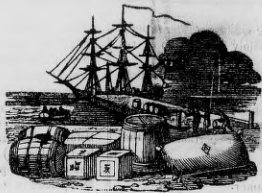


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On the 1st inst. the 26th Legislature of the Province was installed with the customary solemnities, when the annual message of the Executive was presented by the Minister of Foreign Relations representing the person of H. E. the Governor.

In subsequent numbers, when provided with the necessary translation, we purpose to present our readers with copious extracts from this document, interesting as a record of the past, and still more so, as an index to the future march of the administration. Our only regret is, that the limits of a weekly journal prevent us from inserting it entire. In the present number we can offer little more than the exordium, and a few cursory remarks.

The document is lengthy; embracing a vast variety of details, arranged with methodical precision. Not content with a bare enumeration of facts, general principles are elucidated, and the tendency of measures clearly developed. The very diction is chaste and elegant; and, taken as a whole, its intrinsic merits, as a mere literary production, are of the highest order.

The department of Foreign Relations is "fraught with consolation," especially for the loving and loyal subjects of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. The conflict between their fealty and gratitude, their interest and patriotism, their natural sense of justice and accidental sympathies, now approaches its close. We may, we think, confidently assume, on the authority of the Message itself, that the vexatious questions, arising out of the intervention and its incidents, are—all but settled. The glimpse presented of the Hon. Mr. Southern, H. M.'s newly-appointed Minister Plenipotentiary, removes in a great degree all misgivings. The reciprocal courtesy and cordiality, the moderation and conciliatory spirit that characterize the pending discussions, augur well for a satisfactory, and we fondly hope, a speedy termination of existing differences.

The position of the *quodam* and *quasi* ally of Great Britain is not quite so satisfactory; but even here "hope predominates." Republican France can have little sympathy with some of the most powerful motives that evidently influenced the policy of the ex-Crown-Hunter.

In every other quarter we have the cheering prospect of peace, tranquillity and cordiality, with a trifling exception on the part of Brazil. Fortunately in this case the danger is attenuated by many palpable considerations, all of a pacific tendency. The Empire, like the Republic, has vast resources undeveloped, and that can only be developed in a state of peace. Mutual interest, therefore, becomes a guarantee of continued forbearance on the one side, and of a return to the observance of a correct policy on the other. Besides, recent occurrences have shown, that the adhesion of the component parts of the Empire is nothing too strong, and would certainly be weakened and endangered by a state of war. And, though last not least, the social organization of Brazil, with its leprosy of slavery, a canker-worm preying on its very vitals, forbids it to court or provoke a foreign contest.

The Provincial relations of the Republic, arising out of its federal organization, are the most harmonious and satisfactory. Here we have the most unanimity of views, a prompt acquiescence and hearty co-operation in every measure recommended by the General Government. In this we have a practical result of the systematic

and persevering policy of General Rosas. By widely disseminating the document under consideration, and other publications of a similar tendency, throughout the interior provinces, where the means of intellectual intercourse are still necessarily limited and imperfect, he not only remedies, to a certain extent, a felt social want, but lays a broad and solid foundation for the inter-Provincial relations, and gradually prepares that unanimity and harmony, so essential to the defence and maintenance of national rights and interests. Unanimity, to be cordial and enduring, must be based on conviction; co-operation, to be effective, must be inspired and guided by intelligence. This is the true solution of the apparently unlimited ascendancy of General Rosas over the interior provinces, that some attempt in vain to account for, on the hypothesis of mere personal or despotic influence. Nay, it will be found that the same influence, from the same cause, or the agency of the same means, extends far beyond the bounds of the Argentine Republic. The views of national right and international law and policy, asserted and maintained with such indomitable constancy by the Argentine Government, find an echo and response in all the new Republics of South America, that now recognize General Rosas, without one dissentient voice, as the most conspicuous and influential statesman in the New World. The day is not far distant when a European coalition against any of these States, would be met by a counter-coalition of all the South American Republics; and then will be seen the fruits of the AMERICAN POLICY, so earnestly and indefatigably advocated by the Argentine press.

