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POETRY.

"My Sister's Love."

Nearest the fountain of my hea...
There blooms a beauteou...
Whose fragrance fills t...
Of many a joyous hou...
With it my choicest thou...
And gather from above...
The purest rains which ...
To dew my "Sister's ...

I care not for the charm...
Has placed upon her ...
I value not the childish ...
That lingers even nig...
For oh, the gem I ther...
While in life's path ...
The prize that is my ...
Is my sweet "Sister ...

My gentle Sister, how ...
Thy many winning ...
The love-lit glances of ...
Thy simple, artless ...
But when in heartfelt ...
I lift my thoughts ...
The thanks I offer fr...
Is for my "Sister's ...

My 'Sister's Love!' ...
With it I ne'er wil...
A beauteous flower ...
Around my homes ...
Others have loved ...
As true as Heaven ...
But there is still m...
My gentle "Sister ...

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BY CALLAHER & CO.,

CHARLESTOWN,

Thursday Morning, May 9, 1861.

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For the House of Delegates.

We are authorized to announce ANDREW E. KENNEDY an Independent Candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates.

April 25, 1861.

The State Convention.

The Convention adjourned Wednesday week at 9 o'clock to meet again on the 12th of June. The business of the day was of an entirely secret nature, but, we are informed, was comparatively unimportant, consisting principally of a series of finishing touches to the business already performed. It was rumored that all of the officers of the army of the State above the rank of Colonel, would be removed before the present adjournment, but this, we are assured was not done. Members allege that the events of the intervening forty days will produce a great deal of important work for the Convention, which could not be disposed of by the Legislature and hence the necessity of convening again.

The Governor is authorized to call the Convention together at any time during the recess if he deems it necessary to do so.

Previous to its adjournment, the Convention confirmed a number of military appointments, among them the following, as we learn:

R. E. Lee, Major General.
Walter Gwynn, Brigadier General.
A. P. Johnston, Brigadier General.
J. B. Magruder, Colonel.
Philip St. George Cocke, Colonel of Volunteers.
G. O. Tomkins, Colonel of Volunteers.
Kenton Harper, Colonel of Volunteers.
R. S. Garnett, Adjutant General a department with rank of Colonel.
J. W. Allen Colonel of Volunteers.
Chas. Bell Gibson Surgeon General.
Michael Harman Quarter Master General.
B. F. Ficklen, Quarter Master General.

We shall give the full list of appointments hereafter.—*Alex. Gazette.*

Harpers-Ferry.

We copy the following from an exchange in order to correct the statement:

A gentleman of my acquaintance, of the highest responsibility, has just arrived from Harpers Ferry. He took particular pains to ascertain the condition of the Virginia forces at that point. He states positively that there are not more than a thousand men collected there, only about two-thirds of whom are armed.—troops trooping across daily from adjacent counties, and the balance without rations.—We know from the fact that from the commencement of the troubles the forces at Harpers Ferry have ranged from 3 to 6,000, and that there has been a scarcity of provisions of any kind. No people visiting the Ferry can form any estimate of the number there, besides they are stationed at every point commanding entrance to the town.

Our Town.

Our Town ... ented in payable in Vir... is made upon of $5. The ... that every note hereafter ... as long as Virginia funds are good, be ... note will be issued except on a deposit ... made.

NATHAN S. WEIRE, Esq., has been appointed Recorder. The duties of Mayor will therefore devolve upon him in the absence of the regular Mayor.

Col. Fauntleroy.

This distinguished officer, (says the Winchester *Republican*) we are pleased to inform the public, is now daily expected home. His resignation of his command in the Federal army preceded him as did his tender of his services to the Governor of Virginia. We trust he may be immediately tendered the command of the Virginia troops. No officer in the country is better qualified for the position, and in none have the people of his native State more confidence.

[Col. F. passed this town on Monday last.]

Military Affairs.

Col. ALLEN has been re instated in command of the 2nd Regiment.

Generals HARPER and HARMAN have been placed in command of one of the Regiments at Harpers Ferry.

FRANK LACKLAND Esq. has been appointed Chief Engineer. Other appointments have been made, but we have not the particulars.

Accident.

A young man ... of the "Marion Rifles" was ... by the accidental discharge of a musket ... of HIZZARD, of the legal at Harpers-Ferry on Tuesday ... accident occurred whilst he was in the act of putting the gun in a wagon. The ball entered the front part of his leg and came out at the thigh. No bone was broken.

Election Day.

Thursday the 23d of May is the day of election. Delegates to the Legislature will be voted for—and the People will have to decide whether or not the State shall be attached to the Southern Confederacy. Let a full vote be had, and let no one be deterred from voting his honest sentiments.

☞ Judges Field and Gilmer, (says the Rockingham Register) have given notice that they will not hold the usual spring terms of their courts in consequence of the troubles of the day. We understand that such a course on ... Ladies who have a Secession ... would meet with the ... their husbands should ... portion of our people.—warm sunshine will melt ... Virginians to be swing than a regular northeaster.

☞ Why is an over... in our town, that Jeff D's cider? ... D. REED, now following from cause it ... the service of President Davis ... resigned to state proclamation ...

Hon. A. R. Boteler.

The following extract of a letter (says the Winchester Republican) just received from the Hon. A. R. BOTELER we take the liberty of publishing, in order that his many friends may see and know distinctly his position.

"In reply to the inquiry contained in your last letter, I have no hesitation in answering that I heartily approve of the recent action of our State Convention and expect to reiterate my approval at the polls.

"You know with what devotion I have loved the Union, how faithfully I laboured with those who struggled to maintain it upon its original Constitutional basis of justice and equality, and how reluctant I was to abandon the hope of its reconstruction. But, alas! the coercive policy of this perfidious Administration and the malignant alacrity with which that policy has been responded to by all parties in the North, has abundantly testified that the Union of my love, the Union which our fathers made for our protection, has been perverted by sectional hatred into a weapon of oppression, that it is no longer a shield of safety over our heads, but a sword of subjugation at our hearts; and that the only alternative now left us is either *base submission or revolutionary resistance.*

"I, therefore, recognize no other rallying point for my patriotism than the unfurled flag of our good old Commonwealth, and no true Virginian will hesitate to follow its fortunes or to fight beneath its folds.

