

information to men of science, and afford great pleasure to readers of every description."

Der Americanische Staatsbothe und Lancaster Anzeigs-Nachrichten, of Wednesday, June 27th, 1804, a newspaper published in German, as its title indicates, contained the following:

"Baron Von Humboldt, accompanied by two Spanish gentlemen, his fellow travelers, arrived in Lancaster from the Federal City on Friday, the 15th instant, and proceeded to Philadelphia on Monday [the 18th instant]."

Public Dinner Tendered to James Buchanan on the Eve of his Departure for Europe

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

THE friends of Lancaster's talented and most distinguished citizen, Hon. James Buchanan, anxious to testify to the respect and esteem which they entertained for his great private worth and brilliant public services, invited him, by letter, to partake of a public dinner at the Red Lion tavern, on West King street, kept by William Cooper, previous to his departure for Europe as Minister to Russia. Mr. Buchanan accepted the invitation.

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, March 16th, 1832, informed the public that those who desired to attend the dinner could do so by signing a subscription paper, which had been left at Mr. Cooper's tavern.

The invitation was as follows:

"Lancaster, Pa.,
"March 9th, 1832.

"Hon. James Buchanan.

"Dear Sir:

"With whatever feelings of pride we received the announcement of your appointment to a high and honorable post in the diplomacy of the government, we now, on the eve of your departure from us, are forcibly admonished by the selfish feelings inspired by the ties of social endearment, of what we are about to lose in your absence. As individuals and your personal friends, accustomed to the enjoyment of your society, we regret it, but as members of the community we are bound to sacrifice every selfish consideration at the shrine of our country's welfare. This higher sense of patriotic feeling causes us to forego, with less reluctance,

the further indulgence of those kindly and grateful affections which an abiding friendship, based upon your public and private worth, has centered round you. Rest assured that in whatever land, or whatever high destinies may await you, our hearts will respond, with transport, to any success that may attend you in your career of splendid usefulness; and that, in common with our fellow citizens, we shall at all times take pride in those high and commanding talents and the energies of that well-stored mind which have been devoted so successfully to your country's good.

"And now, as a slight tribute of respect to those virtues and accomplishments which adorn your private life, as well as to that stern integrity and manly independence which have marked your public career, we respectfully solicit the honor of your attendance at a public dinner to be given at Mr. Cooper's hotel, on Monday, the 19th instant.

"Christian Bachman, B. Champneys, Henry Carpenter, Abraham Carpenter, Moore Connell, Adam Diller, W. B. Fordney, Reah Frazer, Gardner Furness, Thomas Feran, Charles Gillespie, Samuel Humes, Jr., William Jenkins, William Kirkpatrick, Bernard Keenan, George H. Krug, Joel Lightner, Jr., John Mathiot, George Musser, Benjamin Ober, Adam Reigart, Henry Rogers, N. W. Sample, Jr., Jacob Sherer and Ingham Wood."

Mr. Buchanan sent the following reply:

"Lancaster, Pa.,
"March 10th, 1832.

"Gentlemen:

"I shall not attempt to express what were my feelings on the perusal of your kind letter of yesterday. Rest assured that the sentiments of friendship and regard for myself which it contains are most cordially reciprocated. As the time of my departure from my native land approaches, I feel more deeply and sensibly the many obligations which I owe to my fellow-citizens of the city and county of Lancaster. They are engraven on my heart, and there shall remain as long as memory lasts. As years will probably pass before we meet again, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of accepting your invitation to a farewell dinner.

"Ever yours,
"James Buchanan."

"To John Mathiot, Esq., [mayor of Lancaster city], and the other gentlemen who have joined in the invitation."

On Monday, March 19th, 1832, more than one hundred citizens of Lancaster city and county sat down to a bountiful public dinner in the Red Lion tavern [the present site of the St. George

hotel], kept by William Cooper. The Hon. John Lightner was chosen president; and William Jenkins, B. Champneys, Samuel O. Jacobs and Gardner Furness, were selected as vice-presidents. After the cloth was removed, the following toasts were drunk:

1. *Our Country.* Prosperous at home and respected abroad—the result of free institutions well administered.
2. *Pennsylvania.* Her territory, population and resources will retain for her “the exalted rank which she now holds among her sister states.”
3. *Andrew Jackson, President of the United States.* He enjoys the devoted attachment of the American people; his patriotism and eminent qualifications richly entitle him to such a reward.
4. *George Wolf, Governor of Pennsylvania.* Independent and upright, able and faithful, in the administration of his executive duties.
5. *Our Guest, the Honorable James Buchanan.* As a statesman, jurist and citizen, he stands conspicuous for his public services and private virtues. He has our affections and confidence. His past career is a pledge of his future advancement.

This toast having been drunk, with 24 cheers, Mr. Buchanan made some appropriate remarks, which were received by the company with marked approval. He concluded by offering the following sentiment:

The City and County of Lancaster. The sun shines not upon a fairer land nor one blessed with a more industrious, honest and happy population; may it ever so remain!

