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"TRUTH IS OMNIPOTENT AND PUBLIC JUSTICE CERTAIN."

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

HENRY CLAY,

OF KENTUCKY.

Subject to the decision of a National Convention.

In assuming the conduct of a political journal, a decent regard for the custom, which obtains in such cases, requires of us a distinct avowal of the principles and policy which it is our purpose to advocate.—Nay, is it silent the requirements of candor that we should not to submit to the public the following synopsis of the future political course of the Bee: for flattering, as we do, that the peace, prosperity, and even the integrity of this union depend, in a great measure, upon a correct decision of the questions involved in the approaching presidential contest, we cannot consent that our position in reference to them shall be, for a moment, equivocal.

We shall oppose the sub-treasury scheme of the administration as dangerous to liberty; as making the purse and sword in the hands of one man; as affording the means and inducements for a unnatural and corrupt disposition of the public money; as giving the executive a despotic and uncontrollable power over the fortunes and fortunes of the citizens; and as severing the sympathies and dividing the interest of the people from the government by giving one currency to the subjects and another for the office-holder.

We hold that, the late commercial derangements, compelling the banks, by an over-bearing necessity, to stop their specie, and issuing the whole community from Maine to the Gulf in one wide-spread and unlimited shinplaster, was caused by their reckless and unconstitutional interference of the president with the administration of the late bank of the United States, the seizure of the public deposits, and the issuing of the specie circular.

We hold that it is not only the right, but the duty of congress to regulate the currency and provide for the custody of the public funds, and, that the plan set up by the executive to the control of the treasury, is a direct interference with the constitutional duties of a co-ordinate department of the government.

We believe that the alarming frequency of the prevalence and effects upon the revenue, arising from the want of moral tone and tension in the higher functionaries of government; that the system of espionage and proscription established by the administration has made servility and venality the passports to office, and that a large portion of the late bankrupt United States, the subsidy of power, is corrupting the constituency and promoting the election of partisan candidates to the national and state legislatures.

We believe Martin Van Buren to be unworthy, and therefore incapable of administering the office of president of the United States; that he is the creature of circumstances, substituting expediency for principle, and cunning for statesmanship; and nothing short of a thorough purging of the various departments from the influence and contagion of the present dynasty can save the country from the doom to which imbecility and corruption are hurrying it.

We shall maintain the inviolability of the national and state constitutions, the supremacy of the laws, and the obligations of order and morality. In short,—we are whigs, and believing the cause of the great whig party to be the cause of our country, we devote ourselves to its advancement with unceasing vigilance and an industry that shall not weary. Our course is plain, it is the straight path, the north star of truth is before us, and faithful to the needle, we will press forward to the goal without variableness, and daily by the way.

As to the person upon whom we think the whigs should rally at a crisis so momentous, we refer our readers to the illustrious name that adorns the head of our columns—a name that has been, under the auspices and consent of our party, so long identified with the cause of constitutional liberty throughout the world, and the glory of the republic.

In reference to local affairs, the Bee shall keep in amongst the foremost in urging such measures as are calculated to promote the wealth, the dignity and the influence of the state. The cause of internal improvement shall find us its staunch supporters; and regarding intelligence and mental culture in the great body of the citizens as the surest guaranty to good government, our columns shall ever be open to the claims of popular education. The interests of the city of New-Orleans, both in a commercial and political point of view, shall engage our constant care and attention.

In exposing the fanaticism and denouncing the shallows of that new-fangled invasion, abolitionism, much of our time shall be bestowed: and should we be calculated to prejudice the quiet and well being of the south, shall meet from us the most decided and unfaltering opposition.

