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Any business connected with the Banner, will be attended to by the Editor, at his office in the rear of the Court House.

AGENTS FOR THE BANNER. Messrs. WHITE, & Co. Sumterville, S. C. T. W. PUGH, Esq., Camden, S. C.

COTTON.

The latest prices in the Charleston market were from 5 to 7 cts.

SUMTER CELEBRATION.

The 17th, the day fixed for the Festival in honor of Company A., "The Sumters," of the Palmetto Regiment, was celebrated at Sumterville with all the honorable feeling and appropriateness, which characterizes the people of Sumter District. The greater part of the day was threatening, and the sky exhibited a lowering appearance. With the slight inconvenience, however, of a shower immediately preceding the ceremonies, the clouds served to temper the heat of the day.

During the evening previous, and on the morning of the celebration, visitors poured into the village in great numbers, and it seemed as if the whole district had come forth in congregated masses to do honor to "The Sumters." Many, too, were present from Kershaw and Richland, and took their full part in the festivities of the day.

The Hon. F. J. MOSES, our Senator from Claremont, presided with his accustomed efficiency and dignity and welcomed the Palmettoes in a short and fervent address. The Oration was delivered by SAMUEL MAYRANT, Esq., who portrayed to the assembled Sumters and members of the Palmetto Regiment present, in vivid and eloquent language, their career and the honors which they had gained. The small remnant of the devoted band stood before him and listened with the dignity of citizen soldiery to the honorable testimonials of their brave conduct and the plaudits of a grateful and admiring republic.

The fair daughters of Sumter, too, were present, and graced the honors to stern, manly, valor, with the approving smiles of beauty.

After the close of the oration, the company assembled around the festive board, at the head of which sat the Hon. Senator MOSES, the President of the day.—Abundance weighed down the tables, and the loud cheering, given to the toasts, testified the spirit, interest, and enthusiasm of the people in the occasion. Upwards of three thousand persons were present, of whom five hundred were ladies.

The Festival throughout, was conducted in a manner worthy of the occasion, and after a day of great and uninterrupted enjoyment, the people quietly dispersed to their several homes.

Praise is due to the committee for their management, and to Mr. JOHN CHINA, who was employed by them to superintend the immediate preparations for the dinner.

MR. MAYRANT'S ORATION.

The Committee of the "Sumter Celebration" have politely furnished us with a copy of Mr. MAYRANT'S oration before "The Sumters", which we shall use our endeavors to present to our readers in our next number.

BALL TO "THE SUMTERS".

The Ball on the 10th, to "The Sumters", was given in the new house of Mr. A. J. MOSES, which was generously loaned to the Committee for that purpose, and which was thus ushered into inhabitancy by a ball "in honor to the returned of the Sumters."

Nearly fifty ladies were present, and many gentlemen from the District, and the Sumters. Every thing went as merrily as a marriage, and all were highly pleased.

To the Committee, to their employee, Mr. MYERS, and to Mr. A. J. MOSES, the liberal loaner of his new house, are the thanks of the community justly due and awarded, for the amusement of the evening.

THE BUFFALO CONVENTION.

This body has nominated MARTIN VAN BUREN, and CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, son of the late J. Q. ADAMS, as candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the U. S. Thus the geographical lines of hostility to the South are marked, and the party divisions of whig and democrat at the north are merged in the "Free Soil Party."

THE OREGON BILL.

The Oregon Territorial Bill, with the Wilnot proviso attached, has passed both houses of Congress, and has received the signature of the President. He assigns as his reasons the absolute necessity of a territorial government for Oregon, and the fact that the territory lies above 42 degrees, and, therefore, above the line, 36 degrees 30 min. of the celebrated Missouri Compromise.

CELEBRATION

In Honor of Company A. of Palmetto Regiment at Sumterville on 17th August.

The day appropriated by the District of Sumter to do Honor to her returned Volunteers was ushered in by the rising Sun, in all its beauty and splendor, though for a time obscured by passing clouds, which threatened to mar the pleasures of the day, but which most happily only sprinkled the earth, thereby allaying the dust and cooling the atmosphere, and which served as a fresh incentive to enjoyment.

