Piedmont Springs, Burke Co., N. C.,
JULY 1, 1863.

AS the sickly season of the year is coming on, I desire to call the attention of those seeking health and also of refugees from the enemy to that delightful and beautiful watering place, "Piedmont Springs," situated among the Mountains of Burke county, some 16 miles North of Morganton. For romantic scenery, pure water and remoteness from danger—it is perhaps unsurpassed by any place in the Southern Confederacy. During the late raid which was made into this county, this place was left undisturbed by the enemy and I feel perfectly safe in saying that I apprehend no danger in future unless the whole county should be overrun. Piedmont Springs are located in a very secluded and I may say in an unfrequented (except by visitors) part of the county, and there is nothing about or around to attract the enemy, unless they are in search of health, good water, a pure and healing atmosphere and unsurpassed Mountain scenery. There are no large or rich farms, wealthy planters or many slaves in the neighborhood to invite their attention or attract their cupidity. If, therefore, persons who are seeking health or pleasure will be safe anywhere, they must be so at Piedmont Springs. The house is now open for the reception of visitors. A tri-weekly Stage runs back and forth from Morganton during the present month of July and will run daily throughout August and September. TERMS—Board, lodging and lights, &c., excepting washing $18 per day by the month; $15 per day by the week, and $20 per day for less than a week.

E. C. LINDSEY, Pres't of the Board.
July 14. 51 4t.

Receiver's Notice.

THE undersigned will attend the next County Courts of Moore, Randolph, and Chatham, for the purpose of receiving the interest due upon all debts due to the Confederate States of America on account of the Sequestration and Confiscation Acts, if not paid promptly, Executions will issue for the interest and costs. Persons having evidences of debt or property in their hands belonging to alien enemies, are required to surrender the same to me, and to give information of any property liable to Sequestration which has not heretofore been returned to me.

JOHN MANNING, Jr., *Receiver*.
July 7. 49-w4w3m

Home Manufactory.

PLOW LINES, CLOTHES LINES, BED CORDS, or any size to 1 inch Cotton Rope, FISHING LINES, and any size Cotton Cord, by wholesale or retail. I am prepared to furnish any quantity at short notice. Strict attention given to all orders that may be sent to me, and the work will be sent without delay and in good order to any place where it may be possible.

Apply to H. O. DAVIS,
Fayetteville, N. C.
July 25 53 4w*

200 DOLLARS REWARD.

ON last Thursday my bay mare, with a black mane and tail, broke loose at Egypt Station, Chatham county. I have not seen her since. I judge that some person has taken her up or stolen her since she got loose. She is of common size, good looking, her mane considerably worn off with the collar; her left eye has been all knocked out, the hair rubbed off her back.

I will give $100 for the recovery of the mare and $100 for the arrest of the thief if stolen.

HARRIS TYSOR.
Fair Haven, July 2. 48 7tpd&f

Carolina Female College.

THE exercises of this Institution will be resumed on Monday the 1st of August 1864, with a full corps of Teachers. For circular address

Rev. J. R. GRIFFITH,
Ansonville, N. C.
June 14. 41 9tpd-11A

Wool Wanted for the State of N. Carolina.

THE undersigned continues to exchange COTTON YARN for WOOL, one bundle of Yarn for 4 lbs. unwashed, or 3 lbs. clean washed Wool. They will also pay a liberal price in cash for large or small lots.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO., Agts.
Fayetteville, June 13. 42tf
Presbyterian copy.

Surgeon General's Office,
RALEIGH, N. C., JUNE 10TH, 1864.

A MESSENGER will leave this Office on the first day, and the fifteenth day, of every month, for Gen. Lee's army. All boxes left here for any member of that army will be carried there promptly by him and delivered to the owner.

EDWARD WARREN,
41-tf Surgeon General North Carolina.

FLOUR AND OATS.

