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An Inspiring Letter from a Lady-The following extracts from a Letter to one of the Editors of this paper, though not intended for publication, we take the liberty of laying before our readers, both on account of the beanty of their diction and the soul-inspiring patrictism they breathe. The writer has felt the horrors of this war in all its most harrowing and painful consequences-but like a true-hearted woman as she is, she bears a spirit of resistance and defiance to the vile enemy, that should bring shame and remorse to the cheek and heart of every craven who disgraces the name of man, that for a moment could think of submission, re-union, or any kind of tolerance with any of the whole hated Yankee nation. We should be much pleased to hear from our fair friend again and often:

My DEAR FRIEND :- Strange and terrible events have passed in startling rapidity across my individual path, as well as over the face of our beloved country, since last I scated myself to write to you. But I think no time or circumstances can make me forget the happy social communings we have held together, or induce me to doubt that they form a like agreeable chapter in your reminiscences of the past. This war, this cruel, bloody, unparalleled war, even yet in its monstrous enormity seens like some hideous dream, or horrid night-mare, which a bright Spring sun will one day dispel. A country so prosperous, so bountifully endowed with every desirable good-combining such a variety of soil and its every section, acknowledging a mutual de- no matter what the exigency might be. pendence, would have been grappled together hath intelerant fanaticism wrought ! The spirit manifesting itself in Millerism, Spiritualism, Freeloveism, in its wild delight upon the visit of every singer, and theatric, intellectual, titled, or jugilistic celebrity to their shores ; in the voluminous records of murders, and obscene trials, colminated at last in Abolitionism, and an unbanding determination to govern, at all hazards, every part of this tair land. What powers of argument and remonstrance were not exhausted? How our wisest and best men, in the true spirit of peace, bore invective, insolent sneers, and the derisive smile of contempt. Who does not yet remember how their hearts thrilled with surprised indignation at the contempt with which the olive branch of peace was met ? Who has not felt in their own hearts and homes the terrible storm of bloodshed and ruin that hath since prevailed? And yet who dares talk of submission or reconstruction, upas well as deeds, sending back words of comhow those dear, noble boys plead for cheerful tidings from friends, that they may bear up bravely under present inconveniences, trust God and look hopefully for better times. I had three brothers at the commencement of this war. The eldest was discharged, a physical wreck, after but a few months' se-vice, with no prospect of entire restoration to health. His negroes are gone, his provisions, horses and carts taken; his crockery and cooking atensils broken ; his hogs, sheep, cattie and poultry killed The second has shared all the hardships of the 6th Va. Reg't., made one Maryland campaign barefoot, been an evacuation of Norfolk : his negroes gone ; his family broken up; his wife cursed; his childrens' lives threatened ; yet, never has a murmur, a word of complaint occurred in his almost weekly letters to me. The third, upon the threshold of his youthful manhood, fell a victim to disease, ere his sword was stained with the invader's bood, and we laid him beside our dear step-mother's noble' son, who had but eleven days before yielded his glorimany friends exposed to the enemy's insults, for every principle, implant d by the Divine hand, which makes life valuable. "In God is our trust ;" if this were engraven upon our hearts, as well as upon our national escutcheon-with such a cause, victory full and complete would surely be ours. If never before, surely now we should rally with one mind to the support of our governdent; the maintenance of our invincible ar- the community, than they can barter away my, and our provision for their needy families. Submission and reconstruction are synonymous with complete degradation ; how we should spurn them, and turn our attention only to an honorable peace, based upon entire separation. Who can think of our armies, made up of our gallant husbands, brothers, sons, lovers, and friends, standing like a wall of adamant betwixt us and danger, exposed | the same Congress, could not repeal it after to summer's heat and winter's cold, oftimes | the consideration had been paid? And what pillow, the sky their covering, keeping their ceaseless watch upon the borders of our country, and entertain a thought of deserting them, or the cause they have espoused? North Carolina women will never do it! Never! never! And when the tramp of hostile legions is heard, and their flaunting banners flung to the breeze, how do North Carolina | essarily implied in some of its provisions, and soldiers deport themselves? Let the proud refrain of the poet answer :



RALEIGH, N. C., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1864.

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Substitute Decision.

