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The Russian declaration of war against Turkey is a lengthy document; the chief grounds of complaint are the infraction of the treaty of Bucharest: the closing of the Bosphorus against the trade of Russia, their vessels detained, and cargoes sequestered: endeavouring to impede and counteract the negotiations for Peace between Russia and Persia, &c. &c. Russia declares she will not lay down her arms until ample satisfaction is given to her for the above offences; and moreover that as the war has been brought on by Turkey, it must pay all the expenses caused to Russia by that event. The Turkish preparations to meet her powerful adversary did not appear to be in a very forward state; the contest will probably have in it a great deal of religious feeling on both sides. The Sultan of Turkey is represented to be a man of considerable talents, and views the approaching danger with composure and resolution. The London *Morning Herald* in speaking of him, says "We cannot help thinking that this Prince has come an age too late, or an age too soon, so worthy is he of that brave and enterprising race which formerly made all Christendom quake, so superior is he to his nation at this time."

An article in a London paper hints that Spain is again putting forth pretensions to blockade some of the ports of her late American Colonies: that her navy has been put upon a better footing in consequence of subsidies secretly sent by the Apostolicals of France and the resources drawn from the flourishing state of Cuba: that the mission of Count Ofalla to London relates to this purpose, but states that the British Government will never sanction a measure so detrimental to the commerce of Great Britain, and ridicules the idea that Spain can ever recover possession of her ancient Colonies. The present state of the Spanish Marine is: *El Guerrero, Soberano, Héros*, 3 vessels of the line of 74 guns each; *Heria, Loyante, Restauracion*, 3 frigates of 50; *Perle, Sabine, Diana, Arethuse, Cassildes*, 5 frigates of 40; *Diana, Sapphire, Veloz*, 3 corvettes of 20 to 26; 13 brigs of 14 to 22; 3 schooners of 10 to 16 guns; and four other small vessels. Of these 34 vessels of war, 15 are in America, under the command of Admiral Laborde.

The *Briton* frigate has been ordered to sail from Portsmouth, to endeavour to discover the pirate brig which plundered the *Morning Star* near the island of Ascension. The

said frigate it is thought will again visit this river ere she returns to Europe. The following letter has appeared in the London papers.

"Foreign Office, April 28.

"SIR,—I am directed by the Earl of Dudley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing copies of communications addressed to the committee of Lloyd's, relative to the manner in which the commissions of the Government of Buenos Ayres for the equipment of privateers are procured, and representing also the plunder of the British vessel the *Morning Star*, by a privateer under Buenos Ayrean colours.

"With regard to the latter point, Lord Dudley desires me to acquaint you, that the necessary measures have already been adopted, as well by this department as by the Admiralty, for the discovery of the vessel engaged in this transaction.

"His Majesty's Government had received information previously to the date of your letter, of the irregular manner in which commissions for the equipment of privateers are alleged to have been granted by the Government of Buenos Ayres, and instructions were accordingly sent so long ago as the month of December last to His Majesty's Minister at Buenos Ayres, and to the Admiral commanding His Majesty's naval forces in the seas of South America, the effect of which, it is confidently expected, will be not only to secure British commerce from the aggressions of any such vessels which may already have been commissioned, but to prevent the issuing of commissions in the manner complained of by the Government of Buenos Ayres for the future. I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant, (Signed) J. BACKHOUSE.

To Alderman Thompson, M. P."

The British frigate *Cambrian* has been wrecked upon a reef of rocks off one of the Greek islands: crew saved.

Extract from the *Morning Herald*, of 27th May.

"Some of the letters from Rio Janeiro state that the commanders of our ships of war on the Brazil station have received orders to capture all Buenos Ayrean privateers on that coast, unless the Captain and two-thirds of the crew should be citizens of the United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata. If this intelligence be true, the Buenos Ayrean privateering trade has received its death blow; ships manned by a Buenos Ayrean Captain, and in a great degree by a Buenos Ayrean crew, will make but a poor hand at privateering; the greater part of the privateers now sailing under Buenos Ayrean colours, are principally manned and commanded by English or Yankee sailors. We much doubt however, the truth of the above intelligence: we cannot see

what right Great Britain has to interfere with the Buenos Ayreans any more than with the Brazilians; if the former system of privateering is to be destroyed, why should the latter's paper blockade be allowed to injure and annoy the trade of our merchants?"

According to a letter from Vienna, the negotiation to find a wife for the Emperor of Brazil, was still going on, and that the Court of Bavaria had not given a positive refusal to the demand of a Princess from that august family. The letter adds, that the Emperor, Don Pedro, wished to have the portraits of the several Princesses, to whom he might pretend, in order to make a suitable choice; one of these portraits was in London, and about to be sent to His Imperial Majesty — We will not honour him so far as to send him portraits of our Republican goddesses of Buenos Ayres except indeed to tease him with shadows of Hermione, Ariadne, and others, whose beauties none of the Imperial dames can rival.

