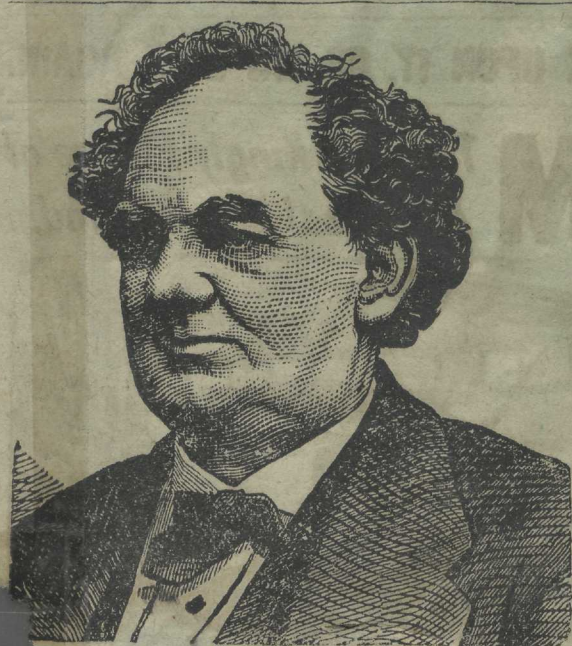


BARNUM RETURNS BARNUM NO MORE



* GREETING *
AND
FAREWELL
TO HIS
AMERICAN
PATRONS.

With mingled regret and pride, I announce to my patrons that this is

**POSITIVELY THE LAST CHANCE TO SEE MY
GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH AND THE GREAT
LONDON CIRCUS ON AMERICAN SOIL.**

I regret being forced to take away from my fellow-citizens an Exhibition which they have enthusiastically appreciated and lavishly patronized, but the amusement seeking people of Europe demand the opportunity of seeing this Combination, which has a world-wide reputation, and no counterpart in any country, I have made all arrangements and contracts for its transportation, in its vast entirety, across the Atlantic. My able and experienced partners, Messrs. James A. Bailey and James L. Hutchinson, will conduct this unparalleled enterprise, **under my personal supervision.**

The public's obedient servant,
PHINEAS T. BARNUM.

CARD from MESSRS. BAILEY & HUTCHINSON

It is only after months of the most anxious deliberation that Mr. Barnum has reluctantly concluded to sever over half a century's intimate and continuous public association with his countrymen. **The solemn announcement of his final and unalterable purpose** is the most notable event in all amusement annals, and will create a profound sensation and wide-spread regret, to which no words of ours can add publicity or weight. We deem it however, a fitting occasion upon which to express our unqualified participation in the sentiments and purposes of our distinguished chief and associate, and to return our profound and heartfelt thanks to the American public for unparalleled patronage and kind words, and without which such an exhibition as the **Great Barnum and London 9 United Monster Shows** could not have survived, to become an established and successful National Feature, whose withdrawal, in the zenith of its fame and popularity, leaves a vacancy that only a Barnum could ever fill.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

**JAS. A. BAILEY,
JAS. L. HUTCHINSON.**

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LAST TIME

OF

THE GREATEST ON EARTH

VERILY, YOU WILL NEVER LOOK UPON IT, OR ITS LIKE AGAIN.

P. T. BARNUM *The One Kingly Figure of Universal Wonderland,*

Who has Reigned Supreme, Solitary and Alone for 50 Gloriously Triumphant Years, now reluctantly and solemnly bids you



FAREWELL FOREVER

And crosses the Ocean, leading to New Realms and Fresh Conquests in Foreign Fields, All Overshadowing

GREAT BARNUM & LONDON UNITED MONSTER SHOWS

MAKE NO MISTAKE THE FIAT HAS GONE FORTH AND CANNOT BE RECALLED.

Then Read Mr. Barnum's "Greeting and Farewell" on the other side of this Announcement.

The Contract for Transportation over Seas has been Signed, Sealed and Delivered, **HERE IT IS.**

READ IT.

VERBATIM COPY OF CONTRACT.

NEW YORK, March 2, 1885.

Patton, Vickers & Co., General Agents of the Monarch Line of Steamships, hereby contract with Messrs. Barnum, Bailey & Hutchinson, Proprietors of the United Barnum and London Shows for the conveyance by any three of the following steamships, "Assyrian Monarch," "Lydian Monarch," "Grecian Monarch," "Persian Monarch," or "Egyptian Monarch," each of 5,000 tons capacity, from Company's dock at Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City, to London, Eng., of the following passengers and freight, to wit: 230 first class passengers, 420 second class passengers, 330 Horses, 36 Ponies, the elephant Jumbo 39 other Elephants, 30 Camels, 30 Chariots, 30 Cages of Animals, 13 Baggage Wagons, and about 600 tons measurement of Wardrobes, Tents and Fittings, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) payable, ten per cent, on signing of this agreement, forty per cent, on the 1st of November next, and the balance on or before embarkation. It is understood that the sailing of the first-class passengers are to sail between the 15th of November and the 15th of December, 1886. The balance of the passengers and freight are to be completed during the month of December by the regular weekly steamers of the line, the distribution of the number of passengers, animals and freight, for each steamer, being in the discretion of the agents of the steamships. The steamship provides space and means for the animals, and the food and fodder for the same to be provided by Messrs. Barnum, Bailey & Hutchinson, the same being carried freight free. The attendants of the Animals are to be included in the number of second class passengers provided for above. The above freight includes cost of stowage to Packer City and landing in London. Insurance and freight can be effected at three-fourths of one percent, and, on the live-stock, including mortality risk, at five per cent, on value.

PATTON, VICKERS & CO.
BARNUM, BAILEY & HUTCHINSON.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF SUCH MOMENTOUS CONSEQUENCES, AN EVENT OF SUCH PARAMOUNT AND UNIVERSAL INTEREST, A DECISION OF SUCH IMPORTANCE, ADMITS OF NO PALTERING SUBTERFUGE, OR INSINCERITY, AND MR. BARNUM'S FIRST NOTIFICATION OF THE KIND AND MANNER LEAVES YOU IN ALL HONOR AND SINCERITY.



Those who fail to see the Great Snow here will miss the last, Signal opportunity of a life-time, for this Age of Wonders cannot produce anything to compare with its Magnitude, Interest, Instructiveness and Purity.

IT IS EVEN GREATER, GRANDER AND BETTER THAN BEFORE.

And now Majestically Retires in all Splendor and Glory crowned Triumph and Superlative Success

HAVING ESTABLISHED A NEW ERA OF COLOSSAL ENTERPRISE

Laying Down a Sceptre, None Save P. T. Barnum has the Power to Wield.

NEW HAVEN, THURSDAY MAY 28