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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16. SENATE. The Senate convened at 10 o'clock. The engrossed resolution authorizing the employed the President that such were the wishes of the people of this State and the reply received from the War Department was that while they would permit the Conscripts now enrolled to be retained in the State, at present the Confederate Government reserved to itself the right to transfer them at any future period to any points in or out of the State where the exigencies of the case might demand.

The amendment was rejected by the followin vote : YEAS .- Messrs. Amis, Barnhardt, Barringer, Beall, Brown, Bryan, Carter, Davenport, Davis, Fleming, Gentry, Gilliam, Hampton, Harris, of Cabarrus. Hawes, Henderson, Hooper, Horton, Judkins Kirby, Lemmonds, Logan, Long, Love, Manning, McKay, Peebles, Person, Reynolds, Rhodes, Robinson, Russ, Shepherd, Shober, Spruill, Stancill, Wallen.- 37.

NAYS.- Messrs. Allison, Alford, Avera, Benbury, Berry, Bissell, Bryson, Burgin, Burns, Carpenter, Cowles, Craig, Glenn, Greene, Grisson, Harrison, Henry, of Bertie, Henry, of Henderson, Headen, Hollingsworth, Howard, Ingram, Jenkins, Keener, Kelly, Kerner, Laws, Lyles, Mann, of P., McAden, McCormick, Mc-Neill, McRae, Nissen, Parks, Patterson, Pearce, Richardson, Riddick, Robbins, Russell, of Bruoswick. Smith, Waddell, Walser, Wellborn, Woodall, Worth, Young, of Iredell, Young, of Yancey-49.

Mr. Russell, of Brun-wick, moved to amend by nserting, in effect that should the artillery companies raised in the town of Wilmington for the defence of the town, be discharged by the Governor, they should be taken as part of said reserves, having the choice of their company officers. Adopted.

Mr. Richardson moved to amend the 1st section by proposing that the Governor should call for 10,000 volunteers, and if they do not offer by the 1st of February, then the men shall be raised by draft. Not adopted,

The queston recurring on the passage of the bill on its Bd reading, it passed by a vote of 52 to 87.

The hour for the consideration of the special order, the report of the committee on the question whether or not the offices of the Adjutant and Attorney General are vacant, having arrived, the resolutions were

read.

N. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1862. RALEIGH,

TELEGRAPH. BY

[Reported expressly for the State Journal.]

From Goldsboro' .-- The Wilmington Road Attacked.

GOLDSBORO'. Dec. 16. The abolitionists have certainly changed base to the south side of Neuse river.

Their cavalry made a raid to-day on Mount Olive Depot, on the Wilmington Railroad, nine miles south of this place, tearing up the road, burning the depot, and cutting the telegraph wire.

The caunonading at Whitehall resulted in slight loss to the Confederates. We had only two men in jured. The principal fight was with musketry.

Intervention--- The Position of Englaed. RICHMOND, Dec. 16.

Minister Adams in a dispatch to Seward, dated London, Oct. 24th, states that he had an interview with Lord Lyons just before his departure for America; whilst he admitted the diplomatic tendency to irritation in both countries, produced by Mr. Gladstone's speech, they also joined in the expression of an intention to use their utmost efforts to counteract them.

Adams says he was much less sanguine of success when he perceived, the efforts brought to bear upon public opinion by leading men.

Lord Russell assured him, however, that it was the intention of the Governor to adhere, to the rule of perfect neutrality in the struggle and let it come to its natural end without the smallest interference. directly or otherwise.

Burnside's Change of Base.

RICHMOND, Dec. 16. The news of Burnside's -change of base, received this morning, is construed in official circles as an evidence of the demoralization in the yankee army. Others regard the movement with regret-the route of the abolitionists being confidently anticipated in

Essex. The engagement lasted two hours, when the wooden boat retired behind the Essex for protection and both proceeded down the river,

The enemy fired in all one hundred and ten guns. Capt. Boone fired twenty-five, twenty of which took effect, some passing through the enemy's boat.

The enemy's loss is not known, we had one private slightly wounded in the hand. The enemy was badly worsted and driven off. Capt. Boone's company acted with great gallantry. The enemy's pickets extended as far up as Donald-

son on the shore.

