

general Wilkinson. His arrest, the charges against him, and his singular defense on that occasion, have since been before the public. This no defense convinced the cabinet at Washington that the world at large had not been deceived by the conduct of our soldiers. Since then no man has received the military ladder with more responsibility than Winfield Scott—*more trust*, and he will have topped the climax of military honor.

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THE COLUMBIAN.

NEW-YORK :
EVENING, AUGUST 27, 1814.

TO ARMS !

CITIZENS ! TO ARMS ! ! Your Capital is taken, thirteen thousand British troops may be marching for Baltimore, and before this hour it may have fallen. Six days ago the people at Washington were in perfect security. In six days, the same enemy may be at the Hook; and if they assail your city with a powerful force by land, and by water, what will be their fate ? Arise from your slumbers ! Let every citizen arm, and enrol himself instantly, and prepare to defend our city to the last extremity. This is no time to talk ! we must act, and act with vigor, or we are lost.

New York, August 27.

COMMITTEE OF DEFENCE. The late hour, which their report was received, has prevented its insertion, excepting its proposed address, annexed to the detail of contributions and working parties.]

Inflammatory intelligence from the south, ought, instead of producing despondency, to act with renewed energy upon our patriotic exertions, and excite the most animated efforts for defending our friends and our stars, against the attacks of the enemy. Let not our public spirit evaporate for want of protection. Let it be shown in our conduct. For this purpose let every man, capable of bearing arms, provide himself with a musket, and the necessary accoutrements. Let us all example be immediately enrolled and organized. Let the militia run fast for drilling and disciplining, and the artillery practice with the great guns.

The militia which are now making, and which have been made to the expectation of all, who have been educated in the institutions of patriotism, let them be encouraged, and followed up, by those other who are indispensable, to complete our systematic defense, and then wherever it may be the case, we shall have the proud satisfaction of having our duty, and shall stand acquitted in the eyes of God and our country.

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WASHINGTON CITY TAKEN.

With the express feelings of admiration and alarm, we are compelled to record and report the deplorable occurrence we could have believed in the compass of probability during the present war. The seat of Government is possessed by the enemy, the numerous junction of public buildings and property there destroyed, and an ignominious and ingloriously impression in the national history. The accounts received by the advance agents of all events, are confirmed by this morning's mail, which also brings further information by letter, we understand, that Washington City was taken by the British on Wednesday evening, and the Navy Yard and Capitol blown up, and the President's House destroyed by the "Devastation," George Barker, Alexander Fisher, John K. Smith, Peter Miller, John Atchiss, Gideon Tucker, Asa Bancet,

and General Corbin his official physician for Mrs. Everett and her family to repair to her husband's family, and this morning took leave of their friends, and went on board a flag vessel.

More Ads.

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The importance of these documents is great, not only to Frenchmen and other foreigners, but perhaps still more so to Americans. The one which these documents give to investigate the intentions of the French powers towards each other, and especially towards the United States, will be of great interest.

The British, it would seem, consider their operations and march, from the time according to their last Washington, without any obstruction of a single half hour by General Corbin's army, if it is safe, even disregarding the fire from our militia.

The result of a desperate engagement with such a force of troops as the Baltimore volunteers, who were said to be much out to pieces, and the continuation in volguing to be impossible, was of course a failure.

It would also seem, that the British were shown up in the district of Columbia County last, when the free men of color who had been remaining in Washington, perished a day's walk on the hill near Bladensburg, and their printed account which has reached the following extract from the Baltimore Advertiser of Thursday evening.

Advertiser (Continued page 265) That the Capitol of the U. S. is in possession of the enemy, is a fact that can no longer be doubted. The force of the enemy is, we hope, not very great. Reject of some of our citizens, who have just returned from the scenes of action, and from the battle-field, it is evident, that a large number, who are expected at least to appear as an insidious opposition, chiefly by our slave volunteers, from this city, at Bladensburg, were permitted to take quiet possession of the seat of government. We have not been able to

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We are lured in earnest. Our capital is taken—it is now sucking in ruin. We have stumbled in opacity. The sleep of death has been upon us !

We have quarreled among ourselves, while the enemy has approached. We have discouraged enthusiasm. We have said, the militia is the bulk of our safety; yet have neglected to arm and discipline them. Some have cried, there is no danger ! Others forewarning, have not prepared to meet it. What are we—who are we ? Are we a nation of recreants ? The degenerates sons of fathers, who forty years since wrested our independence from the hands of that enemy who now assails us ? Let us prove it—or we are slaves—the vilest, most wretched slaves ! But, Washington is gone. It fell, even without a glorious defense. Whose fault is it ? Was it the nation's ? Was the national spirit ? Yet what is there in this event to dishearten the nation ? It's indeed an electric stock, at king fire to our bosoms ! It lights up the flame of patriotism, and makes us feel as our fathers felt. They had misfortunes—they had disasters—but rose superior to them, and cast off every burden.

Washington was dignified by the name of a capital. The enemy has it. But we have still the charter of our independence—our free constitution ; and the SOVEREIGN PEOPLE can institute their court, even upon the mountains of Allegany, or Susquehanna ! Because the enemy have taken Washington, shall they also take Baltimore, Philadelphia and New-York ? No ! Every inch of soil they have polluted, should but render us more obnoxious in defending that which is left. Yet there is preparation to make—a spirit to encourage. Col. Indeed must be the breast, that does not feel that spirit burning within. Worse than a traitor would be, who would not unite in his country's defense.

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