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CONSCRIPT REGULATIONS.

CONSCRIPT OFFICE, ? RALEIGH, N. C., April 2, 1864. The annexed Circular from the Bureau of Conscription, directing the execution of the late Act of Congress known as the "Military Bill," is published for the information of By order of the Commandant,

Bureau of Conscription, RICHMOND, March 18, 1864.

E. J. HARDIN, Adj't.

1864, is herewith made a part of this Circular, and Commandants of Conscripts are enjoined to proceed to the rapid and vigorous execution of its provisions, under the instructions and interpretation herein prescribed.

II. Under the terms of the 8th section of the Act of Congress published in General Orders, No 26. A. & 1. G. O., and the terms of Circular No. 55, of the Bureau, last series, Commandants will proceed to organize the service in their respective States. In addition to the organization therein provided for, and in further pursuance of para- X. Exemption of Officers of Confederate and graph II, of the said General Orders, No 26, Commandants of not more than three of the most reliable and intelligent citizens, between the ages of 45 and 50 years, and who ants of the States. have been enrolled and detailed for the service. These Boards will be charged with aiding the local enrolling officer in obtaining information concerning all applications for exemptions and detail, for agricultural or other industrial pursuits, and also in furnishing all information which may be needed in the duties imposed upon the enrolling

The local and congressional enrolling officer will be required to supervise the action of these Boards, and promptly report to the Commandant unfitness or delinquencies on the part of the persons detailed for them. So long as the duties are properly performed, the persons so employed will be exempted from other service. Care will be used in the beginning to select proper men; and in view of the grave duties herein devolved upon the enrolling officer, he will, at his discretion, require the written opinion of the Board on claims for exemption or applications for detail, and may call on them for special information concerning matters pertinent to the office. In every case referred by the local or Congressional district enrolling officer to the Commandants, an opinion as to the merit must be endersed or accompany the case, and the like rule will be rigidly observed by Commandants in refer-

and examination of all persons within the prescribed ages, who are in the employment of any department of the goverument, and who are not specially exempted by the Act of Congress; and such as are found fit for service in the field may be detailed until the 10th day of April next, provided an application is made according to the terms of the 6th paragraph of General Orders, No 26, herein cited. IV. Commandants of conscripts will forthwith transmit

to this Bureau, recommendations for physicians to be employed in accordance with paragraph IX. General Orders. No 26, herein cited. Much complaint reaches this Bureau, concerning irregularities in the Medical examinations.— Loose or aregular examinations must not be permitted, and commandants will promptly report any well ascertained delinquency in the matter.

V. Forms for consolidated reports by the Commandant of conscripts will be forwarded; also forms for the Records of the Congressional District, and Local Enrolling Officers. These records must be accurately kept, and the reor they will be returned for revision and correction. VI. Persons and classes enumerated in the 1st, 2d, 3d,

4th, 5th and 6th articles of section 10th, except those referred to in the latter clause of the 4th article of said 40th section of the Act of Congress recited, shall be exempted All other persons referred to in said act shall be detailed.

VII. EXEMPTIONS BY EXAMINING BOARDS. i Persons who shall be determined by the Boards of

Examination to be incapable of performing active service section of the said Act of Congress from causes of a permanent nature, shall be exempted from military service by the said board, who shall grant certificates thereof; which shall specify the causes of the incapacity, reciting in full the nature and degree of the disease or other incapacity, and the probable duration of the disability caused by it; and the parties shall not be subject to future examimation, unless specially ordered by the Board of the Congressional district in which such parties reside, or by the Commandant of conscripts for the State, or by this Bureau.

2. When in the opinion of Emolling Officers the causes for which exemption was granted to a person, after examination by the M dical board, have consect to exist, they will make a report to the Board, stating the name of the or other cause of disability, with the reasons for believing it to have disappeared, and that the person is capable of performing active service in the field, er some of the duties mentioned in the said 8th section of the act aforesaid. The Examining Board will then order the party to be brought before it for a re-examination. When a person is re-examined by the Board, his former certificate shall be surrendered and cancelled. If again found unfit for duty, a new certificate of exemption shall be issued to him. 3. Every certificate of exemption granted by a Board of Examination shall be approved by the Congressional distriet enrolling officer, which shall protect the person exempted from molestation by the officers of conscription,

and from re-examination, unless the Board of Examination or the Commandant of conscripts or the Bureau of conscription shall order the same.

