### [From the Liverpool (Eng.,) Mercury. Union or Conquest?

It is not often that we find ourselves agreeing with Gen. Butler, but there is much of force and good sense in some remarks which he lately addressed to a meeting of the Union State League of Massachusetts, and which we commend to the grave consideration of all friends of constitutional freedom on either side of the Atlantic. General Butler is sufficiently clearheaded to perceive the hopeless impossibility of the war between North and South ending in a restoration of the old Federal Union, and he argues the matter in a way which must. we think, carry conviction to all minds capable of a moment's serious reflection. A member of Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet (Postmaster Blair) having recently expressed the opinion that "the rebel commonwealths, on throwing down their arms, should be received into the Union with unimpaired rights, and with their local institutions," General Butler points out that this is a simple absurdity. It is preposterous to talk of re-admitting the Confederate States into the Union, even if they wished to be re-admitted, for the obvious reason that they would return with views, purposes, interests, and passions wholly incompatible with the discharge of the duties incident to the federal relation. It is absolutely certain that they would be restless, dissatisfied, and disloyal members of the federation, which they would only have re-entered on compulsion; whereas it is of the very essence of the federal system that the several States composing it should co-operate willingly and in good faith for a common end. The free and unfettered exercise of popular franchises is the very life and soul of a republican confederation; yet how is it possible to entrust the 'rebel commonwealths" with powers which would infallibly be employed, on the very first occasion, to the detriment of their Federal atlies? General Butler gives a couple of well-chosen illustrations of a position which is really too plain to need any illustration whatever. "If," he sensibly, asks, "the Confederate States were readmitted, and their representatives took their seats in Congress, before some radical change were effected, what guarantee would there be that the Federal national debt would not be repudiated, or made to stand upon the alternative that the Confederate debt must likewise be paid?" Nothing could be more to the purpose than this pertinent suggestion. Of course the Southern members of a restored Congress would vote to a man against any and every scheme of taxation saddling them and their constituents with the costs of their own subjugation, except on the absurdly impossible hypothesis that Northern members would reciprocate the courtesy by sharing the expense of a "wicked and unnatural rebellion." Nothing could enable the restored Union to live through the first session of a freely elected Congress, unless it were agreed at the onset to wipe out the war liabilities of North and South alike .-Again, there is the insurmountable difficulty of the Presidential elections. How is it coiceivable that North and South could ever agree in the choice of a President, unless the Northern majority would once more submit, as dulgent, and-lets him want it. of old, to Southern dictation? "The rebel States must be regarded as destroyed, et it would be almost impossible to choose another President, since no candidate likely to be selected would receive such a support in the North as to give him majority of the whole Electoral College constituted of all the States, both loyal and rebel." The conclusion is inevitable, and General Butler fearlessly faces it. - There can be no restoration of the old Union of co-equal commonwealths. If North and South are ever again to co-exist in one political system, a "radical change must be effected in their mutual relations, and we are not left in doubt as to what that change must be. The North must be master and the South must be servant. The seceded States must be "regarded as destroyed," leaving nothing behind them but so much "territory' to be held and governed as a conquered dependency. For the South there must henceforth be no representation in Congress, no share in the elections of Presidents, no State rights, no voice in the levying and disbursment of its own taxes, no popular franchises of any sort. Its government must be administered by Northern military pro-consuls, its people held

which is to be fought out " to the bitter end." To dispassionate observers of the course of events in American there is, of course, nothing new in all this. The conclusion which General Butler so logically states and so courageously accepts has long been familiar to politicans who have refused to be blinded by unmeaning phrases. From the first it has been evident to impartial bystanders that the alternative was not separation or reunion, but separation or subjugation. Separation is concervable and possible; subjugation is conceivable, though it is doubtful whether it be possible; but reunion by force of arms, the compulsory re-establishment of an essentially voluntary pact, is neither possible nor con-

