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## DECLARATION

Of the People of Texas, in General Convention assembled.

Whereas, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and other military chieftains, have, by force of arms, overthrown the federal institutions of Mexico, and dissolved the social compact which existed between Texas and the other members of the Mexican Confederacy, now the good people of Texas availing themselves of their natural rights.

## SOLEMNLY DECLARE.

1st. That they have taken up arms in defence of their rights and liberties, which were threatened by the encroachments of military despots, and in defence of the republican principles of federal Constitution of Mexico, of the 1824.

2d. That Texas is no longer morally or civilly bound by the compact of Union; yet, stimulated by the generosity and sympathy common to a free people, they offer their support and assistance to such of the members of the Mexican Confederacy, as will take up arms against military despotism.

3d. That they do not acknowledge that the present authorities of the nominal Mexican republic have the right to govern within the limits of Texas.

4th. That they will not cease to carry on war against the said authorities, whilst their troops are within the limits of Texas.

5th. That they hold it to be their right, during the disorganization of the federal system, and the reign of despotism, to withdraw from the Union, to establish an independent government, or to adopt such measures as they may deem best calculated to protect their rights and liberties; but that they will continue faithful to the Mexican government, so long as that nation is governed by the Constitution and laws that were formed by the government of the political association.

6th. That Texas is responsible for the expenses of her armies, now in the field.

7th. That the public faith of Texas is pledged for the payment of any debts contracted by her agents.

8th. That she will reward by donations in land all who volunteer their services, in her present struggle, and receive them as citizens.

THESE DECLARATIONS we solemnly avow to the world, and call God to witness their truth and sincerity, and invoke defeat and disgrace upon our heads, should we prove guilty of duplicity.

## LIST OF THE DELEGATES

Chosen by the people of Texas, to meet in General Consultation.

### DEPARTMENT OF BRAZOS

#### Jurisdiction of Austin.

Stephen F. Austin,  
Thos. Barnett,  
Jesse Burnham,  
Randall Jones,  
Wyly Martin,  
Wm. Menifee,  
W. Barrett Travis.

#### Jurisdiction of Columbia.

W. H. Wharton,  
Henry Smith,  
B. T. Archer,  
W. D. C. Hall,  
Edwin Waller,  
J. S. D. Byrom,  
John A. Wharton.

#### Jurisdiction of Matagorda.

R. R. Royall,  
John D. Newell,  
Charles Wilson,  
I. R. Lewis,  
Jas. Kerr,  
Geo. Sutherland,  
Francis White.

#### Jurisdiction of Harrisburg.

Lorenzo de Zavalla,  
Geo. M. Patrick,  
Wm. P. Harris,  
C. C. Dyer,  
M. W. Smith,  
John W. Moore,  
David B. McCumb.

#### Jurisdiction of Washington.

Asa Mitchell,  
Asa Hoxey,  
Jesse Grimes,  
C. Collard,  
M. Millican,  
Shepherd,  
Philip Coe.

#### Jurisdiction of Gonzales.

Wm. S. Fisher,  
J. B. Clement,  
Benj. Fuqua,  
Geo. W. Davis,  
Thos. R. Miller,  
Jas. Hodge,  
Wm. Arrington.

#### Jurisdiction of Mina.

J. S. Lester,  
D. C. Barrett,  
Edward Burleson,  
R. M. Coleman,  
B. Manlove,  
Bartlet Sims,  
R. M. Williamson.

#### Jurisdiction of Vieca.

J. G. W. Pierson,  
J. L. Hood,  
S. T. Allen,  
A. G. Perry,  
J. W. Parker,  
Alexander Thompson.

### DEPARTMENT OF NACOGDOCHES.

#### Jurisdiction of Nacogdoches.

Wm. Whitaker,  
Samuel Houston,  
Daniel Parker,  
Jas. S. Robinson,  
N. Robins,  
Hoffman,  
J. Rusk.

#### Jurisdiction of San Augustin.

A. Houston,  
Jacob Garrett,  
Wm. N. Sigler,  
A. E. C. Johnson,  
A. C. Kellog,  
Henry Augustine.

### Alexander Horton.

#### Jurisdiction of Bevil.

John Bevil,  
S. H. Everett,  
Wyatt Hanks,  
J. H. Blount,  
Samuel Lewis,  
Thos. Holms,  
John A. Veatch.

