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180 1626. John Quincy Adams, President one between Mr. Clay and Mr. Randolph.

was Saturday, the first day of April, towards the Senate not being that day-in session, that Randolph came to my room at Brown's Hotel without explaining the reason of the question) metil was the blood-relation of Mrs. Clav? rered that I was, and he immediately replied that put an end to a request that he had wished make of me, and then went on to tell me that he ost received a challenge from Mr. Clay-had ed it—was ready to go out—and would apply a secret which he should commit to no othess of his intention, and did not mean to tell it second, or anybody else; and enjoined ine- of the delivery of the challenge I had from Mr Clay's second, and they were in detail, and in the General's own

was unable to see Mr Randolph until the ing of the 1st of April, when I called on him delivering the note Previous to chowever, I thought it proper to asceram Mr. Randolph himself, whether the inforconect. I accordingly intermed was the hearer of a message Sonate—that I was aware no one Mr Randolph replied, that the constitution meet him, but he would never shield himself anch a subjecture as the pleading of his priare as a senator from Virginia; that he did hold : countable to Mr ,Clay; but he said that eman had first two pledges to redeem-one, he had bound himself to fight any member of Hase of Representatives who should acknowege meet the author of a certain publication in elphia paper; and the other that he stood ged to establish certain facts in regard to a great whom he would not name; but, he added, ouid receive no verbal message from Mr Clay way message from him must be in writing epited, that I was not anthorized by Mr Clay to estato, or receive, any verbal explanationsthe incurres I had made for my own satisfacand upon my own responsibility-that the onressage of which I was the bearer, was in wri I becoresented the note, and remarked that extrading of Mr. Clay's pledges but that if rexisted as the (Mr. Randolph) understood m and he was aware of them when he made exack complained of he could not avail him. of nem-ha, by making the attack, I thought has waired them himself. He said he had not temperature of taking advantage of the elges referred to-that he had mentioned them ereir premind me that he was waiving his prirate gentleman—that he was ready to respond the bis note in reply—and that he would, in the note." The of the day, look out for a friend. I declined ting the bearer of his note, but informed him my bi a himself to consult his triends before taking important'a step. He seized my hand, saying, on are right, sir. I thank you for the suggestion; is you do not take my note, you must not be Trainent if you should not hear from me to-day. "on think of only two friends, and there are cir mstances connected with one them which may

lassured him that any reasonable time which might find necessary to take, would be satisfac-I look leave of him : and it is due to his semory to say, that his bearing was throughout e interview that of a high-toned, chivalrous gen deman of the old school." These were the circumstances of the delivery of

-ne was sick yesterday, and may not be

challenge, and the only thing necessary to give the respective seconds on this point: Mr Clay's right to make him answer This he , ator " Pad of do, neither by implication not in words. To this Ccl. Tatnall replied:

might have plead in bar to Mr. Clay's challenge, expression of such a readiness, on the part of Mr without foundation, might have been disregarded. was attracted to what was going on came up, and a circumstance susceptible in itself of an unfair in and would not, was another sarcastic cut at Mr. Adams and Mr. Clay, while rendering satisfaction | made by yourself." for cuts already given The "member of the House," Mr. Geo. Kremer, of Pennsylvania, who, at the time of the presidential election in the House of Representatives, had avowed himself to be the author of an anonymous publication, the writer of which Mr. Clay had threatened to call to account if he would avow himself-and did not. The "great man" was President Adams, with whom Mr. Clavhad had a newspaper controversy, involving a question of fact-which had been postponed. The cause of this sarcastic cut, and of all the keen personality in the Panama speech, was the belief that the President and Secretary, the latter especially, encouraged the newspapers in their interest, to attack him, which they did incessantly; and he chose to overlook the editors and retaliate upon the instigators, as he believed them to be. This he did to his heart's content in that speech-and to their Tainal to be his second. Before leaving, great annoyance, as the coming of the challenge me he would make my bosom the deposi. proved The "two friends" alluded to, were Col. Tatuall and myself, and the circumstances which riscon it was, that he did not intend to fire at might disqualify one of the two were those of my list life told it to me because he wanted a relationship to Mrs Clay, of which he did not know the degree, whether of affinity or consanguinityconsidering the first no obstacle, the other a comhe ecreey until the duel was over This was plete bar to my appearing as his second—holding as he did, with the tenacity of an Indian to the obligations of blood, and laying but little stress on marriage connexions. His affable reception and effectly characteristic of Mr Randolph that I courteous demeanor to Gen. Jesup were according to his high breeding, and the decorum which belonged to such occasions A duel in the circle to which he belonged was " an affair of honor"; and high honor, according to its code, must pervade every part of it. General Jeans had come upon an unpleasant business. Mr. Randolph determined to put him at his ease; and did it so effectually as to stop it. charm him into admiration. The whole plan of his conduct, down to contingent details, was cast in his mind instantly, as if by intuition, and never departed from. The acceptance, the refusal to explain, the determination not to fire, the first and second choice of a friend and the circumstance which might disquality one and delay the other, the additional cut, and the resolve to fall, if he fell, on the soil of Virginia- was all, to his mind, a single emanation-the flash of an instant. He need ed no consultations, no deliberations, to arrive at all these important conclusions. I dwell upon these small circumstances because they are characteris ic, and show the man—a man who belongs to his tory and had his own history, and should be known as he was. That character can only be shown in his own conduct—his own words and acts: and this duel with Mr. Clay illustrates it at many points. It is in that point of view that I dwell upon circumstances which might seem trivial, but which are not so, being illustrative of character and significant, to their smallest particulars.

The acceptance of the challenge was in keeping with the whole proceeding-prompt in the agreement to meet, exact in protesting against the right to call him out, clear in the waiver of his constitutional privilege, brief and cogent in presenting the case as one of some reprehension—the case of a member of an administration challenging a senator for words spoken in debate of that administration. and all in brief, terse, and superlatively decorous language. It ian thus: "Mr Randolph accepts the challenge of Mr. Clay; at the same time he protests against the right of any minister of executive government of the United States to hold him responsible for words spoken in debate, as a senator from Virginia, in crimination of such minister, or the administration under which he shall have taken office Colonel Tatnall, of Georgia, the bearer of this letege, not only as a senator from Virginia, but as a ter, is authorized to arrange with General Jesup. (the bearer of Mr Clay's challenge) the terms of If Clay, and would be obliged to me if I would | meeting to which Mr. Randolph is invited by that

This protest which Mr. Randolph entered against the right of Mr. Clay to challenge him, led to an reason tof declining was, that I thought he explanation between their mutual friends on that delicate point-a point which concerned the independence of debate, the privileges of the Senate, the immunity of a member, and the sanctity of the and the explanation which was had between the mutual friends, presented an excuse, if not a justification for his proceeding. He had been informed the me of his services, and the other is in bad that Mr. Randolph, in his speech, had avowed his responsibility to Mr. Clay, and waived his privilege -a thing which, it it had been done, would have been a defiance, and stood for an invitation to Mr Col. Tatnall, d savowed that imputed avowal, and confined his waiver of privilege, to the time of the delivery of the challenge, and in answer to an inquiry before it was delivered.

The following are the communications between

em their full character is to recollect that, with "In regard to the protest with which Mr. Ranas prompt acceptance and positive relusal to ex- dolph's note concludes, it is due to Mr. Clay to say and this extra cut about the two pledges, there that he had been informed Mr Randolph did, and The a perfect determination not to fire at Mr. Clay. would, hold himself responsible to him for any ob- insulting words, "forging and falsifying" being dis- brought him-for he never rode Johnny's, nor Johndetermination rested on two grounds; first, servations be might make in in relation to him Patie unwillingness to hurt Mr Clay; and, next, and that I (General Jesup) distinctly understood to be found in the published report. The speech were of the finest English blood-and rode off to the which and the fire would be to and trom Mr. Randolph, before I delivered the note was a bitter philippic and intended to be so, taking bank down Pennsylvania avenue, now Corcoran & and would be an implied acknowledgement of Mr Clay, that he waived his privilege as a sear- for its point the alleged coalition between Mr Clay Rigg's-Johnny following, as always, forty paces