"I am, as ever, truly, your friend,

A. R. BOTELER.

General Scott's Views on the War Policy of the Administration.

The Richmond *Examiner* of Thursday, gives the substance of a conversation which occurred at Washington on Tuesday last, between General Scott and a well-known citizen of Virginia whose assertion, it says, may be relied upon.—The informant of the *Examiner* (the gentleman referred to) professes to give nearly exact words of the old hero. We quote:—

"He (General Scott) spoke freely of the condition of the country, which he professed to regret. He said, however, that he had always recognized his allegiance as due to the United States of America; that his course was nearly ended, but while he lived he should always fight for the Stars and Stripes." He went on to speak of his having been lately insulted by a Richmond friend, who began to read some propositions to him, which he would not permit him to finish. This was understood to be a proposition to resign his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, and to accept the leadership of the Virginia forces.—General Scott declared "that while he did not profess to speak the policy of the Government, he believed that they would not march an army of invasion into any of the seceded States, but that they would retake Fort Moultrie and Sumter and Harpers Ferry at every cost. They would also keep open the line of communication between the Ohio river and the Federal Capital.

The News.

The city of Baltimore is being rapidly invested by United States troops. At noon Monday two regiments, comprising New York and Massachusetts troops 2,000 strong, under command of Gen. Butler, arrived at the Relay House and having taken possession of the telegraph office, proceeded to form a camp on the grounds of the late ex-... Talbott, adjoining those of Geo. W. Dobbin, Esq., on the South side of ... Patapsco.

Governor Magoffin, of Kentucky, has issued his proclamation for the election of United States Congressmen to the extra session of Congress which is to commence at Washington on the 4th of July.

Gen. Harney has published a letter declaring his loyalty to the Union and remonstrating against the secession of Missouri.

A large Union meeting was held at Wheeling on Saturday evening. Resistance to secession was urged and a division of the State favored. Delegates to a Convention of the Western counties were appointed.

...ton consult, of the special election in Washington county of the Maryland, on Saturday for a member of the Legislature, indicates what is the sentiment of Delegates, indicates what is ...ion. The total in State in reference to disunion ...sand, and over four to ... county is five thousand for the Union Candidate ... votes were polled.

Movements of Troops.

A letter dated Lynchburg, Va., Sun... last, says:—

Lynchburg at this time is very lively, and business extremely brisk. The town is full of troops. A force of 800 Georgians, 1,000 Alabamians, and 600 Kentucky riflemen left for Harpers Ferry yesterday, and on my way here, I met at Charlottesville 180 Kentuckians bound for the same point. Lynchburg alone has furnished six companies for the war, and five more have been organized and are being drilled. Several Mississippi companies arrived yesterday, and are encamped on the fair grounds. They are the finest set of men I ever saw. They bring with them their own servants, and are abundantly supplied with money to pay their way. This morning the train brought in 800 additional troops, and 1,000 men are expected this evening.

The men from the South here all seem prepared for one year's service. Large numbers are coming in and constantly moving off North. The Kentuckians are a splendid looking ... scarcely any of them less than six feet high. They are under the command of Col. Blanton Duncan ... through, there ... have arrived within the Hotel, Winchester, and passed ...

P. S.—I have just time ... 1,700 names registered ... in Lynchburg, mostly ... Kentuckians.

The Battle Ground.

The Convention which has hitched Virginia to the Cotton States Confederacy, has transferred the whole brunt of the battle to the Potomac.

Gen. Scott Renewing his Allegiance.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Lieutenant General Scott again, for the third time, voluntarily took the oath of allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States. His staff here followed his example.

☞ The Hon. A. R. BOTELER is announced in the last Winchester *Republican* as a candidate for a seat in the Montgomery Congress.

Lt. Gov. MONTAGUE and Gen. THOS. H. HAYMOND, of Marion, have been added to the advisory Council of the Governor.

☞ The name of the Hon. John J. Crittenden stands first on the list of privates in the Home Guard of Frankfort.

Letter of Hon. John M. Botts.

RICHMOND, April 19, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your letter of yesterday has been received. Before this you will have learned though the press all that has occurred at Norfolk and at this place; but I cannot begin to give you a just conception of the excitement created, not only here, but throughout the whole Southern country, by a proclamation of the 15th, which, in many respects, may be regarded as *the most unfortunate document that has been issued from the government.* In ... of that paper this State could not have be... carried out of the Union; with it, the *Union party* and the *Union feeling* has been *almost entirely swept out of existence.* You cannot meet with one man in a thousand who is not inflamed with a *passion for war*; and every one seems to regard the proclamation as a declaration of war for the subjugation of the entire South and for the extermination of slavery; reason (with them on this point) would as soon arrest the motion of the Atlantic as it would check the current of their passions.

When I saw you in Washington, some ten days since, I had the honor to lay before you and the other members of the Cabinet, as well as before Mr. Lincoln himself, a plan for the settlement of our troubles, through the medium of a National Convention, to give to the Seceded States *leave to withdraw.* I thought then as I do now, that the plan then suggested was the only solution to the dreadful crisis which was upon us. Since that time matters have assumed a far more frightful aspect, and I now venture to make one more effort to save the unnecessary effusion of brothers' blood; and in the name of liberty, humanity, and Christianity, I implore you give it your earnest and solemn deliberation.