We are aware, that, the duties of our position are onerous and full of responsibility. We feel that we are accountable to our country for the reverse of influence we may be able to wield, that the influence shall be exerted in her behalf, in promoting her virtuous laws, in rebuking her crumbling shame, and withstanding that after the time of trial shall have gone by, yielded to appeal to our consciences for the reward due a faithful discharge of duty at a time of national excitement and peril. We purpose not to pay with politics, or sport with the javelin—ours is the duty to labor for principles of self party, and bound a lasting

ing virtue of the people to reluctate [illegible] ...ence citizens, it is ours to arouse that virtue should it sleep, and stimulate it to noble actions. With these conscientiously that with us is the right, and trust for the deliverance of the country to the applicability of our motto, that—"truth is omnipotent, and public justice certain."

☞ For many years the Bee has been the favorite journal of the smallest population of Louisiana, and our exertions will not be wanting to secure to future that flattering distinction. The Bee has changed in nothing but its politics.

The interests of our dearest city will always a large portion of our attention and of our solicitude—nothing shall be neglected that can contribute to its embellishment and prosperity. The division of the city into three municipalities, we view only as an administrative measure—its object or its expediency can now form no subject for our discussion—we shall use our best endeavors to encourage all public improvements within their respective limits, without any regard to [illegible] or local prejudices; for we hold it as [illegible] the prosperity of either of the municipalities [illegible] to the prosperity of our whole city.

Uninfluenced by faction and prejudice, we shall endeavour to judge fairly of men and measures, and in so doing we shall like rather to be the friend of the feeble than the strong—for such is the dictate of justice.

TO THE PUBLIC.

At the moment when we resign our editorial chair, the Bee, we naturally experience the wish to offer to the public our most sincere thanks for the encouragement, which during the past ten years of our connection with this journal we have uniformly received. Without this encouragement, for which we are at once proud and grateful; without that sympathy which our fellow citizens have invariably extended to us, and which during our entire career, has remained cooled nor changed, either at the many political periods the Bee, now conducted by other hands, would have certainly have failed to attain the unqualified success and respectable position which it now occupies in the commercial and political world.

We next profess ourselves before the public of Louisiana in the liquidation of this debt of sacred gratitude. It is our pride to acknowledge that to this public do we owe all that we have been and all that we are. May this acknowledgment, the expression of the candid sentiments of our heart, be considered as the [illegible] fragile evidence that its sentiments has not been [illegible] to an ingrate.

In withdrawing from the Bee, we may be permitted to observe that one great source of consolation remains to us. It is the consolations conviction of having accomplished our duty to the utmost extent of our feeble abilities. It is the conviction of the unswerving desire, of the firm and immutable determination we have displayed in our functions as a journalist, to sustain develope and demonstrate under all possible circumstances, the best interests of Louisiana. This solace has always been ours; we have cherished it even when surrounded by those embarrassments and vexations, inevitably experienced by him, whom circumstances or profession may have forced into the arena of public and political controversy. If sometimes events have rendered necessary the use of severe animadversion, it has not been that we have despaired of public patronage, since it has never been more generously accorded than at present, but because situated as we are, we require temporary repose, that we may rally our strength and courage, to recommence perhaps once more, a career, which, like the preceding, will be devoted to the welfare of our country.

In the performance of our public duties, we have been occasionally thrown into collision with the opinions of some, we have been compelled to awaken and wound the prejudices of others, and wherever we opposed to the loftier antagonists of many. This is not surprising. It is not the quarrels of the [illegible] inevitable result of the journalistic profession. It may be regarded as the most fortunate of both [illegible] event in existence. It would be difficult to [illegible] such be our lot. But there is one principle which we may speak with satisfaction. We have received aid and protection from all parties—and many of our warmest supporters are among those who differ altogether with us in political opinions. If we may be permitted to infer a continuance from this fact, we would say, that we have maintained our position by conciliating all kinds, in whatever class of society they may have existed, and whether have employed our feelings and displayed our authority to secure to Louisiana and to her boundless resources, the rank they are destined to occupy among the States of the Union.

