

Gen. Scott and his Persecutor.

Gen. Scott has been suspended! Jas. K. Polk, who sent Santa Anna safely into the enemy's country, to command her armies, has thus committed another act, which, if possible, gives still greater aid and comfort to the enemy! Gen. Scott, who has triumphed in every battle—led our gallant army into the very Halls of the Montezumas, and planted the stars and stripes upon the capitol of the enemy; he who deserved so richly to come home in honor and in triumph, the corrupt politician now at the head of the National Administration, would fain drag home a prisoner and in chains!

Mr. Poinsett's Letter.—On our fourth page will be found the letter of Mr. Poinsett, on the subject of the war, referred to in our last. It is deserving of attention, and entitled to great weight. Mr. P. has always been a prominent member of the Locofoco party, and has filled several important stations under the Government. During his residence in Mexico, as Minister, the following incident is said to have occurred which serves as a good illustration of Mr. P.'s knowledge of the Mexican character. One of those revolutions to which Mexico has been too often subjected was going on, and from some cause, the Minister's residence was upon the point of being attacked. Mr. Poinsett with remarkable presence of mind unfurled the banner of his country. The incensed populace was instantly calmed, and the stars and stripes was hailed as the flag of a sister Republic.

USURY LAWS.—A bill has been introduced into the State Legislature to abolish the laws which prohibit the receipt of more than six per cent. per annum for money. It was reported by a Philadelphia County member and appears to have many advocates in that quarter. We agree with a contemporary that such a system may be popular in the city; but in the country among the farmers, we believe the time has not yet come for its adoption. The man of capital here who should make a business of selling his money at whatever price the necessities of his purchasers might induce them to submit to, would be an object of general execration. The general complaint among farmers especially, is that money is now too high; and if additional facilities were offered for its abstraction from the country, for the use of dealers and speculators in the cities, the price would rise and the supply be greatly diminished in the country.

GEN. SCOTT.—The Locofoco papers are beginning to hint to their readers—they are afraid to speak out boldly—that the administration have good reasons for proscribing Gen. Scott. In reply to these hints, the Washington correspondent of the North American says: "It is basely false that the administration is justified in its proscription of Scott. I claim to know the nature and the character of the correspondence upon which the President rests his defence, and I now say, without the fear of successful contradiction, that whenever the whole truth is given to the world, his vile accusers will be sunk deep in degradation and dishonor."

FROM HARRISBURG.—The Legislation of last week does not possess much general interest. The nomination of James Nill, as President Judge of Chester district was rejected. The following bill has been introduced into the Senate by Mr. Johnston, of Erie. AN ACT To exempt property to the value of three hundred dollars, from levy and sale on execution and distress for rent.

FROM WASHINGTON.—The debate on the Ten Regiment Bill is still going on in the Senate. It is understood that Mr. Webster will make a speech on this bill before the debate closes. DIRECT TAX.—A direct tax of five millions annually, to be raised during the continuance of the war, or until the payment of the national debt, on stock, personal property and money at interest, was proposed in Congress, on Wednesday, in the shape of instructions to the Committee of Ways and Means. It was proposed by Mr. Wilmot, and adopted by a vote of 93 to 23. According to Judge McLean's opinion, such a tax would bring the war to a close in sixty days. The appropriations for the Army and Volunteers during the coming fiscal year, reported by the Committee on Saturday, amount to THIRTY-THREE MILLIONS. They also ask \$495,500 for fortifications.

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The Whig State Committee have issued a call fixing the 15th of March next as the time for the meeting of the Whig State Convention.

Hon. P. Soule, (Loco) has been elected to the U. S. Senate from Louisiana. Mr. S. received the votes of four or five Whigs, and one it is alleged was bribed to be absent.

The Philadelphia news says: At the late war meeting in New York, Senator Houston gave us an insight into progressive Democracy, "as he understood it."

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That to secure the support and co-operation of the Whig Press of Ohio, the man whose name shall be presented for the next Presidency must be a Whig, a whole Whig, and nothing but a Whig.

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