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### BUENOS AYRES.

A Chili mail arrived on Wednesday last, by which we received the *Mercuro* of Valparaiso to 12th July. The Republic of Peru according to the last advices received in Valparaiso was perfectly tranquil under the Presidency of General Gamarras.—Otherwise there was 'no news.'

**Festivities in celebration of the discovery of the plot against the life of H. E. the Governor.**

The *Gaceta* of 7th, 9th and 11th inst., contains the particulars of the *funciones* on the above occasion at Navarro, Moron, Quilmes and Dolores. High Mass and *Te Deum* were celebrated, the portrait of the Governor was carried in procession, the towns in the dioceses in question were illuminated on successive evenings, banners displayed, military drawn up, cannon, musquetry and fire works discharged, music played, balls rung, balls given, &c. &c.

At each *funcion* a banquet was laid out, and numerous orations delivered. At Moron, the Justice of Peace and Cora, in the address to the company, spoke of the eminent services of H. E. the Governor, whom they denominated the *Gran Rosas*. The Unitarians and French were highly censured, the former were called renegade assassins, sold to French gold, and the Justice, when speaking of the latter said, that they made a great boast of being enlightened and powerful, but they had given to this country repeated specimens of "baseless, perfidy and treachery."

The orators at Quilmes were in the same strain of approbation and disapprobation. The orators were Señores Garrigós, P. Barreda, Lopez, Aspin, H. G. E. Barreiro, Oranenti, Dupuy, Isla, Aldao, J. M. Ezcurra, C. Ezcurra, Colonels Prudencio Rosas, Fabian Rosas and Major Grigera.

The speeches delivered at the *funcion* at Dolores, were remarkable for their continuity as it regards the French. Each speaker more or less alluded to them.

Señor Ortega, and that nothing could form a greater contrast than that which exists between the French and the Argentine *Federales*; the history of the former during their long career presenting little else than the opprobrium consequent upon submission to the vile caprices of their rulers and the spirit of domination which the latter generally inspired. It is this which makes them demand of the Argentines the sacrifice of that which they hold most dear (their liberty), but tyranny will yet tremble at their energetic resistance, and at the anathema which will resound from the margins of the majestic Plata, to the spacious region of the empire of the Incas. The Argentines can only count six lustres of political existence, yet in that time they have given proofs of constancy and valour which has elicited the applause of the old world.

The orator concluded his speech as follows—

"Let us compare, gentlemen, the glories of our dear and beloved country, with the perfidious machinations of the Cabinet of the Tuilleries, the unexampled crimes, of its mercenary agents, united with the perfidy and ingratitude of Unitarians. The positive inference necessarily follows that they wish to conquer us. This

however they can never realise, the Argentine *Federales* will perish exclaiming—

"Viva la Libertad!

"Viva la Confederacion Argentina!

"Viva Maestro Justo Restaurador, Don Juan Manuel de Rosas!

"Mueran los Franceses!

"Mueran los salvajes Unitarios!

"Mueran de pardejon Rivera!

"Mueran el salvaje unitario Lavalle!"

The first toast given by Colonel Narciso del Valle, was prefaced as follows—

"Gentlemen—As an Argentine Citizen, as a genuine Federal, and as a General in the army of the Republic. I give you—may the proud Frenchman bend the neck to the Argentine warrior, and know that in the land of Columbus, a people who cherish their liberty cannot be enslaved."

The second—

"The Illustrious General Rosas and the King of the French. The former sacrifices himself for the Liberty and Independence of his fellow countrymen, and the latter only aspires to the slavery of his fellow creatures. Let us drink then gentlemen to the first as the Restaurator of our Laws, and swear eternal detestation to the King of the French."

The Colonel commenced his address to the troops at this *funcion* as thus—

"MILITAMEN—We are about to comply with our duty, in giving thanks to the God of armies, for having preserved the precious life of our Illustrious Restaurator of the Laws, Don Juan Manuel de Rosas, from the treacherous dagger of the impious barbarous Unitarians, sold to loathsome, filthy, French gold."

"SOLDIERS—It is necessary that the lances you grasped on the 1st December, 1828, to overthrow the assassin Lavalle, who had set himself up by a military mutiny, quit not your hands until this infamous class of renegades have been made to bite the dust."

"CORRADES—If we wish to have a country, it is necessary that we swear, rather to bury ourselves in the ruins and ashes of our towns, than permit them to be trodden by the filthy foot of the slaves of the King of the French."

