ALL'S FOR THE BEST

All's for the best! be sanguine and cheerful, Trouble and sorrow are friends in disguise; Nothing but folly goes faithless and fearful; Courage forever is happy and wise.

All's for the best-if a man would but know it, Providence wishes us all to be blest; This is no dream of the pundit or poet;

·Heaven is gracious, and -All's for the best!

All's for the best! set this on your standard, Soldier of sadness, or Pilgrim of love, Who to the shores of Despair may have wandered, A way-wearied swallow, or heart-stricken dove; All's for the best-be a man, but confiding, Providence tenderly governs the rest,

And the frail barque of His creature is guiding, Wisely and warmly all for the best. All's for the best! then fling away terrors,

Meet all your fears and foes in the van,

And in the midst of your dangers or errors. Trust like a child while you strive like a man. All's for the best-unbiassed, unbounded, Providence reigns from the East to the West, And by both mercy and wisdom surrounded, Hope and be happy that-Ali's for the best.

FAREWELL:

Breathe softly, wind, around his parting sails, And waft him swiftly on thy whisp'ring wing Unto some peaceful shore, whose quick'ning gales, New life and hope may bring.

Smile poftly, summer skies, in cloudless blue; Or, dim with showers, hide your sparkling sheen; But bright with day, or veiled in evening dew, Still, bend o'er him serene!

Flow sofly, waters, o'er a waveless sea, And bear him smoothly; with your rippling streams, Full of vague mem'ries, sweet, and strange, and free, Charm him to pleasant dream-!

Shine sofily, quiet stars, whose pitying eyes Keep nightly watch for those whose loving fears Follow bim ever, with sad, lingering sighs, With passionate, fond tears!

Oh, wind, and sea, and stars, and summer skies! Be gentle wardens! Let him safely roam! Till longing hearts and tender, happy eyes

Welcome the wand'rer home! Columbia Carolinian.

PUBLIC ACTS Passed at the Fourth Session of the First Con-

gress of the Confederate States-1863, 1864.

Chap. I .- An Act to amend so much of section 11 of the Tax Law as requires one-tenth of the Sweet Potatoes produced this year to be paid to the Govern-The Congress of the Confederate States of America

do enaci, That so much of section 11 of an "An act to lay taxes for the common defence, and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved Apl 24, 1853, as requires farmers and planters to pay onetenth of the sweet potatoes produced in the present year to the Confederate Government, be so amended as authorize the producers of sweet potatoes in the year 1863, to make commutation by payment of the money value of the tithe thereof, instead of payment in kind, at rates to be fixed by the commissioners under the impressment act. Approved Dec 28, 1863.

Chap. II .- An act authorizing the tax in kind on Bacon to be commuted by collection of Salt Pork as an

The congress of the Confederate States of America do enact. That assistant Quartermasters and other agents engaged in the collection of the tag in kind may be authorized under orders and regulations made by the Secretary of War, to demand and receive, in commutation for the tax in kind on bacon, an equivalent therefor in salt pork.

Approved December 28, 1863.

Chap. III - An act to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the

The congress of the Confederate States of America do enact. That no person liable to military service shall hereafter be permitted or allowed to furnish a substitute for such service, nor shall any substitute be received, enlisted or enrolled in the military service of the Confederate States.

Approved December 28, 1863.

military service of those who have heretofore furn-

Whereas, in the present circumstances of the country, it requires the aid of all who are able to bear The congress of the Confederate States of America

not be so construed as to affect persons who, though less, furnished substitutes. Approved January 5, 1864.

Confederate States, and for other purposes.

The congress of the Confederate States of America enrolled for service any portion of his arms, equipments, rations or clothing, or any property belonging to the Confederate States or any officer or soldier of the Confederate States, shall, upon conviction before the District Court of the Confederate States, having jurisdiction of the offence, be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding two years. Approved Jan 22, 1864.