I need hardly say that no man in this nation has held in higher appreciation the value of our blessed Union; no man has laboured more constantly, and earnestly for its perpetuation than I. No man's heart can bleed more freely for its loss than mine; no man can mourn more sorrowfully for its overthrow than I will. No, man can condemn more severely the immediate causes that have so unnecessarily led us into this awful and terrible catastrophe than I do. Yet, for the first time, after an entire night of sleepless reflection, when I prayed as I never prayed before for wisdom and strength to do my duty, my mind has been brought to the conclusion that a *dissolution is an inevitable decree of fate.*

I am satisfied that a contest on the part of the General Government with its perfect military organization, powerful naval forces, its command of money, and its credit without limit, backed by eighteen or twenty millions of people against eight millions without military organization, without naval forces, without money or credit, is not likely to be of doubtful result in the end; but after that, what then? Can the Union be preserved on such terms, or would it be worth preserving if it could? After the best blood of the country has been shed in a war which has passion, prejudice, and unnatural but mutual hate for its foundation, intensified by the conflict, could the two sections ever be brought together as one people again? And would it not require large standing armies, in constant active service, to conquer and maintain peace? And would not that end at last in a hateful, loathsome and military despotism?

If I am right in all this, would not a peaceful separation, not as a military necessity, but, as a triumph of reason, order, law, liberty, morality and religion over passion, pride, prejudice, hatred, disorder, and the force of the mob, be a far wiser and more desirable solution of the problem than such scenes as will result from a purely sectional warfare, (result as it may,) and from which the heart sickens, and the soul recoils with horror?

You may cut, maim, kill and destroy; you may sweep down battalions with your artillery; you may block up commerce with your fleets; you may starve out the thousands and tens of thousands of the enemies of the Government; you may overrun *but you cannot subjugate the United South*; and if you could, do all this, you could not do it without inflicting an equal amount of misery upon those who are its best friends, and who have stood as long as the ... was a plank to stand upon by the side of the ... the Constitution and the Laws. Our streets may run red with blood; our dwellings may be levelled with the earth; our fields may be laid waste; our heartstones may be made desolate; and then, at last, what end has been gained? Why the Government has exhibited its power, which has never been questioned but by the idle, the ignorant, and the deluded, and for the display of which there will be abundant opportunities with an effort now, on either side to cut each others' throats.

So far from its being regarded as a betrayal of weakness by the other Powers of the globe, will it not be looked upon in the present emergency as an act of magnanimity and heroism on the part of the more powerful party to propose terms of peace? Let me, then, as a strong, devoted, unalterable friend of the Union, (*if it could be maintained*)—let me, as a conscientious and unchangeable opponent of the fatal heresy of secession; urge upon this Administration the policy of issuing another proclamation *proposing a truce to hostilities* and the immediate assembling of a National Convention to recognize the independence of such of the States as desire to withdraw from the Union, and make the experiment of separate Government, which it will not, as I think, take their long to discover.

In fine, it is the most egregious error that man, in his United State of madness, ever committed.

...ful than the five years from this time the remaining ... ago—and you ... States would be stronger and more powerful and enduring the thirty-four States were as ... all who seek an asylum will have a Government permanent resort hereafter. ...during for all time to come, to which ...periment of a Southern ...

I will not undertake ... asylum from oppression may ... on that subject are well ... to speculate on the ... understood to make it necessary ... Republic; my opinions ... be canvassed here. Let it ... well defined and too well ... work out its own salvation.

If this policy can be adopted ... essary that they should ... for myself will be the privilege ... be tried, and let it ... some secluded spot, where I can live ... all I shall ask ... and mourn over the downfall of the ... ge of retiring to ... ment—wisely administered—with ... I can live in peace ... of the best Govern... with which man ... was ever blessed.

I could not willingly take up arms ... Union that I have been taught and ... to adore, as indispensable to my ... and I never will raise my hand ... tive State, although her arm ... against me and mine.

For God's sake, let me implore ... let wisdom, magnanimity, true ... manity prevail in your councils, ... to a distracted and disordered ...

I write as one who feels that he ... on the brink of the grave of all ... ished earth; my head is bowed ... grief over the madness that rules ... and I pray God to give me, the wisdom ... and the strength to perform my duty, ... ty, to my country, my State, and ...

I am, with great respect, your ...

JOHN M. BOTTS.

Hon. EDWARD BATES, Attorney ...

Will you grant me the favor ... effort to serve my country, before ... cabinet at its first meeting? I appeal ... native son of Virginia to do it.

J. B.

PROCLAMATION of the President of the United States.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The following has just been issued:

By the President of the United States. A Proclamation.

Whereas existing exigencies demand immediate and adequate measures for protection of the national constitution and preservation of the national Union, by the suppression of the insurrectionary combinations existing in the several States for opposing the laws of the Union and obstructing the execution thereof, to which end a military force was placed in ... called forth by my proclamation of the 15th day of April, in the present year, deemed to be indispensably necessary;

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several States when called into actual service, do hereby call into the service of the United States 42,034 men, to serve for the period of three years, unless sooner discharged, and mustered into service as infantry and cavalry. The proportions of each ... the details of enrollment and organization will be made known through the Department of War.

And I also direct that the regular army of the United States be increased by the addition of eight regiments of infantry, one regiment of cavalry and one regiment of artillery, making altogether a maximum total increase of 22,714, officers and enlisted, the details of which increase will also be known through the Department of War.

And I further direct the enlistment, for not less than 1 nor more than 3 years, of 18,000 seamen, in addition to the present forces for the naval service of the U. States. The details of the enlistment and organization will be made known through the Department of the Navy.

The call for volunteers is made, and the direction for the increase of the regular army and for the enlistment of seamen has been given. Together with the plan of organization adopted for the volunteer army, and other forces hereby authorized, will be submitted to Congress as soon as assembled.

In the meantime I earnestly invoke the co-operation of all good citizens in measures hereby adopted for the effectual suppression of unlawful violence, for the speedy judicial enforcement of constitutional laws, and the speediest possible restoration of peace, order, and with these of happiness and liberty throughout our country.

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

Done at Washington, this ... day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-fifth.

[Signed] ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Candidates.

