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STEAM PACKETS.

NEW ORLEANS and SAINT LOUIS PACKET
J. M. WHITE, FOR SAINT LOUIS.
This new, splendid and fast running steam
ship Capt. J. M. Conners, will be in port on
Sunday next, and will leave for the above and intermediate ports, on Saturday the 30th inst. For freight or passage having superior accommodation, apply to
mar 25 J. M. SHAW & CO. Agents 30 Poydras

UNITED STATES MAIL.—SEMI-WEEKLY PACKET
For the Coast, Donaldsonville, Plaquemine, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, Waterford and Bayou Sara.
The splendid Double Engine steamer
[illegible] Capt. Hart, will leave New Orleans every Wednesday and Sunday, at 10 o'clock A. M. and Bayou Sara every Monday and Friday, at 10 o'clock. For freight or passage apply on board, or to
mar 25 WM. KAVEY, at Grunier st

NOTICE.
REGULAR PACKET BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS AND BAYTOWN, and Intermediate Ports.
The new steamer FANE, Jonathan Martin, master, having been thoroughly repaired, will commence her regular trips as above. The Fane will sail from New Orleans every Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M. and Galveston every Friday, at 2 P. M., on arrival at New Orleans on Saturday
Captain Jourdan respects passengers and merchants generally for him with a continuance of their patronage.
For freight or passage, apply to the Captain on board, or to
mar 25 JOHN LAROSE, Agent.

FOR CAPTAIN JOE, this Martin, having sold one half of
his interest in the above named steamer to the public
at large, he will spare no exertions to merit the continuance
of their patronage. The boat will leave for the above and all intermediate ports on Saturday, the 30th inst. at 10 o'clock.
For freight or passage, apply to
mar 25 JOHN R BIGGS & Co. Agents,

FOR STEAMER YAZOO. The well known
and favorite steamer YAZOO, Goodrich, master, having undergone a thorough repairing, and being newly painted throughout, will resume her regular trips as above on Tuesday next, the 26th inst. The Yazoo will positively leave on the above day at 10 o'clock A. M. and all persons desirous of sending freight or taking passage in the above cool and commodious steamer, will do well to make early application on board the boat, or to
mar 25 JOHN HALL, 1 Front Levee.

ISAAC BRIDG
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANT
AND AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
Rich's Improved Patent Fire and Burglar Proof Iron Safes, and Stevens's Patent Bala...ces,
70 Magazine street.

H. DE GOER & RIFFLARD,
Importers of French, English & Germain Dry Goods.
AND
DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES
No 8 CHARTRES STREET,
NEW-ORLEANS.
N. De Goer, Jr. } Agents for
Jos. Riffard } New-Orleans.

SAMUEL TOBY,
Commission Merchant
AND
DEALER IN
NAILS—[illegible] assorted sizes, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 41 Gravier.

TEAS—2,000 chests, various kinds, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

RUM—20 puncheons, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK 40 Gravier.

RAISINS—100 s CURRANTS—for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

GUM BASE—10 bales for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

CLARET WINE—in casks very old, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

SUGAR-HOUSE NETTING—assorted qualities for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

BIG HATS—in cases of Paris fashion for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

MALAGA RAISINS—1,000 boxes for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

ALUM & EPSOM SALTS—150 barrels for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

DRUGGISTS GLASSWARE—in boxes for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

SOAP—25 boxes for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

MERINO—10 pieces French Merino, for sale by
mch25 LOMAX & SILVESTRE.

SOAP—1,000 boxes various brands for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

SALERATUS—25 casks, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

HOLLAND GIN—in cases and pipes, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

BACON—40 casks Ham, sides, shoulders, &c. for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

TALLOW—in barrels or good quality, for sale by
mch25 SAM. BROADWELL & Co. 104 Tchoupitoulas.

TOBACCO—50 boxes low price Cavendish Plug, for sale by
mch25 SAM. BROADWELL & Co. 104 Tchoupitoulas.

