

Texas, England, and France.

The following is an extract from the Paris Correspondent, giving the French view of the English designs upon Texas:

"We have often recorded our suspicion of the selfish tendency of English philanthropy. We know too well, and from experience, that there is always some speculation or other concealed behind her fine sentiments, and that injury to her competitors tends to effect. Such is at present the case in reference to Texas, where she would find excited that frenzy for slave abolition, from which she contrived to deduce the right of search, with all its consequences on her future projects and maritime supremacy. Situated, as the States, and separated from the last mentioned country on the North, by the Red River, and on the East by the Sabine, Texas possesses about 200 leagues of Coast on the Gulf of Mexico. Its population is 430,000, of which 40,000 are black negroes. In September, 1836, Texas offered to incorporate itself with the United States. The Cabinet at Washington declined the offer, either to please England and Mexico, or rather because the incorporation of Texas accelerates more the work of decolonization of the Mexican Empire, which is being silently and gradually overrun by these indefatigable pioneers, and outpost of the United States, in the direction of the Pacific Ocean and the Isthmus of Panama.

In 1840, England in her turn, recognized the independence of Texas. It was apparently a blunder in policy. The English, too, by their professions to the future monopoly of the Isthmus of Panama, they are consequently interested in upholding the power and territorial integrity of Mexico, which lies between the Americans, and that important point. But the cabinet of St. James had larger and deeper views. It first of all stipulated as the price of its recognition, that Texas should assume a portion of the Mexican debt, due to England itself, amounting to \$8,000,000. From that moment, British diplomacy, and its philanthropic societies, which it turns to such great account, directed their aim at Texas. Its position was of immense importance. If slave emancipation, on the English scale, could only be carried there, the system of slave labor in the South of the Union would simultaneously receive a rude shock, and be seriously compromised. Texas would become an easy and secure refuge for all the runaway slaves, and there, in any given circumstances, might be organized and drilled, those black battalions with which England has often menaced the United States. Finally, an impediment was to be created to the cultivation of sugar (!) and cotton, in which, as is well known, several millions of negroes are employed in the United States.

Cotton, moreover, constitutes the staple of the coasting trade between the South and the North of the Union. It proves, also, the chief article of freight on the Atlantic. To ruin, or even lessen the cultivation of sugar and cotton in the United States, is then to diminish at once the riches of the soil, and cripple that naval force which England so greatly desires. The United States take the lead in energetic resistance to British ambition and cupidities, and that the serious competition which Brazil, Cuba, and the Union itself offer to Great Britain. To destroy labor in the West Indies, and with their spoil enrich the East Indies, where England reigns omnipotent; in other words, to substitute the labor of white (colored) slaves for that of black slaves, to monopolize tropical produce, and thus become once more the carriers and sole exclusive commercial agents between two worlds, may, doubtless appear, to an Englishman, to be a worthy and magnificent project, but it was neither prudent nor patriotic for a Frenchman to aid in its achievement.

New Taxes in Maryland.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: We learn from the Baltimore courier that the bill pending before the Legislature of Maryland, subjecting all bonds, notes, sealed bills, and bills of exchange, over \$100, to taxation, has passed both Houses, and having probably received the signature of the Governor, is at this time one of the most wholesome acts of legislation that we have had the gratification of recording for a long time. No man will deny that the lauded interest every where has been subjected to unjust exactions in raising State revenue. Real estate is looked to as the great source of taxation, and from the foundation of the Government, the State has been made to pay heavily, while many rich and growing interests have passed almost wholly free. So long as it is generally admitted that it is property and not persons which should be drawn upon for the support of government, we see no reason why the merchant, holding notes and bills to the amount of thousands upon thousands of dollars, should be passed over entirely, to reach the farmer and the mechanic in his house and shop, and to make those bear the brunt of the cost of government which protects alike the person and property of all. We would have the tax laws made to apply to all property, so far as possible, in whatever shape the property may exist. But as there is a sensitiveness with many as to the manner of reaching it, and objection made to the inquisitorial character of laws which demand to know each individual's wealth, we look upon the law passed by Maryland as the next best, and probably least objectionable, that can be adopted. A tax on this floating evidence of personal property will, in Maryland, it is estimated, produce at least half a million of dollars, and to that extent will lighten land of its burthens. And who is wronged!

