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While all patriotic citizens, in every section of the country, bear testimony to the high merit of the official career of President Pierce, his high moral worth and social excellences have insured for him the lasting respect of the citizens of this metropolis. It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen visited the White House yesterday, when the municipal authorities, in company with the official party, went to pay a few respects. The East Room was filled in a few moments after the doors were opened; and when the President made his appearance, Mayor Magruder addressed him as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: I have the honor of introducing to you the board of aldermen and common council, together with many of my fellow-citizens who have no official connection with me. We come to acknowledge our grateful appreciation of the official kindness you have evinced towards our city in the many recommendations you have made to the national legislature in our behalf—recommending that the national government should recognize the obligation of the nation to foster the capital by aiding its people to make it what its founders designed it should be—a great and beautiful metropolis, worthy of a great and powerful nation.

And, sir, we have not only to express our high sense of our obligations to you, but we have to acknowledge the kindness which has marked your social intercourse with us and our constituents, and to assure you that the community, with whom you have sojourned for the last four years feel that in your departure they will rather lose one of their own, most cherished citizens than one who has had only official residence among them. We need not say that we are proud of the reputation, and that our well is not only of official respect, but also of personal esteem and affection; and we sincerely hope that in your retirement you may enjoy the harvest of peaceful happiness, which must proceed from the consciousness of a faithful discharge of your public duties.

MR. PRESIDENT: I was happily convinced, and beautifully expressed, his manner endorsing his words as the sentiments of his heart. He was listened to with marked attention, and the deep feeling manifested by the audience showed the regret which they listened to his parting words. They were, substantially, as follows:

MR. MAYOR: I was with unaffected gratification and demonstration of sentiments of good will toward myself on the part of the city authorities and people of Washington. Nearly one-half of the years of my manhood have passed here, and the experience of each year has only served to enhance my appreciation of the admirable qualities which characterize the permanent population of the District. I can not name the quietude of the city, the order and the evidence on all hands of its sacred observance, without being impressed by the conviction that it is among a people remarkable for their intelligence, order, probity, and high moral worth. Here I have shared largely in a generous hospitality, have made many valued acquaintances, and formed friendships which will be remembered with pleasure and interest wherever I am calculated to promote your happiness and advance your substantial prosperity. Here, among your resident citizens, every section of our common country is represented; and they are fortunately habituated free from the influences of discord and animosity. Here the spirit of toleration which ever animated the founder of the city, and the Father of his Country, have never grown cold.

As the seat of the government and centre of the federal political power, you will always enjoy great and peculiar advantages. Added to these, a general admiration of the city, and the desire to make the District of Columbia, at no distant day, the seat of a great city, pre-eminently distinguished for its arts, taste, science, and refinement. I enjoy in anticipation the career which I see before you.

There are certain great improvements the completion of which I earnestly desire to witness during my official term. I am sure that you are delayed—not a moment—should a wise President, who would visit you hereafter, I hope to find gushing fountains from the Great Falls of the Potomac everywhere in your city springing up and sparkling in the sunlight, and representing, in their native purity and abundance, your moral health and social prosperity.

I desire to express, for Mrs. Pierce and myself, the warmest remembrance of our grateful remembrance, which we shall never cease to remember.

At the conclusion of these remarks the authorities and citizens, individually, shook hands with the President, many lingering to express their gratitude for his courtesies and kindnesses since he has occupied the presidential chair. The President, in company with the clerks from the Treasury and other departments were then in turn presented to pay their adieux, and there was no diminution of the influx of visitors until the President was forced to retire, that he might attend to the pressing official business. It has been remarked that no retiring President ever elicited more regret from the citizens of Washington; and no more kind of his predecessors has been easier to remember. He was also a member of the committee before Congress in the matter of the Long Bridge, and his visit to Washington was connected with that matter.

MR. LEE is about 55 years of age, with a large family, and with the rank of Major-General in the Army of the United States. He was immediately discharged from the Pension Office. He left the city for Virginia after giving bail, passing in company with the son of Mr. Hume made an attempt yesterday to come to Washington in pursuit of Lee, but his object was discovered and prevented by his friends.

Supreme Court.

The following opinions have been delivered by the Supreme Court: By Mr. Chief Justice W. W. Griffin, from Perquimans, judgment reversed and venire in now. Also, in De v. Lee, from Currituck, affirming the judgment. Also, in Batten v. Foulk, from Johnston, judgment of non-suit. Also, in Fritchard v. Fox, from Mecklenburg, affirming the judgment. Also, in Waldo & Co. v. Joly, from Martin, affirming the judgment. Also, in Graham & Little v. Skinner, in equity from Wake, permitting the injunction.

By PARSONS, J. In Low v. Lowell, from Moore, directing a venire de novo. Also, in State v. Ingold, from Alamance, declaring that there is error in the proceedings. Also, in State v. McCoy v. Peagram, from Cumberland, declaring that there is error in the order appealed from. Also, in Hatchell v. Kironch, from Wayne, affirming the judgment. Also, in Blount v. Roberts, in equity from Beaufort, directing a decree for plaintiff.

By BATTLE, J. In Graham v. Bridgers, sci. fa. (two cases), judgment that the suits abated. Also, in Andrews v. Andrews, from Bladen, judgment reversed. Also, in Gagner v. Qualls, from Granville, judgment affirmed. Also, in McKelvey v. Scott, from Cabarrus, judgment affirmed. Also, in Purvis v. Abritton, from Pitt, judgment affirmed. Also, in Archibald v. Davis, from Beaufort, judgment affirmed. Also, in Green v. Thornton, judgment reversed and venire de novo.

By CURRIER, Thompson v. Barnes, in equity from Wayne, from direct appeal, must express a hope that the successor of Mr. Dobbin will commence where his predecessor has left off; that the apprentice system, which has thus far worked so well and promises so much of substantial improvement, may be encouraged, and a few of the youths thus apprenticed to the government annually admitted to the privileges of the Annapolis Academy; that the government should be limited to three years; and that seamen shall not be detained in service on foreign stations over and beyond the period of their enlistment.

We were well assured from the statements of the incoming President, already expressed, that he will be a friend to the navy as a guardian of our foreign commerce, and that the new Secretary, whoever he may be, will in most respects carry out the work so well begun by his predecessor.

It is in contemplation to run a double train over the N. C. road, one to run through in the day time, the other at night as under the present arrangement. This arrangement goes into effect on the 1st of March. Charlotte Democrat.

MR. GEORGE THOMPSON, the English Abolitionist, who was once driven out of Faneuil Hall, in Boston, is lecturing in Raleigh on the "United States of America." He has been very successful in his lectures as "independent" and "statistical."

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