SPERM OIL—best of Chartres, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

RED LEAD—4 kegs, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

GUM TRAGACANTH—100 lbs for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

SALERATUS—kegs and tubs, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

PORTER & WINE—1000 gallons very old, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

JOWLS—cask smoked jowls, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

HAVANA COFFEE—in store, for sale by
mch25 J. M CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

MARSHFIELDS CLARET WINE—for sale by
mch25 O H MISSROANS, 24 Old Levee.

HOLLAND GIN, for sale by
mch25 O H MISSROANS, 24 Old Levee.

COGNAC BRANDY, for sale by
mch25 O H MISSROANS, 24 Old Levee.

MADEIRA WINE—A choice article, for sale by
mch25 O H MISSROANS, 24 Old Levee.

HOCK WINES, for sale by
mch25 O H MISSROANS, 24 Old Levee.

BEEF—100 tcs mess, prime and rump beef at inspection
for sale by OLIO & ROBT BUCHANAN & Co.
mch25 Tchoupitoulas st.

TALLOW—to be taken in exchange for sale by
mch25 OLIO & ROBT BUCHANAN & Co.
Tchoupitoulas st.

SPERM OIL—200 gallons winter, fall & spring bleached
do No 1 sperm candles, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

SPERM CANDLES—No 1 sperm, adamantine & other brands in
boxes and assorted packages, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

LISTADO—[illegible] pieces Listadoe, assorted numbers, for
sale by
mch25 LOMAX & SILVESTRE.

NAILS—[illegible] Kegs Philadelphia nails in store and for sale
by
mch25 T. TORT & ROUSSEL,
30 Camp street.

MACKEREL AND CODFISH—[illegible] bbls and half bbls
No 1, 2 and 3, 20 dozen tubs, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

BOSTON REFINED SUGAR—[illegible] bbls and bris, for
sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

SPERM CANDLES—500 boxes New Bedford and Nantucket, for sale by
mch25 MORCROSS & FOSDICK, 40 Gravier.

PORK—Prime mess pork, being from steamboat
[illegible] for sale by
mch25 GEO A HOST BUCHANAN & Co.

PORK—120 bbls Mess pork, 10 bris prime pork and 1
bris rumps, for sale by
mch25 GEO A HOST BUCHANAN & Co.

DOORS—[illegible] with Drillings, very suitable for cutting summer
clothing, for sale by
mch25 LOMAX & SILVESTRE,
36 Chartres

CHEESE—[illegible] Goshen Butter & Cheese, in store and for
sale by
mch25 J W STANTON & Co, cor Magazine & Lafayette

SPERM OIL & CANDLES—Bleached Winter and Fall
strained Sperm Oil, warranted pure, and New Bedford & other Sperm Candles, for sale by
mch25 J W STANTON & Co, cor Magazine & Lafayette

EPSOM SALTS AGAIN—A few bbls of Epsom Salts for sale
by JARVIS & ANDREWS, Druggists, 94 Common
mch25 st

SALARATUS AND LEMON SYRUP, &c.—50 boxes for sale by
mch25 JARVIS & ANDREWS.

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS—[illegible] cases constantly receiving a complete assortment of [illegible] and
mch25 H. HOBBS,
11 Canal-house

MESS PORK—20 bbls mess pork landing from steamboat
Champlain, and for sale by
mch25 GEO A HOST BUCHANAN & Co.

WINE—50 boxes Hock Wine, 30 boxes Brandy,
mch25 for sale by
ISAAC BRIDGE.

HATS—30 cases palm leaf, for sale by
mch25 ISAAC BRIDGE.

SWEET CHOCOLATE—4 cases sweet Spanish chocolate, very fresh, for sale by
mch25 ISAAC BRIDGE.

CLOTHING—20 cases clothing, consisting of Derry
pants, Derry frocks, twilled stripe shirts, for sale by
mch25 WM FROST & Co, 26 Old Levee.