6. *The Memory of George Washington.*
7. *The Memory of Thomas Jefferson.*
8. *The Union.* It must and shall be preserved!
9. *The Judiciary of the United States, and of the State of Pennsylvania.* In their integrity and legal acquirements, we have a certain protection to our persons and property.
10. *The Army and Navy of the United States.*
11. *The City and County of Lancaster.* Inseparable in interest, let no unfounded jealousies distract and divide them.
12. *Education.* Its general diffusion the best means of perpetuating the Republic.
13. *Woman.*
“Your first small words are taught you from her lips,
Your first tears quenched by her.”

“Volunteers” were given by the following: Hon. John Lightner, William Jenkins, Esq., B. Champneys, Samuel O. Jacobs, Gardner Furness, William B. Fordney, James Humes, Robert W. Houston, C. S. Jacobs, H. W. Brien, S. O. Jacobs, G. Washington Barton, T. J. Barry, J. K. Findlay, William C. Frazer, Charles Gillespie, Christian Bachman, Moore Connell, Esq., Henry Keffer, Thomas Masterson, John Graeff, Major John McGlaughlin, William Michael, Daniel Fagan and John Culbert.

In his diary, under date of Wednesday, March 21st, 1832, Mr. Buchanan made this entry:

"I left Lancaster, in the stage, early in the morning for Washington, and arrived in Baltimore the same evening. Although my feelings are not very easily excited, yet my impressions on this day were solemn and sad. I was leaving a city where I had spent the best years of my life, where I had been uniformly a popular favorite; and, above all, where I had many good and true friends who had never abandoned me under the most trying circumstances. Among these people I had acquired a competence for a man of moderate wishes; and I think I may say, without vanity, my professional and personal character stood very high."

On Sunday, April 8th, he sailed from New York, for Liverpool, on board the "Silas Richards," Captain Henry Holdridge, accompanied by Lieutenant John W. Barry, of the United States army, as private secretary; and by Edward Landrick, a mulatto servant.

In August, 1833, Mr. Buchanan left St. Petersburg, and the following month found him in London, where he spent some time.

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, November 22nd, 1833, contained the following announcement:

"The Hon. James Buchanan, our late Minister to Russia, landed at Chester on Thursday, the 14th instant, from the packet ship 'Susquehanna,' Captain Dixey, and proceeded to Philadelphia, in the Wilmington steamboat, on the evening of the same day. A public dinner was to be given him in Philadelphia yesterday, after which he proceeds to Washington, and probably will not be able to visit Lancaster until about the last of the month."

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, December 6th, 1833, contained the following:

"Mr. Buchanan, our late Minister to Russia, returned to this city on Tuesday last in good health, and has been received with most cordial affection by his fellow-citizens."

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, December 13th, 1833, contained the following:

"Lancaster, Pa.,
"December 5th, 1833.

"Hon. James Buchanan.

"Dear Sir:

"Your friends and fellow-citizens of the city and county of Lancaster receive you with emotions of the purest pleasure. They welcome you home with their whole heart. You have been our cherished representative in Congress for ten years, and you now

return as the Minister of the Nation to Russia after negotiating the first commercial treaty we have ever had with that empire.

"The honors of your public life, the just tribute of your grateful country to your eminent and useful services, do honor to us your immediate constituents. But, Sir, it is your moral worth and your private virtues that bind us to you by all the ties of friendship and social endearment.

"At the call of your fellow-citizens, we therefore ask you to partake of a public dinner at such a time as your convenience shall make it agreeable to you.

"Your friends,

"John Bomberger, G. W. Barton, Christian Bachman, James Caldwell, B. Champneys, William Frick, William C. Frazer, T. E. Franklin, John K. Findlay, Reah Frazer, Charles Gillespie, C. Hager, George Haverstick, Samuel Humes, Jr., Francis Hays, William Jenkins, Henry Keffer, John Mathiot, George L. Mayer, George Musser, J. R. Montgomery, William Norris, Joseph Ogilby, Willet C. Ogilby, Edward Purcell, John Reynolds, Henry Rogers, William Whiteside, George B. Withers and John Wilson."

To this invitation Mr. Buchanan sent the following reply:

"Lancaster, Pa.,

"December 6th, 1833.

"Gentlemen:

"It is with sentiments of the most lively gratitude I have received the kind invitation of my fellow-citizens of the city and county of Lancaster to partake of a public dinner. The pleasure which I have experienced from again meeting my old friends and neighbors and receiving their cordial greetings, has been a source of heartfelt gratification. I am proud of having enjoyed their confidence and shall always study to deserve it. To be well [received] at home is of more value to me than any foreign honors.

"Could I suppose that any of my friends would deem it unkind in me to decline the invitation, I should instantly accept it. I feel assured this will not be the case. In again taking my station amongst you as a private citizen, I should rather not be distinguished from the rest of my fellow-citizens by any public honors. Besides, I shall be obliged to leave Lancaster in a few weeks.

"Whilst, therefore, I beg leave to decline the invitation, I feel deeply sensible of the kindness which dictated it, as well as the obliging terms in which it has been communicated.

"Yours very respectfully,

"James Buchanan."

"To John Mathiot and others."