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FOR VICE PRESIDENT:
JOHN J. CRITTENDEN
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

A very lengthy message from the Mayor was received last evening by the Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, touching upon the various matters which would necessarily engage the attention of the Common Council.

Allusion is made to the 37th section of the charter which makes it imperative on the Common Council to appoint Commissioners to take the census.

The 29th section is also cited, making it the duty of that Body to appoint Recorders *pro tem.*

The organization of the various Departments is earnestly urged on their attention.

The Mayor is very explicit in regard to the necessity of a constant and copious supply of water. He urges the extension of the Water works into the Third and Fourth Districts.

The establishment of a House of Correction for Juvenile Vagrants and Delinquents is strongly recommended, as also the erection of an alms House on an extensive scale.

In relation to the establishment of a Board of Health, and other hundred matters, the Mayor holds the following language:

At the last session of the Legislature a law was passed establishing the Board of Health and creating all sanitary regulations in the Common Council of the city of New Orleans. Under this act it will become the duty of your Honorable body to frame such ordinances as will have for their object the maintenance and preservation of the health of the city. Foremost amongst them, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the necessity of changing the quarantine regulations of the port, which under the previous system were far from being as efficacious as the supervision of the present Board. I am satisfied, repeated to fettering commerce with unnecessary and burdensome restrictions, but in a matter involving the grave consideration of human life, I think that the minutest care should be exercised and every effort used to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases into our midst. For years past, vessels have constantly arrived from abroad with cases of malignant typhus fever, and small pox on board, and the only precaution for the victims of these loath some and dangerous diseases has been the Charity Hospital. Confined in the same building with upwards of a thousand other patients, the risk of spreading contagion is of course necessarily increased, and it is within the experience of every one of us, that terrible lives have been sacrificed in this city by the careless and unreasonable introduction of persons afflicted with these diseases. To guard against such wanton trifling with the health of the inhabitants, I would strongly recommend the establishment of a quarantine hospital at some distance below the city —say at the English turn—where patients suffering with contagious diseases might be landed and receive proper medical attendance. At the same time vessels might be there thoroughly cleansed and fumigated before coming up to town, and every necessary means applied to prevent the introduction of infectious maladies into the city.

In the creation of a new Board of Health, I would add that our present Board, both for the Board with ample power and authority to enforce the ordinances and resolutions concerning the health of the city. Without that authority, their labors would be rendered comparatively useless.

Whilst on this subject it affords me much gratification to state that the health of the city during the past year has shown evident and an unmistakable signs of improvement. On referring to the mortuary statistics of the last three years, it will be perceived that for the year ending on the 31st December, 1849, the mortality in the city of New Orleans was 9,962; in 1850 it was 7,619; whilst in 1851 the number of deaths, including the city of La Fayette, was only 7,000. The per centage of mortality in the Fourth District, estimating the population at 15,000, would be therefore 9 8, or equal to 7 5, which, deducted from the last year's mortality, serves to show that the number of deaths within the limits of that city is 951 was only 6,520 against 7,619 in 1850 and 9,962 in 1849, equal to a diminution of 16 2-3 per cent. On the former, and of 34 per cent on the mortality of the first corresponding year.

Whilst this gratifying result is in part attributable to the absence of that desolating scourge which visited our city in 1849, I cannot resist the conclusion that much of it is owing to the additional facilities afforded to the public by the judicious opening of streets in the rear of the city, thus giving free access to the purifying breezes from the lake. The last few years have witnessed the reclaiming of hundreds of squares of ground, from what was formerly an impenetrable swamp, and every foot of land thus wrested from the wilderness tends to destroy those miasmatic influences, which, at past times, operated so injuriously on the health of the city. Five years have now elapsed since the yellow fever prevailed with its fatal effects, and the time is not distant when it should already, which the existence of that sickness will be known only in the recollections of older inhabitants. The prevalence of that ill destroyer has been materially checked by the natural drawbacks to the prosperity of New Orleans, and the impression once removed, that its visits need no longer be feared, we may confidently look forward to a rapid increase in our permanent population, and to a corresponding accumulation in our wealth, character and standing as a community.

