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A MYSTERY.

WRITTEN FOR THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN. STRAYING from the portals bright Of a summer sunset proud, Softly stole the meliaw light

Through a fleecy, purple cloud, And, around the turrets high Ot a castle grim and old,
Where the plaintive zephyrs sigh,
Wreathed a transient crown of gold. How the tender ivies clung To the broken lichen wall

Softly through those silent shades, Stole the brooklet's limpid notes, Breathing of the forest glades Where the song of wood bird floats.

Lady Agnes, still and cold, h Like a broken lily, lay, Shrouded in that flood of gold,

Of the breezes o'er her brow, Or upon the shattered strings Of her lute, or, sometimes, how Angels swept them with their wings. Hushed for aye was love's faint sigh, Bounding pulse, and tender word; Paled the deep carnation dye— Hope no more her bosom stirred.

Who had done the tragic deed, We, on earth, may never know; But 'twas said, a dashing steed

Crossed the draw-bridge-white as snow,-Bearing off the haughty Lord
Who had sought in vain her hand—
Never to the festive board.
Came again Lord Altamand.

OUR CHARLEY.

fust sixteen upon the night of the great storm, when I and all of us thought in our hearts It had met for a thousand miles. The dark- arrived; but they were in time to assist in ness and the noise were hideous; but, worse bringing Phebe up the cliff. We heard nothstill, the pauses, when the powers of air seemed to be gathering strength for some hall, and at the parlor door-all safe. more tremendous effort and when the lightning showed for an instant the long line of to prove to you how brave a boy he was. white and shuddering cliff, and the black istences, one of which is not without a cer- hundred feet beneath them, as town bred lads of this kind then to dread for Charley. The tain terror for us. Whenever I have chanced to be called up at night, from illness in the house or other cause, although I soon get my brain in order for working purposes, I am a longitime coming to myself, the husiness of the longitime coming to myself, the husiness of this king then to dread for Charley. The longitime to dread for Charley. The longitime is the longitime to dread for Charley. The longitime is the longitime in the longitime in the longitime is a longitime in the longitime in the longitime is a longitime. The longitime is a longitime in the longitime is a longitime in the longitime in the longitime is a longitime in the longitime in the longitime in the longitime is a longitime in the longitime in the longitime in the longitime is a longitime in the longitime On this night of the tempest we were all ex- fused, perhaps, besides, with the swinging, the peril threateded me; remember our last talk cessively terrified. It was long before the fisher had let the rope slip through his fingers; rywhere,) and, when that was done, we were agitation he made a futile grasp at it and afer's faces. Poor Janet-but fourteen then other more rapidly than I can write of them, with her brown hair hanging about her the two boys were left in their living tomb, little fellow, while his teeth chattered with screaming, so as to be heard even through

"you are not surely mad enough to venture take advantage of them. The boys looked at out in such a night as this?"

"Yes, mother, I am; why not? "In such a night as this

When the sweet wind did gently kiss the trees, We read it, you know the other night. I am

going after Jessica-Phœbe Taylor, that isthat this spring tide, with such a gale to help it, will more than reach their cottage, and the old man can never carry her away with-

He spoke of the bedridden wife of a superannuated fisherman, who, in defiance of the just a little, a very little shaken, poor fellow, warnings of his companions, had set up his when it gets to the last message,) some such old boat by way of a house, in the corner of the lay, just above high water mark.

Directly Charley mentioned this, we knew at once the danger to which this aged couple my dearest love to all at home. - Charley. must already be exposed, for it wanted but an hour or so to full tide; but the dangers

of a rescue were not less.
"Remember, Charles," cried I, " that these three children have nobody to look to for protection in the world, save you."