#### Jurisdiction of Liberty.

J. B. Wood,  
A. B. Harden,  
Henry Millard,  
C. West,  
P. J. Menard,  
Hugh B. Johnson,  
D. G. Burnett.

### Department of Bejar.—None.

## MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT: PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST DAY.

CONVENTION-ROOM, SAN FELIPE DE AUSTIN, NOV. 3, 1835, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

There being a quorum present, on motion of Samuel Houston, the House proceeded to an election of president and other officers; whereupon

B. T. Archer was elected president, and P. B. Dexter, secretary.

B. T. Archer, on taking the chair, delivered the following address:

GENTLEMEN,—I return to you my thanks for the honor you have conferred on me. The duties which devolve upon the members of this body are arduous and highly important: in fact the destinies of Texas are placed in your hands; and I hope that you are now assembled, in every way prepared to discharge those duties in a manner creditable to yourselves, and beneficial to your country. I call upon each and all of you, to divest yourselves of all party feelings, to discard every selfish motive, and look alone to the true interests of your country. In the words of the Hebrew prophet, I would say, "Put off your shoes, for the ground upon which you stand is holy." The rights and liberties of thousands of freemen are in your hands, and millions yet unborn may be affected by your decision.

The first measure that will be brought before the House, will be a declaration in which we will set forth to the world the causes which have impelled us to take up arms, and the objects for which we fight.

Secondly. I will suggest for your consideration the propriety of establishing a provisional government, the election of a governor, lieutenant-governor and council; and I would recommend that these officers be clothed with both legislative and executive powers. This measure I conceive absolutely necessary to prevent Texas from falling into the labyrinth of anarchy.

Thirdly. The organization of the military requires your immediate attention. You have an army in the field, whose achievements have already shed lustre upon our arms: they have not the provisions and comforts necessary to continue their services in the field. Give them character, or their victories, though they are achieved not without danger and glory, will nevertheless, be unproductive of good. Sustain and support them, and they will do honor to you, and render incalculable services to their country. But neglect them—Texas is lost. The adoption of a code of military laws is indispensable. Without discipline and order in the ranks, your armies will be mobs, more dangerous to themselves than to their adversaries, and liable at all times to be routed or cut to pieces by a handful of regulars. I know the men that are now in the field, there never was better materials for soldiers; but without discipline, they are no thing. Establish like the drums, they will be in a moment.

but some of our influential citizens, to this important post. Without funds, however heroically, your armies may fight; however wisely your councils may legislate, they will but erect a baseless fabric, that will fall upon its own weight.

There are several warlike and powerful tribes of Indians, that claim certain portions of our land. Locations have been made within the limits they claim, which has created great dissatisfaction amongst them. Some of the chiefs of those tribes are expected here in a few days; and I deem it expedient to make some equitable arrangement of the matter, that will prove satisfactory to them.

Permit me to call your attention to another subject. Some of our brethren of the United States of the North, hearing of our difficulties have generously come to our aid; many more, ere long, will be with us: services such as they will render should never be forgotten. It will be proper for this Convention to secure to them the rights and privileges of citizens, to secure to them their land "in her right," and place them on the same footing with those of our citizens who have not yet obtained from the government their lands, and in all other respects, to place them on an equal footing with our most favored citizens. Again, the path to promotion must be open. They must know that deeds of chivalry and heroism will meet their reward, and that you will throw no obstruction in their pathway to fame.

Some fraudulent sales or grants of land, by the late government of Coahuila and Texas, will require your attention. The establishment of mails, and an express department, is deemed necessary to promote the interests of the country, besides other minor matters, that have escaped my observation, in this cursory review.

Finally, gentlemen and friends, let me call your attention from these details to the high position which you now occupy. Let me remind you that the eyes of the world are upon you; that battling, as we are, against the despotism of a military chieftain, all true republicans, all friends to the liberties of man, are anxious spectators of the conflict or deeply enlisted in the cause. Let us give evidence that we are the true descendants of that band of heroes who sustained an eight years' war against tyranny and oppression, and gave liberty to a new world. Let our achievements be such that our mother country, when she reads the bright page that records them, shall proudly and joyfully exclaim: These are my sons! their heroic deeds mark them as such. Again, gentlemen, let me admonish you, "that the ground on which you stand is holy," that your decisions will affect the rights and liberties of thousands of freemen, the destinies of millions yet unborn, and, perhaps, of liberty itself. I do not view the cause in which we are engaged as that of freemen fighting alone against military despotism: I do not view it as Texas battling alone for her rights and her liberties: I view it in a nobler, more exalted light; I view it as the great work of laying the corner stone of liberty in the great Mexican republic.