Chap. XIII .- An Act authorizing chaplains, in certain cases, to draw forage for one horse.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That chaplains in the army, in actual service | Chap. XL .- An act making allowance to officers of the in the field, shall be entitled to draw forage for one borse: Provided, The chaplain has a horse in his use. Approved January 22, 1864.

Chap. XIV .- An Act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the

The Congress of the Confederate States of America west of the Mississippi, at such place, and to discharge such duties, as shall, from time to time, be assigned

power to give direction to the said agent to discharge any daty or function on the other side of the Mississ. shipmen, the same as lieutenants; and to officers of the ippi which he, the said Secretary, is competent to dis. | medical, pay, and engineer corps, to naval contractors, charge; and shall also have the employment of such and to boatswains, ganners, carpenters, and sailmakclerks, and to prescribe such regulations for the gov. ers, the same as the foregoing officers of the line of ernment of such agent and clerks as, from time to time, the said Secretary may deem proper: Provided, That such clerks shall receive the salaries provided by law grades shall have the same privilege of purchasing for similar services in the Treasury Department.

Sac. 3. That this act shall expire on the day of the may hereafter be, allowed to officers of the army. ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States of America. Approved January 27, 1564.

Chap. XV .- An Act to amend "An Act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States not otherwise provided for," up-

proved August 30, 18d1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That so much of the first section of said act as requires the Attorney General to report to Congress upon said claims be, and the same is hereby, repealed. Approved January 30, 1864.

Chap. XXI .- An act to authorize the President to assign Judges of military courts from one court to au-

The congress of the Confederate States of America do enact. That the President be and he is hereby au- to the character of the daties required of them, and been temporarily deprived of the use or occupancy Governments, as the case may be.

fect and be in force from and after its passage. Approved February 3, 1864

Chap. XXIX .-- An act to provide compensation for offivers who may heretofore have performed staff duty under orders of their superior officers.

The congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That when any officer or private of any legally constituted military organization may have heretofore, by order of his proper superior officer, performed any staff duty appropriate to such command, he shall be entitled to receive pay for the time he was so engaged in the discharge of such duties; Provided, That there was not then present fit for duty any officer duly appointed for the discharge of the same. Approved Feb 11, 1864

Chap. XXX.—An Act to amend "An Act to establish a volunteer navy," approved April 18, 1863.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America pointed as provided by law. do enact, That the act entitled "An Act to establish a volunteer navy," approved April 18, 1863, be so amened to issue the commissions and warrants contemplated by said act, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to applicants for service in the volunteer navy, when satisfied that said applicants will furnish a suit-

in or heyond the Confederate States. thorized to appoint assistant paymasters for the volunteer navy, who shall receive, when on duty at sea, fifteen dollars per month. But, no person under fortyfive years of age, and liable to perform military duty, shall receive such appointment.

Chap. XXXI .- An Act to authorize the issue of certificates for interest on the "fifteen million loan."

Approved February 11, 1864.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America he is hereby, authorized to cause certificates to be issued, in such form as he shall devise, for the interest which has accoused, or which shall accous, on the regthe treasury, in favor of the persons, respectively, in whose names the said stock shall be standing on the books of the treasury, or the order, at the designated sistant tireasurers and depositaries located at the when on service in the field. places where said interest is payable. The said certificates shall be countersigned by the treasurer, or de-pository, by whom they shall be delivered; and shall be receivable in payment of export duty on cotton, in the same manuer as the coupons of the bonds issued under said act of February twenty-right, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, now are. Approved February 11, 1864.

