

GOV. GEARY'S PACIFICATION OF KANSAS.

"An open foe may prove a curse,
But a pretended friend is worse."

The newly appointed Governor of Kansas is the third that our judicious and discriminating Executive has deputed to that unhappy territory. It is understood that Gov. Geary has gone out as the representative and exponent of the particular views of Mr. Buchanan, and, as might have been expected, he spreads before the indignant freemen of the North the same fare with which the Administration have long been feeding them—"the chameleon's dish,"—and requires them to eat the air, promise-crammed. If fair words and promises were always to be trusted, Kansas ere this would have been a free State. But the people have been taught, by a bitter experience, not to put the slightest confidence in any assurance or profession of the Administration and its Kansas appointees. They have time and again been deceived, and it is now too late to cajole them. Hence, when Gov. Geary, in his inaugural address, solemnly invokes God to "give him strength and ability" to discharge his duty, their minds naturally revert to another scene, somewhat similar, though far more imposing, which took place less than four years ago, at the capitol of the nation, where a Chief Magistrate of the United States, elected by an overwhelming majority, renewed, in the presence of the assembled multitude, pledges, which he had before deliberately made, not again to open sectional strife; and then took a sacred oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States; and yet, within the short space of a few months, was the guilty author of the most violent sectional strife that has ever agitated the Union, and has since, down to the present hour, allowed all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and the common and statute law of the land, to be deliberately and habitually violated.

After such an example by the President, it is no wonder that people are not quite so much impressed by the invocation of the new Governor as they might have been under other and different circumstances, but are disposed to look a little further than his address for proof of his sincerity. Then his pretences are unmasked. The olive branches with which he would shadow his hostile movements are wrenched from his grasp, and the old, desperate tactics of his party are visible to every one who has eyes to see. The only proposition he has to offer is a new election under the present laws of Kansas. Now, a new election under those laws inevitably gives that territory to slavery forever, and with it all the territory on and south of the same parallel to the shores of the Pacific, embracing, in the words of Col. Fremont, "the only genial region of the middle latitudes left to the emigrants of the northern States for homes." This fact is made sufficiently clear by the circumstances that a majority of the legal voters of Kansas—the free State men—cannot qualify themselves for voting, by recognizing and submitting to the pretended laws imposed by a mob of armed invaders, which it would be necessary for them to do.—They cannot do this without stultifying all their past acts and branding as insurrectionary the self-defensive position they have been forced to take. They cannot do it without being recreant to those principles of civil liberty, in which they have been reared from the cradle. They cannot do it without falsifying their most cherished convictions, by assenting to doctrines, and giving their approbation to institutions which they abhor from their heart of hearts. No one knows all this better than Gov. Geary. He is fully aware that in exacting such conditions, he is rooting out freedom and planting slavery. But we need not dwell on what has already been pointed out by many journals, and is indeed obvious on the very first reading of the inaugural. Our object is to call attention to another feature, more likely to escape observation, and which is, if possible, still more conclusive, both as to the intention of the Administration and the views of Mr. Buchanan.

That object is to show the compliance of Gov. Geary distinctly, point by point, with the Border Ruffian programme. To do this we quote the following extracts from the letters of one H. C. P., (meaning the notorious Capt. H. Clay Pate, one of the well known Ruffians of the Missouri invading army,) published in the *Missouri Republican*, the Atchison organ in St. Louis. Writing from Westport, Mo., under date of Sept. 17th, he says:

"Gov. Geary had authorized Colonel Titus to raise three companies of volunteers, to be mustered into the service, consisting of eighty men each, two companies to be mounted. About one hundred enrolled. The battallion will be completed in a few days."

Under date of the 18th—

"I forgot to mention in my letter of yesterday, that Gov. Geary had captured with a company of dragoons, ninety-six of the Lane party under arms, and holds them for trial. He is carrying the war into Africa."

Under date of the 19th—

"Gov. Geary has gone at the head of several companies of dragoons in search of Lane. He is determined to arrest him if he is in the Territory. That is doing the thing well. A fault of Gov. Shannon was indolence. He would not see an order of writ executed. Gov. Geary goes and sees the writ on Lane executed in person. This augurs of success."

These events were so pleasing to the editor of the *Pennsylvanian*, Buchanan's Philadelphia organ, that it overflowed in a postscript by saying that "Gov. Geary's acts were better than his words!" The words implied a promise of fair play to both sides, and a plausible peace.—The acts show that the Ruffians have the new man under their influence, and are making use of him to carry out their schemes for constructing a slave State out of Kansas, in a manner "that augurs of success." He complied with all their demands. He threatened to crush out Lane, and authorized Col. Titus, per instructions from Atchinson, to raise volunteers to be mustered into the service of the United States, thus furnishing employment, with government pay, for the paupers from the South, who were becoming an intolerable pest to the Missourians, killing two birds with one stone for his masters.

He has taken emigrant prisoners a company of free State men, thus emphatically defining his position. Mustering into the service of the United States the partizans of one side, and in the name of the United States arresting those of the other. Obeying the instructions of Atchinson to the letter, and going with United States dragoons in search of Lane to arrest him for high treason. Ordering the free State men to disperse, and telling them they may confide in

him for protection, and then placing garrisons of cut throats in her midst, to harass and crush them. As H. C. P. says, "that is doing the thing well," "It is better than Shannon could have done, for poor Shannon was indolent."

On Monday last the people of Kansas were called under the laws of the territory to elect a new legislature. The qualifications of voters we publish in another column. What will be the result there is no doubt. It will be a Pacification for slavery. Mark the result of Mr. Buchanan's appointee and policy to the end. He has sworn to support those laws, and if allowed by the people of the North, he will execute them and Kansas is lost to freedom.