FLOUR and OATS will be exchanged for Corn at the Store of D. McInnis, by giving me a few days notice. Flour good. Oats No. 1, black or white.
July 29. 8-tf

Nurse Wanted.

A TRUSTY good tempered colored woman is wanted to hire as nurse to an infant. Apply to Mrs. E. M. WALKER, Hay Mount.
June 30. 45tf

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
ENGINEER DEPARTMENT, DIST. CAPE FEAR,
Wilmington, N. C., March 10th, 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Engineer Department, for services of slaves employed as laborers on the land defences near Wilmington, N. C., that the undersigned is authorized and prepared to pay the same at his office, on the second floor of the building next above Meares' Drug Store, Market Street.

☞ Persons executing Powers of Attorney will observe the following form—their signatures, in all cases, to be witnessed by two witnesses and signed in duplicate, or they may be witnessed before a Justice of the Peace or Clerk of any Court.

FORM OF POWER OF ATTORNEY.

I, —— of ——, do hereby appoint ——, of ——, my true and lawful Agent to sign receipts for, and receive payment of all moneys due to me by the Engineer Department of the Confederate States of America, for the services of my slaves employed as laborers on the land defences at ——, during the month of ——, 186

Witness my hand and seal at ——, the —— day of ——, 186

(Signed in duplicate.)

W. ——— [Seal.]
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The signatures of colored persons should be witnessed by three witnesses.

There must be separate duplicate Powers of Attorney for each month. Blank forms can be had upon application at this office.

W. H. JAMES, Capt. & Chief Eng.
Jan'y 20, 1864. 1609tf

NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER NAVY CO.,
GENERAL AGENT'S OFFICE,
Franklinton, N. C., June 20, 1864.

AS GENERAL Agent of the above Company I wish to call the attention of all enterprising and patriotic men of this State to this all important enterprise. The Company has now a capital of over one million of dollars subscribed, and nearly all paid in. Great efforts are being made to secure vessels. Our books may not remain open long, but while they are open none is a glorious chance for a good and lasting investment. The agent is instructed to take bonds at their face in payment of stock, of all denominations except 4 per cent. bonds; they will be taken at 33⅓ per cent. discount, with the promise to place to the credit of the party paying them in any amount this Company may sell them for over the 66⅔ per cent. allowed.

Cotton and Tobacco will be taken in payment of stock, at the right price, according to quality. Any one wishing to take stock in this Company can do so by addressing me as above.

I will also take pleasure in giving all *information* to parties wishing to take stock.

Rev. WILLIAMSON HARRISS,
General Agent.
June 25. [w j] 44 10t

RAGS! RAGS!!—The inferior quality of the paper on which the Observer has been printed of late, and which is a great eye-sore to us, is owing to the want of a sufficient supply of good rags, and the consequent necessity to resort to inferior materials. We appeal to the friends of the Observer at all accessible points, to save up and bring to town all the rags they can procure. We have no time ourselves to attend to their purchase, but Messrs. Geo. W. Williams & Co., the Agents in this town of Mr. Murphy, will pay 15 cents per lb. for them.

E. J. HALE & SONS.
Feb'y 16. 6-tf

Blank Warrants for sale here.

SEQUESTRATED DEBTS.

THE undersigned will attend at the following times and places, to collect the interest on the Sequestrated Debts in his District, viz:

At Hillsboro',	July	14th,	1864.
"Raleigh	"	20 & 21,	"
"Fayetteville	"	27, 28 & 29,	"

G. H. WILDER, Receiver.
June 27. 45 tJ29

Wanted—Wood Land.

THE undersigned will give a fair price for a well wooded tract of LAND of 100 or 200 acres, on the Railroad at any point between Jonesboro' and Fayetteville. Wood, pitch pine boxed or unboxed.

HENRY E. COLTON, Agent F. K. Co.
Fayetteville, April 19. 25tf

Palma Christi Beans.

THE subscriber will pay the highest cash prices for any quantity of Palma Christi Beans.