At 11 o'clock the procession consisting of some two thousand persons, with the Sumter Riflemen, Claremont Troop and Cold Water Army as an escort to the remnant of the Palmetto Regiment, who graced the occasion by their presence, proceeded by the Sumter Brass Band playing appropriate airs, the whole under command of the Marshals of the day proceeded to the Grove near the Old Methodist Church to the stand erected for the exercises of the day, where some five hundred or more of the beautiful daughters of Sumter awaited their arrival.

On reaching the stand, the Volunteers were stationed in front and were received by the Hon. F. J. MOSES THE PRESIDENT OF THE DAY, in the following feeling and eloquent remarks which were followed with much applause and cheering.

GALLANT SURVIVORS OF A NOBLE BAND:

I have been deputed on behalf of your District, to receive you on your return to your native home, a home on whose already distinguished name, you have conferred new lustre, and which receives you into its bosom with the heart-felt pride, which your noble bearing has inspired.

But little more than two years have elapsed, since near this very spot, you were presented with an emblem, in honor of the patriotic avidity with which you hastened to obey the call of your Country. How great the contrast which your diminished ranks, now afford to the proud array of ardent youths, who then stood ready to receive and defend it. How many who buoyant with high hope and emulous of daring deeds, have met a glorious death in the thickest of the fight, while rallying around the proud Palmetto of our beloved State.

While to their memories, so tender the homage of a tear, to you, their gallant Survivors your District extends the hand of fellowship, and embosoms their names with your own, in its dearest recollection. Welcome, thrice welcome, to our hearts.

The Reverend JOHN S. RICHARDSON then offered up a fervent and eloquent prayer to the throne of the most high, which was followed by a patriotic, and eloquent Oration delivered by SAMUEL MAYRANT, Esq., and which elicited the most unbounded applause. At the conclusion of the Oration, the whole procession were formed into line, and marched to dinner where an abundance of good cheer, provided by our worthy townsman JOHN CHINA Esq. furnished most ample material for a vigorous attack, preceded by Grace from Rev. H. D. GREEN. After the removal of the cloth, the following regular toasts were read by the President of the day, repeated by the respective Vice Presidents.

REGULAR TOASTS.

1. The Palmetto Regiment of South Carolina: Like the tree of our sea shore border, no storm uproots, no lightning rives it; but it stands as a bastion around the honor of our State, impervious to the assaults of war, or scythe of time.

2. The memory of Col. P. M. Butler and Lt. Col. J. P. Dickinson: Who fell on "the death bed of fame" the battle field; loftily will the monumental marble tower o'er their graves, but more lasting than marble: on the historic page, and in the grateful remembrance of the people, shall be the recollection of their patriotic devotion to the Union, and to the State of South Carolina.

3. Col. A. H. Gladden, Lt. Col. Dumont, Major Moffat, high toned gentlemen, and gallant officers, deserving command of the Palmetto Regiment.

4. The Sumter Volunteers: Gallantly and nobly have they borne themselves through the Battles of Mexico, in the lead of the Palmetto Regiment, acquiring additional glory and renown for Chivalrous South Carolina. Old Sumter opens wide her arms, to receive, welcome, and honor, her brave Sons.

5. Capt. Francis Sumter: Every thing gallant and daring was expected of the descendant of the Old Game Cock of South Carolina—he has fought gallantly in Mexico, "as crowed the old Cock so crows the young."

6. Lt. A. C. Spain: At the call of the Country, he was first to breathe the military spirit into the Soldiers of our District, he served in the confidence of his commanders and deserves the confidence of the people.

7. Lt. Cyrus S. Mellett: High in person, high and noble in deeds, and high in the confidence and hope of the people of Sumter District.

8. Lt. J. D. Blanding: One of the first to enroll his name on the war list of Carolina, one among the last to leave the shores of Mexico—for his gallantry he is entitled to the admiration of his Countrymen.

9. Lt. Thomas M. Baker: An accomplished gentleman and gallant soldier, worthy scion of a patriot stock; duty his guiding star; he follows it in peace, it lighted his path-way on the "tented field."