down in subjection by Northern armies. This,

and not any idle dream of re-union, is hencefor-

ward the only intelligible object of the war

Now that this truth, or rather truism, is forcing itself on men's minds and finding open utterance, it may be hoped that the friends of constitutional law and liberty in both hemispheres will very seriously consider the practical bearings of a conflict which misplaced sympathies have herhaps contributed to embittere and prolong. What the Northern Federation is really (if unconsciously) fighting for is the creation of a vast Poland or Venetia, to be subdued and annexed by military violence and held in subjection by military terrorism. It is exceedingly questionable, to s ay the least, whether the enterpise is practicable, but there can be he no question whatever that is practible, its successful accomplishment would be the most grievous calamity that could befall the victors. It is not given to any pecple toenjoy the luxury of ruling an alien and hostile independency, especially on its own frontier, by armed force, without suffering a fatal reaction on its own domestic liberties. The habitual exercise of unrestrained and arbirary power over a neighbouring-above all, a kindred-community is the very worst imaginatle training for the citizens of a free and self-governed commonwealth. A nation which has learned to govern by the sword, and to admire government by the sword, is already more than half prepared to endure at home the military despotism which it practises abroad. The generals and the soldiers who are to repress disaffection in South Carolina and Alabama will be very dangerous citizens for Massachusetts; and it were vain to hope that the

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civil and political franchise which are systematically scorned, hated, and trampled down on one side of a river or mountain ridge will be long held sacred on the other. If habeas corpus, trial by jury, freedom of the press, freedom of public meeting, freedom of the vote, are to be interdiced to the rebellious and subjugated South, it is but too certain that they will be held, if held at all, on a most precarious tenure by the victorious North. The same political passions and the same political necessities which impel the Northern Federation to rule the recreant South by armed fore and terror will also impel a dominant Northern majority to coerce and terrorise at troublesome minority of its own citizens at home We have already seen something of this; but the occasional intrusions of legal right which authority or much violence may perpetrate in the first months of a fierce civil strife are as nothing compared with that hardened ind fference to law and liberty which comes with the habitual and stematic exercise of arbitrary power. A very few years of the regime which the necessities of conquest, would compel the the North to impose upon the South—a regime of enormous armies of occupation, supported by forced military contributions from subjected territory, and commanded by generals knowing no law but their own willwould, it may be feared, leave little remaining of that reverence for constitutional freedom and civic right which is the only reliable guarantee of a nation's liberties. This is the justification-if any justication be needed-of these friends of freedom who refuse their sympathies to the authors and abettors of the

BEECHER IN A DILEMMA.—The Courier in a notice of Henry Ward Beecher's

present disastrous war. It is in the interests of

the North no less than of the South-rather it

is in the common interests of humanity, civiliza-

tion, and progress-that we deprecate the in-

definite prolongation of a conflict which has no

intelligible aim or object but to make one na-

tion a despot over another.

speech at Glasgow, says: "At the close of his address, a gentleman in the body of the room completely posed him by reading a clause from the United States Constitution, in which slavery is made legal, and y asking whether Mr. Beecher and his friends were contending for the old Constitution or a new one. If for the first, they must be contending for slavery; if for the second; they had no right to complain of the South for following the same course. We need scarcely say that Mr. B's. attempt to answer the question left him completely impaled upon the horns of this cruel dilemma.'

VERY HANDSOME. - A gentleman who desires his name to be concealed, on yesterday presented to Governor Smith, the very handsome donation of ten thousand dollars, to be applied to the benefit of his old brigade, now so acceptably commanded by Brig. Gen. Pegram .- Sentinel.

When a man wants money, or assistance, the world, as a rule, is very obliging, and in-

## For Sale or Rent.

Notice.—Will be sold on Monday the 8th day of February next, at the residence 8th day of February next, at the residence of the late Brian Green, deceased, all the perishable property belonging to the estate of said deeedent, consisting of Herses, Mulcs, Oxen, Sheep, Cows, Stock Hogs, Corn, Fodder, Shucks and Hay, Carriage and Harness, Wagon, Cart, Ploughs, Plantation Tools of every description, House and Kitchen Furniture. Also, about 3000 pounds of new Bacon and salt Pork. Terms-Six months credit, purchasers giving

bond with approved security.

C. B, HARRISON,

Administrator. Sale C. Property and Negro Hire. - Hav-Depot, 1 will sell to the highest bidder, on Thurs-

day, the 14th inst., my stock of Cattle, Horses, some Corn, Fodder and many articles of Household Furniture, Wagons, Carriages, Carts and Gear, with other articles too numerous to mention. shall hire at the same time, some Negroes. Come and see what is for sale. WM. F. COLLINS.

bsenices .-- The following officers and privates are absent from my company without leave, viz : Serg't J. J. Langdale, Corp'ls Marcus H. Bowen and Wm. F. Scott; Privates Jesse T. Bowen, J. O. Harrington, Henry Johnson, Martin Perry, Albert Perrish, J. C. Rodgerson, Henry M. Scaggins, Joseph A. Tyler, George White and David White.

