Near Petersburg, Va.,
August 10th, 1864.

Dear Pa: I have been promising myself to write you these many days, but you will remember that the campaign still continues, and that the trenches are for the most part our camp. So the reasons that have prevented me are obvious to you, besides I can give you little of interest that you have not heard through the newspapers.

To chronicle the many scenes of interest that are continually transpiring in this latitude, would require the whole time of an expert stenographer, if he would lend to them that interest which is necessarily lost, when the narative is broken off and the effect which one event has in producing others following in uniform succession, is not given in detail. It is therefore, impossible for an occasional correspondent to sum up in one short letter a sketch of the "situation," that will not appear somewhat rigid, desultory, and imperfect. Notwithstanding, I will venture a few items which may not be entirely devoid of interest.

We are now for the first time since the campaign opened lying to the rear in reserve, enjoying comparative quiet, good water, and shade, which are indeed luxuries we appreciate no little. Our present position which we have occupied since about 12 o'clock last Tuesday night, is about an half mile from the front line and pretty secure against the enemy's stray shells and minnies by reason of natural defences. On the night of the 1st inst., we took possession of the above line immediately in front of Petersburg, our brigade covering the mine recently sprung by Grant, and remained there confined until relieved by Kirkland's brigade, on the night of the 9th. I say confinement, for indeed it was confinement more intolerable than the public jail. I heard several of my men, while there, in their lamentations over their precarious position repeatedly exclaim, "I would rather be in the old Salisbury jail." "I wish we could get out of her so that we could walk about and get fresh air," &c. Our lines run parallel with the enemy's, and so close to them that it was almost certain and instant death for a man to show even his head for a moment above the works. So for eight day and nights we were crowded and thus confined, a continual picket fire being kept up all the time. As we could not show ourselves above the surface of the ground, it was like living under the earth. Our communications with the rear was effected by means of ditches cut for the purpose, terminating out of the range of the picket shot. The brigade lost several men whose long confinement becoming wearisome, carelessly and unintentionally exposed themselves without thinking, for the moment, of the danger. But the whistling minnies are not all that is to be dreaded here. The enemy has in position in rear of his line, numerous mortar batteries from which he occasionally sends us a very undesirable visitor in the form of a sixty pound shell, that not unfrequently falls and explodes right in the line mingling, maiming and crushing all within its reach. Add to the dangers already mentioned the constant fear of being blown up, and you can appreciate the dreadful suspense and unpleasantness of our "confinement." Grant's recent demonstration at blowing up makes our men quite sensitive on the subject. They know not where nor when the scene may be re enacted. Judging from his great quiet he is doubtless still tunneling, but our men are on the *qui vive*; and as it is managed for him to introduce this novel mode of warfare against field intrenchments, you need not be at all astonished, if our generals should see proper to adopt the spirit and profit by the suggestion of the old proverb: "It is allowable to learn from an enemy."

The result of the late election brings us much joy and gratification. We breathe freer and are encouraged to renew our vows in defense of the honor of North Carolina. We have a more exalted opinion of the magnanimity and patriotism of her chivalrous people. They have triumphantly vindicated their noble character against the foul stains of aspersion and the black mail of usurpation. The bud of treason is blighted, and the execrable libeler and traducer consigned to a grave of infamy and shame. Yea, the result of this election [illegible] with what contempt [illegible] Holden's affected pro[illegible]

A Generous Lady.—The Magistrates [illegible] county have requested [illegible] appropriated for the [illegible] sick and wounded Northern soldiers in the hospitals [illegible] and Virginia. Will not other ladies follow this worthy example, so that every possible comfort may be furnished for the use of our sick and wounded?

Ral. Progress.

Civil war has broken out in the State of Illinois. A guerilla chief known as Col. Cleggett, has made his appearance, and is carrying things with a high hand. He is spoken of as acting in the interest of the "Rebels." Coming events cast their shadows before. This small speck we trust is the beginning of a uprising in the North-west.