That Don Pedro will visit Portugal is still anxiously expected by the Constitutionals; they cannot comprehend the important affairs which at present employ His Majesty, viz., the carrying on a ruinous war to retain a Province, to which he can show no ostensible right, and which, even if he should succeed, (the probabilities of which become every day more distant,) will only prove a mill-stone round the neck of his Empire. The private letters from Rio Janeiro partake of a more pacific character than usual; the combined efforts of friends and foes: the state of the Brazilian finances: the recent disturbance at Rio: the affairs of Portugal, must have some influence upon the warlike mind of His Majesty, the Emperor, be he never so determined.

Extract of a letter from Rio Janeiro.

"We had a serious disturbance amongst the soldiery lately; it began with the Germans, owing to corrupt dealing with them in pay, provisions, and term of service, but the spirit of insubordination soon extended to the Irish, and at one time the aspect of things was alarming; the Irish were subdued by the troops of the country, having only 50 muskets, and very few blank cartridges, supplying the place of bullets with pebbles, and bits of any hard substance they could lay their hands on; nevertheless, they advanced to the mouth of the artillery, and would have taken it had they officers with them, or any one directing them. During the night the French marines were landed, in number about 700, and in the morning the British, (270;) these proceeded to San Christoval, and the Germans surrendered to them, having first obtained a promise of redress. The Emperor in consequence of all this, is more tractable, and he may now go on with the negotiation which he was disposed to treat with so much contempt. The Government papers assert positively that Peace will be concluded, but I hardly credit any thing upon this subject after the experience of the proceedings of this Court; but I hope at all events there will be some decided interference from England."

It is not generally known in Buenos Ayres that so large a body of French Marines were landed at Rio during the late

affray. The appearance of so powerful a French squadron at Rio Janeiro was to demand indemnification for the losses sustained in French commerce by unjust captures of merchant vessels, made by Brazilian cruizers, and it is said they have succeeded in the object of their mission. Mr. Mandeville, Consul from France to this Republic, came out with the above squadron.

Some communications have been published from General Fructoso, Rivera:—a letter from him to the Minister of War, dated Head Quarters, Itoqui, 12th July, 1828, encloses a copy of the answers which he has given to the Viscount de Laguna, (Lecor,) and mentions the debility which must prevail in the Brazilian army, when its General finds it necessary to have recourse to miserable intrigue.

Then follows a letter from Gen. F. Rivera to the Viscount de Laguna, dated Misiones, 4th July, 1827, expressing his surprise at reading a note from the latter, putting forth principles which men less civilized would have hesitated to have done; that the Province of the Misiones wish to be united to the sister Provinces of the River Plate, and to be in the exercise of thier rights, and that already seats have been assigned to the Representatives of the Misiones in the august Assembly of the Argentine Republic: expresses surprise at the Viscount's assertion, that the Empire has an unalienable right over the country, and Banda Oriental, whereas it was fraudulently occupied by the Portuguese, both European and Brazilian, and that the authorities of Portugal gave assent to an act, which would have been reprobated even by the Government of Constantinople: that they distributed medals and crosses to robbers, decorating them with the Order of Christ, and St. Vento de Avis: giving military employments to all classes, in remuneration for their ferocity and daring: that might does not constitute right, else why did the Old World oppose Napoleon, calling him the universal despot, usurper of national rights, &c.

Remarks follow upon the unjustifiable manner in which the Portuguese, and afterwards the Brazilians, continued to occupy the Banda Oriental, imprisoning those citizens who dared to speak against it, and concludes,—“The Province of Monte Video has long declared that it belongs to the Argentine Republic, to which it is bound by ties indissoluble, identified by the same language, customs, religion and laws, and that there is not the most remote idea of their wishing to belong to the half despotic Government of Brazil nor to tolerate its tutelage, even presented under the most flattering colours.”

Another letter, from the same to the same, dated July 10, says that “even before May last, he had heard of the basis which the Emperor was about to propose for Peace, and that he was disgusted with the true and genuine sense of it. The Banda Oriental, to be happy, free, and independent, needs not the monarchical system, dukes, nor more titles, than the union to its sisters of the River Plate; to negotiate Peace upon this principle, does not want the co operation of any individual or power. He (Rivera) despised the sneers of his enemies, caused by indiscreet zeal for their country: on this

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account the error is pardonable. The letter finishes, thanking the Viscount for past kindnesses, expressing a wish to see the war terminated, adhering to the maxim of "rendering unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's."

VAUXHALL.

