

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The Honorable General Assembly of N. C.

Since your last adjournment, various and important changes in the situation of our affairs have occurred and many of them require legislative action at your hands.

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Private parties importing supplies for the Government, by contract, for enormous profits, are not taxed by the Confederate States of North Carolina.

I have taken the ground that exemption of State officers from conscription, and that is a matter of right inherent in a sovereign State, and that for the same reason the State has an indisputable right to the services of laborers and other persons who are necessary in her employ, though they are not officers.

Among the acts of Congress referred to, that which has suspended the privilege of habeas corpus, has most thoroughly aroused public attention.

It is true that our forefathers assumed, and this generation has conceded, that in cases of rebellion and invasion, the public safety may sometimes require the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.

There was a British act in 1774, which denied the writ of habeas corpus to persons who were committed in any of the colonies, or on the high seas, or in the act of piracy, or who were charged with or suspected of any of these crimes.

It is declared in the preamble that "the President has asked for the suspension, and informed Congress of conditions of public danger which render a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus necessary for the defence against invasion and insurrection."

And, finally, it is enacted that "no military or other officer shall be compelled in answer to any writ of habeas corpus to appear before any court, judge, or officer, or to be discharged, or to be released, or to be set at liberty, unless he is first arrested."

Constitutional repositories of the law for a decision upon his rights; yet there is too much reason to believe that the language is susceptible of the interpretation that it does include such persons; and such is the interpretation put upon it by the military authorities.

I am unable to see any reason consistent with the principles of a free and civilized government provided for by a just and equitable distribution of power and its composition, for suspending the habeas corpus in cases which involve no evasion or attempt to evade military service that is due, but which merely asks when honest opinions differ to have the point settled by the tribunals of the people.

There is nothing of this that I am desirous of taking away or adding to. My earnest remonstrance against the passage of the present act is herewith transmitted, together with divers other communications and authorities in relation to the execution of the civil laws of the people, &c., and which will convince you.

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LATEST MAIL AND TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Atlanta, May 18.—The yankee force operating against Gen. Johnston is now well determined to be over 100,000. Flank movements in force on both wings are going on at the same time.

Georgia Brigs Collected Out.—Milledores, May 18.—Brigs has issued a proclamation calling out civil and militia officers of this State, to report to Gen. Wayne, at Atlanta, immediately, to aid in repelling the enemy.

Another Hard Hit.—The Raleigh Standard abuses Gov. Vance for relating in his speech in the place, the conduct and language of Mr. Holden on the night of the Raleigh mob.

REMARKS.—At the residence of the bride's father, in this vicinity, on Tuesday morning last, by the Rev. Mr. Harwick, Mr. HENRY R. COLTON, to Miss SOPHIA Mc DANIEL, daughter of the Rev. James McDaniel.

Direct Importation.—25 DOZ HAND SAW FILES; 70 doz Hand Dressing Combs; 20 doz Gaiter Pencils; 10 doz Ivory Pencils; 5 doz Gaiter Pencils; 5 doz Tooth Brushes, assorted; 55,000 Sewing Needles.

FOR SALE.—Superior Cotton Factory is now prepared to exchange for corn or bacon the finest numbers of Spun Yarn, suitable for Spring and Summer Cloth.

to-day, only eight riding, late this evening.

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