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NEW-ORLEANS:

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 27, 1841.

THE MEETING.

We hope to witness a numerous gathering of the whigs to-night at the St. Louis Exchange. The resignation of the remaining members of the cabinet renders it doubly necessary that the true whigs should be acknowledged in regard to the veto and its author. The whigs owe it to themselves to demonstrate to the country that they have struggled on from which they have built up by the object of a

LETTERS OF MESSRS. CRITTENDEN AND EWING.

In our columns to-day will be found the letters of Messrs. CRITTENDEN & EWING, resigning the seats reserved to them by the lamented HARRISON. Mr. CRITTENDEN's is brief and pithy. Mr. EWING's is long, important and deeply interesting. We have read it with mingled feelings of shame and indignation. Its disclosures reveal a tale of inconsistency, instability and political treachery, which, for the honor of the office of chief magistrate of this Union, we had hoped never to record. Its statements are made with a simplicity, directness and perspicuity which carry truth upon their face. They convict Mr. TYLER of a duplicity such as even we had not dreamed of ascribing to him. He has played deception on deception, insincerity and bad faith, having their origin in grovelling malice and petty personal spite, have been the controlling motives of his conduct. The proofs of his treason are clear as the sunbeams. His friends, themselves, cannot read them without conviction. No honest men, to whatever party he may belong, can peruse the statements contained in Mr. EWING's letter, without feeling abhorrence for the conduct of the individual elevated by an appalling dispensation, to a station which he has disgraced by equal incapacity and flagrant dishonesty.

His language may appear unwarrantably severe, but let our readers examine the chain of evidence brought against Mr. TYLER by the late Secretary of the Treasury, and say if his conduct has not been utterly indefensible. We appeal to the candor of every man who is guided in his course whether public or private, by principles of probity, for a justification of his censure. It is the crowning beauty of our government that exalted station cannot exempt the unworthy from the stings of justice, and Mr. TYLER's perfidy, President though he be, will be met for and wile with universal and merited execration.

☞ We are requested by the gentleman who has for some time past had charge of the editorial columns of the Republican, to state that the communication which appeared in that paper on Saturday evening last relative to Randell Hunt, Esq., as connected with the charge of abolitionism, was published without his knowledge or approbation, and that he deems this early notice due to himself, and the cause which that paper advocates.

☞ We are requested to state that a reply to the illiberal attack upon Mr. R. HUNT in "La Louisiane" of yesterday, will appear in our next.

☞ A very silly and slanderous rumor is being circulated among the enemies of Mr. HUNT, representing him as not entirely friendly to our domestic institutions. A baser calumny was never fabricated. Mr. HUNT was born and raised in a slave-holding state, has scarcely ever been out of one, and is himself a slave-holder. This is a sufficient reply to a story that must be derided by every sensible man.

HEALTH OF THE CITY.—The number of interments reported to the Board of Health for the 24 hours ending Saturday at noon, was 41; of which 31 were of yellow fever.

The above report comprises the burials in the following cemeteries:

		Yellow Fever.
Potter's Field,	20	21
St. Patrick's	3	3
Cypress Grove	5	4
Catholic	4	3
	38	31

The total number of deaths reported to the Board during the week ending on Saturday, was 327, of which 230 were of yellow fever. In addition to this there were about 50 interments from this city in the Lafayette cemetery, mostly of yellow fever, which swells the total mortality of the week to about 375.

During the corresponding week in 1839, there were only 56 deaths, of which 42 were of yellow fever.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY HOSPITAL.—During the 24 hours ending yesterday at noon:

Admissions	8	of which 6 yellow fever.
Discharges	15	8 do.
Deaths	9	all yellow fever.

Number of patients remaining in the hospital, 354.

MR. EVERETT CONFIRMED.—The *Liberty*, a new London paper just started at Washington, announces the confirmation of Mr. EVERETT's appointment as Minister to England. Without doubt, satisfactory evidence of Mr. EVERETT's fitness in relation to questions affecting southern institutions, had been furnished the senate, prior to the confirmation. So believing, we are pleased that our country will be represented at the Court of St. James, by a man of powerful abilities, unrivalled learning and sound principles.