J. BAYON.

Conform ably then and [illegible] before Mr. Adolphe Mazureau, esq., notary public, [illegible] Bullitt and Magne, purchasers of the Bee, hereby engage to furnish the paper, and to publish the advertisements of those subscribers [illegible] their publication in advance; and all those [illegible] for subscription and for yearly advertising, belong to the present proprietors. And to an agreement entered into between J. Bayon and said Bullitt, Bullen and Magne, the subscriber has the good morals to make on his account, and in his name, the cession of all the rights and liabilities of advertisements [illegible] to the said proprietors.

J. BAYON.

☞ The legislature pertains to-day. We will endeavor to furnish our readers with correct details of its proceedings. We have made arrangements to have a reporter in each house during the session.

INTERESTING FROM MEXICO.

By the arrival of the Spanish schooner *Ballen* from Vera Cruz, which she left on the 23d December, we are in possession of intelligence confirmatory of the recent reports respecting a conflict between the French troops and the Mexican forces under the command of Santa Ana. The statement that the Mexican chief had been wounded, that had suffered amputation of the leg, proves to be correct. We learn, in addition, that the city and castle have been evacuated by the French. Santa Ana has effected eight days to the French residents in Vera Cruz for preparations for their departure, and sixty days have been accorded to the French in the interior for the same purpose. It was currently reported that the Mexican government had resolved upon the expulsion of all foreigners, without exception.

From the same source we derive information that part of the French fleet had removed from Vera Cruz in order to renew the blockade of other Mexican ports. The corvette *Circé*, commanded by the Prince de Joinville, had gone to Havana on a cruise, and there now remain but four vessels of war before Vera Cruz. The blockade of the town is nevertheless strictly enforced, and no vessels whatever are allowed to enter. The French brig *Maria Theresa* has been chartered by the French admiral to leave in about ten days for New Orleans, with one hundred and twenty French residents. The army of Santa Ana, about seven thousand strong, is said to be encamped at ten miles distance from the town.

The schooner *Cora*, from Matamoras, brings news that the town is besieged by the rebellists, who number some *nine hundred*, and is defended by a similar force under command of General Filisola. No action, either yet taken place. The assailants, we are told, are but poorly equipped, being unprovided with artillery, and principally composed of dragoons and musketeers.

Since the above was in type, we have received from a correspondent the following additional intelligence:

VERA CRUZ,
St. Juan D'Ulloa, Saturday, 21st, 1838.

Mr. Editor—The [illegible] events of which Mexico has recently been the theatre, must be so interesting to you, that I hasten to [illegible] to inform you of those of which I have been witness.

After the capture of the castle of St. Juan D'Ulloa, and the generous capitulation granted by the admiral to the garrison, our sailors had shown a disposition to [illegible] all of the wounded at [illegible] whom they were desirous of retaining in the castle, in order to extend to them all the attentions their situations required. Finally, the English [illegible] and again opened the way to peace by addressing propositions, the bases of which, if to [illegible] the Mexican government not only permitted the armed assistance, but to respect to decrees of expulsion only worthy the most barbarous people. The orders for admission accorded to the French but three days to leave the city of Mexico, and one month to reach the port of Acapulco (on the Pacific ocean). As it was impossible for a thousand Frenchmen to [illegible] that port [illegible] vessel, it is evident their evasion was intended. All the representatives of foreign nations hastened to protest against an act of such horrible injustice. The guards [illegible] solicitations was, that they were permitted to go to Vera Cruz. No time was allowed them to arrange their affairs, they were divided into three columns on their way since the 10th inst.—the greater number of them on foot,—imagine to yourself these unfortunate people on their way in the midst of a hostile population excited against them by the emissaries of the government.

