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☞ The letter of our Washington Correspondent will be found more than usually interesting.

Correspondence of the Bee.

WASHINGTON, April 22d, 1848.

For the last three days, the House of Representatives has been deeply agitated with excitement, growing out of the escape and apprehension of the slaves who were decoyed from this city, and the unwarrantable interference of Mr. Giddings with the robbers who were concerned in that speculation; for, although philanthropy was the professed object of the latter, there are strong suspicions that other and more interested motives influenced the enterprise.

Mr. Giddings took upon himself to visit the prison where these persons were confined, for the purpose of counselling with them and tendering legal advice. While this gentleman was meddling with a matter, then and now under the cognizance of the law, a party that had assembled at the jail warned him to beware of interference, as popular indignation could not be restrained, so inflamed had it become by the recent outrages on the rights and property of the community.

Mr. Ritchey, his colleague, introduced a set of resolutions the next morning, to raise a select Committee for the purpose of inquiring into the facts whether a member of the House had been threatened by a lawless mob, and this led to a violent discussion of the whole subject, very unseemly, and to the neglect of all other business. After consuming public time in a debate so utterly profitless, the House adjourned over till Monday, as the Senate, under a similar infliction, had done the day previous.

The reception of the resolution may or may not be noticed down, but, in no event, will the House institute an inquiry, unless a new aspect of affairs should be developed.

The exasperation against the *National Era*—the abolition paper—which had exhibited itself by popular assemblages and denunciation for two or three consecutive nights, has at length calmed down, and there is now no serious apprehension of the peace of the city being disturbed. The persons originally concerned in this demonstration of threatened violence, were not of a class who, for, at all interested in the aggression which had been consummated by their associates, and therefore were not fit exponents of the injuries committed. The better portion of the community, who had suffered, looked to the calm dictates of the law for redress, and to the tribunals, before which it will be carried. It can but does not afford a remedy, for the present, nor legislate so as to render future depredations impossible, but it will not be long before the public may be relieved from the nuisance of such a population as surrounding States, where there is a difference of race—where colored persons are not allied by blood—intervention is not allowable. We belong to no party in Ireland or elsewhere, except to that which contends for justice, for liberty, and for the happiness of the Irish people—no other part would be acceptable to us in time of peace. In the interest and protection of foreigners, France is desirous of reserving herself free, for the maintenance of the rights of all.

We are at peace, and we are desirous of remaining on good terms with all the world, and this on that part of Great Britain, but with Great Britain entire. We believe this peace to be useful and honorable, not only to Great Britain and the French Republic, but to the human race. We will not commit an act, we will not utter a word, we will not breathe an insinuation at variance with the principles of the reciprocal inviolability of nations. Such we have proclaimed, and of which the continent of Europe is already gathering the fruits. The fallen monarchy had treaties and diplomatists. Our diplomatists are families—our treaties are sympathies. We should be insane if we were to attempt to exchange such a diplomacy for unmeaning and partial alliances with even the most legitimate parties in countries which surround us. We are not competent to gather to judge from or to prefer some of them to others. By announcing our participation on the one side, we should declare ourselves the enemy of the other —we do not wish to be the enemies of any of your fellow-countrymen; we wish, on the contrary, by a faithful observance of the republican principles which are the prejudices which may mutually exist between our neighbors and ourselves. This course, however painful it may be, is imposed on us by the laws of nations, as well as by our historical remembrances. Do you know what it was, which most served to irritate France, and estrange her from England during the first Republic? it was the civil war in a portion of our territory, supported, subsidised and headed by Mr. Pitt; it was the encampment and the arms given to Frenchmen as heroes as yourselves, but Frenchmen fighting against their fellow-citizens; this was not long—it was a terrible reign of terror, which succeeded and would dutifully consolidate liberty for the Provinces, conquered, divided if such plans played; there is nothing in these buildings on both sides of the water which could please the people.

In Germany it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Italy it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Spain it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Portugal it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Switzerland it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Belgium it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Holland it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Prussia it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Austria it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Hungary it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Bohemia it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Poland it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Russia it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Turkey it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Greece it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Egypt it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Arabia it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Persia it is declaiming and exhorting, and in India it is declaiming and exhorting, and in China it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Japan it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Africa it is declaiming and exhorting, and in America it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Mexico it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Canada it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Texas it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Florida it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Louisiana it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Alabama it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Mississippi it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Tennessee it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Kentucky it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Ohio it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Indiana it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Illinois it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Missouri it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Arkansas it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Michigan it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Wisconsin it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Iowa it is declaiming and exhorting, and in California it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Oregon it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Utah it is declaiming and exhorting, and in New Mexico it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Minnesota it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Nebraska it is declaiming and exhorting, and in Kansas