

# WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, July 15, 1869.

## Departure of the President and Family.

The President left Washington this afternoon, with his wife and children—cadet F. D. Grant, U. S. Grant, Jr., Jesse R. Grant and Nellie D. Grant—and Postmaster General Creswell and wife, and ex-Secretary of the Navy Borie, for Long Branch. They will stop three hours at Fortress Monroe and one day at Cape May. The President will be absent from the city ten days or two weeks, and will return hither, leaving his family at Long Branch. General Horace Porter, private secretary of the President, will leave here to-morrow to join him at Long Branch.

## The Texas Constitution—Proclamation by the President.

The following was issued by the President this afternoon:—

### A PROCLAMATION.

In pursuance of the provisions of the act of Congress approved April 10, 1869, I hereby designate Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 1869, as the time for submitting the constitution adopted by the convention which met in Austin, Texas, on the 15th day of June to the votes of said State registered at the date of such submission. I hereby direct the vote to be taken upon the said constitution in the following manner, viz.:—Each voter favoring the ratification of the constitution as adopted by the convention of the 15th of June, 1868, shall express his judgment by voting "For the constitution;" each voter favoring the rejection of the constitution shall express his judgment by voting "Against the constitution."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-fourth.

U. S. GRANT.

By the President—HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

## Filibustering Expeditions to be Suppressed.

The District Attorney and the Marshal of New York have severally been instructed at any and all hazards to enforce the neutrality laws and break up the expeditions against Cuba. For this purpose they have each been empowered by a commission from the President, under the great seal, authorizing them to call on General McDowell for such troops as they may require, and the Admiral in command of the Navy Yard for such vessels and forces as they deem necessary to prevent the departure of any hostile expedition; and they are also directed to pursue any such expedition and capture it on the high seas if necessary. General McDowell and the Admiral have each received orders to respond to any call that may be made upon them in pursuance of the powers so conferred.