In view of the beneficial results unlikely to flow from the adoption of the system above alluded to, I would strenuously urge upon your honorable body the propriety of encouraging the opening of streets in the rear of the city, as well as the improvement of the drainage of the same, by the construction of canals.

Whilst on the subject of the debt, I deem it superfluous, almost, to urge upon your honorable body, the necessity of maintaining the strictest economy in every department of the city government. To a judicious expenditure of the public money, for improvements essential to the comfort and health of the inhabitants, there can be no objection; but all costly ameliorations that can be deferred without manifest injury to the community, should be carefully avoided. I am not disposed to press a parsimonious policy on the common council, but I consider a wise system of economy, one that scrutinizes closely into the motive and necessity of every contract, as indispensable to the public welfare.

The remainder of the message is occupied with police matters, &c., and we give it *verbatim.*

Under the 25th section of the act of consolidation, it will become the duty of the Common Council to pass the requisite ordinances for the organization of the police, and as this is a matter of very great importance, I deem it my duty to acquaint you with the present condition of the police. The number of officers, policemen, and night watchmen, and the manner in which they are distributed.

Commencing with the first district, the force there consists of one captain, two lieutenants, four sergeants, one jailor, ten day policemen, stationed at the main office to serve warrants, citations, &c., two of whom are constantly employed in the captain's office; eight policemen on the levee, ten also for special duty, one special policeman for the Recorder, one on the neutral ground, Canal street, four night boat police, one hundred and forty watchmen, seventy nine of whom are distributed in the district between Canal and Delord street, and sixty one between Delord street and Felicity road, twenty seven supernumeraries and fourteen lamp lighters—in all, two hundred and twenty-three men.

In the Second District one captain, two lieutenants, three sergeants, eleven day policemen, thirty nine watchmen and two supernumeraries stationed at the main post. At the Treme post there are four day policemen, twenty-nine watchmen and three corporals. At the levee shipping station there are five watchmen, and at Marais street station five, at the Bayou St John station three, and ten policemen for special duty, in all seventeen men.

In the Third District the police force consists of one captain, three sergeants, eight policemen, twenty three watchmen and seven special duty men, in all forty two men.

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In order to render the police more efficient, I would recommend the employment of a limited number in the Second District, and a general increase in the Third and Fourth Districts, where the force is in my opinion insufficient for the maintenance of a proper degree of security to the inhabitants.

The re-organization of the police should be effected under the head of one high constable, four captains, one for each district, and eight lieutenants, two for each district. The whole force of the police should consist simply of persons and night watchmen, the Mayor having the authority to detail them for special duty, such as commissaries of markets, drummers, constables, clerks at the different watch houses, &c. The men thus detailed should receive a moderate increase of pay, the effect of which would be to get as a standard, men who would be police in the discharge of their duties, in which is an any neglect or drunkenness of orders on the part of the men so detailed, would render them liable to be placed back in the ordinary ranks.

I also recommend that each member of the Department should have an emblem of office which he would be compelled to display conspicuously at fires, and disorderly assemblages. Policemen when on special duty at markets, Public squares, and all places of public amusement, should wear the badge of office, so that the stranger and every one frequenting those places, might be able to find them at a moment's warning.

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Latest from Europe.

THE BALTIC'S NEWS.

The Collins' steamer *Baltic* arrived at New York on the morning of the 5th instant, with dates from Liverpool and London to the 24th March, and from Paris to the 23d. The following is a summary of her advices:

ENGLAND.—In the Lords, on the 23d March, Lord Malmesbury stated that he was in communication with the French Government for the purpose of securing peace to the South American States. The Earl of Aberdeen justified the conduct and good faith of France in the affairs of the River Platte. In the Commons, Mr. Walpole said that the Government did not mean to deal with the subject of Ministers' money in Ireland during the present session. A conversation took place upon the repeal of the hop duty. Inquiries were made concerning the correspondence in the matter of refugees, and the conduct of the Ottoman Porte in Exypt. Chancellor D'Israeli replied that negotiations were pending. On the 22d, in the Commons, Lord John Russell said that, in view of the proposed early dissolution of Parliament, it would be well to consider the Army and Navy Estimates at once. Mr. Bright suggested that the Militia bill lie over until after the general election. A vote for the Army Estimates was passed, and the House rose.