Want of space precludes us from pursuing these remarks any farther this week, but we shall revert to the subject in our next.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BUENOS AYRES TO THE 26TH LEGISLATURE.

Messieurs Representatives—

It is highly gratifying to me to greet you on the opening of your august sessions. Applauded by public opinion you commence them surrounded by all the effulgence of national honour. Under such happy auspices is the Twelfth-Sixth Legislature sustained.

The Republic gloriously sustains its rights against foreign intervention. The national dignity and independence preserve that exalted position in which you swore to maintain them. The defence of the Confederation enlists the moral opinion of the world and the fraternal sympathies of the American states. Memorable events have taken place. Behold therein the result and the glory of your wise deliberations and unshaken patriotism. The Almighty has graciously favoured your efforts and virtuous resolutions. A fresh and splendid victory and glorious triumphs have been engraved on the annals of the Republics of La Plata, obtained by the heroic bravery of the Orientales and of their allies the Argentines. The Confederate Governments and People worthily defend the honor, the independence and the federal pact of the nation. The public execration resounds throughout against the ruthless Unitarians, impotent and overwhelmed by the unconquerable power of the opinion of the country, of America and of the world.

In the midst of the splendour of so much national American glory I humbly offer you my profound acknowledgements to the Omnipotent for His visible protection.

You are met together, Honorable Representatives, to deliberate on the public affairs. Full of respect and gratitude I offer you my deep-felt congratulations and submit to your sovereign decision the acts of my administration.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Government solicitously cultivates the good relations of the Confederation with friendly Powers. Those which it felt pleasure in maintaining with the Governments of Great Britain and France have not yet been restored to their

former footing. That of H. B. M. appears in a much less difficult position to re-establish them than that of France. That of the Confederation does not cease to entertain sincere wishes for peace, without prejudice to the rights of the Republic and of its ally the President of the Oriental State, Brigadier Don Manuel Oribe.

H. B. M.'s Minister of Foreign Affairs announced to the Argentine Plenipotentiary at London the death of H. R. H. the Princess Sophia, aunt to H. M. Queen Victoria. The Argentine Minister expressed to that of H. M. his deep regret for so melancholy an event.

I informed you in my previous Message of the orders given by the Government to its Minister at the court of H. B. M. in consequence of a declaration of that of Great Britain to the Plenipotentiary of Peru in London, offensive to the South American States, in answer to a request from the latter, in regard to the projected expedition against some of the Republics of the Continent, by the spurious Americans Flores and Santa Cruz.—The Argentine Minister gave account of the fulfilment of those orders.—The Government is very sorry to announce to you, that the explanations of that of H. M. do not satisfy the just exigencies of the dignity and independence of these Republics, so gratuitously offended by that declaration.—

In the conference that the Argentine Minister had with that of the Foreign Relations of H. M., the latter declared to him that his observations had been general, and applied to the States that neglected their obligations towards English creditors.—And added, that when at that time he had to speak in Parliament, of the scandalous abandonment in which the matter had continued for so many years, he had with equal justice pointed out, and comprehended in the same censure, the States of South America, and some of those of the United States, and others of Europe in the same case, such as Spain and Greece; but that he had excepted the South American States that were already honourably fulfilling their obligations, and others that made efforts to fulfil them, and which circumstances of notoriety evidently prevented from doing, as happened with the Argentine Confederation.

The Government has shown the Argentine Minister in London its very painful impression, on perceiving, in the conceptions of that of H. M., the refusal of satisfaction.—It has addressed to him the observations, to which so unjust and inadmissible a declaration gives occasion, as to any change of the Governments established in this Continent, which, besides being opposed to the law of nations, is incompatible with every idea of peace and of public morality.

It has repelled so alarming an innovation of the means universally recognised for obtaining justice by nations, when they are denied what is due to them, amongst which the inadmissible tendency of the declaration of the Minister of Foreign Relations of H. M., far from being comprehended, is excluded by public right. It has repelled the motive on which it is founded.—It considers it unwarranted, even in the generosity wherewith it has been applied to the South American Republics, that the Government of H. M. regarded as neglecting their obligations with the English creditors.