WHEELER IN THE ENEMY'S REAR.

From private letters, as well as from published accounts, we infer that Gen. Wheeler has by this time gratified his long and ardent desire to strike a blow at Sherman's rear. Rumor has located him at Marietta, one of the principal depots of supplies to the Yankee army, and we doubt not that he is effectually doing the work to which he has been assigned. Sherman is supplied by a single line of railroad only, which he cannot afford to have interrupted for a single day. A week would make him anxious, and two probably cause a falling back. The bare threat of a raid to his rear, and lines cut between Nashville and Kingston, or even lower down, would compel a change of plans, of which General Hood would not be slow to take advantage.

The strength of our army has been wonderfully increased, and there is reason to believe that, before many days are gone, we shall have glad tidings from Atlanta that will cheer the hearts of our people. Even now we have [illegible] news, but prudence forbids, for the present, its publication.—*South Carolinian.*

PIEDMONT SPRINGS.

See advertisement of this delightful watering place in this paper. We have visited Piedmont. 'Twas in our younger days. The surroundings and associations, it is true, lent and gave charm not to the occasion. We were an humble devotee at the shrine of beauty. The memory of those three days is still fresh upon our memory—it is a sweet recollection. But the Springs, independently considered, are fine. The chalybeate water is of a very superior quality; while the Sulphur is said to be quite good, and pleasant to drink. We commend Piedmont to the favorable consideration of the health and pleasure seeking public. —*Conservative.*

Gen. Causby, who commands the land forces in the attack upon Mobile is an old army officer, and a native of Kentucky. He is said to command, in the movement against Mobile, about 30,000 men.—*Ral. Progress.*

Exodus of Secessionists.

A dispatch from Cairo, Ills., says that several disloyal citizens of Columbus and Paducah, with their families, have arrrived here *en route* for Canada. They are banished by Gen. Payne. Amongst them are merchants and leading men, whose property has been confiscated.

DIED:

In this town on the 13th inst., MISS MOLLIE R., daughter of Mr. J. P. Gowan, aged about 14 years, of typhoid fever.

In the departure of this sweet little girl, the desolation of a household was well nigh completed. A few weeks ago a father, mother and daughter, closely bound in the beautiful bonds of affection were passing their days here together as evenly and as happily as it is ever permitted poor mortals on earth to live; but wasting fever, the messenger of death, entered, and in a few days, first the mother, and then the subject of this notice, were summoned away—away to that Heaven of light, love and joy, of which they had often talked together, and where they had sought an everlasting mansion, when this earthly house of their tabernacle were dissolved. Doubtless the loss of the father is the gain of the mother and daughter. But who can describe the void in the heart of him who survives, or depict the desolation of the home so recently the abode of happiness.

At home, in Catawba county, N. C., DARIUS L. HARMAN, son of Moses Harman, on the 15th inst., private in Company H, 28th regiment N. C. T., aged 19 years and two months.

He was a good boy; broken down by disease, having laid down his armour of carnal warfare, but with his spiritual armour on, he died a soldier of the cross. His end was peace and his death hopeful. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?

"Dear Parents, to earth alas in vain,
We bend our weeping eyes;
Ah, let us leave these seats of pain
And upward learn to rise.

She calms the swelling woe;
In hope we meet our happy friends,
And tears forget to flow."

J. M. SMITH.

CATAWBA STATION, N. C.

At camp Winder Hospital in Richmond, Va., on the 2d inst., of typhoid fever WILLIAM L. ATWELL, of Company G, 42d N. C., regiment.

He was a citizen of Rowan county, N. C., and for many years has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He entered the army about three months before his death. He leaves a wife and several small children to mourn his irreparable loss. May the God of the widow and the fatherless comfort them.

In Thomasville, N. C., on the 18th inst. MRS. M. G. BRUTON, wife of Rev. David R. Bruton; aged 32 years.

The Duke of Marlborough being recently very sick and not expecting to recovery, Queen Victoria called on him and gravely gave him a message to Prince Albert in the other world.