A. WORTH.
Fayetteville, Oct. 9. 29 tf

Fayetteville Arsenal and Armory,
June 30, 1864.

$100 BOUNTY.

Wanted, 40 Mounted Riflemen.

AUTHORITY having been granted by the War Department to raise a Company of Mounted Riflemen for service in this vicinity, notice is hereby given that recruits to the number of 40 *non conscripts* will be received for this service, to fill up the company to the required Number of 100. Each recruit will be required to furnish a serviceable horse, for which he will be allowed 40 cents per diem, and his pay $12 per month. *Written permission* will be required from parents or guardians, where the applicant is under the conscript age.

Each recruit must bring with him a blanket or bed spread, and come prepared to remain.

Bridles, saddles, halters and and He blankets furnished by the Government, or if the recruit comes provided with them, he will be paid for them a fair valuation.

Apply to Major MATTHEW P. TAYLOR, at the Arsenal.

F. L. CHILDS,
45 tf] Lieut. Col. C. S. A. Comdg. Post.

Desirable Goods.

WM. MACINTYRE

Offers for sale:

200 SETS KNIVES and FORKS, assorted;
40 Doz. Plus 3 and 4 Bladed Knives;
900 Gross Steel Pens;
125 Gross Blast Steel Knitting Needles;
80 Reams Ruled Post Paper;
300 Gross Agate Slide Buttons;
2000 Gross English Bone Pant Buttons;
1 Barrel Camphor;
2 Barrels Borax;
5 Barrels Epsom Salts;
5 Barrels Alum;
5 Barrels English Green Copperas;
10 Kegs Bicarb. Soda;
1 Bag Alspice;
3 Bags Black Pepper;
1 Package Saltpeter.

July 4. 48-5w

Young's Arithmetical Dictionary,

EMBRACING a system of Arithmetic, Ready Reckoner, Interest Calculator, Book Keeping, Forms, &c.

E. J. HALE & SONS.
Sept 16

Blank Warrants for sale.

An Act to lay additional Taxes for the common defence and support of Government.

SEC. 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That in addition to the taxes levied by the act "to lay taxes for the common defence and to carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved 24th of April 1863, there shall be levied, from the passage of this act, on the subjects of taxation hereafter mentioned, and collected from every person, copartnership, association or corporation, liable thereto, taxes as follows, to-wit:

I. Upon the value of property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted or taxed at a different rate, 5 per cent: Provided, That from this tax on the value of property employed in agriculture shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind delivered therefrom, as assessed under the law imposing it, and delivered to the Government: Provided, That no credit shall be allowed beyond 5 per cent.

II. On the value of gold and silver wares and plate, jewels, jewelry and watches, 10 per cent.

III. The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same, or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed, in the year 1860, except in cases where land, slaves, cotton or tobacco have been purchased since the 1st day of January 1862, in which case the said land, slaves, cotton and tobacco so purchased, shall be assessed at the price actually paid for the same by the owner.

SEC. 2. On the value of all shares or interests held in any bank, banking company or association, canal, navigation, importing, exporting, insurance, manufacturing, telegraph, express, railroad, and dry-dock companies, and all other joint stock companies of every kind, whether incorporated or not, 5 per cent.

The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed upon the basis of the market value of such property in the neighborhood where assessed, in such currency as may be in general use there, in the purchase and sale of such property, at the time of assessment.

SEC. 3. Upon the amount of all gold and silver coin, gold dust, gold or silver bullion, whether held by the banks or other corporations or individuals, 5 per cent.; and upon all moneys held abroad, or upon the amount of all bills of exchange, drawn therefor on foreign countries, a tax of 5 per cent.; such tax upon money abroad to be assessed and collected according to the value thereof at the place where the tax is paid.

II. Upon the amount of all solvent credits, and of all bank bills and all other papers issued as currency, exclusive of non-interest bearing Confederate treasury notes, and not employed in a registered business, the income derived from which is taxed, 5 per cent.

