

and thus far yourselves, in the full enjoyment of the rights of property - which a sacred duty requires you to leave to your posterity unviolated & perfect - If a popular majority according to them whom we fancy - can take from you - without your consent - 5 mills - they can do so to the extent of £ on the whole of your estate. The power you acknowledge - to rest with a majority - If you give your vote for this tax - is one of terrible & fearful consequences - Think well - ponder before you take the frightful leap - and all is magnified last & ruined

Give to a popular majority - the control of the most sacred rights of legislation - the control of your property - or the right to dispose of it according to their sovereign pleasure - And we shall awake too late to the fatal delusion - Agreements & Isolation - Fermentation - All come quickly in the train - and are soon over whelmed - in indiscriminate ruin

A Tax Paper

The pending contest - which is to determine whether the People of Fayette Co will abandon all their sound & conservative principles - by which ^{henceforth} he has been so preminently distinguished and at our full Strength was made under ^{all that is sacred in our institutions} foot - have Constitutional guards which secures to every Citizen - the full and uninterrupted enjoyment of safety & security of property life & personal liberty - For the first time in the Am History - Has the Starling doctrine - That a popular majority had the power of taxing the property of the County for publick improvements - This excisive & extreme proposition - has had its origin - In the zeal & ardor with which the friends of improvement have embarked in their various schemes Success with them has had so potent & controlling an influence - As to urge them forward without duly considering - That their work could not be accomplished except by the one now - Of those principles of Constitutional Law - under whose protection - we have felt that our property ^{henceforth} was secure - That the largest majority ⁱⁿ could not deprive us of it - May even the government itself - Could not touch the property of the poorest and humblest Citizen - without full compensation - No mans property can be taken ^{without his consent} - for publick uses - with the intervention of a Jury under the glorious & Constitutional writ of "Act justly & show mercy" - taken

The damage to the Citizen was apparent
and he received full compensation
true the Citizen is bound to contribute his
full share to the support of the government
by taxes imposed & collected by the State
and for purposes of improvements that
are of publick benefit - where all the
Country equally and alike pay their portion
Taxes must be uniform - embracing
all - must not discriminate - certain
Counties cannot be taxed & others skipped
over and omitted - when this is done it
leaves - the distinguishing characteristics
of a Legal tax uniformity - But is rather
a penalty - You may wish as much pro
perty - discriminate between men - mark
some for taxation & pass over others - upon
the idea that the individual taxed is more
benefited by the improvement - than his
neighbour - Because he resides nearer
to the proposed improvement & consequently
is more directly interested - by the probable
appreciation of his property & we have
all heretofore felt that our right to own
property was secure - And that we could
not be taxed by the State government
in a general law embracing all the peo
ple of the entire Commonwealth - how
we so soon forgotten the contest we pass
ed through some 2 years since - when
a bold & talented party claimed that
a majority had the power to emancipate
our slaves - without pay or compensa
tion - and never was a party more sig
nally rebuked by the popular judge
ment - than this emancipation party
long will this memorable conflict be

be remembered - But remembred for but
little practical good - It principals as
identical as the ^{in the other} ~~in the other~~ ^{concerning} ~~concerning~~ election - one
to be borne through him bluntly - To me
what is the difference - whether you eman
cipate my slave - without compensation
take my land for publick purposes
without compensation - Or take my
money (not to pay taxes for the support of
government) not to build Gaols court houses
or for loans - for County purposes, to
make general improvements - interesting
a whole district & Country - not for
County & local purposes - But for the gen
eral benefit ~~&~~ ^{not} this two done without
my consent - That in violation of my
solemn protest - without the right of trial
by jury - without the right to claim the
benefit of the Constitutional writ of ^{not} ~~a~~
~~not~~ ^{not} Slavery - And this tax ^{not} ~~now~~ coerced ~~not~~
by Legislature set - Not, by the vote
of a Majority of my fellow Citizens
But by a mere plurality vote - Citizens
of Fayette will you, can you tamely
submit - to this gross & daring attack
upon the rights of property - instead of
Constitutions & Laws - Is the will of a
popular Majority - to overturn the
most sacred vested rights - Our minnows
to be trodden under foot - And their property
distributed for popular & publick
uses - Will you submit - In this struggle
Remember ^{you act for yourself for your posterity}
You are bound by all that is sacred to
transmit to ^{that} posterity - unimpaired
those sacred principles of Constitutional
Law - which has protected your fore
fathers

