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Confederate Congress.

Richmond, Jan. 13.

When the House met last night, it immediately went into secret session on the tax and currency question and continued over two days.

Met again this morning at ten, and went into secret session at eleven, continuing till after three, showing they are working earnestly to dispose of the matter as soon as possible.

This morning a bill was presented to authorize the President to suspend the writ of Habeas Corpus in any town, city or military district, when in judgment of the public safety require it, to apply only to arrests made by authority for the Confederate Government, and for offences against the same, to continue in force thirty days after the meeting of next Congress.

Also a bill granting transportation to all soldiers on furlough, same as now on sick furlough. And a bill to ascertain proceeds of the sales of property in the year sixty-three, raised or acquired any previous year, not to be taxed.

These bills of Appropriation were referred.

Resolution adopted instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the propriety of allowing the tax in kind on cotton to be paid in money and prescribing the manner in which cotton due the Government, shall be prepared, when not so much as a bale.

Also that the same committee inquire into the propriety of making all duties on blockade goods payable in specie.

Military Committee reported a bill to confer on Adjutants of battalions and regiments the rank and pay of Captain of cavalry, was taken up and discussed till the hour arrived to go in secret session.

The Senate Committee on commerce reported several important bills—one to prohibit during the war, the exportation of any cotton, tobacco, military or naval stores, sugar, molasses and rice except under such regulations as the President may prescribe.

Another bill to prohibit the importation of any articles of luxury during the war.

It prohibits by name in a very long list all importations, but such as refer strictly to articles of necessity.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to prescribe maximum prices at which certain articles shall be made, &c.

The same committee reported back to the Senate, resolutions from the legislature of Georgia favoring the appointment of citizens not liable to military service, to get up impressing agents. The committee unanimously approved the measure and hoped that the Secretary of War would adopt it.

The Senate went into secret session on the bill to increase the military age to fifty-five.

The Siege of Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 12.

The enemy has kept up a continuous shelling upon the city since last night and are still shelling at 7 o'clock this evening. The shells thrown are 100-pounds and Wiard's small rifle projectiles. No casualties.

No movements by the fleet.

Twenty-four Yankee prisoners, captured at Georgetown, are expected here to-night.

Death of Archbishop Hughes.

RICHMOND, Jan. 13.

A gentleman from one of the border counties states that he saw a notice of the death of Archbishop Hughes in a New York paper of the 6th. Latest dates received here are to the 1st inst.

Secret Sessions and the Brokers.

After the House of Representatives opened its doors Saturday preparatory to adjourning, a motion was made that the further discussion of the subject that engaged their private deliberations should be an open session. The cause of the motion is stated by members to have been the ascertainment of the fact that a copy of the Report of the Special Committee on Finance had fallen into the hands of the brokers of this city. If this be so, there can be no doubt that the public should be made acquainted with at least as much as is known to the brokers, otherwise the advantage which these shrewd gentry always have of the people will be so increased as to place the latter entirely at their mercy. The same means that were used to get possession of the Report would probably place before the brokers all the other proceedings of the House, and it is easy to see how they, possessing such information, and the public being entirely uninformed, will be able to operate to their own enormous benefit, and to the great injury of all with whom they have transactions. The only remedy is open doors and public discussion. We hope the House will see the necessity of adopting this course.—W.H.G.

EXCHANGE RUMOR.—It was rumored on Saturday that Burnside, the Barber, had been appointed, by the Lincoln Government, agent of exchange, vice Butler the Beast, who found himself outside of the pale of official recognition. Burnside has a ban hanging over him, on account of the murder of two Confederate enrolling officers in the West, and it is as yet to be seen how far that law will operate to prevent his recognition by the Confederate Government as an agent of exchange. As a gentleman, Burnside is not much the superior of Butler. Up to yesterday there was no sign of a flag of truce steamer below City Point. The interval of non-intercourse since the arrival of the last flag has been more protracted than at any time since the establishment of the cartel. If Burnside has been substituted for Butler, our Commissioner (Old) would speedily be notified of the fact by steamer at City Point. The long delay leads us, therefore, to doubt the reliability of the rumour.

CAPTAIN HINES.—The gallant Hines, who was one of Gen. Morgan's companions in the escape from the Ohio Penitentiary, and who became separated from him in Tennessee, it is understood, has certainly arrived at Dalton. Information to that effect has been received here, and Capt. Hines himself is expected very soon.—Richmond Sentinel.