On motion, Colonel William Pettus was appointed sergeant-at-arms of the Convention with the privilege (in the event of his leaving more important duties to perform) of appointing a deputy.

The following resolution, offered by general Houston, was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the General Convention of all Texas assembled have learned, with great pleasure, that a detachment of the people, under the leadership of James Bowie and others, have this morning secured a detachment of six hundred men, sixteen found dead on the field of battle, with the supposed loss of sixteen more, borne off; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be rendered to Gen. Austin, Col. James Bowie, and Captain J. W. Fanning, Jr. with the troops engaged in the action, as a tribute due to their heroism, gallantry, and valor, in the defence of the rights of Texas, and constitutional liberty.

Mr. E. Hall, agent of a committee in New Orleans, presented certain documents, which were read; and on motion of John A. Wharton, Ordered, That they be laid on the table.

On motion of James W. Robinson, A committee of five was appointed to take into consideration the communications from the New Orleans committee: and John A. Wharton, Samuel Houston, James W. Robinson, R. Royall, and Daniel Parker, were appointed on that committee, with instructions to report.

Mr. Royall asked and obtained leave to read a report from the Gen. Council, containing an exhibit of the proceedings of that body.

On motion of General Samuel Houston, The report from the General Council was received, and a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the gentlemen composing the General Council, for the faithful and able discharging of the arduous duties devolved on them.

On motion of R. R. Royall, Resolved, That the address of this house be, "The Consultation of the chosen delegates of all Texas, in General Convention assembled."

On motion of John A. Wharton, Resolved, That the president appoint a committee of twelve, composed of one member from each Jurisdiction, to make a declaration, setting forth to the world the cause that impelled us to take up arms, and the objects for which we fight.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the president appointed the following gentlemen:

From the Jurisdiction of Columbia, John A. Wharton, Austin, Wm. Menifee, Matagorda, R. R. Royall, Harrisburg, L. de Zavala, Gonzales, W. Fisher, Washington, Asa Mitchell, Mina, R. M. Williamson, Nacogdoches, Samuel Houston, Liberty, Henry Millard, Vieca, S. T. Allen, San Augustin, A. Houston, Bevil, W. Hanks.

On motion of Gen. Saml. Houston, Ordered, That two copies of the above resolution be handed to E. Hall, one to be retained by himself, and the other to be by him presented to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Barrett, Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to contract with a printer, for the General Consultation of all Texas in Convention assembled, and report to the same body. Whereupon Messrs. Barrett, Everett, and Robinson, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Harris, Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the General Consultation of all Texas in Convention assembled, during its deliberations.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the president named the following gentlemen to compose said committee: Messrs. Harris, Barrett, Martin, Barnett, and John A. Wharton.

On motion of John A. Wharton, Resolved, That one thousand copies of the president's address, together with the proceedings of to-day, of this body, be published in handbill form.

On motion, The Convention adjourned till tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M. NOVEMBER 4, 1835.

house met, pursuant to adjournment, from the committee referred the "drafting" of the report.



**BRAZORIA TEXAS.**  
NOVEMBER 19, 1835.

The Schooner Louisiana, Capt. H. H. Key, arrived on Tuesday from New Orleans, with one hundred and fifty passengers, among whom was our fellow citizen, Robert Mills, Esqr. There were on board, thirty Volunteers from Mobile; well clothed, armed and provided for a six months campaign. We hope our citizens will do all in their power to render them comfortable and facilitate their transportation to camp, as they are all anxious to fight. They report 200 in New Orleans, waiting an opportunity to come. It appears that our war has not stopped emigration, as there are twelve launches on board the Louisiana. All goes on well.

We recommend to our readers the tentative perusal of the address of the President of the Convention, which will be found in to-day's paper; the production reflects credit on the author, and his recommendations attempted to, will prove beneficial to the country. The proceedings of the Convention; so far as received, will be found in to-day's paper.

