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The following is the cholera specific recently announced by Drs. Blaney & Herrick, eminent physicians of Chicago, as an important discovery in the cure of cholera. We notice that some of the Chicago and Milwaukie papers are discussing the merits of the discovery, some for and some against it. They say it has already performed wonders there.

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It may be proper to state, by the way, that a respectable gentleman of this city informs us, that, having been afflicted with a bad Diarrhœa for several weeks, for which he had tried Opium, Morphine, and all the approved remedies, without success, on seeing the notice of Dr. Bird's discovery in the Gazette, he tried the sulphur and charcoal, and one dose cured him completely.

Dr. Charles A Stevens, of Buffalo, publishes a card in the Republic, in which he claims for his system of practice, (Homœpathy,) the discovery claimed by the Chicago M. D.'s of carbon and sulphur as a cure for cholera.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

"*Nineveh and its Remains* with an account of a visit to the Chaldean Christians of Kurdistan, and the Yezidis, or Devil Worshippers; and an inquiry into the manners and arts of the Ancient Assyrians. By Austen Henry Layard, Esq. [of] C. L., in two volumes. New York: Geo. P. Putnam."

Seldom has our table been more highly graced than by these splendid octavo volumes, got up in the best style of American art. Although it is but a few years since Layard was heard of—in 1840—yet he has since, by his researches and astonishing discoveries, gained a fame as wide as a veneration for antiquity, and a love of truth in religion and literature has extended. In these beautiful volumes we have a history of his travels, labors, and discoveries—of his intercourse with the natives, of his strange adventures, and of his wonderful skill in managing the wild and excitable children of the desert. "The narrative," says the celebrated Rev. E. Robinson, D. D., author of "Biblical Researches in Palestine," "is like a romance. In its incidents and descriptions it does indeed remind, one continually, of an Arabian tale of wonders and genii." The most interesting feature of the work, however, is the wonderful discovery made by the author. "The work of Mr. Layard," says Dr. Robinson, "brings before us still another step of progress. Here we have to do, not with hoary ruins that have borne the brunt of centuries in the presence of the world, but with a resurrection of the monuments themselves. It is the disentombing of temple palaces from the sepulchre of ages; the recovery of the metropolis of a powerful nation from the long night of oblivion. Nineveh, the great city, 'of three days' journey,' that 'was laid waste, and there was none to bemoan her,' whose greatness sank when that of Rome had just begun to rise, now stands forth again to testify to her own splendor, and to the civilization and power and magnificence of the Assyrian Empire. This may be said, thus far, to be the crowning historical discovery of the nineteenth century."

Mr. Putnam has conferred a great favor on the American public, by giving us these volumes in such a beautiful form. The numerous illustrations are are in the best styles of lithographing and wood engraving, and the work is printed on fine white paper, and with large clear type.

"*The Crayon Miscellany.* By Washington Irving Author's revised edition. Complete in one volume. New York: Geo. P. Putnam."

These celebrated papers, from the elegant and fascinating pen of our admired countryman, are well known. They consist of "a tour on the prairies," "Abbotsford" and "Newstead Abbey." Mr Putnam is publishing the entire works of Mr. Irving, in a series of volumes of uniform size, and binding, of which this volume is the ninth.

The above works are for sale by Mr. James D. Lockwood, No. 63, Wood st. Mr. Lockwood was for many years connected with Messrs. Wiley & Putnam, and late John Wiley, in New York and London, and offers the public a rare selection of choice works of most elegant editions.

"*The Literary World*, a Journal of American and Foreign Literature, Science and Arts." This work is published weekly. It is a miscellaneous journal of all matters of interest, connected with Books, Music, Paintings, Reports of Science, &c. One of its chief features of interest to a literary man, is its advertisement of new books, American and English. Published by F. A. & G. L. Duyckinck, New York. J. D. Lockwood, 63 Wood st., is the agent.