"As this expression (did and would hold him- our policy of non-entanglement with foreign na- asked for the state of his account, was shown it, The Senate for words spoken within it. He self responsible, &c ) may be construed to mean from, in sending ministers to the congress of the and found to become four thousand dollars in his distinction between man and senator. As that Mr. Randolph had given this intimation not on- American states of Spanish origin at the Isthmus of lavor. He asked for it. The teller took up pack-The had a constitutional immunity, given for ly before called upon, but in such a manner as to Panama. I heard it all, and though sharp and cuthe purpose and which he would neither sur- throw out to Mr. Clay something like an invitation, ting, I think it might have been heard without any he would have it. 4 I want money? said Mr. compromise; as an individual he was to make such a call, I have, on the part of Mr. Ran manifestation of resentment by Mr. Clay. The Randolph, putting emphasis on the word; and at was directed to re-load. While this was doing 10 give satisfaction for what was deemed an dolph, to disavow any disposition, when expressing part which he took so seriously to heart, that of that time it required a bold man to intimate that prevailed on Mr. Randolph to watk away from his He would receive, but not return a fire. It his readiness to waive his privilege as a senator from having the Panama invitations manufactured in his United States Bank notes were not money. The post, and renewed to him more pressingly than ev. the much as to say: Mr Clay may fire at me Virginia, to make, in any case a call upon him for office, was to my mind nothing more than attribute teller, beginning to understand him, and willing to er, my importunities to yield to some accomposa-That the offended him : I will not, by returning personal satisfaction the concluding paragraph of ing to him a diplomatic superiority which enabled make spre, said, inquiringly: "You want silver?" tion; but I found him more determined than I had the, admit his right to do so. This was a sub- your note, I presume, is intended to show merely him to obtain from the South American ministers "I want my money " was the reply. Then the ever seen him, and for the first time impatibal; and

Thus an irritating circumstance in the affair was virtually negatived, and its offensive import wholly disavowed. For my part, I do not believe that Mr. Randolph used such language in his speech. I have no recollection of having heard it. The published report of the speech, as taken down by the reporters, and not revised by the speaker, contains nothing of it. Such gasconade was foreign to Mr. Randolph's character. The occasion was not one in which these sort of defiances are thrown out. an advantage in extracting a challenge when there is a design to kill. Mr. Randolph had none of these effect of indistinct apprehension, and the more to be regretted as, after having been a main cause in

