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THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

Mr. Clarkson Ogle, of Pennsylvania, an original Jackson man, at present a member of the Whig party in Congress, dined with the President not long since, and was thoroughly struck with the air of extravagance which pervaded the Presidential mansion, and knowing the arguments which were [illegible] John Quincy Adams, when he occupied that house, he was led to examine this subject, and gave the result of his [illegible] in a speech which he delivered about two weeks since. The facts which he presented, showed that Mr. Van Buren had exceeded all former occupants of the White House in his expenditures, and in his sending of foreign courts and foreign [illegible]. Mr. Lincoln, of Massachusetts, replied to Mr. Ogle, and stated some of the extravagances which had been made around the Presidential [illegible]. A report of Mr. Lincoln's remarks appeared in the Globe, and they have been quoted in the loco foco journals, as a confirmation of the gold spoon story, by a member of the Whig party. Mr. Lincoln said, among other things, that if there was any thing wrong in relation to the furniture of the White House, the Committee on Public Buildings and not the Presidents were to blame for it. Mr. Ogle, replying to Mr. Lincoln's remarks, not overmuch with good [illegible] [illegible] with additional [illegible] in his of extravagance, [illegible] facts, figures, and [illegible] Mr. Ogle, at the [illegible] Lincoln to speak for the whig party [illegible] professed to be, in the possession of [illegible] that the [illegible] of a [illegible] The Whig party, [illegible] reform in its ranks, and [illegible] extravagance. [illegible] and sent by [illegible] might be [illegible] the Whig [illegible] last [illegible] to other [illegible] in the Whig [illegible] should not object to any [illegible] tire of American manufacture: [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] Van Buren's [illegible] room. [illegible] manufactures. [illegible] Kendall [illegible] [illegible] dent Van Buren [illegible] articles [illegible] him. He [illegible] to [illegible] and many more of a similar description [illegible] the people's money, and he believed that every good wing would object to such expenditures.

It has been said that it would lessen the President's dignity to see them these things. Dignity! forsooth! Instead of the dignity of virtue, of wisdom, of valor, you intend around the President the trappings of dotterers, and then call him dignified! And what is dignity—true dignity? There is the dignity of birth, and the dignity of the mind. You never hear the rank, or the dignity of mind he wanting, there is no real dignity. If the mind of Mr. Van Buren be mean, you may place him in the White House, and surround him with French furniture and foreign [illegible], but you cannot give him true dignity. The [illegible] room, Mr. Ogle said, was well furnished when Mr. Van Buren took on his residence at the white house; but he had not been there more than eight months when, as appeared by the accounts, he had out *one thousand three hundred and seven dollars to fit those splendid curtains!* The window curtains were good enough before, for any republican in the land. These things had been denied in the official organ of the administration, the Globe—but he told the facts in his hands, and he should not [illegible] them abroad to the people. In August 1837, six months after Mr. Van Buren took possession of the White House, said Mr. Ogle, we find the U. States charged with *two thousand dollars* for gold leaf and gilding materials for the circular room.

On the 7th of July, 1837, we find that Mr. Van Buren charged the United States with upwards of [illegible] for foreign carpeting, imported expressly for his use. Domestic American carpeting was not good enough for his royal mansion—and the people's money must be paid out in sums like this for foreign goods.

Next comes a charge of several hundred dollars for *towels!* Mr. Van Buren has a salary of $68 per day, and charges his towels to the people! Then we have a small bill of two thousand dollars and upwards, for repairs—such as taking down curtains and [illegible]—and large items for a year past. Also a charge of one hundred dollars for [illegible] and eight cushions; a small bill for a French bedstead, and other French furniture, of one thousand five hundred and twenty-nine dollars! And another bill in which the people are charged for grinding Mr. Van Buren's table knives, and for two knife boxes, the sum of $439! The people are also charged with eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars for the services of a horse, cart and gardener, to aid in raising Mr. Van Buren's vegetables!

The White House (with the exception of the East room) was indiscriminately furnished when Mr. Adams was President of the United States. Gen. Jackson spent $51,000 for furniture during the eight years that he occupied the White House, and Mr. Van Buren, the last year of his administration, expended for the same purpose upwards of $19,000.

Mr. Ogle said he was aware that Mr. Van Buren was a great admirer of gold, and that he was dazzling with it [illegible] and a "[illegible]" that way!

Mr. Lincoln repeatedly interrupted Mr. Ogle in the progress of his remarks, and informed him that the report of his speech which was published in the Globe, was taken by a reporter and published without his knowledge or consent! In some way it got out, and it was published in print, and he should then be forced into it [illegible] of which he had spoken, but to the gentleman from Pennsylvania. The report, he [illegible] was a perversion of his language, and arranged it so as to make it [illegible] he had not uttered. He observed the spirit of Democracy [illegible].

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"Does you go Mister Pitcher," bowing politely. "No, Annyhill it dat you, will how will we happy—extremely metropolis dis morning." "Very remarkable indeed, Mister Pitch—Did you see the Norx Daily this morning?—yes I think sometimes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]