HEAD QUARTERS DIST. OF WESTERN N. C.,
Morganton, Aug. 16, 1864.

GENERAL ORDER.]

BY DIRECTION OF THE WAR DEpartment the undersigned has taken command of "The District of Western North Carolina," composed of that part of the State west of the counties of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery and Richmond. In assuming command of this District for the purpose of protecting the citizens from oppression and lawless depredations on their property and from the raids of enemies and traitors, the cordial support of the civil authorities and citizens is desired. Prompt information is particularly important and urgently requested. Those liable to military duty are expected to perform it with zeal and alacrity; failing to do this the necessary means of compelling them will be resorted to.

It is believed that a large number of soldiers are now absent from their commands without leave, from a mistaken idea of the position North Carolina holds towards the Government of the Confederate States. They have been taught to believe that North Carolina intended to withdraw from the Confederate Government and to make peace with the United States for herself. Under this false impression it is thought many have been induced to abandon their associates in arms and the flag of their country.

In the recent elections an overwhelming majority of the people of this State have proclaimed to the world that all such opinions are false, that her people are true and intend the fate and destiny of the other States of this Confederacy shall be the fate and destiny of North Carolina.

In response to this patriotic and noble sentiment of her people and with the hope that those who have been thus deluded may yet be reclaimed and saved from the extreme penalties of the law, full pardon is hereby offered to all deserters and absentees who will surrender themselves on or before the 10th day of September, 1864.

Those who come in will be expected to take a pledge on honor not to leave their command during the war without proper authority.

Our brilliant successes during the present campaign have much increased the chances of an early peace, and this is probable the last opportunity deserters will have to redeem their characters and by future good conduct leave to their children respectable names.

J. G. MARTIN,
Brigadier General Commanding.
Aug. 19, 3td4tw

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.
Lenoir, N. C., (10 hour's travel from Salisbury).

Charges per session, Sept. 1st to Dec. 1st, payable in advance. Board $280. Tuition $60.00. Music and use of Piano, $60.00 In Provisions at *peace* prices, Board and Tuition per session, $340.00. Locality free from invasion and as quiet as any spot in the Confederacy. Climate unsurpassed. For circular, apply to A. G. STACY,
Aug 15–2td772 w12pd] President.

W. N. C. Rail Road Company

Office Chief Engineer and Superintendent.
SALISBURY, N. C., Aug. 19, 1864.

FOR the convenience of the Stockholders, attending the annual meeting in Statesville, an extra train will leave the Head of the Road at 7 A. M. On that day the mail train will not leave Salisbury until 7.

JAMES W. WILSON,
Aug 19—d&w81 Eng and Sup

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.
On the 6th of September next, I will sell at Public Auction, where I now live, 15 head of Horses and Mules, among them 2 fine Stallions, 2 large Jacks, several good Brood Mares, some blooded Colts, about 30 head of Cattle, including Work Oxen, Milch and dry Cattle of the best Stock, 100 head of Sheep, crossed with the Merino, and a good stock of Hogs. Also a large lot of Farming tools, embracing 4, 3, 2 and 1 horse plows, several Wagons, Wheat Reaper, Mowing Machine, 2 Corn Shellers, Hoes, Mattocks, Carpenters Tools, &c., &c.

My Negroes may be hired privately for next year.

Sale absolute. Terms cash.

JNO. F. FOARD.
Rowan co., Aug. 15. d77&w12tds

☞ Charlotte and Statesville papers publish till sale and send bill to this office.

4,000 CORDS OF WOOD WANTED.