Cap. XXXII .- An act for the relief of tax payers in

The congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That when cotton or other property subject to taxation in money shall have been burned or otherwise destroyed by authority of the Government, before the expiration of the time fixed by law for the payment of the tax thereon, the tax payer may apply to the district collector, who shall investigate the facts and make report thereof to the State collector, who may, if satisfied of such destruction by government authority, remit the said tax. If the tax in any such case shall have been paid in advance, it shall be refunded by the State collector. The tax paper shall in every such

Sec. 2. That in all cases where the crop out of which the tax in kind is to be , aid, has been taken or destrayed by the enemy, the district collector may remithe tax, in whole or in part, according to the extent of the loss sustained by the tax payer : Provided, That the facts in each case shall be reported to The State collector, and their remission shall not be valid until approved by him: And provided further, That in case the loss be sustained prior to assessment, the assessor, on satisfactory proof thereof, may make deduction ther of in proportion to the loss. Approved February 13, 1864

Chap. XXXIV .- An act to establish certain post routes

The congress of the Confederate States of America the same are hereby established, namely: From the Chap. IV .- An act to put an end to the exemption from town of Clarksville, by way of Blue creek and Cleave- every kind, whether incorporated or not, five per land, to Dalonega. Also, from Athens, by way of Jug | cent. Factory, in Jackson county, and G W Smith's store in Walton county, to Auburn in Gwinnette county. Al o. from Douglass in Coffee county, to Forest in Clerich county. Also, from Dawsonville in Dawson county, by way of Perdy's, Tyra's, Harben's, and N II Goss', to do enact, That no person shall be exempted by reason | Prince Edward. Also, from Station Number Nine on of his having furnished a substitute; but this act shall | the Atlantis and Gulf railroad, by way of Central Valley, Trader's Hill and Howardsville, to Baldwin. From not liable to render military service, have, neverthe- Station Number Five, Atlantic and Gulf railroad, via Middletown store, Appling county, to Ocmulgee, in of Georgia. Also, the following in the State of North Chap. XI .- An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, Carolina: From Gibsonville depot on the NC Railroad, and assisting persons to desert from the army of the to Long's Mills. in the county of Randolph. Also, the ollowing in the State of Texas: From Barnet by way of Leano, to Sansaba. Also, the following in the State do enact. That every person not subject to the rules of Mississippi: From Greensboro to Starkville in Oktiband articles of war, who shall procure or entice a sol- | belia county. Also, the following in South Carolina dier or person enrolled for service in the army of the and North Carolina: From Nichols depot, S. C., via Confederate States to descri; or who shall aid or as- Alleu's Bridge and High Hill, in South Carolina, and sist any deserter from the army, or any person enrolled Holmesville and White House, to Leesville, in North for zervice, to evade their proper commanders. or to Carolina. Also, the following in the State of Louisiprevent their arrest to be returned to the service: or ana: From Alexandria to Niblett's Bluff, on Sabine who shall knowingly conceat or harbor any such de- river Also, in the State of Florida : From Orange serter; or shall purchase from any soldier or person Lake, on the St John's, to Sand Point at the head of as follows:

> Ar roved Feb 13, 1964 Chap. XXXV .- An act to increase the commutation

> value of Hospital rations. The congress of the Confederate States of America do enact. That the commutation value of the rations of the sick and wounded, and of all employees in hospitals, be fixed at such rates, not to exceed two and a half dollars, as the Secretary of War shall designate. Approved Feb 15, 1864

mary of the Confederate States, under certain circumstances, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the navy," approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America o enact. That the commissioned and warranted officers of the navy of the Confederate States, on duty, are do enact, That the President shall, by and with the ad-vice and consent of the Senate, appoint an agent of the Treasury Department, whose duty it shall be to reside ed officers of the arroy, viz: To admirals, the same as generals; to vice-admirals, the same as lieutenant-generals; to rear-admirals, the same as major generals, to rance, canal, navigation, importing and exporting, him by the Secretary of the Treasury, with a salary of commodores and captains, the same as brigadier gen- telegraph, express, railroad, manufacturing, dry er than those serving with brigades or regiments in three thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, erals and colonels; to commanders and first lieutenants, dock, or other joint stock company of any description the field,) or officers in the Ordnance Bureau, or Navy the same as lientenant colonels and majors; to second tion, whether incorporate or not. twenty-five per Agents, or Provost Marshal, or officer in the conscript SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall have lientenants and lientenants for the war, the same as cent on such excess. captains and chaplains: to masters and passed and the navy with whom they have assimilated rank. Sec 2. That ail the navy officers in the foregoing