CONSERDERATE STETES DISTRICT COURT-Before Judge J. D. Halyburton-February 14. 1864 .- In the case of Josiah Blackburn, who sought to be discharged from the custody of the conscript officer at Camp Lee, upon the ground that he had furnished a substitute, who was now in the army, all the constitutional questions growing out of the repeal of the section of the conscript act allowing substitutes were argued at great length, and after full consideration, Judge Halburton delived, to-day, a long and able opinion, overruling all the objections to the late action of Congress placing men who have substitutes in the service, maintained the constitutionality of the act, and remanded Blackburn to the custody of the conscript officer.

The Court thought that the constionality of the conscription law could hardly be regarded as an open question after the numerous cases in the various courts of the Confederacy in which its constitutionality has been recognized, if not directly decided upon.

That if it were a new question, the Court would not pronounce the law to be unconstitutional.

That the Constitution expressly gave to Congress the authority to declare war, and raise and support armies, and to pass all laws which might be necessary and proper to carry into effect the powers granted; and that it would be unreasonable to suppose that those who made the Constitution intended to vest in Congress the power and the right, at its discretion, to put the country in a state of war with the most powerful nation, or with all the nations of the globe, and yet deny it the power productions, surely we might have supposed | to carry on such war, except with volunteers.

That every line and word in the Constitu by hooks stronger than steel. What a change | tion of the United States, from which the clause in the Constitution authorizing Congress to raise and support armies was copied, was weighed and considered by the Convention which framed that Constitution. That we could not suppose that the plan "to raise and support armies" was used by the Convention inadvertently or incantionsly. They knew that it was comprehensive enough to embrace the compulsory as well as the voluntary method of Rising armies; and it was very difficult, if not impossible, to believe that they would not have placed some restriction upon the method of raising armies, or limited the number or proportion of the ablebodied men of the country who could be pat in the army, if they had designed to do so, or had not meant to avoid doing so. That the right reserved to the States to appoint militia officers was not in conflict with the power to raise armies by conscription. That the militia were the men liable to on any terms ever suggested by the enemy's | military duty, who were not in the regular representatives. Our army, glorious in spirit army. When they entered the army they were no longer militia; and no longer to be fort and good cheer from the midst of priva- commanded by State officers. This is too tions and dangers, should pour untold shame | plain to be controverted, in reference to voland confusion upon such craven souls. And | unteers : and the rule must be the same with regard to men put in the army is any other way. When they are once placed lawfully in the army of the Confederacy, no matter in what way, they cease to be militia men. If there could be no army except of volunteers, the States by forbidding, under a penalty, the enlistment of volunteers, might prevent the Confederate Government from raising an army at all; or even a single State, by pursuing such a course, might embarrass the operations of the Government in time of war. That, as to the conscription of men who had already put in substituts under former laws, the Government could not be anderstood to exile from home, wife and children since the | have contracted with them not to require their services in any emergency. The right to put in a substitute was merely a boon, a favor granted to individuals .--The government did not desire it. It was not at all for its benefit, nor done at its instance and request. It was done solely to accommodate the party putting in the substitute. Under these circumstances, it would surely be unreasonable, without express words to that effect, admitting of no other interpreous young life before the murderous fire of | tation, to construe the agreement as one by Malvern Hill. With a beloved husband in | which the government has bound itself, never the private ranks, a dear old father, son, and in any exigency, to demand the services of the principal; or as any thing more than an I have never felt but that we were struggling | agreement, if it can be called an agreement or contract at all, not to require his services under existing laws, and in the existing state of the country; not that the law will never be changed, whatever the necessity may be for it. Such a contract as that last mentioned Congress have no power to make if they would. They can no more part with the power to require the service in the army, when the oceament; the encouragement of our noble Presi- | sion demands it, of every able-bodied man in

This phrase, as we have said, was copied into our Constitution from the Constitution of the United States ; and we cannot doubt that the framers of our Constitution were aware of the settled interpretation of it, and intended to adopt it in the sense in which it had been used.

It there could be a doubt about this, it would be removed by comparing the claim of the Constitution of the Coufederate States, which declares that no State shall pass any " ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts," with the clause which provides that Congress shall not pass any " ez post facto law or law impairing the right of property in slaves," leaving out the prohibition as to contracts. This would not have been done if they had intended to impose the same restriction on the powers of Congress as on that of the States.

It is true that Congress can exercise those powers only which have been delogated to it ; and that there is no delegation of any general power to impair or annul contracts.