Flour by the Barrel for those only who buy for their own use.

Apply to MR. WOMBEL, E. G. & R. DODD, Jan 9 11

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CAB; OR ABRAHAM AND ALEXANDER.

"Formosum paster Lincoln ardebat Alexin."

President Abe Caesar Alexander loved, "Banking's Delight," nor were his hopes repressed; Both sortering potentated, both despots, too, Alike prepared to sing and to reply, The precious pair thus bragg'd alternately:

Alex.—Imperial son of Nicholas the Great, We are in the same job, I calculate— You with your Poles, with Southern rebels I, Who spurn my rule and my revenge defy.

Alex.—Vengeance is mine, old man; see where it falls! Behold you hearth laid waste, those ruined walls; You gibbet, where the struggling patriot hangs, Whilst my brave myrmidons enjoy his pangs.

Alex.—Fill show you a considerable some Of despatch health and reverence bow, Of least about the gallow could I say, Were hanging not a game both sides could play.

Alex.—Wrath on revolted Poland's son I wreak, And daughters, too, beneath my knout they shriek. See how from blazing halls the maiden flies, And faithful Cossacks grasp the screaming prize.

Alex.—In Tennessee, I guess, we've matched them scenes. And may compare with Warsaw New Orleans. The Victrola may bear a purplish hue; As deep a stain has darkened the Yazoo.

Alex.—When my glad eye the telegram enjoys Of women whipped and soldiers shooting boys, I praise De Berg, to supplication deaf, And glorify severe Mouraivoff.

Alex.—I, when with their deserts Scotch gals meet, (We, too, know how the satiny sex to treat.) Rejoice in Butler, shame who made them feed; Exult the gallant Turchia and McNeill.

Alex.—Let mercy grace a feeble monarch's crown Zameyski's home my cannon battered down. Zameyski, changed, I spare the thought may dwell, Tormented, in Siberia's earthly hell.

Alex.—I've no Siberia of my own as yet, Beyond ginsayers to Fort Lafayette, And what reckon you'll approve of, sire, Bade Gillmore upon Charleston hurl Greek fire.

Alex.—On might, with legions armed, I take my stand, All Europe's outcry shall not stay my hand, Nor from my clutch shall cease the victim rend, Whilst I've one rouble or one life to spend.

Alex.—Bound to this child in bloody sympathies, Come to my arms and let us be allies; We'll squelch John Bull and scuttie Britain's isle— But let us go and liquor up meanwhile.

GREENLY ON THE PRESIDENCY.—At a late meeting at the Cooper Institute, in New York city, Horace Greeley was called upon and made a speech, the substance of which is as follows: He said it was hardly time to make Presidents, and he had not quite decided that we were to have another. (Laughter.) He wished to say for one, that he thought the largest man in this Government was the gentleman who had been censured largely to night—that was Governor Chase. He thought the firmest anti-slavery man, in spite of what he had heard to-night, was this man—a statesman who had been fighting with the hardest command, and whose battles had all been victorious so far. Perhaps he may be, perhaps he may not be, a candidate for the Presidency. Certainly the duties of the White House, or of the position of either of the Secretaries, could not be envied. He admired the confidence of people, which he had not always shared, for sometimes had been abused, not knowing whether he should wake up in the Union or in the Southern Confederacy. We have seen the time within two years when two votes to one would have been given in this city for Jeff Davis.

CONDITION OF OUR ARMIES.—If the truth is to be told, we may say that our armies are now better clothed and shod than in any former winter campaign of the war. The principal suffering is that from the difficulty of subsistence. Besides this, our soldiers have hardly one-third the utensils absolutely necessary to cook the miserable pittance issued.—Examiner.

For Sale or Rent.

Notice.—Will be sold on Monday the 8th day of February next, at the residence of the late Brian Green, deceased, all the perishable property belonging to the estate of said deceased, consisting of Horses, Males, Oxen, Sheep, Cows, Stock Hogs, Corn, Fodder, Shucks and Hay, Carriage and Harness, Wagons, Cart, Ploughs, Plantation Tools of every description, House and Kitchen Furniture. Also, about 3000 pounds of raw Bacon and salt Pork.

Terms.—Six months credit, purchasers giving bond with approved security.

C. B. HARRISON, Administrator.

Sale of Property and Negro Hire.—Having rented out for this year my Hotel at Kittrell's Depot, I will sell to the highest bidder, on Thursday, 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. I shall here at the same time, some Negroes. Come and see what is for sale. WM. F. COLLINS.