> Approved February 16, 1864. Chap. XLII .- An Act to increase the compensation of

> commissary and quartermaster's stores, as are now, or

certain officers of the Treasury. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do souch. That hereafter the following salaries and compensation shall be paid to the several officers and clerks bereinafter named, instead of the sums now anthorized by law: The treasurer of the Confederate States, four thousand dollars; the Assistant treasurer, service, of such as have been disabled in such serat Charleston, four thousand dollars. The Secretary of the Treasury may divide depositurtes of the treasury into classes, the commissions on which shall be limited person, whose property, exclusive of household faras follows: In the first class, not to exceed four thousand dollars; in the second class, not to exceed two thousand dollars. thousand five hundred dollars; and in the third class,

the reason of the presence or the proximity of the ene- according to the rules of his church, and who, at the urer or depository, shall receive a salary to be fixed by my. the assessment on such property may be re- passage of this act, shall be regularly employed in the Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That this act take ef- the Secretary of the Treasury, (not exceeding fifteen duced, in proportion to the damage sustained by discharge of his ministerial duties; superintendents hundred dollars.)

Sec. 2. That the increase of salaries allowed to the clerks and employees of the Treasury Department, at Richmond, be, and the same is hereby extended, upon the same conditions, to the clerks and employees of the said Department, at Columbia, South Carolina.

Approved February 16, 1864. Chap. XLIV .- An act to authorize the President to

establish additional military courts. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact. That in addition to the military courts now authorized by law, the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a military court to attend any division of cavalry in the field, and also one for each State within a military department, whenever, in his the fax and assessment acts of 1863. judgment, such courts would promote the public insame powers and duties, and the members thereof ap-Approved Feb 16, 1864.

ded that the President be, and he is hereby, authoriz- Chap XLV .-- An Act to allow commissioned officers of the army rations and the privilege of purchasing

clothing from the Quartermaster's Department. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That from and after the passage of this act, able vessel for said service, and to receive into the vol- all commissioned officers of the armies, whilst on duty unteer navy said vessel and her officers and crew with- sin the field, or in the naval service, whilst affoat, of the Confederate States, shall be entitled to one ration in Sec 2. That the President be, and he is hereby, and kind each, in quantity and quality, the same as are now interest on the same shall not exceed one thousand allowed by law to privates, and shall draw and receive | dollars. the same under such regulations as may be prescribed . [Adopted in February, 1864.] by the Secretary of War.

Sec. 2. That all commissioned officers of the armies of the Confederate States shall be allowed to purchase clothing and cloth for clothing, from any quartermaster, at the price which it cost the Government, all expenses included: Provided, That no quartermaster shall be allowed to sell to any officer any clothing or cloth for clothing which it would be proper to issue to do enact, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and privates, until all privates entitled to receive the same shall have been first supplied: Provided, That the officer offering to purchase shall give his certificate, on honor; that the articles are necessary for his own peristered stock issued under authority of the act of Feb-tuary the twenty-eighth, eighteen-hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An Act to raise money for the support of the Government, and to provide for the defence of the Confederate States of America." The said certichase or draw from subsistence stores, more than one ficares shall be prepared and signed by the register of ration a day, or for less price than the cost thereof, including transportation.

Sec. 3. That no officer under the rank of Brigadier General shall hereafter be entitled to forage, or comperiods, and shall be sent by him to the treasurer, as mutation for forage, for more than one horse, except Approved February 17, 1864

THE NEW TAX BILL.