MOBILE, Dec. 16. A special dispatch to the Advertiser & Register, dated Okalona, 14th, says :- We learn from official sources that the Federals attacked and routed Roddis. Cavalry day before yesterday, at Tuscumbia. No particulars. Thirty yankee cavalry advanced within two miles of Baldwin to-day. Scouts report a large force in that vicinity, and that cavalry camped six miles south of Rienz , last night, and are advancing in this direction to-day.

A dispatch has been received here by Dr. Warren from Gov. Vance, requesting him to prepare the hospitals for the wounded and requesting the citizens to provide for as many of the wounded as possible.

It adds. We will probably fight this evening. . GOLDSBORO', Dec. 16.

We learn that the fight has commenced, on which side we do not know. Cannonading is rapidly going on.

DIED.

On the 9th inst., at his residence in Johnson county, William H. Waters, in the 59th year of his age. He rep-resented the county in both branches of the Legislature. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss.



HEADQUARTERS, CAMP OF INSTRUCTION, Camp Holmes, Nov, 29th, 1862. SPECIAL ORDERS, }

As approved the avenue are and a

NO. 48.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 12. 1. COMMANDING OFFICERS OF MILITIA REGI-ments are required to assemble all persons subject to the provisions of the act entitled "an act to amend an act en-titled an act to provide further for the public defence," approved Sept. 26, 1862, and enroll the same. II. An Enrolling Officer and an Examining Board will be appointed for each Congressional District, who will give due notice to the Commanding officers of Regiments to bring the Conscripts to the County-Seats of their respec-tive Counties for examination. Immediately upon exam-ination, the said Commanding Officers of Regiments will conduct all Conscripts nut having received certificate of exemption, to the Camp of Instruction, near Raleigh. III. All persons who may desire to volunteer must do so before the 20th of December, the day set apart for en-rollment, Bad must join Companies which were in the ser-vice of the Confederate States on the 16th of April, 1862. IV. Applications for exemption, must, in all cases, be made to the enrolling officer of the district ; duplicate copies of said application being made in writing, duly sworn to before an acting Justice of the Peace and bearing the certificate of the Clerk of the Court, given ander the county Seal and sent through the Colonel of the regiment. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the enrolling officer to the Commandant of Conseripts. M. All Conseripts engaged on Government works will be enrolled and returned to their said work. In issuing the above orders for the enrollinent of Con-seriets between the agres of 18 and 40, the Commandant

be enrolled and returned to their said work. In issuing the above orders for the enrollment of Con-scripts between the ages of 18 and 40, the Commandant avails himself of the opportunity to thank the State Offi-cers for their untiring and laborious efforts in the discharge of their duties and the efficient and ready assistante ren-dered to him in their official capacity heretofore. The importance and absolute necessity of renewed ener-gy and prompt action in executing these orders faithfully is fully expressed in His Excellency Governor Vance's General Order. No. 10.

General Order: , No. 10.

The efficiency of the army and the safety of our country depends in a great measure upon their faithful discharge of these duties.

By order of Colonel Peter Mallett, Commandant of Conservipts in N. C. E. N. MANN, Adjutant.

23 Standard, Fayetteville Observer, Charlotte Demo-crat, and Asheville News, copy till date of enrollment, and send bill to this office. 40 dec 8-d&wtde

Executive Department, N. C. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, ? RALEIGE. Nov. 27, 1862.

ment of free negroes in Robeson county to work on State defences, passed its final readings under a suspension of the rules.

Also the engrossed bill to alter the line between Jackson and Transylvania counties.

Also the engrossed bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Publishing and Printing Company at Fayetteville.

Mr. Smith, of M., called up the bill for the relief of the si k and wounded soldiers of N. C., and urged its passage.

Messrs. Young and Brown advocated the passage of the bill, alluding to the great suffering endured on account of the absence of necessary accommodations, and advocated the erection of wayside hospitals for the preventing the spread of contagious diseases.

The bill passed its several readings.

Mr. Ramsay, from the committee on the Insane Asy lum, submitted a report in relation to the Institution together with a bill to provide for the support of said Institution, appropriating any sum not exceeding \$62,500, as may be necessary to carry on its operations

Mr. Shipp presented his resignation as Senator from the 49th Schatorial district, to take effect on the 22d inst., and a writ of election was ordered for the 15th of January.

Mr. Faison, from the special committee to whom was committed the bill to protect the property of married women reported a substitute for the same, which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Leitch introduced a bill concerning the State Educational Association which passed its first reading.