The committee upon the final disposition of the Crystal Palace have reported to this effect, that if it be retained where it is, its best use would be as an ornamental garden. If it is decided not to retain it in Hyde Park, the committee cannot recommend its erection elsewhere at the public expense. They add that if the expenditure of £80,000 were not an insuperable objection, the principal portion of the building might be removed to the Crystal Palace grounds. In such case, it is their opinion that the whole building should be purchased, and those parts sold which were not needed. The *Daily News* says that the number of soldiers now quartered in London and its environs is as follows: Household troops, 2,000; line, 5,000; Marines, 1,000; Marais street station five, at the Bayou St John station three, and ten policemen for special duty, in all seventeen men.

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By the *Empire City* at New York, much interesting intelligence has been received from Ecuador, Chile and Peru. We copy from the *Express*:

FROM ECUADOR.—The steamship Bolivia, on the 13th, passed a fleet of two barks and four smaller vessels, lying to off Tumbes, probably the Flores expedition. The Bolivia anchored at Guyaquil on the 14th, at 11 A. M., great excitement on shore; a few old rusty 24 pounders, placed along the street facing the water, and about 1,500 regular troops quartered about the streets, ready to fight at a moment's notice. The French corvette "La Prudente" fires off the French Consulate for its protection, having refused to obey the order of the government to move off from the town, and allow the batteries (!) to play.

FROM PERU.—In Lima, nothing is talked of but Flores expedition to Ecuador. He has bought the U. S. N. Co.'s steamer Chile, and has engaged from 2,000 to 2,500 men, principally Irish and Germans. Report had it, that from four to six armed sailing vessels had left Callao on the 7th inst., with part of the expedition, also, that a vessel was waiting for two hundred Chilenos, also of the expedition, had joined those vessels at the mouth of the harbor of Callao, headed by one Bashes. There is but little doubt, if what they say is true, that the government has greatly assisted Flores in this expedition. Flores has enlisted several Englishmen and Americans, as officers, with high command.—Report says that the Chile will be commanded by Mr. (now Capt.) Smith, late first officer of the New Granada, while some of the land forces will be headed by one Capt. Jackson, formerly of the Texan Rangers.

FROM CHILE.—Chile is all quiet again, the people being convinced that they have nothing to gain by further revolutions. Business is returning to a healthy state.

Great excitement at Valparaiso, in consequence of the arrival of the Virago, (H. M. S.) steamer, and Chilean brig of war Meteor, on the 14th inst., in consequence of soldiers on board British brig Eliza Cornish, with the revolutionists of the Magellan Straits. They landed on the 24th Cambiaso, (the murderous leader) and his followers, who are detained in a *lazaretto*, (gaol) but looked very cool. There are 350 in all, 180 of whom were taken by the Virago from on board the Eliza Cornish in the Straits, the rest were taken on board the Meteor from Talcahuano, where they had been taken to, while on board the Florida, a counter revolution on board having mastered Cambiaso and his men, and delivered the vessel up to the legitimate authorities.

As soon as the news reached Valparaiso of the massacre on board those vessels, a despatch on its discussion, by the British gunboat Alert, was sent off to Panama, who returned with the United States frigate Raritan.

When the Virago passed through the Straits, on her way from England to the Pacific, Cambiaso and his men were all drunk, and by tempting the officers to a banquet on shore—there giving them poisoned drinks, and sending poisoned provisions on board. Fortunately, the plot was discovered in time, and the advantage being taken by the officers of the ship, they succeeded, after a severe struggle, in overpowering the villains, and after a severe struggle, in overpowering the villains, and after a severe struggle, in overpowering the villains, and