But if in the excercise of a delegated power, as the power to raise and support armies, it should thereby impair or annul some previous centract, there is nothing in the Constitution toprevent it from doing so.

The Court concluded that neither the conscription law, nor the law placing in the military service of the Confederacy men who had furnished substitutes, was unconstitution. ?! : and therefore that the petitioner, Blakburn, should be remanded into custody.

The above is a very imperfect sketch of the opinion deliverel by the Court in the case.

[For The Confederate.

Extract of a letter from a gallant soldier and officer, whose appreciation and co-operation we are glad to r ceive:

been fortunate enough to get hold of several

numbers of your paper, and am so much

pleased with the bold and fearless manner in

which it denounces error and defends truth.

that I cannot consent longer to remain off

your subscription list. Continue to battle in

the cause of the South as nobly and as ably

as you have done thus far, and ere long your

hearts will be animated and enlivened with

the gladsome tidings of an honorable peace-

a peace unmixed with base submission to the

Northern despot. Our future is ind-ed

bright. We have "walked the wilderness

with bleeding feet, but the promised land is

near." After three years of unexampled hard

ship and suffering, with the sad story of deso-

lated cities, of wasted fields, of ruined families,

of crippled fortunes and of broken hearts

written upon every page of our short but

eventful history, we stand forth to-day before

the world, proudly trimphant. The spirit of

our reteran army is stronger and more definit

to-day than ever before. Our brave boys want peace. They will hall with ineffable

joy the dawning of the day when the din of

cruel war shall be hushed-when the martial

music of the fife and drum shall be suspereded

by the sweet song of peace-when the march

of armies shall give way to the march of in-

dustry and civilization-when spears shall be

turned into pruning hooks and swords into

pioughshares-when the G ddess of liberty,

folding away the blood-stained banner of war,

shall wear upon her wounded tosom the heal-

ing olive branch of peace. But they scorn

and contemn a peace which will bring in its

train shame and disgrace for themselves and

their offspring. Sooner, by far. say they, let

us die upon the tented field and leave war as

among the masses at home.

the utmost importonce.

Miscellaneous. Miscellaneons. A numal Meeting.-The next Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chatham Railroad Company, will be held at the office of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Co., in the eity WANTED .-- A Good Mileb Cow. Apply at THIS OFFICE. WANTED TO RENT BY THE MONTH, A Kitchen in the immediate neighborhood of of Raleigh, on Thursday, the 3d March, 1864. W. W. VASS, the Capitol. Communicate with Box 11, City Post Office, stating name, situation, terms, de. Raleigh, Feb. 22, 1964. 26-d3t 24 Stawdt3m The Bingham School. Notice. I Tuition to the end of the eurrent term. \$150 THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE LOCK Board per wonth (buys furnishing a pair I ville Mining and Manufacturing Company will sheets and blankets) meet at the office of Kemp P. Bat'le, in the city of Raleigh, on Monday the Sth March, 1864, to or. All in advance. Address W. J. BINGHAM & SONS, Oaks, Orange, N. C ganize the Company. By order of the Commissioners. 26-d5t* Office of Chief Quartermaster, Raleigh. February 17th 1864. Proposals will be re-ceived at this office until the 28th inst., for the Office of C. S. Depository, Raleigh. N. C., Feb. 24th, 1864.) DERSONS BRINGING MONEY TO THIS manufacture of Oil from the Tithe Pea Nuta. office are hereby informed that none will be Proposals must state the price per gallon for the oil produced; as the Government will require the total produce of oil as well as oil cake. received, which is not assorted according to denomination. This rule is adopted as much to accommodate the public as to facilitate the business of the office. 20-d3t&w3t Office hours from 10 A. M., to 3 P. M. C. B. HARRISON, so Wilmington Journal. Favetteville Observer, Raleigh Standard and Petersburg Register, 38 C. S. Depositary. copy 3 times and send bill to Maj. Peirce. G loves and Socks Wanted .--- I destre to purchase for the soldier, 10,000 pairs of tiloves and 10,000 pairs of Socks. Donations will be ost, between Rolesville and Raleigh. Blanket. A liberal reward will be paid il left d on Monday morning last, a brown felt Saddle with J. B. Neathery, at the Adjutant General's thankfully received. Office. Feb. 23, 1864.-24-d3t*

EDWARD WARBEN, jan 12-1m Bank of Washington--at Greensboro', Feb. 10th 1864. A meeting of the Stockbol-ders in this Bank will be held at the town of Tar-For Sale .- One negro boy about thirty years of age in good health; an excellent teamster, carriage driver, and work hand. boro' on Wednesday, March 16th, preximo. A J. M. LITTLE. general attendance is carnestly requested, either in person or by proxy, as business of importance feb. 3, 1864 10-dtw-w4t. Lexington, N. C will come before the meeting. M. STEVENSON, Cashier.