VIII. EXEMPTION OF SPECIFIED CLASSES AND INDI-

to the Enrolling officer of the county in which the appli- sually vigilant in supervising such details. Omission panies; or into two battalions, if deemed preferable. cant resides, who will thoroughly investigate the case, in this duty will constitute grave dereliction. and if satisfied, by competent evidence, that exemption should be allowed, shall issue a certificate thereof; which must be submitted to the Enrolling officer of the Congressional district, for his approval.

2. Applications for exemptions under the 5th article of the 10th section of the act aforesaid, shall be made to the Commandant of conscripts for the State, who will grant the certificate of exemption authorized by law, to continue during compliance with the conditions prescribed by said act. Exemption, except for the President, Treasurer, Auditor and Superintendent, shall not be allowed to any officers and employees of a Railroad company, unless the president or sup rintendent shall certify, on eath, that the parties applied for are indispensable to the efficient operation of such railroad; that the number of persons exempted on said railroad shall not exceed one for each mile thereof in actual use for military transportation; that the exempts for such roads shall be reported by name and description once a month to the commandant of conscripts for the State through which such road passes, (or to the Bureau of Conscription), together with the names and descriptive list of any who may leave the employment of the railroad company, or who may cease to be indispensable to the efficient operation of the said road.

3. The exemption of overseers or agriculturalists on each arate sheet of paper. rm or plantation upon which there are now, and were on proje first day of January last, fifteen able-bodied hands between the ages of 16 and 50, will be allowed for the space ward the papers through the Commandant, to the Bu- days. Terms, sixty dollars insurance. of twelve months, and the certificate of exemption shall be reau, for its action.

upon being informed by the commandant for that State be endorsed; and in case of appeal, the papers forward-

that the bond is approved. 4. The bond required to be given upon the exemption of an overseer or agriculturalist, under the 4th article of are engaged in performing the duties on account of ection 10 of said act. shall be taken by the enrolling offi- which details are asked, they will be allowed to remain cer of the county or district in which such party resides, until final action. If otherwise, they should be sent to with the advice and assistance of the temporary Board aforesaid. It shall be payable to the Confederate States of America, in a penalty double the estimated value of the products to be delivered to the government, and conditioned for the faithful performance of the requirements of the 4th article of the 10th section of the said act. The value of the said products shall be assessed by the Euroiling officer, who shall take the said bond, with the assistance of the said temporary Board, according to the market

The said bond may be secured by a deposit of the amount of the penalty thereof in notes issued from the which it is required. for a specific time, will be inserted until forbid, and Treasury Department of the Confederate States, with any of the depositaries of the said Treasury, or by personal security, the nature of the security to be at the option of the principal obligor in the said bond. Should the person so exempted elect to give personal security, the sureties tendered by him shall justify their sufficiency under oath before some justice of the peace, but shall not be accepted unless the Enrolling officer taking the said bond, under the advice of the said temporary Board, shall deem them sufficient. Such bonds shall, after due execution, be transmitted to the Commandant of conscripts for the State, for file in his office, to be surrendered to the obligors when the conditions thereof are fully complied with; and the receipt of any Quartermasier or commissary, specifying that the amount of produce required by the bond has been duly delivered and accepted, will entitle the person to have the bond cancelled; and copies of such receipts should be forwarded to the Commandant of conscripts, to be by him I. General Orders, No. 26, A. & I. G. O., March 1st, forwarded to the Quartermaster General, through this required, must be distinctly set forth.

> IX. EXEMPTION ON ACCOUNT OF RELIGIOUS FAITH. Persons entitled to exemption as provided for in paragraph XII. General Orders, No. 26, A. and I. G. O., current series, will, on application, receive certificates thereof from the Congressional District Enrolling officer, on prothe requirements of the law.

STATE GOVERNMENTS.