SEC. 4. Upon profits made in trade and business, as follows:

I. On all profits made by buying and selling spiritous liquors, flour, wheat, corn, rice, sugar, molasses or syrup, salt, bacon, pork, hogs, beef or beef cattle, sheep, oats, hay, fodder, raw hides, leather, horses, mules, boots, shoes, cotton yarns, wool, woolen, cotton or mixed cloths, hats, wagons, harness, coal, iron, steel or nails, at any time between the 1st of January 1863, and the 1st of January 1865, 10 per cent., in addition to the tax on such profits as income under the "act to lay taxes for the common defence, and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863.

II. On all profits made by buying and selling money, gold, silver, foreign exchange, stocks, notes, debts, credits, or obligations of any kind, and any merchandise, property or effects of any kind, not enumerated in the preceding paragraph, between the times named therein, 10 per cent., in addition to the tax on such profits as income, under the act aforesaid.

III. On the amount of profits exceeding 25 per cent., made during either of the years 1863 and 1864, by any bank or banking company, insurance, canal, navigation, importing and exporting, telegraph, express, railroad, manufacturing, dry dock, or other joint stock company of any description, whether incorporated or not, 25 per cent on such excess.

SEC. 5. The following exemptions from taxation under this act shall be allowed, to-wit:

I. Property of each head of a family to the value of $500; and for each minor child of the family to the further value of $100; and for each son actually engaged in the army or navy, or who has died or been killed in the military or naval service, and who was a member of the family when he entered the service, to the further value of $500.

II. Property of the widow of any officer, soldier, sailor or marine, who may have died or been killed in the military or naval service, or where there is no widow, then of the family, being minor children, to the value of $1000.

III. Property of every officer, soldier, sailor or marine, actually engaged in the military or naval service, or of such as have been disabled in such service, to the value of $1000; provided, that the above exemptions shall not apply to any person, whose property, exclusive of household furniture, shall be assessed at a value exceeding $1000.

IV. That where property has been injured or destroyed by the enemy, or the owner thereof has been temporarily deprived of the use or occupancy thereof, or of the means of cultivating the same, by reason of the presence or the proximity of the enemy, the assessment on such property may be reduced, in proportion to the damage sustained by the owner, or the tax assessed thereon may be reduced in the same ratio by the district collector, on satisfactory evidence submitted to him by the owner or assessor.

SEC. 6. That the taxes on property laid for the year 1864, shall be assessed as on the day of the passage of this act, and be due and collected on the 1st day of June next, or as soon after as practicable, allowing an extension of 90 days West of the Mississippi river. The additional taxes on incomes or profits for the year 1863, levied by this act, shall be assessed and collected forthwith; and the taxes on incomes or profits for the year 1864, shall be assessed and collected according to the provisions of the tax and assessment acts of 1863.

SEC. 7. So much of the tax act of the 24th day of April 1863, as levies a tax on incomes derived from property or effects on the amount or value of which a tax is levied by this act, and also the 1st section of said act, are suspended for the year 1864, and no estimated rent, hire or interest on property or credits herein taxed ad valorem, shall be assessed or taxed as incomes under the tax act of 1863.

SEC. 8. That the tax imposed by this act on bonds of the Confederate States heretofore issued, shall in no case exceed the interest on the same, and such bonds, when held by or for minors or lunatics, shall be exempt from the tax in all cases where the interest on the same shall not exceed $1000.

An Act to suspend the privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in certain cases.

