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Attorney General's Office, November 20, 1860.

Sir: I have had the honor to receive your note of the 17th, and I now reply to the grave question therein propounded...

This is the view always taken by the Judiciary, and so universally adopted that the statement of it may seem commonplace...

The duty which these principles derive not only upon every officer, but every citizen, is that which Mr. Jefferson expressed so emphatically in his first inaugural...

The acts of Congress sometimes give the President a broad discretion in the use of the means by which they are to be executed...

The law respecting the collection of duties on imports into the United States is contained in the act of the 22d of February, 1862...

any where at or within the port. There is the law which enables him to be the custom-house, or to any other particular spot...

The first section of the act of March 2, 1833, authorized the President in a certain contingency to direct that the custom-house for any collection district be established and kept in any secure place...

Your right to take such measures as may seem to be necessary for the protection of the public property is very clear. It results from the proprietary rights of the Government...

This Government, then, is not only the owner of those buildings and grounds, but by virtue of the supreme and paramount law, it regulates the action and punishes the offenses of all who are within them...

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ed by the judge, and executed by the ministerial officers of the courts for the punishment of crime against the United States...

But what if the feeling in any State against the United States should become so universal that the Federal officers themselves (including judges, district attorneys, and marshals) would be reached by the same influence...

The existing laws put and keep the Federal Government strictly on the defensive. You are now forced only to repeal an assault on the public property, and aid the courts in their performance of their duty...

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repel the invasion of a State by enemies who come from abroad to assail her in her own territory. All these provisions are made to protect the States, not to authorize an attack by one part of the country upon another...

If it be true that war cannot be declared, nor a system of general hostilities carried on by the Central Government against a State, then it seems to follow that as an attempt to do so would be ipso facto an expulsion of such State from the Union...

The right of the General Government to preserve by itself in its whole constitutional vigor upon its property or its officers cannot be denied. But this is a totally different thing from an offensive war to punish the people for the political misdeeds of their State government...

If this view of the subject be as correct as I think it is, then the Union must utterly perish at the moment when Congress shall arm one part of the people against another for any purpose beyond that of merely protecting the General Government...

I am, very respectfully, yours, &c. J. S. BLACK.

To the President of the United States.

Henry Meigs, the great California forger, who left San Francisco, owing debts to the amount of \$1,000,000, is in Chile, where he has made money. He offers to pay his creditors ten per cent, of his indebtedness on the first of July next...

At Ballston Spa, New York, John Blake, a farmer, was fined \$1000 for cruelty towards an orphan boy, which he had adopted from the Utica Orphan Asylum. He not only whipped the boy on his bare body in the most barbarous manner, and inflicted other fearful corporal punishments...

While the Electoral College of New York was casting the vote of that State for Abraham Lincoln, the State Capitol building was discovered to be on fire—no one excepting the more general political configuration which the election of Lincoln has caused.

The "Midnight Meetings" for the benefit of fallen women, which were started in London by Baptist Noel, have recently been successfully imitated in Edinburgh. About 300 attended a meeting got up by Mrs. Radcliffe and other ladies, and a number of women avowed much interest in seeking facilities of reformation.

In 1849 the Mint of Paris coined 91,397,849fr. in gold, and 90,618,106fr. in silver. In 1859 the amount struck off was 53,285,848fr. in gold, and only 5,275,841fr. in silver. This fact is significant for the great quantity of gold in circulation and the paucity of silver coin.

Garibaldi, before leaving Naples, published the following notice: "The people is hereby informed that I will not receive any letters at Capua that are not post-paid."—G. GARIBOLDI.

Capt. Maitlis, so successful in capturing deserters, has received an appointment from the Emperor Napoleon, expressing his admiration and thanks.

A young man has recovered \$200,000 stolen from the bank of the Secretary of State, at Paris de Galle.

Can the Union be Saved?

The following article is from the able pen of Mr. A. Hoar, of Washington city, the author of "The South in the Union or out of it," which appeared in the October number of De Bow's Review, and was received with such general favor...

A PLAN OF PACIFICATION.

Constitution has at length been forced upon the minds of all, that, without the utmost prudence, caution, and statesmanship, the Union of these States cannot long be preserved. Events have proceeded so rapidly since the fatal strife...