Certificates of Exemption for officers of the Confederate | this Bureau. and State Governments will be given by the Command-

XI. INVESTIGATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION. 1. All other applications for exemption shall be made in writing to the Envolling officer of the county or district in which the applicant resides; shall be supported by his affidavit and other sworn testimony, and dealt with according to the previsions of paragraph III of General Orders, No 26, A. and I. G. O., current series.

2. Every application for exemption should be carefully minutely and thoroughly investigated by the local Enrolling officer, with the aid of the temporary Board to be organized under the 2d clause of paragraph 11 of this Circular, and be thereafter transmitted to the Commandants of conscripts for the State, with a report of facts, and their spective opinions on the merits of the application.

The report of facts should be somewhat in detail, setting forth in regular order the facts developed in the investigation, giving briefly the reasons for the opinion expressed. and instead of being put in the form of an endorsement, will be made on a separate sheet of paper.

The investigation should not be confined to an exami-

ation of the application and the papers that accompany or merely into the truth of the statements therein made but should be directed with a view of ascertaing all the III. Commandants will order the immediate enrollment | facts and circumstances of the case, and the exact condition of the parties with relation thereto.

XII. DETAILS. Agricultural Details.

1. The officers of conscription will give the most careful attention to the provisions of paragraph IV, G. O. No. 26, A. and I. G. O., current series, in connection with the last clause of the 4th article of the 10th section of the Act of Congress cited. This paragraph embraces the whole system of details

provided by law to maintain the industrial production of he country, in view of the public defence. 2. The investigation of every case presented must be

he most precise and accurate which can be attained by the Enrolling officer (with the co-operation of the tempo rary Boards), and all action must be in direct view of the necessities indicated. Commandants will institute such modes of enquiry and report as will furnish the fullest

The policy of the law is to enforce the largest amount production in every case in which the detail is made. The schedule of terms hereto appended will, it is believed meet a majority of the cases that are likely to be present-Where it is doubtful whether the case is covered by the classification, Commandants will in general decide by reference to the plain intent of the law, or refer the matter o this Bureau, with full testimony and opinion. In all

details there must be satisfactory evidence of the necessity,

as expressed in General Orders, No 26, current series.

Schedule of Terms. 3. Where there are two or more farms contiguous, or within five miles of each other, measuring from the hometeads, having on each five or more hands, amounting in two or more plantations within five miles of each other, aving an aggregate of fifteen or more hands, there may detailed one person as overseer or manager of the two a more farms: provided there is on neither of the farms a the temporary Board capable of managing the farms with provided the person detailed was, on the first day of Janmay. 1854, either owner, manager or overseer residing on of the farms: and provided the owners of said farms shall execute a joint and several bond, on the terms prescribed for the owners of fifteen hands, except that such person shall not be allowed the privilege of commutation provided in the 4th article of the 10th section of the act

lifteen, and five, or more than five hands, they shall enter into like obligation as prescribed for the owners of fifteen or more hands, except that for each hand less than fifteen. down to five, there shall be supplied five pounds less meat, thus: each of fourteen hands, ninety-five; thirteen hands, nin ty; twelve hands, eighty-five;

hands, fifty-five; five hands, fifty pounds

their surplus productions to the Government. 6. All details herein prescribed to be allowed are on the report of the Enrolling officer that the person' detailed is not habitually, industriously and in good competent officer, of the rank of colonel, will be as-1. Applications for exemption under the 3d and 6th arfaith engaged in the occupation for which the detail signed by this Bureau to organize such companies into ticles of the 10th section of the act aforesaid, shall be made | js granted. Eurolling officers are required to be unu-

> 7. Enrolling officers are required to exercise the utmost caution in recommending details in the classes enumerated. It is by no means intended to grant eral Orders No. 26, is not only the basis, but forms a them indiscriminately but to limit them as is consist- large portion of these instructions. They will habitent with the public good. All pertinent circumstances | ually recur to its provisions to aid in the application will be carefully enquired into. Among these are fit- of the other provisions of this Circular. of the detail; condition of the family; whether any, or culty to this Bureau; but references which bear on on which Irish laborers fatten as at a feast, rather

justice, equity or necessity, &c , &c. XIII. DETAILS FOR PUBLIC NECESSITY.