Thus the agreement for the meeting was abso-

lute; and, according to the expectation of the prin-

cipals, the meeting itself would be immediately: but their seconds, from the most laudable teelings, determined to delay it, with the hope to prevent privy to the affair and friendly to both parties. The challenge stated no specific ground of offencepecified no exceptionable words. It was peremotory and general, for an "unprovoked attack on his (Mr. Clay's) character," and it dispensed with explanations by alleging that the notoriety and indisoutable existence of the injury superseded the necessity for them. Of course this demand was bottomed on a report of the words spoken—a verbal report—the full daily publication of the debates having not then begun-and was of a character greatly to exasperate Mr. Clay. It stated that in letter from General Salazar, the Mexican minister at Washington, submitted by the Executive to the Senate, bore the ear-mark of having been manufactured or forged by the Secretary of State, and denounced the administration as a corrupt coalition between the puritan and black-leg; and added at he same time, that he Mr. Randolph) held himself personally responsible for all that he had said." This was the report to Mr. Clay, and upon which he gave the absolute challenge, and received the absolute acceptance, which shut out all inquiry beween the principals into the causes of the quarrel. The seconds determined to open it, and to attempt an accommodation, or a peaceable determination of the difficulty. In consequence, Gen Jesup sta ted the complaint in a note to Col. Tainall thus: The in ary of which Mr. Clay complains consists in this: that Mr. Randolph has charged him with having forged or manufactured a paper connected with the Panama mission; also, that he has applied to him in debate the epithet of black leg The explanation which I consider necessary is, that Mr. Randolph declare that he had no intention of capacity, with forging or falsifying any paper, or misrepresenting any fact; and also, that the term black leg was not intended to apply to him." Fo this exposition of the grounds of the complaint, Col. friends; the bequests slight in value, but invalua-Tamail answered: "Mr. Randolph informs me that constitution. It was a point which Mr. Clay felt; the words used by him in debate were as follows: "That I thought it would be in my power to show Mr. Macon he gave some English shillings, to keep evidence sufficiently presumptive to satisfy a Char- the game when he played whist. His namesake, lotte (county) jury, that this invitation was manu factured here—that Salazar's letter struck me as and since married to his niece, was sent for o see bearing a strong likeness in point of style to the birm, but sent off before the hour for going out, to other papers. I did not undertake to prove this, but expressed my suspicion that the fact was so. Clay to send a challenge Mr Randolph, through I applied to the administration the epithet, puritanic-diplomatic-black-legged administration." Mr. Randolph, in giving these words as those uttered Johnny, to the United States Branch Bank to get a by him in debate, is unwilling to afford any expla. few pieces-American being the kind asked for nation as to their meaning and application." In Johnny returned without the gold, and delivered this answer Mr. Randolph remained upon his ori | the excuse that the bank had none. Instantly his ginal ground of refusing to answer out of the Sen- clear silver-toned voice was heard above its naturare for words spoken within it! In other respects al pitch, exclaiming: "Their name is legion !the statement of the words actually spoken greatly and they are tiats from the beginning. Johnny ameliorated the offensive report, the coarse and bring me my horse." His own saddled-horse was avowed, as in fact they were not used, and are not in his, though both, and all his hundred horses, and Mr. Adams with respect to the election, and behind. Arriving at the bank, this scene, accortheir effects to get up a popular question contrary to | ding to my informant took place. "Mr. Randolph

Randolph, was in reply to an inquiry on that point I presented these views to the parties, and it they understanding the question, and its cause, told Mr. had come from Mr. Randolph might have been Randolph there was a mistake in the answer given authorize a word to be said beyond what he had have wrathe wanted. In fact, he had only appli-

seconds proceeded to arrange the duel. The at- pieces of gold were received-the cart and the silternoon of Saturday, the 8th of April, was fixed ver dispensed with; but the account in the bank upon for the time-the right bank of the Potomac, was closed, and a check taken for the amount on within the state of Virginia, above the Little Falls New York. He returned and delivered me a out. bridge was the place, pistole the weapons, distance sealed paper which I was to open if he was killed ten paces-each party to be attended by two secwhich are either to purchase a cheap reputation onds and a surgeon, and myself at liberty to attend slip, which I was to read before I got to the ground when it is known they will be despised, or to get as a mutual friend. There was to be no practising This slip was a request to teel in his left breecher with pistols, and there was mone; and the words pocket, if he was killed, and find so many pieces "one," "two," "three," " stop," after the word of gold-I believe nine-take three for myself, and riews with respect to Mr. Clay. He had no desire "fire," were, by agreement between the seconds, give the same number to Tatnati and Hamilton to fight him, or to burt him, or gain cheap charac- and for the humane purpose of reducing the result | each, to make seals to wear in remembrance of ter by appearing to bully him. He was above all as near as possible to chance, to be given out in him. We were all three at Mr. Randulph's lodge. that, and had settled accounts with him in his quick succession. The Virginia side of the Potospeech, and wanted no more. I do not believe it | mao was taken at the instance of Mr. Randolph.was said: but there was a part of the speech which He went out as a Virginia senator, refusing to com might have received a wrong application, and led promise that character, and if he fell in defence of to the erroneous report—a part which applied to a its rights, Virginia Soil was to him the chosen quick after giving the word " fire," and for a reaquoted passage in Mr. Adam's Panama message, ground to receive his blood. There was a statute son which could not be told to the principals. To which he condemned and denounced, and dared of the state against duellnig with her limits; but he President and his triends to defend. His words as he merely went out to receive a fire without rewere, as reported unrevised: "Here I plant my turning it, he deemed that no fighting, and consetoot; here I fling defiance right into his (the Pre- quently no breach of her statute. This season for arrival at the command " stop," presented no obsident's) teeth; here I throw the gauntlet to him, choosing Virginia could only be explained to me, and the bravest of his compeers, to come forward as I alone was depository of his secret. The week's him it was all a real transaction, and gave rise for and defend these lines " &c. A very palpable de- delay which the seconds had contrived was about some proposal for more deliberateness in counting fiance this, but very different from a summons to expiring. It was Friday evaning, or rather night, personal combat, and from what was related to Mr. when I went to see Mr. Clay for the last time be-Clay. It was an unfortunate report, doubtless the fore the duel. There had been some alienation be- effect upon his feelings, and aided by an untoward tween us since the time of the presidential election in the Jouse of Representatives, and I wished inducing the chatlenge, the disavowal could not to give evidence that there was nothing personal fire at Mr. Clay. I now give the words of General ent-and some of it stayed late. The youngest child, I believe James, went to sleep on the sofaa circumstance which availed me for a purpose the next day. Mrs. Clay was, as always, since the death of her daughters, the picture of desolation, -and did keep it off a week, admitting me to a but calm, conversible, and without the slightest ap- tioned to Col. Tatnall the desire of Mr Clay. He participation in the good work as being already parent consciousness of the impending event

