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A FAC-SIMILE FROM THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM.



EXPLANATION OF THE ABOVE CUT.
Fig. 1. The Angel of the Lord.
Fig. 2. Abraham, fastened upon an Altar.

A TRANSLATION.

Of some ancient Records that have fallen into our hands, from the Catacombs of Egypt...

THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM.

In the land of the Chaldeans, at the residence of my father, I, Abraham, saw that it was useful for me to obtain another place of residence...

Now, at this time it was the custom of the priest of Pharaoh, the King of Egypt to offer upon the altar which was built in the land of Chaldea...

And it came to pass that the priests laid violence upon me, and they might say me, and they did this every day...

And as they lifted up their hands upon me, that they might offer me up and take away my life, behold I saw the Lord standing before me...

Behold, Potipher's King was in the land of Ur, of Chaldaea; and the Lord broke down the altar of Ekekenah, and of the Gods of the land...

From the Rocky Mountains—DISTRESS OF THE HUNTERS—FOURTEEN FEET OF SNOW OF THE MONTH—CAPTAIN...
The Paris papers of the 3d and 4th of March are unusually barren...

Three Days Later from Europe—The Plots Against Spain—Pec's New Corn Bill—Another Abolition of Slavery in France—Another Special Agent, &c.

The packet ship Montreal, Captain Tinker, has arrived from England, with three days later intelligence...

She sailed from Portsmouth on the 1st ult., but having met with an accident, was compelled to put back, and did not start again till the 7th...

There is no special news. Nothing of moment had transpired after the departure of the Columbus, on the 4th from Liverpool...

Lord Montague moved for the appointment of a select committee to enquire into the Exchequer bill frauds, and went into a long history of that affair...

The Duke of Wellington expressed his opinion that there was no necessity for the proposed committee, after what had taken place in the other house...

After a conversation between Sir R. Peel and Sir C. Napier on corn imports from America, the number of vessels laden with corn which had arrived from America...

Sir R. Peel immediately laid the returns on the table amidst considerable laughter...

Monday, move for copies of correspondence with Captain Elliot relative to proceedings in China...

Sir V. Blake gave notice that he would, on Tuesday, move that, in consequence of the distress in the country, all duties on the importation of corn be suspended until the 1st of January, 1843...

Colonel Sibthorp gave notice, that on going into committee on the corn importation bill, he should move that the duty on the importation of corn be suspended until the 1st of January, 1843...

Wednesday the bill was assigned for the second reading, Lord John Russell giving notice that he should then take the sense of the House upon the measure...

Mr. Robert Peel intimated that he should announce a financial and commercial measure on Friday the 11th...

The House then resolved itself into a committee of supply, and Sir R. Peel brought forward the navy estimates...

The arrival of the Queen and Prince Albert at Portsmouth, was paraded at great length in the Portsmouth paper, and was celebrated with great rejoicing...

The bank of Messrs. Wigney & Co., for forty years the most eminent banking establishment of Brighton, stopped payment on the 5th of March...

Emperor to proceed without delay to the U. States to inspect the principal lines of rail roads, and to report on their merits.

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Markets. LONDON CORN EXCHANGE, March 4.—We have again to report a very dull trade in grain of all kinds...

LIVERPOOL, March 4.—There was little business done in the markets to-day, but prices were sustained for most kinds of produce...

NEW-YORK, March 4.—The transactions in Coffee and other commodities were very lively, the sales amounting to 963 bags new Havana in different lots...

Important from Texas—Two Days Later. By the arrival at New Orleans of the steambot Colonel Woods, from Galveston, whence she was despatched on the 22d, we have the confirmation of the invasion of Texas by an overwhelming Mexican force...

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FOURTEEN DAYS LATER FROM CHINA. Two Imperial Commissioners Disgraced—Capture of War Junks—No change in Teas—Decline in Cotton.

The ship Hannibal, Captain Scott, arrived last Wednesday afternoon from Canton, in one hundred and eleven days passage...

We have received the Canton Register and Canton Press, to the 11th of December. The Hannibal has brought home Mr. Alfred P. Edwards, the supercargo, who, with a boat's crew, were seized, and most outrageously maltreated by the Chinese...

The Chinese continued to sink stones and block up the river at Canton. They have also placed guns in the newly erected forts, and they are determined to stop the shipment of teas from Canton to Macao, and of cotton from Macao to Canton...

Yakeen, an imperial commissioner, was killed in the attack on Chinghai. He has left immense wealth. Eiepoo, the high Imperial Commissioner of Chekeang, has been disgraced by the Emperor. Tang Ting'ching has also been disgraced...