Applications for details, such as are not required for the service of any of the military Bureaux, or for service in any of the Departments of the Government, including service with contractors, will be made, accompanied by a descriptive list, to the Enrolling officer of the appropriate county or District, and be supported by the affidavit of the applicant, and other testimony

The Enrolling officer will institute a minute and searching investigation into all the circumstances of the case, the result of which will be set forth on a sep-

The District Enrolling officer may, if he approves days and Wednesdays, and at the stables of W. T.

granted by the officer faking the bond required by law. If the application is refused, the reasons in full will

ed to this Bureau, through the same channel. If the persons for whose detail application is made

camps of instruction. XIV. DETAILS FOR PERSONS BETWEEN 45 AND 50, FOR

GOVERNMENT WORK. Applications for the detail of persons between fertyave and fifty years of age, for service in any of the military Bureaux, or in any of the Departments of the Government, will be made, accompanied by a descriptive list, to the local or district Enrolling officer; and it must set forth the nature of the duties to be performed, the necessity for the detail, and the period for

The District Enrolling officer, after investigation made and reported as directed in the preceding paragraph, may, if he approve the application, grant a de- 20th day of April, 1864. tail for a period not exceeding sixty days, and forward the papers to the Commandant, for his action. An appeal from the action of the Enrolling officers

and the Commandant may be taken to this Bureau. XV. DETAILS OF ARTISANS, MECHANICS, ETC.

1. Applications for the detail for service in any of the military Bureaux, or for any of the Departments of the Government (including contractors,) of artisans, mechanics, or persons of scientific skill, to perform inst, to the Enrolling officer. The skill of the party, he duties to be performed, and why his services are indispensable, and the period for which the detail is

n addition contain a certificate from the officer con- Therefore be it tracted with, or the head of the Department, that the services of the particular parties are required for the the administration of Gov Vance, the State is erformance of indispensable Government work. The District Enrolling officer may grant the detail for sixty ducing satisfactory evidence that they have complied with (each expressing his opinion), to this Bureau, for its every patriot of "well done good and faithful ser-

If the application is refused, reasons in full will be endorsed, and in case of appeal, papers forwarded to

allowed to remain until action is taken. If otherwise, they should be sent to the camps of instruction. Applications for the detail of contractors themselves

must also contain the certificate of the head of the Bureau, required by the 11th section of the act. XVI. All other applications for exemption or detail, not otherwise provided, will be made to the Enrolling officer, and forwarded through the proper channels. XVII. Great care should be exercised in exempting or detailing able-bodied men between eighteen and

No case should be acted on until after minute and thorough investigation as to the alleged private or public necessity, advantage, convenience, justice or equity, and as to whether persons not liable to service in the field may not be obtained. .

1. Examining Boards in addition to the lists directed in paragraph VIII, General Orders, No. 26, A and I G. O., current series, will furnish District Enrolling for military service, but unfit for service in the field specifying in each case what duties they are capable of performing. Congressional District officers to furnish similar lists to county Enrolling officers, the object being to enable persons needing detailed men to

2. Enrolling officers will forward to the Command ant of conscripts, monthly, a report of all persons enrolled by them, and the action taken in each case. These reports will be consolidated by the Commandof Congress, and the regulations for its enforcement, in duplicate; one copy of which will be forwarded to this Bureau, and one kept on file in the office of the

XIX. ENROLLMENT OF RESERVE CLASSES. 1. Commandants of conscripts will proceed to enroll all persons between the ages of seventeen and eighteen and forty-five and fifty years, in execution of General

herewith made a part of this Circular. "ADJ'T. AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, ? Richmond, March 15, 1864.

General Orders No. 33.1 1. The Bureau of Conscription will proceed to enroll all and between the ages of forty-five and fifty years, under the 5th section of the Act of Congress to organize forces to serve

2. Persons liable to enrollment will present themselves to the Enrolling Officer in the States east of the Mississipp River within thirty days from the day when the notice shall be given in the district or county by the enrolling officer for persons of this class to appear for enrollment. The failure to comply with this notice will subject the defaulter to a liability to be called into the general service with the class of persons between eighteen and forty-five, unless he shall have a valid | breakfast. excuse therefor, to be judged of by the Bureau of Conscrip.

