

OPERATIONS OF CAPT. FREMONT IN UPPER CALIFORNIA.

Letter from Senator Benton to the President.

Sir: In the absence of official information on the subject of Lieutenant Colonel (then Captain) FREMONT's operations in Upper California, I deem it my duty to lay before you the private letters which I have received from that officer...

the American settlers called in for its defence. Unhappily, we have no letter from Captain Fremont detailing the events of these days, but the want of such a letter is well supplied by the official communications from the American Consul at Monterey...

On return from the evacuated camp on the SIERRA, the Governor also put forth a proclamation, in the vein of his report, and even worse, styling Fremont and his men a band of highway robbers, plundering the people...

The first letter that we received from Capt. Fremont after his withdrawal from the SIERRA, and from the valley of the SAN JUAN, is dated the first day of April, in latitude 40, on the Sacramento river...

Of course, I did not dare to compromise the United States, against which appearances would have been strong; but though it was in my power to increase my party by Americans, I refrained from committing a solitary act of hostility or impropriety.

His next letter is dated the 14th of May and informs me that, in his progress to Oregon, he found himself and party unexpectedly attacked by the TIAJARI Indians—the most warlike of that quarter—had lost five men in killed and wounded—and still expected to be in the United States in the month of September.

It was on the 7th day of June that he came to this determination; and, the resolution being once taken, all half-way measures were discarded, and a rapid execution of the plan was commenced.

The pursuit and defeat of Castro was then the only remaining enterprise. He had fled south towards the numerous Mexican towns and settlements beyond Monterey, with his four or five hundred men; and Capt. Fremont, leaving some fifty men in garrisons; set out with one hundred and sixty mounted riflemen in the pursuit...

men in garrisons; set out with one hundred and sixty mounted riflemen in the pursuit, when he received instructions from Commodore Sloat to march upon Monterey. He did so, and found Commodore Stockton in command, approving the pursuit of Castro, and aiding it by all the means in his power.

Very respectfully, sir, your friend and fellow citizen, THOMAS H. BENTON.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 1846.

THE WAR IN MEXICO.

We find in our exchanges the following extract of a letter, written by an officer in Gen. Taylor's army to the New Orleans Picayune, from which it would appear that the Mexicans are much better prepared for war than has been generally supposed they were:

There never was a nation so much mistaken as ours in regard to that of Mexico. I mean in respect to its military resources. The people are warlike, and have an abundant supply of munitions of war.

GOTTON vs. POWDER. The prepared cotton is now declared to be far more powerful in its explosive properties than gunpowder.

SHIPWRECK.

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Statue of Wellington.

A London letter in the New York Herald says—The chief subject of excitement at this moment in this great metropolis, is the elevation of the great colossal upon a triumphal arch at the entrance of the Park.

A NOVEL GRAVE.

One "John Brown," writing from Gen. Kearney's camp, "on the Plains, July 23d" thus describes an Indian grave, discovered on their route:

Magnetic Telegraph.

This mighty engine, as at present erected, is very little better than a tool for the speculators and stock-jobbers of the large cities of the Atlantic seaboard.

COTTON vs. POWDER.

The prepared cotton is now declared to be far more powerful in its explosive properties than gunpowder. It has been ascertained by actual experiment, that "the forty-eighth part of an ounce of the prepared cotton will propel a bullet from an American rifle as far as the twelfth part of an ounce of gunpowder."

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Gen. Worth, the hero of Monterey, was a merchant's clerk, in Hudson, on North river, 35 years ago. He entered the army as a private, according to a letter before us, at the opening of the war of 1812—distinguished himself at Lundy's Lane, where he was wounded, and at the suggestion of Gen. Scott, promoted.

Cumberland Market.

Table listing prices for various goods in Cumberland Market, including Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Potatoes, Apples, Peaches, Butter, Beef, Veal, Chickens, Eggs, and Stone Coal.

Pittsburgh Market.

Table listing prices for various goods in Pittsburgh Market, including Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Bacon, Pork, Lard, Tallow, Butter, Cheese, Apples, Peaches, Potatoes, Seeds, and Wool.

BANK NOTE LIST.

Table listing various banks and their locations, including Pittsburgh, Pa., and other cities, along with their respective bank notes.