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### RETURNS OF THE MESSAGE.

In addition to the Foreign Relations, properly so called, General Rosas is invested with the supreme direction of the National Affairs of the Confederation; which we shall here designate by the generic term

### INTER-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS.

These occupy seventy odd pages of the Message and comprise perhaps the most serious, and certainly by far the most important department of his administrative charge. To appreciate the intricacy and delicacy of these relations, we have only to reflect on the number of Provinces, and the real diversity of interests, arising from situation, soil, climate, productions, habits and past associations. To harmonize these jarring elements, and blend them into a compact national body, so that each may sustain all, and all sustain each, is the grand problem destined to test the administrative tact of this illustrious statesman.

Adroit and hazardous as the direction of a "foreign political war" may be, the difficulties of the present enterprise are still greater, and consequently the success more glorious. The first is that of a supreme judge, with the code of laws in the one hand, and the facts and evidence in the other. His simple duty is to ascertain and enforce the provisions of the law; and he shoves his decision, irrespectively of the feelings of the parties interested, and of the consequences that may ensue. The latter is that of a friendly arbitrator, who, besides an equitable sentence, must persuade and convince the belligerent parties, that it is their duty and interest to forego something of their respective pretensions, to ensure peace and unanimity, and avert their correlative evils. It is here that the prestige of such a name as that of General Rosas, becomes a national treasure and a national blessing; and so long as this great work remains unaccomplished, it is vain to think, and vain still to talk, of his retiring from the direction of public affairs. His destiny is irreversibly fixed, his name wedded for ever to greatness and glory, and it is absurd to attempt applying to him the measures, or extending to him the considerations, that would comport with ordinary men.

That much has been done, towards this consummation devoutly to be wished, we gratefully admit; but that something remains to be done, is equally evident. This remaining something is the complement of General Rosas's glory, the keystone of his public reputation, the highest attainment of his respected family. The task may be arduous; but he now brings to it all the advantages of a tried experience, all the facilities of an established prestige. The self-sacrifice may be great; but the reward of success is proportionally glorious. And in truth his fellow-countrymen have not been ungrateful. He has received, and continues to receive a large instalment of present admiration and gratitude; and the consciousness of public utilities, and the certainty of future renown, must make up the balance. Such are the conditions of the candidates for earth's proudest honours, the Hero, the Statesman and the Patriot; and men of a generous temperament will behold the progress of such a career with envy rather than pity. Repose, health, life itself are only secondary considerations, when the fame of a great Statesman, and the prospects of a nation are at stake. Wise and good men es-

timate human life more by its achievements, than its mere duration. In saying so, we do not mean to insinuate, that General Rosas should longer be condemned *notas colera*, to the drudgery of a triple task, too great for any one man, be his energy and despatch what they may. On the contrary, the time has arrived, in our humble opinion, when he should be relieved from a portion of the cares of office, and allowed to devote, if not his undivided time, at least a greater share thereof, to the inter-Provincial and Foreign Relations. Such another opportunity for definitely organising the Republic on solid bases, may not occur in the course of ages; and if it be neglected, a heavy responsibility will weigh on our actual Magistrates and Legislators. Past events and dear bought experience have accomplished more than half the task. Under the pressure of a felt and consciousness, the voice of each and all of the confederated Provinces is accordant in this respect; even Paraguay having been induced at length to make advances in the direction of National Union. The instinct of self-preservation indicates alike the end and the means; and, as the icy clings to the oak, so do the hopes and expectations of the Confederation centre in its actual Chief.

It is pleasing to trace in the Message, the progress and development of this central and confederated Province in fact the system is now in full operation; and only requires to be properly consolidated.

Occasional collisions have taken place, between the frontier Provinces and the continental States; and in every instance the General Government has been applied to, for counsel and direction; its advice received with respectful deference, and its views and policy carried out with implicit obedience. We have here the true source and real cause of the dignity, uniformity and energy, so often and so justly lauded, in the foreign policy of the actual Administration.

Neighbouring Provinces have had their jealousies and misunderstandings. In other circumstances a civil or rather an inter-Provincial war, would have been the inevitable consequence to the scandal of humanity, and the detriment of the Republic. Under the administration of General Rosas, those things are now better managed. The cases, as they occur, are simply referred to him as mutual Umpire; and peace and cordiality maintained at a cheap rate of blood and treasure.

The often contended point of civil and ecclesiastical supremacy, a vexatious question that has shaken mighty Empires to their centre, was recently mooted in the Province of San Juan; and, judging from the virulence of the disputants, might have been carried to unseemly and inconvenient extremes; a catastrophe only averted by the interposition of what all recognised as a superior authority.

But the crowning triumph of all, is the successful expulsion of the Jesuits from the territory of the Republic, an enterprise in which Emperors have failed, and Popes themselves faltered. With consummate dexterity and subtlety they had entrenched themselves in the interior Provinces, after their expulsion from that of Buenos Ayres; and the least that could have satisfied their ambition and resentment, was, apparently, the disruption of the Republic, and the partition of him who had unmasked their intrigues before the world. Suffice it to say, that the Republic has been thoroughly purged

of such dangerous and insidious guests—men who have nothing in common but the name with those single minded and truly noble Fathers who in Oregon and elsewhere are achieving valuable triumphs for religion and civilization.