We take from the last *Spirit* the following:

MR. EDITOR:—On the ... Thursday in May, the people of county will be called upon to select two persons to represent them in the next General Assembly of the State. Owing to the distracted condition of the country, the next General Assembly will be the most important that ... for years assembled, and it behooves us to select our best men—those who from experience and ability will reflect credit upon our county, and command respect from those who are selected from other portions of the State to associate with them. I therefore ... and nominate ANDREW HUNTER, of Charlestown, and ALEXANDER BOTELER, of Shepherdstown, ... gentlemen who ought ... and can command the confidence of the people of Jefferson.

We are requested ... Y. M. Buckles, Esq., to withdraw his name, ... announced a friend, from the list of candidates.

House of Delegates.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce Col. John T. Gibson, and Father Lewis, Esq., as candidates ... represent the county of Jefferson in the next General Assembly of Virginia.

Col. Gibson ... course he pursued during the last session of the Legislature has endeared himself to all ... friends of States rights, and to his constituents generally, and they desire to show their appreciation by supporting him again for the same position. Mr. Lewis is well known to the people of Jefferson as a gentleman in all respects qualified to represent their true interests in the legislative body of the State. He is a consistent States rights man, not one who is such from the necessity of the times.

To such men these ... Gibson and Lewis, the people of Jefferson can safely trust their political and social interests, the poor and the rich alike, and it is to ... fates that will receive the support of

May 9th, 1861. 1000 VOTERS.

TO THE VOTERS OF JEFFERSON.

The election for Delegates to the Legislature is approaching. Never in the history of our good Old Commonwealth has it been so necessary to have in the Legislative halls of the State, good, competent and loyal men. Upon consultation with the citizens of various portions of the county (in the military and civil walks of life) we find that no one will reach the expectations of the County and come more fully up to the ideal than FRANK LACKLAND the gentleman, scholar, and *soldier*. We therefore recommend him, with his knowledge convinced, to the suffrage of the voters of Jefferson County. He is generally known throughout the County. To those who have not the pleasure of his acquaintance, we only say, inquire of those who do know him; and we are assured they will be satisfied that the character we have given him is not above his merits.

"THE PEOPLE."

A Voyage in a Balloon from Ohio to South Carolina.

PROFESSOR LOWE started from Cincinnati, Ohio on a balloon voyage at 4 o'clock A. M. on April 20th, and landed the same day at Unionville, South Carolina, having travelled 1,200 miles in nine hours.

Virginia State Convention—Important Ordinance.

The Virginia State Convention adjourned on the 1st inst., until the 12th of June next, by which time the returns of the vote ratifying the ordinance of secession will have been received. The Governor is authorized to call the convention together by time during the recess, if he deems it ... to do so. The day previous to the adjournment ... "stay law" was passed:

Be it ordained, That no ... collection of any ... contracted prior to the date hereof, by any court of ... trate, for the sale of property, until ... vided by law. Nor shall there be any ... deeds of trust or decrees, unless by ... parties interested, until otherwise provided ... Where such executions have issued and ... the hands of officers, whether levied or not ... debtor offer bond and security for the payment of debt, interest thereon, and the operation of ... nance cease, the property shall be restored. ... bond so taken shall be returned, as in case of ... coming bond, and shall constitute a lien on ... of the obligators to the same extent and in ... manner as forthcoming bonds returned to the officer may do, and judgment may be had on ... in the same manner and by the same proceedings ... judgments may be obtained on forthcoming bonds under existing laws.

If the debtor offers no such bond, it shall be the duty of the officer to convene three freeholders in the vicinage, who, after being sworn, shall proceed to value the property according to what ... been its value on the sixth day of November ... thousand eight hundred and sixty; and ... property shall sell for the full amount of such valuation, it shall be restored to the debtor without lien.

Except in criminal cases or commonwealth's prosecutions, there shall be no trial of any ... the intervention of a jury, nor upon warrants ... claims before a justice.

In case of misdemeanor, juries shall be summoned from the bystanders or vicinage, as under the law as it now stands; and with the consent of the parties prosecuted, the cause may be tried ... court.

This ordinance shall not apply to ... upon the property of public officers, other than ... ties, corporations or individuals; nor to ... the commonwealth; provided that no ... accepted ... or other obligation, the consideration of which is any debt or obligation at present existing, shall be held or considered as a debt hereby ... contracted.

The time during which this ordinance is in force shall not be computed in any case where the statute of limitations comes in question.

This ordinance shall remain in force ... repealed or changed by the convention or ... General Assembly of the State; and if not so repealed or changed, shall expire at the end of thirty days after the first day of the next General Assembly.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, A PROCLAMATION.

The Convention of the Commonwealth of Virginia; having adopted, on the 17th day of April, 1861, an ordinance "repeal the ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America by the State of Virginia, and to resume all the rights and powers granted under said Constitution, and, by the schedule thereto annexed, requ... polls to be open for the ratification or rejection of the same by the people of this State, on the 4th Thursday in May next: Now therefore, I, JOHN LETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby proclaim that the annexed is an authentic copy of the said ordinance and schedule, and ... all officers designated therein are required to conform to its provisions, in every respect.

{L. S.} Given under my hand as Governor, and under the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this twenty-fourth day of April, 1861, and in the 85th year of the Commonwealth.

JOHN LETCHER.

By the Governor.

GEORGE W. MUNFORD,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

An ordinance to repeal the ratification of the Constitution of the United State of America by the State of Virginia and resume all the rights and powers granted for said Constitution:

The people of Virginia in the ratification of the Constitution of the United State of America, adopted by them in Convention the 25th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, having declared that the powers granted under the said Constitution were held from the people of the United States and might be resumed whensoever the same should be perverted to their injury and oppression and the Federal Government having perverted said powers not only to the injury of the people of Virginia but to the oppression of a Southern slave-holding States:

Now therefore we the people of Virginia do declare and ordain that the Ordinance adopted by the people of this State, in Convention on the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, whereby the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified, and all acts of the General Assembly of this State, ratifying or adopting amendments to said Constitution are hereby repealed and abrogated; that the Union between the State of Virginia and the other States under the Constitution aforesaid is hereby dissolved, and that the State of Virginia is in full possession and exercise of all the rights of sovereignty which belong and appertain to a free and independent State. And they do further declare, that said Constitution of the United States of America is no longer binding on any of the citizens of this State.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be an act of this day, when ratified by a majority of the votes of the people of this State, cast at a poll to be taken thereon, on the fourth Thursday in May next, in pursuance of a schedule hereafter to be enacted.