Since we slightly announced this undertaking in the British Packet, the Prospectus and Government license have been published by authority—we cordially wish it every success. In two points of view the prospectus promises, what, to us appear, improvements on the London place of recreation, which it professes to imitate: when there is no vocal entertainment, the Gardens are to be opened by daylight, and when there is, it is to take the dramatic form on a stage—How often have we felt desirous to enjoy a morning stroll under the shades of our own Vauxhall, and who has not been frequently overcome by the dullness of a concert, however their ears might be gratified: who has not wished that the music book could be taken from the motionless hand of the well drest ladies and gentlemen in the orchestra, and see them become animated on a stage, in the costume appropriated to their parts.

It appears that neither the proprietor nor the shareholders purpose appropriating to themselves the profits likely to accrue from the furnishing the refreshments; this promises to open a lucrative field to persons of enterprize, who are already established here in taverns, confectionaries, and coffee houses. The competition is likely to be of benefit to the public, and we presume to think that our own countrymen, together with the French and Italians, are best able to derive advantage, and to give satisfaction to the frequenters of the new Vauxhall.

The debt due by the Government of Brazil to the Bank at Rio Janeiro, was to the end of the year 1827 about 24 millions of dollars, and the Committee of Finance recommend, in order to raise the credit of the paper currency, that the Government acknowledge the debt, and that the Monastical and National estates should be sold.

The following has been posted in the British Commercial Room.

[COPY.]

Rio Janeiro, 16th July, 1828.

SIR,—Upon a former occasion I acquainted you that the term of three months, granted by the Imperial decree for keeping British goods in deposit at Monte Video, was at my request, to be reckoned from the date of the receipt of the order at Monte Video.

I now enclose to you the order of the Government to the President and Junta da Fazenda of Montevideo, prolonging the term for one month more beyond the day on which it would otherwise have expired, and I request you will give due information of this fact to the British merchants. I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

R. GORDON.

To Thomas Samuel Hood, Esq.

H. B. M's. Consul, &c. Monte Video.

On the 3d instant, the band of the *Cazadores* paraded the streets, followed by sailors, soldiers &c. bearing flags. The object was to engage seamen for the Squadron.

August 2.—Wind W. Sailed, 6 zumacas, balandras, &c. for the Parana.

Arrived, launch *Enviada*, from Colonia, cargo, sugar, gin, dry goods, &c.

3.—Wind S. Sailed, several small craft to the Northward

4.—Wind S. S. E. Arrived, American schooner *Rehoboth*, Horn, from *Ensenada*; he arrived at that port on the 23d ult. Thirteen Brazilian vessels were in sight off *Ensenada* at anchor yesterday.

Arrived, chalupa *San José y Animas*, from *Monte Video* 2d instant, cargo aguardiente, sugar, and wine, consigned to the owner, G. Marquez.

Also, several boats and balandras, from the Parana, *Las Vacas*, &c.

5.—Wind W. Sailed, a convoy of small vessels to the Northward.

6.—Wind S. S. W. Arrived, No. 6 Gun Boat, and a convoy, from the Northward.

7.—Wind S. Sailed, 14 sail of zumacas, launches, &c., for the Uruguay, Parana, &c. under convoy.

8.—Wind W. Sailed, three balandras, for the Parana.

Arrivals at the Salado.

On 31st ult, a British schr. brig, with iron, planks, and dry goods, to Duguid, Holland & Co.

On 1st inst. an American schr. from the Coast of Brazil, with 600 rolls tobacco, 484 bags sugar, &c. to Daniel Gowland

On 3d inst. National zumaca *Louisa*, (late the prize *Cochrane*), with slaves, and a cargo of dry goods, from Patagonia 5 days, to J. Arriola.

Two British brigs sailed from the Salado on Thursday last, for Europe; and the National brig of-war *Convention*, (late *Fancy*) a few days anterior, for Patagonia.

The schr. *Santa Cruz*, prize to the *Sarandi*, got aground near the Salado—a boat from the *Sarandi* was despatched to her assistance; she had intended to proceed to *Bahia Blanca*.

The British brig *Minstel*, from this for *Liverpool*, has been spoken in lat. 2 N., all well.

The British brig *Triton*, from *Liverpool* 6th of May, has arrived at *Monte Video*, general cargo, and 38 passengers, chiefly labouring men; vessel and cargo consigned to Mr. J. Hall. An American brig from *Chili* had likewise arrived, with loss of rudder and maintopmast, (long passage;) and corvette *Boston*, American, from *Rio Janeiro*.

The National brig privateer *Cacique* has arrived at Patagonia.

We omitted to mention, that the American schr., *Elisha Tyson*, *Pierson*, sailed from *Ensenada* about three weeks since, for *Baltimore*.

