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(To the New Orleans Bee.)

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

### The President's Message.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—To express gratitude to God in the name of the people for preservation of the United States is my first duty in addressing you. Our thoughts next revert to the death of the late President by an act of parricidal treason. The grief of the nation is still fresh. It finds a sacred place in the condemnation that he lived to enjoy the highest proof of its confidence by entering on the renewed term of the Chief Magistracy, to which he had been elected, that he brought the civil war to a successful close, that his loss was deplored in all parts of the Union, and that foreign nations have rendered justice to his memory. His removal cast upon me a heavier weight of responsibility than rested on any one of his predecessors. To fulfil my trust I need the support and confidence of all who are associated with me in the various Departments of Government and the support and confidence of the people. There is but one way in which I can hope to gain their necessary aid. It is to pursue with frankness the principles which guide my conduct and their application to the present state of affairs, well aware that the efficiency of my labors will in a great measure depend on your candid and unbiassed approbation. The Union of the United States of America was intended by its author to last as long as the States themselves shall last. "The Union shall be perpetual" said the words of the Confederation; to form a more perfect union by an ordinance of the people of the United States, is the declared purpose of the Constitution.

The hand of Divine Providence was never more plainly visible in the affairs of men than, in the framing and the adopting of that instrument. It is beyond comparison the greatest event in American history, and indeed is it one of all events in modern time the most pregnant with consequences for every people of the earth. The members of the Convention which prepared it brought to their work the experience of the Confederation, of their several States, of other Republican Government, old and new, but they needed and they obtained a wisdom superior to experience, and when for its validity it required the approval of a people little accustomed to the exercise of a sovereign and acted separately in many district Conventions, what is more wonderful than that after earnest contention and long discussion, all features of opinion were at last combined and drawn in one work to its support. The Constitution to which we were thus impartially contains within itself the principles of its own preservation. It has power to enforce laws, punish treason, and insure domestic tranquility, in case of the corruption of the Government of a State by any man or an oligarchy, it becomes a duty of the United States to make good the guarantee to that State of republican form of Government and protect it against domestic violence. All laudable amendments to the Constitution which time and experience may show to be necessary can be peacefully effected by three-fourths of the States, or by conventions called for that purpose. Lastly, by the express provision of the Constitution, "the United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government." But nothing in the Constitution can be construed to in any way the subject of slavery half the country.

### Reported Rumors.

(From the Memphis Bulletin, Dec. 2.)

THE LOUISIANA.—While these lines are consolidation doing in commemoration week on the floor of Congress, relative to the claim of the Louisiana, growing out of the seizure of that vessel by the Confederate authorities at the commencement of the late rebellion, and we have been entertained during the present week, on Sunday, No. 14, Parish of Assumption, on Monday, 15 and 16, Parish of Iberville, and on Tuesday and 18 Parish of St. James. We are also informed that the commissioner on Saturday, 16 and 17, Parish of Assumption will hold court on Monday next. The sessions will last for three days, and Rapides Gazette has not as yet been arranged.

RAPID PLAGIARISM.—The great work goal bravely on. We mean the offering of Bayou Pigeonneau. At present over one hundred the houses are occupied by the people, and the number is increasing. If favorable weather, we should think that within three months the entire town will be finished. The most erudite manner the undersigned the magnificent edifice. Messrs. D. H. Brewer & Co.

The steamship Pony Henry, Captain Hildreth, sails at 9 o'clock this morning for New York with a full freight, and the following passengers:

W. S. Smith, J. P. Miller, A. Gray, Lieut. J. Kyle, C. Fell, J. Gilmore, J. Hall, J. Hall, J. Hall, J. Hall, Lieut. Col. Shaw, Capt. Shaw, Capt. Shaw, Capt