The unfinished business, the consideration of the Revenue bill, was resumed and continued until adjournment.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House met at 10 o'clock. Sundry reports were received from standing committees.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced on their reading and appropriately referred :

By Mr. Pearce, a bill to continue in force an ac of Assembly of 1860-61, in favor of Daniel Willis and others.

By Mr. Russ, a bill concerning sheriffs and their sureties.

By Mr. Burgin, a resolution in favor of R. Blackstock, tax collector of Buncombe.

Also, a resolution in favor of J. P. Davis. By Mr. Hampton, a resolution in favor of E. M

Wellborn.

By Mr. Peebles, in favor of W. W. Happer, Weldon

By Mr. Fleming, a resolution in favor of Capt. W B. Clement's company of cavalry. Proposes to pay bounty due them.

By Mr. Waddell, a resolution in favor of L. J. Horton, and J. C. Hooker.

The bill to amend an act of the 2nd Extra Fession of 1861, enlarging the powers of County Courts for raising revenue, passed its 3d reading.

Also, the bill to extend the time to perfect tiles to land heretofore entered.

A message was received for the Senate transmitting the following engrossed bills and resolutions, for

Mr. Shepherd explained the reasons that induced the committee to report, declaring vacancies in those offices. He had no doubt whatever of the justice of the report of the committee. It was a well established principle of the common law that the acceptance of a second office, the discharge of whose duties was incompatible with a proper discharge of the duties

attaching to an office held previously, vacated the first office. The officers named had clearly violated this principle, and personal preferences should not govern members in discharging their duties.

Mr. Person differed from the gentleman. He tho't the Adjutant Generals office a militia office under the purview of the Constitution. It was a peace office established in time of peace for peace purposes, and the existence of war does not change its relation to the law. The cases cited by the committee to support their argument, he thought not perti-Lent, as the difference in those cases consisted only in different grades of officers of like nature. The case here was not similar; these were different officers of different character, held under different governments. On the passage of the resolutions, a division of the question was demanded, and the first resolution declaring the office of Adjvtant General vacant, passed by a vote of 64 to 16.

The rules were suspended and the resolutions'severally read 3 times and passed.

The bill to abolish the office of Common Schools, introduced by Mr. Gentry, on its second reading was indefinitely postponed.

Leave of absence was granted Messes. Stancill and Gilliam.

On motion the House took a recess until this evening at 7 o'clock.

From the Wilmington Journal.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Pursuant to adjourment the Stockholders in the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad reassembled at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Committee appointed for that purpose reported a majority of the stock present. Wm-A. Wright, Esq., held the proxy of the State of North Carolina, and A. Martin, Esq., that of the Town of Wilmington.

T. D. Walker, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President with the old board of Directors, the only change being that R. A. Bradley, Esq., was chosen director in the place of Col. E. W. Charles, of Darlington District, resigned.

A resolution of compliment to the President was passed, on account of his having remained at his post during the Epidemic. An addition of five hundred dollars each was made to the salaries of the President, figretary and Treasurer.

in in following resolutions were adopted at the meeting. On motion of O. G. Parsley, Esq., the tollowing preamble and resolutions, were unanimously adopted : WHEREAS, during the past months of August, September, October and part of November, the yellow fever, in its most virulent form, prevailed in the town of Wilmington, inducing an extended panic among its citizens and causing many of them to abandon their business and offices and fly from the ravages of this terrible disease; and whereas, Thos.

D. Walker, actuated by a high sense of his duty as the President of this Company, remained at his post and continued in the full and faithful performance

the event of a general engagement.

The Battles of Fredericksburg.

RICHMOND, Dec. 16.

The loss of the enemy in the battles of Fredericksburg is estimated at 4,000 to 6,000 killed and wounded. The Confederate casualties will not exceed 1,500. On the left where the fight was severe, a South Carolina brigade suffered heavily.

Gen. Gregg was killed by a Minnie ball which struck him in the side and penetralod the spine. Before his death he said to one of his aids, "Tell Gov. Pickens if I am todie, I yield my life cheerfully fighting for the independence of South Carolina."

The Washington Artillery, of New Orleans, repulsed several desperate charges of the enemy.

Our troops displayed great zeal and courage. There were very few stragglers.

The only general officer known to be killed on the Abolition side, is Gen. Jackson.