Absentees.—The following officers and privates are absent from my company with our leave, viz: Sgt. J. J. Langdale, Corp'l Marcus H. Bowen and Wm. F. Scott; Privates Jesse T. Bowen, J. O. Harrington, Henry Johnson, Martin Perry, Albert Parrish, J. C. Rodgers, Henry M. Scaggins, Joseph A. Tyler, George White and David White.

JOSEPH O. CHERRY, Capt. Co. B, 12th N. C. Battalion.

Miscellaneous.

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, 19th January, 1864. Jan 12-21

Gloves 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. Jan 12-1m

JOB WORK Of every description Executed with neatness and Dispatch At the Office of the STATE JOURNAL.

Flour by the Barrel for those only who buy for their own use. MR. WOMBEL, E. G. & R. DODD, Jan 9 11

Miscellaneous.

Office General Agent for the collection of TOBACCO, YANKEEVILLE, 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 countries raising Tobacco in this State 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 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, McDowell, Guilford, Stokes, Forsyth, Union, Stanly, Ashen, Davidson, Randolph, Cabarrus, Chatham, Rowan, Davie, Yadon, Franklin, Halifax, Person, Wayne, Caswell, Alamance, Greensboro, Rutherford, Jan 12 d/w W. N. SHELTON.

For Sale.—A few Confederate Seven cent Bonds on very reasonable terms. JNO. G. WILLIAMS & Co., Brokers. Jan 11-31

For Sale.—32 Shares Cape Fear Bank 31 Stock. First National Bank of North Carolina, 1 North Carolina State Bond—old 6 per cent. 4 Cape Fear and Deep River Bonds, endorsed by the State. W. H. JONES. Jan 8-31

Notice.—North Carolina Volunteer Navy! A Meeting of the above Company will be held at Raleigh, January 14th, 1864. All the Stockholders and friends of this noble enterprise is expected to attend. All good men 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, at Raleigh on the 14th or 15th inst. 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 owning \$500 that they can spare, since capital sent to us will not be used for anything but 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 error to the very foundations of commerce, thus causing them to be at peace with us. Business of vital importance will be transacted, and, therefore, all interested should be present. WILLIAMSON HARRIS, Agent. Jan 7-31

Ranaway from the subscriber, my boy R. YANCEY, in June last. He is about fifteen years of age, five feet 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 5-31

St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C.—The opening of this School is deferred to the 3d February, on which day the next Term will commence, and continue two weeks. ALBERT SMOEDS, Rector. Jan 7-31

A 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 month of 1864. The Ladies Department will continue under the control and management of that gifted and accomplished authoress Miss C. W. BARBER. The first number of the paper 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 to have a handsome high subscribe for the first number of this admirably selected 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 its productions. The paper has a list of able Contributors and is richly worth the subscription money. Terms of subscription \$5.00 per annum. \$3.00 six months. All letters containing money, should be addressed to I. N. DAVIS, Sr., Newnan, Coweta Co. Ga., subscription money sent by Express at my expense. dec 18-31

THE SOUTHERN FIELD AND PAPER SIDE The proprietors having made arrangement for an ample supply of paper, take pleasure in announcing 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 commencement of "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 not be received for six months. TERMS.—Six months.....\$3 00 Six papers six months.....40 00 Single copies 40 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 STOCKTON & CO., dec 19-31

BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA.—A DIVIDEND of five per cent, on the Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared, and the proceeds of the profits for the last six months, payable to the Stockholders in current notes on the 1st day of December next at the principal Banks, Branches and Agencies. C. DEWEY, Cashier. Raleigh, Nov. 5-31

NOTICE.—\$25 REWARD.—STRAYED Steed.—On the night of the 23d inst. a 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 high-mounted 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 on his own account, or to any one who will deliver him to me on my account. For more particulars apply to me at the office of the Surgeon General between the hours of ten and two will be vaccinated free of charge. EDWARD WARREN, Surgeon General. Jan 12-1m

Headquarters, Salisbury, N. C. Dec. 2d, 1863.—A Carpenter, Cooper, Blacksmith, Shoemaker, and Tailor, well skilled in their respective trades, are wanted at Foreman 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 receive good wages. Apply immediately to CAPT. SWIFT GALLOWAY, Commanding Post. dec 5-31

Small Pox Notice.—As the Small Pox has again appeared in the City of Raleigh, all persons calling at the office of the Surgeon General between the hours of ten and two will be vaccinated free of charge. EDWARD WARREN, Surgeon General. Jan 12-1m

Miscellaneous.

