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SOUTHERN FREEDOM.

THE GUILFORD DIXIE BOYS.

Written for the Patriot.

It was a bright, sunny day in the month of May, 1863, when a young boy named Jesse Ableson, a good and cheerful soldier, always ready for duty when well. At Camp Hardee, he came to me, one morning in the early part of September, and informed me, that he was detailed for guard duty, and that he feared he was not well enough to perform it. From his face I saw he was not in his usual health, and told him to see the Surgeon and get excused, that he ought not to go on duty. After breakfast, he concluded he would try to walk guard. Seeing him sitting down at one end of the post, I went to him, found him still sick, and had him relieved from his post. So extremely violent was his sickness, that before evening, he was wandering in his mind. I saw Col. Kirkland to obtain permission to send him to Mr. — at Mitchell's Station; but he said permission would have to be obtained from the commander of the Department, and that could not be gotten under three days. Before that time I was well convinced, he could not stand the ride, though all the trip could have been made on the cars. Hence, the hope was abandoned, and he was sent to the house of Dr. Marsteller in the neighborhood. There he received kind attentions from Mrs. Marsteller, and was carefully nursed by her. He received a letter from his mother, now late, Dr. — He received a letter from his mother, now late, Dr. — He received a letter from his mother, now late, Dr. —

PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

Whereas, it is provided by an act of Congress, entitled "An act to further provide for the public defence," approved on the 16th day of April, 1863, and by another act of Congress, approved on the 27th September, 1862, entitled "An act to amend an act to provide further for the public defence, approved 16th April, 1862, that the President be authorized to call out and place in the military service of the Confederate States, for three years, unless the war shall have been sooner ended, all white men who are residents of the Confederate States between the ages of eighteen and forty five years, at the time the call may be made, and who are not at such time legally exempted from military service, or such part thereof as in his judgment may be necessary to the public defence.

AN APPEAL FOR PEACE.

The New York World concludes an editorial urging the Federal rulers to embrace the opportunity offered by the triumphs of Meade and Grant to make overtures for peace, as follows:

Were the South in arms against us on some great issue of public law or of national pretensions, history would brand with undying shame the statesmen who should fail to seize upon a conjuncture at once so glorious and so terrible to attempt at least the re-establishment of peace. How much imperative is their duty so to act at such a time who are wielding the energies of a Christian republic for the settlement of a civil quarrel between men of one race and States of one great family?

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THE LATE BATTLES.

The New York Daily News is the only Yankee journal which seems disposed to tell the truth in regard to the late battles in Pennsylvania. That paper says:

"Amid this din of false reports, however those who have held fast to General Meade's authentic despatches have not been deceived. They have known that the triumph of the Northern army has consisted in not being defeated, and that to have repulsed the attack of the Confederates, though with prodigious loss to ourselves, is the extent of our victory."

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BLACKBERRY WINE.

Now is the time to make this delicious and healthful beverage. A patriotic lady, who has been making wine for the soldiers, (God bless her!) furnishes the Athens Banner with the mode she adopts. Instead of following old plan squeezing with the hand and straining through cloth, she takes a keg sets it upon the end, puts straw in the bottom, and after pouring the berries in, pounds them with a wooden pestle, and the juice comes out of a hole in the bottom of the keg, perfectly strained and pure.

A VALUABLE REARER.

The enrolling officer of Salisbury district, Maryland, was very active and thorough in the performance of duty. One day he went to the house of a countryman, and finding none of the male members of the family at home, made inquiry of an old woman about the number and age of the men family. After naming several, the old lady stopped. "Is there no one else?" asked the officer. "No," replied she; "none except Billy Bray." "Billy Bray? where is he?" "He was at the barn a moment ago," said the old lady. "Out went officer, but could not find the man. Coming back, the worthy questioned the old lady as to the age of Billy, and I went away, after enrolling his name among those to be drafted. The time of the drafting came; among those on whom the lot fell was Billy. No one knew him. Where did he live? The officer who enrolled him was called on to produce him and behold, Billy Bray was a jolly fellow and stands now on the list of drafted men as forming one of the quota of Maryland. [Harper's Weekly Magazine.]

FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER, 13th INST.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS.

By the President: J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

VICKSBURG.

The proposition of the fall of Vicksburg says the Mobile Advertiser being absolute, it is now plain that it has fallen with the least possible harm to us. If it had held out only twenty four hours longer, Johnston's army would, without any doubt, have been cut to pieces. Johnston was on the Big Black, and on Saturday, night his army bivouacked with orders to move on Grant's entrenchments at two o'clock in the morning. Before the hour arrived, the news of Pemberton's capitulation was received. From what has since been learned of Grant's position, it is now known that if Johnston's force had been doubled and trebled it could never have got through the works of Grant. The country for miles was defended by felled timber, every gorge and ravine a fortified work, bristling with cannon and converted into a slaughter pen. We are credibly informed that it took some of our paroled officers at Vicksburg fifteen hours to ride fifteen miles through the felled timber and around the excavations and embankments made by the enemy. How long would it have taken an army to march through the same works defended by a superior force? We claim that we have been fortunate in saving the gallant little army of Johnston, as well as the Vicksburg garrison, from further loss. The latter will before long be exchanged and enabled to take the field again.

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