NEW ROLLING MILL.—It is considered that a clue has certainly been found to the murder of this unfortunate young lady. The remnants of wearing apparel found at Weehawken, have been identified as belonging to her. Great hopes are now entertained of the ultimate success of the endeavors to ferret out the authors of this dreadful tragedy.

VERMONT.—There is believed to be no choice for Governor, as three candidates ran, and it requires an absolute majority to elect. The whigs have the ascendancy in both branches of the Legislature.

ARSON.—It is stated that the jury empannelled for the trial of the notorious personage, consists almost entirely of Quakers, and that his acquittal is almost certain to follow.

GEN. ROBERT BOWNE, one of the most distinguished and useful citizens of New York, died a few days ago, aged 70.

Mr. Editor:

My attention has just been called by a friend to a piece in the Native American Repealer of yesterday, which though evidently written as an editorial, was clumsily enough published as communicated and allowed to the editor without even the ordinary accompaniment of an anonymous signature. In the piece alluded to, a most atrocious and calumnious charge is made against me in the form of a question to the editor of the Repealer, whether I was one on the list of persons named Hunt acknowledged by Mazet to be one of his accomplices. To this infamous question the writer of the piece lends his countenance by referring for an answer,

From the hour of my birth to the present moment, no such having the least pretension to truth and honesty has ever assailed my character; and I feel certain that nothing was further from the intention of the honorable men who have contributed for the publication of the foregoing piece, than to allow that paper to be perverted into an instrument for private malice or party detraction, at the shrine of any other man. A Southron by birth and education, and long a slave holder, I have always walked in the path of honor and of duty, and have in private and in public supported the institution under which I was reared. With these remarks, which I have felt due to the whigs who have nominated me their candidate for the Legislature, I dismiss the libel against me, for the scorn of the virtuous and the just of all parties.

Your fellow citizen,

RANDELL HUNT.

Sunday evening, Sept. 26.

RESIGNATION OF THE CABINET.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11, 1841.

SIR,—Circumstances have occurred in the course of your administration, and chiefly in the exercise by you of the veto power, which constrain me to believe that my longer continuance in office as member of your Cabinet will be neither agreeable to you, useful to the country, nor honorable to myself.

In bowing the justice, Mr. President, to believe that this conclusion has been adopted neither capriciously, nor in any spirit of party feeling or personal hostility, but from a *sense of duty*, which, mistaken though it may be, is yet to sincerely entertained, that I cheerfully sacrifice to it the advantages and distinctions of my office.

Be pleased, therefore, to accept this as my resignation of the office of Attorney-General of the United States.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

J. J. CRITTENDEN.

THE PRESIDENT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Sept. 11, 1841.

SIR,—After the most calm and careful consideration, and viewing the subject in all the aspects in which it presents itself to my mind, I have come to the conclusion that I ought no longer to remain a member of your Cabinet. I therefore resign the office of Secretary of the Treasury, and beg you to accept this my letter of resignation.

To avoid misunderstanding, I distinctly declare that I do not consider a difference of opinion as to the charter of a National Bank a sufficient reason for dissolving the ties which have existed between us. Though I look upon that measure as one of vital importance to the prosperity of the country, and though I should have deeply deplored your inability or unwillingness to accord it to the wishes of the People and the States, so unequivocally expressed through their representatives, still upon this and this alone, unconnected with other controlling circumstances, I should not have felt bound to resign the place which I held in your administration. But those controlling circumstances do exist, and I will, in my own justification, place them in connexion before the People.

It is but just to say that the bill which first passed the two Houses of Congress, and which was returned with your objections on the 16th of August, did never, to its progress, as far as I know or believe, receive at any time either your express or implied assent. So far as that bill was known to me, or as I was consulted upon it, I understood and hoped that provisions as nearly as possible in accordance with what I understood to be your views, and rather *hoped* than *expected* your approval. I knew the extent to which you were canvassed on the question. I knew the pertinacity with which you adhered to your expressed opinions, and I dreaded from the first the most disastrous consequences, even in the prospect of compromise which I presented at an early day was rejected.

It is equally a matter of justice to you and to myself to say that the bill which I reported to the two Houses of Congress at the commencement of the session, in obedience to their call, was modified so as to meet your approbation. You may not, it is true, have read the bill throughout, and examined every part; but the 16th amendment article, which became the contested question of principle, was freely discussed between us, and I was understood and unequivocally sanctioned by yourself. The last clause to the bill, also, which contained a reservation of power in Congress, was inserted on the 9th of June, in your presence, and with your approbation, though you at one time told me that, in giving your sanction to the bill, you would accompany it with an explanation of your understanding of that first clause.