of any avenue of thought, to annul the constitutional covenant for the deliverance of slaves. They made it their aim to enforce it. They stimulated mobs to resist it. The territory acquired by the Mexican war furnished an immense stimulus to agitation. It was to be organised and forced into administration into the Union. Then there and there from the seat of government over almost impassable mountains and across trackless plains, the Anglo-Saxons had planted the standard of civilisation. On the shores of the Pacific, midway between Europe and the boundless continent of Asia sprang up the golden Commonwealth of California. Again this mixed question was thrust upon Congress. The Anti-slavery party was thoroughly organised and thoroughly aggressive. It submitted its aim to a compromise only to prevent a civil war & a mere compact & without organisation in 1850. After forty years of unceasing effort to destroy the government, growing year by year in magnitude, in power, in energy and bitterness, it reached ^{at last} the culmination of its hopes. It placed in the Executive Chair a chief magistrate, who declared, at the very moment he swore to protect and defend the Constitution, that he was the representative of the popular impulse of the North. ~~He was bound to recognise~~ ^{to} ~~he always~~ ^{his administration} it as the Supreme law of the government.

Now speak if you will examine the history of the Anti-slavery party, you will agree that it was not the offspring of fanaticism, no more

mentary madness that¹⁴ was to run its course and disappear forever. Its march was irregular, rapid, logical and progressive. It professed to itself a clear, well defined purpose and moved forward definitely and irresistibly, then halting and apparently to-marrow its accomplishment, under the guidance of bold, learned and sagacious leaders. Through forty years of alternate victory and defeat, of adieu and applause, down to its final disruption of the government, never once was that purpose abandoned.

How did it result from any peculiar devotion to human rights or any affection for the negro race. It could not glory, in any sense of humanity, the destruction and enslavement of eight millions of human beings in order to give freedom to four millions of slaves. There is nothing in the history or character of the African, to excite our enthusiasm or admiration. They were and always had been satisfied in a condition of slavery. They disdained no appendages of civil or political rights and when forcibly lifted to the level of equality with the white race, they confounded liberty with license, the right of property with plunder.

We must ^{then} seek elsewhere, Mr. Speaker, for the key to the origin, progress and amazing success of the Anti-slavery party. It sprang mainly out of the social organism of the people of the North. The great social question, the question which in all mature states

overrules and swallows up all other questions and
 which has now ceased to baffle the intelligence
 of statesmen & the calculations of political economists
 the problem of labor and Capital ^{now becoming} became so early
 as 1820 an important one to the North. In spite
^{all} of the appliances of modern civilization, its me-
 chanic and artistic triumphs, its mighty agencies
 that guide human thought and action, & passion,
^{the equal} enlightenment of all classes, is impossible, under
 the present constitution of society. Capital accumulates
 in the hands of individuals, and divides the community
^{possible} into classes, the Capitalist & the labors; the one the repre-
 sentative of intelligence and wealth, the other of igno-
 lance and poverty. The vices not less than the wants
 of men resolve them into this relation and confine to
 perpetuate it. The conflict between these antagonistic
 elements, is the ~~for~~ ^{true} source of wars and revolutions.
 The old world found relief in the emigration in masses
 of its adult laboring population; and found into
 the Northern States annually an almost countless mul-
 titude. But what at first was an element of political
 power, ^{was} now in time to become an intolerable burden.
 The public territories ^{or might become} necessary as an outlet
 for the surging population of the Eastern States. Slavery
 therefore was excluded whenever the ~~state~~ jurisdiction
 of the Federal government extended. It is true Sir that
 the motive was not disclosed until the object was ac-
 complished. Human fanaticism is unfortunately
 stronger than human reason. Under the pretense of

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a crusade against Slavery, it enlisted under its banner the entire religious and fanatical element of the North, and was thus able to consolidate public sentiment into a compact & powerful political organization. But Mr. DeWard expressed the true idea of the party, in the declaration that "Continent was needed for the labor of white men and the necessities of the North demanded the consecration of the public domain to that section of the Union." This was a frank, free declaration of the purpose of the party of which Mr. DeWard was the acknowledged leader. Slavery was to be excluded from the Territories, not because the people did not want it, not because under the Constitution freedom was national and slavery sectional, not because the institution conflicted in any way with the Constitution or theory of republican government, nor because it was shocking to the moral sense of mankind; but because the North needed the Territories for its redundant population. Here we have the key to the unparalleled growth of the Northern anti-slavery or sectional party.