General Orders No. 86, issued 26th June, 1863, for the war, or any other company for local defence which has been accepted into the service, and which, by the terms of its enlistment, is liable to serve any where within the State; or per. Few laborers exhibit firmer health or more museusons of this class may form new companies for local defence and special service, under General Orders No. 86 (1863), for lar vigor, or really perform more work than many the Cumberland. the war, and select their own officers. By order. S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.' 2. Commandants will keep a separate and distinct roll of persons between the ages of 17 and 18, and 45

3. Commandants of conscripts will assign to duty, as a supporting force for conscription service, such Coffee and tea are scarcely known among them. persons as may be recommended by the Examining They drink no ardent spirits. Their usual drink vessel with everything which it might be possible dent himself will not condescend to notice them Boards as unfit for the field, but as competent for this six service; and when as many as sixty-tour such persons are so assigned, they will be organized into a company, 5. Where details are allowed to persons having less than | elect their officers, and return their muster rolls to the five hands, they shall enter into like obligations to sell all commandants; and if there be not a sufficient number to form a company in each congressional district, then bread. Bread, both wheat and rye, is with them purposes with any fraction of her armsment on the commandant may assign a sufficient number of ubject to revocation by the Commandant of conscripts, | persons between 45 and 50 years of age, so as to complete a company for each congressional district. A joy a ruddy health." a regiment, if there be the requisite number of com-

XX. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

how many are in the military service: public good, their face that they are rather to avoid due responsibility or labor, will be retained without remarks. 3. The duty of the commandant of conscripts is, in accordance with these instructions, to maintain and invigorate the industrial production of the Confederacy, diers to whom we look for deliverance, may have

> performed, or our struggle for liberty and independence will fail.

March 1, 1864

By order of Col. J. S. Preston, Supt., C. B. DUFFIELD, A. A. General. April 17, 1864

GARRET DAVIS.

Bestern Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Our terms are \$10 in the new issue or \$15 in the old. We have to pay new issue for the printing paper we buy, and therefore must change the old for new issue, 5's included. \$5 in the old issue pays for four months' subscription.

The Democrat will be discontinued to all subscrident Davis is proper in every way. bers at the expiration of the time for which it is paid. Those who want to continue must renew before or at the exdiration of their time.

MEETING IN CABARRUS.

A meeting of the citizens of Cabarrus county was held in the Court House in Concord, on the

the Chair, and N Slough was appointed Secretary. Col Daniel Coleman having stated the object of the meeting, Col J M Long reported the following preamble and resolutions which were unani. sence of all recognized diplomatic or consular resi-

mously adopted: The people of the county of Cabarrus, feeling the importance, at the present crisis in the history not being sent through usual channels. I need lispensable daties, should be made, with descriptive of our country, of a united, vigorous and determined action of the good people of North Carolina; and that ignoring all former party issues, they are ready, willing and anxious to sustain the action of United States to pass into your lines on the flag of Applications for the employees of contractors must, all competent, honest and faithful public servants. truce boat, for the purpose of delivering it, and

> Resolved, By the people of this county, that in blessed with an honest, efficient and faithful pub-

If the parties applied for are at work, they will be this county at such time as will suit his convent against the efforts of the authori-

dence in the integrity, patriotism and fidelity of employed against the Government of the United protest and remonstrate against this studied insult, President Davis.

vorable to the cause.

men, to wit : Col J M Long, L B Krimminger and lows, to the close of this communication W S Harris, Esqs., as the committee of invitation. On motion, the meeting adjourned. R. W. ALLISON, Ch'n.

N. Slough, Sec.

WAR ITEMS.

DEMOPOLIS, ALA., April 23. To Gen S. Cooper: - Brig. Gen. Wirt Adams, graphs me from Yazoo City, on the 22d inst., to the decision that agents of the authorities of the despotic race as are now attempting it. L. Polk, Lt. Gen.

A dispatch, dated Canton, Miss., April 22, says Dick Taylor has captured 7,000 prisoners, Orders, No 33, A. & I. G. O., current series; which is 400 wagons and 19 pieces of artillery in Louisiana.

and capturing a large number of prisoners.