In this position of things, though I greatly regretted your veto on the bill as it passed the two Houses of Congress, and though I foresaw the excitement and opinion which it would produce among the people, yet, considering the changes which the bill had undergone in its passage, and its variance from the one you had agreed to sanction, I could not find in that act enough to disturb the confidential relations which existed between us. I was disposed to attribute this act, I thought with mischief as it was, to pure and honorable motives, and to a conscientious conviction on your part that the bill, in some of its provisions, conflicted with the Constitution. But that opinion of your course on the bill which has just been returned to Congress with your second veto, I do not and cannot entertain. Recurring to what has passed between us on that subject, and you will at once perceive that such opinion is impossible.

On the morning of the 16th of August, I call it at your chamber, and found you preparing the first veto message, to be dispatched to the Senate. The Secretary of War came in also, and you read a portion of the message to us. (He observed that, though the veto would create a great sensation in Congress, yet he thought the minds of our friends better prepared for it than they were some days ago, and he hoped it would be calmly received, especially as it did not shut out all hope of a bank. To this you replied, that you really thought there ought to be no difficulty about it, that you had as efficiently indicated in your veto message what kind of a bank you would approve, and that congress might, if they saw fit pass such a one in three days.

The 18th being the day for our regular cabinet meeting, we assembled all except Messrs. Crittenden and Granger, and you told us that you had had a long conversation with Messrs. Berrien and Sergeant, who professed to come in behalf of the Whigs of the two houses to endeavor to strike out some one or more which would be generally acceptable. That you had your doubts about the propriety of conversing with them on it, and thought it more proper that you should converse with them through your constitutional advisers. You expressed a wish that the whole subject might be postponed till the next session of Congress. You spoke of the delay in the senate of the consideration of your veto message, and expressed anxiety as to the tone and temper which the debate would assume.

Mr. Badger said that on enquiry he was happy to find that the best temper prevailed in the two houses. He perceived that they were perfectly ready to take up the bill immediately after the Secretary of the Treasury should pass it at once. You replied, "Talk not to me of Mr. Ewing's bill; it contains that odious feature of fiscal discount which I have repudiated in my message." I then said to you, I have no doubt, sir, that the house, having ascertained your views, will pass a bill in accordance to them, provided there can be satisfied that they could answer the purposes of the treasury, and relieve the country." You then said, "Cannot my Cabinet see that this is brought about? You must stand by me in this emergency. Cannot you see that a bill passes congress such as I can approve without interposing?" I declared again my belief that such a bill might be passed. And you then said to me, "What do you understand to be my opinions?—State them, so that I may see that there is no misapprehension about them."

I then said that I understood you to be of opinion that congress might charter a bank in the District of Columbia, giving it branches here. To this you assented. That they might authorise such a bank to establish such offices of discount and deposite in the several states, with the assent of the states. To this you replied, "Don't name discounts: they have been the source of the most abominable corruptions, and are wholly unnecessary to enable the bank to discharge its duties to the country and the government."

I observed in my reply that I was proposing nothing, but simply endeavoring to state what I had understood to be your opinion as to the powers which congress might constitutionally confer on a bank; that on that point I was satisfied. I then proceeded to say that I understood you to be of opinion that congress might authorise such a bank to establish agencies in the several states, which might deal in bills of exchange, without the assent of the states, to which you replied, "Yes, if they be foreign bills, or bills drawn in one state and payable in another. That is all the power necessary for the transmitting of public funds and regulating exchanges and the currency.