FAMILY FLOUR—The undersigned have always on
hand the very best kind of flour for family use.
mch25 NEVILLE & Co, 15s Tchoupitoulas

ABSYNTH & CORDIALS—10 boxes Swain Absynth
mch25 boxes assorted cordials, for sale by
LOMAX & SILVESTRE, 36 Chartres

MADDER, INDIGO AND COPPERAS—3 casks Madder
mch25 6 serons Indigo, 4 casks do; 25 bris copperas; for
sale by JARVIS & ANDREWS, 94 Common st

BACON, BEEF AND TONGUES—50 casks superior
mch25 bacon, 30 do beef and 1 do tongues, in store and for sale
by
mch25 J A MERRITT & Co, 33 Camp

LEATHER—[illegible] in the rough, for sale by
mch25 SHULTZ, RADDEN & LEACH,
26 Perdido

GUNNY BAGS—of ship Lonsdale, now discharging at Pleyades
mch25 st, for sale by
GEO GREEN & BRO,
91 Gravier.

SUGAR—600 bbls prime quality on plantation, 7 miles
mch25 above the city, for sale by
A GORDON, WYLIE & Co, 51 Gravier.

NEW GRASS—in the sheaf, for sale by
mch25 GEO GREEN & BRO, 91 Gravier st

BLACK PAINTS, for sale by
mch25 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

HENRY CLAY.

FOR MAYOR,

W M. FRERET.

N. W. ORLEANS:

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1844.

The mail failed beyond Columbus, Ga., yesterday.

THE MAYORALTY.

We have this morning placed the name of WILLIAM FRERET at the head of our columns, as candidate for Mayor. If great industry, sagacity and integrity in the discharge of public functions could, in these days of party excitement, secure the popular support, Mr. FRERET would be elected by acclamation. His friends can appeal to the past for a sure recommendation. He has displayed a firmness and zeal in the administration of the Mayoralty, and evinced executive qualities of an order that command the approbation of the voters of New Orleans. Every part of the city has received the same attention—no section has been neglected. He has exhibited a promptness in maintaining peace and order worthy of all praise; a watchfulness over the security of the inhabitants that entitles him to the confidence of his fellow citizens; executive abilities that eminently qualify him for the Chief Magistracy of that metropolis. We exhort our friends to beatir themselves in season and improve the time to the greatest advantage. With proper industry they can elect him.

At a numerous meeting of the voters of the Second Municipality, who are in favor of the present administration of the affairs of that section of the city, held at Banks' Arcade on Saturday last, the following ticket was adopted with great unanimity.

For Recorder—Joshua Baldwin.

General Council.

Wm. H. Avery,	Wm. T. Hepp,
James Saul,	Wm. Hinely

Aldermen.—*Ward 1.*

Jas. H. Caldwell,	James P. Freret,
Wm. Flower.	

Ward 2.

Samuel J. Peters,	Henry Lockett,
Allen Hall,	Dr. Snowden

Ward 3.

James Ross,	A. F. Simpson,
Henry Lathrop,	Adolphe Layer.

Ward 4.

A. G. Wilson.

We observed a card in the *Picayune yesterday*, in which Mr. WILSON declines the nomination, apparently because the meeting was Whig. We apprehend that the Whigs of that part of the city will not insist upon Mr. Wilson's nomination.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature will probably adjourn to-day—or very probably—for the House has passed a resolution postponing the adjournment until next Monday, and as the Senate may concur, there is a chance of the prolongation of the session another week. From what we have understood, however, it is not probable that the Senate will agree to the resolution.

If the adjournment, *sine die*, takes place to day, there is yet time enough for the Legislature, by a magnanimous and generous effort, to shed a halo of glory around its closing hour that will make it as epoch in the history of the State, to which honor can look with rapture, and which patriotism may contemplate with pride.—The bill to pay the "debt proper" of the State has already been passed—that was a noble beginning, to which the bill to secure the payment of the debt and interest assured in behalf of the Property Banks, would form a brilliant sequel. That there are fair supporters in both branches of the Legislature to pass this law, we have reason to believe—and yet, the inexorable time for legislation, placed in the power of a meagre minority to obstruct the progress of this great measure. We would barter our dearest hopes for one hour's gift of the persuasion that could induce the Legislature to pass this law.—A law merely to apply the assets of the insolvent banks to the purposes for which they were mortgaged. A measure so reasonable, so just, could scarcely fail to pass, were there no other reason for its adoption than the naked right of the matter. But when the reputation of a whole people is involved, and when the fame and the honor of the foreign State are concerned in the issue, it would be treasonable to doubt the readiness of the Legislature to meet the question frankly and at once. We would implore the minority to allow the majority, who are in favor of the bill, to pass it. For what will be the result of delay? Injustice to the public creditor, and reproach upon the plighted faith of the Commonwealth and an augmentation of her liabilities.

