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#### BOLIVIA.

How many endearing associations are linked in every Argentine breast, with the mere name *Bolivia*; evoking all the "poetry of freedom," and the romance of real history. In the prospects and destiny of the "Experiment Republic," we have a faithful daguerrotype impression of the great, the generous, the unfortunate Bolívar; nature's darling child as a warrior, nature's step-child as a statesman and politician; the idol of patriotic devotion, the victim of petty jealousy and blind faction.

Indented in the centre of a vast Continent, Bolivia is the Switzerland of South America, fenced in by natural barriers, that no human power can remove, that no human ingenuity can surmount. So situated, the feat of independence was a very questionable acquisition; and past experience has shown, and the result must inevitably prove, that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God, stronger than men.

A more unwarlike site for the "Experiment-Republic" could not have been selected; and if we have difficulty in excupulating Methuam, immersed in the retirement of his study, and involved in the cobwebs of his fine-spin theories, Bolívar must be held unparagonable, personally and practically conversant as he must have been with men, and the "stern realities of things."

Witall, Bolivia struggles manfully with her destiny; and under the enlightened and American administration of General Belizé, we can see unmistakable indications of a sincere and resolute effort, to remedy or attemper the inherent evils of her position; and to these prudent and magnanimous efforts we sincerely wish the greatest success.

In this sense President Belizé has given public and official expression to lofty American sentiments, and enlightened views of general policy, that mark him out to the public eye, as the predestined regenerator of Bolivia; and a new confidant and ally of General Rosas, in the glorious crusade of South American liberty and independence.

In the late Annual Message of the Executive to the Constitutional Congress, an important and interesting document, the following emphatic mention is made of the Argentine Confederation—

"The Argentine Confederation is at peace and in perfect harmony with us. Its enlightened Government has given us estimable proofs of gracious benevolence. In it Bolivia beholds the advanced destiny of the American cause, an irresistible and a glorious champion of the Republican and democratic principle, adopted by the communities of the New World. The intervention with which that Republic is threatened is a danger common to all the continental States, and an offence to their independence. Bolivia cannot disregard a question that affects the dearest and most essential interests of the Continent; and it becomes necessary that you determine the part Government may take in it."

We have here a dignified and honourable declaration; as chaste as true, and as opportune as important.

In confidential correspondence, addressed to General Rosas, President Belizé develops his views of policy still more explicitly; and with the cordiality of sincerity profers, not only the most countenance, but the material aid of the Bolivian Nation, in asserting and defending the sovereign rights of America.

Respecting as we do the intentions of the Bolivian Cabinet, it is painful in such circumstances to animadvert on certain palpable inconsistencies, that even "confiding friendship" cannot altogether overlook. The selection of Don Juan Ramon Muñoz, an Argentine Refugee, notoriously allied with the rebel faction, and deeply implicated in the past misfortune of the Confederation, as its representative near the Argentine Government, was unfortunate in the extreme. The authorship of "Cienfuegos," was a doubtful passport to sympathy and confidence; and the temporary postponement of arrangements, in which both parties are deeply interested, was the inevitable consequence.

And the most egregious blunder still remains, namely, the appointment of Don Andres Santa Cruz, the ex-tyrant of Bolivia, the arch-traitor against America, as its Minister Plenipotentiary near the Courts of London, Paris, Madrid and Rome! Such a step is a direct violation of an existing and obligatory compact between Bolivia, Chile and Peru, and from taking part in which the Argentine Government abstained, on general grounds, that have shown the correct appreciation of the circumstances, and clear prevision of the consequences; compromising "the dearest and most essential interests of the Continent," that Bolivia professes to respect; thwarting the plans and policy of General Rosas, whom President Belizé recognises and acclaims as the "Advanced Sentry and undaunted Champion of the American Cause,"—and, we regret to say, placing in problem the good faith and sincerity of the Bolivian Government. It is a hallucination to be deplored; as no personal consideration can ever conciliate the thwarted ambition of Santa Cruz, or render his participation in the direction of public affairs either safe or profitable. By placing him in a situation of such trust and responsibility, the Cabinet of Bolivia has done what it could, to furnish him with the opportunity and means of wreaking his personal resentment, and fostering his personal aspirations; it may be at the expense of the peace and order of these communities; and we trust the warning voice of General Rosas on this momentous point, may be seasonably deferred to.

