





THE CABINET.—It will be seen by the letter of Amos Kendall, in to-day's paper, that he has resigned the office of Postmaster General, on account of ill health, and is about to become the editor of the extra Globe. And it is rumored that other resignations in the Cabinet are to follow soon. It is stated that sixty-eight Van Buren members of Congress have petitioned the President to dismiss Mr. Paulding, the Secretary of the Navy, for reasons partly growing out of his unbecoming manner and partly political.

The letter of Mr. Kendall, says the Baltimore Patriot, is eminently characteristic of this cunning but low-minded adventurer. His character for candor is so low, that one knows not how much to believe of his reasons for withdrawing from the office of Postmaster-General, with a salary of \$50,000 a year, to become a "hiring scribbler," (as you a favorite expression of the party diction for the extra Globe, which will scarcely afford him half his bread.) The real cause of the case, says the Patriot, is probably this: Mr. Van Buren and his friends are determined to have a new cabinet, and to have means of sustaining themselves, they are resolved to fortify the central party press with all the ability and strength they can command. Kendall is the most efficient newspaper writer in their ranks. He is able, experienced, and entirely unscrupulous. He flatters himself, and they flatter themselves, with the idea that he can do a great deal to write them up, and he has been, therefore, selected to be the central party press, and to devote himself solely and exclusively to the business of defending the administration and assailing the opposition during the campaign. If they should succeed, his reward would be high, and if they are unsuccessful, as we have the utmost confidence they will be, he can easily obtain a foreign mission, with all the emoluments of salary and outfit, for the remainder of Mr. Van Buren's term.

We were struck with the remark of a plain farmer, the other day, in reference to the movements of the Cabinet and the party at Washington. "The Van Buren band, he said, is on fire. The rain begin to see and feel their danger, and are coming steadily to and from the frontiers. An apt and forcible illustration, thought we, of affairs at Washington. The Tippecanoe breeze, kindled in the West, has spread like wild-fire in every direction. It has reached Virginia, Pennsylvania, and nearly all the Van Buren States in the Union, and has filled with alarm the ears at Washington, who see their inevitable fate if they occupy their present burrowing places until the 4th of March next.

William B. Dabney, the ascending Teller of the Bank of Virginia, returned to Richmond on the 10th instant, and has been admitted as a witness on the trial of G. Green, charged with having fraudulently obtained the money from the bank. The whole affair will, we are roughly judged, and what of course we have ascertained it, will be speedily dispensed. The Richmond Whig says "the only portion of the testimony which we have yet heard of public interest, was that the checks found in the bank, to the amount, we believe, of \$534,000, represent money." The trial of Green is still pending.

VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.

Lee County.—Harrison, V. B. elected without opposition.
Worcester and Lewis.—Jacob J. Johnston, V. B. re-elected without opposition.
Scott.—James Devins, V. B. elected.
In giving the result of the late election last week, the Whig before, we placed Braxton C. Lewis to the credit of the Whigs. This we did upon the authority of statements to several of our exchange papers, amongst which we remember were the Wheeling papers, the Baltimore Patriot, and Lynchburg Virginian. Subsequent accounts showing the success of the Van Buren candidate in those counties, permits in the next Legislature will stand as follows:
WHIGS.—In Senate 16
Do. House of Delegates 79
85
V. B.—In Senate 6
Do. House of Delegates 69
75
Whig majority on joint ballot, 10
The decision on the contested elections, it is believed, will give the Whigs from 15 to 20 majority on joint ballot. In the last Legislature the Whigs had not sufficient strength to elect a Senator, and succeeded only by a vote in the Senate of 20 to 18.

The twenty-seventh anniversary of the battle of Fort Mifflin, was celebrated at New York, St. Louis and other places, last week. The New York Convention, which was held at New York in that city, in honor of the brave and successful defender of Fort Mifflin, General Bland, during the late war with England, by far transcended any previous of the kind ever held in New York. At St. Louis, eight thousand persons, of whom 500 were ladies, joined in the celebration. Canoes on wheels, led cabins drawn by horses, and Fort Mifflin with cannon mounted, were in the procession.