Does not experience show that every postponement of measures to meet pubilc engagements, only tends to increase the embarrassment, for the accumulation of interest, and to that extent the difficulty of final settlement. And when it is understood that the people must be taxed to pay the deficiencies in the assets of the insolvent banks, what excuse is there to pursue a temporizing and imbecile policy? The Treasurer and Finance Committee have reported a sufficient amount of assets to save the State harmless, if managed with prudence and despatch, while it allowed to waste away under an insufficient and feeble administration, the State itself will be unable to meet the interest on the bonds in a few months—and heavy taxation will be the only alternative. Which of these dilemmas would members desire to precipitate the people upon? What a fearful responsibility is here before us! Cover the whole people with taxation, or stigmatize them with repudiation. For what? For the benefit of those who have mortgaged their property for value received? To enable them to avoid payment of their debts! Even this excuse will not serve—as poor a one as it would be to mitigate the wrong threatened to the innocent and most numerous portion of society. For, be it borne in mind, the free and enlightened inhabitants of this State will never consent to be disgraced for any such object, nor will they hold them blameless who connive at the stigma. Delays will only exasperate the public mind, and ensure a more stringent and sweeping line of action hereafter. The Legislature can not keep the agitation of this matter out of the hustings. A firm policy, moderated by wisdom, will promote the good of all parties, allay excitement and be a source of rejoicing to those who have the honor of the country at heart. Never had any body of men an opportunity of doing so much good, at so little cost or labor. Will they not do it? It will be a peace offering, and the odor thereof will fill the air with fragrance.

The packet ship *Naldona* arrived at New York on the 14th inst. with dates from Liverpool to the 11th ult.

The news is interesting. The State Trials in Ireland were not yet ended. On the 9th the Chief Justice charged the Jury and *directly against O'Connell* and *the traversers*.

The sales of Cotton continued large at former prices. The Manchester spinners had held their boasted meeting to take into consideration the rapid advance of cotton, and resolutions were offered to work short time and likewise that such manufacturers who held large stocks of Cotton should sell at the present prices to those who had none of the raw material, so as to prevent the latter going into the Liverpool market, and paying higher prices. The meeting adjourned after appointing a Committee to concure a plan of action, and report to another assembly to be held in a few days.

The Dublin mail had arrived, and the commercial advices were of a satisfactory character.

IRELAND.

Our accounts from Dublin are to the evening of the 9th ult. On the 6th, 7th and 8th Court of the Queen's Bench on the State Trials was occupied in closing the defence, and in the opening of the Solicitor General. Nothing of any consequence occurred. On Friday the 9th, twenty third day of the trials.

The Solicitor General continued his address this morning at ten o'clock, and concluded about two. The Chief Justice then proceeded to charge the jury. As far as his lordship has gone up to post hour, his address is most favorable to the traversers. He had been characterized the opinions broached as to the Queen's prerogative as seditious, and has altogether agreed in the definition of the law of conspiracy, as laid down by the Crown. It was probable the charge would not conclude that night.

FRANCE.

Tunion and Marseilles address speak of terrific gales in the Mediterranean. Immense quantities of snow had fallen throughout France.

SPAIN.

General Shelly, Political Chief of Barcelona, has been appointed Governor at Madrid.

According to the Imperial of Barcelona, Prim received his passport for Madrid on the 29th. He has been made Governor of the penal colony of Ceuta, in Africa.

