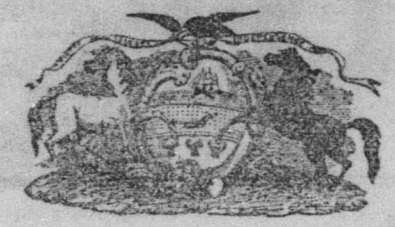


BEDFORD INQUIRER.



Friday Morning, March 8, 1861. "FEARLESS AND FREE." O. OYER—Editor and Proprietor.

Inaugural Address, of Abraham Lincoln.

Fellow Citizens of the United States.— In compliance with a custom as old as the Government itself, I appear before you to address you briefly, and to take, in your presence, the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the United States to be taken by the President before he enters on the execution of his office.

I do not consider it necessary at present for me to discuss those matters of administration about which there is no special anxiety or excitement. Apprehension seems to exist among the people of the Southern States, that by the accession of a Republican Administration, their property and their peace and personal security are to be endangered.

Resolved, "That the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depend. And we denounce the lawless invasion by an armed force of the soil of any State or Territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest of crimes."

THE CABINET. The following is the Cabinet of Mr. Lincoln, as confirmed by the U. S. Senate. Secretary of State—Wm. H. Seward, N. Y.

THE LATEST NEWS. Last Day of the XXXVth Congress. Closing Hours of the 2d Session. EXCITEMENT IN THE SENATE. Speeches of Lane for Secession and Johnson of Tenn. for the Union.

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