"*The Plough, the Loom, and the Anvil*, for June, has just arrived. We have looked over its pages with pleasure and profit, and we should rejoice if every farmer and manufacturer in the land, could have the privilege of reading its ample pages monthly. And why could they not? Could any money be better spent than in acquiring so large a fund of useful information. This number brings to a close the first volume, and we learn from the remarks of the publisher, that he has received only sufficient support to pay the expenses of publication. But he intends to persevere, and we hope he will receive a liberal support. Published by G. S. Skinner, Philadelphia. J. R. Weldin, agent, Pittsburgh.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

American and British Navigation Laws: Concluded.

Washington, June 5, 1849.

I proceed to continue and finish the remarks I have commenced in the Gazette upon the proposed repeal of the British Navigation Laws, and the true policy of the United States in reference to that important measure.

The general system of Navigation Laws of England was established in 1650, under the auspices of Cromwell and other republican chiefs, and the chief objects of the policy were to promote seamanship and the growth of the naval power in England, and to strike a blow at the maritime strength of the Colonies, particularly Virginia, which was still attached to the Stuart cause, and was growing and thriving upon the active trade with the other Colonies in the West Indies.—Twenty years afterwards, under Charles Second, these restrictive laws were made much more stringent, and were so shaped as more effectually to weaken and depress the maritime and commercial power of the Netherlands, against which these laws were, among other purposes, primarily directed. The two great principels of the system were, the entire monopoly of the commerce between England and her dependencies, and as near a monopoly as could, in the nature of things, be possibly secured of the trade between her and all other countries of the world. It is now the fashion to decry this policy, and to depreciate the efficacy of the means employed for enforcing it.—But after looking over, with some care, the history of British Navigation, during the intervening period, I am perfectly satisfied that the policy was a wise one, and that the Navigation Laws of England were well adapted to the accomplishment of the end proposed.

Among the first proceedings of the Congress of the United States, was the establishment of the American System of Navigation, upon the same basis substantially as that of England, confining the coasting trade wholly to American vessels, and limiting the direct trade between the United States and any other country, to the vessels of the United States and that country, and laying certain onerous discriminating duties on all foreign vessels, no matter whence they came, so as to favor all other vessels. That such a system was not unsuited to our condition, and not unfavorable to the developement of our capabilities as a maritime power, is sufficiently attested by the fact that in 1815, twenty-five years after the passage of the act, we possessed 854,294 tons of registered, and 513,533 tons of enrolled shipping, showing an aggregate of 1,368,127 tons. Even then, before the nation had fairly emerged from its infancy, and just after we had suffered the losses of a harrassing three years' war, and at the close of a period during which two of the most powerful naval countries of the world appeared leagued for the destruction of our shipping interests, we had attained the rank of the second maritime power in the world.

Still, our statesmen were able to perceive that liberality in commercial intercourse, as well as in the principles of government, was the true policy of the United States, and it was proposed to Great Britain to abolish all countervailing and discriminating duties of tonnage, and put duties on the ships of each other, and accordingly, by the commercial convention of 1815, each country agreed to relax the rigor of its Navigation Laws in favor of each other, so far as the direct trade between them was concerned. But this convention did not admit American ships to a share in the colonial trade of Great Britain, and we did not possess any colonies. The British Government persisted in the refusal to concede to us any participation in the trade with the colonies in the West Indies, and North America. In 1815, for the purpose of compelling that Government to adjust the question, which had been raised in reference to that trade, Congress passed an act totally prohibiting intercourse, either direct or indirect, between those Colonies and the United States, and in 1823, passed a still more stringent act. During all this time, and to the end of Mr. Adams' administration, negotiation was going on between the two governments, which was at length settled in 1830, by the passage of an act of Congress authorizing the President to take off the restrictions upon British vessels trading between these Colonies and the United States, whenever the Home Government should admit American vessels in the ports of those Colonies on the same footing, as to the direct trade between them and the United States, as British vessels. Great Britain accepted the offer, and thus that question was settled.

From 1818 to 1835, we made "reciprocity treaties" with nearly all the maritime countries of the world, except France, on terms not essentially different from those of the Convention with England, in 1815.