"The Irish peasant's food, in time of harvest consists of oatmeal, porridge and a small quantity of sour milk or butter milk for breakfast; a pound ate States, it is universally understood throughout | ningly, audaciously fawning and insolently sought of wheaten bread and a pint and a half of beer at the world that they are so, and her Majesty's Go- and urged, begged and demanded by one billigedinner, and at night a supper resembling the

"In parts of Scotland, the laborers, if single men, are furnished with two pecks of oatmeal on dition on leaving port to inflict the most serious pretending to be impartial, to be, in short, but a Monday morning, and with a daily allowance of damage on vessels belonging to the United States, cover for secret, malignant, treacherous hostility. new or sour milk-eccasionally they may have as was shown by the destruction of the Cumberbeer and bread for dinner, instead of porridge land, United States sloop-of-war, by the ram Merof these men."

"The wages of the French peasantry are in general from a franc to a franc and a half per day is an acid wine, not so strong as common cider, rarely-occasionally fish; but their general provis- tion cannot be entertained for an instant. It is ion is soup composed chiefly of vegetables and clear that 120-gun ship might be equipped for war literally the staff of life. With all this they en- board, although she might not be so powerful or

ed countries of Europe subsist themselves from ammunition might render her less effective than year to year, and from youth to old age. Toiling she would be with them. This, it is presumed by 1. Commandants will always bear in mind that Gen- scarcely know the taste of flesh. What they Mr Davis, without further argument or illustration thus endure constantly, we surely can endure in support of it. for a time, when our liberties and all that is dear to us are at stake! We surely can make than our sun should go down in darkness and blood, and unutterable horror! We can deny ourselves at home for a season, that the gallant solthe inconsiderate must be made to do it.

ny took place at the Episcopal Church in Dalton, place, during the present season, on Mondays, Tues- Lieut. Gen. Hardee and Gens. Cowan, Shupe and Strabl. The last named General was first received | countries.

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE. England Protests and Remonstrates-President Davis' Reply.

The Mobile Tribune, has "been favored by a vigilant and energetic collaborator with a copy of correspondence which has just taken place between the British authorities and President Davis, on the subject of the rams. The reply of Presi-

H. B. M.'s LEGATION, Washington, D. C., April 1, 1864. Mr Jefferson Davis, &c., Richmond, Va:

SIR: I have been instructed by Earl Russell, her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to convey to you the following extract of a despatch which has been forwarded to On motion, R. W. Allison, Esq , was called to me by his Lordship. I have chosen the method which appeared to me to be the only available one, under the present unhappy circumstances in which the country is involved, and I trust that the abdents or other agents of her Majesty near Richmond, will be recognized as sufficient reason for its scarcely say that the bearer of this despatch, whom you have consented to allow to visit Richmond, has been autherized by the Government of the will desire your permission to return to Washington by the same mode of conveyance. I have the honor to be, with high respect, your obedient, humble servant, . LYONS.

"You will also convey to Mr. Davis at Richmond, through such channel as shall be available, Resolved, That a committee of three be appoint- and as you may in your discretion deem proper, the face of the globe, to allow the attempt of Earl ed to invite Gov Vance to address the people of the formal protest and remonstrance of her Majes- Russel to ignore the actual existence of the Conties of the so-called Confederate States to build "so-called," to pass without a formal protest and Resolved, That we have full faith and confi- war vessels within her Majesty's dominions, to be remonstrance. The President, therefore, does States. - Perhaps your Lordship might best ac- and he instructs me to say that in future any doc-Resolved, That these proceedings be published complish this object by obtaining permission from ument in which it may be repeated will be returnin the Confederate, Western Democrat, Salisbury | the authorities of both belligerents to send a spe- | ed unanawered and unnoticed. Watchman, and all other papers in the State fa- cial messenger to Richmond, with the necessary