When all were gone, and she also had left the parthat, notwithstanding our late political differences, my personal feelings towards him were the same as formerly, and that, in whatever concerned his expressed his gratification at the visit and the declaration, and said it was what he would have ex-

pected of me. We parted at midnight. -had come, and almost the hour. It was noon, at the inquiry without seeming to make it. I told late sitting—the child asleep—the unconscious tranquility of Mrs. Clay; and added, I could not help night. He understood me perfectly, and immediment-his seconds being engaged in their prepara tions in a different room, which was making codicils to his will, all in the way of remembrance to ble in tenderness of feeling and beauty of express. ion, and always appropriate to the receiver. To John Randotoh Bryan, then at school in Baltimore, save the boy from a possible shock at seeing him brought back. He wanted some gold—that coin not being then in circulation, and only to be obtained by favor or purchase-and sent his faithful man.

ed for a few pieces, which he wanted for a special All hopes of accomodation having vanished, the purpose. This brought about a compromise. The -- give back to him if he was not; also an open ings then, and soon sat out .-- Mr. Randolph and his seconds in a carriage, I following him on horse.

Mr Randolph, who did not mean to fire, and who, though agreeing to be shot at, had no desire to be hit, this rapidity of counting out the time, and quick jection. With Mr. Clay it was different. With off the time; which, being communicated to Col. Tatnall, and by him to Mr. Randolph, had an ill accident on the ground, unsettled for a moment the noble determination which he had formed not to in it. The family were in the parlor-company pres- Jesup: "When I repeat to Mr. Clay the 'word' in the manner in which it would be given, he excustomed to the use of the pistol, he might not be able to fire within the time, and for that reason alone desired that it might be prolonged. I menreplied: " If you insist upon it, the time must be prolonged, but I should very much regret it." I inlor, I did what I came for, and said to Mr. Clay formed him I did not insist upon prolonging the fortunate that I did not know at this in time to time, and I was sure Mr. Clay would acquiesce .- speak to Gen. Jesup, when one word from him The original agreement was carried on!"

