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The following letter addressed to Governor Barra by a confidential correspondent, and transmitted by the former to President Oribe, was published in the *Gaceta* of the 1st instant, among other documents which we notice elsewhere—

"Señor Don Juan Felipe Barra.

"March 12, 1841.

"My highly esteemed friend,

"The recreant traitor Acha arrived at this place with about 200 men, on his way to Rioja, but suspended his march at Catamarca, demanding a supply of horses. He received an express from the recreant unitarian Lavalle, requesting that he should join him with the speed of lightning, and at the same time another from the traitor scoundrel (La Madrid), urging him to fall back on Tucuman, as he was in great straits in consequence of the movement at Salta, and I am also assured by couriers and passengers, that the detestable scoundrel (Madrid) has marched towards Salta.

"With respect to the movement in the towns of the west it has been effective.

"At the moment of writing this, I am informed for certain by a countryman, that the march of the traitor Acha which was to have taken place yesterday, was put off until this day at day-break, in order that he might take with him the small force which the traitor Augier has."

"By subsequent information it appears that Acha finally resolved to obey the summons of Lavalle, but he was met on the road by the division of the Quilmes militia of this Province, under the command of Col. Flores, and a squadron of San Luis troops, detached for this purpose by General Aldao, and completely cut to pieces, Acha himself with difficulty escaping. This affair, together with the flight of Lavalle and Brizuela from the strong position of the *Cueva de Guancho*, and the capture of the 12 pieces of cannon by which it was defended, is considered as an event rendering comparatively easy what remains to be accomplished of the task of pacifying the Northern Provinces of the Confederation.

In our last we mentioned the grand ball which was given on the night of Wednesday the 31st ultimo, by Don Antonio Diaz, Ministry of the Uruguay, dedicated to Doña Manuela Rosas, daughter of H. E. the Governor. We have been favored with the following description of it by one of the guests.

"The patio or courtyard of the mansion, by which the company entered, was decorated with flags and arches, and illuminated with 158 lamps and a large and brilliant star, all of which were arranged along the cornice of the piazza, and a colonnade erected for the occasion at right angles and in a parallel line to the piazza, forming a quadrangle of considerable extent. The entrance to the mansion was through a room at the right extremity of the piazza and from thence into an adjoining one called the *matrón*; this communicated with the ladies' dressing-room on one side and the ante-saloon on the other—all were splendidly lit—the saloon with a chandelier and four branch candelsticks. It communicated on the right with a lobby leading to a room for the deposit of gentlemen's hats, &c., beyond which was the refreshment-room, provided with every delicacy that could be procured, and lit with 21 spermaceti candles. Further on was a room appropriated to cards,

chess, &c., and beyond this was another room for smokers and loungers. The principal ball-room was superbly illuminated by 112 spermaceti lights, displayed in 5 magnificent chandeliers suspended from the ceiling and 15 candelabras placed on the side-tables, and was ornamented with the portraits of Generals Rosas, Oribe, Echagüe, H. M. Louis Philippe, &c. &c. The scarlet carpeting gave additional brilliancy to the scene, whilst the blaze of light reflected on every side from the costly jewels of the fair visitors, rendered it a most dazzling spectacle.—The music was admirable, and was most judiciously arranged in a covered orchestra at one of the extremities of the room. The second ball-room communicated with the first, and had 50 lights displayed in 2 chandeliers and 12 candelsticks; here also the music was placed as in the first room.

At 10 o'clock, Doña Manuela Rosas arrived, and her arrival was greeted by a discharge of 600 rockets. She entered by a private entrance and was conducted to a dressing-room appropriated to herself. On her entering the ball-room the National Anthem was sung by the lovely Doña Alicia Diaz and Don Carlos Salvañac.—

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The *Gaceta* during the week has contained numerous notes of congratulation to H. E. Governor Rosas, from the civil and military authorities and others on the failure of the attempt against his life by means of the infernal machine. They are couched in terms of high estimation against the unitarians to whom the affair is attributed, averring, that had it succeeded, it would have brought upon the country unheard of calamities and involved it in blood, crime, devastation and utter ruin. "What (says one of the notes) would now have been the situation of these infamous unitarians if H. E. and his amiable daughter had perished? Popular and just vengeance would have stalked abroad, all guarantees would have disappeared, and the masses of a population inflamed to the highest degree, would have shed the blood of the traitors in torrents to appease the manes of the illustrious martyr, whom their infernal treachery had immolated." We have selected from these congratulatory epistles the following from the House of Representatives—

Buenos Ayres, April 3rd, 1841.