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For Sale, Cotton, Tabacco and Land.-Raleigh and Gaston Ralroad, 300 boxes manufac-Oxford Female College .--- The twentytured tobacco, medium and fine grades; 30 hogsheads leaf tobacco, and 936 acres fine tobacco January 1864, and will contiaue twenty weeks.

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JOB WORK of every description will be exscuted at this Office with dispatch, and as neatly as can be done in the Southern Confederacy. The second se

Miscellaneous.

A LOT OF VERY FINE CHEWING TOBAC- co on sale on good terms at 27 det* TOWLES'.	1
Headquarters 3d N. C. Cavalry, } Near Kinston, N. C., Feb. 19th, 1864. }	
THE Divines of the State of North Carolina, are carnestly solicited to visit the 41st N. C. T., (3d Caralry.) stationed near Kinston. They will be liberally remunerated for their ser-	
vices, and have their expenses paid. Notice of the intention of any one to comply with this call, addressed to the Commatding Offi- cer of this Regiment, will receive prompt atten- tion, and each one will be informed of the date his visit will be expected. 28 d5t ^o JNO. A. BAKER, Col.	
RECRUITS UNDER 18 WANTED. A FEW more recruits under 18 years, can be received in Capt. Galloway's Company, by reporting themselves on or before the 1st day of March. This Company is organized under a special order from the Secretary of War, for lo- cal daty at Salisbery, N. C. W. R. SNEAD. Recruiting Officer. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 2026 d4t	
NOTICE A limited number of recruits will be received in the lst N. C. Cavalry Reg- iment. The recruit must bring with him a ser- viceable horse. Arms and equipments will be furnished. For further in ormation as to com- panies, Ac., apply to Col Mallett, commandiage	0

panics, ac., apply to Col Mallett, commanding Conscript Camp at Baleigh By order CoL. W. H. CHEEK, Comd'g.

GEO. S. DEWEY, Ad'jt. -----

Military.

CONSCRIPT OFFICE. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 2: th, 1864.

THE appeared order from Adjutant and Inspecter General's Office, is published for the information of all concerned.

By order of the Commandant : E. J. HARDIN, Adj't.

lands, over one half in original growth in Granville county. These sales are op MURFREESBORO', February 23, 1864. R. A. JENKINS, Williamsboro', N. C. MESSES EDITORS -- Enclosed I send you \$10. Feb. 18, 1864-21-d t for which I desire you to send to my address a copy of your valuable journal. I have Newspaper Establishment for Sale.

Apply to

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE "SPIRIT OF I THE AGE" Newspaper baying engaged in another business, offers that establishment for sale. It was in existence at the time of the passage of the last Military Bill, which enfitles its Editor and necessary employees to exemption ander that Act. The Paper has a large circulation, and the Office is well supplied with Presses. Type and all necessary fixtures for Newspaper, Book and Job Printing. The nett income of the Office will afford from 30 to 50 per cent. profits on the price asked for the Establishment.

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Attention ! Capitalists !! RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR INVEST-A ment of capital in an Iron Company is now open and may be embraced on application to the undersigned. Such exemptions and privileges have been obtained from the Secretary of War as ensures the prompt and successful prosecution of the enterprise.

fall particulars will be given.

are wanted immediately.

33 Daily Progress, Wilmington Journal, Charleston Mercury, Petersburg Express. Richmond Dispatch Fayetteville Observer and Lynchburg Republican copy one week and forward bills.

\$100 Reward-Kanaway from Mrs. B. N. C., on the 16th inst., a negro man named AN-THONY. He is about 42 years of age, plack com plexion, has good teeth, is badly ruptured and wears a truss. He is about 5 fet. 6 or 7 inches high, is well set and strong looking and has a pleasing countenance when spoken to. He has a wife at Mr. Joseph Townes', near Townesville, N. C., where he will likely be found, or he may try to get to the Tankee lines, as he has a good deal of money with him. I will give the above roward of One Hundred Dollars for the delivery of the said negro to me, or his apprehension and confinement in any jail so I can get him again.