"Oh, yes," laughed he gaily; "there's Herbert; ain't there, Herbert? Besides

ing open of the hall door, and its being jammed against the wall by the blast, announced the boy's departure. Then we felt deserted indeed. The two maids were blown down in the passage, in their attempt to shut the were living beings there then engaged in their her long, but loved her dearly, and had the shadow this fair picture. Again the soldier carries heaven, and carth, and all realms in

low him sounded so near and awful, that he seemed to be descending into the sea; a slip, would now have been certain death to him. There was a light still burning in the wood, en hut, however, which guided him aright, and gave him spirit, for it told him that he was next to large the eloved dead.

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save her. He had attempted to do so, however, for the poor woman was partly dressed and had been lifted on to a chair. She was trying, as Charles entered the hut, to persuade her husband to leave her to her fate; "but, since it is your time to die," Phœbe," said the old man, "I seem to have lived in ble a spectacle as that of this ancient couple.

There was no doubt whatever about the reality of their heroism, for the spray of the still

lanterns, to see what could be done for them. that we should never live to see another day! They dared not, in such a night as this, howthe whole Atlantic raging at, our feet, and ever, take the shortest way which lay across the south west, wind, in its unbroken fury, the Down, and had been much delayed, so pouring upon our low-roofed cottage the that the light in the little room was quenched, first opponent, save a few mastless ships, that and the hut itself far out to sea, when they

ing of them until the party were in the little

I will tell you one thing more of Charley One of his chief pleasures was to join the mass of waters rising in wrath to overwhelm fisher lads in their perilous expeditions, after We women were all up, and in the par- the nests of the eider duck, and for the eggs of other sea fowl. With the aid of an iron at which four hours before we had sat, and bar and a rope, he would swing himself over laughed, and eaten, listening to the rising the face of the steepest cliffs, and into caverns tempest, not without a selfish sort of comfort which one would have thought no creature nings. Upon Between twelve o'clock, for instance, to the would be excellent fun to go down together. sands. If the wind was favorable, we could

the more frightened with looking in each oth- ter one or two vibrations, succeeding one an-

shoulders, and her large eyes starting out of with the means of escape indeed within sight, their bed! Herbert-thirteen-very pale, but only to tantalize them with its proximity: with his mouth set in an artificial smile, poor seven or eight feet of fathomless space lay between them and it-a situation to them. horror! Small Alice, in fits of tears and who well understood it more awfully perilous even than it seems. No vessel ever that tempest, and both the maids pictures of came near enough, on account of the breakabject terror! Presently, while the house ers, to see any signal such as they could make was rocking to and fro like a tree, in rushed from the sea; they had left no word at home Master Charley, deessed, and with his Glengary cap on.—"Now, girls," cried he, "who should they be found, it was very improbable should they be found, it was very improbable that means could be devised for their rescue.

one another in blank dismay, as they thought | ly recovered. of all these things. "My poor dear mother," said the fisher lad, with a groan, for he was her only hope. "Supposing one dropped," asked Charley, thoughtfully, after a few moments, "would this the carry one for certain onto the shore in thoushing bay?" "Yes,"

corpse Master Charles." "God alone knows that," quoth. Charley; "we must trust in Him." He wrote down upon a slip of paper (which I now possess, with the writing-

words as these: "Robert Harris is in the Gull's Hole upon Wadden Cliff he has lost hold of the rope, and must have help at once: He put this up in his case bottle, taking the cup off at the bottom, so that the writing might be seen as once through the glass, and outtoned it up in his coat pocket. "My people are richer than yours. Bob, and can petter spare me," cried he. "I am going to is almost as much in the world, and quite as leap at the rope, old fellow, let us shake civilized a town as your Southampton. Ar-

hands." The lad tried to persuade him not den is here, and will take his leave at the which, you will not get rid of me so easily; which, you will see me again anon, bearing the love by Phosbe in my arms."

A tremendous crash, occasioned by the flying onen of the hell down and its hairs.

In east tree to persuade min not same time with us for England. How I to risk it, but rather to hope for rescue by means less desperate. But—"Don't unnerve means less desperate. But—"Don't unnerve means less desperate. But—"Don't unnerve child."