The cases which have produced the existing state of things have been so long in operation, the irritation of the public mind has become so intense and so wide-spread, so much prejudiced, and so much had feeling, has been engendered...

Mr. Sumner asserted in one of his speeches during the recent campaign, that the time had at least come when the South was not only without power, but without influence in the Government. Although this is not strictly true, the period is rapidly approaching...

It is obvious that these States, with all their diverse, and in some respects their opposing and conflicting interests, cannot exist together in a permanent and harmonious union...

It is well known that among the most serious differences in the Convention which framed the Constitution were those which resulted from the contests between the larger and smaller States concerning representation in Congress. By the original compact, the larger States yielded equal representation to all the States...

The chief merit of the plan we propose is, that it can easily be applied, that it requires no radical change in the existing Constitution, and that it would be as effective in practice as it is simple in theory. Mr. Calhoun's plan of a double executive would equally accomplish the purpose of a perpetual equilibrium...

Mr. Webster once said that the American Revolution was fought for a preamble—not on account of intolerable oppression by Great Britain, but because of the assertion by her of the right of taxation without representation...

For many years past—the London Times seems to feel much regret that Mr. Webster will not be in Mr. Lincoln's cabinet, and thinks it is great misfortune in the Republican party which has formed "him and Mr. Everett, and a number of eminent men of the same party, to ally themselves with the South, and seek, by co-operation with the slave, to maintain the position which they believed the North would ever be able to give them."

The Southern Agricultural and Mechanical Convention, which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the 10th of November, 1860, was a grand success. It was the largest ever held in the South, and was attended by a large number of the most distinguished agriculturists and mechanics of the South...

SAINT NICHOLAS "BROKE."

In an old chimney, cozy and neat,
That old St. Nicholas, the good old saint,
Outside the wind was howling;

The Last Words of the Hon. Daniel Webster

Yes! I will live, the struggle is not past
That free my spirit from its cage,
Kind friends are round my couch to catch the last

And what—so long that the boy wonder

'Is your father living?' Mr. Frazier
Did not look at the boy, but still kept his
Away His voice was low and not very

THE LITTLE QUAKER WHO WAS SUPERBLY IN LOVE.

An amusing matrimonial story is told
of the old time in New England. It is
told that two young people because

HONEST JEMMY.

The following story has two morals. It is
Honest Jemmy (or Tom, in the time of it) and
his name was John, the son of a

AS YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY.

BY F. S. ARTHUR.

Mr. Frazier sat reading in his counting
room. He was in the midst of a piece of
interesting work, when a lad came to the
door, and said:

THE DUTCHMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

THE neighbor Wilhelm, you know, dinks
of nothing but his pipe.

Just a little before the evening twilight
fell word came to the woman that a gentleman
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A GOOD REMEDY FOR A FALLEN.

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for a fallen. It is a simple,
effective, and safe remedy.

MISCELLANEOUS. CONCENTRATED LEAVEN FOR BAKING BREAD, THE CAKES, ALL...

SAVING FUNDS. THE FARMER'S AND MECHANIC'S SAVING BANK...

MISCELLANEOUS. THE NEW YORK TIMES. An Independent Political, Literary and Miscellaneous Newspaper...

MEDICAL. D. MOTT'S CHAMBERLAIN'S RESTORATIVE PILLS FOR IRON...

HOTELS. WESTERN HOTEL, CHAMBERSBURG, PA. The Proprietor having purchased the old...

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CONCENTRATED LEAVEN. This is the result of careful chemical research...

CHAMBERSBURG SAVING FUND ASSOCIATION. This institution has been in existence twenty years...

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CUSTOMER WORK - CROFT & IRWIN. We have a large stock of boots and shoes...

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THE PRODUCE COMMISSIONERS. THE PRODUCE COMMISSIONERS of Philadelphia...

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WARD, HEAD AND COMMISSIONER. WARD, HEAD AND COMMISSIONER...

SHAPIRO, WUNDERLICH & CO. SHAPIRO, WUNDERLICH & CO....

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NEW FORWARDING AND COMMISSION HOUSE. NEW FORWARDING AND COMMISSION HOUSE...

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