

General Taylor.

By the following extract of a letter from Lieut. Corwine to the Cincinnati Chronicle it would seem that the Administration is determined upon adhering to its former plan of paralyzing Gen. Taylor.—By a boldness, not laid down in the books, he baffled the first attempt of his allied enemies.—Santa Anna in the front and the Administration "in the rear." The first he has put forever *hors du combat*—the second, faithful perhaps to its engagements, seems determined to put him so.

By the way, won't Lieut. Corwine be cashiered for his untimely letter?

Camp near MONTEREY, April 4, 1847.

No little speculation is indulged in by the officers of Gen. Taylor's command as to what course he will adopt after the term of service of the present volunteer force now out here shall have expired—whether, with the small and insignificant force with which he is to be furnished, he will remain at Monterey, or whether he will fall back to the Rio Grande. Some are of opinion that he will bring up the four regiments (which it is understood are all that have been assigned for him) to Monterey, and such supplies as he may want, and hold the place—throwing the responsibility of opening the line of communication with the Rio Grande upon the Government. Not a few believe that he will adopt the former course—namely, fall back to Camargo or Matamoros. One thing is evident, he cannot hold the country he has conquered unless he is supplied with more troops than have been sent to him. With the four regiments he will be able to hold Monterey, but Saltillo will have to be abandoned, and the whole line from Monterey to the Brazos left unprotected. This would present a most deplorable state of things: the victorious leader of our army shut up, as it were, in the enemy's country, and cut off from all communication with his own! Why, the foraging parties of the enemy that have of late infested the country between here and Camargo could then retake all the towns on the Rio Grande. What a humiliating sight! Can it be that our Government will leave the old hero in this strait? And yet, if Gen. Taylor is not furnished with more troops by the 1st of June, one of two alternatives is left him: either to abandon the country he has conquered, and fall back on Camargo, or else concentrate his forces in Monterey, leaving it to the Government to open a communication with him.