At New York, Messrs. read from John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Gov. Pennington of New Jersey, Gen. Scott, Gov. Edwards, and other distinguished gentlemen. All approving the celebration, and speaking in the highest terms of the bravery and generalship of General HARRISON. The following is Gen. Scott's letter:
New York, May 7, 1840.
DEAR SIR.—I have had the honor to receive your invitation to be present to-morrow at the 27th anniversary of Gen. Harrison's victory over the British at the battle of Tippecanoe, at Fort Meigs. I should be very happy to be with you on the patriotic occasion, having been myself a soldier, in a distant field, in the same war, and having, from an early day, always stood in the relation of a friend to the distinguished General whose deeds you propose to celebrate. But I am under orders for a special duty which will compel me to leave the city this evening. Please make my apology, with my compliments as acceptable to the celebration of which you are chairman, and believe me, with high respect and esteem your obedient servant.

WINFIELD SCOTT.

A great flood has occurred in the Mississippi river, inundating the country, destroying crops, cattle, boats, buildings, and other property. Cairo, at the mouth of the Ohio, was wholly under water, and at Vicksburg several warehouses have been abandoned. There are said to be several boats from New Orleans and the whole lower country.

SHIP LETTERS.—The British Queen brought eleven thousand nine hundred and forty letters, and hundred newspapers and pamphlets, and 100 passengers.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH QUEEN.

Sixteen days later from England.

By the arrival at New York of the steam ship British Queen, which sailed from Portsmouth on the 1st of May, files of English papers up to that date have been received. The Queen arrived about three o'clock on Saturday morning, making the voyage from pilot to pilot, in thirteen and a half days. Flour and wheat had both declined; American flour had brought 22s. in bond, but that price could no longer be obtained—the nominal quotation for the best Western Canal, being 37s. per bushel. American flour was selling, at the latest date, at 37s. 6d. duty paid, at which rate 10,000 barrels had changed hands during the week ending the 8th ult. The weather was very fine in England, with a good prospect of large crops.

The Cotton market had been steady, and holders having cringed more firmness, an advance of 1-4d had been obtained on the lower and middling qualities. The London Money Market was dull—money very abundant at 2 1/2 per cent. without any demand for it. The amount of bullion in the Bank of England was generally increasing.

The Boundary difficulties between the United States and England, it is believed, have at last been settled. "The New York Journal of Commerce says:—It is with heart-felt satisfaction we find that the delicate and difficult question of our North Eastern Boundary, is, in all probability, adjusted. It appears, that the great object of the King of the Netherlands, which made the River Scheldt, the knowledge of the rights of the States, to be the basis of the new arrangement, and that as an indemnity to Maine for any supposed rights she may possess to land north of the St. Johns, the British Government is to pay her £200,000, or about half a million of dollars. Doubtless, despatches have come forward by the British Queen, which will apprise our Government of the precise nature of the negotiation; but we trust it will be found not far different from the arrangement here indicated. The London Morning Chronicle, of April 23d, says:—"Every thing seems to hold out a prospect that this difficulty will not be allowed to disturb the amicable relations between England and the U. States, or to interfere with the tranquil settlement of the question, which was left by the negotiators of the Treaty of Ghent as a germ of dispute between two nations linked together by every tie of mutual interest and common descent."

It is whispered, in circles likely to be acquainted with the fact, that her Majesty Queen Victoria, is in a way likely to prevent the accession to the throne from passing into any other than the direct line. The report derives strength from her Majesty's recent absence from her favorite exercise on horseback, and also from dancing, in which she is known to take much pleasure.

Honora Lewis, late Cashier of the Schuylkill Bank of Philadelphia, and who abandoned with a large amount of the funds of that institution, has been arrested in Paris, where he was living in a small apartment, with every appearance of parsimony, in order, as it is conjectured, to avoid suspicion. The great portion of the stolen money, and a large quantity of account books and papers were found in his possession.

The Paris papers of the 28th ult. are filled with the details of the marriage of the Duke de Nemours to the Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which was celebrated at St. Cloud on the previous Monday night. 1,500,000 francs have been appropriated by the French Chamber of Deputies to defray the expenses of the blockade of Buenos Ayres. Another expedition against that Republic was contemplated by the French Government.

Distresses prevailed in the West, and the price of provisions had been considerably augmented. The severity of the winter had been such that upwards of fifty thousand cattle had perished in the snow in Romania alone. The crops in France (says the Spectator, of Nantes) are looking splendid, and promise a fine harvest. We learn that in no part of France are there any complaints as to the appearance of the crops.

The British Queen steamer made her last voyage to England in fifteen days.

AWFUL CALAMITY!—NATCHEZ DESTROYED BY A TORNADO.