Whereas, the Constitution of the Confederate States of America provides in Article 1, Section 9, Paragraph 2, that "the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it;" and whereas, the power of suspending the privilege of said writ as recognized in said Article 1, is vested solely in the Congress, which is the exclusive judge of the necessity of such suspension; and whereas, in the opinion of the Congress, the public safety requires the suspension of said writ in the existing case of the invasion of these States by the armies of the United States; and whereas, the President has asked for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and informed Congress of conditions of public danger which render the suspension of the writ a measure proper for the public defence against invasion and insurrection; now, therefore,

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That during the present invasion of the Confederate States, the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus be, and the same is hereby, suspended; but such suspension shall apply only to the cases of persons arrested or detained by order of the President, Secretary of War, or the General Officer commanding the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, by the authority and under the control of the President. It is hereby declared that the purpose of Congress in the passage of this act is to provide more effectually for the public safety by suspending the writ of habeas corpus in the following cases and no other:

I. Of treason, or treasonable efforts or combinations to subvert the government of the Confederate States.

II. Of conspiracies to overthrow the government, or conspiracies to resist the lawful authority of the Confederate States.

III. Of combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy, or giving him aid and comfort.

IV. Of conspiracies, preparations and attempts to incite servile insurrection.

V. Of desertions or encouraging desertions, of harboring deserters, and of attempts to avoid military service: Provided, That in case of palpable wrong and oppression by any subordinate officer upon any party who does not legally owe military service, his superior officer shall grant prompt relief to the oppressed party, and the subordinate shall be dismissed from office.

VI. Of spies and other emissaries of the enemy.

VII. Of holding correspondence or intercourse with the enemy, without necessity, and without the permission of the Confederate States.

VIII. Of unlawful trading with the enemy, and other offences against the laws of the Confederate States, enacted to promote their success in the war.

IX. Of conspiracies, or attempts to liberate prisoners of war held by the Confederate States.

X. Of conspiracies, or attempts or preparations to aid the enemy.

XI. Of persons advising or inciting others to abandon the Confederate cause, or to resist the Confederate States, or to adhere to the enemy.

XII. Of unlawfully burning, destroying or injuring, or attempting to burn, destroy or injure any bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, or property, with the intent of aiding the enemy.

XIII. Of treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government by destroying, or attempting to destroy, vessels or arms, or munitions of war, or arsenals, foundries, workshops, or other property of the Confederate States.

SEC. 2. The President shall cause proper officers to investigate the cases of all persons so arrested, or detained, in order that they may be discharged if improperly detained, unless they can be speedily tried in the due course of law.

SEC. 3. That during the suspension aforesaid, no military or other officer shall be compelled, in answer to any writ of habeas corpus, to appear in person, or to return the body of any person or persons detained by him, by the authority of the President, Secretary of War, or the General officer commanding the Trans-Mississippi department; but upon the certificate, under oath, of the officer having charge of any one so detained, that such person is detained by him as a prisoner for any of the causes hereinbefore specified, under the authority aforesaid, further proceedings under the writ of habeas corpus shall immediately cease and remain suspended so long as this act shall continue in force.

SEC. 4. This act shall continue in force for ninety days after the next meeting of Congress, and no longer.

THE MILITARY BILL.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act all white men, residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of 17 and 50, shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war.

Sec. 2. That all the persons aforesaid, between the ages of 18 and 45, now in service, shall be retained during the present war with the U. S., in the same regiments, battalions and companies, to which they belong at the passage of this act, with the same organization and officers, unless regularly transferred or discharged, in accordance with the laws and regulations for the government of the army: Provided, that companies from one State, organized against their consent, expressed at the time, with regiments or battalions from another State, shall have the privilege of being transferred to organizations of troops, in the same arm of the service, from the States in which said companies were raised; and the soldiers from one State, in companies from another State, shall be allowed, if they desire it, a transfer to organizations from their own States, in the same arm of the service.

Sec. 3. That at the expiration of six months from the first day of April next, a bounty of $100 in a six per cent. Government bond, which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue, shall be paid to every non-commissioned officer, musician and private who shall then be in service, or in the event of his death previous to the period of such payment, then to the person or persons who would be entitled to receive by law the arrearages of his pay; but no one shall be entitled to the bounty herein provided who shall at any time, during the period of six months next after the said first day of April, be absent from his command without leave.