An Act to lay additional taxes for the common de-

fence and support of the Government. on the subjects of taxation hereafter mentioned, and collected from every person, co-partnership, association or corporation, liable thereto, taxes as fel-

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

> II. On the value of gold and silver wares and plate, jewels, jewelry and watches, ten per cent. III. The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same, or similar property in the neigh-

borhood where assessed in the year 1860, except in cases where land, slaves, cotton or tobacco have een purchased since the 1st day of January, 1862, which case the said land, slaves, cotton and tobacco so purchased, shall be assessed at the price actually paid for the same by the owner. Sec 2. On the value of all shares or interests held

in any bank, banking company or association, canal, navigation, importing, exporting, insurance, manudo enact, That the following named post routes be and | facturing, telegraph, express, railroad, and dry dock companies, and all other joint stock companies of

The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed upon the basis of the market value of such property in the neighborhood where assessed. in such currency as may be in general use there, in the purchase and sale of such property, at the time Sec 3. I. Upon the amount of all gold and silver

com, gold dust, gold or silver bullion, whether held by the banks or other corporations or individuals. Coffee county-all the above routes situate in the State | five per cent.; and upon all moneys held abroad, or upon the 'amount of all bills of exchange, drawn therefor on foreign countries, a tax of five per cent; such tax upon money abroad to be assessed and colected according to the value thereof at the place where the tax is paid.

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

Sec 4. Upon profits made in trade and business,

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

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

III. On the amount of profits exceeding twentyfive per cent., made during either of the years 1863 and 1864, by any bank or banking company, insu-

Sec 5. The following exemptions from taxation

under this act shall be allowed to-wit: the family to the further value of one hundred dollars; and for each son actually engaged in the army or uavy, or who has died or been killed in the military or naval service, and who was a member of the family when he entered the service, to the further value of five hundred dollars.

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

III. Property of every officer, soldier, sailor er marine, actually engaged in the military or naval vice, to the value of one thousand dollars; provided, that the above exemptions shall not apply to any niture, shall be assessed at a value, exceeding one

IV. That where property has been injured or de-

satisfactory evidence submitted to him by the own-

Sec 6. That the taxes on property laid for the year 1864, shall be assessed as on the day of the passage of this act, and be due and collected on the first of June next, or as soon after as practicable, form the public printing; one skilled apothecary in Mississippi river. The additional taxes on incomes on the 10th day of October, 1862, and has continued or profits for the year 1863, levied by this act; shall said business, without intermission, since that period be assessed and collected forthwith; and the taxes on incomes or profits for the year 1864, shall be assessed and collected according to the provisions of tual and regular practice of their profession, but the

terest; which courts shall be organized, and have the April. 1863, as levies a fax on incomes derived from academies and schools, who have been regularly enproperty or effects on the amount or value of which | gaged as such for two years next before the passage of a tax is levied by this act, and also the first section of said act, are suspended for the year 1864. and no estimated rent, hire or interest on property or cred-

taxed as incomes under the tax act of 1863. Sec S. I hat the tax imposed by this act on bonds of the Confederate States heretofore issued, shall ment thereof. in no case exceed the intesest on the same, and 4. There shall be exempt one person as owner or such bonds, when held by or for minors or lunaties, agriculturalist on each farm or plantation upon which shall be exempt from the tax in all cases where the

THE NEW MILITARY LAW.

A Bill to organize forces to serve during the War. SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this act all white men, residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of 17 and 50, shall be in the military

or discharged, in accordance with the laws and regu- foot), for each able-bodied slave on said farm or plantation lations for the government of the army : Provided, that | within the above said ages, whether said slaves are used in companies from one State, organized against their consent, expressed at the time, with regiments or battalions from another State, shall have the privilege of being transferred to organizations of troops, in the same arm of the service, from the States in which said companies were raised; and the soldiers from one State, in companies from another State, shall be allowed, if they desire it, a transfer to organizations from their own States, in the same arm of the service.