During the thirty-five years which have succeeded this first departure from the strictness of our exclusive Navigation Laws, during which period they have been, in many important respects, abolished, our tonnage has increased from 1,395,000 tons to 3,154,000 tons. The registered tonnage, that part of the whole which is employed in the foreign trade, has increased from 800,000 tons to 1,360,000 tons. We continue to stand next to Great Britain as a maritime power, and we bid fair, in the course of less than another generation, to pass, and to far outstrip her, in the race for commercial supremacy. Her tonnage now exceeds ours only about six hundred thousand tons, or less than twenty per cent.

We cannot tell what would have been our position, had so great a liberty of trade existed between us and the rest of the world, as is now proposed by Great Britain; but I do not think it would have been materially different. England has found that restrictive measures cannot prepress the maritime growth of such countries as the United States, Sweden and Denmark, and she now offers to enter into free competition with them. If we accept her offer, British ships will carry Southern cotton, tobacco, and rice, from our ports to all other parts of the world, and the ponderous grains, provisions, live stock, and timber, of the North, not only to England, but to all other countries of the world, and will be free to enter into perfectly equal competition with American vessels, importing into the United States the manufactures of Europe, the produce of the West Indies and South America, palm oil, ivory, and gold dust, from Africa, and teas and silks from China. In short, with the exception of the coasting trade, there will be no sort of discrimination, in anyfpart of the United States, between a British and an American ship, and *vice versa*, as near as we can now understand the import of the pending repeal bill in the British Parliament, the only difference between an American and a British ship, in a British port, will be, that the former will not be privileged to engage in the coasting trade of the United Kingdom. Upon the whole, if Great Britain means to admit us to an equality with British ships in the trade between her whole empire and the rest of the world, and between her home dominions and her colonial possessions, and between each of these colonies and all the others; and if she demands no share in our coasting trade considering total exclusion from that as balanced by a similar exclusion from the coasting trade of her home Dominions, then I think our navigating interests will be promoted by closing with her promptly.

Our coasting trade and our whale fishery cannot be affected by the arrangement, and together, these employ 1,984,000 tons, or nearly two-thirds of all our shipping. And of the foreign trade, strictly so called, employing 1,170,000 tons, much of it consists of the direct trade to England, in which there is already an equal competition, and the rest we have secured, and I think shall be able to maintain by our native skill and energy. So that we can hardly lose any thing worth mentioning by the concession, and must gain immensely by a free admission to the now prohibited trade to and between the wide spread dominions of the British crown.

JUNIUS.

WASHINGTON, June 6th, 1849.

Cholera! Cholera every where at the dinner table, in the parlour, and the chamber; in bar rooms, and at the street corners, we have cholera, and nothing else: Cholera in all its varieties, and with all its adjectives. Cholera asphyxia, cholera morbus, western cholera, cholera infantum, Asiatic cholera, and last of cholera Virginiana. The cholera is not a thing to jest upon or to be laughed at; yet every body appears to be laughing at the panic of the Virginia Legislature, which passed through here last evening, running away from the cholera. Yes, the cholera came to Richmond, and the Legislature of the old dominion, "vamoosed the ranch," to speak metaphisically in truly undignified style. The Richmond Whig professes to rejoice that they are gone, and in fact did advise them, while debating from day to day the propriety of the step, to run away with all speed, rather than to remain exhausting their talents in spreading an unnecessary alarm among the citizens of the Capital. Accordingly, they did adjourn on Monday, by ten or twelve majority, to the Fauquier Springs. This migration reminds us of the scenes which might be expected here during the sojourn of Congress in an alarm of pestilence.

It may be proper to state, that one of the members was taken with the symtoms of cholera, while passing through this city, and now lies ill at one of our public houses, and we have a report of a death from the disease this afternoon in a house not far removed from that in which I reside. To confess the truth, there is a great deal of alarm, whether well founded or not.

