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INAUGURAL SPEECH
OF **H. E. DR. PASTOR OBLIGADO,**
ON ASSUMING THE PROVISIONAL COMMAND OF
THE PROVINCE, JULY 24th, 1853.

HONOURABLE REPRESENTATIVES—

I have just taken the oath which the law prescribes, on entering provisionally upon the discharge of the office of Governor of the Province, to which I have been called by the vote of Your Honourable Convention. On receiving this post, ostensibly I do not come fascinated by the splendor of a power to which I have no title, nor am I dazzled by the illusions, that make me fancy myself capable of surmounting the formidable difficulties of the office I have taken here. The office which you have assigned me. But since more anxious days, in a new order of things, appeared to me, I have not hesitated to offer myself to your service, with all the energies of my soul, and I have presented upon this affair my sentiments, and every thing I possess—**and still, from the first moment you deigned to call me to occupy this post, I did not mutually consent to accept it, it was because I was uncertain of obtaining the efficacious cooperation of the most distinguished Members, to which we are indebted for every thing in our situation.** Now, fortunately I can offer you the will, and the assistance of my mind, and I will be enabled to consolidate peace and order, so essentially necessary to our society.

Your Honourable Representatives, that read most meritorious Ministry in the delegation of the Executive Power, and to which I have the satisfaction expressed, have already traced the course that must be followed by you, and in a very short time, I will not attempt to establish a permanent and regular order. Peace will ensue, and I will have recourse to your assistance, should I find myself obliged to repeat the errors into which they are being dragged by a passion, or by the spirit of enmity. Sacred respect to property, and individual security under the aegis of the Law, will be the basis of a sincere oblivion of all past political errors, that have so unfortunately devalued us in the paternal land, which the powerful hand of Providence has fortunately put an end, giving us a triumph that has exceeded all our expectations and our most sanguine wishes. No Government; the sword of the Law is raised above the head of criminals, and the use of force will be limited to punish the culprit, and protect oppressed virtues. Your Honourable Representatives, abandoned to myself I can do nothing; you will not allow that this is not an expression of full consistency, it is the sincere manifestation of my convictions,—and my hopes are in your Honorable Convention, and in all those who are in favor of Liberty. I can offer you, with the liberality of my country, to sacrifice myself for the country, and to assume all the risks that may befall me, as long as I am in the discharge, we all concur in serving it with disinterestedness and self-sacrifice, may yet be rendered happy by the success of Liberty.

Reply of Dr. Gamboa, President of the Honourable Chamber of Representatives—

MR. EXCELLENT SIR—

How would it surprise you in man has something impressive that substitutes in his place, ought we not all to fly at the imposing call of the highest moral personage, which we our beloved Country.

You have just proposed, Sir, to this as a matter of course, and in the justice of a cause which you have enthusiastically defended, upheld with gallantry, and sustained by the faithful and unhesitating support of the Executive Power of the State, you will know to satisfy, turning to your own feelings and bitter experience of our past misfortunes.

You must be perfectly aware that the State, in the institutions of the Law, that resound around him: he must remain tranquil in the midst of dangers, and amidst the most serious of our misfortunes, independent of time and circumstances, always triumphant. It is the execution of the laws, the respect to the rights, and the conscientious action of Government that can guarantee the rights of man. Because Liberty can only be secured by the Law, and the integrity of the law, and giving tone and energy to the action of a just and equitable Government.

It is the duty of Government that can never be entrusted upon in a civil war, when the combat is undertaken by the people against soldiers and against the Government.

vergent. Recdon, Most Excellent Sir, with the devoted and frank cooperation of this Honourable Chamber, saving the pretensions of pride which is thus they confided to your loyalty and patriotism. Recdon with the persevering enthusiasm of the virtuous army, of the intrepid and valiant National Guard, delightful and venerable emblem of our future hopes. Recdon with the renowned and sagacious will of the Law, which have covered themselves with glory, in a thousand martial encounters; all naturally grow worthy of rising in the shade of the laurels, which they have known to earn for themselves with such heroism.

Recdon also with the generous and grateful Ptolema Community, that in the moments of danger enhanced its honor, by extending to us a friendly and protecting hand. Let them also experience a grateful correspondence in their rights and individual interests. Doubt not, Sir, that the meritorious Citizens, who in the most afflicting circumstances undertook to save the integrity of the Country, will continue their important and patriotic services, in carrying forward and accomplishing the mission of the desired enterprise of the organization of the State.

