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# FRANKLIN

JULY 9 1825.

## THE ROAD TO MEXICO.

It is a source of gratulation to observe that the General Government have been prevailed on by our trust worthy representation, to bear in mind the interests of this remote section of the republic. There is probably no part of the Union which has a stronger claim to the patronage of the national councils than Missouri. This state is destined at no distant period, to become a valuable member of the compact. When the embarrassments of a new country are surmounted, and her natural resources are developed, we hope then to repay this paternal care four fold—and thus redeem our debt of dependence. Our citizens are beginning to derive some advantage from the operations of the Mexican Road Commissioners. Their guard of riflemen have been taken from among us. This is an employment not only congenial with the tastes of our young men, but sufficiently lucrative to enable each of the persons engaged in this service to pay for a tract of land on their return.

The Commissioners (Col. Reeves and Mr. Sibley) left here on the 4th inst. accompanied by their Secretary and Surveyor, immediately after our anniversary festival, and proceeded to Arrow Rock, the place of rendezvous. They would meet there the guard, (thirty men) chain carriers, waggons, &c.

We understand from the commissioners themselves, that they do not intend to hold treaties with any of the Indian tribes, but merely make some few peace offerings to such as they may meet with. But the task of marking out a trace a distance of four or five hundred miles thro' a prairie country, is one of considerable magnitude. We cannot therefore reasonably anticipate the return of our fellow-citizens among us much short of eighteen months from the time of departure. As they must necessarily subsist principally upon the game of the country, we cannot withhold our sympathies for these public servants, who encounter such comparative privations on our account; and we sincerely hope the government will compensate them liberally. It is however to be feared that the appropriation of thirty thousand dollars will fall short of the amount required for this important undertaking. We hope, and we have also a right to believe that a farther appropriation will be made early next session of Congress, so that their return need not be hastened for lack of funds. We cannot conclude without wishing the commissioners success commensurate with the magnitude of the task, and of their disinterested devotion to the service.

### Fourth of July in Franklin.

The 49th Anniversary of our National Independence was commemorated in this place on Monday last with unusual demonstrations of joy and festivity. The dawn was ushered in by a very handsome national salute.

At one o'clock, a large number of the citizens of the town and vicinity repaired to the house of John Bird, Esq. when the Hon. DAVID TOWN

was appointed President, and JOHN F. RYLAND, Esq. Vice President of the day. The Declaration of Independence was then read by the President, and an Oration delivered at the request of the committee of arrangements by Dr. J. W. REDMAN. After which, the company partook of an excellent Dinner, prepared for the occasion, by Mr. Bird. Lieut. Governor Reeves & George C. SIBLEY, Esq. Commissioners of the U. States for marking out the road to New Mexico, and Capt. A. Gamble & Joseph C. Brown, Esq. Secretary and Surveyor for the commissioners, were present as guests.

After the cloth was removed, the following Toasts were drunk, accompanied by discharges of cannon. The greatest harmony & good feeling prevailed on the occasion—and at about half past four the company retired, highly gratified with the proceedings of the day.

### TOASTS.

1. *The Day we celebrate*—The era of human regeneration.\*
2. *The memory of Washington*—The father of his country, the friend of man, and the admiration of the world.
3. *The Battle of Bunker Hill*—May its remembrance only perish with its exploiters.
4. *The departed Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution*—Existence without Independence, had no allurements—Blessed are the dead that die in the cause of freedom.
5. *The surviving Heroes of the Revolution*—They yet live to remind us of their glorious struggles for independence.
6. *The Army and Navy of the United States.*
7. *The Congress of the United States*—For talents and integrity unrivalled by any deliberative assembly on earth.
8. *The Union of the States*—Petried be the heart, and puls'd be the hand that attempts to sever it.
9. For a people to be free, it is sufficient, they will it.
10. *General Bolivar*—the Washington of South America: may he, also, be called the father of his country.
11. *The 8th of January, 1815*—the events of that day have taught Britons to respect American rights, and American bravery.
12. *Literature*—the sure pledge of a free people.
13. *Agriculture, Manufactures & Commerce*—May they thrive together.
14. The State of Missouri—Her citizens economical, industrious and persevering: certain indications of future wealth and greatness.
15. The "Nation's Guest," Lafayette—the disinterested supporter of independence and universal liberty.
16. The President of the United States.
17. The memory of Benjamin Franklin.
18. The Ex-Presidents of the United States—as their mornings have been brilliant, so may their evenings be serene and happy.
19. Andrew Jackson—the Hero of New Orleans: he lives in the hearts of his countrymen.
20. The memory of Commodore Perry—"We have met the enemy, and they are ours."
21. The memory of Captain Lawrence—"Don't give up the ship."
22. The memory of Commodore Decatur.
23. The Greeks—their exertions have been heroic: we trust they will not be unavailing.
24. The memory of Alexander Hamilton—He was emphatically styled the political sentinel of his country's rights.
25. The Governor of Missouri—Honest and patriotic.
26. The Fair—Their witching arts have harmonised mankind—soften'd the rough, and calmed the boisterous mind.