It has also expressed to him the non-existence even of the ostensible motive of his declaration, pointing out to him the South American States that were faithfully discharging their obligations with British individuals, and the just motives that prevented others from such performance.

And as regards the Argentine Confederation, it has signified to him, that it has been prevented from fulfilling them, not only by the unjustifiable attacks that it, in concert with that of France, has directed against it, but that up to the present day that Government persists in the detention of the Malvinas islands, and other portions of territory belonging to the Argentine Confederation; the rules of international justice, and the stipulations of the treaty of the 2d February 1825, between the Confederation and Great Britain, having been broken in all these serious respects, by the Governments of H. M.; without its being possible for the Republic, in such a state of things, to take into consideration the affairs of the loan of the subjects of a Government that thus attacks it, and deranges its system of Finance.

On the strength of these considerations, and of others that it detailed to the Argentine Minister, and keeping in view the unjust policy of the

Government of H. M. in leaving subsistent the declaration of its Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the Plenipotentiary of Peru in London, it ordered him to declare to the British Government, that that of the Confederation considers insufficient the explanations of the Minister of H. M., and its hope that that Government, separating itself from the alarming views implied in its official declaration to the Peruvian Minister, may henceforth regulate them by the recognised principles of the law of nations, and explain itself in a manner that may satisfy the justice, the good faith, and the obligations of treaties.

The Government announced to you, in its last Message, the devotion that it made to Commodore Sir Thomas Herbert, Commander-in-Chief of the naval station of H. B. M. in these waters, of the English flag and piece of artillery that were on board the schooner "Federal," recaptured by the forces of the Republic.

The Government has the satisfaction of informing you, that Commodore Sir Thomas Herbert, in retribution of the benevolent and friendly sentiments of this Government, has remitted the five brass cannon belonging to the Argentine Confederation, taken in the combat of Obligado, that were remitted to him for that purpose by the Government of H. M.

That of the Confederation replied in a cordial and friendly manner to the illustrious Commodore.—It acquainted him of its appreciation of this so benevolent demonstration of the British Government.

H. M. the Queen of Great Britain accredited a Consul in the Confederation.—The Government acquainted the Consul named of the serious inconveniences that prevented it from granting the *exequatur* to his commission, subsistent, as still were, the differences between the Republics of the Plate and England and France, arising out of the unjust Anglo-French intervention, without satisfaction and redress having been given to the former for the unmerited offences that had been committed against them.

The Government informed the Argentine Minister in London of the powerful motives, that, in accordance with the exigencies of the national dignity and honour, had impelled it to adopt that resolution.—And it ordered him to communicate to that of H. M. the observations upon which that of the Confederation founded the postponement of the recognition of the Consul named by H. M., which it had been its painful but indispensable duty to make.

(To be concluded.)

The Hamburg brig *Friedrich Ernst*, Amund Emile Amundsen, master, which arrived here on the 1st inst., from New York, picked up at 7 p. m. on the 23d December, about 40 miles southeast of Cape St. Mary, the crew of the British barque *Niña*, burnt at sea under the following circumstances.

The barque *Niña*, of 435 tons, Edmund Brewer, master, sailed from Liverpool on the 1st of October, bound for Coquimbo, with a cargo of patent coal fuel. At 1 p. m. on Thursday, 14th December, having been then out 74 days, and being about 300 miles distant from the nearest land, smoke was discovered in the ship, thus evincing to the eyes of the astonished crew the awful reality that the combustible matter of which the *Niña's* cargo was composed had spontaneously taken fire. From that moment every measure calculated to arrest the progress of the flames was put in execution, the ship's course being next day altered for the Falkland Islands. The wind, however, having subsequently changed to S. W., it was thought best to steer for Montevideo. Notwithstanding all the efforts of the captain and crew, the fire, as was evinced by the increase of smoke, continued to gain ground. In the meantime a gale set in on Saturday from the S. W., which sprang the bowsprit and continued on Sunday with violence, the sea at the same time washing over the ship in such a manner as to carry away the bulwarks in several places, it not being safe to take off the hatches to examine the hold. The