Sec 3. Be it further enacted, That at the expiration of six months from the first day of April next, a bounty | as aforesaid at equivalent rates, of one hundred dollars in a six per cent. Government 3. Such person shall further bind himself to sell the bond, which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby marketable surplus of provisions and grain now on hand, Sec. 1. The Congress of the Confederate States authorized to issue, shall be paid to every non-com- and which he may raise from year to year while his exof America do enact. That in addition to the taxes levied by the "act to lay taxes for the common defence and to carry on the Government of the Con- the period of such payment, then to the person or per- under the impressment act: Provided, that any person exfederate States," approved 24th of April, 1863. sous who would be entitled by law to receive the ar- empted as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a credit of 25 per there shall be levied, from the passage of this act, rearages of his pay; but no one shall be entitled to the cent on any amount of meat which he may deliver within bounty herein provided, who shall at any time, during three months from the passage of this act: Provided furthe period of six months next after the said first day of ther, that persons coming within the provisions of this ex-April, be absent from his command without leave. Sec 4. Be it further enacted, That no person shall

aving been heretofore discharged from the army, where no disability now exists; nor shall those who have furnished substitutes be any longer exempted by reason thereof: Provided, that no person, heretofore exempted on account of religious opinions and who shall be required to render military service under this

Sec 5. Be it further enacted, That all white male residents of the Confederate States, between the ages f 17 and 18 and 45 and 50 years, shall enroll themclves at such times and places, and under such regutions, as the President may prescribe, the time alowed not being less than thirty days for those east, nd sixty days for those west of the Mississippi river, lacy person who shall fail so to enroll himself hout a reasonable excuse therefor, to be judged of the President, shall be placed in service in the field or the war, in the same manner as though they were etween the ages of eighteen and forty-five: Provided, that the persons mentioned in this section shall constitute a reserve for State defence and detail duty, and

State in which they reside. ofter the passage thereof, east of the Mississippi river, pensable. nd within sixty days, if west of said river, form themions, or regiments, and elect their own officers; said rganizations to conform to the existing laws; and, iving so organized, to tender their services as voluneers dusing the war to the President; and if such organizations shall furnish proper muster rolls, as now rganized, and deposit a copy thereof with the enrollg officer of their district, which shall be equivalent enrollment, they may be accepted as minute men r service in such State, but in no event to be taken ut of it. Those who do not so volunteer and organize, all enroll themselves as before provided; and may, the President, be required to assemble at convenat places of rendezvous, and be formed or organized to companies, battalions and regiments, under regutions to be prescribed by him; and shall have the ght to elect their company and regimental officers; ed all troops organized under this act for State dence, shall be entitled, while in actual service, to the ame pay and allowance as troops now in the field.

Sec 7. That any person who shall fail to attend at judged of by him, shall be liable to be placed in ser- detail shall cease. rice in the field for the war, as if he were between the

iges of 18 and 45 years. ital guards and clerks, and of clerks, guards, agents, nployees or laborers in the Commissary and Quarter- | t naster's Departments, in the Ordnance Bureau, and erks and employees of navy agents, as also in the exetion of the enrollment act, and all similar duties, hall be performed by persons who are within the ages of eighteen and forty-five years; and who by the report of a Board of army surgeons shall be reported as unaole to perform, active service in the field, but capable of performing some of the above said duties, specifying which; and when those persons shall have been assigned to those duties as far as practicable, the President hall assign or detail to their performance such bodies troops or individuals required to be enrolled under he 5th section of this act, as may be needed for the discharge of such duties : Provided, that persons between the ages of 17 and 18 shall be assigned to those duties: Provided, further, that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the President from detailing artizans, mechanics, or persons of scientific skill, to perform indispensable duties in the de-

artments or bureaus herein mentioned. Sec 9. That any Quartermaster or Assistant-Quarermaster, Commissary, or Assistant-Commissary (othservice, who shall hereafter employ or retain in his employment any person in any of their said departments or bureaus, or in any of the duties mentioned in the 8th section of this act, in violation of the provis-I. Property of each head of a family to the value lions hereof, shall, on conviction thereof by a courtof five hundred dollars; and for each minor child of martial or military court, be cashiered; and it shall be the duty of any department or district commander, upon proof, by the oath of any credible person, that any such officer has violated this provision, immediately to relieve such officer from duty; and said commanders shall take prompt measures to have him tried for such offence; and any commander as aforesaid failing to perform the duties enjoined by this section, shall, upon being duly convicted thereof, be discharged from the