Accounts have been received here up to the 25th ultimo from Tampico. It is said that two thousand troops were daily expected there, destined for Texas—other bodies of troops are marching from various parts. It is further said that Gomez's Proclamation has had some effect here, and that Santa Anna and the army will exert every nerve to drive all the people of Texas over the Sabine.

It is said the situation of all Americans, and in fact, of all foreigners all over the country, is very unpleasant.

We learn with deep regret, that our young and brave fellow citizen, David C. Comstock is no more. He left Galveston in company with several other gentlemen for Bexar; on their way they were fired on in the night, and the company found he was missing on going back in the morning they found his body, having been disembarked and scalped. He is supposed to have been killed by the Indians from that circumstance.

The schr. San Felipe was gotten off the beach, where she was stranded a short time since, and sailed into the bay; when she was found in so leaky a condition that they were compelled to re-beach her on Bird Island.

A Mexican schooner appeared off the Brazos on Wednesday evening, sailing down to the westward, and on the following morning returned, and bore to the eastward; showing the evident design on her part, of blockading our port. We would recommend this matter to the serious consideration of the provisional government, so that it may take measures for the protection of our commerce.

**Communicated.**

Mr. Editor—In reading your paper the other day, I observed in a communication signed T. F. McKinney, the name of John A. Wharton is used in a very unjust manner. In speaking of him he says, "In a conversation with several gentlemen, Mr. John A. Wharton observed, we wish Union; but we wish the people to unite on us." This gives the impression that he meant his brother and himself. I have heard Mr. John A. Wharton make use of the same expression, but his meaning was the war he wished the ticket termed to run on ticket, of whom he was one, people to run on merits & wished the nation with Mr. McKinney, and in his conversation with Mr. McKinney, when he observed to Mr. McKinney, "I wish the same way, all others that were self when he says, thinking with him an amazing person of 'unite on us' not the whole people who were in favor of operations against the Mexicans,

among whom Mr. McKinney ranked first. I hope, Mr. Editor, that the Messrs. Whartons and the public will let this matter rest until our difficulties are settled, and that they will then give Mr. McKinney that notice which he deserves.  
J.

**From the N. Orleans Bulletin.**

**TEXAS TRIUMPHANT.**

Shortly hence, time shall disclose, inscrib'd upon the roll of fame  
The gallant men who now oppose  
In freedom's cause a despot's claim;  
Young sons of a favor'd stock,  
A humble bard your fame would sing  
You nobly brav'd the first rude shock  
Of Vandal foes who dar'd to bring  
On our fair fields the scourge of war,  
And worse than war,—a tyrant's sway.  
Brave as their sires,—your freemen are  
Your fortunes, life and honor—may,  
You pledge your love of liberty,  
Your freedom never to forego,  
Nor yield to slave of tyranny.  
A ruthless wild invading foe  
Nobly that pledge you will redeem  
As heretofore your friends have done;  
Unequal though the strife may seem,  
We shall soon hear the fight is won.  
Your Independence now secure,  
And cheer'd by freedom's brilliant star  
And long as time may hence endure  
Texas Triumphant—sund afar.  
H. K.  
New Orleans, 21 November, 1835.

**CANDIDATES.**

FOR SHERIFF.  
R. J. W. REEL,  
S. M. HALE.

Alexander Calvit is a candidate for sheriff at the ensuing election and will be supported by Many voters.

Mr. Editor—If Alexander Russell will permit his name to be run for sheriff, he will receive the support of Many voters.

**NOTICE.**

ALL persons having claims against the firm of Fitchett & Gill will present them to D. T. Fitchett at Columbia and all persons indebted to them in Brazoria will make payment to Edmund Andrews, who is duly authorized to settle and receipt for us.  
FITCHETT & GILL.

**NOTICE.**

THE subscriber wishes to rent the well known Tavern Stand in San Felipe de Austin, now occupied by her. She will also hire four servants, two men and two women, a wagon and yoke of oxen. Immediate possession will be given.  
A. B. PEYTON.  
San Felipe, Sept. 19, 53. of.

**JUST received and for sale**

- Cotton Bagging,
  - Bale Rope,
  - Bales of Brown Domestic,
  - Spanish Cigars,
  - Boxes Brown Sugar,
  - Coffee,
  - Burlaps suitable for bags for cotton seed,
  - Russia Shering's,
  - Cases White Domestics,
  - Cases Prints,
  - Powder, Lead & Shot.
- EDMUND ANDREWS.  
Brazoria, Nov. 7, 1835. 1f-60.