22nd year of the Liberty, 26th of the Independence, and 11th of the Argentine Confederation.

The Hon. House of Representatives,

To H. E. the Governor and Captain General of the Province, Our Illustrious Restorer of the Laws, Hero of the Desert, Heroic Defender of American Independence, Brigadier General Juan Manuel de Rosas.

The House of Representatives has been informed that the recreant and ferocious unitarian and in their despair at being everywhere defeated, have endeavored by foul murder to take away the important life of H. E. Our Illustrious Restorer of the Laws, Brigadier General Juan Manuel de Rosas.

The Representatives of the people are not surprised that the recreant unitarians in their fury to have again resorted to the same execrable perfidious means which they have employed on other occasions, and which happily for our country have been frustrated by Divine Providence. He who on other occasions put aside the knife of fratricidal assassins, likewise prevented the horrible effect of the infernal machine prepared by these monsters in their desperation, in the Oriental State of the

Uruguay, which is an unfortunately under the ominous yoke of a vandal usurper, whose political principles consist in the patronising of all sorts of crime.

The people of Buenos Ayres have seen in the recent invasion of these wretches, that they insinuate at no act however atrocious.—That routed by the brave Federals, they have left behind them positive proofs of their brutality and irreligion.—That the weaker sex, venerable old age, and even innocent childhood, have alike been victims of these monsters who are a disgrace to human nature.

It is necessary therefore to take every precaution against these infernal hordes, who are incessantly conspiring against our country.—This will not be the last attempt of these ungodly perverse men. They are infamous—natural perverts—they are in fine *sauzege unitarios*; and in the black page of their history is recorded what is to be no where found in the annals of the ferocity of man. In their audacity and impotency this arm of the vile is the only one they preserve.

The Representatives, therefore, animated with the patriotic fire which inflames their bosoms against the iniquity and treachery of the recreant and ferocious unitarian band, hasten to manifest to Y. E. their indignation at a plot so horrid; and the joy they feel at the preservation of the life of Y. E. in which is centered that of the country. Wretched indeed it must have been, had Heaven for one moment abandoned our just cause and enabled the brutal unitarians to put their atrocious plans into execution. Insublime as they are criminal, it did not occur to them that they could not reap advantage from their detestable treachery, because the whole country would have been drenched with the blood of their infamous race.

The Representatives of the people, congratulate you, with deep emotion, inasmuch as the Almighty has preserved your important life and that of your highly esteemed daughter the worthy federal Doña Manuela de Rosas y Ezcurra.

Be pleased, Excellent Sir, to accept the congratulations of this Hon. House, which grateful to Heaven for so many blessings, offers up its most fervent thanks for the protection extended to Y. E., to this province, and to the Argentine Confederation.

God preserve the important life of Y. E. many years.

(The President of the Hon. House.)

MIGUEL GARCIA.

(The Secretary.)

Manuel de Trigozen.

Official Documents.

The House of Representatives passed a vote at its sittings on 31st ultimo, that on the 13th instant a solemn Mass and Te Deum be celebrated at the Cathedral, in presence of the government and civil and military authorities, as a thanksgiving to the Almighty for the preservation of the life of Governor Rosas by means of the infernal machine.

The government in reply to the above stated that it had issued the corresponding orders for the attendance of the authorities.

The House at its sittings of 6th instant, ordered that in the book to be denominated the *Monumento de Gloria*, be inserted the horrible attempt to assassinate Governor Rosas by means of the infernal machine, & promoted by the *sauzege bando unitario*, and frustrated by Divine Providence.

April 7.—Win W. A. F. d. S. at night. Hay
and d. y.

No arrivals.