> IN REGARD TO EXEMPTIONS. Sec 10. Be it further exacted, That all laws granting exemptions from military service be, and the same are pay charges and take her away, or she will be dealt hereby repealed, and bereafter none shall be exempted xcept the following:

All who shall be held unfit for military service, inder rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War. 2. The Vice-President of the Confederate States, the members and officers of Congress and of the several State Legislatures, and such other Confederate and State officers as the President, or the Governor of the respective States, may certify to be necessary for the not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars a year, according stroyed by the enemy, or the owner thereof has proper administration of the Confederate or State

thorized at any time to assign judges from one mili- subject to the other conditions now imposed by law. thereof, or of the means of cultivating the same, by 3. Every minister of religion authorized to preach the owner, or the tax assessed thereon may be re- and physicians of asylums for the deaf and dumb and duced in the same ratio by the district collector, on | blind and of the insane; one editor for each newspaper being published at the time of this act, and such employees as said editor may certify on oath to be indis-pensable to the publication of such newspaper; the public printer of the Confederate and State Govern ments, and such journeymen printers as the said public printer shall certify, on oath to be indispensible to perallowing an extension of ninety days West of the each apothecary store, who was doing business as such term physician shall not include dentists; all presi-Sec 7. So much of the tax act of the 24th day of dents and teachers of colleges, theological seminaries, this act: Provided, that the benefit of this exemption shall extend to those teachers only whose schools are composed of twenty students or more. All superintendents of public hospitals, established by law before its herein taxed ad valorem, shall be assessed or the passage of this act, and such physicians and nurse therein as such superintendents shall certify, on oath

there are now, and were on the 1st day of January last, fifteen able-bodied field hands, between the ages of sixteen and fifty, upon the following conditions:

1. This exemption shall only be granted in cases in which there is no white-male adult on the farm or planta tion not liable to military service, nor unless the person claiming the exemption was, on the 1st of January, 1864 either the owner and manager or overseer of said planta-tion; but in no case shall more than one person be ex-

empted for one farm or plantation

2. Such person shall first execute a bond, payable to the Confederate States of America, in such form and with such service of the Confederate States for the war.

Sec 2. That all the persons aforesaid, between the ages of 18 and 45, now in service, shall be retained ernment at some Railroad depot, or such other place or during the present war with the United States, in the places as may be designated by the Secretary of War, same regiments, battalions and companies to which within 12 months next ensuing, 100 pounds of bacon, or, they belong at the passage of this act, with the same at the election of the Government, its equivalent in pork, organization and officers, unless regularly transferred and 100 pounds of nett beef (said beef to be delivered on the field or not, which said bacon or pork and beef shall be paid for by the government at the prices fixed by the Commissioners of the State under the impressment act; Provided, that when the person thus exempted shall pro duce satisfactory evidence that it has been impossible for him, by the exercise of proper diligence, to furnish the amount of meat thus contracted for, and leave an adequate supply for the subsistence of those living on the said farm plantation, the Secretary of War shall direct a commu tation of the same, to the extent of two-thirds thereof in grain or other-provisions, to be delivered by such person

emption shall not be deprived of the benefit thereof by reason of having been enrolled since the 1st of Feb. 1864

o relieved from the operation of this act by reason of 4. In addition to the foregoing exemptions, the Secretary of War, under the direction of the President, may exempt or detail such other persons as he may be satisfied ought to be exempted on account of public necessity, and to insure the production of grain and other provisions for the army and the families of soldiers. He may, also, grant has paid the tax levied to relieve him from service exemptions or details on such terms as he may prescribe to such overseers, farmers or planters as he may be satis fied will be more useful to the country in the pursuits of riculture than in the military service: Provided, tha ach exemption shall cease whenever the farmer, planter overseer shall fail diligently to employ, in good faith s own skill, capital and labor exclusively in the production of grain and provisions to be sold to the government and families of soldiers at prices not exceeding those fixed at the time for like articles by the commissioners of the