We have no important news of a political character. I believe it has been determined to recall Mr. Hopkins, our representative at the Court of Lisbon, and to appoint Mr. Clay, the son of the great statesman, in his place. In reference to the Spanish mission, I hardly think that any thing more has been decided than that it shall be given to some prominent citizen of North Carolina, but whether the successful competitor shall be Mr. Stanley, or Gov. Graham, or Mr. Barringer, depends upon proceedings still pending. Mr. Barringer is still here, and I think has the influence of Senator Truman Smith, to back him. Senator Badger is understood to be favorable to the claims of Gov. Graham.

Col. Webb has gone home, as is believed, after a definitive assurance that the President could not appoint him to any mission, and it is feared by some, that the Colonel is in a very bad humour, and that in the heat of disappointment he may turn the bitterness of his formidable press against the policy of the administration. An article in yesterday's Courier upon Col. Benton, is pointed to, as an indication of this revulsion of sentiment. There can be no doubt that the press which Col. Webb controls is a powerful one, and that he possesses the ability to inflict great injury as well as to yield effectual support.

Every thing is going on smoothly here. A few petty dissatisfactions exist, it is true, and they always must exist where there are offices to be divided, and where there are more applicants than places, but all such feelings will soon pass away.

I do not see that the accession of Mr. Burke to the Union, has much strengthened it. The number for this morning presents a rare farrago of liberalness, bitterness, and spleen. Its staple, as heretofore, is "proscription." Among other things it contains, in a letter from the famous "B. F. Brown, of Ohio," who last year spent several months in stumping and electioneering, who compared Gen. Taylor to the devil offering kingdoms and taunted his friends with having no offices to confer or refuse, and who, finally, having meanly sought to hold on to his office after the inauguration of the very man he so insolently denounced, was last week turned neck and heels out of office. His note is addressed to Gen. Taylor, and is characteristically impudent and empty. He was a beautiful specimen of that species of the genius democrat called Locofoco in office, and is doing his best to sustain the character when out.

The conflict between Col. Benton and the powers of Hunkerism in Missouri, is watched here with intense earnestness. The Colonel's first complaint, addressed to his private friends here, was that the old standard democratic press was in the hands of his enemies. It now seems that the Hunker Editor of that concern has run away, and that his place will be filled by a Barnburner, and of course a friend of Col. Benton's. The Hunker organ in New York city, the True Sun, has also collapsed, and the party is without an exponent there. Let but the Albany Argus and the Washington Union follow suit, as they must, in good time, and then we shall have heard the last of an auld sang. JUNIUS.

MR. BENTON'S GREAT SPEECH.

The conclusion of this formidable document has at length arrived, and happily we find he sums up, in the concluding paragraphs, the substance of his whole argument, and states his opinions on slavery in a very clear and compact form. These paragraphs we shall copy, and our readers will find them replete with interest

The reader will recollect that his speech is a reply to certain resolutions of instruction on the subject of slavery, passed by the Legislature of Missouri, last winter. Mr. Benton appeals from these instructions to the people, and he launches all his batteries of argument, historical documents, and sarcasm, at the head of Mr. Calhoun, who, he says, is the author of the doctrines contained in the resolutions.

With these preparatory remarks in mind, the reader will understand more fully the meaning of Mr. Benton, in the following closing paragraphs of his speech.—

"I consider my proposition—the one with which I commenced my speech—now made good, namely, that the resolutions of the General Assembly of which I complain, are copied from those of Mr Calhoun—that to understand their design, you must understand his design—and that, from the words of his own resolution, and from his conduct for twenty years past, the subversion of the Union is intended. In the execution of this design I cannot be an instrument, nor can I believe that the people, or the mass of the General Assembly wish it, and I deem it right to have a full understanding with my constituents on the whole matter. I, therefore, purposely disobey the instructions I have received, because they are in conflict with instructions already received and obeyed—because they did not emanate from any known desire, or understood will of the people—because they contain unconstitutional expressions of the constituents which I am sworn to support—because they require me to promote disunion—because they pledge the State to co-operate with other States in eventual civil war—because they are copied from resolutions drafted for great mischief, which I have a right to oppose, and openly denounce, in the forum of a Senator in the Senate of the United States, and which I cannot cease opposing without personal disgrace and official dereliction of public duty, and because I think it due to the people to give them an opportunity to consider of pr ceedings so nearly affecting them, and so which they have not been consulted.