Finally, Recdon, Most Excellent Sir, Peace which is the life, as it is the death of communities—in the prosperous days, which from the bottom of my heart I congratulate you for your Government, may the voice of peace bloom over this precious land, the land of promise as it has expressly been styled. May the olive of peace blossom; but a peace sound from its principles, extended, may the olive of peace blossom; but a peace sound from its principles, extended, may the olive of peace blossom; but a peace sound from its principles, extended, may the olive of peace blossom.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

Department of Government, Buenos Ayres, July 25th, 1853.

Having complied with the formalities of the Law, the Delegee Government has assumed the possession of the Government of the State.

Art. 1st.—In conformity with the law of the 29th Inst., Citizen Dr. Pastor Obligado, remains in possession of the Government of the Province.

Art. 2d.—Let his recognition as Provisional Government, may the Government of the Province be ordered, communicated and published.

LORENZO TORRES,
FRANCISCO DE LAS CARRERAS,
JOSE M. PIZ,
DON FRANCISCO CARRERA,
Vicario of Government.

Ministry of Go., Buenos Ayres, July 24th, 1853.

The nomination of the Ministers of Government be effected, the Governmental functions shall be entrusted to the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Government.

PASTOR OBLIGADO.

The Governor and Captain General of the Province of Buenos Ayres.

Considering the relevant services rendered to the Province by the meritorious Citizens who have distinguished themselves in the Administration; services that have produced the triumph of the Law, and the salvation of the institutions of the Province; considering also that the commendance of said citizens in the posts which they occupied in the present emergency, and the attainment of the beneficent fruits of so glorious a triumph; the Provisional Government decrees:—

Torres is named Minister Secretary in the Department of Government and Foreign Relations.

Piz is named Minister Secretary in the Department of War and Marine.

may concern, published and given to the Official Register.

OBLIGADO—

By order of H. E.
JOSE M. LA FUENTE,
Under Secretary.

Department of Finance, Buenos Ayres, July 24th, 1853.

It being necessary to obviate the difficulties, and avoid the inconveniences that result from the system at present observed in the liquidation of the Manifests of goods that are imported, the opinion of the Collector General having been heard, the Government has acceded and decrees:—

1st.—The despatch of a Manifest being concluded, the Jura that shall convene the parties interested, and appoint a day for arranging about the valuation of the goods introduced, and if they should not present themselves on said day, the Juras shall proceed to settle said valuations, without the intervention of the parties interested.

2d.—The Manifest shall be passed in conformity with the Accounting Office for its liquidation, and no reclamation of any kind shall be admitted.

Let it be communicated to whom it may concern, published and given to the Official Register.

OBLIGADO.

FRANCISCO DE LAS CARRERAS,

VINCIFICATION.

At the request of a friend of Mr. Lafoue, translated literally from the original.

Montevideo, July 1st, 1853.

I have seen a letter of Dr. Don Vicente Lopez to Dr. Don Francisco Pizo, published in Buenos Ayres, and reproduced in one of the journals of this City, in which are found all those respecting myself individually, that might be susceptible of an unfavorable interpretation, it becomes me to explain their real meaning.

In the course of the current and preceding years, the press of Buenos Ayres has shown that once called my name in question, ascribing to me a part in the political events which I have not had, judging me without evidence, and concerning me in ignorance of the facts. I have always kept silent; because I considered it unworthy of me to take notice of imputations and calumnies, and so provoking a personal controversy.

But I cannot observe the same conduct, in view of the document under consideration, whose language must be regarded as of special importance, from the person who uses it, and from its confidential character. And although I am satisfied that my friends must on any day reject every accusation, contrary to honor and justice, I desire and consider it my duty, to make such a declaration, to have not erred, and to conform to the wishes of my friends.

The following paragraph of the letter is the first thing I wish to explain:—

Attend carefully to what I am about to say, and every paragraph which will be general, that he may forthwith send to Samuel, 4000 cows from the establishments that have not been included in this acceptance of the terms.

Not aware of the facts, it might perhaps be fancied that said *united* establishments were those of the rural districts of Buenos Ayres; and that I wished to purchase cattle taken from their owners on account of the present war, in which I should not feel natural to see to represent it; and the manner in which rural properties were treated under the system of Rosas, may have excited such an acceptance of the terms.

