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### BUENOS AYRES.

We insert elsewhere an important paper, to which we earnestly invite the attention of our readers, especially of those abroad, whose opinion in regard to the state of affairs in these countries it is so tenaciously sought, by the most unworthy means, to mislead. The document to which we allude is the draft of a joint note said to have been drawn up by the French Consul General, and which it was proposed should be delivered to the Riverista Government by the foreign agents in Montevideo, with a view to put an end to the anomalous position in which that capital is placed. A more eloquent exposé of facts could with difficulty be made; and so cogent are the reasons put forth in support of the proposed step, that it can scarcely be conceived how it could be resisted by any neutral agent impressed with a proper sense of duty. Still it was resisted by Commodore Parvis! This fatal man, after having been chiefly instrumental in producing the present unprecedented situation of affairs, sternly refused to co-operate in the humane plan devised for its termination. That he is at least consistent in his persevering hostility to those very interests which he was sent to protect, cannot be denied; but we apprehend that fines will have strangely altered if this characteristic feature in his conduct will be regarded as the result of a mere blameless "error of judgment," when the day of reckoning arrives—and arrive it must ere long. In the meanwhile, Admiral Clavel, M. Pichon, Sr. Leite, and Sr. Gavazzo, the French, Portuguese, and Sardinian authorities, who have exerted themselves so strenuously to promote so desirable an end, are entitled to the warmest acknowledgments of every friend of justice and humanity; and they will, doubtless, enjoy the esteem of every honest man, whilst the protractors of a people's miseries will be the unceasing objects of curses both loud and deep.

Don Luis Bana, a respectable native merchant, was barbarously sacrificed last week, in Montevideo, under circumstances well calculated to illustrate the curious fact that the paradox of a man standing in the relation of a foreigner in his own country is now realized there to the fullest extent. The unhappy victim was denounced by the Italian proscript, Garribaldi, as guilty of maintaining correspondence with the camp of President Oribe, in proof of which some anonymous letters, commenting with patriotic indignation on the conduct of the refractory Frenchmen, and said to have been found in a boat about to be despatched for the Bacco, were

presented. The denaturalised mercenaries peremptorily demanded the head of the accused, in compliance with Pacheco and Obe's blood-thirsty decree. Bana, consequently, at the instigation of strangers, was dragged before a revolutionary tribunal presided over by strangers, and on the evidence of two men, who swore that the handwriting of the prisoner, and that of the letters in question, bore a strong resemblance to each other, was condemned to death! Another stranger issued the warrant for carrying the iniquitous sentence into effect—and strangers or armed slaves were the executioners! And what gives the whole transaction a still more flagitious character is the strong presumption which the pertinent remarks of the *Gaceta* excite, that the alleged anonymous letters were an impudent forgery, in which the ingenuity of another stranger was made subservient, as on other occasions, to the vilest purposes. Such, Commodore Parvis, are the consequences of your insensate proceedings in this river; and we envy not the feelings of the man who can take delight in perpetuating them.

It is some time since we have noticed in our list of vessels in port, those under the flag of this Republic. Some idea, however, may be formed of the extent of the shipping owned in Buenos Ayres, from the fact that more than eight hundred vessels, large and small, are registered at the Custom House, and sail under the Argentine flag.

The following are the names of those employed in foreign trade:—  
Barque Sereno, 312 tons, loading for New York—Trinidad Cacique, Fanny, and Colono—parque brigas—brigitinos Tutler, Nuevo, Brillante, Calipso, Corsario, Argentino, and Alerta—schooners Mariana, and Perroliano.

The *Gaceta* of yesterday contains a notice from the Captain of the Port, stating, that he is authorized to receive tenders from the owners of coasting vessels for the conveyance of stone from the Island of Martin Garcia, for the pavement of the streets of this city.

For some time past the streets already paved have been undergoing a course of thorough repair; and we understand that measures are in train to build a wall along the Alameda so as to secure it from the effects of any inundation: it is added that this is only a preliminary step to other improvements in that quarter, all tending to the accomplishment of what has long been a great desideratum—the construction of a public walk corresponding to the rank which our city holds amongst the capitals of the world.

It is stated that a French brig of war arrived at Montevideo, on Wednesday last, after a short passage from Cadiz, with orders for the French Admiral Clavel, to depart with all his squadrons from the River Plate for Rio Janeiro. This occurrence gave rise to a report at Montevideo of a misunderstanding between England and France on the affairs of Spain.

Vessels lost at the Bacco, during the sale on the 8th to 11th inst. —Spanish brig *Edgardo*, Argentine brigantine *San Antonio*, schooner *Agula*, and another schooner. The crews of the wrecked vessels were all saved.

Capt. Jenkin Jones, R.N., was unfortunately drowned in July last by the upsetting of a boat in the Bristol Channel. He was a distinguished officer, and was, when in command of H.B.M.'s ship *Carago*, senior officer of Buenos Ayres, in 1840, at the latter end of which year he visited General Rosas, at the encampment at Santos Lugares.

### Foreign Merchant Vessels in the Port of Buenos Ayres on the evening of 27th inst.

British	39
American	15
French	15
Spanish	16
Sardinian	18
Brazilian	5
Hamburg	5
Swedish	3
Danish	5
Bremen	3
Russian	1
Portuguese	3
Prussian	6
Lubeck	1
Belgian	1
Lucca	2
Norwegian	1
Oldenburg	1
Dutch	1

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The schooners, &c., under the Brazilian and Sardinian flags, employed as packets and otherwise between this and Montevideo, &c., are not included in the above list.

The weather during the week has been unseasonably cold and even wintry. It may be said it was a cry of a cold May in England, that

—Winter lingers in the lap of May.—

Thermometer in the <i>Mirador</i> of the Commercial Room since our last	
Saturday	67
Sunday	62
Monday	58
Tuesday	59
Wednesday	64
Thursday	65
Friday	66

### CALCULATIONS IN 1821.

One penny, at compound interest of 5 per cent. per annum, from the commencement of the Christian era to the beginning of 1821, would be double 128 times, with 27 years over, and would amount to 382,664,571,752,636,342,957,096,500,094,052,857,071 pence, or £1,594,435,715,633,455,595,054,527,093,725,229,237,104,115, as compound interest doubles capital at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum in about 14½ years. The globe which we inhabit contains about 355,558,140,130 cubic miles; a cubic mile contains 147,197,932,000 cubic feet, making about 38,833,379,108,974,600,240,000 cubic feet in the globe. At the mint price a cubic foot of pure gold (making the due allowance of 1—12th for alloy) is worth £76,038 14s. 10d. sterling, so that the whole globe, if composed of pure gold, would be worth £2,952,841,810,284,867,536,076,800,000. It follows from these data, that one penny placed as above would, by the operation of compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum, produce, in the course of 1820 years, more than the value of 580 millions of globes as large as this world, all of pure and solid gold.

\* Note.—Compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum doubles capital in exactly 34 years, 75 days, 14 hours, 57 minutes, and 12 seconds.





