideways. Even should he be under a cloud, which is hardly ever the case, he will be popular to all the world. There will be no equanimity or dodging with him. He will know where to find him always. He will play one tune in the mountains, and another on the sea-board. He wears heart of falsehood—and he will never present himself even sideways. Even should he be under a cloud, which is hardly ever the case, he will be popular to all the world. There will be no equanimity or dodging with him. He will know where to find him always. He will play one tune in the mountains, and another on the sea-board. He wears heart of falsehood—and he will never present himself even sideways. Even should he be under a cloud, which is hardly ever the case, he will be popular to all the world. There will be no equanimity or dodging with him. He will know where to find him always. He will play one tune in the mountains, and another on the sea-board. He wears heart of falsehood—and he will never present himself even sideways. Even should he be under a cloud, which is hardly ever the case, he will be popular to all the world. There will be no equanimity or dodging with him. He will know where to find