MR. E. H. HALL, is my lawful Agent, during my absence on the campaign.  
ELISHA FLACK.  
Oct. 31, 1835. 2w-5.

**Notice.**

THE undersigned gives this public notice that he has been appointed Agent for the different Insurance Companies in the city of New-Orleans; and whereas, in order the insurer may be the more fully satisfied of the fairness of all losses that may hereafter happen here or on the adjacent coast, certificates of the Agent will be required before any loss will be paid.  
EDMUND ANDREWS.

**PILOTAGE of Brazos**

THE undersigned being appointed Pilot by the Illustrrious Ayuntamiento of the Jurisdiction of Columbia for the Bar of the Brazos, takes this opportunity of informing all, whom it may concern, that he shall strictly adopt the following rules:—In all cases when vessels approach the Bar, if prudent, they will be boarded, if not, observe the following signals: The Mexican Flag will be hoisted to the Top of the Staff at high water; & in crossing the Bar bringing two white Flags with a red Ball in each in a range; should it not be possible to board a Vessel, and not prudent for a Vessel to attempt to cross the Bar, the Mexican Flag will be hoisted half mast, and under no circumstances will the signals be exhibited.

E. J. HASKINS, Branch Pilot.  
Velasco, May 9th 1835.

P. S. The undersigned has provided two substantial Boats & a full crew, and is determined to use every exertion in the discharge of his duties.  
F. J. HASKINS.

**WAGON MAKING**

THE subscriber is now prepared to attend to any business in his line, his shop is at his plantation on the Bernardo, three miles from Brazoria where wagons will be made and repaired on moderate terms.  
J. B. COWAN.

MADEIRA, CLARET & PORT WINE for Sale by  
EDMUND ANDREWS.

MR. JOHN A. WHARTON is my lawful Agent during my absence in the United States.  
W. B. SWENY.

**NEW ROAD**

A New road has been cut out from this place to the Bernardo, crossing at my house, which shortens the distance to Cedar lake 6 miles; persons going to or from Matagorda will find it greatly to their advantage to cross the river at my house, where there is a good ferry boat always at hand.  
J. B. COWAN.

**DISSOLUTION**

THE partnership heretofore existing in the name and style of A. G. & R. Mills is by mutual consent, this day dissolved, except in liquidation, those having claims against them will please present them for payment and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment, or satisfactory arrangements—otherwise indulgence will not be given.  
A. G. Mills,  
R. Mills.

N. B. The business will in future be conducted by Robert Mills and David G. Mills in the name and style of Robert Mills & Co. and their goods will be sold at reasonable prices for cash, and on the usual credit, to punctual customers. Jan 1

**NEW GOODS HANDY & LUSK**

HAVE just received from New-York, per schooner Elizabeth Jane, a very extensive assortment of NEW AND SEASONABLE BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN DRY GOODS—All of which they offer for sale by the Bale, Case or Piece, at New Orleans prices, for cash. Also, a full assortment of fashionable ready made summer clothing. Fine Guns, pocket belt, holster and duelling pistols; a few medicine chests for plantations.

**Notice.**

THE Harrisburg Steam Mills are now in complete order, and lumber can be had at Twenty five Dollars per thousand. Delivered at the Mills.  
M. W. . . . .  
President of the . . . . .  
Harrisburg, July . . . . .  
JUST received . . . . .  
Pa . . . . .  
Brazoria

**A PROCLAMATION.**

ON or about the first day of April of the present year, William McGrew and William P. McGrew, in the county of Sumpter, murdered a couple of boys in the foulest manner, and under the most shocking and aggravated circumstances. The oldest of the lads was 16 or 17 years of age, and his little brother about 11 or 12. Their name was Kemp. They were peaceably at work, earning a subsistence for the indigent family to which they belonged, having give no offence, or provocation whatever, when they were cruelly shot down, at the same time, in a very wantonness of deliberate and cold blooded murder.

The before mentioned offenders have escaped and are now going at large, and in virtue of the power and authority in me vest'd. I hereby offer a reward of EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension and delivery of the said offenders, or Four Hundred Dollars for either of them, to Sheriff of Sumpter county, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, this 21st May, A. D. 1835, and 59th year of the Independence of the United States.