JUSEPH O. CHERRY, Capt. Co. B, 12th N. C. Battalion. dec 23-1t\*

# Miscellaneous.

Off TOBACCO, YANCEYVILLE, N. C., Jan. 6, 1864. Having been appointed General Agent for the State of North Carolina for the collection of Tobacco, I hereby give notice that if there are any other counties raising Tobacco, besides those enumerated below, I call upon them to report to me by letter without delay through the Sheriff or Clerk of the Court, who will please recommend to me a suitable man who must be a judge of Tobacco and exempt from conscription, to act as Agent for the collection of Tobacco in that county or in several adjacent counties. W. N. SHELTON.
Names of the Counties in which I have appointed

Agents: Rockingham, Polk, Guilford, McDowell, Stokes, Montgomery, Forsyth, Union, Stanly, Orange, Wake, Anson, Wilkes, Davidson. Alexander, Randolph, Caswell, Chatham, Surry, Iredell, Rowan, Davie, Mecklenburg, Nash, Catawba, Franklin, Yadkin, Halitax, Person, Granville, Jackson, Warren, Caswell, Cherokee, Rutherford, W. N. SHELTON. jan 12 dlw

The School for Boys. near the Northern limits of this city, and under the direction of A. H. Dowell, as Instructor, will open on Monday, 18th January, Raleigh, January 11, 1864. jan 12-2t\*

Small Pox Notice .-- As the Small Pox bas again appeared in the City of Maleigh, General between the hours of ten and two will be

vaccinated free of charge. Surgeon General. jan 12-1m

Cloves and Socks Wanted .-- I desire to purchase for the soldier, 10,000 pairs of Gloves and 10,000 pairs of Socks. Donations will be

thankfully received. EDWARD WARREN, Surgeon General, N. C. Miscellaneous.

L'or Sale .-- A few Confederate Seven per cent. Bonds on very reasonable terms.
JNO. G. WILLIAMS & Co.,

L'or Sale-32 Shares Cape Fear Bank I Stock. 31 Shares Bank of North Carolina.

1 North Carolina State Bond-eld 6 per cent. 4 Cape Fear and Deep kiver Bonds, endorsed by the State. . jan 8-d3t

W. H. JONES.

RALEIGH. N. C. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1864.

Votice. .. North Carolina Volunteer Navri A Meeting of the above Company will be held at Baleigh, January 14th, 1864. All the Stockholders and friends of this noble enterprize is expected to attend. And all persons wishing to render efficient aid to our suffering army and bleeding country should attend at Raleigh on the 14th, or send in their names, Postoffice and amounts, to me, either at Raleigh on the 14th, or Oxford before. I have been acting as Agent for this Company for seven weeks. I have had most glorious success, and I am sure that there can be no excuse for any one having \$500 that they can spare, since capital sent to us would not be held more sacred than the lives of our countrymen, and the institutions and virtues of our beloved South. Come up at once and strike a blow upon the high seas that will send terror to the very vitals of their commerce, thus causing them to be at peace with us.

Business of vital importance will be transacted, and, therefore, all interest should be present.
WILLIAMSON HARRIS,

Ranaway from the subscriber, my boy YANCEY, in June last. He is about fifteen years old, four feet six inches high, darkish color. His upper lip is very short and shows his teeth strikingly. He may be lurking around Raleigh.

A reward of fifty dollars will be paid if delivered to me.

N. J. WHITAKER. jan 5-d3taw4t\*

St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C.-The opening of this School is deferred to the 3d February, on which cay the next Term will commence, and continue twenty weeks.

