

The National Intelligencer has a lengthy editorial on the Blair-Chase embroglio, in which it says:

"We have heard much of late about the duty of 'sustaining the Administration in all its measures and in all its Departments,' but this duty becomes impossible when, because of political or personal differences, an official incumbent in one branch of the Administration inveighs against the official integrity of the Head of another, and when he does so apparently with the President's approval. Such conduct, without explanation, can signify nothing less than that the President is strangely careless to preserve the political unity of his Administration, or else that he desires to attain this political unity not by formally ejecting a Secretary from his post, but by placing him in a position where he may voluntarily prefer to resign, as both Secretary Seward and Secretary Chase once before felt called to do in respect for the proprieties of their position and in regard for the confidential nature of their official relations to the President, and when they both received the renewed assurances of the President's continued confidence as the token in consideration of which they resumed their places in his Cabinet."

The Washington papers have reports of a meeting at Dr. Sunderland's church, of ladies, to form a "non-importation" society. An address reported by a committee refers to the self sacrificing spirit of the women of 1779, who refused to use imported tea, and the women of this day are urged to emulate their example. The constitution as reported designates the association as "The Covenant." It contains the following pledge, which is to be signed by all the members: "For three years, or the war we pledge ourselves to purchase no foreign article of apparel, when American articles can possibly be substituted."

The Washington Star has an account of a Federal cavalry expedition which went out from Vienna on Thursday last, and returned to that place yesterday, after having visited Leesburg, Rectortown and Upperville. Near Upperville, according to the Star, "a portion of Moseby's guerilla band was encountered, when a sharp fight ensued which resulted in a loss to the rebels of two killed, four wounded, and twenty-three taken prisoners. The Federals lost three men killed and four wounded, and returned to Vienna, with the twenty-three prisoners captured from Moseby, also three blockade runners, twenty-five horses, and a large quantity of wool, tobacco, and other contraband goods picked up on the route."

A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from the mouth of the Red River, dated April 24th states that General Banks has retreated with the remains of his army, from Grand Ecore to Alexandria, sixty miles below. Some of the gunboats were above and some below the shoals of the Red River. The river was low and still falling. The papers are not allowed to publish any more Red river news, excepting an official despatch, in which General Banks claims a victory. Guerillas are becoming more troublesome on the eastern banks of the Mississippi. Gen. Steele, it is said, has opened communication with General Banks.

John M. Botts gave a dinner, at his house in Culpeper, on Thursday, at which Generals Grant, Sedgwick, Hancock, Birney, Humphreys, Robinson, Williams, Ingalls, Rawlings, Mott, Carr, Webb, Gregory, Fastis, and Morris were present. "The affair was of the most sumptuous character, and all seemed to enjoy themselves."

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