I appeal to the people—the whole body of the people. It is a question above party, and should be kept above it. I mean to keep it there.

And now I have a secret to tell in relation to these resolutions, which I have guarded long enough. I marked their first appearance in the General Assembly, knew their origin and design, and determined to let them go on. It so happens that there are a few citizens in this State unacquainted with the secret, who have passed away, and who denominated in the Arcomac resolutions, adjuncts to Mr. Calhoun. The denomination is appropriate. Adjunct, (English) is from *ad* and *junctus* (Latin) and signifies *united to*, which this set of citizens seems to be, both soul and body, with their distinguished southern leader. These few are in a state of permanent conspiracy against me, either on their own account, or that of their *leading friend at the South*, or both, and hatch a perpetual succession of plots against me. To go no further back, I refer to the summer of 1844, and the plot on the Texas annexation question, which I will call the jews harp plot, in consideration of the tune which was to be then made upon that instrument, and to discriminate it from others. That plot showed its head, but it died, of itself. It failed for want of contrivers went back into their perpetual state of incubation.

When the Calhoun resolutions were moved in the General Assembly, and that was at the commencement of the session, I saw that a great plot was hatching, and determined to let it quit the shed—I knew that if I gave a hint of what they were about—if I had communicated the tithe of what I have said to you to day, it would have stopped the proceeding. But that would have done me no good. It would only have postponed it, and saved the form of the work. I determined to let it go on, and to do nothing to alarm the operators; and for that reason wrote not a word—not a word on the subject—to any one of the honored members who would have blown the resolutions sky high if they had known their origin and design. I did not even answer a letter from my friend who sits there, (Lieut. Gov. Price.) The resolutions were introduced at the very beginning of the session they lay torpid until its end. The plotters were waiting for a signal from the "leading Locofocos" before they set the Calhoun address. The moment they got it, they acted, although it was too late for the resolutions to have the effect of instructions. They were passed after Congress had adjourned, and after it must have been believed that the subject was to be left to rest. They failed in their object, but it was notorious that the territorial government bills were in process of enactment, and in fact they only failed after midnight on the last night of the session, and that on disagreement between the two Houses; and their failure on the 3d of March, was not known at Jefferson on the 5th—the day of passing the resolutions. It was too late to pass the resolutions for the purpose of instructing me how vote at Washington. It was too late for that; but was early enough for the summer campaign at home; and, therefore, they were passed: and now I have them. I mean the plotters; and between them, and me, henceforth and forever, a high wall and a deep ditch and no communion, no compromise no caucus with them. Nor does it require any boldness, on my part, to give them defiance. There are only about a dozen of them—a baker's dozen, perhaps—and half of them outside of the Legislature. Woe to judges, if any such there are in this work. The children of the land would not stand the government of judges, nor can we.

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Citizens! I have finished the view which I proposed to take of the subject which has induced my appeal to the people: but there are other matters upon which my constituents desire to hear from me, and in which desire it is right they should be gratified.

"Barnburner". And what did I go to New York for, last summer, but to use my utmost exertions to prevent Mr. Van Buren and his friends from engaging in the Buffalo convention? I went there, that is certain. My public speeches show that I went for that object, and the newspapers in the interest of those called Barnburners, all assailed me for so doing, not with billingsgate, and as black guards, but with keen reproaches for becoming out of my State, contrary to the practice of my life, to interfere in the politics of another state, and that against those who had always been my friends. My answer was, that I came to use the privileges of an old friend—to give my opinion (but the separate organization contemplated was wrong in principle, and would be injurious to those engaged in it; and, what was more, injurious to the great party to which they belonged. Such was the object of my visit to New York, and such my reception. The event disappointed my hopes and expectations, and I had my trouble for my pains, and a good deal of newspaper condemnation into the bargain. All this was public and notorious, published in all the newspapers, and known to every body. There is not a man in Missouri that does not know it. And now, what are we to think of the language applied to me?—Why, that it is a most excellent thing for me. It shows the character of the plotters, and that they will nullify and falsify public, recorded history to vilify me.