It received an immense impetus also, on the insatiable tendency of our free democracy ^{was a most eminent of all our} toward centralization and here again found itself in conflict with that policy of State Sovereignty, which grew out of the institution of slavery. The framers of the Constitution - I mean those who furnished the good outlines of that great Charter - Washington, Jefferson and Madison were reared ⁱⁿ under the influence

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but sometimes so abstine that the most rigid attention and mental activity are necessary to accompany his brilliant wit, acute & subtle analysis and marvelous power to convince remains with him to the end. Nay it may be said of him as was said of ancient Orator

Addidit invadere robur faecundia cause

I remember when we stood on the threshold of that awful decision when solemn echoes have not yet died away, & he had invoked the constitution against his country, him made a constitutional, against the military结合 which then began to prevail. Quoting from the greatest of English Statesman orator, certainly the greatest who has yet spoken in the English tongue, his fine eye caught inspiration and his form the noble majesty of his early manhood, from those imperial words spoken face to face with Royal prerogative & command by hereditary power,

"The Englishman's home is his castle. It is in vain now, power where its humble roof, the winds may sweep through its slender walls, but the King of England can not enter it". And as he uttered these words, the splendor of whose eloquence remains undimmed and will remain undimmed so long as there is an English speaking race to dominate the world, I thought to myself that ~~that~~ in the person of a greater than the great Earl of Chatham himself. He was indeed one of those

Who make the strong dominion of soul
That conquer chance & fate.

Alas! the pathos of his checkered life, the profounder pathos of his untimely death!

Is the Commonwealth unwilling to too soon to transpor
his sacred remains from their resting place amongst the people whom
he loved and served as near to the summit of yonder height to lie for
ever on fairies eternal camping ground? I hope not, I trust not, I
believe not

We are accustomed to designate conspicuous periods in history by the names of illustrious characters who adorned the era in which they lived. Thus we speak of the age of Pericles, the Augustan age, the age of Charlemagne and the age of Elizabeth of England.

Our own country, our own Commonwealth are yet too young to share in this universal sentiment of mankind. The mellowing influence of time has not yet ripened into full fruition the remonstrant sentiment with which other and older countries cherish the memory of their great and illustrious dead. When that time arrives, I dare to say that no man will occupy a higher place in the annals of the Commonwealth than Th. F. Marshall. Born & reared in Kentucky he was not the least conspicuous in the progress & improvement in the history of our common Country. Scholar, soldier, orator & statesman he excelled in every department of intellectual endeavor. He combined especially all the accomplishments and qualities which go to make up the perfect Orator. His language was simple chaste classic, rarely ornate & superfluous. It abounded in the tenses of the Anglo-Saxon, while it had all the richness & mellifluousness of the Latin & Greek derivatives. To these he added the Demosthenian requisite of Action an action so supple and magnetic that he swept at once the democracy of our day as did Demosthenes the fierce democracy of Athens.

It was my fortune too early youth to hear him in the fullness of his physical & intellectual manhood. It was my fortune also to hear him when old age and physical infirmities had begun the work of oppressing dissolution. At all times and all circumstances his scintillating wit illumined his countenance always logical & profound

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This day completes the season allotted to
you for the responsibilities of active life. Its
acts, its victories, its glorious achievements are now
before you; and with souls glowing with eager
enthuziastic ambition, you are already
desirous to engage in the noble struggle. But
what will of joyous realization banish hope
and consolation, which this occasion is so well calculated
to effectuate? regret raise her voice, and
grief weep her tears. To listen to her sad language
is to feel the sorrows of life here formed. The happy hours have
been past, and the grave of ^{the} past, and challenge the future.
That could not receive pleasure from
whence springs this sadness mingling
with otherwise exulting joy? We feel its
influence, springing as it does from
within us, a principle whose supremacy
and influence is eternal. - ever the same in nature,
common to every age, every nation, every condition
of life, leading to and embracing every clime.
What a noble task would be to write the history of
this principle, composing the originating and vivifying
force of all society. It is the parent of so
much of the moral world, irrigating and enriching
the mass of human interests. The buming

heat of the tropics can not dry up its
= ed in the heart to refresh and our moral
freezing breath of the frigid arctics despoile

The wild untamed savage as forcibly fur
as submissively bows his untamed heart
suspending, as do the thousand g
crowd the festive halls of glitter.

It kindles the pagan fires of
widowhood, and lights up
beloved, as she goes to rejoin the
her It was present with Edens
every joy, and crowning every bliss
them not, when sorrowful and
wanders and starts upon its
bosom heaved a sigh, when the

Its voice was heard around.