JOSEPH B. JONES. Warren Co., N. C., Feb. 17, 1864 .- 21-dtf

Office Southern Express Company, Ral. eigh, N. C., February 13, 1864.--Much complaint being made of the delays by this Company in forwarding merchandize, I am instructed to advertise that the rules of the Company require that Government packages shall take preference over all others, and next in order are packages forwarded by friends or associations, to officers and soldiers in the field or hospitals. The observance of the rule, together with the limited facilities for transpottation, necessarily cause delay in the forwarding of packages for merchants and others. A. P. C. BRYAN,

Agent.

by the enemy, the concealment of which is of tents, will not be entitled to nor will they receive the benefit of valuation.

i untion in each schoul 160. Piano rent \$15. No extra charges. Board varies with provisions.

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Secretary.

W. W. PEIRCH. Mai. and Chief Q. M.

Surgeon General, N. C.

Notice...On the First day of every month I shall send a special agent to the Army of Northern Virginia. All packages, &c., sent to me at this place will be promphy for wara-EDWARD WARREN. ed free of charge. Dec. 22, 1853-d3m Surg-Gen'l N. C.

TILLSBORO' MILITARY ACADEMY ... The Sixth Academic year of this Institution will commence on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1864. For circulars and information apply to Mas. WM. M. GORDON, Sup't.

Hillebore', N. C., Nov. 23, 1863.-d3m. TOTEL FOR SALE OFFER AT PRIC

vate sale the large new Hotel in the town of Louisburg, and located just east of the Court-house. july 4.-tf. H. HARRIS.

Drinting, Bluding, Paper, etc .-- Having constructed a large bui ding in Columbia, S. C., hnd removed our machinery from Charleston, we would inform Quartermasters. Bank and Railroad Officers, and the public, that we are as well prepared as before the war to execute all orders in our line. We have been importing from Europe largely of articles used in our business, and now have on hand a stock consisting in part of the following articles:

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ADJ'T AND INSPECTOR GEN'LS OFFICE, Richmond, Jan. 5, 1864. General Orders, No. 2.

For the information of all concerned, and to correct prevalent misapprehension, it is announced that there exists no mandatory provision of law securing to Enrolled Conscripts the right to choose in what company or regiment they will serve. They cannot be assigned to companies from other States, and, in general, their wishes are to be consulted as to the choice of companies, where no considerations for the good of the ser vice intervene to prevent compliance. Assignmentsconce made by Commandants of Conscripts, in good faith, in the exercise of their discretion, will not be considered as tit subjects for complaints. S. COOPEE. By order. Adjutant word Taspector Gen'l. 28-415t

Conscript office, Kaleigh, N. C., Feb. D 11, 1864. The following " Notice" from Bareau of Conscription is published for the guidance of all concorned. Compliance with its directions will save applicants for exemption or detail much unnecessary delay in the investigation of their claims.

By order of the Commandant. E. J. HABDIN, Adg't

NOTICE.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.)" WAR DAP'T BURRAN OF CAMAGEIPTON.

RICHMOND, VA., Jon. 29, 1864. Paragraph X of General Orders No. 82, Adjutant and Inspector General's office of 1862, requires that "applications for exemption must is all cases b- made to the "Enrolling Officer."

If the local Enrolling Officer has not the power. to act, or is in donbt, he will after investigation, under Circular No. 3, Current Series, refer such applications, through the proper official change's to this Bureau. All such applicat ons addressed to this Bureau will necessarily and invariably be not u ned for local investigation, and the applicants will thus have uselessly lost time and prolonged

Appeals from adverse decissions of the local officers, and of the Commendant of Conscripts for the States will be forward-d by them for hearirg when any plausible ground of appeal is set

2. Commandants of Conseruts will give this sotice extensive circulation in the local press of their respective States.

By nider of COL. PRESTON, Supe [Signed] C. B. DEFFIELD, 16-1m per Fayetteville Observer. Wilmington Jonnal Salisbory Watehman, Charlottee Bulletin and Democrat, Iredell Express, Asheville N. ws, Wadesboro' Argus, Greepsboro' Patriot, Milton Chronicle, Christain Advocate, N. C. Presbyterian Mountain Eagle, Terbore' Sor therner, upy one month.