"The Wilmot Proviso." Well! I think it is the Jefferson proviso—the same that Mr. Jefferson drew up for the north western territory in 1784—which was adopted in the congress of the confederation of 1787, with the unanimous voice of the slave holding States—was ratified by the Virginia General Assembly the 30th of December, 1788—which was applied by the Congress of 1820 to all the upper half of Louisiana—which was applied by the Congress of 1848 to the Oregon Territory—which was recommended for the new Territories by the Missouri General Assembly, February 15, 1847—and never attempted to be condemned until Friday (a day of omen) the 19th of February, 1847—just two days after the date of the Missouri recommendations—when Mr. Calhoun brought in his resolutions declaring it unconstitutional, insulting to the States, and subversive to the Union. I think Mr. Jefferson, and not Davy Wilmot, was the author of this proviso, and that it should bear his name, and not Davy's. With respect to the character of the proviso, if it should be prescribed by Congress for any new Territory, I think it will remain just what it has been for sixty years—a constitutional provision, made in pursuance to the constitution; and that, being so made, it is binding upon all law abiding citizens, and that its resistance by force and arms, militarily, would be treason against the United States, and punishable by death under the laws of the land? With respect to the expediency of the fact, there is no necessity for it, and there are prudential reasons why it should not be passed. California and New Mexico are now free from slavery both by law and by fact; and will for ever remain free from it, both by law and in fact. As a general proposition unnecessary laws ought not to be passed; but if it is passed, it is an empty provision, having no practical effect whatever. To make an issue against it between north and south, is unwise, for it is an issue about nothing and on the part of the south an issue made for defeat, for Delaware has instructed for it; and that ensures a majority in the Senate for the proviso, there being already a large majority in the House of Representatives instructed for it.

But there is a stronger reason to claim forbearance. This proviso is the last card in Calhoun's hand: his last stake is the slippery game which he has been playing. Take that last card from him and his game is up—bankruptcy comes upon him—political bankruptcy—and he must be driven to take the act. He will have to haul down his sign—close his doors—shut up shop—and give in a schedule of his effects and stock in trade: and a beautiful schedule it will be.

"My opinions." They are wanted. Heretofore the public acts of public men, have stood for their opinions: it has been only the new man, unknown by their acts, that have been subjected to political catechism. Thirty years almost, I have been in the Senate; and during that time have always been a voter, and often a speaker on this subject of slavery, and commenced with it in my own State. I was politically born out of a slave agitation—out of the Missouri restriction controversy, and have acted an open part on it from the time it began to the present day. My writings had some influence on the formation of the constitution of this State. They were pretty well known then, though forgotten now. They contributed to keep off restriction, and to insert the clause in the constitution for the sanction of slavery. I urged the putting it in the constitution for the express purpose of giving security to property, and preventing agitation. I wanted peace from the question at home, and contributed to provide for it, by contributing to put that clause in the constitution and now it is hard that we should have an agitation imported, or transported upon us, to harrass us about slavery, when we have taken such care to keep out agitation. My votes in Congress have been consistent with my conduct at home—non interference, no agitation—security to property—and tranquility to the people.

