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### A GRAND SPECTACLE.

The Presidential tour from Washington to New York has afforded the American people an opportunity of exhibiting one of their finest National characteristics. It would be a woful mistake to imagine that the homage so ardent to FRANKLIN PIERCE during his seemingly triumphal progress, is the outpouring of political enthusiasm, of the lend eastaim of blazed partizanse. No doubt those who hold office at the will of the Executive hung upon his steps, and followed in his march and made the welkin ring with their noisy hozzas. The dispenser of power may always command such displays of sycophantic subserviency. But these constituted but a small proportion of the multitudes, who met Mr. PIERCE at Baltimore, at Philadelphia and at New York, and greeted him with the honors and cordiality befitting his exalted station, and their full sense of its claim to their respect. Such demonstrations could not have been the rapid applause of partizans, for they were too earnest and sincere, and they sprung from throngs too vast, to have had so sinoble an origin. Neither were they the exclusive tribute of a successful party, rejoicing over the greatness and glory and wisdom of *its chief*—for the President has been too short a time at the head of the Government to have tested his mild on the affections of his party, and may be truly said to have, since he, accomplished nothing to call forth heartfelt laudation, or provoke unqualified rancors.

What then was the latent source of this free and fervent welcome—this unstinted and spontaneous tribute? It was, we conceive, the greeting of a free people to the ruler who by their voluntary suffrages had been placed in a position, transcending in moral grandeur the pomp and pageantry of regal carry. In honoring Mr PIERCE, the people honored themselves. He was no hereditary scion of an inflated and purse-proud oligarchy, wielding irresponsible authority by virtue of an assumed divine right. He had been one of the people, was selected from among the people, to direct their destinies for a limited term, and under clearly defined constitutional restraints; and at the expiration of the period assigned to his office, he would withdraw to the obscurity of private life, and re-enter the ranks of the people. As the living exemplar of that magnificent structure, the American Constitution? as the incarnate illustration of popular institutions, and law regulated liberty—his presence evoked this cordial expression of welcome from all classes. All sorted to it the high and the humble; the wealthy and impecunious; Whigs and Democrats; all citizens and conditions—all ranks and stations.

Thus has it ever been. On occasions like the one under consideration, the American people know none of those distinctions which elsewhere divide them by well marked lines of separation. The office of Chief Magistrate is entitled to their highest respect, no matter who may be its occupant. The temporary popularity of the President may perchance attract a larger throng of citizens—the adventitious glory of a brilliant military career may impart a livelier enthusiasm to the meeting, but, in all stages, the main element in such receptions is the office, and not the man who fills it. This has been time and again strikingly exemplified. It was so, when Gen. JACKSON, during the crisis of the most violent excitement that followed his financial policy, undertook a similar tour to that now made by Mr. PIERCE. It was so, when Mr. VAN BUREN passed through the Northern cities, at a period when commerce was absolutely crushed by the withering errors of his administration. It was so, when Mr. POLK visited the South and West, on his return from Washington, after the measures of his Government had been ratified by the people, and the candidate of his choice had been rejected. And so will it ever be, while the grand system of a confederacy of States clustering around a central orb, and giving and receiving power and usefulness and freedom, continues unimpaired. It is thus that we view the reception attended to Mr. PIERCE, and the sentiments which inspire it are not only rational, but creditable. The attempts we have seen in one or two partizan presses to twist it as the evidence of the unparalleled popularity of his administration, are both silly and mischievous. These reckless assaults would took from the welcome rendered to the President, all that confers beauty, value and distinction upon it, and would substitute for the free will offering of the nation, the hollow mockery of party approbation. So let it not be.

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### CORRESPONDENCE OF THE BEE.

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The country was indebted to Whig officers for its extraction from the war which President Polk had declared against Mexico, to contravening of the explicit provision of the Constitution, which vests the war making powers in Congress; and has it redounded that on Whig statesmen should be devolved the burden and difficulty of bringing to a peaceful solution all the embarrassing questions which lurked in the acquisition of Mexican territory. It was the miserable policy of Mr. Polk to evade and slur over every question of such moment, which arose out of our bonds and foreign affairs, and to decide none. Knowing his own incompetency to fulfil the grand mission with which he had been charged, he began to entangle our political affairs, in a net-work of intrigue and complexity, which made it a peculiar labor for any statesman or body of them to unravel or break through. The different Statesmen were so dexterously interwoven, and traversed one another so closely and so thickly, that no doubtless, thought that a letter of such curious, obstruse and crafty workmanship could be cut open easily with the sword that it could be untied with the hand. The Whigs came and assumed the new administration and its friends, was the darling wish of the President and his party in Congress

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### THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

#### OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

Address of the President of the Association on the occasion.

The New York papers are filled with details of the mighty display, which, for taste and commanding grandeur upon the opening of the World's Fair in the Crystal Palace. We condense chiefly from the Times, the following account of the ceremonies.

#### The Scene at the Palace.

The Crystal Palace is opened! The great event on which so many hopes and expectations and suspicions centered, is at last accomplished. The great Temple of Exhibitions is finished in fortune and displayed its treasures to the multitude. The event, for a long time, has occupied so general and so profound an interest in the public mind as yesterday's ceremonies.

As an early hour, the Palace was besieged by applicants for admission. Stern officials feared the entrances, and informed all who came, that until 12 o'clock, none but exhibitors would be admitted. At 10, however, the jealous guard ceased, and rod, yellow, and white, and blue invitations poured in at the different entrances. The throng, even then, was enormous. The omnibuses, the cars, the hackney coaches, all poured forth their live freight at Forty-second street, and ladies and gentlemen, at every degree of temperature, ascended the stairs that led to the interior.

The interior of the Palace was even more imposing than we could have anticipated. The change wrought in it since the night before seemed a miracle. Everything was in admirable orderly. The floors were thoroughly swept, much of the contributions were displayed, among which Thorwaldsen's noble series of *Christ and his Apostles* in the Danish section, attracted much deserved attention. Bright banners, floated from the galleries—only of Old Armor, from the Tower of London, flowed gracefully on the stone, as if the spirits of antiquity was forth within them at the opening of another day, bright with intellectual splendor, and those good old benighted times in which they saw service. And over all, the great Dome enveloped its painted canopy, joining together the diverging arches, as the kindling hand draw together widely differing nations.

The Palace filled rapidly. At the intersections of the naves, and all beneath the dome the floor was some parti-colored as a garden with brilliant bonnets and silks, and young ladies who were afraid of being too much crushed, least they should be laughed at, walked wearyingly about. The platform in the north nave, which may be the great source of interest for the day, began about this time to be animated. Members of the Senate, guests invited by special request, militia officers, looking anything but easy in their uniforms, and the President of the Crystal Palace with his official staff, and a host of other persons too distinguished to be well-known, made their appearance on the boards.

It was already 1 o'clock, and the President, without whom nothing could go on, had not arrived. Weather inexorable were pulled out on the platform. Mr. Sedgwick looked grave. His staff looked still more grave. But he came not,—and people took to wandering once more through the galleries and naves. Presently there was a stir and a hush, and the people surged to and fro, and all that could see, and noticed in time to raise a cheer, excitedly, and not supported feminine, mounted the platform. A loud stopping of bands greeted the Mayor of Chippewa. Then came more cerebrious greetings, and the stage was cleared for Governeport. The Democrats of both houses, with a complete comprehension of the policy of their friends, the Whigs that not a Whig officer should be elected to an office within the gift of the House. And to carry out this scheme, they put in jeopardy the peace of this country, the existence of the Union, and the happiness and liberty of more than twenty millions of people.

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