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Extract of a letter from Washington, dated 9th July, 1867.

The Governor of Virginia, in a letter to the President, dated the 6th, has informed him that he and his council consider their state as invaded, and have accordingly called out and put in motion the requisite military force, infantry and cavalry, to punish any men of the British squadron that may attempt to land on their shores.

The prompt and efficient movements of Governor Cabell, manifest an understanding and decision highly honorable to him; and the Virginians, to a man, are emulously tendering their services with a glowing pride of country, that ensures an honorable result. And, indeed, all America seems to be in active motion, under the powerful impulse of the same honorable and manly feelings.

The order of Admiral Berkeley to Humphreys is dated on the first day of June.

NORFOLK, July 4.

This day the following letter was received by Richard E. Lee, Mayor of Norfolk, from Commodore Douglass.

His Majesty's Ship Bellona,
HAMPTON ROADS, July 3, '67.

SIR,
I beg leave to represent to you, that having observed in the newspapers, a resolution made by a committee on the 29th ult. prohibiting any communication between his Britannic Majesty's consul at Norfolk, and his ships lying at anchor in Lynnhaven Bay; and this being a measure extremely hostile, not only in depriving the British consul from discharging the duties of his office, but at the same time preventing me from obtaining the information so absolutely necessary for his Majesty's service. I am therefore determined, if this infringement is not immediately annulled, to prohibit every vessel either in or out of Norfolk, to proceed to their destination, until I know the pleasure of my government, or the commander-in-chief's on this station.

You must be perfectly aware that the British flag never has or never will be insulted with impunity. You must also be aware that it has been and still is in my power to obstruct the whole trade of the Chesapeake, since the late circumstance, which I have desisted from, trusting that general unanimity would be restored. Respecting the circumstances of the deserters lately apprehended from the United States frigate Chesapeake, in my opinion, must be decided between the two governments alone. It therefore rests with the inhabitants of Norfolk either to engage in a war, or remain in terms of peace. Agreeably to my intentions, I have proceeded to Hampton Roads with the Squadron under my command; to await your answer, which I trust you will favor me without delay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. E. DOUGLASS.

I enclose you two letters to the British consul at Norfolk, which you will be pleased to forward him.

To which the Mayor returned the following answer.

NORFOLK, July 4, 1867.

SIR,
I have received your menacing letter of yesterday this moment. The day on which this answer is written ought of itself to suffice, to prove to the subjects of your sovereign that the American people are not to be intimidated by menace, or induced to adopt any measures, except by a sense of their perfect propriety. Seduced by the false show of sincerity, they may be sometimes surprised, and slaughtered while unprepared to resist a supposed friend. That delusive security, however, is now passed forever.—The late occurrence has taught us to confide our safety no longer to any thing but to our own force. We do not seek hostility, nor shall we avoid it. We are prepared for the worst which you may attempt, and shall do whatever shall be judged proper to repel force, whensoever your efforts shall render any act of ours necessary. Thus much for the threat of your letter, which can be considered in no other light, than as addressed to the supposed fears of our citizens.

In answer to that part of it which is particularly addressed to me, as the first judicial officer of this borough, I have but to say, that you must be aware, that the judiciary of no country possesses any other powers, than those conferred upon them by the laws.

The same channels thro' which you have derived the intelligence stated by yourself, must also have announced to you that the act of which you complain, is an act of individuals, and not of the government. If this act be very wrong and illegal, the judiciary of this country, whenever the case is properly brought before it, will take care to do its duty. At present they have no judicial information of any outrage on their laws, and therefore cannot act.

If you, Sir, please to consider this act of individuals as a measure extremely hostile, and shall commence hostility, without waiting the decision of our two governments, (although you yourself acknowledge that it properly belongs to them alone to decide,) the inhabitants of Norfolk will conform to your example, and protect themselves against any lawless aggression which may be made on their persons or property. They therefore leave it with you, "either to engage in a war or to remain in terms of peace," until the pleasure of our respective governments shall be known.

The letters directed to the British consul have been forwarded to him.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

RICHARD EVANS LEE,

Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk.

To Commodore J. E. Douglass, commanding his B. M. ship the Bellona, now lying in Hampton Roads.

Young men are requested to be particular in attending Bryden's this evening.

Independent Company.

THE Independent Company are requested to meet at Fulton's Globe Inn, on SATURDAY the 11th instant, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon. A punctual attendance is necessary, as business of importance to the Company will be transacted.

By order,

SAMUEL STUMP, Sec'y.

July 10

To a Candid Public.