Monfederate States of America, Engi-J neer Department, District Cape Fear Wilmington, N. C., March 16th, 1863. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Engineer Department, for services of flaves employed as laborers on the land defences near Wilmington, N. C., that the undersigned is sutherized and prepared to pay the same at his office, on, the second floor of the building next above Mearce' Drug Store, Market Street, AP 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 -----------, my trde and lawful Agent to sign receipts for, and receive payment of all moneys due to me by the Engineer Department of the Confed. erate States of America, for the services of my elaves employed as laborers on the land defences at ----- during the month of ----- , 186 Witness, my hand and seal, at -----, this ----

our only legacy to our wives and little ones, than to wear the chains of slavery, now sought to be riveted upon our free limbs by the despot of the North. This is the spirit of the army. Oh ! that it could diffuse itself AFFAIRS AT CHATTANODGA. - Vigilance of the Yankees .- The editor of the Atlanta Register has had an interview with a gentleman who has had occassion to frequently pass the Federal lines at various points. He informs

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the Register that he spent last week in fruitless endeavors to pass from Dalton into Tennessee. He says that it is utterly impossible to get beyond the Federal outposts. The

Office Southern Express Company, Au. gusta, Ga., February 10, 1864.-Legal notice is hereby given to all concerned, that persons who ship packages containing spirits, wines or cordials, without informing ourA gent of the con-

Spirits, wines, or cordials will not be forwarded

Application must be made forthwith, when more Ten men needed with \$160,000 cach, and they

W. J. HAWKINS,

Pres't R. & G. R. R. Co. Releigh, N. C., Feb. 24, 1864 .- 26 d6t

No fearing, no doubting these soldiers shall know, When here stands their country, and yonder her foe ;

One look at the sun-one prayer to the sky-One glance where our banner floats glorious on high;

Then on, as the young lion bounds on his prev. With their arms flashing high, all their fears flung away :

They sleep like the thunderbolt over the main, They come back in glory, or they come not again."

God bless them, forever-our gallant, noble boys ; and may they become as renowned for Christian virtue, as they have made themselves famous for invincible bravery. Slight | It declares, it is true, that Congress shall pass no striplings, the pride and hope of mothers' hearts, meridian manhood, silver-haired old age, look at them-the noble, self-sacrificing host, and catch the inspiration from themlife.

the right to declare war, or to lay and collect taxes.

Suppose Congress were to enact that every man in the community, who would pay a consideration, should forever afterwards be exempt from military service, does any one pose for a moment that such a contract would be binding ? That any future Congress, or without sufficient food, or comfortable cloth-ing-the earth their bed, a knapsack their the consideration should be a pecuniary one, or in the shape of the services of some other man?

> Congress is entrusted and invested by the Constitution with the authority to require the services of every man in the Confederacy. without any exception, except in certain cases pointed out by the Constitution itself, or necwith this power and trust it is impossible for it to part. It may refuse to execute the power, as it may refuse to declare war, or to levy taxes; but the power to do so still remains, and cannot be parted with.

If, however, Congres + might lawfully make such a contract, there is nothing in the Constitution which prohibits them from violating

The question of the right of Congress to pass any law impairing the obligations of its contracts is is one of morality and expediency. and not of Constitutional law. It cannot therefore, properly be considered by the Courts. The Constitution forbids any State to pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts, 'but it does not forbid Congress from deing so. ' expost facto law," but this expression is copied from the Constitution of the United States, and the Supreme Court of the United States settled the meaning of these words in that better an honorable death, than an infamous | Constitution not to be applicable except to riminal laws,

He says that great numbers of Feleral trocps are being brought down the river on steamboats from Knoxville, while very few go that direction by railroad. An intelligent Union man, a citizen of east Tennessee, stated to our informant that Federal officers declared that the small pox would whip them if the rebels did not. The abandonment of most. of the country was for this reason a matter of necessity.

main rords are not watched half so closely as the

hidden paths through the woods and moun-

tains, and sentinels are more numer uoat night

than in daylight. Such watchfulness has

never been exercised by any Federal comman-

der as by General Grant. Our friend says

that surely some movment is contemplated

Unionists have suffered and lost as much by Federal highwaymen as Southerners .--The great mass of the people this side of Knoxville draw supplies from Federal commis-saries. Thousands have gone into Kentucky and Middle Tennessee. East Tennessee was to be redeemed by the appearance of Federal armies. It is becomming an uninhabited barren waste. Disease, destitution, heipless poverty, and haggard want follow in the train of Union armies.