H. M.'s ships Thetis, Sapphire, and Heron, arr'd at Monte Video from this on Saturday last; the two former were to sail on Sunday afternoon for Rio Janeiro, the latter to remain at Monte Video. Lord Ponsonby did not go on shore. Admiral Guedez sailed from that port on Saturday morning ast in the Piranga frigate, having with him the brig Nigér, Craig; schr. brig Feliz, Ruxton; do. January, Arthur, (late National vessel 8th February; three masted schr., Rose, all for Maldonado.

THEATRE.

On the 2d instant, was performed the opera of *La Cenerentola*, with its accustomed success.—On 3d, the comedy, *El Egoísta*; the scene of which is laid in England. Señor Culebras should be informed that British noblemen do not wear the order of the garter except upon occasions of state. Doña Trinidad looked like a lady.—On 4th, for the benefit of Señor Culebras, to a very full house, a comedy and the exhibition of Mr Brown's feats of dexterity, &c.—On 5th, the elegant comedy of *Desden con el Desden*.—On 6th, in aid of the fund to purchase vessels for the National Squadron, the first act of the opera *Italiana en Angel*, a selection of arias, duetos, &c. Angelita was very fascinating; we think however, to have heard her sing, "Ah! caprici de la sorte," with more effect. Vacani was in excellent spirits, and kept the audience in continual laughter. The unique and beautiful finale and chorus to the first act of the *Italiana* was greatly admired and applauded. Rosquellas performed a concerto upon the violin in a manner not greatly, if any thing, inferior to the Ashleys' and Linleys' of the London theatre: he is indeed a first rate professor; what an Herculean task he has performed in establishing the opera here! The performance concluded with the *dueto la tirana*, (in Spanish) sung by Rosquellas and Angelita, with encore: the lady was very arch. The house was attended by a brilliant and numerous audience: the Governor and suite were in the State box: Admiral Brown was prevented attending from indisposition; several naval officers of the Republic were in the boxes in full uniform and otherwise: amongst them we observed Captains Espora, Granville, Cœ, Toll, Seguis', &c.—On 7th, *Los Dos Matrimonios*.

The opera of *Don Giovanni* is announced for this evening; to us it will be a pleasing change from the constant repetitions of Rossini—not that we are cloyed with the sweets of his music, but variety is very charming. Giovanni is not a favourite in Buenos Ayres: the music is too sombre, and, as we once before said, too ponderous and scientific for the limited capacity of this theatre. The character of Doña Ana is full of difficulty, but Doña Angelita performs it in a manner creditable to her great talents. Apropos for a conversation we had the other evening with a very interesting "Hija del pais," upon the merits of different operas: *El Barbero*, *Cenerentola*, *Tandredi*, were pronounced charming: "Don Juan—" there she made a full stop, and blushed: "Well, and Don Juan?" (we asked after a pause;) "O, Señor, the music is sublime—but—" "But what?" She then half serious, and half laughing, whispered, that "it was thought to be immoral!"—The favourite opera of the "London fashionables" immortal!

DIED.

At Gibraltar, on the 27th of April last, JOHN GIBSON, jun. Esq., late of this city.

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A FUSIL upon a new construction.—The inventor guarantees to this Fusil the following qualities, compared with others: 1st, less danger in using it; 2d, more facility in the management of it; 3d, likewise more facility in loading and unloading it, which is effected by the breach of the gun; 4th, it carries farther, and more direct, particularly with ball, which is always of the exact caliber, and it may be fired a hundred times without requiring to be cleaned. Apply to Messrs. Richard & Dimet, No. 118, calle de la Plata.

VAUXHALL.

THOSE who may desire to undertake supplying the Gardens, (which will open as a promenade, early in the summer, and as soon after as possible for evening exhibitions,) with any branch of the REFRESHMENTS, may learn the conditions, and examine the different buildings and positions, suitable to the purpose, any afternoon, on the premises.

British Philanthropic Society.

THE annual general meeting of the British Philanthropic Society, will be held in Faunch's Hotel, on Thursday, the 14th inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M., when the subscribers, and those interested in the objects of the Society, are respectfully requested to attend, to receive the Report of the Committee, elect office bearers for the ensuing year, &c.

The gentlemen of the Committee are requested to meet on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to arrange the business preliminary to the general meeting.

By order of the Sub-Committee,

GILBERT RAMSAY, Secretary.

NOTICE.

HERVE respectfully informs the public, that in consequence of his quitting Buenos Ayres, the Circulating Library will close on the 20th of the present month; it is therefore requested that all subscribers and non subscribers holding books belonging to the Library, will have the goodness to return them, on or before the above date, until which time the business of the Library will be carried on as usual.

Subscribers are also hereby informed, that the amount for the unexpired time of their subscription will be returned, on sending a written application, signed by such subscriber.

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