Sec. 4. That no person shall be relieved from the operation of this act by reason of having been heretofore discharged from the army where no disability now exists; nor shall those who have furnished substitutes be any longer exempted by reason thereof: Provided, that no person, heretofore exempted on account of religious opinions and who has paid the tax levied to relieve him from service, shall be required to render military service under this act.

Sec. 5. That all white male residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of 17 and 18 and 45 and 50 years, shall enroll themselves at such times and places, and under such regulations, as the President may prescribe, the time allowed not being less than 30 days for those east, and 60 days for those west of the Mississippi river, and any person who shall fail so to enroll himself, without a reasonable excuse therefor, to be judged of by the President, shall be placed in service in the field for the war, in the same manner as though they were between the ages of 18 and 45: Provided, that the persons mentioned in this section shall constitute a reserve for State defence and detail duty, and shall not be required to perform service out of the State in which they reside.

Sec. 6. That all persons required by the 5th section of this act to enroll themselves, may within 30 days after the passage thereof, east of the Mississippi, and within 60 days, if west of said river, form themselves into voluntary organizations of companies, battalions or regiments, and elect their own officers; said organizations to conform to the existing laws; and, having so organized, to tender their services as volunteers during the war to the President; and if such organizations shall furnish proper muster rolls, as now organized, and deposit a copy thereof with the enrolling officer of their district, which shall be equivalent to enrollment, they may be accepted as minute men for service in such State, but in no event to be taken out of it. Those who do not so volunteer and organize, shall enroll themselves as before provided; and may, by the President, be required to assemble at convenient places of rendezvous, and be formed or organized into companies, battalions and regiments, under regulations to be prescribed by him; and shall have the right to elect their company and regimental officers; and all troops organized under this act for State defence, shall be entitled, while in actual service, to the same pay and allowance as troops now in the field.

Sec. 7. That any person who shall fail to attend at the place of rendezvous as required by the authority of the President, without a sufficient excuse, to be judged of by him, shall be liable to be placed in service in the field for the war, as if he were between the ages of 18 and 45.

Sec. 8. That hereafter the duties of provost and hospital guards and clerks, and of clerks, guards, agents, employees or laborers in the Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments, in the Ordnance Bureau, and of clerks and employees of navy agents, as also in the execution of the enrollment act, and all similar duties, shall be performed by persons who are within the ages of 18 and 45 years, and who by the report of a Board of army surgeons shall be reported as unable to perform active service in the field, but capable of performing some of the above said duties, specifying which, and when these persons shall have been assigned to those duties as far as practicable, the President shall assign or detail to their performance such bodies of troops, or individuals, required to be enrolled under the 5th section of this act, as may be needed for the discharge of such duties: Provided, that persons between the ages of 17 and 18 shall be assigned to those duties: Provided further, that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the President from detailing artisans, mechanics, or persons of scientific skill, to perform indispensable duties in the departments or bureaus herein mentioned.

Sec. 9. That any Quartermaster or Assistant Quartermaster, Commissary or Assistant Commissary, (other than those serving with brigades or regiments in the field,) or officers in the Ordnance Bureau, or Navy Agents, or Provost Marshal, or officer in the conscript service, who shall hereafter employ or retain in his employment any person in any of their said departments or bureaus, or in any of the duties mentioned in the 8th section of this act, in violation of the provisions hereof, shall, on conviction thereof by a court-martial or military court, be cashiered; and it shall be the duty of any department or district commander, upon proof, by the oath of any credible person, that any such officer has violated this provision, immediately to relieve such officer from duty; and said commanders shall take prompt measures to have him tried for such offence; and any commander as aforesaid failing to perform the duties enjoined by this section, shall upon being duly convicted thereof, be discharged from the service.