To tranquilize the fury of high-tempered, though laudable zeal, to vindicate my own character, and to confound the malevolence of malicious personal enemies, I have considered it necessary to make the following statement of facts:

I emigrated to the United States of America in the year 1799, and since 1800 have been employed in teaching Navigation, &c. &c. to the satisfaction and advantage, I hope, of my employers. In 1805 I went to England for the last time, in order to settle my father's concerns, and returned to this country with the firm resolution of spending the remainder of my days in it.

I have during my residence on Fell's Point been accustomed to frequent the shop of Doctor Moore when I have had a little leisure. On the 6th instant I went there as usual; and in the course of our conversation on the topics of the day, I expressed my regret at the sanguinary affair off the Capes, and lamented the defenceless state of Baltimore; observing, that a few frigates might get up and would play the devil with us; I also gave it as my opinion that the best disciplined army in the world could not take possession of Halifax, it being defended by nature as well as art. These topics certainly were the chief heads, and I believe the whole subjects of our discourse, and for the candor and sincerity of my statement I solemnly appeal to God. On leaving the shop, and finding the Doctor somewhat irritated and heated, I exclaimed—"I'll be damned if I do not defend this place at the cannon's mouth or at the point of the bayonet as firm as any man in it."

Certain persons having heard the recital of these circumstances, rebuked them with aggravated coloring, which has tended to inflame the minds of the citizens on Fell's Point against me. But with what propriety can I be charged with adding or speaking in any manner derogatory to the interest or honor of this country, from the preceding relation of facts? And particularly when it is known that I have adopted this as my future place of abode; that I rejected a lucrative offer made to me by the parents of my wife if I would remain in England; that I have sent for her to come to America to partake of my fortunes in the land which I have adopted; and that of the five engagements in which I have been, the only one in which I was wounded was in defence of American property. Will not two wounds—one in my thigh and one on my forehead—together with a present of 100 guineas for my efforts, attest my devotion to the interests of the United States? Or will my well known and declared intention of joining the Fell's Point corps of Artillery, be adduced against me as a proof of my hostility to this nation and of my friendship for the British? I have been accustomed to discourse of maritime affairs and naval tactics, it being a subject with which I am conversant and on which I like to speak; and surely is a

free country a man is not to be deprived of the privilege of talking on such a topic which he conforms to the rules of propriety—These I never have violated, nor uttered a sentiment calculated to wound the feelings of the warmest patriot; and when the day of peril comes, no man would more willingly volunteer his services in defence of the union than myself.

Before I conclude, I solemnly declare that the expressions I made use of as above, were not intended to insult or degrade the honor or valor of the American name.

H. GARDINER.

CERTIFICATE.

The foregoing statement by H. Gardiner, is substantially correct with respect to the parts thereof which relate to the conversation held with me.

R. MOORE.

July 10

Mill and Farm FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

ON THURSDAY,

The 16th July, at half past 11 o'clock at the Vendue Warehouse at the corner of Second and Frederick Streets, will be sold on a liberal credit,

Windfor MILL, on Gwynn's Fall, with all the Machinery thereunto belonging, with about 166 acres of Land, situated about four miles from the city, near one half of which is cleared and under good fence, and well set with clover and other grass. The improvements are, a neat and well finished two-story Stone Dwelling House, Coopers' Shop, large Stables and other convenient out-houses all built with stone.

The Mill has lately undergone a thorough repair, there are between twenty and thirty feet head and fall. She has two water wheels which work three pair of Hurr Stones, and is calculated to manufacture about 60 barrels of flour per day.

The property will be shown previous to the sale on application to the Miller, (Mr. Hugh M'Gregory) on the premises, or to Mr. James Owing, merchant, No. 97, Bowly's wharf.

THOMAS CHASE, Auctioneer.

June 27

50 Dollars Reward.

Ran away on the 29th ult. from the subscriber, NEGRO DICK, a slave for life, commonly known in Baltimore by the name of Richard Barnett, a yellow fellow, about 21 or 22 years old, and about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, stout made. He has taken with him all his clothes, amongst which were one fine blue cloth coat, with yellow buttons, one yellow nankeen upper jacket, trimmed all round with blue tape, one pair of yellow nankeen overalls, one tarpolin hat, the other part of his clothes cannot be so well described. He was born on Fell's Point, and brought up to the brick-making business. He was seen yesterday on the Philadelphia road carrying a bundle of clothes, and it is strongly suspected that he is gone to Pennsylvania under an expectation of being set free by the abolition society. I will give 20 dollars if taken within 10 miles of Baltimore and 30 dollars if taken above ten miles and within the state of Maryland, and the above reward of Fifty Dollars if taken out of the state and brought home, but no extra charges.

JOHN M'DONOGH.

July 9