ALDERT SMEDES,

Companion for All ..- The Southern LITERARY COMPANION enters upon its fifth volume the first of January next, and the Proprietor takes great pleasure in announcing to the public that he has completed arrangements for the publication of the paper through the year 1864. The Ladies Department will continue under the control and management of that gifted and accomplished authoress Miss C. W. BARBER. The first number for January, will contain the commencement of an original story from her pen entitled the "Heiress of Roseland or The Fortunes of Ada St. Clyde." But few extra copies will be printed and those who desire the first chapter of this admirable story would do well to subscribe at once. A series of articles will appear in this volume from the pen of that inimitable writer SANDY HIGGINS, and if you want to enjoy many a hearty laugh subscribe for the paper and read his productions. . The paper has a list of able Contributors and is richly worth the subscription money.

\$5,00 six months. All letters containing money, should be addressto I. N. DAVIS, Sr., Newnan, Coweta Co. Ga., sucscription money sent by Express at my expense.

Terms of subscription \$8,00 per annum.

THE SOUTHERN FIELD AND FIRESIDE I The proprietors having made arrangement for an ample supply of paper, take pleasure in an nouncing to the numerous patrons of this popular FAMILY JOURNAL that its publication will be resumed on the 2ND OF JANUARY, 1864. The first number will contain the commence-

"GERALD GRAY'S WIFE!" An original and beautiful romance written by one of the most gifted female writers of the South. Owing to the unsettled state of our country subscriptions will be received for six months only. 

Six papers six months......40 00 Single copies 49 cents. News Dealers supplied at \$20 per hundred. The Proprietors will spare no effort to maintain the high reputation of this standard family paper.

All letters should be addressed to STUCKTON & CO., dec 19-d4t\* Augusta, Ga.

BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA .--- A DIVIthis Bank has been declared this day, out of the profits for the last six months, payable to the Stockholders in current notes on the 1st Monday in

December next at the principal Banks, Branches C. DEWEY, Cashier. Raleigh, Nov. 5-td

NOTIOE!---\$25 REWARD.---STRAYED or Stolen.-On the night of the 22d inst. my HORSE was either taken from my stall or got loose and strayed off. He is a large bright bay horse, both of his hind feet are white; he also has a white streak across his nose; he is a highmounted horse before, and was eight years old last spring, and in good order. I will pay the above reward to any one who will deliver him to me or for any information that will enable me to procure CORP'L. ALFRED SMITH, Camp near Kinston, N. C., Co. G, 7th C. S. Cav'y. P. S .-- My address is Iver Station, Va.

Headquarters, Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 2d, 1863.—A Carpenter, Cooper, Blacksmith, Shoemaker, and Tailor, well skilled in their respective trades, are wanted as Foremen to direct and oversee the work of prisoners who have been convicted by sentence of court-martial and sent to the Military Prison at this post to serve out their time. Those who will come well recommended for skill and sobriety can obtain constant employment, and will recieve good wages.

Apply immediately to CAPT. SWIFT GALLOWAY, Commanding Post. dec 5-d4t

RARE OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN A Land. - For Sale. - I offer my FARM in Bertie county, N. C., lying on the main stage road five miles from Windsor. There is a very fine Dwelling containing nine rooms and three large cellars, Barn, Stables and Negro Quarters upon it and a good well of water near the house. There is about two thousand acres in the tract and seven hundred cleared, about eight hundred and fifty of the wood land is splendid low grounds and by draining can be easily cleared. There is a fine lot of navy pine timber and considerable stave timber also. I have a large deadening ready to be ta-ken in. East of the Dwelling is a fine young Apple Orchard containing fifteen hundred trees; which will be valuable in a few years. There is a Mill in course of construction only a mile from the

I offer this place because I have lost the greater part of my valuable hands and have not force enough to keep the plantation under fence and in cultivation. I would prefer a smaller farm. Any one wishing to purchase can consult me at Windsor, N. C., er will be shown the farm (should

I not be at home) by Mr. Wiley J. Gilliam, my nearest neighbor. This land is adapted to the cultivation of cotton, corn and peas. J. C. JACOCKS. nov 2-tw4tw2t

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Flour by the Barrel for these only who buy for their own use. MR. WOMBEL Apply to

Miscellaneous.

Miners Wanted .- Wanted immediately at Lockville, in Chatham county, N. C., a number of good Miners, who understand working Copper Mines. The very highest wages will be paid, and steady employment given. Report at once to the undersigned at Lockeville. J. M. HEUK & CO. jan 6-d6t .

