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### BUENOS AYRES.

Rivera, who, from the very circumstance of the comparatively small number of his followers, has hitherto been able to elude the pursuit of the army in the field against him, was at length overtaken on the 24th ult., by General Urquiza, and soundly drubbed. The only particulars yet received relative to this important event are contained in the following extracts of letters:—

From General Urquiza to President Oribe.  
Field of battle, sources of the Sauce, opposite D. Francisco Oribe's, January 25, 1844, 5 a. m.

MY DEAR FRIEND.—After a march of 40 leagues in little more than three days, I succeeded in overtaking at this place, the PARDEJON and all his horde. My advanced guard under the command of the meritorious Colonel M. A. Undinarrain engaged and overpowered that of the enemy, and diverted the attention of the PARDEJON himself, whilst I moved forward with a part of the cavalry and battalion No. 3 of the Patricios, and charging the enemy completely routed him. The battle took place after sunset; but notwithstanding the darkness the pursuit was followed up for about two leagues in every direction. The enemy's loss is considerable, and the dispersion extraordinary. Our casualties are but trifling.

From Colonel Granada to President Oribe.  
Arroyo del Sauce, right bank of the Yi, January 25, 1844.

MY DEAR GENERAL.—Yesterday we came fully up with the army of the PARDEJON, which was marching in the direction of Farriscoos, and after some smart skirmishing with the advanced guard, being forced to fight he offered us battle a little before sunset, his hordes moving upon our line. The result was as might have been anticipated—all the squadrons of the ruthless unitarians were broken, routed and pursued, as far as it was practicable in the obscurity of the night. I commanded the right wing, and can assure you both officers and men fully sustained the reputation they have acquired &c.

From Lieutenant Colonel Bustos to President Oribe.

Encampment at the Arroyo Sauce on the Yi, January 25, 1844.

A thousand congratulations, my dear General, for the complete triumph we obtained on this field over the ruthless unitarians. The imbecile incendiary Rivera, urged by the desperation of his situation, tried his fortune last night, but he learnt sadly to his cost, that the valour of our troops is irresistible. I am certain he did not take off the field 50 men in a body—the dispersed were cut up in all directions. We cannot as yet give any correct particulars, for it is not yet day light. I can only at present say that the enemy's loss is very considerable, whilst ours, if any, is insignificant.

We received by the brig Creole, English papers to the 1st December. The following are extracts from the LIVERPOOL MERCURY, of that date.

#### THE IRISH STATE TRIALS.

All the preliminary skirmishes about pleas and demurrers have been fought, with great damage to the character of the prosecutor, though with no corresponding benefit to the cause of the defendants, and

the grand battle is appointed to take place on the 15th January next. By this delay, which went sorely against the grain with the Irish Attorney General, though the reasons for it were so inextinguishable that even he could not, for very shame, withstand them. Mr. O'Connell and his co-defendants will have at least the advantage of a jury selected from a fairer panel than has ever yet been known in Dublin, but they are still refused a list of the witnesses against them,—a matter which may be most material to their defence, and which is, we believe, almost universally granted in England. It will be seen that a majority of the Irish judges of the Court of Queen's Bench have treated very cavalierly the argument derived from the practice of the English courts in this respect, whilst the Lord Chief Justice affected to doubt whether such was the practice here, and had the singular bad taste to say that even it were, he would abide by the practice in Ireland, which is, it seems, to refuse to the accused that information which is deemed essential to their defence in England, and granted as a matter of course. On these and some other points connected with the prosecution and its results, we shall have some further observations to offer in our next. In the meanwhile, we shall only say that the defendants, whether innocent or guilty, are entitled to a fair trial,—and to all the advantages to which the law of England however it may hitherto have been perverted in Ireland, entitles them; and that a verdict obtained against them by any other than perfectly fair and legal means, apart from all chicanery and oppression, will be as unpopular amongst all honest and justice loving Englishmen as amongst the most zealous of the Irish repealers.

#### FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW BRAZILIAN TREATY.

We regret to state that we are informed upon good authority, that the negotiations for renewing the treaty with Brazil, which have been lingering so long in London, have ended at last in a complete failure. After various communications to no purpose, matters were brought to a final close this week, and the Brazilian Envoy, who had been sent to this country for the purpose of ascertaining whether any chance of success yet remains after the failure of Mr. Ellis's mission to Rio Janeiro, has at length conclusively found that the attempt is hopeless. The treaty is lost.

#### SPAIN.

The French telegraphic despatches from Perpignan announce that Barcelona capitulated on the 19th ultimo, and that the Queen's troops took possession of all the gates on the following day. The Captain General, on the 21st ultimo, appointed and installed a new municipality. Some armed National Guards having committed excesses against the military, and having raised seditious cries, a bando, dated the 22nd, ordered the general disarming of the inhabi-

tants. Such as should not deliver up their arms within the delay of six hours to incur the penalty of death. The members of the Junta and about a hundred officers of the free corps of National Guard, departed the same day for France, with passports from the Captain General.

Accounts from Madrid of the 20th announce that Olozaga has at last undertaken the task of forming a new Ministry without the aid of Cortina. It was generally believed that, with the exception of Serrano, none of the members of the late Cabinet would be re-appointed. A report prevailed that another attempt had been made on the life of Narvaez by poison, but no particulars are given.

#### NEW COMET.

(Times, November 29, 1843.)

At one o'clock of the morning of 22nd November, a comet, only visible through a telescope, was discovered near the star Gamma, of Orion, by M. Faye, an astronomer attached to the royal observatory at Paris. Its position on November 22nd, 1843, at 14h. 44m. 11s. mean time of Paris, reckoned from mid-day, was in

R A=81° 5' 0"  
N D= 6 56 0

Nov. 24, 1843, at 17h. 4m. 43s. Paris mean time,

R A=80° 50' 42"  
N D= 6 30 35

The comet presents a head so distinct that the observations are singularly facilitated.

From the head slight trains of light diverge nearly opposite to the sun.

The tail is at present in length about 4 minutes of a degree.

#### THE COMET.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—This comet was observed here with the five-feet equatorial, whose object-glass is  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches aperture, about 8 o'clock last evening; with the large achromatic, of 11 inches 9-10ths diameter, its nucleus, with powers of 150 and 300, seemed not round, but elongated in the direction of the tail which later after moonset, extended about 11 minutes. It does not bear much illumination of the field, although it was easily found with an achromatic telescope of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches aperture.

At 43 minutes 37 seconds after midnight its right ascension was about 5 hours 21 minutes and 37 seconds, and its northern declination was about 5 degrees 34 minutes and 32 seconds, and it is very near the star A Orionis.

#### J. SOUTH.

Observatory, Kensington, Thursday morning, Nov 30, 1843, half past 2.

Yesterday the 2nd inst., being the day of the Purification was kept as a close holiday in Buenos Ayres.