The other orators were numerous, and their speeches were of the same tendency as those we have quoted. Each in conclusion proposed *risas* and *muertas*—in purport similar to those we have above transcribed.

### Anniversary of the Independence of Brazil.

Saturday the 7th inst., being the anniversary of the Independence of Brazil, the Brazilian schooner of war *Linhares*, in the inner roads, was dressed out with flags, and fired salutes at sun-rise, one P. M., and sun-set.

H. B. M.'s ships *Calliopo* and *Actonon*, and the French vessels of war *Sapho*, *Camille* and *Perle*, had Brazilian flag at fore. The *Calliopo*, *Sapho*, *Camille* and *Perle*, each fired a salute of 21 guns at 1 o'clock in honor of the day.

### Official Documents.

#### VIVA LA FEDERACION!

The government of Corrientes under date 19th ult., addressed a communication to that of Buenos Ayres, acknowledging the receipt of

the note from the latter of 25th June, and stating that it is impossible but enlightened Europe must see in the reprehensible conduct of the agents of France a scandalous attempt against the independence, sovereignty and dignity, of the country which the Argentines have sworn to sustain at the cost of life and property. And that it is much more difficult to believe that nations who are in no wise inferior to France, will authorize by their silence the injury which this unjustifiable blockade by the naval forces of that nation inflicts on their commerce and long continued friendship with the Argentine Confederation and other Republics of America.

The communication concludes as follows—

"The patriotic zeal of Y. E., your wisdom and foresight has known how to select those measures to cause principles and reason to triumph in Europe. Deign Y. E. to receive the sincere congratulations of the undersigned, in his own name and in that of the Province under his command, for the brilliant aspect presented to the Republic and to the whole world through the energetic and upright conduct you have displayed, and whereby you have corresponded to the unlimited confidence placed in you by the Argentine people."

"God preserve Y. E. many years.

"JUAN ANTONIO ROBERTO.

"Justo Dios de Vengar."

The Justice of Peace of the parish of San Nicolas, under date 4th inst., addressed a note to the Governor in his own name and in that of his federal parishioners, soliciting him on the discovery of the plot against his life, and stating it to be their intention in consequence to celebrate High Mass and *Te Deum* at the Church of San Nicolas, on 8th October next, to implore the Almighty to preserve the important life of H. E.

The *Gaceta* of 12th inst., contains a report of the Committee of Finance of the House of Representatives, dated 9th, and a project of law for the consideration of the House connected with the intended renovation of Bank notes.

The Governor of Buenos Ayres under date 4th inst., replied to the note of General Pascual Echagüe of 12th ult., congratulating him and the army under his command on the success which has attended their operations, and expressing his confidence that new triumphs will assure the success of the national cause.

The Justice of Peace and Alcaldes of the parish of San Miguel, under date 11th inst., addressed a note to the Governor, stating the intention to celebrate High Mass and *Te Deum* in that parish on 29th inst., as a thanksgiving to the Almighty for having saved the important life of H. E. from the dagger of the traitorous, barbarous Unitarians, sold to the gold of the filthy French, and requesting that he would allow his portrait to be carried in the procession, and the attendance at the *funcion* of his worthy daughter Doña Manuela Rosas, and the other members of his family.

The Cura of San Nicolas de los Arroyos, under date 30th ult., addressed a note of congratulation to the Governor on the discovery of the plot against his life, and stating that a *funcion* took place upon the occasion in that district on the day of Santa Rosa de Lima.

Boston Ayres, Sept. 10th 1859.  
 20th year of the Liberty, 24th of the Independence,  
 and 10th of the Anniversary of the Revolution.  
**To H. E. the Governor of the Province, Don Juan Manuel de Rosas.**

EXCELLENT SIR,

The Justice of Peace and Alcaldes of the parish South of the Cathedral, having fulfilled the commission of collecting the *Contribucion Directa* in the district under their jurisdiction, and anxious to give a solemn testimony of the sentiments of patriotism and disinterestedness which animate them, perform the pleasing duty of manifesting to Y. E. that they cede for the benefit of the treasury the 1 per cent commission which the law allows them for this service.

Y. E. will design to admit this insignificant donation, without prejudice to the disposal of his persons and property, and those of their federal parsons which they represent, when Y. E. does them the honor to deign them useful to the happy termination of the patriotic enterprise in which Y. E. is engaged against the traitorous insidious enemies who dare to menace the inextinguishable blessings which we have known how to conquer with torrents of blood.