10. Lt. Sebastian Sumter: Of the good old fighting breed—a gallant and chivalrous officer.

11. Lt. Stephen M. Boykin: A brave man, and spirited officer, well deserving of the country, and ever ready at her call.

12. The memory of Murphy, the Wilders and other gallant spirits of "the Sumters" who died in the service of the country—Sumter District mourns for them; but is consoled with the reflection that they have been offered up as a sacrifice on the altar of patriotism.

13. The Ladies: They are our guardian angels—our incentives to noble actions, and deeds of chivalrous daring.

On the delivery of the first toast which was received with the most unbounded applause, the whole assembly rose and gave three times three cheers. The marked and solemn silence which prevailed the audience when the second toast was proclaimed testified their grief to the memories of the gallant BUTLER and DICKINSON. Again, cheers loud and long went forth in one spontaneous burst,

when the third toast was read, and the only regret was the absence of Col. GLADDEN, who accounted for his not being present in the following letter to the Committee.

Columbia S. C. 8th August 1848.

Gentlemen: It is with extreme regret, that in consequence of continued ill health, and pressing private engagements I shall be compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting my fellow-citizens of Sumter District at a dinner to be given in honor of Company A. Palmetto Regiment, S. C. V. at Sumterville on the 17th inst. Nothing I can assure you would afford me more pleasure than to be with you, and to meet my friends of Sumter and fellow soldiers and brother officers of Company A. at the festive board, and I am sorry that I shall be debowered that happiness.

With assurances of my highest esteem and Respect I am Your Obedient Servant.

A. H. GLADDEN.

The 4th and 5th toasts drew forth loud shouts and huzzas and the enthusiasm was not a little heightened and induced by the waving of handkerchiefs and tapping of small delicate hands. Applause loud and long again burst forth on the reception of the 6th toast, and the applause continuing and Lt. SPAIN making his appearance it was some time before he could return his acknowledgements, which he did in a speech of much beauty and eloquence, concluding with the following sentiment.

The Rank and File of Company A: In Camp or Field, as soldiers inferior to none—"a few more left of the same sort" for any and every emergency at home or abroad.

Cheer after cheer went up at the proclamation of the 7th toast, which was responded to by Lt. MELLETT in a brief but spirited manner, concluding with the following sentiment.

Saml. Mayrant Esq., the Orator of Day: His talents and moral courage and devotion to the true interest of his Country, entitle him to the highest honor our District or State can bestow, but whose independence of character as yet forbid him to solicit or accept.

The 8th toast was received with much deserved applause—the audience regretting the absence of Lt. Blanding, who sent the committee the following letter.

Washington City August 9th 1848.

Gentlemen: It is a source of great disappointment to me that I am debarred the pleasure of meeting, after so long a separation, my fellow-citizens of Sumter District at the public reception to be given by them to "Company A." "Palmetto Regiment," on the 17th inst.

A positive order cannot be disobeyed; and under such I am now wading 'midst the mire of papers, to be finally freed from the service of Government, with the anxious desire soon to return among those whose respect and good-will it has been my endeavor for years past to obtain, and whose approval of my course through the Mexican Campaign is all that I desire and ask.

With the request that you will express my regrets on the occasion, I will offer you a sentiment, and one in which all will feelingly join.

The deceased members of the Palmetto Regiment: May Eternal Peace be the reward of their mortal Campaign—"Peace be with their ashes."

I Remain Very Respectfully Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant.

JAMES D BLANDING.

The 9th toast to Lt. BAKER received the warm and hearty plaudits of the multitude to whom he is much endeared by his modest worth and known patriotism—he gracefully returned his acknowledgements and in conclusion, gave,

Our Native District: Her affection and generosity for her Children prompts to a forgetfulness of faults.

The 10th and 11th toasts were received in a spirited and enthusiastic manner, while the gloom and sorrow depicted on every countenance, at the announcement of the 12th spoke, in language deep tho' not loud, grief for the gallant dead.

Nine hearty cheers, such only as Sumter boys can give, was the response to the 13th toast.

