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TOMBIGBY COUNTRY.

From the *National Intelligencer*.

acts by translation, from "L'Amé-
rique Américaine," a French
paper of extensive circulation,
published at Philadelphia, by
Simon Chaudron.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.

I saw yesterday upwards of
one hundred French emigrants, among
whom were general Clausel and
Lefebvre Desnouettes, preparing
to leave the smiling banks of the
Tombigby for the distant and un-
inhabited borders of the Tombigby,
where virgin soil and liberty
wait them. A sentiment of
sorrow mingled with sorrow
assessed me, at the
sight of the brave and honorable
victims of the caprice and in-
justice of man, banished from
their country by pride and vio-
lence, which have scattered over
the globe all the evils that desolate
and afflict humanity.

I saw some among them
after having honored and
honored their country by their
swearings, have been
led to fly from it, and leave be-
hind them the effects of their
best affection, abandoning
their well-earned reputation to
the mercy of enemies, who are
victors to every noble and gen-
tle sentiment. The sword of
despotism, converted to purposes of
injustice, has reared some
insupportable load of feudal
tyranny. This had crushed others, &
for this frank and generous
country, all would, ere this have
been victims to death, or been
converted to slavery. But now man-

ny recollections will attend these
unfortunate men in the solitude
to which they condemn themselves!

What delusive dreams
will transport them in imagina-
tion to the place of their birth,
the grave of their fathers, before
success, painfully obtained, can
heal the wounds inflicted by their
banishment! I wiped the falling
tear from my eye, which this
thought had excited."

The sympathy Mr. Chaudron
expresses for his persecuted and
unfortunate countrymen, does
him honor, and as he may justly
be considered to speak the sentiments
of the great majority of
Frenchmen in the United States,
the manner in which he mentions
our "frank and hospitable coun-
try," is highly pleasing, and shews
that the benevolent attentions of
our government and fellow-cit-
izens towards the emigrants from
France, are duly appreciated, not
by them alone, but by Frenchmen
in general.

Further extracts from the same
paper. "We lay before our readers
in America and France, the
progress the company of French
emigrants have already made to-
wards the accomplishment of their
purpose."

Their exploring commission-
er, the amiable and scientific Pen-
niers, who left Philadelphia sev-
eral months since, having made
his observations on the soil, pro-
ductions, &c. of the country ly-
ing between the 32d and 36th
degree of latitude, on the right
bank of the Mississippi, has passed
over to the other side and
joined his colleagues Parmentier,
Garnier de Saintes, Poculo and
Meslier, in that part of the coun-
try in which the grant was made,
and these commissioners have fix-
ed on a situation for the establish-
ment of the colony, a little below
the junction of the Black War-
rior and the Tombigby, in about
the 33d degree of latitude.* This
point combines the three greatest
advantages the company can de-
sire, fertility, salubrity and navi-
gation."

The first vessel despatched by
the company carried out about
20 settlers; that general Clausel and
Lefebvre Desnouettes have
just fitted out, and in which they
are themselves gone (accompanied
by the good wishes of all) has up-
wards of 40 souls on board.—
These generous promoters of the
cause will prove that the path of

*The accounts which have been
received from the commissioners
up to this date, were published in
the *National Intelligencer* on the
14th and 21st of July, and on the
30th of August.

glory is not confined to the field
or to the senate.

We must not omit to mention
that the officers of the U. States'
government have, every where,
shown the kindest attention to
the commissioners."

ALABAMA TERRITORY.

From the *St. Stephens Halycon*.

In the present dearth of news,
we conceive that our paper could
not be more usefully devoted,
than in presenting to the public a
picture of the great progress our
country is making in useful im-
provements. Three years since,
rarely an instance was known of
a bale of cotton being exported
from the Tombigbee or Alabama
settlements; in the present year,
we have assurances that one far-
mer in this neighborhood, who
does not work more than twenty
hands, will clear, saving all expen-
ses, at least twenty thousand dol-
lars from his cotton crop, beside
making the necessary quantity of
corn, &c. for his family use; and
we have reasons to believe, that
others will produce equally as
great a crop. Farmers generally,
have expectations far beyond what
could be imagined from so new
a country. Cotton gins have
become very common, almost every
farmer owning one. Indeed,
in every point of view in which
the country can be taken, none
on earth presents greater advan-
tages. Added to a climate mild
and salubrious, the productions of
the soil are most happily adapted
to every species of vegetation.—
Fruits in as great abundance and
perfection as in any part of the
world, grow here almost spontane-
ously. Nor have we been un-
mindful of the necessity of a prop-
er attention to the improvement
of Towns, and in the arts which
give tone and spirit to commerce,
the channel through which the
productions of our luxuriant and
highly favored country, find a
reward for honest industry.

The town of St. Stephens, at
the head of ship navigation of the
Tombigbee, is advancing with a
rapidity beyond that of any place
perhaps in the Western country.
It has at this moment, at least 30
new houses commenced, many of
which would vie with those gen-
erally built in the cities of the U.
States. It has an Academy, sup-
ported by the voluntary contribu-
tion of the citizens, with two
teachers, and sixty or seventy stu-
dents, who have, since their com-
mencement, made progress highly
honorable to the institution.

There is a Steam boat on the
stocks, in size and force, calcula-

ted in an eminent degree to give
the greatest facility to our com-
merce to the ocean. It is intended
as occasion may require, to
run from thence to New-Orleans
and return either up the Tombig-
bee or Alabama, as high as Fort
Claiborne. The navigation of
the Tombigbee, as high as this
place, is perfectly secure, to ves-
sels of any size that can enter
Mobile bay, at any season of the
year. The annual amount of
merchandise, brought and vend-
ed at this place, is not less than
500,000 dollars, and is still increas-
ing.

The Town of Jackson, about
ten miles below this place, is in a
state of rapid improvement, and,
we are informed, affords consider-
able facility for trade.

Fort Claiborne, on the Alabama,
has a considerable population, &
from its local situation, and the
richness of the country around it,
bids fair to become the most flour-
ishing town in the territory. It
is situated immediately on a high
bank, and presents a most beau-
tiful and romantic prospect, com-
manding a view of the Alabama,
above and below, as far as the eye
can reach; and the high hills
which border the meanders of the
river, present a most picturesque
scenery.

At the late sales a company,
principally composed of merchants
of this place, purchased the scite of
old Fort Stoddert, which, we under-
stand, they are about to lay off
into lots, and offer for sale imme-
diately; many of them are deter-
mined to establish stores and erect
ware-houses, so soon as the lots
are disposed of. The situation of
this place combines a greater vari-
ety of advantages, than any place
near the sea board. It has a strait
and direct communication with
the Mobile bay, and vessels can
approach it in some instances,
with as great facility as the town
of Mobile—the same wind which
carries them to Blakely or Mobile,
will, in a short time, waft them
to the safe and convenient harbor
of Fort Stoddert.

Mobile, is situated at the head
of Mobile bay, and commands a
very handsome view of the bay
below and river above. It is im-
proving in a ratio with that of
the country.

The Lots in the Town of Blakely,
have lately been sold, and we
are told great preparations are
making for its rapid improvement.
It is understood that considerable
capital has already been appropri-
ated to that place, and great ex-
pectations are entertained from
its superior advantage, that it will
shortly become a place of consid-
erable commercial importance.