By the Governor:  
JOHN GAYLE.

E. A. Winstrom, Secretary of State.

**DESCRIPTION.**

William P. McGrew is about twenty four years of age hair a little dark, fair skin and blue eyes; mild, and retiring look when sober; six feet high.

William McGrew, the cousin of the other, is about 21 years old, red hair, fair skin, eyes between gray and blue, six feet high, down look and forbidding countenance; both addicted to intemperance.

It is understood that about the sum of three Thousand Dollars has been subscribed for the apprehension of these persons, by the citizens of Marengo and Sumpter counties, which will doubtless be paid as soon as they are lodged in the proper Jail.

The Printer of the Laws of the United States at Mobile, and the State Printer at New-Orleans, will publish the foregoing Proclamation, &c. weekly for three months, and forward their accounts to the Secretary of State, for payment. They are requested to send their papers, if practicable to a Printer in Texas, who is requested to publish this Proclamation in like manner for three months—the account so to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for payment.  
JOHN GAYLE.  
Tuscaloosa May 22, 1835.

**Attorney**

I. N. MORELAND will attend to any business entrusted to him—his office is on Liberty on the Trinity river.



**DR. E. HARRIS,**

HAVING located himself permanently in Columbia for the purpose of practising Medicine, Surgery, &c.; is now ready to attend to any business in his line. His office is next door to Mr. John Chaffin. By strict attention to business, together with the success which has attended a long course of practice in the United States of the North, he hopes to share a part of that public patronage which has been so liberally bestowed on his brothers in the profession.

**Notice.**

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, or to the late firm of Brigham & Richeson, (to save cost) will make payment, on or before the 1st day of September next to my only authorized agents, during my absence, David Mills or Benjamin R. Brigham.  
A. BRIGHAM.  
Brazoria, August 1, 1835.—49.6w.

**\$15 Reward**

STOLEN from the cabin of the steam boat Laura, one Silver Leaver Watch, with P. Leneau, 1832, marked on the inside of the case. The above reward will be paid for the watch and thief, or ten dollars for watch alone.—Apply at this office.  
Sept 19.—53.—1f.

**A CARD.**

The undersigned announces in the public manner that the office for the reception of colonists in the "Upper Colony" is now opened at San Felipe, persons desirous of acquiring land can do so with perfect security in their files.

The rights of those persons legally established anterior to the 15th of April 1831 and of those introduced and settled after 22nd of May 1831, and before the 18th May, 1835, will in every instance be respected, provided the claimant has not interfered with previous locations and surveys.

The undersigned would recommend those who wish to obtain land to make their applications at an early period in order that the necessary plots and surveys may be completed.

SPENCER H. JACK,  
Agent for Austin & Williams.

BACON and sour Flour for Sale by  
EDMUND ANDREWS.

**COPARTNERSHIP.**

THE undersigned, having associated themselves in the Mercantile business, at the Town of Matagorda, under the firm of S. B. Brigham & Co. take this method of informing the public that they will constantly keep on hand a general assortment of seasonable and fresh goods.

R. MILLS, & Co.  
SAML. B. BRIGHAM.  
Matagorda, July 1st 1835.—49.—1f.

FOUR Cases of ready made Clothing Three Cases Boots and Shoes Two of superfine Hats.—Just received and for Sale by  
EDMUND ANDREWS.  
October 1st, 1835.

**For Sale.**

ONE first rate COTTON GIN.—Apply to JOHN P. GILL, at the Brazoria Hotel.  
Sept. 19—53—4f.

**NOTICE.**

ALL persons having claims against the estate of John Austin, dec'd. will present them to the undersigned for settlement; and all those indebted to said estate, will make payment to him and no other.  
F. L. PARROTT.

POSTER.

TO MELANCHOLY.

There is a charm no joys bestow, Nor rank nor wealth impart, 'Tis when the tear is stealing slow, And softly sighs the heart.

ON TIME.

By R. S. COFFIN.

Grey-headed thief, beneath thy feet What numerous spots appear! There bleeds the locks of maiden sweet.

The rose that bloom'd on beauty's cheek, Unseen, thou steal'st away; Unheard—for who e'er heard thee speak?

