

From the Washington Union. Mr. Buchanan's Speech at the Banquet to Lord Elgin.

At a splendid banquet given in London, on the evening of the 6th ult., to Lord Elgin, Governor-General of Canada, Mr. Buchanan was present and responded to a toast by the Earl of Ellesmere as follows:

"The Earl of Ellesmere, in highly complimentary terms proposed, 'the health of his Excellency the American Minister'; and, in doing so, referred to his own recent visit to the United States, to the hospitable reception which he received there, and to the impression which all that he had seen in the western world had left upon him.

"Mr. Buchanan then rose and said: My lords and gentlemen, I come to England anticipating that I might find myself a stranger in a strange land; but after the first hour, I have never failed to feel myself at home in any society of Englishmen which has been my good fortune to meet. In the name of my countrymen, I thank your lordship (the Earl of Ellesmere) most cordially for the kind sentiment which you have proposed in favor of my country, and myself as its representative.

"There are thousands on the other side of the Atlantic who will respond to the universal sentiment of approbation in this country, when they learn that his sovereign has conferred upon him one of the highest and proudest marks of distinction which it was in her power to bestow. May he long live to enjoy it! Certain I am that the penalty denounced by the motto of the garter will never reach either his heart or his hand.

"I would express myself to the commendation of my own countrymen. Under his enlightened government, the Majesty's North American provinces have realized the blessings of a wise, prudent, and prosperous administration; and we of the neighboring nation, though jealous of our rights, have reason to be abundantly satisfied with his just and friendly conduct towards ourselves.

Montrose Democrat.

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NORTHERN PENN. E. B. CHASE & ALVIN DAY, EDITORS.

Montrose, Thursday, May 4, 1854.

Democratic State Nominations.

For Governor, WILLIAM BIGLER, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

For Judge of Supreme Court, JEREMIAH S. BLACK, OF SEWERSPORT TOWNSHIP.

For Canal Commissioner, HENRY S. MOTT, OF PIKE COUNTY.

We are under obligations to Hon. JAS. COOPER, of U. S. Senate, Hon. Wm. M. FAY, of State Senate, and Passmore and Deegan, of the House, for valuable public favors.

The Senate on Friday last passed the House resolution for a final adjournment, with amendment, substituting the 9th for the 2d of May. The House afterward struck out the 9th and inserted the 4th.

We learn that Gov. BIGLER has signed the Bill providing for the sale of the main line of the Public Works.

We learn that the Lancaster Bar have invited Judge Jesser to take a place on the Bench of that District, and are urging Governor BIGLER to appoint him till the election next fall, at which time they agree to elect him.

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Editorial Correspondence.

HARRISBURG, April 22.

DEAR DEM.—I wrote you a week ago to-night, and then told you that I probably would not write you again before the close of the Session, but I happen to have a little leisure this evening,--our weeks work being over. By the way, did you get my last letter in time? The mails were blocked up with snow between here and Philadelphia two whole days.

The House has finally agreed on a day of adjournment,--a week from next Tuesday,--but we have had back luck with the Appropriation bill, and I learn to-night that it is doubtful whether the Senate will concur with our Resolution. It looks as though we should not be able to get the Bill through both Branches by that time, in which event I suppose we shall have to stay longer.

We have finally got the Bill for the sale of the Maine Line through both branches. I had the pleasure of signing it Thursday night last, and it is now in the hands of the Governor, whose signature it will certainly receive. The price fixed below which no bids shall be entertained, is ten millions of dollars, two millions of which must be paid in ninety days from acceptance.

It is a most serious accusation, and the defence of the Board is entitled to a careful perusal, and the fullest confidence. CANAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Harrisburg, April 22, 1854.

As rumors have been put afloat in relation to a reduction of tolls, which, if left uncontradicted, might have the effect to depreciate the value of the main line. If the bill for the sale should become a law, the Board deem it due to the Legislature to place before it a true statement of the case.

The Board, in fixing that time, were satisfied that the bill for the sale of the main line would be officially disposed of by the Executive, before the resolution went into effect.

The Bill for the re-organization of the School system is on final passage in the House. We shall reach and pass it the first thing when the Appropriation Bill shall be finally disposed of and sent to the Senate.

More than one half of the counties were struck out of the amendment in Committee of the Whole, besides being so mutilated otherwise as to destroy its efficiency.

I have received several letters, and quite a number of petitions, urging me to pass a Bill for the erection of a county poor house, similar in its provisions to the Bill passed for Wayne county in 1850.

The New York Courier says: "We have it in our power to state that Mr. BRICHMAN has received official assurances from England, that no attempt will be made to enforce any claim to the services of such of her subjects as have become naturalized citizens of the United States."

The river is now in the finest rafting order. Not so much lumber as usual has gone down this season. It is bringing high prices in this market I understand.

Life in Washington.

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Before I came to this anti-generating, dust-clouded, fever-and-sneeze capital, in the height of my ignorance, I regarded Mr. C.'s very large and healthy specimens of treasury vaulps--as occupying a sort of neutral ground, or compromise line, if you choose to call it, between the breach of trust and the down-right swindling genus; and, therefore, beyond the reach of the myrmidons of the law, although not beyond the reach of the Brutusses of the shingle size press.

It is a mark of a sound, if not of a great mind, when in error, to own up. The illustrious Clay, after having stayed from the great republicanism, in his last days, retreated to his own private residence, and there, in the true Democratic faith, and coming down several steps lower, why should not I, and my brother units of this blessed Union--when conviction is forced upon us--honestly acknowledge that our members of Congress are a well absent set of men, and are miserably paid for their political services and pecuniary sacrifices?

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Mr. Greeley and a Northern Republic.

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Mr. Greeley is of late devoting the columns of the Tribune to speculations upon the value of the Union.

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