Done in Convention, in the city of Richmond, on the seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the eighty-fifth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A true Copy, JOHN L. EUBANK,
Secretary of Convention.

☞ The Mission of Virginia.—We see by Southern papers that Mr. Ex-Secretary Cobb has been making speeches in the Gulf States and assuring the people there that they need have no apprehensions; they might go on with their planting and their other business as usual, the war would not come to their section, the *theatre would be along the borders of the Ohio River and in Virginia.* The Convention between Virginia and the Confederate States, by which the control of all military operations is placed in the hands of President Davis, insures this result.—*National Intelligencer.*

ACCIDENT TO A SON OF JOHN BROWN.—The Ashtabula (Ohio) Sentinel of last week gives the subjoined item. Orrin Brown is a son of Old John Brown:

On Monday, in Trumbull, Orrin Brown had his left hand torn off by the premature discharge of a cannon which was being discharged in honor of the volunteers. The hand was so badly torn that it was found necessary to amputate it just below the elbow.

[For the Free Press.]

MR. EDITOR:—Will you be so ... form the people through your ... per,

1st. What is the daily cost ... keeping the troops at Harpers Ferry? ... say it is $5,000. Let us know if this ...

2d. How long they are to remain ... it at the arbitrary will and pleasure ... nor Letcher, and can he keep them ... as he may please? or is there any law ... ing him from raising the country ... ple aces.

3d. Is it true that by the order of ... not the farmers of all Virginia are ... sed their wheat and other produce ... more or any market out of our State ... wheat sells in Baltimore for $2 and in our county for only $1 per bushel, that the farmer is to look so much of his crop because one man ... will it? Whence is such a power obtained? ... fer to the section of our Constitution which ... the Mr. Letcher with a power so dangerous and oppressive.

Congress can lay embargoes—I never heard that a Governor could do so.

Speak out, let us have light.

NESTOR.

[We comply with the request of "Nestor" in publishing his communication. The interrogatories we must leave to be answered by those better posted than ourselves. After awhile the people will have a practical solution.]

[For the Free Press.]

TO LOGAN OSBURN, Esq.—Sir:

Allow one of your constituents to say that he voted for you at the late election with a whole heart, as a firm friend of this once glorious Union, reared by the hands of Washington and his compatriots, now rent and torn asunder, distracted, dishonored, trodden under foot. I am proud to say that you are an honest man who has faithfully represented your constituents—you deserve well to receive their gratitude. Jefferson County covered herself with glory when she routed the Secessionists last February, Bolivar district casting 2 votes for each disunion candidate, which amounted in all to 4 votes; upwards of 900 majority for yourself and colleague told the world of the weight that slumbers in a free man's arm.

I ask you to come out over your own signature and let the people know of the proceedings of the Convention, so far as duty allows. Who voted for Secession? who did not? Why did the majority take the ship of State from her anchorage and drift her on the billows of the stormy deep without rudder or compass?—Who cut off the locks and put out the eyes of Sampson and sent him groping darkly through the pillars of that temple, which will speedily overwhelm and destroy us, unless the people of Virginia arise en masse on the 4th Monday of May and by their overwhelming suffrages proclaim that the Secession Ordinance shall not be upheld and that the Union with the Southern Confederacy is chaining this State to the car of the South. She will then lose her proud and exalted character, and her laurels, gathered on many a bloody field, will wither to revive no more.

Let us hear from you. The Election approaches. Be fearless and frank and you will be sustained by the people.

NO SECESSIONIST.

Preparations in Virginia.—The Richmond Enquirer, in an article designed to show the readiness of Virginia for the impending strife and her ability to maintain the position she has assumed, says of the preparations already made:

Gen. Lee can at any moment leave Richmond at the head of twenty thousand men, now here and in the counties between this and Alexandria. Gen. Gwynn, at Norfolk, and Gen. Ruggles, at Fredericksburg, have each a very large army under their command. The railroads of the State, under the Quartermaster's Department, are held in readiness for the transportation of troops from point to point. The telegraph will communicate orders, while couriers are prepared to convey commands wherever the telegraph does not extend.

VIRGINIA RECEIVING MUSKETS FROM NORTH CAROLINA.—Governor Letcher, of Virginia, received on Wednesday last 5,500 muskets from Governor Ellis, of North Carolina. They are a portion of the arms seized by the North Carolina authorities at the Fayetteville Arsenal, which proved one of the rarest prizes yet captured in the South. Nearly all of the arms seized at Fayetteville were of the best description.

MARRIED.

On Monday morning last, by the Rev. Dr. Dutton, DAVID H. STROTHER, Esq., of Berkeley County, to Miss MARY A. E. HUNTER, daughter of the late Dr. David Hunter.

In Kent county, Md., on the 17th ult., F. T. SMITH, Orderly Sergeant of the Wise Artillery, of Martinsburg, to Miss ANNIE M. MASLIN.

On the 17th ult., in New York City, Lieut. ROBT. W. HUNTER, of the Berkeley Border Guards, of Martinsburg, to Miss MARY HARRISON, daughter of Rev. Peyton Harrison, of Va.

DIED.

On Tuesday evening, April 16th, at the residence of his son, near Leetown, in this county, Mr. FREDERICK KABLE, aged 84 years, 8 months and 8 days.

This venerable gentleman, who, in the sublimeness of old age and general debility, has gently fallen asleep in the midst of kind neighbors, and soothed by the filial attentions of son and daughter-in-law, had been a resident of our county, only three years. He was a native of Northumberland county, Penn., his father, Casper Kable, being a resident of the lower Mahanoy Township.