Sailed, French ship Duvisier, Giraud, for Havre de Grace, despatched by Guerin, Seris & Co., with 6182 dry hides, 6100 horns, 63 bales with 2210 arrobas hair, 56 do. with 1400 arrobas wool, 4 barrels with 50 arrobas old copper.

April 8.—Wind S. S. E.

Arrived, British barque Cigar, 222 tons, John Harvey, from Lisbon last February, Montevideo 4th inst., 448 moyaes salt, no Nicholson, Green & Co.

British barque Wanderer, 306 tons, William W. Hart, from Cadiz last February, Montevideo 6th inst., 302 tons salt, to order.

British barque Jean le Baptiste, 224 tons, Giffin, from Montevideo 6th, general cargo, to Anderson, Weiler & Co.

British brigantine Rais Effendi, 175 tons, James Williams, from Montevideo 6th, general cargo, to James C. Thompson.

Norwegian brig June, 167 tons, John A. Myson, from St. Ubes last February, 225 moyaes salt, to Ferdinand Delisle.

Brazilian brigantine of war Arzon, 10 guns, Captain Antonio Felix Correa de Mello, from Montevideo 6th.

Brazilian brigantine of war Camaron, 5 guns, Captain José Maria Rodriguez, from Montevideo 6th.

Sailed, Brazil brigantine of war Argos.

United schooner of warclair.

French States schooner Enterprise, 10 guns, Lieut. L. W. Golsborough, Commander, all for Montevideo.

British brig Ilaly, Samuel Galt, for Cork for orders, despatched by Rennie Macfarlane & Co., with 2434 salted ox hides, 28,400 skin and shank bones, 114 pipes, 32 half do, 51 quarter do, with 5655 arrobas tallow, 140 bales with 5270 arrobas horse hair, 151 do with 3192 doz. sheep skins, 17 do with 690 doz. deer skins, 3 do with 100 doz. goat skins, 11 do with 173 arrobas tallow.

April 9.—Wind S. S. E.

No arrivals.

Sailed, (during the last night) British brig Wilton Wood, Matthew Russell, for Liverpool, despatched by John Best and Brothers, with 4623 salted hides, 1000 brined horse hides, 3100 dry horse hides, 25 tons bones, 142 pipes with 5390 arrobas tallow, 98 hales with 10,290 horse hides, 3 do with 571 arrobas hair, 14 do with 350 arrobas wool, 6 do with 275 doz. deer skins, 1 do with 166 doz. nutria skins, 1 do with 80 calf skins, 4 do with 88 doz. sheep skins.

Merchant Vessels in the Port of Buenos Ayres last evening (9th inst.)

British	.....	31
American	.....	17
French	.....	13
Spanish	.....	3
Sardinian	.....	3
Belgian	.....	1
Swedish	.....	4
Norwegian	.....	3
Hamburg	.....	4
Swiss	.....	4
Danish	9
Bremen	2
Neapolitan	1
Russian	1
Austrian	1
Argentine	1
Dutch	1
Total	107

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The ball was opened with a minuet by Doña Manuela Rossa and Don Antonio Diaz, and Doña Francisca de Arana and Don Agustín Garrigas. The dance afterwards became general, and consisted of the contra-dance, waltz, quadrille, the galopade, and the favorite minuet Federal; the latter was danced to admiration by Doña Manuela and General Manilla. A charming duet was sung by Doña Aziza Diaz, and Don Carlos Salvañe. In fact, nothing but happiness prevailed; all seemed to cater into the

enjoyment of the night. It is impossible to describe the dresses of the ladies, whose so much neatness and elegance were displayed.—Our attention however was particularly directed to the dress of Doña M. Manuela Rossa, who may perhaps be forgiven by the other ladies present if we make an exception and alter a description of the People's favorite. Her amability, frankness and gracefulness, aside from the gaze and admiration of all who have the happiness of being in her society. She was on this evening superbly attired. A delicate pink silk gaine, richly embroidered with white over a figured satin under dress of the same colour, and bordered on the left side of the bodice with rich diamonds and ornaments completed the dress.