The above quantity of WOOD will be required for the Hospitals and the Q. M. Department at this place the coming Fall and Winter, and now is the time to contract for the same. A liberal price will be paid for 4 and 8 foot Wood either delivered or cut and corded near this town. Contracts for the whole or for small portions of it will be given. Those able to furnish Wood and wishing to contract will apply at the Quartermaster's Office to

JAS. M. GOODMAN,
Capt. & A. Q. M.
July 23. w70d15&25sep18

CONFEDERATE BONDS WANTED—
Eight per cent. long and short dates.
Four per cent. Bonds.
Seven-thirty Bonds.
G. V. ANCKER & CO.
Aug 16 d Gtn2.13

WANTED 1,000 bushels of green FOX GRAPES, for which a good price will be paid in new issue. Enquire of
N. H. BLACKWOOD.
Aug. 17, 1864. d21-w4t

RAGS! RAGS!!

BRING US your old cotton and linen rags, put up in coarse or tow bags. We will pay you in money, or exchange writing paper for them. Save and send us all you can.

Also—Persons living near Albemarle, Stanly county, can find sale for their rags by calling on Capt. J. D. HEARNE.

WATCHMAN.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Salisbury, Aug. 19, 1864.

Adams, J G 2	Johnson, R
Armfield, M L	Jones, Lt W H
Armfield, Sarah	Justice, Dickson
Anerman, Samuel	Jones, Maj J S
Abernathy, Jacob F	Jester, Mr
Ballard, Mallen	King, C H
Bird, Caroline	Kisley, Franklin
Brathey, Miss Cory	Knight, Josiah T
Blackwelder, B F	Kelly, S L
Blackwelder, Hiram	Lentz, R C
Barnhart, Jno A	Lucas, Dr R S 2
Ballard, George W	Lewis, Noah
Brown, J G	Lentz, Abram
Brown, R C	Lefler, Isabella
Bailey, Margret	Lefler, Anderson
Cranner, S S	Lentz, Harriet
Crews, Miss M E	Lipencomer, G W 2
Campbell, W B	Lewing, James
Cowan, Lt J A	Lemly, Moses
Cavilier, Lt A W	Livingston, J B
Cleudy, B F	Lemly, Sally
Cooke, Jno A	Lucas, F Sy
Custer, John	Mills, A F
Cottrell, Miss Bettie	Miscahelmer, Miss
Cowart, Wm	Mitchell, E P
Corl, Sarah	Moore, W F
Crews, Jno W	Miller, Sophia
Cox, Henry	Martin, Jno M
Cowan, Seth C	Martin, Henry
Craigenston, E	Morgan, Geo S
Cathey, James	Miller, Simeon
Cowan, Miss M	Monk, E H
Crawford, Jane	Miller, Lendy
Clupley, S D W	May, Allen
Dagenheart, Levi	Miller, Susan Jane
Davis, Mrs Mary	Miller, Mrs Lucilla
Dulin, Wm	Merry, Jno P
Douglass, B	Osborne, J A
Davis, Miss Sally	Reade, Samuel
Dewlan, P N	Rinehart, Mary
Eller, John	Rice, Joseph
Easten, Col Jno D	Robinson, M L
Eller, Jane	Robinson, W H
Eller, L D	Rinehart, Christopher
Eller, Delia C	Robinson, Sarah A
Fitzgerald, Geo W	Spock, James
Farvell, James 2	Safret, Carson
Foote, Hon H S 2	Scott, Ben
Fronts, jr, Stephen	Sifford, Mary L
Fearne, Francis	Shuping, Marie A
Gaffrey, T C	Seaford, Mollie L
Gardner, John 2	Staley, Lt R M
Gardner, Jno W	Spry, Enoch
Gallimore, W	Smith, Joseph
Galloway, G W	Smith, R L
Grisham, Elis	Smith, Mollie M
Gilbert, Bettie J	Smithdeal, R S
Harris, R B	Seaford, S
Hix, Lt J M	Simonton, H C
Hastings, James	Shuping, L C
Houch Catharine	Stone, John
Holly, Henry	Sifford, M A E
Hixling, Alex	Thigpen, C W
Harris, W O	Thomason, Nancy
Harris, P	Taylor, Margaret
Harmon, Elvary	Toomey, Col P
Hart, Samuel	Troxinger, Robert
Hoyl, Jno B	Turner, Catherine
Howard, Lt A B	Taylor, Capt Langly
Harden, A P	Taylor, Lt J M
Hickman, Joseph	Try, Rev T L
Hemphill, Mrs M T	Templeton, Morrison
Holly, Tommy	Taylor, Mary
Hill, William	Young, Ella 6
Heamey, J M	Williams, Sarah M L
Hannda, Alford	Wilkins, W
Humphries, Nat	Webb, L D
Hoobarger, Henry	Weaver, Mary C 2
Johnson, G W 2	White, Alex
Johnson, W	Walker, W W