The number of prisoners taken is said to be 1,500. One of Burnside's staff was captured. He says the reason his fight was not renewed on Sunday was the serious discontent among the Yankee officers.

It is said that not more than one-tepth of Fredericksburg is seriously injured.

Gov. Letcher and a number of citizens left town vesterday to render assistance and relief to the wound-

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RICHMOND, Dec. 16. Nothing of an additional authentic character has been received from Fredericksburg to-day, except, that the Confederate loss in killed and wounded 'is less than 1,800.

Correspondents represent that the loss of the enemy was fully 8,000.

Burnside's army is represented to be mutinous, having positively refused, it is said, to renew charges on the Confederate batteries.

From our own Reporter.

GOLDSBORO', Dec. 6-4 p. m. No mail from Raleigh and no mail left here-no news worth sending allowed to be sent.

I saw the list of wounded from Mallett's regiment. None of our friends in it. Col. Mallett is shot in the thigh and a prisoner.

The women and children leaving by the Governor's order.

Yankees Recrossed the Rappahannock.

RICHMOND, Dec. 16. An official dispatch received this morning from Headquarters near Fredericksburg, says, that as far as can be ascertained, the enemy has disappeared in our immediate front, and has recrossed the Rappahannock. He may be meditating a passage at some other point.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

All Quiet.

No fighting of consequence has occurred since Saturday evening. Yesterday they sent in a flag of truce to bury their dead. The evening train brings little news. Both armies occupying their original position.

Subscriber wisnes purchase Iwu a FOUR Horse WAGONS. Application to be made to the Commissary Department.

T. D. HOGG, Capt. & C. S. Raleigh, Dec. 16th, 1862. 48-dti

Valuable Hotel and Property for Sale. On Monday, the 4th of January, 1863, I will Sell to the highest bidder, in the town of Wentworth, Rockingham county, N. C., a valuable Hotel and all the property belonging thereto, the place is known as the Vil-lage Hotel. The lots contain five acres more or less. There

are twenty-four nooms attached to the hotel, and there are between twenty-five and thirty valuable beds and furniture, a good many excellent blankets and quilts, all the beds well-furnished. The beds will be sold separately. There are two lots at the stables containing near two hundred stalls for horses.

This is an excellent stand for a hotel, and the railroad from Greensboro' to Danville will run within seven miles of this place, and travel will be greatly increased by that road. My profession as a practioneer of medicine requires all my attention, and I cannot attend to the business of the hotel at the same time, and that induces me to sell. Terms made known on the day of sale. Dec. 11, 1869. - d2w. J. Q. BEASLEY.

HEADQUARTERS, CAMP OF INSTRUCTION.) CAMP HOLMES, Dec. 11th, 1862.

The following named officers of the 57th Regiment, N. C. Troops: Williams Brown, W. H. Howerton and J. O. Overcash, of Rowan county, and D. W. Rhine, and G. D. L. Yount, of Catawba county, having been dropped from the Rolls of said Regiment, by order of the Secretary of War, for prolonged absence without leave, cease to be officers of the C. S. Army.

They are hereby ordered-to report to these Headquarters. The enrolling officers will report them as conscripts.

.By order of PETER MALLETT.

Col. Commanding Conscripts. E. N. MANN, Adjutant. 45-d3t

Jest Salisbury Watchman copy three times and forward bill to this office.

For Sale.

OFFER for sale my House and Lot on Hillsboro' street, in the city of Raleigh. Parties disposed to purchase are invited to examine the property.

The ground West of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail road, will be sold separately from that on the Eats side of it. Terms cash or credit with undoubted surety. If not disposed of before the 23d inst., it will be sold at Auction that day, at 11 o'clock, before Mr. Towles door. dec 4-dtf D. W. COURTS.

Negro-Sale----Renting and Hiring.

WILL be sold at Boon Hill Station, Johnston county, N. C., on the 7th day of January, 1863, eight or ten likely negroes, belonging to the estate of T. W. Whitley, deceased. Also, will be hired out about seventy likely negroes— among them is a good carpenter, blacksmith and coeper. At the same time and place, the mills and lands belong-

ing to the said estate will be rented, unless previously disposed of. Also, the negroes and lands belonging to M. E. Whitley.

known as the Etheldred Bell tract. A. J. HEATH, Adm'r.

Drivers Wanted!

Notice: O^N and after the 1st day of January, the price of Gas will be eight dollars per thousand feet. WATERHOUSE & BOWES. December 12th, 1862. 45-till 1st jn.

