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JEFFERSON DAVIS IN PRISON.

Scenes and Incidents of the Life of the Ex-Confederate President in the Casemate at Fortress Monroe-Extract from the Diary of the Post Surgeon_The Torture of the Prisoner_Opinions of the Confederate Leader in Social and Political Affairs_Inside History of the Confederacy_ Comments on the Military Policy of the North and the South_Who were the Great Generals? From the New York World of Saturday 16th.

[Continued from last Thursday's Journal.] JUNE 1.—Called with Captain Korte, officer of the day, about noon. Had been sent for at eight P. M., but was away fishing. He asked me what luck fishing, and appeared

in better spirits than usual. Had just heard, he said, through an irregular channel, that he had been indicted with Mr. Breckinridge in the District of Columbia, and hoped therefore that he was about to have a constitutional trial-not one by military commission, to which he would not have pleaded, regarding it as a foregone murder. The news had reached him through the conversation of some soldiers in the guardroom, who sometimes spoke to each other in loud tones what they wished him to overhear. It was probably in no friendly spirit they had given him this news; but to him it was as welcome as air to

He then referred to the severity of his treatment, supposing himself at present to be merely held for trial, and not already undergoing arbitrary punishment. As this conversation was a very important one, I took full note of it almost immediately on quitting his cell, and it is now

"Humanity supposes every man innocent, urged Mr. Davis, "until the reverse shall be proven; and the laws guarantee certain privileges to persons held for trial. To hold me here for trial, under all the rigors of a condemned convict is not warranged by law is revolting to the spirit of justice. In the political history of the world there is no my treatment. England and the depotic governments of Europe have beheaded men accused of treason; but even after their conviction no such efforts as in my case have been made to degrade them. Apart, however, from my personal treatment, let us see how this matter stands: "If the real purpose in the matter be to test the

connected therewith for treason, from what class or classes should the persons so selected be drawn? "From those who called the State Conventions, or from those who, in their respective conventions, passed the ordinance of secession? Or. from the authors of the doctrines of State rights? legiance? Or from those officers of the State, who, being absent on public service, were called the course due to that relation?

"I did not wish for war, but peace. Therefore sent Commissioners to negotiate before war comsoften the rigors of war; in every pause of conflict seeking, if possible, to treat for peace. Numbers of those already practically pardoned are those who, at the beginning, urged that the black flag should be hoisted, and the struggle made one of

"Believing the States to be each sovereign, and their union voluntary, I had learned from the Fathers of the Constitution that a State could change its form of government, abolishing all which had previously existed; and my only crime has been obedience to this conscientions conviction. Was not this the universal doctrine of their readiness to assume his defence, when apthe dominant Democratic party in the North previous to secession? Did not many of the oppoayow that faith? They preached, and professed in the matter, save to the government, on which secrets or lay his heart bare on his sleeve, for such ven; from lunatics, driven mad by sufferings con-

"If this theory be now adjudged erroneous, the history of the States, from their colonial organizaand the facts suppressed which may mislead others in a like manner to a like conclusion. "But if -as I suspose - the purpose be to test the ques-

tion of secession by a judicial decision, why begin by oppressing the chief subject of the experiment? Why, in the name of fairness and a decent respect for means needful to a preparation of his defence; and load him with indignities which must deprive efforts to resist the revolution which they charged privilege has been abused and must cease." his mind of its due equilibrium? It ill comports | my people with contemplating. State sovereignwith the dignity of a great nation to ecince fear of ty, the corner stone of the Constitution, has be-GIVING TO A SINGLE CAPTIVE ENEMY ALL THE ADVAN- come a name. There is no longer power, or will, Davis sent for me. Called with Captain Evans, with his breakfast. Unless things took a change, six months, lulling suspicion by pretending to their representative by a fair and public trial. THE QUESTION. A QUESTION SETTLED BY VIOLENCE, refuse compliance with any tinkle of Mr. Seward's pustule, somewhat malignant in character, was This was an allusion to the desire some of the young Huger, and the manner in which the two OR IN DISREGARD OF LAW MUST REMAIN UNSETTLED

"Believing all good government to rest on truth, it is the resulting belief that injustice to any individual is a public injury, which can only find compensation in the reaction which brings retributive justice upon the oppressors. It has been the continually growing dangers of the North, that in attempting to crush the liberties of my people, you would raise a Frankenstein of tyrany that would not down at your bidding. Sydney and Russell, and Vane, and Peters suffered; but in their death Liberty received blessing their lives | fixed on you every moment, intently scrutinizing

If the doctrine of State Sovereignty be a dangerous heresy, the genius of America would indigerous neresy, the genius of America would indicate another remedy than the sacrifice of one of its believers. Wickliffe died, but Huss took up his teachings; and when the dust of this martyr riveled on you in every moment of waking, or sleep- gross had excellent traits of character, but re- It was in returning the trays from Mr. Davis to my This treatment lasted night and day for six months, in its capacities, both physically and intellectually was sprinkled on the Rhine, some essence of it ing, sitting, walking, or lying down, is a refinement quired, for their cwn sakes, guidance and control. quarters that the spoons were taken—an annoy- the prisoners being almost skeletons when finally by continual labor. He pointed to the large brains

was infused in the cup which Luther drank. and have differed, can be settled by fair adjudication; and thus only can they be finally at rest."

spen his reading, which he supposed must soon termi-

ing to his Bible and Prayer-book, but the mind of earnestness required for their profitable read-DERSTAND THOUGH EVEN THIS WOULD NOT BE RIGHT of publicity -there must be two tribunals, one inroom. To old English or other books for his pecasal, what objection could be urged? Such indulgencies were given to the worst criminals before trials; and even after conviction the prison total darkness." libraries were open for their use. A mind so ac-SON FOR WITHHOLDING FROM HIM ANY BOOKS OR PA- er's eyes.

