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The Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 18th, 1831, in an editorial, thus referred to the meeting:

“The county meeting held in this city on Wednesday last, in respectability and numbers exceeded any which we have ever before seen in this county. All quarters of the county were fully represented, and but one mind, one soul, and one sentiment appeared to actuate the whole assembly. It was a proud day for our late representative. The unequivocal approbation of his public conduct by the great Republican party of the county, which he has represented in the councils of the nation, and its unanimous resolve to promote him, if in its power, to the second office in the Union, must be gratifying in the very highest degree.”

Similar meetings were held in different parts of the state.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, April 1st, 1831, contained a notice that the committee of correspondence was requested to meet at the public house of Mrs. Eichholtz on Saturday, April 9th. Subsequent issues do not contain any references to the subject.

On May 31st, following, Mr. Buchanan was offered the appointment of Minister to Russia, which he accepted on June 12th.



Dinner Declined by Major John Fulton Reynolds

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

MAJOR JOHN FULTON REYNOLDS, whose gallantry and bravery in the War with Mexico won for him the repeated commendations of his superior officers, spent Christmas, 1848, with friends in Lancaster. The Lancaster Examiner and Herald of Wednesday, January 3rd, 1849, in an editorial, referred to Major Reynolds as follows:

“He left his home five or six years ago an humble lieutenant in the regular army, and returns to us a major in the same service. His promotion has been rapid, but not more so than his brave and chivalrous conduct deserved.”

A number of Major Reynolds's friends and fellow-citizens, justly appreciating his merits as a soldier and his worth as a man, tendered him the compliments of a public dinner. The invitation was as follows:

“Lancaster, Pa.,

“December 27th, 1848.

“Major John F. Reynolds.

“Dear Sir:

“The undersigned, your fellow-citizens, having learned with much pleasure of your arrival in this your native city after an absence of a number of years in the service of your country, beg to offer you,—as a small token of their regard and admiration for your brave and meritorious conduct in the several battles, including that of the memorable Buena Vista, in which you were engaged,—a social dinner, to be given at the White Swan hotel, on Saturday next, or any other day you may please to name more convenient to yourself.

“F. A. Muhlenberg, Wm. B. Fordney, E. C. Reigart, Ellis Lewis, N. Ellmaker, Geo. W. Hamersly, A. L. Hayes, B. Champneys, John N. Lane, James B. Lane, Thos. E. Franklin, M. Carpenter, I. Carpenter, James Evans, W. Carpenter, Samuel Humes, John L. Atlee, William B. Norris, John Wise, John C. Hager, John F. Long, R. R. Bryan, A. Slaymaker, Samuel Parke, Geo. H. Krug, Lewis Hurford, C. Hager, George M. Steinman, John P. Myers, John Myers, F. S. Burrowes, Ch. Boughter, G. A. Miller, W. Russell, Geo. B. Kerfoot, B. S. Muhlenberg, A. Herr Smith, H. Baumgardner, Edw. C. Darlington, E. W. Hutter, John L. Thompson, George Ford, Newton Lightner, I. E. Hiester, H. R. Reed, G. Clarkson, G. H. Whitaker and W. Gleim.”

Major Reynolds, with characteristic modesty, declined the intended honor. This, no doubt, was a disappointment to his fellow-citizens who were thus deprived of meeting him at the festive board.

His declination was as follows:

“Lancaster, Pa.,

“December 27th, 1848.

“Gentlemen:

“Your letter of to-day, offering me a ‘social dinner’ was received with deep emotions, and I regret that my short stay among my fellow-citizens of Lancaster compels me to decline the honor. Allow me to assure you that no feelings are more gratifying to the soldier than those excited by the approbation of his fellow-countrymen; and that this testimony of your approval of my conduct in the service of my country will ever be most gratefully cherished by me.

“Very respectfully,

“Your obedient servant,

“John F. Reynolds,

“Brt. Maj., 3rd Art’y.

"To Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg, Wm. B. Fordney, Esq., E. C. Reigart, Esq., Hon. Ellis Lewis, N. Ellmaker, Esq., Geo. W. Hamersly, Esq. and others."

It will be recalled that Major Reynolds became a distinguished officer in the Civil War, and was killed at Gettysburg, where he commanded the left wing of the Union Army, on July 1st, 1863. A granite shaft, erected by the state of Pennsylvania, marks the spot where he fell. An unusually spirited equestrian statue of him is on the north plaza of the City Hall, Philadelphia.

Collections in Aid of Exiled Poles

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Wednesday, July 16th, 1834, a meeting of citizens of Lancaster was held at the court house for the purpose of adopting plans to assist Polish exiles who had arrived in this country.¹ The Hon. Alexander Laws Hayes was appointed chairman, and George Louis Mayer secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the chairman, Professor Johnson, of Philadelphia, who accompanied two of the exiles to Lancaster, gave an interesting account of their past sufferings and present destitute condition.

A committee was appointed to call on citizens of Lancaster for contributions to assist these destitute foreigners. It consisted of the following:

NORTH-EAST WARD.

William Frick	Dr. J. L. Atlee
Dr. G. B. Kerfoot	Joseph Ehrenfried

SOUTH-EAST WARD.

Thomas J. Casey	Dr. P. Bier
C. Keiffer	John Rohrer

NORTH-WEST WARD.

G. H. Bomberger	Philip Shreiner
P. V. S. Voorhis	Francis Frank

SOUTH-WEST WARD.

Henry Carpenter	David Lebkichler
C. Gillespie	John Christ

The Lancaster Union of Tuesday, December 9th, 1834, stated that the sum of \$155.37 was collected. Of this amount, \$105.51 was spent in rendering assistance to twenty-nine Polish exiles. The remainder, \$49.86, was contributed to sufferers from the great fire in Snow Hill, Maryland, on November 24th, 1834.

¹ Examiner and Herald, Thursday, July 24th, 1834.