

Charleston, July 12.

TANT NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

yesterday's southern Mail, received from our attentive correspondent at Savannah, Gen. George Mac Gregor's proclamation, announcing the capture of Amelia Island: it will be found

We were also favored by the perusal of several letters, which we have made the following extracts:

Fernandina, which has, since it has been a place of very little commerce, will now increase in population and mercantile importance. St. Mary's will also be benefited by the opening of the western trade. At Fernandina it was becoming more plentiful and business brisker. Gen. Gregor's conduct to the Indians had given general satisfaction, and the behaviour of his troops was very exemplary. His movement would be against St. Augustine, where, if the Spaniards do their duty (which is not doubtful) the General's raised army will have warm

As they are fighting in the cause of Liberty and Independence, all true Americans wish them success.

of a letter from an officer in the Patriot army, to his friend in the city. dated

AMELIA, July 3d, 1817. We arrived here on the morning of the 20th of June, and after a march of ten miles through the swamps, breast deep, we stormed the garrison, which surrendered with 70 prisoners. We are in a peaceable possession, and the inhabitants are well pleased. A few days we move forward to St. Augustine, where we have men in a strong garrison, and are determined to drive them out. Our 22 gun frigate with 50 men from New-York is at the bar. We took two valuable schooners at Fernandina."

of a letter received in this city. dated

FERNANDINA 5th July, 1817. It is over without any fighting. Gen. Mac Gregor took possession of this place on the 29th inst. We capitulated, and got on good terms. The General has his men in better order than could be expected. If he keeps on, the change will prove beneficial; business begins to re-

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PROCLAMATION OF THE LIBERATING ARMY.

Gen. Mac Gregor, Brigadier General of the Army of the United Provinces of New-Grenada and Venezuela, and General-in-Chief of the Armies for the two Floridas, commissioned by the Supreme Director of Mexico, South America, &c. Inhabitants of the Island of Amelia.

Your brethren of Mexico, of Ayres, New Grenada and Venezuela, who are so gloriously engaged in fighting for that inalienable gift which nature has bestowed upon her children, and

which all civilized nations have endeavored to secure by social compacts; desirous that all the sons of Columbia should participate in that imprescriptible right have confided to me the command of the land and naval forces.

Peaceable inhabitants of Amelia! do not apprehend any danger or oppression from the troops which are now in possession of your island, either for your persons, property or religion; however various the climes in which they may have received their birth, they are nevertheless your brethren and friends. Their first object will be to protect your rights; your property will be held sacred and inviolable, and every thing done to promote your real interests, by co-operating with you in carrying into effect the virtuous desires of our constituents. thereby becoming the instruments for the commencement of a national emancipation. Unite your forces with ours, until America shall be placed by her high destinies, to that rank among the nations, that the Most High has appointed. A country, by its extent and fertility, offering the greatest sources of wealth and happiness.

The moment is important. Let it not escape without having commenced the great work of delivering Columbia from tyranny, which has been exercised in all parts; and which, to continue its power, has kept the people in the most degrading ignorance, depriving them of the advantages resulting from a free intercourse with other nations, and of that prosperity which the arts and sciences produce, when under the protection of wholesome laws, which you will be enabled properly to appreciate, only when you will have become a free people.

You who, ill-advised, have abandoned your homes, whatever may be the place of your birth, your political and religious opinions, return without delay, and resume your wonted occupations. Deprecate the evil counsels your enemies may disseminate among you. Listen to the voice of honor, to the promises of a sincere and disinterested friend; and return to the fulfilment of those duties which nature has enjoined upon you. He who will not swear to maintain the independence which has been declared, will be allowed six months to settle his affairs, to sell or remove his property without molestation, and enjoy all the advantages which the laws grant in such cases.

Friends or enemies of our present emancipation whoever you be, what I say unto you is the language of truth; it is the only language becoming a man of honor, and as such I swear religiously to adhere to the tenor of this proclamation.

Dated at Head Quarters, Amelia Island, June 30, 1817. GREGOR MAC GREGOR. JPH. DE YRIBARREN, Secretary.

Gregor Mac Gregor, General of Brigade to the Armies of the United Provinces of New Grenada and Venezuela, and general-in-Chief of that Army destined to the Floridas, with com-

mission from the Supreme Governments of Mexico, and South America, &c.

Soldiers and Sailors!