The following toasts were submitted by the Committee of Arrangements.

General Thomas Sumter: He fought for and gained us the liberties we enjoy, he lived among us a lofty example of Virtue and Patriotism, he is buried in our soil. We reverence his memory, yet no obelisk rises to mark the spot where the hero lies and to record his noble deeds. Sumter District should do more than think of this.

Capt James Canteley: In him the high bearing and gallantry of the Soldier is joined with the delicacy of sentiment and modesty of the true gentleman. Sumter District appreciates.

Lt. Moge: When swords were plenty and muskets few at the garita of Mexico—he gallantly took the most effective weapon and showed that he knew how to fight.

Capt. Canteley and Lt. Moge in speeches of much force, feeling and eloquence, returned thanks concluding by complimentary toasts to Sumter District.

Lt. M. Clark: A deserving and gallant officer—he bears on his person the seals of honorable service, in the form of scars received in the battles of Mexico.

Lt. Clark briefly responded to the toast in compliment to him, and gave—

The Ladies of Sumter District: Fair, patriotic and virtuous: The citizen may flatter, but the soldier will protect them.

Patrick Leonard: Rather than the flag of the Regiment should trail on Mexican soil, he made his body its shield—all honor and applause to his patriotism—give him a hat to hold, for his conduct is worthy of the highest eloquence.

Mr. Leonard waved his own hat, returned thanks and gave,

The Flag of the Regiment:—To be the bearer of it for even a moment is as high an honor as any man could crave.

Our Venerable Citizen Capt. Wm. Vaughan: The ardor of the Republican and the soldier still burns in his bosom at eighty five, with the same bright flame which carried him charging upon the muzzles of the flashing guns at Kalaw.

Our Venerable friend Samuel Chandler: He struck boldly for liberty by the side of

Sumter and Marion, fight glad are we that he lives to enjoy our National prosperity in health.

VOLUNTEER TOASTS.

By Hon. F. J. MOSES, President of the Day: The intolerant Spirit of fanaticism, which now pervades our National Legislature. An ominous warning to the South to shun compromise, and stand to its arms.

HON. JUDGE RICHARDSON, First Vice President, Being called on, replied in a speech of some length, and of great force and eloquence, dwelling on the glorious exploits of our arms in Mexico, the various battles fought and won, and concluded "loud cheers and plaudits by giving the following sentiment.

The Palmetto Banner: Though torn by the rudest hand of war, yet, incapable of dissolution (as its brave followers to craven, when the battle raged), its fragments shall be gathered together, and wrought into primal beauty, to form the standard, again and again, for the future chivalry of the Land,—the Land, that was but to maintain its own dear—bought Independence, conquest but to award the vanquished honorable peace, and prays them the happiness of their own Heaven—protected Government of Sovereign, Free and Independent States.

By Col. ORLANDO S. REES, V. President: Gen. Taylor: We would have him as an Independent Candidate for the Presidency—But now, with the whig nomination and Filmore saddled to his back, we, So. Carolina Democrats can have him no more.

Cass and Butler are our men consistently. The Hon. Jno. L. MANNING, One of the V. Presidents, In consequence of sickness in his household, not being able to attend, sent the following letter to the committee, which, after being read, was received with much applause—

Clarendon, 17th August 1848.

Gentlemen: The extreme illness of one of my household, of a deeply afflicting character, prevents me from joining you to day in doing honor to our returned Volunteers.

I regret my absence the more, since you have done me the honor to make me one of the presiding officers at your Festival.

No soldierly have ever deserved more at the hands of their countrymen, than the Palmetto Regiment: for their career, for a twelve-month past, has shone by a continuous blaze of victory and triumph. Of all of them, none have been more distinguished than the gallant "Sumters," ever mindful of the glorious historical associations, which, like a halo, surround their name.

In all future emergencies, the conduct of the Palmetto Regiment will be an example so closely to be emulated, as to make each campaign like a forlorn hope to every Carolina soldier; and, long after those shall have passed away, whose victories you are now assembled to honor and celebrate, others, who are to follow them, will have their path to glory illumined "by the bright track of their fiery car."