In conclusion we congratulate General Belizé and the Bolivian Nation on his recent appointment as Constitutional President of that Republic; and pray that the programme of his administration may be fully realised.

#### BRAZIL AND FRANCE.

An unpleasant collision has taken place between the Brazilian authorities at Pernambuco, and the resident French Consul, M. Sentes; and the resident French Consul, M. Sentes; and the respective Agents and Representatives, the question has assumed a rather serious aspect. As involving a point of international law, that may be interesting as a precedent, we give a succinct relation of the principal facts.

On the death of M. Desenclos, a French merchant at Pernambuco, M. Sentes, the resident Consul, assumed the administration of his Estate; against which a claim for 800,000 Rs. was preferred by the cashier of the late M. Desenclos, as balance of salaries due to him. M. Sentes having declined to admit the claim, the creditor of Desenclos applied to the Tribunal, and obtained an intimation to M. Sentes to retain in his hands funds to the amount of the pending claim.

M. Sentes being about to leave the country, the creditor of Desenclos obtained an order for the sum detained or embargoed in his hands, as executor or representative of the deceased Desenclos. Availing himself of his alleged Consular immunities, M. Sentes attempted to evade or resist the action of the legal authorities; and the French Consulate became the scene of violent and disorderly altercations.

Mr. Sentes in his turn now appealed to the Provincial authorities, protesting against the outrages he had sustained in his official capacity, and demanding satisfaction and redress in a kind of *ultimatum* to the following effect:

1st. That the Judge who signed the decrees should be dismissed.

2d. That the same should be done with the two officers of justice, whose conduct and pro- vocation (he asserts) were scandalous.

3d. That the soldiers who had violated the domicile of the Consul should be punished by imprisonment.

4th. That the French flag should be hoisted top-mast, and saluted with twenty one guns.

5th. That an official circular in these redressive measures, should be published in the *Diario de Pernambuco*, &c.

The respective Provincial authorities declined as exaggerated and impertinent; and in reference to the sequel we quote the following from the *Diario de Avisos* of this city of the 11th inst:—

QUESTION BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRAZIL. Our readers will recollect an incident which took place in the French Consulate at Pernambuco, published in the *Gazeta Mercantil* of this city on the 29th of November last. The French Consul, M. Sentes, had complaints before his government insisting on the violent infringement of his privileges on the part of the Brazilian authorities, and on the violation of his domicile by the public forces. This has given rise to a warm diplomatic discussion between the two Cabinets, and it was even rumoured in Paris, that the Clerg of Affairs of Brazil had received his passports. It is, however, certain, that the French Ministry demands a full and solemn reparation from the Imperial government, and amongst other transactions, insists on the dismissal of the President of the province of Pernambuco, a salute of 21 guns to the flag of the Republic, and other military honours, &c. &c.

Up to the date of the last advices, the question had not yet been brought to a close, and offered serious difficulties to the Brazilian cabinet; which had previously approved the conduct of the President of Pernambuco, and the principles embodied in his correspondence with the Consul.

#### THE "ILLUSTRIOSUS" JACUHY.

We copy from a series of highly interesting official correspondence, recently published by the "Gazeta Mercantil," in relation to the late Brazilian invasion of the Oriental frontier, the following letters, which set the policy of the Empire in an eminently dignified point of view, and furnishes astonishing proof of the talent and rare ability displayed by the redoubted Champion of the Imperial Cabinet, Baron de Jacuhy, in an attempt to induce an Oriental officer—

"La presentation est de vous, Monsieur l'agent des affaires de mer, sur l'objet de la note de M. de Jacuhy. 'L'homme prudent est toujours sur ses gardes contre les avis d'un ennemi.'"