At her residence, in this town, on the 17th ult., Mrs. ELIZABETH ... relict of the late John A. ..., in the 68th year of her age.

She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for ... years, and gave evidence in her last hours of a well-grounded ... in her immortality, and a happy ... from this to a better world, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

Special Notices.

☞ BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Two through trains of cars, East and West, pass Harpers Ferry daily at the following hours:

Trains Westward.

	Arrives.	Leaves.
Express ...	8 40 P. M.	8 45 P. M.
Mail Train ...	9 05 A. M.	9 05 A. M.

Trains Eastward.

	Arrives.	Leaves.
Express ...	4 05 A. M.	4 10 A. M.
Mail Train ...	10 55 A. M.	11 00 A. M.

☞ Connections made there with trains so as that our numerous readers may leave at any time the hours of passing Harpers-Ferry by the cars of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The undersigned, being well known in this county, would respectfully tender his services to all requiring LITERARY AID. He will furnish Addresses, Orations, Lectures, Toasts, Sentiments, Speeches and Resolutions, Serenades, Acrostics—prepare matters for the Press, Magazines, and write poetry on any subject. Address (post paid) FIDLEY JOHNSON, New York.

FEW RENTS.

☞ All Pew Rents now due the Episcopal Church can be paid to the undersigned in the Course of ... R. S. WHITE.

☞ THE PEW RENTS of the Presbyterian Church are due on the 1st April.

A. W. CRAMER, Treas'r.

☞ We want 1000 Oak Shingles.

☞ CORN and OATS also wanted.

VIRGINIA,
Jefferson County, Sct:

In the County Court, May Rules 1861.

Joseph Crane, Sheriff of the said County, Committee Administrator de bonis non, of Walter B. Selby, deceased, Plaintiff,
against
Philip Shutt, Def't. } An action of Debt.

As Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the said Court, on the 6th day of May, 1861.

THE object of this suit is to obtain a judgment in behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant for ... so, with legal interest thereon from the ... April, 1843, until payment; and to attach any estate ... effects of the Defendant in the hands of and the ... this fine him by any person or persons within this ... for the payment of the same and costs.

It ... appearing by Affidavit filed in this suit, that the ... of this State, he is hereby ... what is necessary to ... in this matter.

Ordered that a copy of this order be ... a week for four successive weeks ... in this county, and posted at the Court-House of this County, on the first day of the next Term of the said Court.

A Copy—Teste.

T. A. MOORE, Clerk.

May 9, 1861. BERRY, p. q.

CASH, AND Cash Only.

WARREN EBY ... to notify persons who have heretofore ... counts with him, that commencing with Monday, May 6th, HIS GOODS WILL BE SOLD FOR Cash Only!

☞ ... extreme difficulty of making collections ... is a deep imperative, and next will positively ... every account on his books, no evidence will be taken by any one.

☞ ... settlement of Notes and Accounts ...

May 9, 1861.

NOTICE.

EDGES & TRUSSELL ... HERE to inform their friends and customers generally, that the short credit heretofore extended ... cannot longer be granted. All those who ... proposed to patronize them hereafter, PAY ... required for their bills before leaving the Counter. ... to the present state of affairs they are ... to pay the CASH for their Goods before they get them, therefore they are obliged to adopt the same method with their friends and customers. All those who know themselves indebted to them will confer a great favor by calling and paying their accounts, as this will be the only means they have of sustaining themselves under this pressing crisis.

May 9, 1861.

MANTUA-MAKING.

MISS ELIZABETH WARE ... RESPECTFULLY advises the ladies of Charlestown and vicinity, that she has returned from Baltimore with the newest styles for SPRING AND SUMMER DRESSES, &c., and is prepared to execute in the best manner, all work entrusted to her.

She hopes by strict attention to business to merit a share of the patronage heretofore extended to her, and desires a continuance of the same.

May 9, 1861.

MANTUA-MAKING.

MISS HAINES ... WOULD respectfully announce to the ladies of Charlestown and vicinity, that she has just received from the East the latest styles of Spring and Summer FASHIONS, and invites a call from the public generally.

☞ Thanks for past favors, she solicits a continuance of the same.

May 9, 1861.

Jordan's White Sulphur ... FREDERICK COUNTY, VA., Opened on Wednesday, 1st ... 1861.

LEAVING Baltimore, Washington ... in the morning train via Harpers-Ferry ... Stephenson's Depot, (on the Winchester Railroad) thence 11 miles Hackneyed, arrive at the Springs to Dinner.

☞ For Circulars or further information apply at the Springs, or at R. M. Jordan's Office, No. 143 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

☞ Prices reasonable.

R. M. JORDAN & BRO.

May 9, 1861.

Town Ordinance.

AT a meeting of the Town Council it is ordered that ... disorderly conduct upon the part of Boys, such as throwing stones, &c., be suppressed, and that all violations will be met by fines or punishment. Parents and guardians are requested to give attention to the notice. By order.

WM. P. HENRY, President.

May 9, 1861.

GROCERIES. I have just received a fresh supply of Family Groceries.

W. EBY.

May 9, 1861.

250 SACKS Ground Alum and Fine Salt, just received and for sale for cash.

W. EBY.

May 9, 1861.

Garden Seeds. Fresh Garden Seeds ... sale by

W. EBY.

May 9, 1861.

ORANGES, LEMONS AND BANANAS, for sale by ...

May 9, 1861.

DOOR SPRINGS. Gray's ... double action Door Springs to be ...

Dec. 18.

CURE YOUR COLDS.—Cordial, Ayer's Pectoral ... Horehound, for sale by ...

April 18.

Notice. Sale of the late ... Come forward and ...

THOMAS LAUKLAND.

December ...

... received a large stock of ... and Children Shoes ...

KEARSLEY, SHERRER & CO.

Nov. ...

Houses For Sale. ... sale, two houses and lots ... Office property. ...

I WILL ...

We have just received ... Lynchburg Tobacco ... for sale very low by ...

April 4. BELL ...

MACKEREL. No. 1 and 2 Mackerel and Smoked Herring, just received by ...

