

From Washington.

Correspondence of the Erie Observer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1847.

Gentlemen.—The duties of my office presented me last week from complying with my partial promise, made some time ago, to write you weekly. Indeed, I fear that I shall often have occasion to ask to be excused for non-performance of duty in this respect:

Congress has not yet begun to do business, and will not until after the first of January. The holidays, as they are called, seem at this time, to be extremely opportune; they afford the great political combatants an opportunity of coolly taking survey of each other, looking at the size and dimensions of their antagonists, and speculating on the endurance and tenacity of the foe—when and how to strike those, who, having the superiority in numbers, must take the initiative or perplexing questions. That Mexican war is a hard point, but it must be got along with. The Whigs have concluded to be very liberal in fitting supplies of men and money to the army, and then by way of equalizing the matter, have the war, and thus give a little "aid and comfort" also to the Mexicans. This will be the course of events—mark it. All that will be asked will be voted; but then, if any Mexican should happen to be killed, it will be demanded on the part of our country, and doing her duty after being forced into war, of the consistency of this policy. I will not pretend to speak. History will place upon it just commentary.

I have conversed with several officers just from Mexico who uniformly mention the fact that the wealthy and respectable portion of the population of that country are universally opposed to peace with this country; and their reason, freely given, that they desire the country to be conquered and annexed to the United States. This I have heard from officers from both wings of the army. This class of people say they never had protection before, and never lived a day but in terror of personal injury or confiscation of property. You may think it strange, but I have my reasons for believing the fact, that the department of War would annex itself to-morrow if we would receive her. What the course of the new Mexican President, Anaya, will be on the subject of peace or war, is yet to conjecture. He is known to possess friendly feelings towards the United States. It is enough, however, that the fact is so, that he was one of Gen. Jackson's aids at the battle of New Orleans. The favorites of the remarkable man, like himself, seem to be pecuniary favorites with the people. A recent President of Texas, Gen. Houston, and the present President of Mexico, both enjoyed much of his personal confidence.

I now believe the Whigs (in Congress, at least) are determined on running Gen. Taylor for President. This is very generally the feeling among them. Gen. Taylor himself is as far from being a candidate as any man in the country. A recent President of Texas, Gen. Houston, and the present President of Mexico, both enjoyed much of his personal confidence.

Congress will undoubtedly reform the post office law in regard to postage on newspapers, in consultation with your member to-day he told me it was almost universally determined on. Perhaps Judge Baily, of Virginia, might vote against it, as there is not a single newspaper printed in his district.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

A meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of this county, held this evening, the office of the secretary in this borough, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Democratic Vector of Erie County, be requested to hold primary meetings in each election district, at the time of holding their general elections, on Saturday the 5th of February, 1848, at 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of choosing Delegates to a County Convention, to be held at the Court House on this borough on the first Monday of February next, at 1 o'clock P. M., to appoint Delegates to the Democratic State Convention, to be held at Harrisburg on the 1st of March next, to nominate a candidate for Canal Commissioner and appoint Delegates to a National Convention.

SMITH JACKSON, BIRN CAMP, MURRAY WHALION, CARSON GRAHAM, F. W. MILLER, JAMES NORTON, ISAAC R. TAYLOR, Committee.

Erie, Dec. 30, 1847.

CANAL COMMISSIONER.

Messrs. Editors.—While the citizens in different parts of the Commonwealth are recommending their respective favorites to be put in nomination, on the 4th of March next, to fill the responsible office of Canal Commissioner, permit me to recommend JOHN FRASER, Esq., of Allegheny, to the favorable consideration of the Democracy of the Keystone State, as a gentleman highly qualified for that station, and worthy of public confidence. Where Mr. Ferguson is known, it is only necessary to mention his name in connection with that office to meet the public approbation. His practical knowledge, long experience on the public works, his business habits and strict integrity, strongly recommend him to the favorable action of said Convention.

ERIC COUNTY.

ATTEN IN WASHINGTON.—Col. Rowan, of Kentucky a son of the former U. S. Senator, was nominated to the office of Vice-President. His fidelity to her adopted country richly entitles her to the appellation of Heroine. Her life was greatly menaced and the greatest probability existed that it would be taken. She represented herself to the authorities as a British subject and had a brother in England to whom she had communicated her situation, and that in the event of her death, they would be obliged to answer to that government for the outrage. Possessing a talent for drawing, by some means she became acquainted with the soundings of the channel to the harbor of Tampico, and made out and forwarded to Com. Conner a chart by which he afterwards sailed into port without the slightest difficulty, finding it in every respect accurate. After forwarding her draft she exhibited to the authorities a copy telling them she had received it from Washington where, as they could see, all the defences of the city and roadstead were well and accurately known, and that the American fleet would certainly find there and avenge her death if she

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