The Christian's Crown in Heaven. Nay, that is false, a something still Defies thy pilfering pow'r; A something thou canst never steal.

FRAGMENTS.—A mistress is not to be preferred to a wife, neither is flattery to be preferred to friendship.

A Bouncer.—It is stated in a Georgia paper, says the New York Sun, that a man was knocked down in New Orleans, and robbed of his pocket book, containing 75,000 dollars six and a fourth cents in specie!

A grave affair.—A lad was one day despatched to the house of a clergyman to attend a funeral.

MURKIN, (Alabama,) Sept. 19.—Murrel's attempted Rescue.—We have been shown a letter from a highly respectable gentleman of Tennessee, which states that a daring attempt had been made to liberate Murrel from the State Penitentiary.

State Penitentiary. The letter says that four or five hundred strangers, gradually, and seemingly without concert, appeared in Nashville, but that the influx was so great as to excite suspicions, and eventually, public opinion settled down in the belief that they were confederates of that arch fiend Murrel, which suspicion was soon confirmed by an unsuccessful attempt at his liberation.

We are informed by the Greensborough papers, that a scoundrel by the name of Woolly was caught in the act of endeavoring to decoy some negroes from their master's plantations in the neighborhood of Erie, and that the wretch was informally tried, and shorn of a portion of his wool, and ordered to leave the country; under the penalty of one hundred and fifty lashes on his bare back, should he be found in its borders within the three days immediately succeeding his punishment.

A Learned Character.—"Give me Venice Preserved," said a gentleman, last week, on going to a celebrated bookseller at the West-end.

From the Spirit of '76.

Mr. Editor—You will much oblige one of your subscribers, by inserting the following letter from Gen. Washington, to Governor Morris, in your independent and patriotic paper.

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A Native American & Democrat.

Gen. Washington to Mr. Morris. White Plains, July, 24, 1776.

Dear Sir—Whether you are indebted to me, or I to you, for a letter, I know not, nor is it of much moment; the design of this is to touch, cursorily, upon a subject of very great importance to the well-being of these States; and more so than will appear at first view.

them in upon you like a torrent, and adding to your present burden. But it is neither the expense nor the trouble of that I must dread. There is an evil more extensive in its nature, and fatal in its consequences, to be apprehended, and that is, the driving of all your own officers out of the service, and throwing not only your army, but your military councils, entirely into the hands of foreigners.

The officers, my dear Sir, on whom you must depend for the defence of this cause, and who, from length of service, their connections, property, and in behalf of many, I may add military merit, will not submit much, if any longer, to the unnatural promotion of men over them, who have nothing more than a little plausibility, unbounded pride and ambition, and a perseverance in application not to be resisted but by uncommon firmness, to support their pretensions.

I could say a great deal on this subject, but will add nothing at present. I am led to give you this trouble at this time, by a very handsome certificate showed me yesterday, in favor of Mr. Nuville, written (I believe) by himself, and subscribed by Gen. Parsons, designed, as I am informed, for the foundation of a superstructure of brigadiership.

Adieu. I am most respectfully yours. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

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ded to the General's furious manipulations, and our rolled AN OLD FASHIONED KNIT PET TICOAT a little the worse for dirt, labelled, in large letters—"A nether garment for our old lady of the palace, to be hung up as a mirror, to stimulate her to future exertions. The hero sat a moment in silence, and then broke into a roar that astounded the household. The roaring of the bull of Bashan was a fool to it.—Louisville Journal.

AFFAIRS OF MICHIGAN.

A meeting of more than two thousand persons was recently held at Monroe, for the purpose of conferring in relation to the affairs of that Territory. The Hon. A. G. Wing of Monroe, presided.

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Result from the subscriber living on the Brazos river near the Fort Settlement three negro men, one named Sterling, very black, thirty five to forty years of age, about five feet eight or nine inches high.

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Brazoria October 10th, 1835.

Mexico.—By the arrival yesterday of the schooner Eclipse, in 8 days from Tampico, we have obtained a file of the Tamaulipas Gazette to the 12th Oct. They contain the proposed model of a central Government, which we may publish to-morrow.

DEATH OF MAJOR BARRY.

Death of Major Barry.—A letter to the editor, dated Liverpool August 31st, announces the death of the Hon. William T. Barry.

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