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## TOMBIGBY COUNTRY.

From the National Intelligencer.

Extracts by translation, from "L'Al-  
bion Américaine," a French  
work of extensive circulation,  
published at Philadelphia, by  
Simon Chaudron.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.

I saw yesterday upwards of  
fifty French emigrants, among  
them the general Clausel and  
the Desnouettes, preparing  
to leave the smiling banks of the  
Mississippi for the distant and un-  
known shores of the Tombig-  
bee. A sentiment of  
mingled with sorrow  
hope assailed me, at the  
sight of these brave and honora-  
ble victims of the caprice and in-  
constancy of man, banished from  
their country by pride and vio-  
lence, which had scattered over  
the face of the earth that desolate  
I saw some among them  
after having honored and  
gloried their country by their  
arms or their sword, have been  
condemned to fly from it, and leave be-  
hind them the objects of their  
dearest affection, abandoning  
their well-earned reputation to  
the mercy of enemies, who are  
angers to every noble and gen-  
erous sentiment. The sword of  
justice, converted to purposes of  
oppression, has reaped some;  
the insupportable load of feudal  
oppression had crushed others, &  
for this frank and generous  
they all would, ere this have  
been victims to death, or been  
condemned to slavery. But how ma-

ny recollections will attend these  
unfortunate men in the solitude  
to which they condemn them-  
selves! 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 senti-  
ments 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-citi-  
zens towards the emigrants from  
France, are duly appreciated, not  
by them alone, but by French-  
men in general.

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

"Their exploring commis-  
sioner, 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 pass-  
ed 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-  
ing of the colony, a little below  
the junction of the Black War-  
rior and the Tombigbee, 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 Halcyon.

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-  
ces, 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 ev-  
ery 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 sponta-  
neously. 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 contri-  
bution of the citizens, with two  
teachers, and sixty or seventy stu-  
dents, who have, since their com-  
mencement, made progress high-  
ly 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 intend-  
ed 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 consid-  
erable 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 site of  
old Fort Stoddert, which, we un-  
derstand, 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 Blakeley 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 Blake-  
ley, 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.