Not more than we longed for them, be "In what?" said the young man of letters, in the control of the fly"In once, twice, thrice, and here goes." The "Once, twice, thrice, other hid his face while the spring was taken, sure! How we pleased ourselves with imlistening for the far off splash, perhaps, that agining what sort of person—pretty and good listening for the far off splash, perhaps, that agining what sort of person—pretty and good hundred thousand francs, and—,," "Well, should tell him his friend was dead, who had tempered, we were certain—Charles's Ellen and you have not? Never mind; its all the spoken to him the instant before. But when would be! And that sweet baby, too, whom spoken to min the instant belove. But which we loved in advance ever so much, and kiss- le looked up, our Charley was holding well we loved in advance ever so much, and kiss- I have two millions!" The husband forgave he had a way of his own.—N. Y. Mercury. door again, and the rush of wind into all on to the rope, only he was deadly pale. He ed, and dandled, and made much of, already parts of the house became so violent, that I got to the cave again in safety and the two in anticipation! Whether would our Charley was in momentary expectation of its litting rescued lads came up to life again, with their himself be changed or no? How much the roof off. Our only comfort seemed to pockets stuffed with eider down. Charles would be have to tell us, after his five years' be gazing at the lighthouse. We had been was a brave boy-his widowed mother's dar- absence! What a merry, merry Christmas the weariness, the anxiety, the burden of life inside it but a few days before, and it was, ling and mine, in whose care she left it would surely be! —how wonderful seems God's work! for he in a manner, cheering to know that there him and beloved by all. He did not know that there him and beloved by all.

then -" she is listening to us now," he said. "I shall see her in my dreams to-night; she is quite close to/us. I begged him not to talk thus, and remind-

ed him that it was time to go within. "Nay," said he, but let us once more ever happens, I well know. Heaven bless as the bones are not united to their epiphyclimb the Down." So we toiled up the steep you all." behind us in silence, under the innumerable

"See you," said he, when we had reached this world long enough." No two young the summit, "yon steadfast lights on ocean? There rides a nlighty fleet the guardian anter the French fashion, were ever half so no gels of our land, and all night long they keep strict watch and ward because of us. There were they, still, though hid from view, until we gained the headland, and there will they rising tide had already begun to patter against their refuge, and they knew that the end must be very near indeed. Charles and the some spirit watching over them, although unthink with some of v : few souls but have of fate, on which hang human lives; our heart- and I have arrived at the result that the norold man together had to wade very deep before they got poor. Phebe to the foot of the path, up which, with such a birden, they were earthly, and the fleet sails round to us."

night: the two coast-guard men had also be it to be a false and weak one, -but to prove those "three!" After nearly two months of place in the camel at eight years of age, and but all our island knows him. He was, but thought them of the perilous situation of the that he was no mere samphire gatherer and wearing hopes and fears, the names were public lives forty years; in the horse at five years. Taylors, and had come from the station with pillager of gull's nests, a youth of nerves and lished, giving joy to other households—to and he lives twenty-five years; in the ox at sinews only. Had he been so, would Janet, the enthusiastic the poetess, have ever loved him so dearly as she did? Would gentle Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full Alice, for whom I have heard him weave full he wrote us a sad letter, with but one cold he wrote us a sad letter was a sad letter. many a fairy tale? Would Herby, whose gleam of hope, in a report that he had heard a necessary consequence of the prolongation Benton," bringing into question a settlement young head he filled with visions of tilt and

long time coming to myself: the business away from the increased friction at the sum- The ship had been wrecked with awful loss of I think most people will feel what I mean. myriads of nests which lay within, and con-

> pecial mention. Observing a young lady— our guest.
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> Miss Claud, daughter of Lieutenant-General "There of Claud, of the Bengal army, who was on her thoughtless Alice, presently, clapping her way to join har father in Calcutta—unprovid-hands.

due time they were married, and last Janua- will tell you no more news." or she will be drowned else. I am certain said the other, "and within the next hour to ry wrote us a most enthusiastic account of a certainty, but it would be only as a dead their little boy, then exactly a month old, and , already beginning to take a great deal of

notice." "Next Christmas," wrote our Charley, we hope all three to spend in the beloved island,

Where groves of pine on either hand To break the blasts of winter, stand, And, east and west, the hoary Channel Tumbles a breaker on chalk and sand;

Where underneath the milky steep, The ships of battle slowly creep,
And on through zones of light and shadow,
Glimmer away to the lonely deep."