The New Orleans Bulletin of May 9, says:—By the steamer Winchburg, Capt. Giles, which arrived here last night, we have the following particulars of a Tornado, which took place in Natchez on Thursday. The devoted city of Natchez was visited yesterday with one of the most awful and distressing calamities it has ever been our fate to witness. At about 9 o'clock, P. M., a dark cloud made its appearance in the south-west, preceded by a continued roaring of the winds. As it came on swiftly, and with the speed of a wafted from directly the opposite point of the compass. A description of the sublime spectacle which followed is beyond the power of language to convey. As the moment of the catastrophe approached, a mass of seeming white spray was precipitated to the earth, followed by such a roaring of the wind as if old Eolus himself was there guiding and directing the storm. Houses were dismantled and levelled with the earth. The air was filled with bricks and large pieces of timber, and even heavy ox-carts were uprooted and hurled hundreds of yards from their original positions. About 60 flat boats lying in port were drifted from shore and sunk. The ferry boat plying between Natchez and the opposite shore, capsized and sunk, and every one on board is supposed to have perished. The steamboat Brandywine, which was very difficult to effect a landing, as every house under the Hill, except five or six, was blown down, and the river filled with floating fragments of houses and boats. The Tornado, on leaving Natchez, followed the course of the river about 8 miles down. The Court House in Vidalia was levelled on the ground, and the Parish Judge killed. The trees on the opposite side of the river, as well as those on Natchez Island, were all torn up by the root, or stripped of their branches. The damage done to the crops in the neighborhood was very considerable, some plantations being deprived of all their fences, and others had every cabin taken away by the storm.

THE WHEAT CROP.—The Fredericktown (Md.) Herald states that the crop is making dreadfully ravages upon the wheat crop in Frederick county, and that the late promising prospect of a fine crop is not about to be realized. And the Eastern Gazette says the "Hessians" by doing serious injury to the wheat in that and the adjacent counties. On the other hand, the Harrisburg (Pa.) Keystone of Wednesday last says:

"There has seldom been a more favorable prospect of a most abundant yield of grain in this section of country than the season affords at present." In this county (Jefferson, Va.) two or three weeks since there was the most flattering prospect for a large wheat crop; but the sky has since made frightful havoc in many of the fields, and injured all more or less. The belief now is, that the crop will fall far below an average one."

CONGRESS.—An interesting debate is now going on in the Senate upon the Bankrupt Bill. Mr. Webster delivered a powerful speech in favor of it on Monday. The House, as usual, is laboriously engaged in doing nothing. Several important bills have been introduced, but the Anti-Traffic bill, the majority seem to think the Appropriation bills and other matters should take precedence.

It is rumored that at a meeting of the Van Buren Vigilance Committee of Jefferson county, in this place, on Monday last, a resolution was offered by a certain gentleman and supported in a speech by another individual, (both our personal enemies,) to the effect that the Van Buren party of Jefferson be required to withdraw their subscriptions and withhold all patronage from the Free Press office. Can this be true? If so, the resolution, taken at the meeting, is a most extraordinary one. We should like to have answers to these questions from some one fully cognizant of the facts. We know that there are some prominent spirits in that party, who would descend to any little means to gratify their capacious souls. But we are not disposed to believe that any considerable portion of the members of that party, who are generally considered as high-minded and liberal gentlemen, could sanction such a resolution.

We are now enabled to inform our readers that JOHN M. NILES, of Connecticut, has been appointed by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be Postmaster General of the United States; says ALEX. KENNEDY, assigned. We learn, further, that CHESTER C. CAMERON, of New York, has been nominated by the President of the United States to the Senate as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of St. Petersburg.

The appointments of Cambridge and Ailes both come within the range of the following remarks of the Alexandria Gazette, made prior to, and of course without reference to their appointment. Mr. Cambridge was rejected by the people at the last Congressional election in N. Y., and Mr. Niles was but a few weeks ago defeated by a large majority of the people of Connecticut, as a candidate for Governor of that State.

Some time ago, Mr. CLAY, in one of his speeches in the Senate, stated that the disapprobation of the people, expressed towards any candidate for their suffrages, was a sure passport to Executive favor. Unfortunately too, many instances have occurred, within the last few years, of the declaration. It strikes us as unreasonable and unjust, not to say disrespectful to the people, to persist in such a course. Surely, there are always greedy applicants enough for office, without choosing those who have been rejected by their fellow-citizens. Nor do we see the political wisdom of such a policy. Even to partisans, it cannot always be agreeable. When a man presents himself to his neighbors, and is judged and tried by them, why should the Executive step in and reverse their decision? There is already no remembrance of Democratic principles such a proceeding.

A WILFUL AND IMPUDENT FALSEHOOD.