Accounts from Madrid to the 2d instant, report another insurrectionary movement at Alicent, Valencia and Saviedre. Sixty persons, including some of note, had been arrested on the capital.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

We have papers from the Cape of Good Hope to the 15th of December. Nothing new had occurred, transpired from the frontier; but from all parts of the colony the reports supposing the state of the crops were in an unusual degree favorable. A notice had been issued by the governor for 100 free laborers, to be employed on the projected road near the Cape Flats, at two shillings per day wages, with duty rations of 1 1-4lb. of beef or mutton, 1 1-2lb. of wheaten bread, 2 ozs. of rice, and 1 2-3 do salt. Altogether the year about as cheap as considered to be the most prosperous ever enjoyed by the colony since it came under British rule.

INDIA.

By the Indian mail of the 1st January, letters and papers have been received to the 3d December from Bombay. British India is tranquil, and likely to continue so. The great rumor against Lord Ellenborough had subsided and his leadership was growing very popular.

The intelligence from China opens doors at the 1st of September. Litsin had secured nearly [illegible]

subsequent to the fires which consumed the factories on the 25th October.

The market at Canton had become rather more favorable. The British Canada had arrived at Amoy and *Shanghae*, where trade was dull, as the arrangements were then completed. The Chinese authorities at Ningpo declined granting permission for the importation of goods there until the Consul arrived and the duties were settled. They are said to have been alarmed by an insurrection, which they had received from Pekin, ordering that no business should be carried on unless the Consul was there. At Chusa the British system of government, without squeezing the inhabitants, had conciliated their attachment, and they appeared to regret the approaching departure of the British troops.

Some Americans, as if counting a cause of quarrel with the Chinese, had required upon excursions into the interior; this practice had procured from the British Plenipotentiary a declaration to the Chinese Commissioner that he should by no means countenance such proceeding and that orders should be given to the consuls to have all such foreigners arrested and sent to Hong-Kong. The death of Major Eldod Pottinger, which occurred at Hongkong, was greatly deplored. Colonel Knowles, of the Artillery, and assistant surgeons Graham and Bill, have also fallen victims to the prevalent malady. Rumor spoke of some difference between Sir H. Pottinger and the British Admiral and General. Sir Henry Pottinger is said to be anxious to get home, and Colonel Ouram has been talked of as his intended successor.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The Managers' Benefit to which we alluded on Saturday, takes place this evening. Mr. Macready, who has volunteered his services, appears in his favorite character of *Werner*. As it is positively the last night of the season, and the only opportunity of the distinguished tragedian will ever have of appearing before a New Orleans audience, the house will doubtless be crowded from pit to dome.

NATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE.—The thrilling drama of *Jack Sheppard*, and the beautiful spectacle of *Thalaba*, are announced for this evening.

METAIRIE JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, March 23d, 1844.—Jockey Club purse $1,000, Fourmile heats.

Lin Cock's b. f. *Ann Hays*, by imp. Leviathan, dam		1	1
Pelican—3 yrs			
W. J. Minor's ch. f. *Norma*, by Longwaist, out			
of imp. Waverly—4 yrs.		2	2
Hemstein & Green's b. c. *Consol, Jr.*, by imp.			
Consol, out of and imp. Filho da Puta mare,		3	3

TIME.	1st *Heat.*	2d *Heat.*
First mile	1:55	1:57
Second "	1:52	1:54
Third "	1:53	1:52
Fourth "	1:56½	1:58

Previous to starting Consol, Jr. was the favorite at the odds of three to two.

In the first heat Ann Hays led for three miles and a half when the colt passed her and led into the quarter stretch. The fillies again rallied and gave him the go by in coming down the stretch and passed the stand a length in advance.

In the second heat Ann Hays took the lead and kept it throughout.

LAST DAY—SUNDAY, March 24, 1844.—Proprietor's Purse $250—Mile Heats—Best three in five.

A. L. Bingaman entereh. f. *Nunbeam*, own			
sister to John R. Grimes, 4 yrs.		3	1 1 1
D. F. Kenner enters ch. m. *Adaulia*, own			
sister to Portens, 5 years.		1	1 4 2 3
F. Duplantier enters ch. h. *Narine*, by imp.			
Jordan, out of Louisiane, 3 years.		2	2 3 3 2
Lin Cock enters b. c. *Hardened Sinner*, by			
imp. dam by bluster, 4 yrs.		4	4 2 4 4

Time—1:47; 1:43; 1:46; 1:47; 1:47.