We have the latest poetic accounts of you, you see, up here at Fusabad, which, indeed,

usual occupation, and even counteracting to strangest thoughts about her always. He drowded ships began to pass in quick succes-

some extent the awful effects of the storm. thought that she was near to him, and upon som before us over the eastward sea; but some extent the awain enects of the storm. In ought that she was near to him, and upon afterwards affirmed, in order to offer as little grow conscious of her presence. The night resistance to the wind as possible, and absorbefore he left us as we wandered in and out the storm of the wind as possible, and absorbefore he left us as we wandered in and out the storm of the left us as we wandered in and out the storm. M. Flourens, the distinguished French they bore with them? How prayerfully, in which he announces that the normal perimeters that the normal perimeters the storm of the left us as we wandered wears. lutely feeling his way foot by foot, our Charthe rocks by the sea shore, and round the to the rifle-ball and bayonet! One day we od of the life of man is one hundred years: ley had reached the path that winds down to the beach. Here, away from the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which, from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which, from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which, from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which, from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which, from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which, from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which from him who all the trees, and down the level sands, all grown so doubly worst fears; words which we worst fears which we work the trees where the trees which we work the trees which we work the trees which we work the trees where the trees which we work the trees where the t

With our eyes upon that boundless world of any addition to our little band of European times as long as the period of growth. M. waters darkening as the night drew on, with soldiers; there is mutiny all around us; and Flourens, from his own observations and that whisper of eternity breaking softly on this is probably the last dawk that will go those of his predecessors, is of opinion that

situation, and God grant that they may be was not known. M. Florens has ascertainright; but I-I saw her last night, and you ed that period, and thereun lies his present know what I hold such a sight to mean.— theory. "It consists," stys he, "in the un-You will not soon forget me and mine, what-

were fired upon; all the civilians in the sta- ing to M. Flourens, at the age of twenty; tion massacred save three." Never, surely, and, consequently, he proclaims that the nathral oracle of old the power to cast in despair, ural duration of life is five times twenty to excite to passionate hope, to agonise by years. "It is now fifteen years," he says, suspense, its credulous believers, that this world-traversing dumb sibyl possesses in siological law of the duration of life, both in these days. Its wires are as the very threads man and in some of our domestic animals, them shudder in unison. "Save three." In Yes, a century's life is what Providence on the Lecompton Constitution was submit and his life; and, although he could not

farther than any other dewy eyes in Britain. Our roof, I think, is the last English home a very terrible interest. By this time an order of the lagrange that the last English home a very terrible interest. By this time and forty, because it is only at that age that the Our roof, I think, is the last English home the exile sees, and the first speck which after weary years grows gradual to the sight on his return. Through all the war in the Ortuca we saw the very flast of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron, the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds streaming on the horizon's last of every squadron the horizon's last of every squadron the smoke clouds at the body does not grow properties. The horizon the horizon's last of every squadron the horizon's last of every squadron the horizon's last of every sq sate and warm on land. There is a strange one occasion, ne went out with another youth, difference observable under all circumstances with only one strong rope between them, and, between hours, whatever they may be, devot instead of one remaining above the precipice of the sate of the strong top of the seasons themselves could of the first glummering of those such change upon nature as it seemed, in the mulation of fat. After the growth, or more with apparent authority into history," between hours, whatever they may be, devot- ed to wakefulness and those given to rest. Between twelve o'clock, for instance, to the would be excellent fun to go down together. lady of fashion, and three o'clock, it she hap-

tween ten and one to persons who live domestic, quiet lives like ourselves; quite apart from the contrast which the gaiety and brightness of the one, and the loneliness and darkness which the other, must of course when the other, must of course which is not without a certain the product of this kind then as town bred lads. remembered that our little household is a occupied—of labor, of study, of moderation, very simple one, and alone in the world, and of sobriety in all things." that our Charley was all in all to us.

life himself picked up exhausted; but "all's er that was to bring Captain Arden might be so, M. Flourens answers triumphantly the familiar places unnatural, and my friends themselves what the Scotch call "uncanny."