RIDDOUGH & ...

Harpers-Ferry, May 2, 1861.

Fresh Lime ... for sale by ...

May 2, 1861. KEARSLEY, SHERRER & CO.

CORN SHELLERS. I have received a lot of Whitman's improved Shellers, which can be had of ...

THOMAS HAWKS.

LADIES' DRESS GOODS. I will sell my entire stock of Dress Goods at cost, for cash.

W. EBY.

SCHOOL BOOKS. A large supply on hand ...

J. H. CAMPBELL.

Oct. 4.

SMOKING TOBACCO. A prime article of Lynchburg Tobacco ... balsa Pipes, for sale by ...

J. L. HOOFF.

CORN MEAL. ... of hand and for sale by ...

J. L. HOOFF.

TIMOTHY SEED. For sale by

NO. 10.

...Jefferson County, Sct:
...County Court, May Rules, 1861.
...ministrator of Selby, deceased, Plaintiff,
...Defendant. In Chancery.
...Upon the motion of the Plaintiff in the Clerk's Office of the said County, the 6th day of May, 1861.
...the suit is to obtain a judgment in the Plaintiff against the Defendant for the interest thereon from the date of the judgment, to be made of any estate, real or personal, in the hands of and the property in the possession of persons within this County of the estate and concerning which the Plaintiff shall be entitled to have the ...
...is a copy of this order to be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Free Press, a newspaper published in this County, and posted at the Court House door of this County, on the first Monday in this month and County.
T. A. MOORE, Clerk.
Hunter, p. q.

...ASH,
...AND
...h Only.
...persons who have heretofore ...with Aldi, that commencing with ...nday, May 6th,
...WILL BE SOLD FOR ...ASH Only!!
...ly and strictly adhered to ...operative, and positively ...ot be allowed to deviate ...ment of Notes and Accounts ...

...OTICE.
...ES & TRUSSELL ...
...ERS ...
...ELIZABETH WARE ...
...advises the ladies of Charlestown, ...Shepherdstown and ...
...D SUMMER DRESSES ...
...to execute in the best manner, ...to her.
...acknowledges the liberal patronage ...bestowed to her, and desires a continuance ...

...TUA-MAKING.
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...respectfully announce to the ladies of ...and vicinity, that she has just received ...East the latest styles of Spring and ...

...SHIONS
...ll from the public generally ...the past favors, she solicits a continuance ...

...Thite Sulphur Springs,
...ICKS COUNTY, VA.
...Wednesday, 1st May, ...1861
...Baltimore, Washington or Cumberland ...Harper's Ferry for ...Depot, on the Wm. S. Baker Railroad, ...Hacketts, arrive at the Springs to ...
...Further information apply at ...or at R. M. Jordan's Office, No. 253 ...Street, Baltimore.
...reasonable.
R. M. JORDAN & BRO.

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W. ESY.

...Seidle, Fresh Garden Seeds ...
W. ESY.

...LEMONS AND ...RAZINS.
...SPRINGS. Gray Drying ...Door Springs to be ...
...COLDS, ...yer's Pectoral ...
...for sale by BURNETT.

...Notice.
...of the late firm of ...THOMAS VAUGHAN ...

...hoes.
...ived a large stock of ...Children Shoes.
...ARSLEY, ARTHUR & CO.

...For Sale.
...sale, two houses and lots ...Office.

...FORTSCRIPT

HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

...le at Big Bethel, near Fortress Monroe.

...THOUSAND FEDERAL AND FIFTEEN ...HUNDRED CONFEDERATE TROPS ENGAGED.

...FEDERAL TROPS REPULSED, ...TH LOSS OF 100 KILLED AND ...D WOUNDED.

...r. Winthrop and Lieut. Greble Killed.

...he following account of the engagement ...Bethel Bridge, we take from the Baltimore ...Extra, dated 11½ o'clock yesterday:

...he steamer Adelaide, Capt. Cannon, left ...Point Comfort late on Monday evening, ...reached this city at half-past 8 o'clock ...morning. She brings intelligence of a ...le between the Federal and Confederate ...ps at Big Bethel bridge, nine miles from ...tress Monroe, in which the Federal troops ...e repulsed and suffered severely.

...At a late hour on Sunday night Gen. Pierce ...with about five thousand men, a part of ...ch consisted of a German regiment from ...York, and one of the Troy regiments ...Newport News. The column was divided, and before reaching the Big Bethel ...ge they met, and mistaking each other ...the enemy, began a fight.

...he Troy regiment soon gave way and ran. ...were killed and nine wounded. The ...ake was then discovered, and the entire ...mn was reformed and marched towards ...bridge, where it was said some four hundred of the Confederate forces were lodged.

...n reaching the creek it was found that the Confederates had destroyed the bridge, ...the whole Federal column was thrown on ...bank of the creek.

...At that moment a masked battery from the ...osite side of the bridge opened its fire ...h deadly effect on the Federal troops. ...pieces of artillery were then directed ...inst the battery, but without doing it any ...eptible damage.

...The engagement Lieut Greble and Major ...throp, of the Federal forces were killed, ...about one hundred of the troops were ...ed and two hundred wounded.

...The battle began about four o'clock in the ...rning, and continued for three hours, when ...federal troops were driven back.

...Great excitement exists at Fortress Monroe ...and Gen Pierce was censured for having ...osed his men to the destroying fire of the ...Confederates for such a length of time.

...The troops returned to Fortress Monroe. ...It was thought another effort would be ...de to dislodge the Confederates from their ...ition. The battle was on the road leading ...Yorktown, where there is said to be a ...ge reserve force ready to reinforce the ...ces at the bridge.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE

...Fortress Monroe June 10—This has ...n an exciting and sorrowful day at Old ...nt Comfort. Gen. Butler having learned that the Confederates were forming an ...trenched camp, with strong batteries, at ...Bethel, nine miles from Hampton, on ...Yorktown road, he deemed it necessary ...dislodge them. Accordingly movements ...re made last night from Fortress Monroe ...d Newport News. About midnight Col ...urye's Zouaves and Col Townsend's Alb... regiment crossed the road at Hampton by ...ans of six large flatteaux manned by the ...aval Brigade, and took up the line of march ...The former some two miles in advance of the ...atter.