These are the words which Mr. Leigh, of Virginia, fixed indelibly upon a statement in an address of the Virginia V. B. Committee. The brand thus fixed upon the statement in the address, caused great indignation among the V. B. Committee to disclaim all participation in, or responsibility for the "impudent falsehood" uttered against Gen. Harrison.

COL. R. M. JOHNSON.

In less than three months from this day you will hear of Col. R. M. Johnson electioneering for Gen. Harrison—Mark the prediction. So said a friend to us a few days since. We were, however, incredulous. But in less than twenty-four hours afterwards, we heard that the Colonel and Benton had left Natchez for Washington upon the merits of Old Tippecanoe. The Colonel, as reported, was to the effect, that Benton, in the presence of Col. Johnson, in his accustomed vulgar style, pronounced General Harrison a coward and a rascal. The Colonel replied, that he could not assent to his base insinuation of truth and justice to bear such remarks without expressing his dissent. He knew Gen. Harrison well, and he knew him to be neither a coward nor an imbecile, and whoever charged him with being either, stated that which was not true. Benton was furious, and from his scabbard flashed the living fire. The Col. was cool and composed, and maintained that such charges against Gen. Harrison would make him known their falsity. We are not certain that we fully understand Col. Johnson's present position, since he was thrown overboard by the Baltimore Van Buren Convention. Whether he will like Mr. Forsyth, refuse to permit his name to be mixed up in the contest, or would hold an office if he could get it, against the wishes of a majority of his fellow-citizens, (time must determine.) But there is one circumstance connected with the late nomination of the Convention, quite significant to him of the good wishes of his dear friend, Van Buren. A majority of the Convention, exclusive of New York, was in favor of his nomination. The Delegates from that State, who were the mere automata of Van Buren, seeing that Col. J. would be nominated, unless they interposed, stepped forward and gave the casting vote against him. This hostile demonstration from the White House serves to throw some light on the movements of the Van Buren Convention in this city.

In February last, Judge Paine, V. and some others, supposed to be in the confidence of the Palace at that time, railed against the Colonel. We inferred then that it was a bad omen for Tecumseh, and was indicative of Van's hostility; but Ritchie hoodled at the idea. Now Van's confidential posse from Albany have followed in the footsteps of their brethren here. Was there no concert in all this? Who can believe it? [Richmond Whig.]

THE TALES OF MADAM RUMOR.

Correspondence of the Baltimore Patriot. WASHINGTON, Monday evening, May 11. The removal of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Paulding, is strongly demanded by a considerable portion of the political friends of the President. Sixty-eight Administration members of Congress, have signed an application to the President for that purpose. It is said that Mr. Van Buren has requested the withdrawal of the application; but it has been adhered to and pressed. The grounds of complaints are represented to be various. Want of civility, or (as they call it) "official insolence" is the cause of removal urged by many. Yet others, and particularly some of the Pennsylvania, it is connected with his course in reference to Commodore Elliott; with others again, it is merely the desire of change, and to give some personal friend in his place. It is probable that Mr. Paulding will resign. If he does not, the President will be placed in an awkward situation. There is trouble about the War Department also. A prominent political character in Richmond has given Mr. Van Buren to understand that he must clear his skirts, in some manner, of Mr. Polk's military scheme, or make up his mind to lose Virginia! I should like to know what Mr. Ritchie will say to that. How like the cunning old politician himself, to put Van Buren up to the trick of throwing the burden of the blame on the Secretary! But Mr. Van Buren cannot clear himself of the odium of the measure. He distinctly favored it in his message to Congress. But if it is believed that any good to the party will result, Mr. Polk will be struck from the roll, and the slightest objection, made prior to, and of course without reference to their appointment. Mr. Cambridge was rejected by the people at the last Congressional election in N. Y., and Mr. Niles was but a few weeks ago defeated by a large majority of the people of Connecticut, as a candidate for Governor of that State.