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The familiar places unnatural, and my friends the footing and held the rope fast while Charles well," he wrote, "as far as I am concerned, expected, and we watched for it attentively, ments, man does not de, he kills himself!"

A slip of particular than had followed that retreating vessel at great length, of Cornaro, of the familiar places unnatural than had followed that retreating vessel at great length, of Cornaro, of the familiar places unnatural than had followed that retreating vessel at great length, of Cornaro, of the familiar places unnatural than had followed that retreating vessel at great length, of Cornaro, of the familiar places unnatural than had followed that retreating vessel at great length, of the familiar places unnatural than had followed that retreating

Herbert had been despatched to South show that by prudence and above all, sobriupon the shore." There was not a word in ampton to await the Captain, and bring him ety, life can easily be extended to a century candles could be lit, (the wind got in so eve-once only it swung within distance, but in his his account of the shipwreck of this incident, on to us at once; so that, when the black ship or more. which we read of in the newspapers: - went by at dawn, we knew that we should Among other deeds of heroism during the see him that same evening. As the afterconfusion, and when it was plain that the ship | noon wore on, we got to be so unaccountably must go to pieces in a few minutes, that of a Mr. Charles Brooke, E. I. C. S., deserves estermined to walk up the cliff road to meet wistful and anxious, that the girls and I de-

"There comes the carriage," exclaimed

ed with a life preserver, he removed his own A look from her sister reminded her at from his wais, and fastened it around her; once of the tidings which our visitor must and in the water afterwards perceiving her to needs have to tell us, and the poor girl (who be drifting out to sea, he brought her by in- has as loving a heart as any of us,) hung her credible exertions under the protection of the head down and let fall her veil. She must headland, and into the bay, where she was have been mistaken, however, about the carrescued. Mr Brooke was picked up subse- riage, as it must have by this time emerged that means could be devised for their rescue. Trescued. Mr Brooke was picked up subserving, as it must have by this time emerged quently insensible; but we are happy to state round the corner of the rock. Instead of this, while they had still the strength and spirit to quently insensible; but we are happy to state round the corner of the rock. Instead of this, that this noble young fellow has since entirely recovered. If this had happened two "Arden is not come on," cried he, "but I

years later, we should not have considered have seen him; he has brought the best of the proceeding so entirely disinterested, as news, the very best: the baby is saved—Elafter that period Miss Claud began to figure len is saved—Charley is saved: the rajah took in his letters pretty frequently under the the very greatest care of the whole family. more familiar title of "dearest Ellen." In Now don't get white and foolish, Janet, or I "They are here," murmured Janet, faintly;

they are all here, I know." "Well, dearest, I was going to tell you that myself: they are waiting round the cliff yonder, till you have quite made up your

minds to see them." And there in very truth they were—the three: the crowing baby, the fair wife, and our own Charley, safe in their island home. Thanks be to Heaven, we had indeed a time of great joy. I would that by every English hearth, this year, the vacant chairs had been as blithely filled !- Titan.

A MAGNANIMOUS HUSBAND. Not long since, a widow, one of those whom we are in which he saved from his Presidency of four the habit of calling well preserved, by the years. name of Madame R——, yielding to the ardent solicitations of one of the literary men of Paris, married him. On returning from same to me." "No, that is not it exactly;

When we think of the labor required to rear the few that are in our householdthe weariness, the anxiety, the burden of life

Period of Human Life. M. FLOURENS, the distinguished French the beach. Here, away from the trees, and in the open, it was not so pitchy dark, and the gusts being dead against him, only nailed him to the cliff without danger of sweeping him from off it, which, had it changed to a point or two more westward, it would have done at once, like a knife. The turnult below the cliff without danger of sweeping and the level sands, all grown so doubly down the level sands, all grown so doubly down the level sands, all grown so doubly dways took the most cheering view of matters, filled us with cruel grief.