Sec. 10. That all laws granting exemptions from military service be, and the same are, hereby repealed, and hereafter none shall be exempted except the following:

1. All who shall be held unfit for military service, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

2. The Vice President of the Confederate States, the members and officers of Congress and of the several State Legislatures, and such other Confederate and State officers as the President, or the Governor of the respective States, may certify to be necessary for the proper administration of the Confederate or State Governments, as the case may be.

3. Every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his church, and who, at the passage of this act, shall be regularly employed in the discharge of his ministerial duties; superintendents and physicians of asylums for the deaf and dumb and blind and of the insane; one editor for each newspaper being published at the time of this act, and such employees as said editor may certify, on oath, to be indispensable to the publication of such newspaper; the public printer of the Confederate and State Governments, and such journeymen printers as the said public printer shall certify, on oath, to be indispensable to perform the public printing; one skilled apothecary in each apothecary store, who was doing business as such on the 10th day of Oct'r 1862, and has continued said business, without intermission, since that period; all physicians over the age of 30 years, who now are, and for the last 7 years have been, in the actual and regular practice of their profession, but the term physician shall not include dentists; all presidents and teachers of colleges, theological seminaries, academies and schools, who have been regularly engaged as such for two years next before the passage of this act: Provided, that the benefit of this exemption shall extend to those teachers only whose schools are composed of 20 students or more. All superintendents of public hospitals, established by law before the passage of this act, and such physicians and nurses therein as such superintendents shall certify, on oath, to be indispensable to the proper and efficient management thereof.

4. There shall be exempt one person as owner or agriculturist on each farm or plantation upon which there are now, and were on the 1st day of Jan'y last, 15 able-bodied field-hands, between the ages of 16 and 50, upon the following conditions:

1. This exemption shall only be granted in cases in which there is no white male adult on the farm or plantation not liable to military service, nor unless the person claiming the exemption was on the 1st day of Jan'y 1864, either the owner and manager or overseer of said plantation, but in no case shall more than one person be exempted for one farm or plantation.

2. Such person shall first execute a bond, payable to the Confederate States of America, in such form, and with such security, and in such penalty as the Secretary of War may prescribe, conditioned that he will deliver to the Government at some railroad depot, or such other place or places as may be designated by the Secretary of War, within 12 months next ensuing, 100 pounds of bacon, or, at the election of the Government, its equivalent in pork, and 100 lbs. of net beef (said beef to be delivered on foot,) for each able-bodied slave on said farm or plantation, within the above said ages, whether said slaves in the field or not, which said bacon or pork and beef shall be paid for by the Government at the prices fixed by the Commissioners of the State under the impressment act: Provided, that when the person thus exempted shall produce satisfactory evidence that it has been impossible for him, by the exercise of proper diligence, to furnish the amount of meat thus contracted for, and leave an adequate supply for the subsistence of those living on the said farm or plantation, the Secretary of War shall direct a commutation of the same, to the extent of two-thirds thereof in grain or other provisions, to be delivered by such person as aforesaid at equivalent rates.

3. Such person shall further bind himself to sell the marketable surplus of provisions and grain now on hand, and which he may raise from year to year while his exemption continues, to the Government or to the families of soldiers, at prices fixed by the Commissioners of the State under the impressment act: Provided, that any person exempted as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a credit of 25 per cent. on any amount of meat which he may deliver within three months from the passage of this act: Provided further, that persons coming within the provisions of this exemption shall not be deprived of the benefit thereof by reason of having been enrolled since the 1st day of Feb. 1864.

4. In addition to the foregoing exemptions, the Secretary of War, under the direction of the President, may exempt or detail such other persons as he may be satisfied ought to be exempted on account of public necessity, and to insure the production of grain and other provisions for the army and the families of soldiers. He may, also, grant exemptions or details, on such terms as he may prescribe, to such overseers, farmers or planters as he may be satisfied will be more useful to the country in the pursuits of agriculture than in the military service: Provided, that such exemption shall cease whenever the farmer, planter or overseer shall fail diligently to employ in good faith, his own skill, capital and labor exclusively in the production of grain and provisions, to be sold to the Government and the families of soldiers at prices not exceeding those fixed at the time for like articles by the Commissioners of the State under the impressment act.