adopted entirely in that spirit of neutrality which their actions, that it is regarded by the world, not has been declared the policy of this country with even excepting the United States, as a mere cover regard to the two belligerents so lamentably deso- for actual hostility, and the President cannot but lating America, and which will continue to be pur- feel that this is a just view of it. Were, indeed, CAPTURE OF A GUNBOAT .- The following offi- sued, with a careful and an carnest desire to make her Majesty's Government sincere in a desire and

of law that the parties procuring the building of high rate of wages that were taking them thither. these vessels are agents of the so-called Confedervernment are satisfied that Mr. Davis would not rent and repudiated by the other, must be seen by deny that they are so. Constructed as rams, as all impartial men to be a mere pretext for aiding these vessels are, they would certainly be in a con- the cause of one at the expense of the other, while

equipped as war vessels of a certain power, al- claring that her Majesty's Government and law though they be without a gun or any ammunition officers are satisfied of the questions involved. per man-that is, ten to fifteen pence, or twenty to on board; nor can the frequent use of the word while those questions are still before the highest thirty cents; and to women, about four fifths of the 'equip' in the sense of 'to furnish with everything legal tribunal of the kingdom, composed of memformer sum, or about eight pence or sixteen cents. necessary for a voyage, he held for a moment to bers of the Government and the highest law offilimit its signification to the furnishing of a war | cers of the Crown, for their decision. The Presito put upon her, or the ultimately putting of which I have the honor to be your Lordship's obedient, and this mixed with water. They have meat but on her might be contemplated. Such a construcso efficient as she would be if she had the whole as laborers are not required to toil here, they yet her Majesty's Government, will be conceded by

ness for the field: ability or aptitude for the purposes 2. Commandants will of course refer cases of diffi- some distant approximation to the absternious diet law officer of the Crown, and admitted, as they are families from the Atlantic coast. I have met two and supply its armies with men. This duty must be proper and abundant food. Every good citizen at peace and on terms of amity, and that the per- regiments now in garrison here, was married to will do this willingly and of choice; the bad and mitting of them to leave the ports of her Majesty's Miss Magrader, the beautiful and accomplished A most interesting and impressive ceremo- wards the United States as would justify the Go- sojourning in Montreal, appeared at the unutials. vernment of that country in seriously complaining

> into the church by baptism, and then the rites of "Under these circumstances, her Majesty's Go- ruinous loss as it contained all his grain, tools, wa-R. RABE. | confirmation were administered to him with the vernment protest and remonstrate against any fur- gon and gear, salt, flaxseed, &c., estimated to be ther efforts being made on the part of the so-called worth at least \$6,000 .- Salisbury Watchman,

Confederate States or the authorities or agents thereof, to build or cause to be purchased, any such vessels to be used for war purposes against the United States, or against any country with which the United Kingdom is at peace and on terms of amity; and her Majesty's Government further protest and remonstrate against all such acts in violation of the neutrality laws of the realm. "I have the honor to be, your Lordship's obedi-

ent servant,

THE REPLY.

RICHMOND, VA., April 6th, 1864. To the Right Honorable Lord Lyons, C. B. &c., &c , &c., H. B. M. Minister to the Government of the United States.

My Lord: I have been instructed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of a despatch from your Lordship, enclosing a copy of a portion of a despatch from Earl Russell, H. B. M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, purporting to be a "formal protest and remonstrance of her Majesty's Government, against the efforts of the authorities of the so-called Confederate States, to build war vessels within her Majesty's dominions, to be employed against the Government of the United

States." The President desires me to say to your Lord. ship, that while he is not unwilling to waive, in existing circumstances, the transmission of such a document through other than the usual and proper channels, it would be inconsistent with the dignity of the position he fills, as Chief Magistrate of a nation comprising a population of more than twelve millions, occupying a territory many times larger than the United Kingdom, and possessing resources unsurpassed by those of any country on