"It is folly," wrote he, "to disguise our position any longer. The irregular cavalry between the large of this truth, and his observations led him to conclude that the life memory, that we should come at last to her. With the large of growth. M.

Our Charley never wrote to us again. The very next telegraph ran thus:—"An outbreak of the I. C. at Fusabad; their officers bones and the epiphyses takes place, accord-

since I commenced researches into the phy-

of some Europeans of Fusabad being still alive of life to which M. Flourens assures man he

may be disposed to ask why it is that of men The time had now arrived when the steam- destined to live a hundred years, so few do

The Wealth of our Statesmen.

brary, and given for it live times its value. he would with difficulty have kept the wolf from his door.

Madison saved money, and was comparatively rich. To add to his fortunes, however, or rather to those of his widow, Congress purchased his manuscript papers, and paid thirty thousand dollars for them.

James Monroe, the hith President of the Inited States, died so poor that his remains found a resting place through the charity of one of the citizens. John Quency Adams left some hundred

and fifty thousand dollars, the result of indus- him for some time and with much animation. man of method and economy.

Martin Van Buren is very rich. Through out his political life he has studiously looked out for his own interest. It is not believed he ever spent thirty shillings in politics .--His party shook the bush, and he caught the

Daniei Webster squandered some millions in his lifetime, the product of his profession and his political speculations. He died. leaving his property to his children, and his debts to his friends. The former sold for less than twenty thousand dollars—the latter exceeded two hundred and fifty thousand. Henry Clay left a very handsome estate. It probably exceeded one hundred thousands

dollars. He was a prudent manager, and a scrupulously honest man. Jumes K. Polk left about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars-fifty thousand of John Tyler is worth fifty thousand dollars.

Before he reached the Presidency he was bankrupt. In office, he husbanded his means, and then married a rich wife. Zachary Taylor left one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Millard Fillmore is a wealthy man, and

keeps his money in a very strong and safe Ex-President Pierce saved some fifty thousand dollars from his term of service. But

Spriggles says, that, although there is no such thing as muzzling the press in this country, there is a plenty of book muslin.

Quills are things that are sometimes taken from the pinions of one goose to spread generally he gave vent to the strongest emothe opinions of another.

THE TWO PROPOSITIONS. "CURBSTONE," of the New York Sun, perpetrates

To settle the Kansas imbroglio, one day, The House and the Senate were worried;
The one answered yes, and the other said nay,
And "Old Buck" was distressedly flurried.

Billy English appears-and unfolds in his hands A plan, steeped in cunning and knavery; He says, "Give the Kansas folks millions of lands. If they'll swallow Lecompton and Slavery!"

Even so, all the kingdoms of earth to Messiah
Were shown by the Spirit of Evil;
"All these will I give," said the boasting old liar,
"Only fall down and worship the Devil!"

BENTON ON THE ADMINISTRATION.

Letter from F. P. Blair, Sen. To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.

Sin: I enclose you my father's reply to

in the revolted district, under the protection is entitled, he modifies very considerably his versation between Col. Benton and myself, a It was terrible the parting from a lad like of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of a native rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in of anative rajah, but we were sunk too deep in different ages. "I prolong the duration of infancy," says he, "up to ten years, because it is from nine to ten that the second denting the would have as this. Wa gave the writer credit for good as this. Wa gave the writer credit for good intentions, but were not more wretched when intentions of the Tribune, who reported its subtance to that press. The Colonel's strong-that the development of the bones ceases, that the development of the bones ceases, were and most characteristic expressions were, that the development of the bones ceases, and was infancy," says he, "up to ten years, because it is at that age to the days before his death, of winder to several members of Congress, and was infancy," says he, "up to ten years, because it is at that age to twenty years, because it is ness I could have given it to the reporter had conversed with him personally at the time