SECOND RACE—Match, $500 aside—half forfeit—mile heats:

T. T. Burke's ch. c. *Gen. De Baye*, by Lexington, dam by Voltaire, 3 yrs. 1 1

B. Davidson's b. f. *Garter*, by imp. *Glencoe*, dam by Trumpeter, 4 yrs. 2 2

Time—1:49; 1:52; 1:55.

THE LATE MURDER.—The examination of the slave Alfred, charged with having murdered Captain Augustus Moulin, will take place this morning before Recorder Baldwin.

ARREARTED.—The officers of the First Municipality Police, on Saturday, arrested a man named Jean Augustin Morgan, charged with having robbed Mr. Jean Fitte, about two months since, of $90 in money. He will be examined this morning before Recorder Genois.

A SCARY GENERATION.—Joseph Freeman was sentenced yesterday morning by Recorder Genois to thirty days confinement in the Workhouse, for having stolen a box of codfish from a grocery store on the Levee.

IN QUOD.—St. Jago Hernandez and Andre Estalves, two old offenders, were arrested yesterday by the officers of the First Municipality, charged with being dangerous and suspicious characters. Recorder Genois will investigate their characters this morning.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.—George Kimball alias Fenley was brought before Recorder Baldwin yesterday morning, charged with having been detected at the boarding-house of Mr. Ainsworth, about 3 o'clock the previous morning, under suspicious circumstances. When first discovered, he was on the stairs, without any shoes upon his feet, when he immediately fled and ran a considerable distance before he was taken into custody. A pair of shoes were found at the foot of the stairs which exactly fit him, and had doubtless been left there by him while he was searching through the house for plunder. As one of the boarders had missed a small amount of silver coin from the pockets of his clothing, which was hanging near the door of his room, the same description of coin being found upon Kimball, the Recorder sent him to the Parish Jail to wait his trial before the Criminal Court.

BLOODY AFFRAY.—On Saturday afternoon the officers of the Second Municipality Police were called to the levee, a row was reported to be going on. Some could tell, he said, what might be the upshot of the whole matter; we were in the midst of two large parties, and he could not believe the cause of the people was at all times the voice of God. He did not believe in the doctrine that the people have a right to change their government in this manner they do *aright* would lead to civil and to lawless anarchy. It had been said that the Dorrites were only asserting that right which the God of Nature gave them. That *natural* rights had been spoken of: he enquired what those "natural rights" were, and where they were to be limited to what class of persons? To whites? Or to the lordside black from three "natural rights?" by no means; then, according to the doctrine of the advocates of the late insurrection, the negroes of Virginia, South Carolina, and other southern states have a right to assemble and alter the constitutions of the states in which they reside.

He wished to know why the people of Rhode Island were to be confined to any geographical limits? do any geographical lines confine "natural rights" why may not the people of a portion of New Hampshire join with them in forming a constitution? If the people have a *natural* right to alter their constitution whenever they please, why prevent the people of the whole United States from abolishing their State Government, and forming a great central, consolidated government? Because it would be unlawful, and lawyhy not declare that they would be bound by any other than the law of nature, or indeed our law itself?] I oppose, said Mr. P., the doctrine that the people of Columbia should enter, determine that they would not be governed by Congress—[They have good reason, certainly, for desiring a better and more purely republican form of government, I should desire to see the same principle established in every State in the Union. Let the people of Rhode Island have the right which the God of Nature gave them before them, as Patrick Henry and the other patriots of the Revolution did, to shed the last drop of blood in their veins, rather than submit to the oppression of a mere numerical majority.