Whilst these things were passing in Mexico, the population of Vera Cruz had in consequence of the [illegible] resumed its ordinary tranquility, but the city is [illegible] the theatre of [illegible] Santa Ana had been invested with the command in place of General Rincon, who was recalled to Mexico, to be tried by a council of war. Arista, who had succeeded near the [illegible] division, was charged with obtaining the submission of the [illegible] stationed in the vicinity of the place, learned that the prince de Joinville had landed, and entered immediately into Vera Cruz, with general Arista giving orders to close the gates of the city, and to cause all the [illegible] officers and sailors who had come to lay in their provisions under the fash of the truce. He [illegible] were executed, and three officers were taken at the gate of the Mole. Immediately the French, anxious for the fate of the prince, rushed to the gate, determined to force it, to facilitate his escape; fortunately this [illegible] at length succeeded in [illegible] the [illegible] of the general republican, and [illegible] on is demanded, and on the 10th [illegible] were covered with more than 5000 signatures. It is suggested that in the other departments the same course is to be pursued.

I conclude in requesting you to insert these details in your valuable journal, in order that the world may know and appreciate the Mexican people.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

Our [illegible] Correspondence.

☞ A letter received yesterday from Vera Cruz, of December 18, informs us that a regular [illegible] Santa Anna of Mexico had taken place, and it was thought that a treaty of peace with France would soon follow. The [illegible] made with respective [illegible] the 16th and 18th) is not as recent by any [illegible] the news received by the Baltic.

On the 16th, Mr. Clifford, the [illegible] of a bill to [illegible] a [illegible] appropriation for the [illegible] of the Potomac river, which was [illegible] to the [illegible] of Mr. Wise, of Virginia, praying the [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] ging [illegible] which, after [illegible] to be ex[illegible] agreed to.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Wise, one of the principal patrons of the day in discussing that question of the president's message which related to the recent [illegible] of the [illegible]. Mr. Wise, in the course of his remarks, said many things contributing to show the direct [illegible] of the [illegible] department in many of the proceedings which have been perpetrated, and particularly in reference to the [illegible] of Wm. D. Gilman and Boyd, in the case of Woodruff, both of whom were known to [illegible] the money under their control. Mr. Wise declared that the [illegible] of the administration against Swartwout were resorted to as an expedient, to lull the public mind and prevent inquiry into the state of other subjects, whose affairs are in a condition not to be [illegible].

Upon Mr. Wise returning to his seat, he was [illegible] obtained the floor, when the [illegible] adjourned.

The [illegible] Telegraph of the 26th ult. brings the [illegible] intelligence that the Mexican [illegible] have at length [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] their further particulars, by the [illegible] extracts from the other paper. We [illegible] the [illegible] the disgusting [illegible].

This same [illegible], but a few days [illegible] a [illegible] resolution, by a vote of 12 to 10, that [illegible] open. Hopkins house was [illegible] hours of [illegible] lives legally constituted," and that all [illegible] [illegible] null and void.

Thus has [illegible] triumphed. The [illegible] the situation and they have [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Pennsylvania have disgraced and disgraced by those who were sworn to protect her institutions. Here [illegible] mob rule and open revolution will at all times [illegible] over law and justice.

The [illegible] and their friends [illegible] on both sides of this question—who, while influenced by a conscientious regard for the rights of the people, the law and the welfare of the country, stood to their duty and their oaths—and who have now justly bowed [illegible] mob rule—[illegible] to the [illegible] their constituents—degraded the [illegible] and dishonored their country, are John Strohm, Milliken, the city, M'Conkey, Mickle, Case, and Old Granny Rutledge."

Upon these men the woeful responsibility rests—upon them will fall the odium of an outraged [illegible] and betrayed people! Their constituents will be [illegible] disclosed with surprise and indignation the [illegible] of their representatives, and will [illegible] them [illegible] the hearted treachery. They will arise [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] traitors to [illegible] to their own acts, their country, and themselves.

On the head of the Strohms the wrath of betrayed constituents will fall with [illegible] and the [illegible] is well understood that he has been the principal agent and tool of the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] elected him. It is said likewise that the [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] by inducing Messrs. [illegible] Sanders and Fuller to [illegible] the [illegible] thus present to the senate a position that [illegible] be used as a [illegible] for the [illegible] to join the [illegible] It is also said that he has been in their [illegible] and otherwise aided the loss of [illegible] to carry out the bad [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]