he prepared his letter for the press. Mr. Jones begins his "explicit contradic-

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the laughing sea had bethe hang its positive charge of malico and men- to him by the enemy at Trafalgar; Wolfe. dacity," which it insidiously aims to bring home to me, for Mr. Jones's only other attempt at contradiction amounts merely to a negative that he was privy to the remarks attributed to Col. Benton. He says, second: "No such remarks as those set out in the last paragraph, nor those in the previous one. which imply an invidious sectional distinction were ever made by Col. Benton in my presence;" and to corroborate these important contradictions, Mr. Jones calls Mr. Jacob Hall as a witness, as the only person to whom (as he believed) the description can Jeffersor died comparatively poor. In Japply of an old and intimate friend from deed, if Congress had not purchased his li-Missouri who had a conversation with Col. Benton during the last week of his life. Although he thus formerly adduces Mr. Hall to testify that he had no such conversation with him, he well knew from the minute description of the scene by the correspondent the conversation with Col. Benton I have reof the Tribune that I was the "old and intimate friend" to whom allusion was made;-

and, in fact, in describing it himself, he al ludes to me expressly when he says: "A of the Presidents the latter declaring that visitor came in—a gentleman whose pressed himself in unmistakable terms ence was calculated to stir still deeper the of friendship toward the President, commend fountains of memory, and was gladly welcomed by Col. Benton, and conversed with The former speaks of "a further example of try, prudence and inheritence. He was a The effect was too much for the exhausted expressed at interviews subsequent to the frame and exhausted voice, and a moment or

> obliged to be desisted from."
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> Mr. Jones who was at work some distance from the bed over which I leaned to catch the whispers of Col. Benton's "exhausted voice" in my ear, can, as safely as Mr. Hall, who was not in the house, declare that the remarks made to me were not made in his with him was the dominant idea-peace and

Washington, ten days before his death, he the President, through which the vexing (Col. B.) was "too much inclined to good-will to say anything that could wound or irand is the adoption of the Lecompton Cosritate;" and Mr. Hall's corroborating testi-stitution.

I will now proceed to show, from recorded. mony may be true that no such sentiments as those attributed to Col. Benton by the evidence in Col. Benton's own handwriting writer of that article (the article in the Tri- that he was opposed to Mr. Buchanan and bune denied by Junes) "were expressed by his administration, that he was opposed tohim during any of those interesting convertible speedy settlement of the Territorial sations" Mr. Hall held with him. Col. Ben-question in relation to Slavery in the mode ton understood too well what belonged to propriety "to wound or irritate" the feelings of trary, he was resolved on the agitation of the ton understood too well what belonged to pro-Mr. Jones or Mr. Hall by denouncing an subject, until the opinion of the Supreme Administration to persons who were its beneficiaries. Mr. Jones was just returned troduction of slaves, was rendered abortive from a foreign employment; he had his accounts to settle in the Department, he was grateful for the patronage he had received, he was opposed to Mr. Buchanan not merely and might receive more. Mr. Hall is a large on the score of his pending measures, but mail contractor, and has great expectations because he has recently given in his adhesion from an Administration which grants favors to principles adverse to Gen. Jackson's card to none but its devotees. It would have been inal doctrine in reference to the independence unpardonable, then, in Col. Benton to make of the legislative and executive departments either of these gentlemen listeners to denun- of political decisions of the Supremo Court.

ciations of an Administration which they and because he believed him anti-Democratic would be obliged to receive in silence, while at heart. it wounded their feelings and might possibly In proof of the first position, I give the affect their interest. But to me and to many following extract of a biographical notice of of his friends in Congress he was under no him prepared by an intimate personal friend, such restraint, and to them and the public which was subjected to Co. Benton's revis-

tellect. His masterly philippic against the whole policy of the Administration built upon the Dred Scott decision—his exposure of the whole band of conspirators against the Union, designated under the name of Nullifiers, to whom he ascribes all the troubles of the country for years, and on whom he charges, in his examination of that decision, the packing of the Supreme Court to assist them in the destruction of the principles of the Constitution and overthrow of the Government, proves that even after he was struck down with disease he was not so tamed as to be incapable of making what Mr. Jones call-"the invidious sectional distinction" of declaring his respect for "the great service Mr. Clay had rendered to the Republic at that time (1850) by baffling and putting down the traitorous Secessionists of the South."

