

United States Congress.—President's Message.

THE MORMONS.—The United States Congress commenced its session on the 8th inst. James L. Orr of South Carolina was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President's first Annual Message was as usual a lengthy document, detailing the state of the Union, and recommending measures for adoption; little of which would be interesting to provincial readers. We make from it the following extract relative to the Mormons:—

A Territorial government was established for Utah by act of Congress approved the 9th of September, 1850, and the constitution and laws of the United States were thereby extended over it "so far as the same, or any provisions thereof, may be applicable." This act provided for the appointment by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, of a governor, who was to be ex-officio Superintendent of Indian affairs, and secretary three Justices of the Supreme Court, a Marshal, and a District Attorney. Subsequent acts provided for the appointment of the officers necessary to extend our land and our Indian system over the territory. Brigham Young was appointed the first governor on the 10th September, 1850, and has held the office ever since. Whilst Governor Young has been both Governor and Superintendent of Indian affairs throughout this period, he has been at the same time the head of the church called the Latter-day Saints, and professes to govern its members and dispose of their property by direct inspiration and authority from the Almighty. His power has been therefore, absolute over both Church and State.

The people of Utah, almost exclusively belong to this church, and believing with a fanatical spirit that he is Governor of the Territory by divine appointment, they obey his commands as if they were direct revelations from Heaven. If, therefore, he chooses that his government shall come into collision with the government of the United States, the members of the Mormon church will yield implicit obedience to his will. Unfortunately, existing facts leave but little doubt that such is his determination. Without entering upon a minute history of occurrences, it is sufficient to say that all the officers of the United States, judicial and executive, with the single exception of two Indian agents, have found it necessary for their own safety to withdraw from the Territory, and there no longer remains any government in Utah but the despotism of Brigham Young. This being the condition of affairs in the Territory, I could not mistake the path of duty. As chief executive magistrate, I was bound to restore the supremacy of the constitution and laws within its limits. In order to effect this purpose, I appointed a new Governor and other federal officers for Utah, and sent with them a military force for their protection, and to aid as a posse comitatus, in case of need, in the execution of the laws.

With the religious opinions of the Mormons, as long as they remain in themselves and revolting to the moral and religious sentiments of all Christians, I had no right to interfere. Actions alone, when in violation of the constitution and laws of the United States, become the legitimate subjects for the jurisdiction of the civil magistrate. My instructions to Governor Cumming have therefore been framed in strict accordance with these principles. At their date a hope was indulged that no necessity might exist for employing the military in restoring and maintaining the authority of the law; but this hope has now vanished. Governor Young has, by proclamation, declared his determination to maintain his power by force, and has already committed acts of hostility against the United States. Unless he should retract his steps, the territory of Utah will be in a state of open rebellion. He has committed these acts of open hostility, notwithstanding Major Van Vleet, an officer of the army, sent to Utah by the Commanding General to purchase provisions for the troops, had given him the strongest assurance of the peaceful intentions of the government, and that the troops would only be employed as a posse comitatus when called on by the civil authority to aid in the execution of the laws.

There is no reason to believe that Governor Young has long contemplated this result. He knows that the continuance of his despotism depends upon the exclusion of all settlers from the Territory except those who will acknowledge his divine mission, and implicitly obey his will; and that an enlightened public opinion there would soon prostrate institutions at war with the laws both of God and man. He has therefore for several years, in order to maintain his independence, been industriously employed in collecting and fabricating arms and munitions of war, and in disciplining the Mormons for military service. As superintendent of Indian affairs, he has had an opportunity of tampering with the Indian tribes, and exciting their hostile feelings against the United States. Thus, according to our information, he has accomplished in regard to some of these tribes, while others have remained true to their allegiance, and have communicated his intrigues to our Indian agents. He has laid in a store of provisions for three years, which, in case of necessity, as he informed Major Van Vleet, he will conceal, "and then take to the mountains, and his defiance to all the powers of the government."

A great part of all this may be idle boasting; but yet no wise government will lightly estimate the efforts which may be inspired by such phrenzied fanaticism as exists among the Mormons in Utah. This is the first rebellion which has existed in our Territories; and humanity itself requires that we should put it down in such a manner that it shall be the last. To trifle with it would be to encourage it, and to render it formidable. We ought to go there with such an overpowering force as to convince those deluded people that resistance would be vain, and thus spare the effusion of blood. We can in this manner best convince them that we are their friends, not their enemies. In order to accomplish this object it will be necessary, according to the example of the War Department, to raise four additional regiments; and this I earnestly recommend to Congress. At the present moment of depression in the revenues of the country I am sorry to be obliged to recommend such a measure; but I feel confident of the support of Congress, cost what it may, in suppressing the insurrection and in restoring and maintaining the sovereignty of the constitution and laws in the Territory of Utah.

EUROPEAN.

By Telegraph to the News Room.
Arrival of the "Europa."

Three Days Later from Europe.

New York, December 14.

The Europa arrived this morning. Latest dates from India report the arrival of 15 troop ships, with 6,000 men.

The mutineers were defeated at Agn, 43 guns were captured, and one thousand rebels killed.

Gen. Havelock remains at Lucknow. A large force of the enemy is in the vicinity. The King of Delhi is to be tried by a military commission. Two more of his sons were shot.

Some additional failures reported in England, but matters generally more favourable.

The demand for money is diminishing. Gold is flowing steadily.

Breakfasts held at 6d advance; Western Canal Food, 24s. 6d. to 25s.; Corn and Wheat a trifle more active; Provisions dull; Sugar, 6d. to 1s. lower; Tea, prices barely maintained; Coffee, dull.

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At Houston, Mo., on the 23d Nov., aged 48 years, Susan A., wife of Philip Davis, formerly of Hampton, G. C. The deceased was afflicted for many years, but bore her suffering with pious resignation, and died in full hope of immortal life.

Died at Norton, County of Kings, on the 13th Nov., Frances J., the beloved wife of Mr. David Herrett, in the 26th year of her age. Mrs. H. had professed religion in the winter of 1843, under the labours of Elder J. Gunter, and united with the First Baptist Church, Springfield, and remained a constant member until her death. About a year since she found that a prevalent disease—Consumption—was preying upon her system, and she would soon have to meet her Judge. When upon her death bed, she could say that the truth she loved—the religion she professed—the Gospel she so often heard, had supported her soul in the time of temptation and conflict, and now in her last moments immortality beyond the grave. She partook of the emblems of her dying Lord a few days before her death, and in a reconciled manner waited for her dissolution. She leaves behind to mourn their loss a husband and one child, besides a widowed mother and brothers and sisters and a large circle of friends and relations.

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