The Cross; - the key which unlock'd
infinite mercy, and sealed the sad
man. "Darkness, the sun of her
"Jerusalem" Heaven met earth
as if to chastise her for her man
dead burst the prison-bonds
sepulchres, wildly mingled with
of horror stricken concifers. No
checked, and chaotic ruin pier-

spirits of heaven wept, the spirits of
d^r, yet the victim - the Son of God,
thus seemed to fill with shuddering
the sympathizing universe of his creation
- forgot them for a moment and yield
noblest impulse of that humanity which
of his mission he had assumed, he breathes
prayer, for her, who in infancy
and with all the confidence of love unig.
the watchful care of a faithful
The second Son of so honoured
scenes, however are not necessary to
g^th of the social principle. It
is some one or other of its almost infinite
period of life, from the cradle to the
It giving expression to the face of
a response to the language of the
Gaze upon its opening beauty, calm
hously unfolding and expanding, like
flower and like it too, knowing not why
fairly bright. Its feet have never yet
sooth surface of this spiritual Lake, on
gazing has left the impress of his smiling
such as infancy. Oth! how soon shall some
it suffer tumultuous passions suffice its quiet

The scene is changed! Infancy past, and forth comes blooming yo
from the eyes of infantile innocence
in the gay and blooming pastures of pleasure,
happy in the participation of the present,
happier still in ~~the~~ ^{anticipation} of bright
What though some trifling sorrow can
the throne of the smile in the glad.
Like the gentle shower of summer,
-ings, only clear the sky and sepa
enjoyment. Happy Youth!
of thy pleasures is emblematic of the
flow, and the disappointments, which
shadow across the bright landscape at
their existence as the sunbeams, which
of guilt, or sorrow, that darkens a
The curtain falls upon this joyous
other actor, now dignified in mein, sep
lousy life. How changed the ~~is~~ he -
boy of yesterday! New emotions have taken
of his soul. New desires fill his thoughts
and arouse all his energies to struggle.
He lives in, and, for the future, his
radiant in the smile of hope, and
the brilliant jewels of promise, as a

holding in her right hand the
crown for his brow; while from her
glittering trophies, she is looking
him. "What pass he, though the
red and mountainous sea before him,
darken his way above and thence
His godship is in the advance
she looks him over, and why
has committed his hopes
them? Then must he an in the
manhood noble, daring, vigorous,
For the too notice has woven
timent; Thy crown is honor, set
of earthly applause, and thy gar-
dyed in the royal purple of thine
in the scene is changed;
dusbed each tree and shrub and
from the summer bays. The flowers
and the gypsies moaning their fondings
lost in forgetful sadness, o'er the graves of
love. The waiting mind, mournfully sighs
bright days past amid the naked branches
forest, and the sun paler and more dim, sad
to the frosty horizon. But one more object
complete the picture, and it comes; Tatter-
- silent. It sees but the dreary waste, hear

ting aims with a trembling hand;
sped! The son that is fled from
and the eye that was beaming with
is now dimmed and hidden beneath
of its containing lids" B.

If the scene is not already too far
a little longer by that mother's
the pall, she gives utterance to her
frantic now stupefied, yield
beneath her affliction. Observe
-monstrations of sorrow, which
intimated loneliness of the heart
To nestled, and then tell me, if
bound her to her child, could be via
a pang. This is no feverish concep-
The picture is not one of imagination,
behold it darken in exploring, in
of realities scene. Even here, an
array of deep and fashion, I can detect
iments of grief worse as the badge of affec-
-ance But though the form of the
by ties of relationship or friendship, is now un-
Though the smile is chained and the voice
The eye is dimmed, yet the image of that
graven, upon the tablets of memory, no
Covering vicissitudes of life entirely e.

voice still linger upon the ear breathing
erance of other days, and the flashes of
~~red~~, at memory's touch, again beam
bitter, the darkened solitude of the des-
ert!