DR. B. F. Arrington Respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Raleigh and surrounding country in the practice of Operative Centistry and treatment of the various diseases of the mouth pertaining to the Dental

Structure. Patrons given as reference. Office Exchange Hotel, Room No. 54. dec 2-dtf.

TAKEN UP AND COMMITTED TO THE A Jail of Lenoir county, on the 19th of July, last, a negro boy aged about 11 or 12 years, who says his name is Calvin, and that he belongs to Samuel Woodley, of Wilmington, N. C., who for-merly resided in Washington Co., N. C. Said-boy is very black and quick spoken, and says he for-menly belonged to Samuel Spruill, of Washington county. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. WM. FIELDS, Sh'ff Lenoir Co.

MENDENHALL & JONES. (MeConnell's Old Stand.)

Kinston, N. C., Nov. 26, 1863.-wtf

GREENSBORO', M. C. Have on hand, and to arrive, the following desirable goods, which they offer at prices to suit the times, either wholesale or retail. 24 doz. French Cass. Hats, (finest in Confederacy.) 1 bale 6-4 super Heavy Grey English Cloth. Purp. and Cherry Opera, and wh't Welsh Flannels. 4-4 Bleached Shirtings.
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TILLSBORG MILITARY ACADEMY. The Sixth Academic year of this Institution will commence on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1864. For circulars and information apply to MAJ. WM. M. GORDON, Sup't. Hillsboro', N. C., Nov. 23, 1863.—d3m.

English Hoop Skirts, 30 and 40 springs.

English Sperm Candles.

Dec. 12, 1863-a1m.

LMANACS! ALMANACS!!--THE SUBscribers will offer for sale in a few days, the Southern Almanac.

This Almanac has been prepared with great care, printed on the best Confederate paper, and is, we are confident, superior to any Almanac published in the Confederacy.
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by Prof. Robert Garlington, A. M., of Newberry College, S. C., whose well known ability will be a voucher for its correctness It has calculations adapting it to any lattitude in the Confederacy. All orders must be addressed to the subscribers, post paid, at Newberry, S. C. Price \$25 per bundred; \$3 per dozen.

HOUSEAL & SIEG, Publishers, nov 30-law4w. Newberry Court House, S. C.

WET NURSE WANTED .-- 1 WANT TO A hire a good Wet Nurse for next year, her services to commence Dec. 20th, 1863. WM. B. SMITH, Office Medical Director.

Raleigh, N. C.

CAROLINE BELLE SNUFF. U. 1500 TO 2000 BOXES MORE At the earnest solicitations of our many patrons, we have been indeced to manufacture about 1500 or two thousand boxes more of this celebrated Snuff. Our other engagements will prevent us from making any more. JAS. M. VENABLE & CO., Petersburg, Va.

JOS. E. VENABLE mmission Merchant, No. 3, 1ron Front Building, is our sole Agent.— All orders must be addressed to him or to M. T. SWEENEY, our Travelling Agent. J. M. V. & CO. nov 23-d2m\*

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

TTENTION BAREHEADS !-- I WILL GIVE for 2lbs. of nice clean wool, one good wool hat; or will make up the wool for 3% of the hats; or \$10 per hat; no lots taken less than 5 lbs. of wool. Neighbors can put together and make the amount. R. L. PASCHALL Hatter. dec 29-dlm\* 7 miles South of Louisburg N. C.

DINING ROOM TOVE FOR SALE. . . A very superior dining room stove for sale, com plete in all its parts and very handsome. Apply MRS. E. A. MARTINDALE, Baleigh, N. C.

I AND FOR SALE-Will be sold at public auction on the 16th day of January, 1864, by decree of Court, at the Court-House door in Greenville, N. C., a valuable tract of land belonging to the estate of the late Col. G. B. Singeltary. This tract contains between seven and eight hundred acres and is situated in Pitt County, below Greenville, and between Tar River and Tranter's Creek. jan 6-d10t 4w2t H. SHEPARD, Adm'n.

Mathematical and Classical School.--.
The first session of this school, located at Tally Ho, Granville county, N. C., will open on Monday the 18th of January. The price of board is eighty dollars per month. Tuition sixty dollars per session of twenty weeks. For particulars, address the Principal at Tally

T. J. HORNER. jan 6-9t . Principal.

Office North Carolina Railroad Company, Vance, January 1, 1864.—Dividend No. 6.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend of six per cent. on their capital stock, payable in Confederate Currency, on and after the first day of February next, at this

date until the day of payment.
JOHN H. BRYAN, Ja., jan 4-3tawtd Secretary. Taluable Negro Mechanics for Hire .--I have three Blacksmiths, a Carpenter and a Brick Mason for hire for the present year. WM. M. BOYLEN.

jan 4-d6t\*

Raleigh.