His Excellency the Illustrious Baron de Jacuhy, Cavalha Pass, Feb. 26, 1850.

Esteemed compatriot and friend, I have constantly received news of Y. E., some of which have given me great pleasure from the reverses which Y. E. has sustained, but this is glorious for Y. E., inasmuch as your services to the country and to our country can never be forgotten, and your popularity and the renown of your valor are thus daily exalted. A short time ago I received from Y. E. a letter for Ermal, and I soon after forwarded it by a courier, and it was delivered the same day.

I have written to my brother at Rio Janeiro, and only beg of him to aid Y. E. as it were now time.

Y. E. may frankly dispose of me for everything in which you may consider me useful, in the assurance that you will ever find me a faithful friend.

I am, Your Excellency's Most devoted compatriot, FRANCISCO MZ DA CRUZ.

#### Most Illustrious Captain Amal.

April 6, 1850.

"Some time has elapsed since I wrote to Your Honour in order that you should aid me in this struggle, for I know that this is your duty: now they have obliged me to take a decided step to defend the rights of my country and of the nation, which are kept in a state of vassalage by Colonel Lamas; and also in aid in protecting the Independence of the Oriental State. And as I am aware that Your Honour was, and is a great defender of its cause, I therefore expect you will be glad to help me, the bearer, who may have your doubts in regard to losses which your property may thereby suffer, you may rest assured that you will remain rich for all you shall lose. You will also please to invite Linao, Saldaña, as well as many others of his persuasion, all of whom you will please to invite in my name, this being the occasion of my country, and make every effort, for I rely upon some Oriental officers who were in the service of the Blanco, the opinion even being that you will be glad to aid me to protect their independence, for in other respects I believe all Orientals will be my companions. If you resolve to help me, the bearer, who tells me he is in your confidence, will inform you of the manner and place where we can meet."

"Dispose of him who, with all consideration and esteem, your friend

"Baron de Jacuhy."

(Extract.)

H. E. the Illustrious Colonel, Don Francisco Pedro de Abreu, Baron de Jacuhy.

April 7th, 1850.

"I received the letter Y. E. has pleased to address to me under yesterday's date, inviting me to aid you in the foolish struggle which you have commenced." &c. &c.

"It has been generally rumoured, and is current even now, that Y. E.'s wife has taken leave of you; that you are in a state of complete insanity, and that some rogue, availing themselves of this deception, was throwing all the responsibility on Y. E.'s shoulders, without considering that madmen are subject to none, had judged you with innocent intention of plundering their own country, located here. I was hesitating between the belief and unbelief of the above assertions, when observing in the letter Y. E., who quoted all the confusion of the mission that you have undertaken to perform, without knowing what authority has conferred it on you, I exclaimed in bad Portuguese, but with a feeling of deep conviction; *mas he divide u mais esta duvida*. (There is no doubt, the man is mad.) A Baron of the Empire! the Baron de Jacuhy converted into a champion of Oriental Independence is a magnificent spectacle! You have had a grand intention!"

"I find a close analogy between your adventures and those of Don Quixote, particularly with that of the galleys, if we bear in mind the misconception you are now engaged in, and surely between a Knight and a Baron the distance is not very great. In what Y. E. and I differ, as to the propriety of the act, is that he asks for aid, whereas the Knight of La Mancha to right wrongs end strengthen what ever crooked manhood to do it with your Spanish sword, and your own people than alone with your famous Squire the ruthless Uleitairian Manuel Hornos, who fills the duties of his own weapons."

Having thus answered your letter, I beg, in order to make some return for the confidence with which Y. E. has favoured me, to counsel you not to forget to care for always, and your people the valuable phylax, with the miraculous balsam of Fierabras, for I ween you will sorely need it, if the malignant of my persuasion lay hold of you.

"I am, with all respect, Y. E.'s considerate, obsequious, sincere, affectionate, and most devoted friend."

JAVIER AMARILLA.