THE EXPENSES OF THE WHITE HOUSE.—The editor of the Lancaster Intelligencer, writing from Washington, says, "By the way, do you know that all the expenses of the White House—servants, entertainments, and the host of incidental or contingent expenditures—are sustained out of the salary of the President? It is a fact, of which, until to-day, I was entirely ignorant. Many persons believe that the President's salary, \$25,000 per annum, is very abundant; but when the great mass of visitors is recollected—when the frequent levees, dinners, entertainments, &c. are considered—it soon dwindles away, and there is absolutely nothing left for the Presidential chair but the empty honor. President Tyler's expenses in sixteen months were over \$38,000, and he left for his farm, on James River, Virginia, with barely enough out of his last year's salary to pay expenses! Gen. Jackson came here with \$10,000 of his own money, and after eight year's services in the Executive office, left for the Hermitage with less than his travelling expenses! These are facts which I aver to be true; and they are very painful facts."

A BRUTAL VILLAIN.—Gardner C. Hiscox, who followed an agency business in New York city, was left by a worthy wife and family, in August last, in consequence of his unkind and abusive treatment of them. Since that time he is known to have hired five young girls, from intelligence offices and other places where they were respectably employed, under the pretence of engaging them as seamstresses, at higher wages than they were receiving, each of whom he has seduced and outraged. These young women were all under twenty, and the youngest but fifteen years of age. Two of his victims recently escaped to the basement of his dwelling—a room occupied by a respectable family—and made complaint. The assertions of the complainants were corroborated by the testimony of other victims, and it was ascertained that all the five were fatherless girls, one an orphan and the others children of destitute widowed mothers, who had no means by which to seek redress.

WOMEN IN OFFICE.—The new Constitution of New Jersey gives to the people in the several townships the right to elect their Justices of the Peace. The right of election heretofore rested with the Legislature in joint meeting, and as that body was revolutionized nearly every other year, about every other man had been rewarded by a "Squire's" commission. In Woolwich township, Gloucester county, the people, in town meeting, last week, it seems, came out unitedly against the large and small "Squires," and to form a full list of candidates fresh from the people, took up two very respectable maiden ladies, Sally Brown, and Betty French, and voted them in by a triumphant majority.

From the Globe.

President Polk's Administration.

I have been forcibly struck with the just and irrefragable remarks of the Globe on the subject of appointing persons to office, at this advanced age of the government. The people are recently passed through one of the most important and hard-fought struggles that ever agitated the country. The two great parties have been fiercely and powerfully arrayed against each other, in a fearful and tremendous contest for the mastery; and the democracy have seen their noble efforts most happily crowned with success. And yet, it seems to be gravely contended and expected by the Federal leaders and papers every where that the result should ensure as much to the benefit of our sworn political adversaries as of our friends and supporters.

When the whigs were flushed and frantic with victory, in 1841, they forgot their defeated opponents had any rights left, and utterly denied that they had any just claim to the favorable consideration of the dominant party. That they perceive clearly how odious it is to remove whigs from office to make room for democrats; and that "James K. Polk," about whom they pretended to know nothing, and cared less, is too "magnanimous" a President to disturb one solitary whig, although that whig should have denounced him without measure throughout the whole campaign. The Globe, with a vigilance that never sleeps, and a courage that cannot be shaken or terrified, has thrown into the teeth of the Intelligence its own well considered and approved advice to President Harrison, when he had just assumed the reins of power; and thus "the poisoned chalice" has been duly returned to the lips of that double-refined federal pig. "An entire change" (says that standing organ of British views and interests) "in the policy of the government must be made; and Gen. Harrison, we believe, has the firmness and virtue to do it." Now, could language be plainer! Could motives be more undisguised and palpable! The democratic party had defeated, and the whigs were in power; and, therefore, "an entire change must be made," to secure and perpetuate that power. And who doubts, for one moment, that such would again have been the iron rule of action, if Mr. Clay had been elected? Did he not openly proclaim, in his Lexington speech, that the "policy of the government" belonged to the party who elected the President? What will deny that? And would he not have made a general, nay, a universal sweep? Just as certain as the sun shines in the firmament. And can it be supposed by any democratic President, that the generous, confiding, and patriotic party, who have placed him on the summit of human elevation, do not expect to meet with more favor at his hands, than the opposite party who, in the main, are his enemies and antagonists?

When General Harrison was elected, "an entire change must be made;" but when Mr. Polk comes in, behold, no change necessary. Thus, by disturbing the large majority of whig officeholders, the interest and welfare of the country will be highly promoted, and President Polk, the "people's President," will immortalize his name. *Texas Democrat, &c.* What have we struggled for? Why were we called upon to rally under the glorious "star-spangled banner" of democracy, from one end of the Union to the other, to resist "the most dangerous man in America," and to "disturb the large majority of whig officeholders, the interest and welfare of the country will be highly promoted, and President Polk, the "people's President," will immortalize his name. *Texas Democrat, &c.* What have we struggled for? 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