But I would not
entails of grief, swelling the bosom,
desecrate their sacred remains, by
its appropriate solitude, and hold
of public indifference, and if
the train of thought
too I appeal and ask you if
which you must ful upon an
so eventful and so long desired
ed, by the thought that you are about to
me, endeared by a thousand recollections
in happy friendship; The flush of youth
and its gayety in your hearts, while
of budding manhood, swells your bright an-
of the future, and its exulting ambition
ng vista of coming years with glory, yet
And with this strange, commingling
is so effervescent is there not a still strange
naïtive of feeling? The alluring fields and
future promise, would hasten our impa-
ted the flowery walks, while the objects

of the party, endeared by their in-
associations connected with them
will longer detain me. I suggest my
social principle here and at this p-
as it does elsewhere, and has even
objects and sweetened all the s-
between us; and now, that nece-
ssary aggressor upon its tender
a parting memento of respect as
we leave behind. To such a
sad though pleasing task. To
Clasmates, to the Trustees,
I would tender their sincere
watchfulness and unwearying care,
have conducted the affairs and fit
necessities of this institution. Per-
farewell. To express our thanks, for
afforded us by such able and comp-
and to hope that the future prospe-
institution, may be as brilliant as its
under its organisation and commens
the care and ability, with which its aff
administered.

President of the University
of Mission College. To you our thanks
you have opened for us the sealed book,

or blindness that we might be able to
perceive, the truths that blaze forth upon
reading & assisting you have directed our
study and contemplation of the most plea-
sant and sublime truths. These, however, re-
main not all. Turning o'er the pages of
you have pointed us to a stay
hives of Heaven, more pure and
valuable and worth all the book
its pages are. The teachings
are forth from its lines
the bare truth, of some
wise lessons. Your case has
been unmeasured. In being made,
we have been taught to
the them; and can we fail
those from whom we have
reaped? Because? Rest assured, we
believe in in saying that wholesome
use and solicitude exerted in our
sunder us grateful to you, it
isly sad, in this public exhibition,
say, farewell.

Friends of the Undergraduate classes
we you not to return again. Our vision
you as fellow students is about to be
this day cease to participate with you.
Yes, we have so long enjoyed together
we are soon to be deprived of these
opportunities, make us more correctly
estimate their value and the manner
we have improved them.

Therefore of the necessity of industry.

Circum-spection, and a faithful discharge
ful review of our conduct, and a comparison
have accomplished, and what we might
we can not too earnestly urge to increasing
effort in the discharge of every obligation
-provement of every opportunity. See
not only to yourselves, but to those
whose happiness you value more than

But there are other inducements
general and honorable ambition
-gle for the attainment of those who
orate the name and noble them

Let the attainment of these be
you to effect, and the distinction
will be but as the breaking morn
opened or that shall shine upon

~~the remainder of your & success~~
How would we at parting commu-
But stern necessity bids us desist and
words of final separation be spoken
one - and we leave it, to the memory
of us, when we are gone, to breath one

Fellow-Graduates Over the lapsed
years to be elapmated. But though the
us together in this capacity, is so soon to
need not and will not cease to be friends
separates us can not compell us to forget.
Though mountains raise their lofty heads
tosses their angry waves between us, we won-
ners of each other with the same breath
one last sad farewell!

of trustees, President,
Minority. Fellow students of every class
farewell

But this is not all. We are taught by it also
hard veins and worthless are the theories of
those moral politicians who advocate
the doctrine of universal equality, or in
other words liberty, equality, fraterninity -

Things went to hear, decided in different directions.
But full of dangerous ills, and plunged into distress.
By adopting this theory France soon became
and naturally too, disgusted with liberty.
She had sought protection from the schools
of despotism, and took refuge in infidelity
and licentiousness. She rebelled against
the authority of a king, to submit herself
to the tyranny of a ruthless mob inflamed
by the seductive eloquence of ambitious
aspirants for power. In such men
^{as} Robespierre, Marat and Danton was
placed the confidence and destinies
of a great nation struggling for its rights
and the principles of constitutional
liberty. Fragile are more to be feared
than fierce foes. Nations should not then
feel less resign themselves wholly into the
hands of Revolutionary leaders. Had Hungary
profited by the example of France, had
she acted more wisely and trusted less

Has the French Revolution
beneficial to Mankind?

The world is di-
vided into two classes of men, the
Conservative and the Progressive. The one
live in the past, antiquaries in thought
in sentiment and in act. They cling
to old ideas and established institutions
not always because they are content
with them, but from disinclination
for the excitement and engrossing which
attend political changes.

The other class
are enthusiasts, perfectists, guided
often by a ardent and irresistible
passion for purity and change but
more frequently by an earnest desire
to enhance the happiness and
ameliorate the condition of the
human race.

At the outbreak of
the French Revolution these two antago-

oristic parties came into a long and severe conflict and our object is to determine whether by the triumph of the Progressives the moral and political condition of the civilised world received a retrograde or progressive impulse.