That this feeling, manifest throughout the volume published after he was struck down, the card of William Carey Jones, in relation and which he declared was his last will and to the opinions of the late Mr. Benton. It testament, was the ruling passion in death is proper that I should say that I communica- was most strikingly shown in the conversated to your reporter the particulars of the tion I had with him off the occasion referred interview between Col. Benton and my father, to by Mr. Jones, the last but one before hiand requested him to publish them. I had death. It was my habit to cheer him always previously asked my father's consent to their with happy views of the success of our cause. publication, which he cheerfully gave, in the belief that it was honorable to Col. Benton to make it known that at such a moment he him and told him of the good effect Mr. should be forgetful of himself and concerned | Crittenden's measure would have; that comonly for the public safety. At the same time ing from him, and being perfectly fair, it I stated to your reporter that I had held free made it impossible that the agitators of the quent conversations with Col. Benton, in South could excite a feeling there to promote which he had expressed similar sentiments in their designs. This animated him, and his language equally emphatic. Among other mind recurred with fervor to the contest Mr conversations, I recollect distinctly, when I Clay had with the nullifiers in 1850, which he saw him soon after Mr. Buchanan's message had then under review in closing his work ted to Congress, he said, alluding to the speak above his breath, he gave to his utter-

bored to give to his sense of what he called the noble patriotism and glorious aloquence. of Mr. Clay in his struggle against the encmies of the Union. The spot on his face. produced by the burning cancer within glowed as his excitement increased. His burst of rapture over-which carried him back to the scenes in the Senate-he fell into his familiar tone with me, and added-" Sir. he throttled the rascals! he throttled thema! and as if to call my attention to it, he said Rhett particularly." I have recurred to the debate since, and find the following ref crence to Mr. Rhett, which was extorted from Mr. Clay by Mr. Barnwell. Mr. Clay. after he had named Rhett, added "If he pronounced the sentiment attributed to him of raising the standard of disunion and of resistance to the common Government, what ever he has been, if he follows up that declaration by overt acts, he will-be a traitors and I hope will meet the fate of a traiter. Freat applause in the gallery

y suppressed by the Chair. who died happy in the arms of victory on the Hights of Abraham, did not die more exultingly than Benton, when convinced that the plots and hopes of the nullifiers were con-

I am sensible that after a man is dead eve ry statement in regard to his political opinions made by any individual engaged in the public controversy should be scrupulously sifted and receive no absolute' credence anless corroborated by proof incapable of perversion. Now, although my statement of Col. Benton's remarks was made four days before his death, and was published in the Tribune before the event, I will bring the test to settle the controversy into which land dragged by those who would serve the Ad ministration, and whoatherefore have attempt ed a contradiction of the hostility to it which counted would evidence was felt by him.-Mr. Jones and Mr. Hall unite in the effort to make the impression that he was a friend " he expressed himself in unmistakable terms ing his honesty and uprightness of purpose." which was shown in the satisfaction which he time (my visit) with the President and Sectwo after the visitor retired, the labor was retary of State," and both these testifiers agree in the stereotyped phraseology used in recommending the executive measure, that with respect to the particular question (the Lecompton fraud) then vexing Congress and the country, his own desire was that it should. be speedily settled in a way to promote what union among the States." Everybody knows -Mr. Jones believes that after he reached that the only way then or now left open by

the speedy settlement of the Territorial

tions of his patriotic heart and powerful in and which, in giving the private motives and