

RALEIGH REGISTER AND NORTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE.

he knows that it never can be done while Mr. Van Buren is the President; and yet the Doctor is stirring, with all his might, to keep Mr. Van Buren in office.

Disguise and twist it as you will, one of two things is certainly true: either the Doctor is at heart opposed to the distribution, or his partisan devotion to the men in power, is stronger than his attachment to his state and district, in this respect.

The avowed policy of the Administration is to grant the Public Lands in pre-emption titles to squatters; to reduce their price; and finally, to give them up to the States in which they lie. This course will deprive the old States of their respective shares of eight hundred, or perhaps a thousand millions of acres. The share of our good old State, would make her blossom as a rose; it would carry the lights of science into the humblest log cabin, as well as into the dwelling of the affluent. Mr. Van Buren is decidedly opposed to our reaping these great benefits. Doctor Montgomery is clamorous for them, but he is much more clamorous in the support of Mr. Van Buren, who has carried out a part of this hostile policy, and is striving to carry out the whole of it. "This 'running with the hare and holding with the hound'—this 'looking one way and rowing another'—this giving of 'aid and comfort' to our enemies—demand our most decided censure, and compel us to believe that however useful the Doctor may be to men in office, he is not likely to be useful to this State, or to this district, on the subject of the Public Lands.

EXTRAVAGANCE AND WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY.

The Doctor professed to be in favor of cheap government and strict economy; his practice shows that he favors the most alarming extravagance! In the four years of J. Q. Adams' Administration the government expended fifty millions and a half dollars. We all denounce Adams' Administration as extravagant. Few were louder or more earnest in denouncing the extravagance and corruption of Adams' Administration, than Doctor Montgomery. How stands the case now? In the last four years, the government has appropriated upwards of one hundred and forty-four millions of dollars!! And what says the Doctor? "Why, he says, "I go to save the people's money," "I never gave a vote for extravagance in my life," "this is a genuine republican Administration, and every true republican ought to support it!" It is the federal whigs who vote away the people's money." All this we regard as plain imposture. It is meant to deceive and mislead the people. The true and sensible rule is, that every party in power must be held responsible for the acts of the party in power; and the President, as head of it, must be held to a rigid accountability. This rule is likewise just; but, because every public man knows that the President can, and does, control his party almost as he pleases. The fact is humiliating, but every man of experience knows it to be true. And, if a case shall happen, (as it rarely does) in which he cannot control his party by influence, he can control it by his Veto. Where is Mr. Van Buren's veto against this expenditure of nearly forty millions of dollars a year, when fifteen or twenty millions, *at the very highest*, is more than enough? No where! And yet the Doctor contends that the President and his administration ought not to be held responsible for this extravagance. In J. Q. Adams' time, the Doctor and a large majority of this State, contended exactly the reverse. In the older Adams' time, the whole republican party contended that he should be held responsible for the Alien and Sedition laws; and actually drove him from power, by the election of Mr. Jefferson. So it has been at all times, in this country. God forbid that the time shall come, when the head of a party shall not be held responsible for the misdeeds of himself and his party.—When that time shall come, we shall stand on worse ground than the people of England. It is true, that one of their maxims is, "that the King can do no wrong"; but they hold the ministers and advisers of the Crown to a rigid account. Here, the Doctor would have us to hold the federal Whigs in account, who have been constantly in the minority—without power to control, or liberty to advise. This flimsy pretext can deceive no one. The Administration may continue to spend forty (or more) millions of dollars a year, and yet the Doctor will probably cling to it as a leech to the side of a whale—though we would hope not for the same reason—to fatten on his blood, and be borne along without trouble or effort, by the monarch of the deep.

THE SUB-TREASURY.

This is a great and fearful subject. It has been rejected three times, by the people and people's Representatives. Yet the President and his friends continue to urge it; they have staked their political fortunes on the cast of this die; and, in our hearts we believe, the liberty and happiness of the people depend upon the throw. We shall see whether the President and his partisans can drag the people into submission; or, whether they will have the steadiness to resist these repeated and unrepresentative assaults upon the public will. This Sub-Treasury would, in effect, create two currencies, one good, the other depreciated. The gold and silver for the government and office holders; the depreciated bank paper for the people. We say depreciated—it is obliged to be so. If the Banks of this State will take South Carolina paper at par, it will be at par in the country. If the Banks, the great money dealers, refuse South Carolina paper on any terms, then it not only falls under par, but can scarcely be used at all. So of the General Government, the greatest money dealer in the country: receiving and paying out between thirty and forty millions a year, if it shall refuse all bank paper, it is clear that all bank paper must be greatly depreciated.