The following official dispatch has been received at the War Department in Richmond:

CHARLESTON, Feb. 23, 2:15 P. M. To Gen. S. Cooper :

The latest reports from Gen. Finegan give no particulars of the victory at Occum Pond, except that he has taken all of the enemy's artillery, some five or six hundred stand of small arms already collected, and that the road for three miles are strewed with the enemy's dead and wounded.

> (Signed) G. T. BEAUREGABD.

THE CASE OF MRS. ALLEN .- The Richmond Dispatch of Thursday, says the Grand Jury of the Confederate States Court yesterday returned a true bill of indictment against Mrs. Patterson Allen, charged with treasonable correspondence with the enemy. Her case is set for the March term of Judge Halyburton's Court.

by this Company except und r SPECIAL CONTRACT. JAS. SHUTER.

Superintend, and Acting President. A. P. C. BRYAN, Ag.t, Raleigh, N. C. 18-1:a

Lor Sale.- A Tebacco Factory, Screws, Shapes, and other necessary fixtures ; also, a lot of loose Tobacco. Will be sold to the highest bidder, at the Bear Pond, between Kittrell's and Henderson, on Friday, the 26th inst., a lot containing an acre, more or less, on which is a Tobacco Factory, with two Screws and other necessary fixtures, together with a Blacksmith and Shoemsker's Shop. Terms made known on day of sale.

J. D. C. & J. M. POOL. Kittrell's, Feb. 16, 1864. 24-d21*

Large and Extensive Sale of Manufactured Tobacco at Auction.

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ON TUESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, next, at 10 o'clock A. M., at our Store, No. 4, Iron Front, we will sell at Auction, Four or Five Thousand packages of Manufactured Tobacco, of all qualities and descriptions, embracing every variety and style, including some of the most celebrated brands in the Confederacy. Particulars as to brands, de., at sale. Terms Cash. 26-d4t

\$300 Reward.---Ranaway from the subscribers on Monday the 15th instant, two negreos- DUNCAN and JANE. Duncan is about 6 feet high, stout and able, weighs about 175 pounds-dark color but not black-is polite, smart and intelligent and is a Tanner. Altogether he is a No. 1 boy. Jane is tall for a woman; not overly stout, and unsound. We believe they were induced to, and advised in their escape by some white man, and carried off in a wagon. They carried everything with them. We will give two hundred dollars for the delivery of Duncan and one hundred dollars for Jane, or their confinement in any jail so that we can get them. Duncan is about 38 years old and Jane about 32

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Soldiers' Furlough.

Medical Director's Office, General Hos-pitals, N. C., Baleigh, February 15, 1864.-All Soldiers absent from their commands, are hereby informed, that no. practicing Physician or single Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon has any authority to give certificates of disability for Furlough or discharge, except in cases where the soldier is unable to travel. Their certificates are worthless, and will not protect the soldier against the consequences of absence without leave. No one, except regulara ppointed Medical Examining Boards, are authorized to give certificates of disability for furlough or discharge.

P. E. HINES, Surghon, Medical Director. 18-3a#4t

day of ____, 186 . (Signed in duplicate.)

Witnesses :

The signatures of colored persons shauld be nitnessed 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. Jan. 20, 1864-1 tf Capt. & Chief Engineer.

Fayetteville Arsenal and Armory, No-rember 12, 1863. \$100 BOUNTY ! Wanted, 100 Mounted Riflemen. Authority having been granted by the War Department to raise a Company of Mounted Riffemen for service in this vicinity, notice is hereby givan, that recruite to the number of 100 non-constripts will be received for this service. 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 . plicant is under the conscript age. Each recruit must bring with him a blanket or bed +pread, and come prepared to remain. Apply to Maj. MATTHEW P. TAYLOR, at the V. L. CRILDS. Arsenal. Lieut-Col. C. S. A., Commanding Post. dec 16dtf. Mrs. H. W. Miller. BOARD By the Month, \$220 \$150 Daily board do Transient, per day \$ 12 jan 16-dly Wanted to Hire .-- A Negro Boy some fifteen or fixteen pars old, to cut wood, run errands, &c., for a family. Apoly at S-tf THIS OFFICE.