At the same time Col. Benedict's regiment and detachment of the Vermont and Massachusetts regiments at Newport News ...oved forward to form a junction with the ...egiment Fortress Monroe at Little Bethel, ...t about 4. A. M.

Col Benedict's regiment arrived next and ...k a position at the intersection of the ...ads. Not understanding the signal, the ...erman regiment, in the darkness of the ...orning, fired upon Col Townsend's column ...ching in close order, and led by Lieut ...utler with two pieces of artillery. Other ...counts say that Col Townsend's regiment ...red first. At all events the fire of the Al...ny regiment was harmless, while that of ...e Germans was fatal, killing one man and ...tally wounding two others, with several ...casualties.

...Albany regiment have fallen back ...Newport News, discovered from their ...ent ... the field that the supposed enemy ...friend. They had in the mean ...time exchanged rounds with the small force ...the head from the ...

Just ...Col. Allen's and Col. Curr's ...r. At that point the ...successively endeavored to ...masked Confederate battery.—...was futile, their three small ...artillery not being able to cope ...the heavy rifled cannon of the enemy, ...ing to some accounts numbering thirty. ...Confederate battery was so completely ...ed that no men could be seen, only the ...es of the guns. There was probably not ...than one thousand men behind their sand ...terior. A well concentrated movement ...ight have secured the position, but Brig ...General Pierce, who commanded the expedition, appears to have lost his presence of mind, and the Troy Regiment stood an hour exposed to a galling fire.

An order to retreat was at last given, but at that moment Lieut. Greble, of the U. S. Army, and in command of the artillery was struck by a cannon ball, and instantly killed. He had spiked his gun, and was gallantly endeavoring to withdraw his command.

Captain George W. Wilson, of the Troy Regiment, after the order to retreat, took possession of the gun, and with Quartermaster ...eArthur brought it of the field with the ...dy of Lieut Greebble. They brought them ...the Fortress this evening.

Considerable indignation was manifested ...gainst Brig Gen Pierce.

Gen Butler has been ubiquitous, doing ...all in his power to save the men and for the honor of the cause.

...It has been rumored for a day or two past, that the Federalists have commenced landing troops at White House Point, on the Potomac river.

...The, Arkansas State Convention has passed a military bill, authorizing the Governor to call out 60,000 men if necessary.

...The County Court of Orange, as we learn from the Charlottesville Review, has appropriated $50,000 for military purposes.

This the Brigade.

...We understand (says the Richmond Dispatch) that some of the best companies of the Virginia forces have been transferred to the Wise Brigade. The resulting officers have the premise of ten thousand each.

SEIZURE OF KANAWHA SALT. The Nashville papers state that two flatboats, laden with 1,892 barrels Kanawa Salt, intended for that city, had been seized at Evansville, Indiana, and the crew taken prisoners. The salt and the boats contained are confiscated.

...ecial Notices.

PEW RENTS.

...All Pew Rents now due the Episcopal Church can be paid to the undersigned in the absence of L. Botts.
N. S. WHITE.
May 2, 1861.

...We want 1000 Oak Shingles, ...CORN and OATS also wanted.

Virginia,

JEFFERSON COUNTY, } Set:

In the County Court, May Term, 1861:

The Justices of this County having been summoned to this day, to consider the propriety of accepting or adopting an act of the Legislature of this State, passed the 19th day of January, 1861, to authorise the County Courts of the several counties of this State to make appropriations to arm the Militia of this State, and a majority of the whole number being present the Court, by an unanimous vote, accepts the act of assembly, and orders that Braxton Davenport, Thomas Rutherford and Humphrey Keyes, be, and they are hereby appointed Agents to negotiate a loan of Twelve thousand, five Hundred Dollars ($12,500) payable as follows, viz: $3,500.00 January 1st 1862, $3000.00 January 14 1863, $3000.00 January 1st 1864, and the residue, $3000.00, January 1st 1865, the interest to be paid semi-annually, and to account on the State tax of this County, and on the County Levy of the present year (to be appropriated) to meet the payment due January 1st 1862, and the interest accruing on the bonds to July 1st 1862. The sum of $3500.00 to be paid by the agents above named as funds be wanted, to the Committee appointed on the first day of this term, and to be applied as directed by the order of the Court made on that day. The residue of the appropriation amounting to Nine Thousand Dollars, to be paid by the Agents above named as it may be wanted, to a Committee of Nine, to consist of Braxton Davenport, presiding Justice, and eight others to be selected by him, one from each Magisterial District of this County, and the money to be expended by them in such manner as they may think fit for the use of the soldiers now in the field and their families, and those that may hereafter enlist from this County. The following are the names of the Said Committee of nine, viz:

BRAXTON DAVENPORT.

District No. 1	Henry W. Gatleman.
District No. 2	Meredith Ish.
District No. 3	John L. Lee.
District No. 4	James Lawhorn.
District No. 5	Jacob Bethard.
District No. 6	Charles Lindsey.
District No. 7	Robert Noke.
District No. 8	Charles Jobson.

A Copy. Teste:
T. A. MOORE, Clerk.

all persons equipping and mustering above order are requested to notify the Commissioner of each District.
JAS. A. HOOFF, Sec'y.
June 13, 1861. 3t 18 pit copy.

P. S. ... Commissioners convene in Charlestown on Thursday the 20th of June.
J. L. H.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

A PROCLAMATION.

THE military forces of the Government at Washington having invaded the territory of Virginia, and shed the blood of her people, and committed other acts of outrage and aggression, thereby evincing a purpose, on the part of that Government, to subjugate the people of Virginia, and to force them to ...rannical control and rule of their enemies; therefore, I JOHN LETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the same, hereby require all the volunteer companies within my dominion ...

...

...