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

Sunday office hours, from 7 to 8 a. m., and from 1 to 2½ p. m.

MOSES A. SMITH.
Aug 20. td81tfw13

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—Having taken out letters of Administration on the estate of George O. Tarth, deceased, I will expose to public auction, at the late residence of said deceased, on Tuesday the 30th inst., the following personal property, viz: One first rate young Horse, one yoke oxen, cattle, sheep, and hogs, one buggy and harness, one ox wagon, household and kitchen furniture, wheat, oats, hay, farming tools of every description. I will hire at the same time and place, Two Negro Boys and a Negro woman and three Children, until the 1st of January next. Terms made known on the day of sale.

All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and make payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them duly authenticated for payment within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. T. CRANFORD,
Aug. 9, 1864, 3tw. Administrator

MISPLACED GUN.—The subscriber lost his doubled-barrel Gun in Salisbury, on the day the militia were ordered to meet in that town. It was probably an unintentional exchange of guns. The one he lost is a new gun, rather straight in the breech, silver mounted. The one he found in its place, is an old double-barrel, silver mounted, been broken in the stock, just under the tube, and roughly repaired by a blacksmith. He desires to recover his gun, and has left the one found in the place of his, at the Watchman Office, where the exchange may be made. JOHN RICE
Aug. 15th, 1864. 3tawpd12

BONDS FOR SALE.

FIVE hundred million Confederate Six per cents.

These Bonds offer great inducement for investment.

They have thirty years to run, interest payable semi-annually, and is secured by specific pledges and exact dates, are exempt from all and every tax, direct or indirect, and the holder's responsible assets, for sixteen days. The same expense [illegible] received in payment at the regular discount. Apply to

W. W. PARK & CO.
Salisbury, Aug. 11, 1864. [illegible]
Charlotte Bulletin will copy three times and send bill to advertiser.

CONFEDERATE TAXES.

PERSONS returning their tax in property, are notified to hand in specific lists, stating what kind of property was valued at in 1860, excepting land, negroes, cotton and tobacco purchased since 1862, which must be returned at cost.

W. R. FRALEY.
Aug 6-2td70w3t11] Collector.

ENLISTMENT BLANKS
For sale at this Office
April 18th, 1864.

Tax in Kind.

OFFICE P. Q. M. 8TH CON. DIST.,
Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 5th, 1864.

THE following named persons have been appointed assessors of Tax in Kind for this District:

Union	Co.: V. T. Chears, J. D. Stewart,
Mecklenburg	" J. J. Blackwood, W. M. Stitt,
Cabarrus	" T. H. Robinson, Lt C. Kirkpatrick.
Rowan	" J. Thomason, W. M. Kincaid,
Catawba	" F. L. Herman, J. M. Brown.
Lincoln	" J. C Jenkins, David Kincaid.
Gaston	" W. W. McGlimar, A. R. Rutledge.
Cleaveland	" Jesse Jenkins.

No tax produce will be delivered before assessments, and, as the service demands promptness in the collection of the tithe, I call upon the people to go to the assessors at their places of business, or meet them at appointed places and make their estimates just as soon as they are ready.