Mr. Forsyth is angry with the managers at Baltimore—displeased with the President, who he believes, if he had been sincerely friendly, might have procured his nomination; and dissatisfied with "the party" for the mass of whom indeed, he never did care a jot, except so far as they were useful to him. The party are angry with him for speaking his mind so freely in the Convention, and the feelings of the Globe clique are manifested in the treatment he has received from the official organ. His card is stuck in a corner of the paper unaccompanied by a single word of reference or comment or even the usual dress of an official article. In the remarks on the Vice Presidency, made twice in different numbers of the Globe, no notice is taken of Mr. Forsyth. His name is not even mentioned. Messrs. Folk, King, and Johnson are spoken of by the Secretary of State as passed over, as if he had never been a candidate, or as if he had never been a member of the Convention. Mr. Forsyth does not appear in the future at least to predict that he will not persist in holding his place until Mr. Van Buren is actually defeated. He will be off before that time, at any rate. It is confidently reported that a coalition has arisen between Mr. Van Buren and Col. Johnson; and the rumor is far from being improbable for the worthy Col. cannot be ignorant of the fact that Mr. Van Buren was greatly instrumental in preventing a nomination. The hand of the President was manifested in the vote given by the New York delegation against him, and also in the votes thrown against him by sundry delegates from the West, who came to this city on their way to Baltimore, ardent and zealous friends of Col. Johnson, and did not change their minds until after they had visited the President. Mr. Polk is the choice of Mr. Van Buren, because Gen. Jackson will have it so. Col. Johnson's friends, however, will not let the ex-Speaker be Vice President, if he can help it.

It is said there have been some words also between Col. Johnson and Mr. Benton, which annoy the disciplined train under the command of the latter. The Missouri Hamburger undertook to depreciate the character of Gen. Harrison, in the presence of the Vice President, and the presence of the Col. Cook, another deputy marshal, had levied two days before on Pigg's last property of every description, and had taken off all the negroes and such property as he could remove; Pigg was absent from home; he returned at night and found his wife and some six or eight children in tears, and the furniture was all thrown out of the windows. The consequence of the contemptible and unbecoming conduct of the wretched and ruin wrought him, to madness. He was an old frontiersman and entirely uneducated. He had been engaged in many a deadly strife with the Indians. He found his home a desolate place in days of yore, desolate. He thought not of the law—he reflected not that he who had taken from him his all was a sworn officer, and acting in the discharge of his duty. He thought only of his desolate condition, and determined to take vengeance on him who had made it so. He loaded his gun and went in pursuit of Cook—he could not find him—on the second day still in pursuit of Cook he met with Abram who expostulated with him and justified Cook as acting in the discharge of his duty. Maddened by arguments he could not answer, and goaded by fury at not finding Cook he wreaked his vengeance on Norment, against whom he had no cause of quarrel whatever, and who was in fact (I have heard) one of the most amiable young men in the country. Had not the more decent citizens remained the mob, Pigg would have been buried instantly. Disgraced and left preyed on, and Pigg was lodged in jail to await his trial. Yours respectfully,

THE VOTE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Fifty thousand votes were cast for Mr. Van Buren in 1836. Divide this among the fifty-four counties of which the State is composed, and a change of fifty votes in each county will defeat him next fall, or a change of two votes in each election district in the State, and the Keystone is redeemed.

Mississippi appears, from all accounts, to be in a deplorable condition. The best paper in circulation, that of the Union Bank, is not worth more than 30 cents in the dollar, and there is no confidence felt that that will retain its value. Brandon notes are at from 3 to 5 cents the dollar. It is said that an effort is making to get the New Orleans Banks to put their notes in circulation. This movement, if it takes effect, may, by producing an undue expansion by these institutions, result in their destruction.

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The New Census.—The Philadelphia Gazette remarks, that there is one consolation in the fact of the approaching census of the Union—each man, woman and child within the boundary will count one in the vast aggregate of millions. This is enough to gratify the ordinary ambition of man, and is what may be called a certain kind of fame. The population of the Union in 1830, was 12,866,930; that at the present time is roughly estimated at about seventeen millions and a quarter.

HORRIBLE STORM!—NATCHEZ IN RUINS!

Our devoted city is in ruins, and we have not a heart of stone, in detail, while the dead remain unburied and the wounded groan for help. Yesterday, at one o'clock, while all was peace, and most of our population were at the dining-table, a storm burst upon our city and raged for half an hour with most destructive and dreadful power. We look around and see Natchez—yesterday lovely and cheerful Natchez—in ruins, and hundreds of our citizens without a shelter or a pillow. Genius cannot imagine, poetry itself cannot fill up pictures that would match the ruin and distress that every where meets the eye.

"Under the Hill" presents a scene of desolation and ruin which the heart and beggars description—all, all is swept away, and beneath the ruins still lay crushed the bodies of many strangers. It would fill volumes to depict the many escapes and heart-rending scenes; one of the most interesting was the rescue of Mr. Alexander from the ruins of the Steamboat Hotel; she was found greatly injured, with two children in her arms, and they both dead!