In conclusion, I beg to offer the following sentiment, which, I trust, may not be deemed inappropriate to the occasion.

The recent debates in Congress upon the Slavery Question: God grant that they may not lead to that fatal result, when we shall be compelled to shew to the rest of the world, that, in South Carolina, there are fifty Palmetto Regiments!

I am, Gentlemen, Your friend and fellow citizen,

JOHN L. MANNING.

By Col. JAS. RICHBERT, One of the V. Presidents: South Carolina: She loves the Union. But she cannot sacrifice the constitution and her Rights to preserve it.

By M. M. BENDON, Esq., One of the V. Presidents: The Counties of Claremont and Clarendon: Twin Brothers, descended from their common Parent, Sumter: In the halls of Legislation and on the "tented field," they have nobly sustained the reputation of their ancient and gallant sire.

By Gen. S. R. CHANDLER, Chief Marshal of the day: The Palmetto Regiment: As Soldiers of the republic, your fame is national—As Volunteers of your respective Districts and State, most nobly have you sustained the reputation of your Districts and State! We hail your return to your friends with pride and pleasure! Long may you live to enjoy your rich inheritance.

By Col. J. C. RHAME, One of the Marshals: The returned Volunteers: Welcome, thrice welcome to their homes and firesides! May the sympathies and hearty greetings of the present not die with the occasion, but that these brave men, together with the widowed mother and orphans of those whose bones are left to write the bills and vales of Mexico, receive a far more substantial token of a generous people.

By T. J. DINKINS, Esq., Of committee of arrangements: "Conterus, Churubusco, and Garita de Belin": All identified with the prowess and glory of South Carolina.

By the Committee. Hon. J. A. Woodward: Our Representative in Congress—Distinguished alike for his talent and gentlemanly deportment—in him South Carolina has a fearless vindicator of her rights.

By Col. M. MOSES, Of committee of Arrangements: The Farmer: The chief strength of the Republic: His own Independence an emblem of that of his country. From the mother earth, which with his strong arm he is ever ready to defend, his industry draws the wealth, which supports and sustains the Government.

By Dr. JOS. C. HAYNSWORTH, Of committee of Arrangements: Hon. John L. Manning: A highly educated and accomplished gentleman, worthy the highest honors in the gift of the people—he would grace well the gubernatorial chair of our State.

By Capt. JOHN D. ASHMORE, Of committee of Arrangements. Sergt. M. J. M. Murphy: Young, manly and noble, he has fallen a sacrifice on the Altar of Patriotism, and, though his fall was not amid the tumult of battle, surrounded by charging squadrons and solid columns, with the thunder of cannon, the clash of steel and the roar of musketry, yet honor, eternal honor, to his name and memory.

By Dr. JOHN I. MILLER, Of committee of Arrangements: Capt. Jas. D. Blanding: By his services on the plains of Mexico, he has aided in honoring Sumter District; May the day not be very distant, when she shall honor him with a seat in the State Legislature.

By WM. E. MELLETT, Of committee of Arrangements: Col. John L. Manning: In his energy our militia will be renovated, in his firmness our jurisprudence enforced, in his talents wise measures and salutary reforms suggested in Legislation. So let him be Governor, and Sumter District will endorse his administration for these results.

By the Committee. Hon. J. A. Woodward: Distinguished for talents, moral courage, all his services to the good of his country.

By Major Maxey Green, an invited guest. The Sumter Company: who nobly sustained the character of our District.

By Edwin DeLeon, Esq., an invited guest. Sumterville: Though reared on a sand, may her prosperity be founded on a rock.

By J. D. Yates, Esq., an invited guest. South Carolina—Her Palmetto Regiment on the battle field of Mexico: By their valor, courage, and noble bearing, they give an earnest of what they could do in defence of the rights of their native and adopted State.

By Maj. John Canteley, an invited guest. Captain Sumter—His officers and privates: A fair illustration of the spirit of the Palmetto illustration "Game Cock" of South Carolina.

By J. D. Morlecal, Esq., an invited guest. The citizens of Sumter District: Their hospitality, chivalry and patriotism not surpassed by any District in the State.