Lin being restored to favor, is hereafter to regulate the yellow river, and to keep it within its banks. Hong Kong, the new British settlement, began to improve rapidly in building and business...

Seven Chinese trading vessels had been seized by H. Majesty's squadron in the Chinese waters, taken to Hongkong, and condemned as lawful prizes. We have heard nothing further of the reported capture of Hangchowfo, the capital of the province of Chekeang...

Sir Henry Pottinger and Admiral Sir Wm. Parker were both at Chusan on the 23d November. No other news whatever had been received from the north. From Amoy no news of moment had been received...

The reports from Canton are various: one is, that the Emperor had sent orders to "fight it out," for that the demands of the English are so unreasonable, that if he gives them a chair, they will then want a bed. Another is, that Keshen and two other officers have been deputed to Ningpo, to treat with H. M.'s plenipotentiary...

Trade is proceeding as usual in Canton, although upon unfavorable terms. By forcing sales of manufactures upon an unwilling market, their prices are even lower now than before, and cotton also shows a tendency to decline. Teas are about the same as last week, but it is observed that this year's crops are generally of an inferior quality...

Large quantities of green teas are now being prepared in Macao for the American market; a considerable portion of these sorts of teas, as indeed of many others, being now shipped from Macao instead of from Canton. The scarcity of the circulating medium daily increases, and Sycee silver is at par, whilst Mexican dollars are of extremely difficult sale at a 4 to 5 per cent discount...

We were, we learn, misinformed last week, when we stated that the Chinese government had deputed a plenipotentiary to the shipment of the sum of money of Canton, to Calcutta. The dollars then received were mostly kept here for the use of the expedition; and a considerable portion of them must have again been circulated in the provinces of Canton, for this sudden diminution of these dollars may probably be sought in the present troubled state of the country, when Spanish dollars, as generally more current than sycee, and besides, easily concealed, are eagerly sought after in the provinces of Canton, Fokien and Chekeang by the people...

IMPORTANT FROM SOUTH AMERICA.—There were three arrivals from Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, Thursday, the Brutus, Sardinia, and Marion. We have received advices by them to the 9th of February inclusive. We learn verbally that a battle between the land forces of the Montevideans and Buenos Ayreans took place in the interior, on the 5th or 6th, and resulted in favor of the former...

It was rumored in Buenos Ayres on the 8th, that Commodore Brown was on the eve of sailing for Montevideo, to blockade that port against native vessels. The fleets of both republics had been repaired and were ready for battle. The American squadron arrived at Buenos Ayres on the 28th of February, from Rio de Janeiro. The market for imports was dull, and scarcely any thing would sell short of a loss of twenty per cent, and it was difficult to make sales even at that decline. This applies to both places...

There is little hope of much improvement in the markets for imports till the war has ended, as all trade with the upper provinces is cut off, and large supplies of goods are in both places. As to domestic goods, the markets are full, and dealers can retail them at about first cost at home, with the charges. Hides and other articles are about as high as they have been for some time, and the lighterage and cartage about double what it was formerly...

There were eighty merchant vessels at Buenos Ayres. Of these, eleven were Americans. General Urquiza had been appointed Governor of the Province of Entre Rios. Accounts from Entre Rios to the 15th instant, viz: the Uruguay, state that Paz, who, after the affair of Gua-gua, was reported to be determined to penetrate into the Entrerian territory, had not as yet, after so long a lapse of time, advanced further than Montevideo; and that General Urquiza, seeing his situation, had resolved to take the offensive...

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SECOND EDITION.

Lord Ashburton's Mission—State of our Government and Country.

We have important private information from Washington relative to the state of public affairs, and the probable course of future events—but we are sorry to say that the prospects are not the most encouraging for the revival of trade, or the advancement of industry and public business.

Lord Ashburton has arrived, charged with full powers to settle the Boundary Question, on a principle of compromise—also the Creole and Caroline questions, as matters of indemnity—the right of search, or any treaty on that point, being out of the question. We do not believe, however, that the American government can make any advances in the way of settlement, that would be satisfactory to both countries, or that would be approved by the present Congress.

Truly has Mr. Clay said, that for the first time, the United States government is in the condition of a "President without a party, and parties without a President"—or, in other words, that the country is without any government at all, in consequence of the want of harmony in Washington.

