

Presentation of a Medal to Gen. Taylor.

We learn from the New Orleans papers that the magnificent medal voted to Gen. Taylor by the Legislature of Louisiana, was presented to him on Monday last, by the Governor of the State, Isaac Johnson. The medal bears upon one side the armorial bearings of Louisiana, with the inscription "To Major General Zachary Taylor." Upon the reverse side is a representation of the battle of Buena Vista, and around the margin those thrilling names "Palo Alto," "Resaca de la Palma," "Monterey," and "Buena Vista."

The following is the correspondence of Governor Johnson and General Taylor upon the matter:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
New Orleans, June 30, 1848. }

GENERAL—The State of Louisiana has directed this medal to be struck, and presented to you as a testimonial of her appreciation of your great services on the ever glorious battle field of Buena Vista.

Departing as you did from your peaceful home to meet the hardships of war, she watched your career with the solicitude of an affectionate mother. When you were in supposed peril from the beleaguering legions of the haughty enemy, she called not in vain upon her faithful sons to hasten to your support; and now, when victory after victory has dispelled all fears, gladdened every heart, and consummated your own renown, she advances proudly to receive and welcome you back, with this additional and enduring token of her gratitude and love. On one side of the medal is a emblem of herself, and on the other, the names and sketches of those fields so nobly fought and won.

It will be presented in the name of the State of Louisiana, by Levi Pierce, Th. J. Durant, Preston W. Carrar, and Mortimer M. Reynolds, a committee appointed for that purpose.

Sincerely wishing you many years of health, happiness and usefulness, I have the honor, General, to subscribe myself with profound respect,
Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC JOHNSON.

Major General Z. Taylor, Baton Rouge, La.

To this Gen. Taylor replied as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, July 3, 1848.

GOVERNOR—I have had the honor of receiving your communication of the 30th, advising me of the intended presentation, on the part of the State of Louisiana, of an honorary medal, commemorative of the battle of Buena Vista.

My obligations to Louisiana, already greater than I can presume to have deserved, or can hope to repay, are again increased by this distinguished mark of the kindness and confidence of her citizens. She has ever sympathized deeply with the fortunes of our army serving in Mexico; our successes brought joy to the hearts of her sons, but the report of peril and disaster called forth yet more their chivalry and generosity. These recollections give enhanced value to the present gift, which I shall receive with emotions of profound gratitude. Allow me, Governor, to express my thanks for the terms of your communication, and my best wishes for your health and happiness.

I have the honor to remain with the highest respect,
Your obedient servant,

Z. TAYLOR.

His Excellency, Isaac Johnson,

Governor of Louisiana, New Orleans.