Y. E. rejecting with a courage, firmness, and consistency, unexampled in history, the unworthy pretensions of iniquity and vandalism personified in the vile agents of France, and in the traitorous and insidious unitarians, who armed with the honorable dagger, are now to be seen in the city of this beloved country, offers to the world the brilliant spectacle of an infant but valiant people, heroically struggling to preserve their honor and national dignity from the unjust aggressions of an old and powerful nation, who without any other title than that of foreign enemies to subjugate us, destroying the conditions of our nationality, in the same manner as she has done in our own age with a multitude of Peoples and States of Europe, Asia and Africa. And the entire world, who can contemplate us, desire secretly our success, tributing due homage to the virtuous talents of the enlightened magistrate, who with equal valor as wisdom knows how to enjoy the immense respect of a people which they foolishly believed were expiring with misery.

Continue Y. E. in your great work. Heaven in placing you under your able and powerful direction a people who have confided to the sagacity of history the detail of as many glorious achievements as the days of their political existence number, has doubtless wished to humble the irritating pride of a nation so overbearingly insolent, proving to the world that a sentiment of duty, deeply impressed with the obligations of duty, and directed by patriotism and wisdom will sooner be annihilated like Numancia and Saguntum, than subdued, or be reduced to servitude.

Whilst such despicable enemies draw on themselves the indignation of the civilized world, the laurel, that symbol of valor and victory, will grow up in luxuriance to adorn the glorious brow of Y. E., whose important life may the Almighty preserve for many years.

EXCELLENT SIR,

Manuel Elorriaga. Manuel E. Lopez.  
 Manuel Chacon. Gavino San Martin.

The Commissioners for the collection of the *Contribucion Directa*, of the parish of San Miguel, districts of Moran, Pilar, Baradero, Navarro, Ranchos, Montaña, Monte, also make over to the treasury the one per cent commission to which they are entitled. Their communications to the Governor offering these donations, breathe the same language as that contained in productions of the same nature which have before noticed, viz.—in the ardent attachment to H. E. and the cause he sustains, proferring his life and fortune, in defence of both; execrations against the unitarians and the French, denouncing the former as renegade assassins, and the latter as practical loathsome enemies.

Don Francisco Casanovic de Belenstegui, under date 17th ult., addressed a note to the House of Representatives of the Province, for permission to resign his seat in the house, in consequence of private affairs calling him to Europe, and expressing regret, that he cannot refuse to continue actively participating with them in the work of sustaining the cause of federation, and the independence of the country, in the midst of the tyrannical and unjust blockade, imposed by the

abominable French, and the efforts of the barbarous unitarians to disturb the tranquility of the country which H. E. the Governor so firmly upholds.

A note to the Governor from the Bishop of the Diocese and Clerical Senate, states that on 21st ult., High Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral for the repose of the soul of the deceased father of H. E.

A note to the Inspector General dated 23rd ult., from General Celestino Vidal, requested permission on the part of the officers of the *Fuercitos*, to attend as a guard of honor at the *facion* given by the army of the capital on 30th ult., in celebration of the discovery of the plot against the life of the Governor, threatened by the dagger of the assassin unitarians who have sold themselves to the filthy gold of the loathsome French agents.

The General adds that said officers in offering this trifling demonstration of gratitude to H. E., solemnly protest to sacrifice their existence for the national cause of Federation, &c. &c.

Colonel Vicente Gonzalez, under date Monte 27th ult., forwarded details to the government of a *facion* in honor of the late victory over the indians. High Mass and *Te Deum* were celebrated at the Church of Monte, the portrait of the Governor was carried in procession, amid cheering, bell-ringing, discharges of rockets, &c. The military were drawn up and the Colonel issued an address to the citizens, in which he spoke of the late attempt against the life of the Governor, denouncing him the 'hero of America,' the 'father of the country,' and the only man that can render it happy; adding that the unitarians had endeavored to take away the life of H. E. by assassination, and that staid by crime of every description on they no longer merit mercy. The address concluded by venting execrations against them, Frutos Rivera, Juan Lavalle and the French.