The Transfer Books will be closed from this

HOTEL FOR SALE .--- I OFFER AT PRI-Louisburg, and located just east of the Court-house. H. HARRIS. july 4.—tf.

FOR SALE ... A FIRST RATE GUITAR can be bought cheap, by applying immediately at the JOURNAL OFFICE nov 4-tf

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Military Notices.

Executive Department N. C. Raleigh, Dec. 15th, 1863. GREERAL CADEBS. ?

THE FOLLOWING ACT OF THE GENERAL I . assembly of North Carolina is published for the information of all concerned: AW ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN BELATION TO THE MILE-

TIA AND A GUARD POR HOMB DEPENCE. SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the some, That neither the Governor of this State, nor the officers acting under an act ratified on the 7th day of July, 186 63, entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for House Defence," shall call out for drill or muster the persons enrolled under said act, oftener than once a month in company drill, or of tener than twice a year in battalion drill, which battalion drills shall take the place of the company drills for the month in which they are appointed unless when called into actual service to repel invasion or suppress insurrection, or to execute the

laws of the State. SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have the power to use the Guards for Home Defence for the purpose of arresting conscripts and deserters; Provided, they shall not be ordered upon this duty beyond the limits of the counties in which they reside or the counties adjacent

thereto. See. 3. Be it further engeted, That in addition to the exemptions contained in the act to which this is an amendment, there shall be exempt county commissioners appointed under an act entitled "An act for the relief of wives and families of soldiers in the army," regular millers, blacksmiths who have established shops, necessary operatives in factories and foundries, the Attorney General, Solicitors of the several circuits and counties, physicians of five years' practice, contractors with the State or Confederate government, one editor to each newspaper and the necessary compositors, mail carriers, professors in colleges and teachers in academies; Provided, that this exemption shall only apply to the drills specified in this bill and not to service when the Guard for Home Defence is call . ed into the field.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That for failure to attend at battalion or regimental drill each field officer shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, each Captain and other officers who shall fail to muster and drill their companies the times appointed, shall forfeit and pay for each failure fifty dollars, and if a non-commissioned officer or pri vate shall fail to attend at any drill, he shall forfeit and pay not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars; Provided, that every absentee shall be allowed until the next muster to make his excuse. The fines shall be adjudged by regimental and company courts martial, and judgments are to be entered up and the fines collected in the same mode and in accordance with the provisions of the Military Law of North Carolina, passed at the second extra session of the General Assembly,

SEC. 5. Be further enacted, That the Surgeon General by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint surgical boards, not exceeding three, composed of two physicians each, who shall declare by their certificates those person who shall be exempt from service under the act to which this is an amendment, on account o mental or physical disability, and they shall receive the pay of their rank and traveling expenses to be determined by the Adjutant General. SEC. 6. Be it further engeted, That the Guard

for home defence, should they be called into serwice by the Governor, shall receive the same pay, rations and allowances as soldiers in the Confederate States' service, and shall be subject to the rules and articles of war of the Confederate States. SEC. Y. Be it further enacted, That when the pressure of public danger shall not prevent the observance of such a rule, the said Guard for home defence shall not be called into service en masse, but by drafts of a number of men from each convenient company, so as to make up the aggregate force required. SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That this act shall

be in force and take effect from and after its rati-Read three times and ratified in General Assem-

bly, this the 14th day of December, A. D., 1863, R. S. DONNELL, S. H. C. GILES MEBANE, S. S. STATE OF NORTH CABOLINA. I JNO. P. H. RUSS, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby cer-

tify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office. Given under my hand this 14th December, 1863. Secretary of State. II. The company drills required by the lat section of the foregoing Act will take place on the

second Saturday in the months of January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, November and December, and the Battalion drills on the second Saturday in the months of April and October. III. The 2d section of the foregoing act is construed to mean that the parties enumerated are

exempt from drills, apprehending deserters, and other ordinary duty of the Guard for home defence, but are not exempt from duty when the Guard for home defence is called into service to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or to execute the laws of the State. By order of Governor Vance :

R. C. GATLIN, Adjutant General. All daily papers in the State copy one week and other papers two weeks.

NOTICE.
HDQR'S NAVAL DEFENCES N. C.,

Wilmington, Dec. 16, 1863. The following Circular from the Bureau of Conscription is published by order of the Officer Commanding the Naval Defences of North Carolina. for the information of conscripts and persons liable to conscription :

Confederate States of America, BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION Richmond, March 24, 1863. Circular Order.