Mr. Webster then expressed, in strong terms, his opinion that such a charter would answer all just purposes of Government, and be satisfactory to the people, and declaring his preference for it over any which had been proposed, especially as it dispensed with the assent of the States to the creation of an institution necessary for carrying on the fiscal operations of Government. He examined it at some length, both as to its constitutionality and its influence on the currency and exchanges, in all which views you expressed your concurrence, desired that such a bill should be introduced, and especially that it should go into the hand of some of your *friends*. To my inquiry whether Mr. Sergeant would be agreeable to you, you replied that he would. You especially requested Mr. Webster and myself to communicate with Messrs. Berrien and Sergeant on the subject, to whom you said you had promised a note, but you doubted not that this personal communication would be equally satisfactory. You desired us also, in communicating with those gentlemen, not to commit you personally, lest, this being recognised as your sentiment, it might be made a subject of opposition to your policy in the course of discussion. You said Mr. Webster then conversed about the particular wording of the 16th fundamental article, containing the grant of power to deal in exchanges, and of the connexion in which that grant should be introduced; you also spoke of the name of the institution, desiring that *fiscal* should be changed. To this I objected, as what would probably be made a subject of ridicule, but you insisted that there was much in a name, and this institution might not be called a bank. Mr. Webster undertook to adapt it in this particular to your wishes. Mr. Bell then observed to Mr. Webster and myself, that we had no time to lose; that if this were not immediately attended to, another bill, less acceptable, might be got up and reported. We replied that we would lose no time. Mr. Webster accordingly called on Messrs. Berrien and Sergeant immediately, and I waited on them by his appointment at 5 o'clock on the same day, and agreed upon the principles of the bill in accordance with your expressed wishes. And I am apprised of the fact, though it did not occur in my presence, that after the bill was drawn up, and before it was reported, it was seen and examined by yourself; that your attention was specially called to the 16th fundamental article; that on full examination you concurred in its provisions; that at the same time its name was modified as to meet your approbation; and the bill was reported and passed, in all essential particulars, as it was when it came through your hands.

You asked Mr. Webster and myself each to prepare and present you an argument touching the constitutionality of the bill; and before those arguments could be prepared and read by you, you declared, as I heard and believe, to gentlemen, members of the House, that you would cut off your right hand rather than approve it. After this new resolution was taken, you asked and earnestly urged the members of your cabinet to postpone the bill; but you would neither give yourself, nor suffer them to give, any assurance of your future course in case of such postponement.—By some of us, and I was myself one, the effort was made to gratify your wishes, in the only way in which it could be done with propriety, that is, by obtaining the general concurrence of the whig members of the two Houses in the postponement. It failed, as I have reason to believe, because you would give no assurance that the delay was not sought, as a means and occasion for hostile movements. During this season of deep feeling and earnest exertion upon our part, while we were actually devoting our talents and influence to serve and to sustain you, the very secrets of our cabinet councils made their appearance in an infamous paper printed in a neighboring city, the columns of which were daily charged with flattery of yourself and foul abuse of your Cabinet. All this I bore; for I felt that my services, so long as they could avail, were due to the nation—to that great and patriotic people whose suffrages elevated your predecessor to the station which you now fill, and whose united voices approved his act when he summoned us around him to be his counsellors; and I felt that what was due to his memory, to the injunctions which he left us in his last dying words, and to the people, whose servants we were, had not all been performed until every means was tried, and every hope had failed of carrying out the true principles upon which the mighty movement was founded that elevated him and you to power.

This bill, framed and fashioned according to your own suggestions, in the institution of which I and some other members of your cabinet were made by you the agents and the negotiators, was passed by large majorities through the two Houses of Congress, and sent to you, and you *rejected* it. Important as was the part which I had taken, at your request, in the origination of this bill, and deeply as I was committed for your action upon it, you never consulted me on the subject of the veto message. You did not even refer to it in conversation, and the first notice I had of its contents was derived from rumor.

And to me, at least, you have done nothing to wipe away the personal indignity arising out of the act. I believe, it is true, from your conversation, shortly after the bill had passed the House, that you had a strong purpose to reject it; but nothing was said like softening or apology to me, either in reference to myself or to those with whom I had communicated at your request, and who had acted themselves and induced the two Houses to act upon the faith of that communication.

And, strange as it may seem, the night's message attacks in an especial manner the very provisions which were inserted at your request; and even the name of the corporation, which was reluctantly agreed to by you, but especially changed to meet your expressed wishes, is made the subject of your objection. Different men might view a transaction in different points of light, but, under these circumstances, as a matter of personal honor, I would be hard for me to remain in your counsels, to seal and to have unexplained and unbalanced where it is in the power of the executive to explain and balance it. I cannot, therefore, but consider the departure from a straightforward and candid course, and explaining and excusing your sudden and total hostility to the bill, to which you gave the first impetus, and encouraging and exciting