Miners Wanted.—Wanted immediately at New Hope, in Cherokee 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 Lockville, N. C. Jan 6-31 J. M. HECK & CO.

D. B. F. Arrington Respectfully offers his professional services as a citizen of Raleigh, surrounding country, the practice of Operative Dentistry and treatment of the various diseases of the mouth pertaining to the Dental Structure. Patients given as reference: Office Exchange Hotel, Room No. 54. dec 7-31

TAKEN UP AND COMMITTED TO THE Jail of Lenoir county, on the 18th of July, last, a negro boy called about 11 or 12 years, who says his name is Calvin, and that he belongs to Samuel Woodley of Wilmington, N. C., who formerly resided in Washington Co., N. C. Said boy is very black and quick spoken, and says he formerly belonged to James 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, S.W. Levoir Co. Kinston, N. C., Nov. 26, 1863.—wt

MENDELL & JONES. (McConnell's Old Stand.) GREENSBORO, N. 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 lbs. French Cass Hairs, (Aneston Confederate.) 1 bale Super Heavy Grey English Cloth. Purple and Cherry Aprons, and white Welsh Flannels. 4-4 Bleached Shirts and Cass Coats, small sizes. Black Alpaca and Merinos. 4-4 British Fancy and Purple Prints. Gents Collars, Bosoms, Cuffs, Kid Gloves. Black and Fancy Ties, Cravats and Scarfs. Coats, Vests, Pants, and Shirt Buttons. Black Patent Thread. Honey, Brown Windsor and Variegated Soaps. Toilet Soap, Fine Cakes, and Toilet Soap. Pocket Books, Cotton, Lawn and Linen Hdk'fs. Hog Skins, Plush, Saddler's Silk and Nails. Wafers, assorted, from 3 to 12 oz. Snuffers, Butcher Knives, Hand-Saws. Allens, Natusoga, Cloves. Salt, Soda, Snuff, in bladders. 40 boxes Extract of Logwood, Safety Pass 2 casks Madeira Wine, (very old). English Sperm Candles. English Hoop Skirts, 30 and 40 springs. Dec 12, 1863.—dlm

HILLSBORO MILITARY ACADEMY.—The Sixth Academic year of this Institution will commence on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1864. For circulars and information apply to the Principal, WM. M. GORDON, Supt. Hillsboro, N. C., Nov. 23, 1863.—dlm

ALMANACS! ALMANACS!!—THE SUBSCRIBERS will offer for sale in a few days, the new ALMANAC for 1864. 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 any other country. The Astronomical Calculations have been made by Prof. Robert Garrison, 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 latitude in the Confederacy. All orders must be addressed to the subscribers, post paid, at Newberry, S. C. Price \$25 per hundred; \$5 per dozen. HORSZAK & SIEG, Publishers, nov 30-law4w. Newberry Court-House, S. C.

A WET NURSE WANTED.—I WANT to hire a wet nurse for my child, a year, her services to commence Dec. 20th, 1863. WM. B. SMITH, Office Medical Director, Raleigh, N. C. nov 25-31

CAROLINE BELLE SNUFF. 1500 TO 2000 BOXES MORE. At the earnest solicitations of our many patrons, we have commenced 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, Commission Merchant, No. 3, Iron Front Building, is our sole Agent. Apply to him, or to W. M. SWENNEY, our Traveling Agent. J. M. V. & CO. dec 23-31

Notice.—On the First day of every month I shall send a special agent to the Army of Northern Virginia. All packages, Ac., sent to me at this place will be promptly forwarded free of charge. EDWARD WARREN, Surg. Gen'l N. C. Dec. 23, 1863.—dlm

ATTENTION BARBERS!!—I WILL GIVE you 2 lbs. of fine clean wool, one good wool hat, and one good pair of trousers, for \$10 or \$12 per lot; no lots taken less than 5 lbs. of wool. Neighbors can put together and make the amount. R. L. PASCHALL Hatter, dec 21-31 * 7 miles South of Louisburg, N. C.