Other important measures, tending to facilitate mutual intercourse, to foment internal commerce, and to develop the resources of the respective Provinces, are in progress or contemplated; and we cannot resist reiterating our personal conviction, that the time has arrived, or must soon arrive, when these national interests will demand the undivided attention of the great master mind. Meanwhile, it is satisfactory to reflect on the cordiality and unanimity that happily exist in this interesting and all-important department.

A recent occurrence affords a fresh illustration of the weakness of the Brazilian Government, if not of its double-dealing with the Republic of La Plata. In the beginning of last month, the Baron de Yacuy, a colonel in the Imperial service, with a number of other Brazilian officers of different grades, at the head of a force of 250 men, composed of refugees and Rio Grande banditi, made an incursion into the Oriental Territory for the purpose of robbing cattle. Fortunately, the Oriental authorities were on the alert, a letter from the Baron to another Brazilian officer announcing the vandals, the expedition having fallen into their hands. In consequence the marauders were taken by surprise by the division of Col. Lamas and completely cut to pieces, upwards of forty of them number being laid in the dust.

On Sunday last we were visited by a dust storm, which has not been surpassed for violence by any experienced in this city for many years. It came on just after sundown, when the road to Palermo was crowded with carriages and equestrians, but we are happy to say that, although several accidents occurred, they were not of any serious extent. On the river some injuries were sustained among the shipping; a balandra was capsized and two men were drowned near San Isidro.

We have received Boston papers to the 18th of December. It is to the 17th there had been no choice of speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington. The contest lay between Messrs. Winthrop and Boyd. On the last evening the former had 77 votes and the latter 87. The Senate was engaged in transacting executive business.

Accounts from Central America make mention of some aggressions of British cruisers at different points.

There were dates from England to the 1st of December. The Bank had reduced the rate of discount from 3 to 2 per cent, and a further reduction was anticipated; so great was the influx of the precious metal. Private bankers were doing business, on good securities, as low as 1 1/2.

In France the personal quarrels of the members of the Assembly terminating in more than half a dozen duels had occupied the chief attention.

Russa were entertained of a rupture between Austria and Prussia, the latter power having summoned a German parliament at Erfurt, against which the former had energetically protested, even holding out the threat of an armed intervention.

The Piedmontese chamber had been dissolved, and every thing betwixen Italian and Austrian, if not another war with Austria.

In the question of the duchy no progress had been made towards its official adjustment, and it was said Prussia would retire from the contest.

The Pope, finding his friends no longer in the ascendancy in Paris, had become alarmed, and refused to return to Rome.

Diplomatic relations had been resumed between Russia, Austria and the Porte. The British fleet, it is stated, had received orders to quit the Dardanelles.

### ENGLISH VERSION OF THE MESSAGE.

We have just been happily favoured with a copy of the English translation of this important and interesting document published at the Independence Printing Office, Plaza 35 do Mayo. It forms a handsome 8vo. volume of 240 pages; commendable alike for its accuracy and neat appearance. We have compared a few passages with the original, and find the translation unexceptional. Considering that this lengthy document must have been translated, printed and published, in something less than a calendar month, it reflects great credit on all the parties concerned; and shows that Buenos Ayres, amongst other things, is making rapid strides in the typographic department.

To the more English reader we earnestly recommend it in general, as containing much information important to every person resident in the country, or connected with it.

(From Colburn's New Monthly Magazine and Review.)  
WILD SPORTS OF THE FALKLANDS.  
Sketched during a survey of those Islands.

By CAPTAIN MACGREGOR, R.N.  
Author of "Wild Sports of the Far West."  
(Continued.)

Part II.  
A few evenings since this having, straggled the upper part of the harbour, we dropped down towards the entrance and moored abreast of a long narrow narrow inlet. On examining the rocks which we discovered, traces of pigs; and an officer having caught eight of our wandering dogs, the boats "at his own sweet will" (an enjoyment seldom permitted to pigs), pursued the track by land, but he was over in five days at a distance of sixty yards, with no better success than a short ship's musket. This report was an affair for the day, which we accepted the more, as relating to our few fugitive animals. But the boats with their dogs, returned of grogkins, spar-birds, chitons, black-puddings, sea-urchins, &c.; we obtained, in our small boat, an otter on the water. To secure such a valuable trophy was an act of serious importance, and we set about it with all the vigour of the occasion. In the first, a man with a boat's dog stuck on a boat-hook searched down the coast of the rocks; and though he himself was invisible in consequence of the great height of the rocks, he was seen to be at the water, and was plainly visible to all. Every now and then he would utter a low growl, and was accompanied by heavy cheers from six men on either side, inspired by his joy of pigment, and armed with booby-birds, who were posted out on a tree up nearly the whole length of the island, thrashing and bawling out their notes. The boats were a hundred yards in an advanced position, side in hand, backed by the boats, and the men on each side of me, at about eighty yards, were two or three abreast. "The device in it," I thought, I certainly, "it was about to be a success, and I was about to be a success." It was an interesting anticipation. 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