Nevertheless the facts of the case are these:—

On the 23d August, 1852, I made a contract with General Urquiza, by which he bought all the cattle of *his establishments* in Entre Rios, for the term of three years.

On making this contract, General Urquiza wished to commence with the sale, leaving the cows for what he considered a more suitable occasion.

Some time afterwards I insisted on the delivery of the cows; and the General at first refused to give the cows, and offered me to undertake to obtain an order for said delivery.

The General then acceding, gave orders on the 3d of April to deliver to me 4000 cows from four of *his establishments*; Guaqueyeros, San Juan, Los Cloveros, and Las Flores.

37 Advertisement received Friday afternoon, published with the greatest care and attention of the following nature:—

Not according to the original of the original and each subsequent mention 12. Those exceeding 40 lines, for no fee for the 1st, and two for each subsequent insertion. Notices from the General Government are subjects of general interest. Notices as to Public Schools, Churches, Hospitals Beneficial and Beneficial Societies, &c.—gratis.

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But seeing that said order referred to certain establishments, and not to the whole as I wished, I again requested that cows should be delivered to me from the other establishments of the General Government, and for that purpose wrote to Dr. Lopez on the 10th April, mentioning the establishments and stating the reasons that in my opinion rendered it expedient that there should be no delay in the delivery.

As the General did not think fit to comply with my request, on the return of Dr. Lopez to this City, I again spoke to him on the point; and doubtless in consequence thereof he wrote the paragraph transcribed. The establishments mentioned in the said paragraph had not been touched, were, as has been shown, those of General Urquiza in Entre Rios, and the cows I appear to have been comprehended in the contract, which I have mentioned.

My correspondence with Dr. Lopez, and with Mr. Dawson, administrator of the establishment in Entre Rios, places all this in a clear light, and I am anxious that should whatever should remain upon this point, I append some extracts thereof for the purpose.

Besides, I am convinced, that any one who knows my principles, and my recent wishes, will consider it impossible that I should have attempted to enter into odious and unjust stipulations with any one; and also I have always rejected every speculation proposed to me as to property contracts for political ends, and as I have always sought gain and advantages, but only legitimate and just, and as I am compatible with the tranquillity of my conscience.

As to the other matters referred to by Dr. Lopez only two have been proposed to me: the anticipation of funds, drawn against the result of the execution of Entre Rios, in the operation combined with a project of buying the Paraná; the other regarding a National loan, without doubt, and I have not given them denials superfluous, suffice it to say, that the occasion has not arrived for entering into either of them; and the same may be said with respect to the time elapsed since the 10th of September last, during which I have had no transaction, either with the authorities of the City of Buenos Ayres, or with its municipal districts, or with the National Government.

In another part of the letter of Dr. Lopez there is another point, which I will now mention.

"I have had to employ the greater part of the time in informing as to our situation, so as to be able to give you a satisfactory account," I have had to employ the greater part of the time in informing as to our situation, so as to be able to give you a satisfactory account.

Any one, who, in view of this point, should fancy me actively attached to one of the parties, or to any of the parties of Buenos Ayres, would commit an egregious error.

Dr. Lopez depicted to me the state of the rural districts of said Province: related to me the measures taken to establish order in it, and the great progress that had been made in this respect; the protection that was given to property in general, and the special care that was extended to the protection of the poor; and in short the spirit of complete calm, and tranquillity that had been endeavored to render permanent.

Placed with all this, which was unnecessary to mention, and the Nationalities of those countries, I said that I would content with the eight parts of what Dr. Lopez had said, and that I would not feel natural than this expression of satisfaction, at hearing that efforts and progress were being made to the benefit of the poor, and I believe that any man interested in the prosperity of the Argentine Republic, would have felt in the same manner.

After the events that put an end to the dictatorship of General Rosas, if for any thing, I had great ground and excellent motives, in the utmost, it has been for reconciliation and peace. I cannot reproach myself with anything that I have done, and I believe that the purpose of maintaining party strife, or of making any distinction in the Government, and many other respectable points of view, are witness of my conduct in this respect.

If after these explanations certain ultra party men, and some who have not a doubtless believe me,—and I repeat it is only those I address. S. M. LA FUENTE.

S. M. LA FUENTE.