In such a state of things, nothing can be expected from the British Special Mission—noting that will organize any species of a national currency—nothing to increase public credit—nothing to increase the revenue—nothing for any useful public purpose, until the people shall be roused from their lethargy and elect a new Congress throughout the country, next autumn.

Until the 4th of March, 1842, we may then consider the republic of the United States, without any government—and we must wait patiently till that period brings an end to the disgraceful scenes daily enacted in the present bad-eider Congress.

Resolved, That we esteem the integrity of the Executive franchise to be paramount to every other political interest, and that we consider it an attempt to encroach upon its purity as degrading to the patriotism of an American citizen; and we feel confident should it be practiced with impunity, the government would be reduced to a recurrence to the censorship of public opinion, useful for all essential purposes be destroyed.

Resolved, That in our opinion the urgent necessities of the country require that prompt measures be adopted to restore the credit of the National Treasury, and for this purpose a sufficient Revenue Bill should be enacted to meet the wants of a national emergency, with a prospective promise of the early discharge of the public indebtedness.

Resolved, That the adoption of a competent revenue law, in aid of the public debt, and the Treasury be enabled to make the necessary temporary loans from our own legitimate resources.

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Organization of a New Party—Great Tyler Movement—Nomination of James Monroe for Mayor.

One of most extraordinary and important meetings that has taken place in this city for some time, was held last night at Washington Hall to organize a Tyler party in this city, and nominate a Tyler candidate for Mayor.

This meeting was a most extraordinary one in every sense of the word; extraordinary in its conception, extraordinary in its progress, extraordinary in its termination, and extraordinary in every thing.

Before the hour of opening the meeting, there were over two thousand persons present; and more than half of them were warm advocates of Mr. Tyler, believing that he has not been fairly treated, and they came determined to sustain him and his measures.

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Col. ALEXANDER HAMILTON, as Chairman; and the following Vice Presidents and Secretaries:—

FOR PRESIDENT, ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

FOR VICE PRESIDENTS: Jeremiah Towle, Lambert Suydam, John G. Wright, Robert B. Livingston, Peter S. Townsend, Henry B. Bolster, S. B. Andrews, Lewis M. Crane, Joseph Meeks, Alfred Kershaw, Isaac H. Miller, Frederick A. Gay, Richard M. Hoell, James T. Rogers, William J. McKee, Meigs D. Benjamin, D. Jackson, Edward Taylor, William R. Cooke, John S. Bowton, Samuel Bradford, Lloyd D. Britton, James T. Truitt, Lawrence Labree, John C. Loscher.

Mr. Geo. F. THOMPSON, a well known staunch whig merchant of this city, read the address and the following resolutions nominating JAMES MONROE for Mayor:—

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coming contest. He owes it to himself to do this—he owes it to the moderate and sensible men of all parties who are tired of faction, but who love their country, and who desire to see an independent and able man like himself nominated. If he stands, both factions will be broken down; if he fails, we shall then have the nucleus of a great moral, civil, and political revolution, that will bring about a union of all those who love their country more than they fear the clamor of party—and who desire, as a preliminary step to a speedy revival of confidence, credit, and business, throughout the Union, that for a year or two at least we should have repose from party political strife and warfare.

We understand that this meeting is to be followed up by a great mass meeting in the Park on Monday afternoon next. Let all who love independence sustain it.

**The Mormons—A Leaf from Joe Smith.** We give in this day's paper, a very curious chapter from the "Book of Abraham," which we find published in the last number of a weekly journal, called the "Times and Seasons," conducted by Joseph Smith the great Mormon Prophet, in the city of Nauvoo, Hancock county, Illinois.

The Prophet says that it was found in the catacombs of Egypt, but he is mistaken in this idea.—The article was discovered, we presume by Joseph Smith, the grandfather, near one of the pyramids of Medinet Abu, in the "City of the Sun," in Upper Egypt—the same city which Homer says had one hundred gates. Champollion, Young, Rosellini, and various other antiquarians give notices of the magnificent ruins, in red granite, that are strewn over the banks of the Nile. Be all this as it may, the Prophet of Nauvoo has given the chapter, and it is set down as a revelation among the Mormons.