The destruction of flat boats is imminent; at least fifty were to be seen on the river, and their crews, growing more and more despondent, were endeavoring to load their goods on the levee. A calculation can be made of the amount of money and produce swallowed up by the river. The steamboat Hinda, with most of her crew, went to the bottom, and the Prairie, from St. Louis, was so much wrecked as to be unfit for use. The Steamer St. Lawrence, at the upper cotton press, is a total wreck.

There is no telling how wide-spread has been the ruin. Reports have come in from plantations, twenty miles distant in Louisiana, and the rage of the tempest was terrible. Hundreds of negroes killed, shelling swept like chaff from their foundations, the forest uprooted and the crops beaten down and destroyed. Never, never, never was there such desolation and ruin.

We cannot even attempt a description of the mingled condition of Natchez. Hundreds of houses, yesterday on firm foundations, and the abode of comfort and beauty, now choke up our streets with mingled materials in a state of utter destruction.

We can do nothing to-day but bury the dead and bind up the wounds of those yet struggling for life. A list of the dead and wounded will be given as soon as we can procure it complete.

The court-house at Vidalia, Parish Concordia, is low with the earth, and the Jail next to it badly shattered. It is painful to report the death of Judge Keeton, who was hurled from the ruins of the court-house during the night. He was the only agent in the building at the time. The Sheriff of Adams County, and the Marshals for this district, have suspended all business for the present.

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The New Census.—The Philadelphia Gazette remarks, that there is one consolation in the fact of the approaching census of the Union—each man, woman and child within the boundary will count one in the vast aggregate of millions. This is enough to gratify the ordinary ambition of man, and is what may be called a certain kind of fame. The population of the Union in 1830, was 12,866,930; that at the present time is roughly estimated at about seventeen millions and a quarter.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Letter to the Editors of the Free Press. CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, May 10th, 1846.

GENTLEMEN.—The glorious and unexpected rout of the spoils party in our Mother State has been received in Boston and throughout the Old Bay State, with as much delight as in the times of '76, when the burning eloquence of HENRY aroused the spirits of the dependent from the "delusive phantoms of hope," that a continuation of slavish appeals and memorials would better colonial affairs, or reach the ears of Majesty, and thereby have their grievances redressed. The long vassalage of Virginia to the hybrid Jackson Van Buren party, had prepared the citizens of other States to regard her as an appendage or signatory of our two most Democratic Presidents!! Oh Heaven, save the mark!! As in 1770, so in 1840, though Virginia was slow in asserting her spirit of Old Dominion, yet at the proper juncture, and when her aid was most needed, by precept and example, she evinced the greatest zeal; though reluctant of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in, she did bear, that her opponent might beware of her. She became at once a beacon light on the shore of conservative principles; and seeing her sisters of the old Thirteen stock, together with the younger, arraying themselves against usurpers, misguided ministers, and a pliable President, the blush of shame at her being in the back ground, together with the "light of other days" before her in its brightness, aroused her. She could not see but from water to her "log cabins from beyond the mountains," she had joined in the jubilate that is now heard above the roar of the Atlantic, on our northern boundary, gathering in the sounds of thunder, as it peals onward to the Ultima Thule of western civilization. Onward is the roar of the popular voice. The South, the deceived South, is now practicing the key-note and death knell of her own ruin. I do not presume in the least to satisfy her cordial union in the song of Freedom. Massachusetts sends her greetings to her old companion in arms. She trusts, as she has witnessed the noblest efforts of the Revolution, she shall Virginia, in this second appearance on the great political stage, from her new Virginia laurels as she did in the last act of York.

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I see your talented and indefatigable Editor, in some of his objects of ridicule. It is all well—the battle is fought, and the purer the gold. He unites the characters of Peter the Hermit and Richard Coeur de Lion. He has all the holy zeal of the former, with the gallant bearing and noble root of the latter. He is excellent in the keen encounter of wit and I am sure will be a good Hunter of the Infidels, (I mean in a political sense,) not to be mean to convince them by his vast array of facts, and will lead them along the "slippery day" of political delusion, into the glorious light of truth and orthodoxy. The gain in Morgan, the good spirit in Berkeley, and the No. 100, speak out the first fruits of his political plighted.

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from his Catalina fount, the pretty little pebble below. It is dedicated to the Young Whigs of Jefferson, and it is hoped they will sing it at the opening of the "Cabin," by the whole Clob. The pebble, well-directed from the sling by the David, may bring a Goliath to feel that his cause is "doubly armed, who hath his slings just!"