Mr. Parsons replied to the remarks of the Senator from New Orleans, and contended that there was no evidence before the Senate as yet, that the people of New Orleans desired this change. This bill was occasioned by no general complaint, but by the gratification of selfishness and personal ambition of a few aspirants to office. Nothing was more dangerous than to legislate upon the impulse of excitement. Whenever such a course was pursued, the result was sure to be disastrous. He would not, however, go into the discussion of the abstract question of the right of the people to change their form of government. He would only say that the people of Louisiana had exercised that right, and had established their present form of government, which was the result of the deliberate wisdom of the ablest statesmen of the country. It was not to be supposed that they would abandon it without some substantial reason for the change. He could see nothing essential for the facility of military as well as commercial purposes; and consequently no object of such paramount importance. As there appeared an evident disposition to pass this bill, and viewing it as subversive of the principles of true municipal government, he would not insist upon his objections, provided an amendment was introduced into the bill restricting the power of the Governor to remove the Mayor from office at his pleasure.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to regulate the inspection of Tobacco.

The first section was taken up and amended by inserting the words "*or hogsheads*" after the word "*barrels*," and the section as thus amended was adopted.

No further consideration was suspended.

The Senate then proceeded to consider that provision of the bill relative to the shipping of Tobacco, and regarding it as one calculated to increase the facility of shipping to new ports, and to prevent the imposition of the Revenue laws, Mr. Hennen entertained a doctrine somewhat congenial with this: they punished that the earth and the fulness thereof, belonged to the Lord, and that therefore the *lazy* were the Saints, *ergo*, the earth be longed to them.

Mr. S. spoke of the amendment from N. H., (Mr. Burke) as very fresh in the minds of the House; he thought it somewhat light employment in reforming the Constitution of his own State. She was considered democratic, according to the opinions of the best authorities. He then went into an examination of the Constitution of N. H., which requires a large *property* qualification to be either a representative, senator, or governor of that State.

He then showed Mr Van Buren's opinions upon the right of suffrage, as expressed upon the occasion of the convention, and quoted from the journals of the convention of New York. Mr. S. read several extracts from the journal of the convention, giving Mr. Van Buren's views and opinions on the same subject, and showed that he was decidedly opposed to the "*universal right*," of every man to vote, and in favor of negroes voting who possessed property to the amount of $250. These views he considered propriety to the constitution of *democratic* New Hampshire, and from the journals of the New York convention, told upon the House with signal effect, and which he considered as the best authority. They were the more effective inasmuch as there was no answer to them: there they stand, and there they must stand upon the *records*.

A considerable portion, nearly the whole of the day, after the expression of the morning hour, was spent in considering the bill making appropriations for the pay and subsistence of the West Point Military Academy, upon which Mr. Bermen, of Ky., Mr. M'Clelland of Michigan, and Mr. Holmes of S. C., spoke in favor of the section. Mr. Hale of N. H., and Mr. Weller of Ohio, in opposition. Mr. Hale and Mr. Weller went the ultra democratic doctrine upon this subject strong.

Mr. Holmes defended the academy with great emphasis and energy. He said that there was no danger of aristocracy in this country—that the laws distributing estates to all the heirs alike, prevent the accumulation of large estates, or rather the preservation of them in the same family for any length of time. The danger, he declared to be from the other extreme, from a disposition to pull down every thing venerable and useful which all cannot enjoy if though all stand the same chance. He thought it extraordinary that in the present posture of our affairs, when there was no knowing how soon we might become involved in a war with England and Mexico, that gentlemen should desire to destroy the only institution we had for the military education of our officers. Upon the subject of Texas he spoke very decidedly; he was for annexation, war or no war. Mr. Garrett Davis had in his remarks referred to the unwillingness manifested by the administration, namely, to enter into a treaty of annexation with Texas, and to lay such a treaty before the Senate at the present session of Congress. No one could tell, he said, what might be the upshot of the whole matter; we were in the midst of two large parties, and he could not believe the cause of the people was at all times the voice of God. He did not believe in the doctrine that the people have a right to change their government in this manner they do *aright* would lead to civil and to lawless anarchy. It had been said that the Dorrites were only asserting that right which the God of Nature gave them. That *natural* rights had been spoken of: he enquired what those "natural rights" were, and where they were to be limited? to what class of persons? To whites? Or to the lordside black from three "natural rights?" by no means; then, according to the doctrine of the advocates of the late insurrection, the negroes of Virginia, South Carolina, and other southern states have a right to assemble and alter the constitutions of the states in which they reside.