This Joe Smith is undoubtedly one of the greatest characters of the age. He indicates as much talent, originality, and moral courage as Mahomet, Olin, or any of the great spirits that have hitherto produced the revolutions of past ages. In the present infidel, irreligious, material, ideal, geological, animal-magnetic age of the world, some such singular prophet as Joe Smith is required to preserve the principle of faith, and to plant some new germs of civilization that may come to maturity in a thousand years. While modern philosophy, which believes in nothing but what you can touch, is over-spreading the Atlantic States, Joe Smith is creating a spiritual system, combined also with morals and industry, that may change the destiny of the race.—Joe believes himself divinely inspired and a worker of miracles. He cures the sick of diseases—so it is said—and although Joe is not aware of the fact, we have been informed by a medical man that his influence over nervous disorders, arises from a powerful magnetic influence—that Joe is a magnet in a large way, which he calls a power of spirit from heaven. In other respects Joe is a mighty man of God—pressing large stores of human nature—great shrewdness, and as he has taken the management of the Mormon newspaper organ, the "Times and Seasons" into his hand, we look for many revelations, and some curious ones too, pretty soon.

We certainly want some prophet to start up, take a big hold of the public mind—and stop the torrent of materialism that is hurrying the world into infidelity, immorality, licentiousness, and crime. If the magnetic influence of this Mormon prophet, or any other of his kind, should be applied to the cause of an important source of revenue in the midst of our national troubles.

Resolved, That it is of the greatest necessity that a radical system of retrenchment and economy should be adopted, and that such changes should take place in the collecting and disbursing officers of the government, as will insure the fullest confidence of the public revenues are justly and honorably administered.

Resolved, That there is every reason to apprehend about correct not only the public revenues, but also the credit of the government, and that the system of executive confidence that a line of demarcation will be indelibly drawn between the national administration and the democracy of the people.

Resolved, That we recommend a modification of the School System which will place safety at rest, the unfortunate controversy which now threatens to endanger the public mind, and that the system be so modified as to secure the exclusive advocacy of good faith and uncompromising justice—to cast a censure on their measures.

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Home League Convention—Third Day.

There were not 150 persons present yesterday. After the meeting was organized the Business Committee wished a Committee on the Book Trade to be appointed. R. Lockwood, L. D. Chapin, James Van Norden, and T. B. Walker were named.

Professor MAPES, from the Sugar Committee, reported a mass of statistics to show that the Sugar Refining Business would be destroyed if the horizontal tariff went into effect. It proposed that proper discriminating duties be laid for the protection of Domestic Refined Sugar. Report accepted.

Mr. BLUNT reported a memorial praying Congress to adopt the following preamble of the first tariff passed in 1789, as the preamble to the tariff now about to be enacted:—"Whereas it is necessary for the support of government, the payment of the debts of the United States, and the protection of Domestic Manufactures, that duties be laid on foreign goods."

Mr. BLUNT went on to say that this was approved by Washington, and ought to be incorporated in the new tariff act.

Mr. BLUNT also referred to the adoption of the Constitution, and the debates upon it. And that it was intended to protect Commerce and Home Industry. So was this act, which was approved by Washington, July 4th, 1789.

Mr. ARNOLD wished the word "faction" in the report, stricken out. He disliked this way of stigmatizing those members of Congress that were opposed to them. Other persons were entitled to their own opinions without being stigmatized as "factions."

Mr. BLUNT thought that the doctrine of the nullifiers ought to have been rebuked, but he would strike out the word "faction."

It was stricken out and the report adopted.

Mr. OAKLEY, from the committee on iron, coal, and the manufactures from iron, reported.

Mr. KELLOGG read a preamble stating that these subjects were given to three sub-committees. Mr. KELLOGG said the census in relation to the iron trade, was very erroneous. The subject was next to the agricultural interest, the most important of any in the country. For the last fourteen years the iron factories west of the Alleghenies, were worked at a loss. Others obtained a small profit up to 1840. In 1840 they suffered great losses; many have stopped, and all must stop unless there is a proper protection.

We have an enormous disadvantage to contend with in the great expense of fuel to smelt iron, compared with England. If protection be given, we shall soon have a surplus of coal and iron to export to other countries. In many places coal and iron are found close together, the coal can be mined for twenty-five to fifty cents a ton, and iron at the furnace level for fifty cents for \$1 a ton. But the expense of getting the iron out of the earth and transporting it to the market is as much as to get it from England and Scotland. The census returns of the iron trade, were wrong. The real statistics were thus:—

Blast-furnaces, 450  
Total average annual yield, tons 772  
Consumption of coke, bushels 8,360,360  
Total value of iron smelted annually, \$10,422,000  
Bloomeries and forgeries, 795  
Consumption of pig iron, tons 4,170,000  
Whole value of wrought iron made annually, \$2,765,330  
In this country, \$1,345,000  
Consumption of pig iron, tons 1,7