5. The president, treasurer, auditor and superintendent of any railroad company engaged in transportation for the Government, and such officers and employees thereof as the president or superintendent shall certify on oath to be indispensable to the efficient operation of said railroad: Provided, that the number of persons so exempted by this act on any railroad shall not exceed one person for each mile of such road in actual use for military transportation; and said exempts shall be reported by name and description, with the names of any who have left the employment of said company, or who may cease to be indispensable.

6. That nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing the act approved April the 14th 1863, entitled an act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States, and the drivers of post coaches and hacks, from military service: Provided, that all the exemptions granted under this act shall only continue whilst the persons exempted are actually engaged in their respective pursuits or occupations.

Sec. 11. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant details, under general rules and regulations to be issued from the War Department, either of persons between 45 and 50 years of age, or from the army in the field, in all cases where, in his judgment, justice, equity and necessity require such details, and he may revoke such orders of details whenever he thinks proper: Provided, that the power herein granted to the President to make details and exemptions shall not be construed to authorize the exemption or detail of any contractor for furnishing supplies of any kind to the Government, by reason of said contract, unless the head or secretary of the department making such contract shall certify that the personal services of such contractor are indispensable to the execution of said contract: Provided further, that when any such contractor shall fail, diligently and faithfully, to proceed with the execution of such contract, his exemption or detail shall cease.

Sec. 12. That in appointing local boards of surgeons for the examination of persons liable to military service, no member composing the same shall be appointed from the county or enrolling district in which they are required to make such examination.

Post Office, Fayetteville, N. C.,
OCTOBER 3, 1863.

Schedule of the Arrival and Departure of the Mails at this Office.

RALEIGH via AVERASBORO', &c.
Arrives daily, except Sunday, at 4½ P. M.
Departs daily, except Saturday at 6 P. M.

RALEIGH via SUMMERVILLE.
Departs Tuesday and Friday at 6 A. M.
Arrives Wednesday and Sunday at 9 P. M.

WARSAW via CLINTON.
Arrives daily at 12 noon.
Departs daily at 1½ P. M.

CARTHAGE.
Arrives Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 P. M.
Departs Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 P. M.

CHERAW, S. C.
Arrives Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 P. M.
Departs Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 1 P. M.

FAIR BLUFF via LUMBERTON.
Arrives Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 A. M.
Departs Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 1 P. M.

ROBESON'S via ELIZABETHTOWN.
Departs Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 A. M.
Arrives Tuesday, Thurday and Saturday at 2 P. M.

ELIZABETHTOWN via TEREBINTH.
Arrives Monday at 5 P. M.
Departs same day (Monday) at 6 P. M.

MAGNOLIA via CYPRESS CREEK.
Arrives Tuesday at 2 P. M.
Departs same day (Tuesday) at 2½ P. M.

SWIFT ISLAND via MONTROSE, COVINGTON and POWELLTON.
Arrives Tuesday at 6 P. M.
Departs Wednesday at 11 A. M.

SWIFT ISLAND via TROY.
Arrives Tuesday at 6 P. M.
Departs Wednesday at 11 A. M.

All mails leaving before 7½ A. M., are closed the evening before at 9 P. M. All letters to be sent off from this office, other than by mail, must be paid for as if sent by mail. All drop letters should be pre-paid by 2 cent stamps.

The office will be open on Sunday from 8½ to 9½ A. M., and from 4½ to 5½ P. M.

JAS. G. COOK, P. M.

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For further information the public is referred to Agents of the Company in all parts of the State, or to

R. H. BATTLE, Secretary.
E. J. HALE, [illegible]
Jan'y 1863. Fayetteville, N. C.

Blank Warrants for sale at this Office.