The *Gaceta* during the week contained the insertion of letters of condolence to the Governor on the decease of his father. They are from various public authorities civil and military both in town and country. In various places Masses were celebrated for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

The Post-master of "Cañique Negro," José Juan Sosa, under date 9th ult., addressed a note to the Post-master General, offering to the government under present circumstances, the services of his establishment gratis, besides foregoing some claims he had against it for the year 1858. Señor Arana expresses his high admiration of the conduct of H. E. the Governor, stating that he sustains "the dignity of the Province and of the Republic, which is assailed by the unjust blockade of the French agents, vile slaves of the tyrant Louis Philippe."

The Post-master General under date 22d ult., addressed a note to the government, stating that the Postmaster of Lomas de Ensenada, Francisco Huertas, had made over a claim of 258 dollars 3 reales, for the benefit of the State.

Colonel Nicolas Granada, under date Tapalqué 31st ult., addressed a note to the government, stating that Don Pascual Peredo, had in consequence of the victory obtained over the indians on 20th ult., made a present to his Col. Granada's division of 315 boxes of cattle, to be distributed amongst the troops and eaten as *carne con cuero*.

The Curato, Justice of Peace and Alcaldes of the parish of Socorro, addressed a note to the Governor under date 29th ult., for permission for the grenadier company of the Guardia Argentina, that of the Marine Artillery, and the 1st company of Carabiniers, to attend the *facion* in that parish on the 8th inst., intend as a thanksgiving to the Almighty for having saved the precious life of H. E. from the treacherous dagger, which the wretched unitarians in alliance with the loathsome French, had aimed at the magnanimous heart of H. E., the only father of the country.

The Justices of Peace of Monserrat, Flores, Balvaneda, San Telmo, Piedad, and Pilar, addressed a note to the Governor under date 19th ult., in their own name and in that of their federal prisoners, requesting permission to wear the musketry as a mark of federalism, &c. &c. To which H. E. through the medium of a note from General Corbalan, assented with the express condition that (except to the employes) it be absolutely a voluntary act during the present war in defence of the liberty of the country.

Major Miguel Valle, under date Arroyo do Villedo 1st inst., addressed a despatch to the Governor, stating that having that morning received information of a French boat with ten on the coast, he galloped to the spot with his cavalry, but the tyrant cowards took to flight, and he pursued the boat with his cavalry so far into the water that the horses took their footing.—When returning he got information that the French schooner of war Ana, two of their launches and a boat, having on board about 100 men were approaching the shore. A portion of them landed and marched to act fire to some small craft. Major Valle says that he withheld the opportunity, and suddenly charged them at the head of some militia cavalry. The French fled in such haste that they left behind them a boat with 2 oars, 3 muskets, 4 cutlasses, 4 bayonets, 2 boarding axes, 4 pistols, some hand grenades and various other articles brought for the purpose of burning the craft. The Major speaks highly of the conduct of his officers and men.

A decree dated Corrientes July 23d, 1859 appoints Don Justo Diaz de Vivar, as Minister General of government of that Province.

The administrative Commission of the Hospital for men, under date 4th inst., addressed a note to the Governor, stating that from the falling off of the subscriptions, they have been obliged to avail themselves of the law not to admit more patients than the means of the hospital can maintain, and a number of applications have therefore been refused which the Commission deeply feel, and attribute this state of things to the unjust and inhuman blockade of this French.

The government replied to the above on the 9th, approving the proceeding adopted by the Commission, of only receiving the number of patients which the funds of the hospital can support, and that in fact it would be better to close the establishment altogether than neglect interests of the first order—the salvation of the country, its honor, dignity, independence and liberty, which the people have sworn to sustain at the cost of life and property. H. E. deeply deplores that the poor invalid should be deprived of this asylum.

Montevideo, September 1, 1850.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH PACKET.

SIR,  
 Allow me to give you a correct list of the French and Riverista vessels of war in the River Plate to this date.

	A. B.
Frigate Minerve.....	64 guns.
Corvette Sapho.....	28 "
" Adour.....	30 "
" Camille.....	20 "
" Expeditif.....	18 "
Brigque Perle.....	18 "
Barque Alert.....	20 "
" Dassa.....	20 "
" Fluted.....	20 "
" Badine.....	16 "
" Cerf.....	12 "
" Silphe.....	12 "
" Lotin.....	12 "
" Bordaile.....	8 "
Of the above vessels the Minerve carries 4 guns, 80 pounders, & la Paixans. The rest have each two of the same description.	
Brigantine San Martin.....	6 guns.
" Vigilant.....	4 "
Polacre Theta.....	5 "
Schooner Fertia.....	6 "
" Fortis.....	6 "
" Camisa.....	1 "