That a people, divested of those rights and privileges which are inherent in them as men, possess the right to rebel against an authority which they deem oppressive and contrary to the law of justice and nature, is a truth, too axiomatic to need confirmation by any argument.

When the limits of that authority which was vested in the hands of the King of France and which custom had made legitimate, transgressed? If such had not been the case the Revolution would never have taken place. That a nation of twenty millions of people should be excited to madness, should deluge their capital city in blood and desecrate the altars of God under a wise and lawful exercise of legitimate

authority, is a proposition bearing too clearly on its face evidence of its falsity, and absurdity for rational men to credit.

We do not mean to defend the manner in which the revolution was effected. Under different circumstances the result would have been otherwise. The avowed object of the Revolution was the abolition of Monarchy and the equalization of the rights and privileges of all classes and sects. The complete failure to accomplish this result is pregnant with lessons of sound instruction to political leaders and philosophers. It teaches them the absence of all Christian morality, the blind dependence upon human reason and wisdom, vice parades the efforts of the wisest of these who seek to establish a government on a wise and equitable basis. Had it involved no other truth, we would not hesitate to affirm that that the French Revolution was of incalculable advantage to mankind -

Your friends & fellow-citizens of Lexington
and the County of Fayette have imposed upon me
this evening the grateful duty, not less than
the pleasing privilege, of tendering to you this
testimonial of their admiration, their af-
fection and their gratitude.

Office is indeed a name for duty
and implies a trust but he who discharges
a public duty with courage and fidelity
and loyalty executes the trust committed
to his keeping, exalts the character of the
people whom he commands a higher
tribute than transitory applause. For the
true measure of statesmanship is public
confidence and esteem. The art of the poli-
tician is often rewarded with the plaudits
of faction or party but the whole people
repose with infinite trust upon the wis-
dom & virtue of the Statesman. And this is
the real significance of this evening's cere-

monial. It is not intended as a reward but a recognition — a recognition of that unflinching allegiance to the common-seal which has won for your administration the approbation and for yourself the affection of your ^{Countrymen} people. It is also our pride to acknowledge that he who at Dec-
ember realized the ideal of the valor and loyalty of the soldier, made the name of Ken-tucky forever glorious among men and over her hills and valleys dwelt with ap-
plause, has not failed to wear the civic crown with equal dignity & honor.

And so, in this brilliant presence, while the genius of woman pauses for a moment in its tender delineation of the pathos of human life, we offer to the Magistrate this token of ^{This day of} our respectful homage; ^{our} love and reverence, to the man.



An act to appropriate money to a secret service fund.

The effective administration of the state government, in both its civil and military departments, necessitating demands, the expenditure of money to meet the exigencies of the same, apart from the exigencies which may arise and for which it is impossible the legislature can specifically provide, or from the nature of which the interest of the public service may require should be kept secret - therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Sec 1. That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby set apart out of any money in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a secret service fund to be used by the Governor at his discretion for public purposes;



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An act to appropri-
iate money to
a State Seamen
Service Fund

Pass

and the Auditor is hereby directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer
on the application and in favor
of the Governor for any sum of
money not exceeding in the aggregate
the said sum of fifty thousand
dollars.

Sec 2 This act to take effect
from its passage

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a wilderness.

Leaving the "Magnolia" place, we passed on the bluff bank of the Bayou, through the "Creole Settlement" which is but a collection of half built cabins with mud chimneys, occupied by the descendants of Grand Pa - We failed to see a single prototype of "Evangeline". From the "Magnolia" line to the next plantation it is six miles, all between being in a state of waste, and with no prospect of being cultivated until the blight of the negro is taken from it.

It was nearly night when we reached the beautiful homestead of Mr. L. C. Gibron, the residence of Mr. R. L. Gibron - On our return we found Capt. Gibron who a few hours before had arrived from Monroe. Mr. Gibron had also arrived from the City of New Orleans. I was charmed with my new acquaintances, finding them accomplished and educated gentlemen such ^{as} rarely meet in any community. They are all persuaded that the only road to success in this country is the immigration of white people and they are offering such inducements as will justify not only foreigners, but many of our enterprising western men in immigrating and making this country their home. During the evening some of the German tenants called upon Mr. Gibron upon some matter of business when I had the pleasure of listening to their harsh jargon. French seems to be the language of the country in this region and it is essential to success in business of almost any kind.

I have seen but six plantations in this Parish, and from what I have seen, I am persuaded that with good government, no country could yield a more handsome reward for labor well performed. ~~Isaac D.~~