DINING ROOM FOR SALE.—A very superior dining room store for sale, complete in all its parts and very handsome. Apply to MRS. E. A. MARTINDALE, Raleigh, N. C. nov 19-31

LAND FOR SALE.—Will be sold at public auction on the 14th day of January, 1864, by decree of Court, at the Court-House door in Greensboro, N. C., a valuable tract of land belonging to the estate of the late Col. G. B. Singletary. This tract contains between seven and eight hundred acres and is situated in Pitt County, below Greenville, and between Tar River and Crocker Creek. H. SHEPARD, Adm'r. Jan 6-31

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 Ho, N. C. T. J. HORNER, Principal. Jan 6-31

Once North Carolina Railroad Company. Voted at the large meeting, 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 Ho, N. C. T. J. HORNER, Principal. Jan 6-31

Transfer Books will be closed from this date until the day of payment. JOHN H. BRYAN, Jr., Secretary. Jan 4-31

Valuable Negro Mechanics for Hire.—I have three Blacksmiths, a Carpenter and a Brick Mason for hire for the present year. Apply to WM. M. BOYLEN, Raleigh. Jan 4-31

Hotels for Sale.—I OFFER AT PRIVATE SALE the large new Hotel in the town of Louisburg, and located just east of the Court-house. Apply to H. HARRIS. July 4-31

FOR SALE.—A FIRST RATE GUITAR can be bought cheap, by applying immediately at the JOURNAL OFFICE. nov 4-31

BLANKS Enclosed with notices and dispatch at this OFFICE.

Military Notices.

Executive Department N. C. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Raleigh, Dec. 15th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.

I. THE FOLLOWING ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of North Carolina is published for the information of all concerned: AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD FOR HOME DEFENCE.

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 same, That neither the Governor of this State, nor the officers acting under an act ratified on the 17th day of July, 1863, entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," shall call out for drill or muster the persons enrolled under said act, oftener than once a month in company drill, or oftener 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 Militia 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 which they reside in or the counties adjacent thereto.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That in addition to the exemptions contained in the act to which this is an amendment, there shall be exempt conscripts and deserters, the Attorney General, Solicitors of the several circuits and counties, physicians of five years' practice, contractors with the State or Confederate Government, one editor of each newspaper, necessary compositors, mail carriers, professors in colleges and 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 called into actual service.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That for failure to attend at battalion or regimental drill each officer shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, each private and other officers 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 private 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 company 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 annual extra session of the General Assembly, 1861.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Surgeon General by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Health, may appoint surgical assistants, not exceeding three, composed of five physicians each, who shall be exempt from service under the act to which this is an amendment, on account of their medical and other services, and shall receive the pay of their rank and traveling expenses to be determined by the Adjutant General.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Guard for Home Defence, when they are called into service by the Governor, shall receive the same pay, rations and allowances as soldiers in the Confederate States' service, and shall be subject to the same discipline as the soldiers of the Confederate States; Provided, that they shall not be drafted by a number of men from each company, so as to make up the aggregate force required.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification. Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1863. R. N. DOUGLASS, Sec'y of State. GILES MEBANE, S. S. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I. JNO. P. H. RUSSELL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original file in this office. Given under my hand this 14th December, 1863. J. P. H. RUSSELL, Secretary of State.

II. The company drilled required by the last section of the foregoing Act will take place on the second day of the month of January, and on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, of every month, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1864, and continuing until the 31st day of December, 1864. The companies shall be drilled 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 day papers in the State copy one week and other papers two weeks.

NOTICE. HODGINS' 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 3 of the act of Congress, approved October 2d, 1863, which is as follows: Sec. 3. That if any person who has been or is about to be enrolled for service in the navy, shall, at any time before being assigned to any company, prefer the enrolling or commanding officer in this preference being enrolled for service in the navy, 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 provision of the law be observed, and that reports be made accordingly.

Whenever any officer of the Navy, designated by the Navy Department, shall present himself for purpose, any officer in charge of conscripts will name 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. RAJES, Superintendent. A. C. JONES, Lieut.-Col., A. A. G. dec 19-31

Fayetteville Arsenal and Armory, No. 100 Number 1863. \$100 BOUNTY! Wanted, 60 Mounted Riflemen. Authority having been granted by the War Department to raise a Company 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 promises will be required from parents or guardians, where the applicant is under the conscript age. Apply to Maj. MATTHEW P. TAYLOR, at the Arsenal. Lieut.-Col. C. S. A., Commanding Post, dec 16-31

JOB WORK Of every description neatly executed at this office

ADVERTISEMENTS will be inserted at two dollars per square of ten lines (or less) for each insertion: Marriage notices and Obituaries will be charged as advertisements.

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

Military Notices.

Headquarters Examining Board, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 13,