Wheat, oats, rye, hay and wool, will be assessed together and constitute the first class of estimates. Corn, buckwheat, rice, irish potatoes, cured fodder, molasses, cotton, peas, beans, and ground-peas, will be assessed together, and constitute the second class of estimates. Bacon will be assessed immediately after the 1st of March, 1865, and constitutes the third class of estimates. Tobacco will be assessed after the 1st of May, 1865, and constitutes the fourth class of estimates.

All articles except molasses, will be assessed by weight, and farmers will save trouble by being prepared to inform the assessor the weight of all grain and long forage.

Every one who lives within 12 miles of a collection depot on railroad lines, is required to deliver his produce at such depot, even though an interior depot be nearer. Assessors will pay particular attention to this.

Each farmer will inform the assessor at which depot of collection he will deliver his produce, and the assessor will endorse the name of said depot on the back of the estimate left in the hands of the farmer. The farmers will see that the produce is delivered at said depot, and no other, and all that any one estimate calls for, should be delivered on the same day—certainly in the same month. Farmers will always take their estimates with them when they deliver produce, so that the agent may receipt them.

The necessities of the service demand that we forward all produce to the armys as fast as possible, especially shelled oats just at this time. To this end, assessors are called upon to go forward with their work as fast as possible, and agents of collection are hereby directed to collect as soon as the assessments shall have been made, being guided by the estimates in the hands of the farmers, and turn over to the proper officers as heretofore.

I know that all that is necessary to insure a prompt assessment and delivery of the tithe, is to inform the patriotic people of this District that the public service requires it.

S. M. FINGER,
Capt. and P. Q. M.,
aug 15–3tw12] 8th Con. Dist. N. C.

HAY WANTED.

I WISH TO EXCHANGE Salt for Hay or Oats. JNO. A. HOLT.
Aug. 1864. 4tw11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having taken out letters of Administration on the estate of Rev. Joseph A. Linn, I am desirous of settling the same as soon as practicable, and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make early payment, and all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them in due form of law, within the proper period, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. MARGARET A. LINN,
July 28–4tw10 Administratrix

Postponement of Sale.

THE SALE advertised to take place on the 3rd of August, at Elias & Cohen's Store, is postponed (in consequence of unavoidable circumstances,) until the 25th of August, at which time it will certainly come off.

S. A. HARRIS, Auct'r.
Aug. 2, 1864–tdsw

Bridge Builder Wanted.

WE desire to employ a competent Bridge Builder, to construct a Bridge across the South Yadkin River, 9 miles from Salisbury, near the Mill of Foard, Tatum & Co., on the Mocksville road. None but a man understanding the business need apply.

FOARD, TATUM & CO.
Aug 2 3tw

NOTICE is hereby given to the trafficking community that having been called into service, I will not be responsible (during my absence) for any damage that may be sustained by persons crossing the river at my ferry.

ISAAC B. MILLER.
Aug 2 w2t

Pigs Wanted.

THE undersigned wishes to purchase a few well grown Pigs, suitable for fattening this Fall, for which he will pay in corn. Apply soon. J. B. BEARD, Agent.
July 12th, 1864. 4tw8

HERRINGS.

I HAVE a lot of Salted Herrings which I will exchange by the bar'l or for Bacon.

A. MYERS, Maj & C. S.
July 4, 1864. 3t

DR. C. A. HENDERSON, having regained his health, again respectfully offers his Professional services to the citizens of Salisbury and vicinity. [illegible]

I WILL EXCHANGE COTTON YARNS and cloth for Bacon and Lard. Call at the Boyden House Hotel, or on

Dr. HOWERTON.
Aug. 9, [illegible] 2tw11

NOTICE.

I WILL exchange Salt or buy Bacon, Beef, Tallow and Lard for the use of the North Carolina Rail Road Company. Those having any of the above articles to dispose of, will see me or address me at this place.

THOS. J. FOSTER,
Supply Agent N. C. R. R. Co.
Salisbury, July 19, 1864—1td54tfw9

SPELLING BOOKS AND PRIMARY ARITHMETICS.—A few copies for sale at THIS OFFICE.
July 7, 1864.