

Our Intelligencer.

Mr. Kendall's Letters.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 14, 1847.
Another victory, glorious in its results, and which has thrown additional lustre upon the American Arms, has been achieved today by the army under Gen. Scott—the proud capital of Mexico has fallen before the power of a handful of men compared with the odds arrayed against them, and Santa Anna, instead of shielding his blood as he had promised, is wandering with the remnant of his army no one knows whither.

The apparently impregnable works on Chapultepec, after a desperate struggle, were triumphantly carried—Gons. Bravo and Montezuma, a host of officers of different grades taken prisoners, over 1000 non-commissioned officers and privates, all their ammunition and caissons are in our hands; the fugitives were in full flight towards the different works which command the entrance to the city, and our men were at once in hot pursuit.

Gen. Scott, supported by Gen. Smith's brigade, took by the Chapultepec aqueduct towards the Belan gate and Ciudadela; Gen. Worth, supported by Gen. Caldwell's brigade, advanced by San Cosme to the Belan gate, and captured it. Both routes were ordered to Tolosa, where they were released by the Governor, Olaguerel, on his own responsibility, thus promising that the same number of Mexican prisoners, and of equal rank should be delivered up to him.

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General Ruthven had caused all the churches of the Capital to be re-opened.

A deputation of merchants had requested Gen. Scott to employ every possible means to re-open the communication with the coast.

To this Gen. Scott replied that he would immediately apply himself assiduously to this object, and he hoped with success.

A letter published in La Patria, from a highly respectable Spanish gentleman at Vera Cruz, dated the 2d inst., says that Generals Santa Anna and Rea were endeavoring to prevent the entrance of the detachment of Gen. Lane into Puebla, Santa Anna has 3000 men under him and General Rea, 2500, it is also said that if he does not succeed in obtaining the advantages in this enterprise, he will return to his forces in that State, which is in the immediate vicinity of Guadalajara.

Santa Anna's hasty retreat is all the more unfortunate that this Locofofo editors great measure before their readers. We need scarcely say to intelligent persons that the Wilmett proviso has not the slightest connexion with what is called Abolitionism. The Wilmett proviso is the mere assertion of the simple position that FREE SOIL SHALL REMAIN FREE; and that the Slave territory of the United States shall be extended no further. What unprejudiced friend of the North is not in favor of this? But only call it Abolitionism, as the Volunteer does, and thousands of unthinking persons will doubtless blindly oppose it. But we hope "there's a good time coming," when the mass of the people will do their own thinking and act independently of unscrupulous party leaders. Our neighbor the "Democrat" we perceive leans considerably toward the Proviso, and we shall trust to him to set North Middleton and Silver Spring right on this subject.

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