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GENERAL ORDER, 1

No. 10. J I. The President of the Confederate States having deemed it necessary to call into service under the provisions of the recent act of Congress, all persons liable to military duty between the ages of 18 and 40 years, the Command-ing Officers of the Militia will call out their respective Regiments and enroll and conduct to the Camp of Instruc-tion all persons liable to military duty under this law, at such time as Colonel Peter Mallett, Chief Enrolling Officer

for the State may direct. 11. The enemy are pressing upon us in great numbers with the intention to overwhelm us by a winter campaign. Our danger now comes from the south side of the James River, and as the scene of war approaches nearer to our borders, it becomes North Carolinians to rush even more promptly than before to the defence of our own territory. If we can drive him .back once more, as we have so often done, there is every reason to hope that his strength will be effectually broken. The various officers entrusted with the execution of this order are again commanded to use all diligence in arresting deserters and absentees without leave from the army, and all good citizens who prize liberty and independence, are earnestly invoked to assist in hurrying off all such to their regiments. The brave and patriotic soldier will not over stay his furlough unless pro-videntially hindered. The coward alone will shirk (at home) whilst his braver comrades endure the heat and burthen of the fight.

By order of Governor VANCE. J. G. MABTIN. Adjutant General. 45-d3t 1w

Raleigh, Dec. 13th, 1862.

Sale of Lands, Negroes, &c.

O'X the First, Second and Third Days of Jan-uary, A. D. 1863, the Lands and Negroes, Household Furniture, Corn, a number of valuable Milch Cows, &c., of the late Mrs. Rachel Stokes, and also a number of fine beef Cattle, a valuable Jack, several head of horses, with other articles too numerous to mention, the property of the late Mrs. Stokes and Col. M. S. Stokes, deceased, will be sold on a credit of twelve months.

This is to take place at the former residence of General Stokes, called the Bend on the Yadkin River, about four miles above Wilkesboro'.

Attention is especially invited to the valuable and desirable tract of land offered for sale.

On Monday evening, the 5th of January, will be sold as the property of the late Mrs. Stokes, a valuable Stock Farm, in Ashe county, containing about 500 acres. Also, on a credit of 12 months, there will be sold a quan-tity of Hay, and a parcel of Honsehold Furniture. JACOB FRALEY, Adm'r,

With the will annexed of Mrs. R. Stokes, and Adm'r of Col. M. S. Stokes. han the 40-d&wlm. Dec 8

Valuable Land and Likely Negroes for sale!

PURSUANT to a Decree of the Court of Equi-ty of Surry county, I shall sell, on the first day of January next, on a credit of twelve months, at the late residence of William Bowles, dec'd, that very valuable tract of Land on which the said William Bowles, dec'd, ormerly resided; containing about 350 ACRES—a con-siderable part being bottom land, on Fish River. And at the same time and place and on the same terms, 1 shall sell Seven very likely young NEGRO FELLOWS—one ex-cellent house servant—one tolerable blacksmith—one coarse shoemaker. If purchasers prefer it, the cash will be received by consent of the parties.

J. F. GRAVES, C. M. E Price Adv't, \$5.621/2. Jo Winston Sentinel please copy three weeks. Horses and Mules Wanted for State Pur-DOSCS. 15000 4152 -00

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Secretary.

concurrence, which were read first time. Billsto amend the 108d chapter Revised Code, en-

titled salaries and fees.

Bill concerning the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Franklin county.

Bill concerning insane persons.

Bill to amend the Charter of the North Carolina Powder Manufacturing Company. . .

Bill to prevent harbouring deserters and resisting their arrest.

Bill for the relief of landlords.

Resolution in favor of J. M. Neal.

Resolution to pay officers and privates of Capt. J

W. Banks' Company. . Resolution in favor of the sureties of W. D. Humphrey, dec'd, late Sheriff of Onslow county.

The order of the day was considered, being the bill to organize a force of State reserves; the immediate question being the consideration of the bill reported by the minority of the committee, on its third reading.

Mr. Amis proposed to redeem the pledge he made yesterdy, to offer an amendment which would make the bill more satisfactory.

His amendment is as follows ; add to the end of section 1st.

"Provided, That persons under forty years of age, who are liable to conscription, shall not be accepted as part of the force herein provided for, unless the President shall agree to suspend, in this State, the further execution of the Conscript law."

