

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS

A HISTORIC MANSION.

PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE MOORE HOUSE AT YORKTOWN.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Representative Dezendorf will next week introduce a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase of the Moore house, on the Yorktown battle-field. This house, which has borne the name by which it is now known since the Revolutionary siege, is the one in which the treaty of capitulation was prepared which was afterward signed by Gen. Cornwallis. It stands in a plot of 500 acres, including the first and second parallels thrown up by the allied American and French forces. Tradition says that Lafayette, Rochambeau, and de Grasse occupied the building for a time during or after the investment of Yorktown. The land and building were bought by the Yorktown Centennial Association for \$15,000—\$10,000 of which was paid on account. About \$3,000 was spent in repairing the house and in fencing and otherwise improving the neighborhood. To shelter the visitors to the centennial celebration \$10,000 was spent in the erection of a building. The property is held in trust by Mr. Reuben Foster for the Centennial Association. The visiting French officers, the descendants of the commanders of the allies of the Americans, express great interest in the proposed purchase, and have written to Col. Peyton since their return to France to say that they trust the property will be preserved as a valuable relic of a time full of concern for the American Nation. The Marquis de Chambrun, the grandson of Lafayette, is to visit the Moore house with a party on May 10.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Postmasters.—George S. Leavitt, at Exeter, N. H.; George W. Callow, Jamaica, N. Y.; H. S. Beebe, Canisteo, N. Y.; Elizabeth Smith, Canajohaire, N. Y.; Abram Hoffman, Fort Plain, N. Y.; James H. Douglass, Freeport, Penn.; Nelson F. English, Key West, Fla.; William G. Stewart, Tallahassee, Fla.; John M. Simms, Bethany, Mo.; John B. Emory, Lamar, Mo.; Edward E. Lowe, Salem, Mo.; Miss Ida Carpenter, Butler, Ind.; William N. Hayes, Kingston, N. Y.; William Y. Swiggett, Wilmington, Del.

Receivers Public Money.—Ambrose H. Lecompte, at Natchitoches, La.; Robert Lowry, of Iowa, at Huron, Dakota.

Indian Agents.—Jadathan F. Minnis, of Colorado, for Ouray Agency in Utah; John S. Mayhugh, for Western Shoshone Agency in Nevada.

Commissioners Under Section 2 of Act to Accept and Ratify the Agreement Submitted by the Confederate Bands of the Ute Indians in Colorado.—Henry Page, James F. Gardner, and Jackson Orr, all of Colorado.

Customs Officers.—Louis J. Souer, Appraiser for the District of New-Orleans; A. Fortune Reard, Assistant Appraiser for the District of New-Orleans.

The Senate in executive session this afternoon confirmed the following nominations:

Diplomatic and Consular.—Alphonso Taft, of Ohio, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria; William L. Dayton, of New-Jersey, Minister Resident to the Netherlands; Seargent P. Sterns, of New-Jersey, Consul-General at Montreal; James A. MacKnight, of Utah, Consul at St. Helena.

Register of the Land Office.—George B. Armstrong, of Illinois, at Huron, Dakota.

Postmasters.—Samuel S. Partridge, at Phelps, N. Y.; R. F. Dundas, Ludington, Mich.; Jerome C. Knowlton, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Alfred S. Scheller, Lewisburg, Penn.; Jessie E. Dale, Duboise, Penn.; Francis E. Porter, Beverly, Mass.; Lewis Holmes, Bridgewater, Mass.; Henry L. Whitcomb, Concord, Mass.; James S. Fiske, Holliston, Mass.; Joseph C. Chaffee, Lee, Mass.; Charles H. Briggs, Foxboro, Mass.; Loren B. Hurd, Springfield, Vt.; Edward T. Gates, Thomaston, Conn.; Albert J. Lowry, Placerville, Cal.; James C. Michie, Covington, Ky.; Martin Mulville, Delaware, Wis.; Philip Strubler, Naperville, Ill.; Leonard C. McMurtrie, Lacon, Ill.; Patrick H. Dowling, Toledo, Ohio.