

ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA.
Release of the Cuban Prisoners.

THE STATE OF THINGS IN FRANCE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1852.

The Central steamship Africa arrived at this port's meeting, from Liverpool direct, having passed through on the 20th of December, and trading about a week later than the last received.

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By this arrival we have the gratifying news that the Queen of Spain has yielded to the petitions from America and has paroled all the prisoners captured in Cuba during the late English expedition against that island.

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The President takes an active part in the preparation of the new Constitution. The Committee of Revision had nearly determined upon the leading points.

General Caulaincourt has been offered his liberty, but he refused to leave his prison unless his fellow prisoners could do the same, so he remains in confinement, the severe restriction which he and the other prisoners at first suffered having been in a measure relaxed. They now sing and exercise together.

Victor Hugo had successfully escaped from Paris to Brussels. His arrest has been ordered.

The Government have declared \$1 out of \$6000 in a state of siege, on account of dissension. Yet the government reports the news from departments as favorable.

It is estimated that the total number of French men killed in Paris and the departments, is carrying out Napoleon's coup d'etat, at not less than 2,000.

The French papers contain accounts of open insurrection in several departments, attended with considerable loss of lives. In one case the insurgents numbered 1,000, and in another 600, but they were overpowered, and sixty-seven insurgents killed in one engagement.

Louis Napoleon has ordered an expenditure of 2,000,000 francs for the purchase and demolition of houses situated between the Louvre and the Tuilleries, and levelling the ground between the two places.

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Woman's Rights.

A gallant member of the Tennessee Legislature recently offered the following amendment to a Woman's Rights Bill introduced into the Senate:

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case any young gentleman or bachelor, makes any advances towards any unsuspecting and un-sophisticated lady, by making love, or pretending love to her, and having no real or serious intention of matrimony, he shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished accordingly.

The British Fleet off Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—We have reliable information which explains the report that five British men-of-war were off Vera Cruz to blockade the port. The rumor was caused by the appearance of the Admiral commanding the West India and North American stations. He was in that vicinity en route for Jamaica, where he was expected about the last day of December. His usual winter quarters are at that island.

Cholera Morbus.

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRAORDINARY CURE.

I hereby certify that about two weeks ago I was seized with a violent attack of Vomiting and Purging, (Cholera Morbus), with very distressing pains in the stomach and bowels, which was completely removed by two ten-spoonful doses of the Petroleum, taken in a little water.

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ENGLAND.

The London papers have voluminous comments on President Fillmore's annual message to Congress, mainly in opposition and ridicule of his views in favor of a Protective Tariff. His arguments on this subject are unfavorable compared with those of Hon. Robert J. Walker, who is still continuing to advocate Free Trade in England.

The returns of the Bank of England show an increase of more than half a million sterling in the circulation of notes, as compared with the corresponding period last year. The bullion held at the beginning of December, was upwards of sixteen millions sterling.

The Great Western Canada Railroad Company have issued proposals in London for a loan of £20,000,000 in six per cent debentures.

The yacht America, purchased last summer by Lord Brougham, for four thousand guineas, is reported to have so much fallen in his lordship's estimation, that that gallant officer would

not refuse an offer of three thousand guineas for her. She is now en route to the Mediterranean.

The American Minister, Mr. Lawrence, and Miss Lawrence were on a visit to Mr. and Lady Elizabeth Drummond, where a large party was assembled to spend the Christmas holidays.

The next expedition to the Arctic regions, in 1852, in search of Sir John Franklin, and the missing crews of the Erebus and Terror, discovery ships, will be made as efficient as possible.

In addition to the Pioneer and Intrepid, employed in the recent expedition, the Phoenix, a much larger steamer, of 200 horse power, has been ordered to be fitted out for the Polar Sea.

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In Austria and Hungary discontent is hourly increasing.

At Vienna great anxiety is felt for news from the United States, respecting the reception of Russell.

In Germany the press is forbidden to record the events which occur in France in a manner adverse to M. Bonaparte.

It is reported that Austria is about to take steps looking to open hostilities against England.

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