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FRENCH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.—We give below the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of France:

"CITIZENS: The Provisional Government has just been installed; it is composed by the will of the people of the citizens,—Frederic Arago, Louis Blanc, Lamartine, Flocon, Ledru Rollin, Reourt, Marast, Albert,—to watch over the execution of the measures which will be taken by the Government; the will of the people has also chosen for delegates in the department of the police, the citizens Caussidiere and Sobrier. The same sovereign will of the people has designated the citizen Etienne Arago, to be the Director General of the Postoffice.

"As the first execution of the orders given by the Provisional Government, it is ordered that the bakers and venders of provisions of Paris keep their shops open to all those vvhho may have occasion for them.

"It is especially recommended to the people not to quit their arms or their revolutionary attitude. They have often been traitorously deceived. It is important that they should not give opportunities to attacks as criminal as they are terrible.

"To satisfy the general wish of the sovereign people, the Provisional Government has decided and effectuated, with the aid of the National Guard, the liberation of all political prisoners. But it has, equally with the aid of the National Guard, and none could be more honorable, kept in prison all those confined for crimes against person and property.

"The families of citizens killed or wounded in defence of the rights of the people, are invited to convey, as soon as possible, to the delegates of the department of police, the names of victims of their devotion to the fallen cause, in order that aid may be afforded to those vvhose wants are pressing.

"Done at Paris, in the Hotel of the Prefecture of Police, 24th February, 1848.

"CAUSSIDIERE and SOBRIER."

THE KOSCIUSKO ESTATE.—The case of Kosciusko's heirs has been brought up before the Orphan's Court at Washington.

It appears that Gen. Kosciusko, before leaving the U. States in 1798, did, on the 5th of May of that year, appoint Mr. Jefferson his executor of certain funds to be appropriated to the purchase of the freedom of Mr. Jefferson's or of other slaves, vvhho were to be educated and trained for the duties of good citizens as far as could be done. On the 28th of June, 1806, Gen. Kosciusko made another will bequeathing 3,700 dollars of the funds aforesaid to Thaddeus Kosciusko Armstrong, son of the late Secretary of War Armstrong. In 1816, he made another will, revoking all his previous wills, under vvhich, so far as his property in the United States is concerned, he died intestate. In 1819, without a knowledge of the subsequent wills, Mr. Jefferson proved the will of 1797, but renounced the duties of the administration on account of his age. In 1821 Mr.

Lear took out letters of Administration, and made an inventory of the property, amounting to 47,100 dollars, vvhich was handed over to Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Lear died in '38, and Col. Banford, of Georgetown, became the administrator de bonis non; and it appears that the balance in his hands in favor of the heirs, on the 14th November, '36, with the accumulated interest, was 41,914 dollars and 49 cents—the vvhole of vvhich was in money, except 5000 dollars in Bank of Washington stocks.

THE TRAITOR ARNOLD.—The Boston Star says: We are tempted to transcribe, from the "Massachusetts Centinel" of Aug. 6, 1788, a file of vvhich, now singularly looking, work is before us—a paragraph that throws some light on the subsequent fate of Arnold, and may also have been warmly significative of his ultimate destiny—viz:

"'Ill-got gain never prospers'—says poor Richard.—From St. John's, in New Brunswick, we learn, that on the 11th ult., a large store belonging to one Benedict Arnold, was destroyed by fire. The loss is computed at 5,500 pounds sterling. As 5,000 pounds was the bribe Arnold received, it seems that his master—Satan—has now demanded the principal, and 500l. as interest, on the price of his apostacy. A son of Mr. Arnold was so much burnt, that his life was despaired of."

THE MORMONS.—The Mormon Prophet, Strang, has ordered all his followers to Beaver Island in lake Michigan. He has bought up that spot containing forty square miles, and expected to gather the Mormons there last fall, so says the Louisville Journal of October last.

INSOLVENCY IN ENGLAND.—The total liabilities of the houses that have failed in the recent commercial revolution in England, are said to be one hundred and seventeen millions and a half of dollars. Of this amount, at least one hundred and five millions of dollars belong to the United Kingdom.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE.—The people of Connecticut have defeated the proposed amendment to the Constitution, providing that colored men may vote, by a very large majority.

LOWELL MANUFACTURES.—It is stated that 1,800,000 yards of cotton cloth are made at Lowell, Mass., every week, amounting to 93,600,000 yards per year, enough to extend twice around the vvhole world! Sixty-five thousand bales of cotton are worked annually. Of printed calico, there are 14,000,000 yards per year. In these manufactures one million pounds of starch are annually used.

NO DOUBT.—A London correspondent of the Courier and Enquirer says: "Depend upon it, that if the United States would assume the WHOLE of the Mexican debt, they might roast and eat the Mexican people without a remonstrance from any one of the virtuous and humane courts of Europe."

A Yankee riding up to a Dutchman, exclaimed,— "Well, stranger, for acquaintance sake, what might your name be?" "Vy, my name is Haunse Hollenboffenheiffenhoffengratiesteinerbaugh!" "Well," replied the Yankee, "I rather guess as that is your name, for acquaintance sake, I shall 'cut' you."