With respect to the subject of the extract from despatch, in which you will transmit this paragraph | Earl Russell's despatch, the President desires me The chairman appointed the following gentle- or the substance of it, together with all that fol- to state, that the plea of neutrality which is used to sustain the simister course of her Majesty's pre-"Her Majesty's Government, in taking this sent Government against the Government of the course, desire Mr. Davis to rest assured that it is Confederate States, is so clearly contradicted by cial dispatch was received at the War Department: it conducive to the most rigid impartiality and determination to maintain heutrality, the President could not but feel that they would neither be just "After consulting with the law officers of the nor gallant to allow the subjugation of a nation commanding cavalry on the Yazoo River, tele- Crown, her Majesty's Government have come to like the Confederate States, by such a barbarous,

see who are the subjects of detail, and to choose from | this effect : I have the honor to report the cap- so-called Confederate States have been engaged in | He cannot but feel, with the history and traditure of a gunboat to-day, near the city, while lying | building vessels which would be at least partially | tions of the Anglo-Saxon race before him, that near the shore. She was attacked by a section of equipped for war purposes on leaving the ports of under a Government faithfully representing the artillery and a detachment of sharpshooters under this country; that these war vessels would un people of Great Britain, the whole weight and Col Griffith, who drove the men from the guns and doubtedly be used against the United States, a power of that nation would be unhesitatingly ant, with reference to the distinctions made in the Act finally the crew from the boat. I removed her country with which this Government is at peace; thrown into the scale, in favor of the principles of fine armament of eight 24 pounder guns and the that this would be in violation of the neutrality free Government, on which these States were original. most valuable stores, and had her burned to the laws of the realm; and that the Government of inally formed, and for which alone the Confederate water's edge. The captain and pilot are prisoners | the United States would have just ground for se- States are now struggling. He cannot but feel in my hands, and a number of the crew. My cas- rious complaint against her Majesty's Government that with such a Government and with the plea should they permit such an infraction of the amia- of neutrality urged upon the people as it now is, ble relations now subsisting between the two no such pitiful spectacle could be witnessed as is now manifested by her Majesty's present Govern-"Her Majesty's Government confidently rely on | ment in the persistent persecution of the Confedthe frankuess, courtesy, and discernment which | crate States at the beck and bidding of officers of DALTON, April 15 .- A lady who came through Mr. Davis has displayed in the difficult circum- the United States, while a prime minister mocks the lines to-day reports that Forrest attacked stances in which he has been placed during the and insults the intelligence of a House of Com-Grierson at Decatur, Tenn., killing Gen. Grierson, past three years for a recognition of the correct- mons and of the world by executing the permissness of the position which her Majesty's Govern- ion to allow British subjects to go to the United ment have taken upon this subject. No matter States to fight against us, by the paltry subterfuge FOOD OF LABORING MEN ABROAD. what might be the difficulty of proving in a court that it was the great demand for labor and the

He cannot but feel that a neutrality most cun-

As for the specious arguments on the subject of the rams advanced by Earl Russell, the President desires me to state that he is content to leave the world and history to pronounce judgment upon "Such 'vessels are to all intents and purposes this attempt to heap injury upon insult, by de-

> BURTON N. HARRISON, Private Secretary.

[P. S .- - Since the above was put in type we have heard it asserted that it is all a boax. We

CONFEDERATE REFUGEES IN CANADA .- A correspondent writes from Canada as follows:

The British Possessions are crowded with refugers from the South, most of them the victims of "This much being established to the perfect expatriation from Kentucky, Tenuessee and the conviction of her Majesty's Government and the banks of the Mississippi River. There are a few convinced it must be, by Mr. Davis, and by every from Charleston. Donegana's Hotel is the Conother person of sound and impartial judgment, federate headquarters. The alliance between Engthere is not the slightest room to doubt that it is land and the Confeder of was comented in formal purposed to use the vessels in question against the style a few weeks ago. Lord Abinger, who is an United States, a country with which this nation is officer of the Guards, one of the "crack" British dominions would be a violation of the neutrality niece of the Confederate commander in Texas. All laws of the kingdom, and such an injurious act to- that was lovely and chivalrous of the two empires.

on Wednesday, in the confirmation, by Bishop of it as unfriendly and offensive in the highest de- FIRE.-We regret to learn that Mr Wiley Mor-This fine Horse can be found at my stable in this Elliott, of four Generals of the army of Tennessee. gree, even to the imminent peril of rupturing the gan, Sr., in the Eastern part of this county, lost peaceful relations now existing between the two his wheat house by fire week before last, believed to be the work of an incendiary. It is almost a