The attention of officers having charge of conscripts, is directed to section 2 of the act of Congress, approved October 2d, 1862, which is as fol-

Sec. 2. That if any person who has been or is about to be enrolled for service in the army, shall, at any time before being ass gned to any company. declare to the enrolling or commanding officer that he prefers being enrolled for service in the navy or the marine corps, it shall be the duty of the said officer to enroll such person for the service which he may prefer, and to transmit to the Secretary of the Navy a list of the persons so enrolled.

The Superintendent directs that this provisoin of

the law be observed, and that reports be made accerdingly. Whenever any officer of the Navy, designated by the Navy Department, shall present himself for the purpose, any officer in charge of conscripts will cause them to be mustered in presence of such

officer of the navy, in order that they may be offered the alternative of entering the naval service. By order of Brig. Gen. G. J. RAINS, Superintendent.

A. C. JONES.

dec 19-d6w

Lieut-Col., A. A. G.

Payetteville Arsenal and Armory, November 12, 1863. \$100 BOUNTY! Wanted, 100 Mounted Riflemen. Authority having been granted by the War Department to raise a Compuny of Mounted Riflemen for service in this vicinity, notice is hereby given, that recruits to the number of 100 non-conscripts will be received for this service. Each recruit will be required to furnish a serviceable horse, for which he will be allowed 40 cents per diem, and his pay \$12 per month. Written permission will be required from parents or guardians, where the applicant is under the conscript age.

Each recruit must bring with him a blanket or bed spread, and come prepared to remain.

Apply to Maj MATTHEW P. TAYLOR, at the F. L. CHILDS, Lieut-Col. C. S. A., Commanding Post. dec 16dtf.

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### Military Notices.

Headquarters Examining Board, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, Tarbore, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1863. The undersigned, Chairman of the Examining Board for the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts of North Carolina, hereby appoint the following times and places for the ex amination of Conscripts of the following counties: 10th N. C. Militia — Williamston, Martin county, Tuesday, December 16th.

8th N. C. Militia-Windsor, Bertie county, Friday, December 18th. 9th N. C. Militia-Windsor, Bertie county, Saturday, December 19th.

6th N. C. Militia-Murfreesbore', Hertford Co. Monday, December 21st. :6th N. C. Militia-Jackson, Northampton Co. Wednesday, December 23rd.

30th N. C. Militia-Tarboro', Edgecombe Co., Saturday, December 26th. 31st N. C. Militia-Tarboro Edgecombe Co., Monday, December 28th. 17th N. C. Militia-Greenville, Pitt county,

Wednesday, December 30th. 29th N. C. Militia-Show Hill, Greene county, Saturday, January 2nd. 20th N. C. Militia-Kinston, Lenoir county, Monday, January 4th. 33rd N. C. Militia-Wilson, Wilson, county,

Wednesday, January 6th.
34th N. C. Militia-Halifax, Halifax county, Thursday, January 7th.
35th N. C. Militia-Halifax, Halifax county, Friday, January 8th. W. P. FINLEY, Ass't Surg.

P. A. C. S., Chairm'n Exam'ng Board, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts. Chief Enrolling Office, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, Tarboro', N. C. Dec. 4th 1863. Enrolling Officers (or the commanding offi-cers of Militia Regiments in those counties in which there are no Enrolling Officers) will enroll all white males between the ages of 18 and 45 years, wi'h their respective commands (whether previously exempt or not) and order them to appear of the above times and places for examination.

J. C. PIERCE, Captain and

Chief Enrolling Officer, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts. des 5-d101.