We have purposely left to the last that part of the arrangements which most struck our fancy, both from the beauty of the place and the happy effect produced by the ingenious designer. A drapery of flags having been removed from one of the sides of the second ball-room, a sombre passage was discovered, in appearance like the dark entrance of a cave:—after passing through this, a flood of light burst upon the view, and you found yourself in the supper-room:—this was in the form of a cone, the centre of the canopy (which was white) was decorated with gilt stars and supported by a pyramid standing on a pedestal—the table was a circular form with an opening opposite to the entrance of the pavilion to admit the guests who were to sit in the interior of the circle, and sufficiently large to accommodate 80 persons. Doña Manuela was conducted by the host to the pyramid, which the pyramid, which was white, was surmounted with a garland or crown of red and white drapery, which had a fine effect. Four chandeliers were suspended in the pavilion, one opposite to each side of the pyramid. On the side of the pedestal in front of Doña Manuela, was a mirror; on that opposite to the entrance, the Convention of Peace celebrated with France, and on the remaining two sides the Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Great Britain—the sides of the pavilion were adorned with sundry pictures, and on that part behind the seat of Doña Manuela, was a large painting allegorical to the Campaign of the Colorado. It is not possible to give an adequate description of the splendour and comfort and luxury which it afforded. It is almost superfluous to say that the table displayed every delicacy; no expense was spared. A band of music concealed from the view of the guests was in attendance at all times, and the charming selection performed gave an air of enchantment to the scene. Don Antonio Diaz proposed the health of Doña Manuela Rossa, which was drank amid the most lively enthusiasm.

The much praise cannot be bestowed on this truly splendid entertainment, and the urbanity, politeness and hospitality of the worthy host, his amiable lady and lovely interesting daughters. Indeed, this festival of the 31st March, will be long remembered by those who attended it; all seemed inspired with feelings of delight, and if other thoughts for a moment intruded, they were those that such happy moments so seldom occur.

The Company being so numerous we will not attempt to give full details. It consisted of 500 or 550 persons amongst which were H. B. M's Delegate Governor, lady and daughter, H. B. M's Minister Plenipotentiary, Admiral Dupont, a number of Argentine military officers and Magistrates; various Oriental emigrants of distinction; Captain Freeman of H. B. M's brig Citio, a number of British officers (British, American and French), the ladies of Generals Alvarez, Guido, Manilla, Hordia, Quiroga and their families; Don Miguel Riglos and lady, Dr. Lantini, &c. &c.; the members of the United States and Denmark; Mr. John Macfarlane, sister and Miss Helen Campbell, Mr. W. A. Rhodes and lady, Mr. Robert Macalister, and Mrs. Miss Child, Mrs. Macdonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Diest, Miss M. Lums, Mr. John Best and lady, Mr. Hallett and lady, Mr. and Miss Hunter, Mr. Horne and lady, Mrs. Mackinlay, Mrs. Mackinlay, Mr. Edmund Mac kinlay and lady; Messrs. Peter Sheridan, Patrick McLean, Walter McLenn, John H. Gordon, H. B. Armstrong, John Harritt, Alexander Gifford, John Greenway, Alfred Barber, William Stewart, Thomas Hughes, &c. &c.

The Oriental Minister and all the Argentines

Generals and officers, were in full uniform, and wore their medals and other insignias.

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CHARLES GRIFITHS,

H. M.'s Consul.

Buenos Ayres, April 8, 1851.

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Do. for France	64 a 64 1/2
Do. for N. America	62 a 62 1/2
Do. for Spain	68 a 70 do.
Do. salted	54 a 56 dg.
Do. Horse	22 a 25 do.
Calf skins	52 a 54
Sheep skins, common	31 a 32 per dozen
Do. fine	34 a 35 do
Deer skins	22 a 24 do
Goat skins	42 a 45 do.
Nutria skins	45 a 60 no. per lb.
Chinchilla skins	50 a 60 do. per dozen
Horse air, short	48 a 60 per arroba.
Do. long	53 a 55 do.
Do. mules	38 a 40 do.
Wool, common	18 a 22 do.
Do. picked	28 a 42 do.
Do. shorn from skins	45 a 46 do.
Do. best	50 a 55 do.
Tallow, pure	27 a 28 do.
Do. raw	17 a 21 do.
Do. with grass	12 a 15 do.
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