The 19th of June will be forever memorable in the annals of the Independence of South America. On that day, a body of brave men, animated by noble zeal for the happiness of mankind, advanced within gun-shot of the guns of Fernandina, and awed the enemy into immediate capitulation, notwithstanding his favorable position. This will be an everlasting proof of what the Sons of Freedom can achieve, when fighting in a great and glorious cause, against a government which has trampled on all the natural and essential rights which descend from God to man. In the name of the Independent Governments of South America, which I have the honor to represent, I thank you for this first proof of your ardour and devotion in her cause, and I trust that, impelled by the same noble principles, you will soon be able to free the whole of the Floridas from tyranny and oppression. Then shall I hope to lead you to South America, to gather fresh laurels in freedom's cause. Your names will be transmitted to the latest posterity, as the first who formed a solid basis for the emancipation of those delightful and fruitful regions, now in great part groaning under the oppressive hand of Spanish despotism. The children of South America will re-echo your names in their songs—your heroic deeds will be handed down to succeeding generations, and will cover yourselves and your latest posterity, with a never fading wreath of glory. The path of honor is now open before you. Let those who distinguish themselves look forward with confidence to promotion and preferment.—To perpetuate the memory of your valor, I have decreed, and do decree, a shield of honor, to be worn on the left arm of every individual who has assisted or co-operated in the reduction of the Island of Amelia; this shield be round, of the diameter of four inches, made of red cloth, with this device: *Vencedores de Amelia*, 29th of June, 1817, 7 y 1," surrounded by a wreath of laurel and oak leaves, embroidered in gold for the officers, in yellow silk for the men. The colours of the corps of national artillery, the first squadron of cavalry, and the regiment of Columbia, will have the same device embroidered on the right angle of the colours. Long live the conquerors of Amelia.

Dated at Head Quarters, San Fernandina, 1st July, 1817, 7 and 1.

GREGOR MAC GREGOR. JPH. DE YRIBARREN, Secretary.

FROM AMELIA ISLAND.

SAVANNA, JULY 15.

Our advices from that place come down as late as the 9th inst. At that time, the individuals who had left the Island previous to the arrival of the patriots, had mostly returned, and appeared quite contented with the new order of things. General Mac Gregor was busily engaged in sending off his

troops to the St. John's, which place he was expected to reach about the 18th inst. St. Augustine was strictly blockaded by a Patriot frigate and the True-Blooded Yankee sloop of war—more than a match for any naval force which Spain has in the western hemisphere.

By the arrival at this port, on Sunday last, of the schooner Fair American, six days from the Havana, we learn that the armament reported as having sailed from that place, to the relief of St. Augustine, was nothing more or less than a large number of Guineamen, which sailed on the 11th ult. under convoy, for the coast of Africa. The news of the capture of Amelia Island had not reached Havana on the 6th inst.

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NEW-YORK, July 17.

A gentleman lately from Havana, (says the Charleston Courier of the 8th inst.) informs us, that the captain of the Spanish government brig, which in conjunction with a frigate, made a dastardly attack some months since, on the U. S. schooner Firebrand, has been lately tried by a court martial at Havana, and broke—the captain of the frigate had been sent home to old Spain, to take his trial, and there was no doubt would meet a similar punishment.

SELECTED TOASTS.

IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

*The National Union.*—It has proved too firm to be dissolved by the intrigues of foreign enemies, or the nefarious schemes of domestic conspirators.

*O! Federalism.*—Thou art strayed upon a mountain—thou hast no shepherd—behold thine house is left unto thee desolate!

WASHINGTON PA.

May the wounded soldiers never quit the field of battle, in the bitterness of poverty, but receive the smiles of the fair to allay his distresses.

Governor Shelby; In youth the Hero drank the cup of war. In age he drank the goblet down.

Gen. Andrew Jackson; The hero of New-Orleans. Honor to the brave.

Gen. Pike; He sealed his career of Military Glory by placing the American standard on the battlements of York.

The President of the United States; His enemies at the election have become his friends on his tour through the Union.

IN CHESTER COUNTY, PA.

The American Republic; The experience of forty years gives a happy proof that she is alike calculated for peace and war, and that whether attacked by foreign mercenaries or home bred enemies, she is equally invulnerable.

The Navy of the United States.—Claimed by party retainers as the "Child of Federalism."—However the question of BIRTH may be decided, experience abundantly shows, that the CHILD thrives best with DEMOCRATIC NURSING.

The fair sex; The lovely supporters of "our infant manufactures."