The Doctor well knows all this. He knows that every office holder's pay must be increased from 10 to 20 per cent. if this odious measure shall prevail. He knows that members of Congress may (as some of them did during the extra session,) sell their gold and silver to brokers in Washington, getting from 107 to \$110 in bank paper, (answering all their purposes in paying for board, and clothes, and rich wines,) for \$100, in the precious metals. This odious discrimination ought not, and will not be borne in a free country. It moreover tends to unite the purse and the sword, forcibly to increase the power and patronage of the Executive, and to set the President above the control of Congress and the people.

The revenue is certain; about thirty millions a year, must come in, unless the laws are repealed—they cannot be repealed without the assent of the President. This Sub-Treasury is to take all this money and keep it in such hands as the President may designate, in GOLD and SILVER too; locked up in vaults, the keys of which are not in the hands of Congress, but in the hands of the President's underlings. What may stay an ambitious President from using all this money to subsidize armies to conquer the liberties of the people? We answer, nothing. No appropriation is needed, when all the money is already in his hands.

We do not mean to insinuate that we now have any such fears. We are sure Mr. Van Buren is not the man for such an enterprise. We go further, we have no reason to believe he would so use it, if he could. It is enough however to know that it might be so used!

It is a fearful and tremendous power that, never ought to exist in any country, and which we hope and trust, with the blessings of God, and the help of a patriotic people, never will exist in this country.

THE BANKS. The Doctor says, he is for the Sub-Treasury, as the means of divorcing the government from the Banks. What does he mean? He cannot mean that no Bank is to be used by the government; for the President, in his last annual message, plainly tells us that the Government ought to use the Banks when they may be deemed useful; and the Doctor is not the man (as we suppose,) to fly into the face of the President, and resist his recommendations.

tions. What, then, does he mean? Does he mean Mrs. Wheeler, and she delivered in a firm, animated manner the following address:

Capt. Pritchard, of the Independent Greys:

Commissioned by the Ladies of Charlotte, I tender to you, and through you their leader, to the gallant corps who honor you with their command, the expression of our heartfelt sympathy. Indeed, the event in the history of our country, of most thrilling interest, which has stamped this day with the impress of eternity, can never be regarded, but with feelings of patriotic enthusiasm. With such feelings you have assembled to day, to honor the memory, to cherish and perpetuate the principles of our glorious ancestry.

Accept then, sir, at our hands, and in token of our approbation, this Standard—inscribed with the motto *liberty to victory*, dedicated to the principles of liberty. I feel that whether in peace or war, the Flag which we now present will be ever guarded by your chivalrous patriotism.

It bears to us, for its insignia, the likeness of the Father of his Country, the immortal Washington, "who was first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The renunciation of his many virtues will cause you in times of peace to emulate his bright example, and should the blast of war summon you to conflict, the iron-heated bravery and unconquerable perseverance of Washington will inspire you "under this banner to conquer."

To this Address Capt. Pritchard responded in the following appropriate manner:

Miss Harris.—In behalf of the Corps that I have the honor to command, I accept this Standard as mark of your approbation.

Feeling sensibly the responsibility of the station we, as volunteers, occupy in this community, now made doubly so by the confidence reposed in us by the fair daughters of our country, in placing in our charge this Standard, the emblem of our profession, around which, with hearts glowing with gratitude to Almighty God for that peace and happiness which we now enjoy, will we assemble in times of peace to commemorate the deeds and perpetuate the principles of our ancestors; and should our country call for our aid, gladly will we march to the battle field, there to demonstrate by our conduct that this confidence is not misplaced, cheered with this assurance that there are those who had not nature formed them for other scenes, with hearts glowing with that patriotism which immortalized our mothers of the Revolution, who'd gladly take up arms in defense of that liberty so dearly purchased by the heroes of '75. Accept then, Miss, from myself and the Corps, for yours, and the Ladies of Charlotte, our grateful acknowledgments.

Presenting the flag to the Company Captain addressed the Ensign and the other Officers and men as follows:

Ensign Trotter.—I place in your charge this Standard, presented by the Ladies of Charlotte.

The station you occupy as Standard Bearer to this Company, is one of interest and importance, it is also a strong mark of their confidence in your intrepidity and valor; never betray that confidence, but ever bear mind that "under this banner we conquer."

Gentlemen Officers and Fellow Citizens:

You have this day, May 20th '39, (a day commemorative of that glorious day of '75, on which our Fathers, in signing the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their most sacred honor in their country's cause,) been presented with this stand of Colors, bearing the likeness of the illustrious Washington, whose virtues you are encouraged to emulate, whose bravery will inspire you to deeds of valor that shall be forgotten only when time shall be no more, and the confidence also this day restored, will stimulate you to the defense of your country and the protection of the Fair. Let none prove recreant to his trust, but with that undaunted courage which ever marked the footsteps of our fathers, may you press on to that defense making this your motto, to conquer or to die.