I knew nothing of this until it was; too late to

Little Falls bridge just after them, and came to the pendent for its solution on the rising incidents of the place where the servants and carriage had stopp- moment, when the accidental fire of his pistol gave ed. I saw one of the gentlemen, and supposed the turn to his feelings which solved the doubt.-Saturday, the 8th of April-the day for the duel they had all gone to the spot where the ground was But the declared to me that he had not simed at being marked off; but on speaking to Johnny, Mr. the life of Mr Clay; that he did not level as high and the meeting was to take place at 41 o'clock - Randolph, who was still in his carriage and heard as the knee-not higher than the knee-band, "for the course of the debate Mr. Randolph said, "That I had gone to see Randolph before the hour, and my voice, looked on from the window and said to it was no mercy to shoot a man in the known way, as he lived half way to Georgetown, and we been in this carriage, I have heard something had to pass through that to cross the Potomac into which may make me change my determination .-Virginia at the Little Falls Bridge. I had heard Col Hamilton will give you a note which will exnothing from him on the point of not returning the plain it." Col. Hamilton was themin the carriage, fire since the first communication to that effect, and gave me the note, in the course of the evening eight days before. I had no reason to doubt the of which Mr. Randolph spoke. I cadily compresteadiness of his determination; but felt a desire hended that this possible change of determination to have some fresh assurance of it after so many relating to his sight; but the emphasis with which days' delay, and so near approach of the trying mo- he pronounced the word 'may,' clearly showed that ment. I knew it would not do to ask him the his mind was undecided, and left it doubtful whethquestion—any question which would imply a doubt | er he would fire or not. No further conversation ot his word. His sensitive feelings would be hurt took place between us; the preparations for the and annoved at it. So I fell upon a scheme to get | duel were finished; the pathes went to their pla- | the only one in danger. I saw him receive the ces; and I went forward to a piece of rising ground, him of my visit to Mr. Clay the night before—of the from which I could see what passed and hear what was said The fai hful Johnny followed me close. speaking not a word, but evincing the the despest reflecting how different all that might be the next anxiety for his beloved master. The place was a tnick forest, and the immediate spot a little depres. spirit. They met half way, shook hands, Mr. Ranstely said, with a quietude of look and expression sron where the parties stood. The principals saint. which seemed to rebuke an unworthy doubt, "1 ed each other courteously as they took their stands shall do nothing to disturb the sleep of the child or the Col. Tatnall had won the choice of position, which charging Mr. Clay, either in his public or private repose of the mother," and went on with his employ- gave Gen. Jessop the delivery of the word. They stood on a line east and west-a small stump just behind Mr Clay: a low gravelly bank rose just behind Mr. Randolph This latter asked Gen Jes. sup to repeat the word as he would give it; and while in the act of doing so, and Mr. Randolph adjusting the butt of his pistol to his hand the muzzle pointing downwards, and almost to the ground, it fired. Instantly Mr Randolph turned to Colonel Tatnall, and said: "I protested against that hair the bank, to say that they had over paid him, by rigger." Col. Tatnall took blame to himself for mistake, \$130 that day. He answered, "I believe having sorong the hair. Mr. Clay had not then re- it is your rule not to correct mistakes except at the ceived his pistol. Mr. Johnson, (Josiah.) one of his seconds, was carying a to him, and still several the cunner had to return. When gone, Mr. Ransteps from him. This untimely fire, though clear ly an accident, necessarily gave rise, to some remarks, and a species of inquiry, which was con ducted with the utmost delicacy, but which, in it self, was of a nature to be inexpressibly painful to a gentleman's feelings. Mr. Clay stopped it with the generous remark that the fire was clearly an accident, and lit was so unanimously declared .-Another pistol was immediately furnished; and ar exchange of shots took place, and, happily, without effect upon the persons. Mr. Randolph's bullet struck the stump behind Mr. Clay, and Mr. Clay's knocked up the earth and gravel behind Mr Ran dolph, and in a line level of his hips, both bullets having gone so true and close that it was a marvel how they missed. The moment had come for me to interpose. I wentin among the parties and offered my mediation, but nothing could be done -Mr. Clay said, with a waive of the hand with which he was accustomed to put away a trifle, " This is dolph also demanded another fire. The seconds that you did not present a note, such as that of Mr. The invitations that he wanted; and not at all that the wanted; and not a

terpretation, and as having been the immediate and conttolling cause of his firing at Mr. Clay. He sufficient, but he was inexurable and would not to his servant-that they had gold, and he should regreted this fire the instant it was over. He felt that it had subjected him to imputations from which he knew himself to be free-a desire to kill Mr. Clay, and a contempt for the laws of his beloved state; and then annovances which he felt at these vexations circumstances revived his original determination, and decided him irrevocably to carry it