Drovost Marshal's Office, Raleigh, Dee. 14th 1863. All persons residing in the City of Raleigh bolding aubstitute papers will pre-sent the same at this office as early as possible for examination, as all irregular papers are to be sent to the Bureau of Conscription at Richmond, Va., for SAMUEL B. WATERS. Capt. & E. O. fer City of Raleigh.

dee 15-d3w Headquarters. C. S. Military Prison, Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 7, 1863. TO NON-CONSCRIPTS .- Lieut. Henry P. Allen has been authorized by the Secretary of War to raise a Company of Non-Conscripts for local service as

Prison Guards at Salisbury. It is probable that the present Congress will extend the ages of conscription, and that it will authorize the conscription of all who have furnish-

Now is a fine opportunity for all those who are liable to be conscripted as above stated, and they should immediately apply to Lieut. H. P. Allen, or Capt. S. GALLOWAY. dec 16-d2w Commanding Post.

Dhysicians' Notice .-- At a meeting of those Physicians practicing in the City of Raleigh, whose names are subscribed to this publication; held at Dr. Wm. G. Hill's office, on the evening of the 23d inst., it was agreed to and de-

lst. That they would practice in the country after the lst of January, 1864, and during the ansettled state of prices for the necessary articles of supply and support for the macives and their families, all of which they have to purchase, upon these terms, viz; at old prices when paid in the products of the country at old prices, otherwise sheir charges will be in proportion to the prices

demanded for these products. 2d. In their town practice they will be governed by these circumstances, viz: when they know that their patients are dependent on a stated and limited income from vested funds or salary or wages, they will be moderate in their charges, otherwise they will charge prices corresponding with the times, unless paid in such articles as are needed by themselves and their families at reduced prices, when their charges will be relatively los-

Justice and an imposing sense of duty to themselves and their families, which they cannot disregard, impel them to this step, while on the other hand, equal justice and a proper sense of duty to the public demand that they should make known their purposes and determination.

FABIUS J. HAYWOOD, WM. G. HILL, CHAS. E. JOHNSON, W. D. MOKEE.

dee 29-d6t

To the Holders of North Carolina Eight PER CENT. BONDS.-TREASURY DEPART-MENT, Raleigh, Dec, 17th, 1863. By the terms of the Ordinance of the Convention, under which all the mer cent. bonds of this State were issued, they are payable at the pleasure of the State; and by the 5th section of the act of the General Assembly, ratified 20th December, 1862, the Treasurer is directed to raise funds as therein prescribed, and to pay off by\* the 1st day of January, 1865, the State bonds bearing 8 per cent. interest, unless the holder of said bonds will exchange them for 6 per cent. bonds payable on the lst of January, 1893, with coupens for the interest, payable semi-annually at the Treasury, in which case he is authorized and directed to make such exchange." The Treasury being now provided with the tunds erntemplated by said Act, I hereby netify all helders of said 8 per cent. bonds, to present them at the Treasury for payment or exchange for six per cent. bonds. IONATHAN WORTH, Public Treasurer. dec 19-d6t

is omitted by ascident in the printed act. To Hire-Two carefully trained Negro Women and a small Girl. Homes with quiet, christian families and kindly treatment, more an object than pecuniary compensation. Let applichange Hotel. dec 29-d3t\*

"The word "by." which is in the act as ratified.

Steam Engine for Sale -We offer for sale on good terms an EIGHT-HORSE-POW-ER ENGINE, said to be in good order with all the necessary fixtures. Early application must be made to W. H. Cunningin, Exchange Hotel, or to W. E. PELL. Rafeigh, Dec. 29, 1863-21\*

Notice.—Hereafter the Depositary at Raleigh will pay the interest on Registered Bends or Stock, heretofore paid by Depositary at Wilmington, N. C., but Depositary at Wilmington will continue to pay Coupons as well as the Depositary at Raleig b. C. F. JONES.

Acting Register, Richmond, Va. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26, 1863.

Wayne County Bonds for sale. -Sealed Proposals for the purchase of the Bonds of the County of Wayne until the 9th day of January next. Said Bonds to run for five years; one-fifth of the principal to be paid annually, and the interest payable semi-annually, and the payments to be made in the common currency of the country at the time of payment. Those bidding for the same will address the undersigned at Goldsboro', stating on the envelopes, Bids for Wayne County Bonds.

WM. K. LANE. G. THOMPSON. G. W. COLLIER, [dec 25-dt5jan]

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