He wished to know why the people of Rhode Island were to be confined to any geographical limits? do any geographical lines confine "natural rights?" why may not the people of a portion of New Hampshire join with them in forming a constitution? If the people have a *natural* right to alter their constitution whenever they please, why prevent the people of the whole United States from abolishing their State Government, and forming a great central, consolidated government? Because it would be unlawful, and lawyhy not declare that they would be bound by any other than the law of nature, or indeed our law itself?] I oppose, said Mr. P., the doctrine that the people of Columbia should enter, determine that they would not be governed by Congress—[They have good reason, certainly, for desiring a better and more purely republican form of government, I should desire to see the same principle established in every State in the Union. Let the people of Rhode Island have the right which the God of Nature gave them before them, as Patrick Henry and the other patriots of the Revolution did, to shed the last drop of blood in their veins, rather than submit to the oppression of a mere numerical majority.

Mr. Sparrow responded to the remarks of the Senator from New Orleans, and contended that there was no evidence before the Senate as yet, that the people of New Orleans desired this change. This bill was occasioned by no general complaint, but by the gratification of selfishness and personal ambition of a few aspirants to office. Nothing was more dangerous than to legislate upon the impulse of excitement. Whenever such a course was pursued, the result was sure to be disastrous. He would not, however, go into the discussion of the abstract question of the right of the people to change their form of government. He would only say that the people of Louisiana had exercised that right, and had established their present form of government, which was the result of the deliberate wisdom of the ablest statesmen of the country. It was not to be supposed that they would abandon it without some substantial reason for the change. He could see nothing essential for the facility of military as well as commercial purposes; and consequently no object of such paramount importance. As there appeared an evident disposition to pass this bill, and viewing it as subversive of the principles of true municipal government, he would not insist upon his objections, provided an amendment was introduced into the bill restricting the power of the Governor to remove the Mayor from office at his pleasure.

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Mr. Bidell declared, that he viewed this subject entirely upon principle. He admitted that there was considerable excitement existing in the community at the present time, and as a conservative and an honest member of that body, he conceived it to be his imperative duty to remove all cause for popular excitement as it future disturbances. He considered the measure proposed, tranquilizing and peaceful, and as eminently essential both to protect the peace of the city, and to remove from the minds of the people all suspicion of undue influences.

The plan of the subject in a striking view before the Senate. He (Mr. Bidell) would not rise this question—What would be thought if he were to introduce a bill giving him the power to appoint inspectors of the port of New Orleans? Suppose a majority of this Senate, if it were understood that he designed becoming a candidate for re-election? Such a power would not be entrusted for one moment; and yet the identical principle is embraced in the bill before the Senate.

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The Senate then went into Executive Session, and confirmed John Y. Mason as Secretary of the Navy, Jas. S. Green, District Attorney, for New Jersey. They rejected Mr. Rantoul, nominated as collector of the port of Boston, together with sundry post masters and others.

IN THE HOUSE.

In the House—Mr. Caleb B. Smith of Indiana, soon after the morning hour in reply to Mr. Rathbun of New York, and Mr. Kennedy of Indiana, upon the Rhode Island question. Mr. Smith came to Washington pledged to no opinion for abilities and oratorical powers of no common order. His speech yesterday fully sustained this reputation. He said he did not subscribe to the doctrine of the "*right to secede*," as laid down by the gentleman from Connecticut, (Mr. Ellsworth) nor to that of the "*right to nullify*," as laid down by the gentleman from South Carolina, (Mr. Rhett) and he did not believe the cause of the people was at all times the voice of God. He did not believe in the doctrine that the people have a right to change their government in this manner they do *aright* would lead to civil and to lawless anarchy. It had been said that the Dorrites were only asserting that right which the God of Nature gave them. That *natural* rights had been spoken of: he enquired what those "natural rights" were, and where they were to be limited? to what class of persons? To whites? Or to the lordside black from three "natural rights?" by no means; then, according to the doctrine of the advocates of the late insurrection, the negroes of Virginia, South Carolina, and other southern states have a right to assemble and alter the constitutions of the states in which they reside.

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