> It was in this interval that he told me what he had heard since we parted, and to which we alloded when he spoke to me from the window of the carriage. It was to this effect: That he had been informed by Col. Tatnall, that it was proposed to give out the words with more deliberateness, so as to protong the time for taking aim. The information grated harshly upon his feelings. It unsetded his purpose, and brought his mind to the inquiry (as he now told me, and as I found expressed in the note which he had immediately written in penuil to apprize me of his possible change, whether, under these circumstances, he might not " disable" his adversary ! This note is so characteristic and such an essential part of this affair, that I here give its very words; so far as it relates to this point. It ran thus

> " Information received from Col. Tainall since I got into the carriage may induce me to change my mind, of not returning Mr. Clay's fire. I seek not his death. I would not have his blood upon my hands-it will not be upon my soul if shed in self defence-tor the world. He has determined, by the use of a long, preparatory caption by words, to to get time to kill me. May I not, then, disable him ! Yes if I please."

It has been seen by the statement of Gen. Jesup, already given, that this " information " was a misapprehenion; that Mr Clay had not applied for a prolongation of time for the purpose of getting sure sim, but only to enable his unused hand, long unfamiliar with the pistol, to fire within the limited time; that there was no prelongation, in fact, elther granted or insisted upon ; but he was in doubt and Gen. Jesup having won the word, he was having him repeat it in the way he was to give it out, when his finger touched the bair trigger. How onwould have set all right, and saved the imminent risk incurred. This maniry, " May I not disable life or honor, my best wishes were with him He speak with seconds or principals. I had crossed bim 3" was still on Mr. Randulph's mind, and dehis only object was to disable him, and spoil his aim. And then added, with a beauty of expression and a depth of feeling which me studied oratory can ever attain, and which I shall never lorget, these impressive words: " I would not have seen him full mortally or even doubtfully wounded, for all the land that is watered by the King of Floods and all his tributary streams." He left to resume his post, puerly refusing to explain out of the Senate, anything that he had said in it, and with the positive declaration that he would not return the next fire. I withdrew a littleway into the woods, and kept my eyes fixed upon Mr. Randolph, who I then knew to be fire of Mr. Clay, saw the gravel knocked up in the same place, raw Mr. Randolph raise his pistoldischarge it into the air-heard him say, " I do not fire at you. Mr. Clay"-and immediately advancing, and offering his hand. He was met in the same dolph saying jocosely, " You owe me a coat, Mr. Clay"-(the bullet had passed through the skirt of the coat, very near the hip)-to which Mr Clay promptly and happily replied, "I am glad the dela is no greater." I had some up, and was prompt to proclaim what I had been obliged to keep secret for eight days. The joy of all was extreme at this happy termination of a most critical affair, and we immediately left, with lighter hearts han we bro't. I stopped to sop with Mr. Randolph and his friends -none of us wanted dinner that day-and had a characteristic time of it. A runner came in from time, and at your counter.11 And with that answer dolah said. "I will pay it on Monday; people must be honest, if banks are not." He asked for the sealed paper he had given me, opened it, took out a check for \$1 000, drawn in my favor, and with which I was requested to have him carried, if killed. to Virginia, and buried under his patrimonial baks-not let him be buried at Washington, with an hundred backs after him. He took the gold from his left breeches nocket, and said in us. (Hamilton. Fatnall and I.) " Gentlemen, Clay's bad shooting shan't tob you of your seals. I am going to London, and will have them made for you," which he did, and most characteristically, so far as mine was concerned. He went to the herald's office in London, and inquired for the Benton family, of which I had often told him there was none, as we only dated on that side from my grandfather in North Carolina. But the name was found, and with it a coat of arms-among the quarterings a fion rampant. That is the family, said he; and had the arms engraved on the seal, the same which I have since habitually worn, and added the monto, Factis non perbis. of which he was alterwards accustomed t say, the non should be changed into ct. But, enough. From into these details, not merely to relate an event, but to show character; and it I have not done it, it is not for want of material, but of ability to use it. On Monday the parties exchanged cards, and social relations were formally and courteensly restored. It was about the last high-toned duel that have witnessed, and among the highest toned that I have ever witnessed, and so happily conducted to a fortunate issue, a result due to the noble charac-