The procession was then formed at the Court-House under the management of the Marshal of the Day, Maj. Benj. Morrow, and his aids, and proceeded to the Church Grove, where, after a most appropriate, eloquent and impressive address to the Throne of Grace, by the Rev. Mr. Whyte, the Declaration of Independence as proclaimed in this county on the 20th May, 1775, at this very spot, was read by Dr. Charles J. Fox, prefaced by some spirited and appropriate remarks. Then the Orator of the Day, Jas. W. Osborne, Esq., arose and delivered his Address. We are not able, or if we were, we are not prepared to do justice to this display of patriotism, reason and eloquence. But we have rarely seen a large assemblage of persons held in such complete attention, as were those present. We were delighted at the effort and proud of the occasion; all experienced unalloyed pleasure at its recital, and none we believe but felt delighted at its thrilling and patriotic sentiments.

Resolved, that this meeting appoint the following delegates, to wit—H. Parker, Esq.; Morgan Carrington, Capt. H. Parish, and John Hall, to attend the Convention at Hillsboro, on 31st inst., to determine upon some Republican Whig, as an opponent to Dr. Montgomery, in this Congressional District.

Resolved. That this meeting adhere to the Whig Republican creed of 1798-'99.

Resolved. That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and the Editor of the "Recorder" be requested to publish them.

JOHN R. HALL, Chmn.
G. W. JONES, Sec'y.

20th of May.

This was a proud day for old Mecklenburg. It was the anniversary of May 1775, when this county threw off the foreign yoke and our noble ancestors resolved to "do or die." The day was lovely beyond description; May in her mildest mood never smiled a more beautiful morning. The opening of the day was announced by the loud report of the cannon, and soon after "the spirit stirring drum" and the shrill fife showed that all hearts were alive to patriotic recollections of this anniversary. The tall flag-waving in the centre of our village, the gay uniform of our volunteers, the large collection of citizens and strangers, all evinced the feelings of patriotism.

At 10 o'clock, the assembled multitude witnessed the presentation of a beautiful Flag, prepared by the Ladies of Charlotte, to the Independent Greys. It was most tastefully executed on silk, with faithful likeness of the immortal Washington, and with the motto, which in the days of chivalry led the troops of the Christian world, when "they displayed the blessed cross and won the Holy Land,"—In hoc signo vinces! (Under this banner you conquer.)

Miss Margaret Harris was the fair representative of the patriotic ladies, who was supported on each side by Mrs. Jennings and

six States and has become interwoven in the affections of six millions of Freemen.

[1 gun.]

9. The Governor of the State of North Carolina. [1 gun.]

10. The President of the United States. [1 gun.]

11. Our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States. [1 gun.]

12. The Judiciary of North Carolina. [1 gun.]

Distinguished no less for their judicial attainments than for the amenity of their deportment on the Bench. [1 gun.]

13. The Matrons of the Revolution.—May their daughters inherit their virtue and patriotism. [1 gun.]

The following sentiments were read and drank with applause, from the following gentlemen:

By Hon. D. L. Swain. *Queen's College.*—The great principle taught by her Faculty, and gloriously illustrated by her alumnae, "That rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

By Hon. Bedford Brown. *The Citizens of Mecklenburg.*—Brave, patriotic, and enlightened, and ever ready to defend the Liberties which their ancestors so nobly, by their valor, assisted in achieving.

By Hon. Robert Strange. *The County of Mecklenburg.*—Where men did coin their hearts and drop their blood for drachms—a coining richer and more glorious, than even the Gold of her Mint.

By Hon. Wm. Gaston. *North Carolina.*—Our honored and beloved State—it is not by her splendor or her wealth that she commands our reverence and enchains our affection—but by her devotion to Freedom and obedience to Law—her disinterested patriotism, republican simplicity, the will to do right, and the firmness to do what she wills.

By Hon. James Graham. *The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.*—On the 20th day of May 1775, was the morning star preceding the sun of Liberty which arose on the 4th of July, 1776; may the noble and daring deed of the pioneer Patriots who first resolved to "Do or Die," be gratefully remembered and annually celebrated by the friends of Freedom.

By Hon. Wm. Montgomery. *The sons of old Mecklenburg.*—The first to proclaim Freedom and self-government, and the last that would desert them.

By Gen. T. J. Polk. *The patriotism of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.*—In the times that tried men's souls, they were one—should their Country require it, they will be one again.

By J. T. Avery. *The great and undaunted County of Mecklenburg.*—In her infancy, Patriots and Statesmen arose up like Soldiers of Cadmus to expel a victorious foe; at the call of our common country, her soil will again be found equally propitious.

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