Mr. Amis thought that if the bill passed as it then stood, the operation of the Conscript law would be defeated, and with many others, he thought a conflict would inevitably ensue. If the amendment proposed was adopted, it would enable them to act more in harmony.

Mr. Waddell thought the amendment simplyproposed to request of the President of the Confederate States the suspension of the operation of the Conscript law-and this he was willing to assert he would never do. The Commissioners sent to Richmond inform- | Confederacy.

of his duty under the most trying circumstances,

Resolved, therefore. That the thanks of the Stockholders are eminently due and hereby tendered to to him for the moral firmness and the praiseworthy conduct displayed by him under the circumstances referred to in the preamble hereto. And as a further acknowledgment he be and is hereby authorized to draw from the Treasurer the sum of one thousand dollars.

Resolved, further, That the officers and employees of the Company, who continued in the discharge of their duties during the continuance of the pestilence, are also entitled to the thanks of the Stockholders ; and that the President and Directors of this Company are hereby authorized and requested to make such acknowledgments and such additional compensation to such officers and employees, and to the families of such as fell victims in the performance of their duties, as in their judgment and discretion (to be liberally

exercised) may seem right and proper. Before the reading of the preamble and resolutions. Mr. Parsely stated that he offered a testimonial in this form, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring silver plate, or something of the kind, more suitable.

On motion of Richard Bradly, Esq.,

Resolved. That the Board of Directors be authorized to invest any surplus funds in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, in the Stock of this Company, at such rate as the Board may deem proper.

On motion of Edward Kidder, Esq., Resolved, That the salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer be two thousand dollars each for the present fiscal year.

COTTON CARD MANUFACTORY .--- We are happy to announce that a full set of machines for manufact uring Cotton Cards has been run through the blockade, and arrived at Columbus, Ga. This makes the second card making machine that has been brought into this State by the enterprise of Georgians .- Atlanta Passengers state that Gen. Maxey Gregg, died this

morning. Most of the wounded have been brought to Richmond, and are well cared for. Several hundred prisoners are on their way to Richmond.

No confirmation of the death of Hooker.

The following official dispatch was received to-day: "Yesterday was spent by the enemy in caring for his wounded and burying his dead. He retains his position under cover of guns on the north bank of the Rappahannock.

R. E. LEE." (Signed.) The above is construed to signify that the guns of the enemy, not the army' are on the north side of the river.

From the South.

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Meeting of the Railroad Convention.

AAGUSTA, Dec. 15. Sandy would seem The Railroad Convention met here this morning, It is largely attended. Business committees were appointed when it adjourned until to-morrow morning. 5 Steat You The

From the Southwest. PORT HUDSON. Dec. 15.

On the afternoon of the 12th inst., the Yankee Gunboat Essex and a wooden boat name unknown. anchored out of range of the lower battery. Captain MeGone's company of Cavalry crossed the river in the night and hired a negro to hail the Essex. The hail was promptly answered and a small boat sent ashore when our cavalry fired, killing one and wounding two. Last night Capt. Boone, with his company of light artillery; crossed the river and took position opposite the wooden boat. At dawn he opened a. brisk fire on her which was answered by her and the



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To Refugees and Others.

HOUSE and Lot for Sale.--- An excellent House and Lot at Holly Springs is offered for sale. The House is a large one with six rooms, four fire places and necessary outbuildings, and a fine well of water in the yard. The lot consists of 25 acres in wood. The place will be sold cheap. The neighborhood is good. Apply to STATE JOURNAL OFFICE.

Ton Presidents and Superintendents of Railroads, RICHMOND, Dec. 4, 1862. HAVING been appointed Assistant Adjutant General, and assigned to the special duty of superin-tending and directing Government Transportation by Railroad, I desire a conference with the Presidents and Superintendents of all the Railroads in the Confederate Superintendents of all the Ratifold inst. State, at Augusta, Ga., on the 15th inst. W. M. WADLEY, A. A. G., P. A. C., & Dec 4 - present of the state of the State Old Saws Wanted. WILL pay for old Circular Mill Saws, from A three feet upwards in diameter, fifty cents per pound and for long, heavy saws forty cents per pound, delivere to L FROELICKS, Confederate States Armory, Wilmington, N. C. Register and Spirit of the Age copy to the amount of and send bill to this office.