By Capt. J. B. N. Hummel, Our Citizen Soldier: Should occasion require it may they be ever ready to produce a band of Palmettoes.

By Lt. R. M. Dyson. Our Country: May patriotism reside in the hearts of her people and a spirit of compromise lead to a speedy adjustment of all her difficulties.

By Lt. W. S. Hudson. South Carolina: If ever called upon to defend her rights may she send as gallant spirits as she did to Mexico.

By Capt. E. M. Anderson. Our fellow-citizens, citizens, not soldiers—who achieved the conquest of Mexico. They have practically established a truth of more value to us than all the acquired territory—that the enormous expenditures of Governments upon armies and navies are a wasteful and needless waste of national treasure.

By Rev. Henry D. Green. Our Senator, the Hon. F. J. Moses: His commanding talents, honorable bearing, and industrious perseverance, have won for him the approbation of the people, and rendered him a worthy example to the youth of our District.

The following letter was received by the committee from Hon. A. P. BUTLER:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10, 1848.

Gentlemen: Your invitation to me to be present at a festival to be given in honor of Company A. of the Palmetto Regiment, reached me this morning. I shall not be able to leave Washington before the 15th and therefore cannot have the pleasure of being with you on the 17th.

I assure you it would be a source of high satisfaction and pleasure to meet my friends of Sumterville, on an occasion so full of interest and sensibility. My public duties have often brought me in association with the hospitality of Sumter.

The feelings, which these associations have inspired, would make it a desirable pleasure to join with them in paying a tribute so justly due to the gallant company commanded in Mexico by Capt. Sumter. The letter, which indicated its position, but representation of its willingness and ability to maintain the rank of honor.

The word Palmetto is inseparably connected with the name of Sumter by historical associations. The achievements of Hanging Rock and Blackstork gave to it a large portion of its historical glory, and the brilliant exploits of Contreras and Churubusco have imparted to it additional splendor.

God grant that the services of your young men may long live to enjoy the gratitude and admiration of their Country. Green be their laurels and honorable their future career.

I give you as a sentiment,—Capt. Francis Marion Sumter: He has maintained the honor of his illustrious names.

In haste and sincerity, I am your fellow citizen,

A. P. BUTLER.

The following letter was received from Hon. J. A. WOODWARD:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12, 1848.

Gentlemen: Your very kind note of invitation to a dinner to be given at Sumterville, the 17th inst., in honor of Company A. of the Palmetto Regiment, has been received.

Nothing could be more grateful to my feelings than to be able to unite with you in doing well merited honor to the remnant of a company, that has done so much to illustrate and signalize the character of the State. I should, also, have appreciated very highly an opportunity of social intercourse with my friends and fellow-citizens of Sumter District. But the late day fixed for the adjournment of congress presents an insuperable barrier to the indulgence of my inclination, strong as it is. I must, therefore, content myself with sending for the occasion the subdued sentiment.

Be pleased to accept an assurance of my kindest regards, as well for yourselves, personally, as for those on whose behalf you act.

Very respectfully,

J. A. WOODWARD.

The District of Sumter: Her brave sons have again consecrated her name; already made illustrious by him who gave it.

Gov. Johnson: We deeply regret the accident which deprives us of his company to-day.

By O. M. Crane of Committee of Arrangements—Hon. John L. Manning: The public spirited gentleman—the very man to fill the office of Governor of the State of South Carolina.

By Dr. J. B. Witherspoon. Democratic Principles: The only principles which can preserve and perpetuate our free institutions, and CASS and BUTLER fit representatives of them.

By J. W. Stuckey. Lt. A. C. Spain: With an ardent and zeal worthy of the highest praise, he was the very first to kindle the fire of military ambition in the bosoms of the youth of our District, and on the Sand Banks at Vera Cruz, he attested with what gallantry and Patriotism he would follow and sustain his country's flag.

By Col. Stephen LaCrosse. The Palmetto Regiment: Foremost wherever danger or the most appalling difficulties presented themselves. They have well sustained the chivalry and the honor of the State. May the Captain of our own company for his bravery and gallantry be rewarded at some future