In thirty years I have not given a vote that has been complained of. I have voted thirty years, avoiding all extremes, and giving satisfaction. The old generation, and the generation that has been born during that time, ought to consider this, so far as to let it stand as the evidence of my opinions. But it will not do. Finding nothing in the past to condemn, some people must go into futurity, to see if any thing can be found there: and even into my bosom to see if any thing is hid there, which can be condemned. Very good: they shall know my opinions. And first, they may see them in my public acts—in my proposals for the admission of Texas in the years in which I proposed to limit the western extension of slavery by longitudinal line, I believe the 100th degree of west longitude—in my next vote upon the Oregon bill in which I opposed the introduction of slavery there, and again in my speech to the people of Oregon in which I declare myself to be no propagandist of slavery. These were public acts. But you want public declarations of personal sentiments: very good you shall have them. My personal sentiments then, are against the institution of slavery, and against its introduction into places in which it does not exist. If there was no slavery in Missouri to day, I should oppose its coming in if there was none in the United States, I should oppose its coming into the United States, as there is none in new Mexico or California I am against sending it to those territories, and could not vote for such a measure—a declaration which costs me but little, the whole dispute now being about the admission or keeping slaves there, without the exercise of the right. No one asks for the exercise of the right, and cannot ask it in the face of the dogma which denies the power to grant it—States do as the please. These are my principles, and they reduce the difference between Mr. Calhoun and myself to the difference between refusing and not asking. And for this the Union is to be subverted! Oh! metaphysics! political metaphysics! far better stick to the innocent business of amending the Constitution by putting three States and a river together!

If any one wishes to know still more of my personal sentiments, I will give him a reference he may send them in Tucker's edition of Blackstone's Commentaries, appendix to the second volume where I published forty four years ago when a student at law, and have held fast to them ever since, all but the remedy, and the effect of that is one of the evils ascribed to slavery, and one of the arguments against one set of people putting it upon another, and a distant set of people, especially while they are lifting their imploring hands against it.

So then, this personal exposition I have to say that my profession and conduct—no unsubjugated with frail humanity—do not agree. I was born to the inheritance of slaves, and have never been the inheritance of slaves, and have never been the inheritance of slaves, and have never been the inheritance of slaves, and have never been pretty well known then, though forgotten now. They contributed to keep off restriction, and to insert the clause in the constitution for the sanction of slavery. I urged the putting it in the constitution for the express purpose of giving security to property, and preventing agitation. I wanted peace from the question at home, and contributed to provide for it, by contributing to put that clause in the constitution and now it is hard that we should have an agitation imported, or transported upon us, to harrass us about slavery, when we have taken such care to keep out agitation. My votes in Congress have been consistent with my conduct at home—non interference, no agitation—security to property—and tranquility to the people.

In thirty years I have not given a vote that has been complained of. I have voted thirty years, avoiding all extremes, and giving satisfaction. The old generation, and the generation that has been born during that time, ought to consider this, so far as to let it stand as the evidence of my opinions. But it will not do. Finding nothing in the past to condemn, some people must go into futurity, to see if any thing can be found there: and even into my bosom to see if any thing is hid there, which can be condemned. Very good: they shall know my opinions. And first, they may see them in my public acts—in my proposals for the admission of Texas in the years in which I proposed to limit the western extension of slavery by longitudinal line, I believe the 100th degree of west longitude—in my next vote upon the Oregon bill in which I opposed the introduction of slavery there, and again in my speech to the people of Oregon in which I declare myself to be no propagandist of slavery. These were public acts. But you want public declarations of personal sentiments: very good you shall have them. My personal sentiments then, are against the institution of slavery, and against its introduction into places in which it does not exist. If there was no slavery in Missouri to day, I should oppose its coming in if there was none in the United States, I should oppose its coming into the United States, as there is none in new Mexico or California I am against sending it to those territories, and could not vote for such a measure—a declaration which costs me but little, the whole dispute now being about the admission or keeping slaves there, without the exercise of the right. No one asks for the exercise of the right, and cannot ask it in the face of the dogma which denies the power to grant it—States do as the please. These are my principles, and they reduce the difference between Mr. Calhoun and myself to the difference between refusing and not asking. And for this the Union is to be subverted! Oh! metaphysics! political metaphysics! far better stick to the innocent business of amending the Constitution by putting three States and a river together!

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