### VOLUNTEERS.

By the President of the day—The President, and his Cabinet; altho

not our first choice, yet a constitutional republican administration of the government will ensure the attachment of his friends, and command the respect of all.

By the Vice President of the day—The two Western Expeditions; one up the Missouri, the other across towards New Mexico: may success and our country's aggrandizement be the result of each.

By Lieut. Governor Reeves—Our Country—It advances to its brilliant destinies under the auspicious reign of Liberty and Law.

By G. C. Sibley, Esq.—HOWARD COUNTY—A few years since, I saw it a trackless wilderness; now it is the LEFT ARM of the State.

By Capt. Archibald Gamble—Daniel Boone, the pioneer of the West; his descendants may yet see the Seat of Empire in the recent trackless desert.

By Dr. J. W. Redman—The American Farmer; the staff of our country.

By Capt. James Hickman—The State of Kentucky—once proud and exalted; at present humbled and degraded—May the first Monday in August next be the era of the commencement of her political regeneration.

By Mr. Robert Hood—The Land we have left.

By Thomas J. Boggs, Esq.—Henry Clay: He preferred civil rule to military dominion: if for this he must fall, he falls a blessed martyr.

By Captain Alphonso Wetmore—How wabe tu ni-ha-na-go ta tu-ca-pe-rush ne-to ge-tish la-na me-to-cow-e-ta.

### TRANSLATION.

If we are unable to discover original virtue in a chief (politician) let us look for its shadow, and regard his professions—as an echo.

By Mr. Hampton L. Lyon—The memory of Fisher Ames—Distinguished alike for his domestic virtues and political talents.

By Mr. David Prentiss—America: may she forever bud and blossom, and be always encircled with the fruits of peace and liberty.

By Mr. Peter B. Harris—John Quincy Adams—The confidence of Washington, of Madison and Monroe; his reputation stands upon a dignified eminence—while the billows of slander break harmless at its feet.

By Capt. S. C. M'Nees—John Q. Adams and Henry Clay: two bright stars; the one in the East, the other in the West, to shed light over the Union; under it the wheels of government will roll with ease and safety.

By N. Patten—Our own State—Destined by Nature to become a Star of the first magnitude in the constellation of the Union: may its public sentinels, at home & abroad, be ever watchful of its interests, and tenacious of its honor.

By Dr. N. Hutcheson—The Harp and the Eagle.

By Mr. Fargus—May the wing of the American Eagle never lose a feather.

By Mr. Abraham Barnes—David Barton; the modest, dignified and able supporter of Missouri's rights in the councils of the nation; he needs no windy "Advocate" to blow his services.

By Mr. C. E. Jenness—The memory of William Tell and his Son.

By Maj. J. H. Benson—Daniel Boone.

By J. F. Ryland, Esq.—George Kremen: "Reasoning at every step he treads, Man yet mistakes his way."

By Mr. Daniel M'Kenzie—The Congress of Panama—may its results be as beneficial as its conception was grand.

By Mr. E. M. Ryland—The sage of Monticello—"An honest man's the noblest work of God."

Hurry Cane Hills,  
July 4th, 1825.

### MR. PATTEN.

The following toasts were prepared, and would have been drunk by a trio of Soldiers of the Revolution, had finding that they had neither money, credit, nor ration of good liquor, (their venerable stomachs revolted against new whiskey)