State under the impressment act. 5. The president, treasurer, auditor and superintendent of any Railroad company engaged in transportation for the government, and such officers and employees thereof as the president or superintendent shall certify on oath to be indispensable to the efficient operation of said railroad Provided, that the number of persons so exempted by this act on any railroad shall not exceed one person for each shall not be required to perform service out of the mile of said road in actual use for military transportation; and said exempts shall be reported by name and descrip-Sec 6. That all persons required by the 5th section | tion, with the names of any who may have left the emthis not to enroll themselves, may within thirty days | ployment of said company, or who may cease to be indis-

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

Section 11. That the President be and be is hereby authorized to grant details, under general rules and regulations to be issued from the War Department, either of persons between 45 and 50 years of age, or from the army in the field, in all cases where, in his judgment, justice, equity and necessity require such details, and he may revoke ich orders of detail whenever he thinks proper: Provided that the power herein granted to the President to make details and exemptions shall not be construed to authorize the exemption or detail of any contractor for furnishing supplies of any kind to the government by reason of said contract, unless the head or secretary of the department making such contract shall certify that the personal services of such contractor are indispensable to the execu- Doctor. This is a great saving. They certainly are tion of said contract: Provided further, that when any the place of rendezvous as required by the authority such contractor shall fail, diligently and faithfully, to proof the President, without a sufficient excuse, to be cood with the execution of such contract, his exemption or lina, had suffered twelve years from a diseased liver,

see in the field for the war, as if he were between the ges of 18 and 45 years.

See 8. That hereafter the duties of provost and hosthe county or enrolling district in which they are required

make such examination. [2dopted in February, 1864.]



CARRIAGE and WAGON WORK.

And Blacksmithing.

The subscriber informs the public that he will continue to carry on the business of Repairing Carriages, Buggies, Wagons, &c. at the shop formerly occupied John Harty, on College street, in the rear of the

He is also prepared to do any Blacksmith work that may be required, such as Shoeing Horses, repairing,

DR. J. M. MILLER, Charlotte, N. C., Can be found at his Office next door to Butchison's

Drug Store, opposite the Democrat Office.

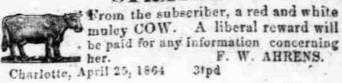
Jan. 12, 1864.

TAKEN UP

And committed to the Jail of Mecklenburg county, on the 29 h of February last, a negro woman who says her name is LUCY and belongs to Nick Davis of Richmond. Said negro is about 25 years old, very black, and rather under medium size. She says that she was persuaded off from Richmond by a man who gave his name as Robinson. She was arrested on the cars ca the N. C. Railroad near Charlotte, N. C. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, with as the law directs.

R. M. WHITE, Sheriff. March 15, 1864

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We keep at our Steam Flouring Mill in this place Pen Meal for feeding cows and stock. Also, we have on hand at all times, Family, Extra, Superfine and coarse Flour. We warrant our family flour. Corn Meal and Grits can always be had at the mill. J. WILKES & CO.

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the best family medicine eyer discovered Rev. John W. Potter, of Greene county, North Carowhich the physicians had not been able to cure. He says: "I commenced taking the Hepatic Pills with no confidence in them. They acted like a charm on me. From that hour I have improved. I have persevered in their use, until now, by God's blessing. I am well and hearty. I had a negro man with, as I believe, was saved from death by a dose of these Pills. My Doctor's bill was at nually from \$100 to \$200, but I have bad no

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Aug 10, 1863

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