PERS DATED PRIOR TO THE WAR.

Already his memory, vision, and hearing, were im- sions, but conclusions with enough color to pass Better for the South to remain disfranchised for- is all forms of guilt in one, to men who occupied has to suffer some further weeks of exposure in paired. He had but the remains of one eye left, them into history. It seemed to me, let me frank- ever, than crawl back into office or recognition my position. Should I die, repeat this for the his present casemate. and the glaring, whitewashed walls were rapidly destroying this. He pointed to a crevice in the destroying this. He pointed to a crevice in the destroying this. He pointed to a crevice in the future glory of our struggle for national existence, prisoners, than be citizens on such terms. In no wall where his bed had been, explaining that he that this result should not happen. had changed to the other side to avoid its mephit- Mr. Davis asked me could nothing be done to alist," muster a corporal's guard of mer with sim- out doctrines received from reverenced lips in my piazza being prolongated and raised by a flight of

pered. Complained that his clean linen, to be sent over twice a week by General Miles, had not walking under guard. Clay was looking wretchthe sufferings he was undergoing would do him manner. As he passed Mr. Clay they exchanged votion to the Southern cause. had opposed him would be kept silent, if not won over, by public sympathy. Whatever other opin- other's health; but it seems this had alarmed the a cloud of erysipelas covering his whole face and of the day. Mr. Davis suffering great prostration, or painful, with military exactness.

Cerated for a conspiracy against the life of the a cloud of erysipelas covering his whole face and of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day. Mr. Davis renewed his complaints of the vitia- life of the day and an inquiry for each of the day and an inquir

making his heart sick.

"To the last class I belong, who am the object | sacred cause. The defeat he accepted, as a man | its general truth.

people denounced as a revolution. My people him. If the privilege were ever abused; if any-SELE FOR AN EXPOSITION OF HIS SIDE OF in any State, or number of States, that would dare officer of the day, and explained my absence. A he would not require it long.

> so that he could be seen at all moments by the guard in the outer cell. If he happened to dose one feverish is ide (as previously explained), and wished the Wash-ters. The meals were sent over by a bright little moment, the noise of relieving guard in the next room ington people would take quicker means of dispatcharoused him, and the lamp poured its full glare into ing him, if his death without trial was their object. Sergeant of the guard outside the casemate, who inflicted on his rescuers—all of these points Mr. his aching and throbbing eyes. There must be a That it was so he was led to suspect, for a trial passed them through the window to the Lieuten- Davis recited with a vividness which made each feachange in this, or he would go crazy, or blind, or must develope many things not pleasant to those ant of the guard in the outer cell, by whom they ture in the successive scenes pass before the men-

creasing with every moment it is endured, and was unjust. Were the free blacks any less libidside, but infinitely the vaster one outside the court- reason. The lamp burning in my room all night faithful were among his enemies.

tive as his had been for forty years could not sud- aspect, I deemed it my duty to communicate that left thigh, Mr. Davis. As with the casemate, the inside of any brain-certainly not of half a dealy bring its machinery to a pause. It must afternoon to Major General Miles, who could not malarial atmosphere in his cell, reiterating his wish ferings and wretched state argued for the grave as there were to be two rooms used for the prisoner's dozen—in their lives.

Of the trial he had been led to expect, had heard nothing. This looked as if the indictments were to be suppressed, and the action of a military com- country now but America. It was for the honor ents-men who could only excite the abhorrence solemnity of a dying man, though not then, in my its usual unpleasant attendants of staring and

taking his life, that would be the greatest boon skill as I possessed should be wanting for his ben- or given back the freedom of the ballot. they could confer on him, though for the sake of efit. Then commenced conversation on various To offer bribes for wholesale falshood, would be as sincere, and as if—whether true or not, judged er, exclaiming as I entered, "The world does his family he might regret the manner of its tak- topics, seeking to divert his mind from the afflic- found poor policy; and the men hereafter to cre- by the standard of law—the speaker uttered them move, after all." The panel in the side-door tions preying on it.

pressed much sympathy for his fellow-sufferer, an increasing shadow.

tutional law, very accurate and ready in his refer- more pitiful clerks in the law departments at Wash- pugned. port that Messrs. Reverdy Johnson of Maryland, terms of endearment he might be tempted to use; to assassinate the rival representatives were comproached by some of his friends for that purpose, for which he felt grateful, both personally and for mer vestibule of the temple—the holy of holies—be received; from fanatics, religious or patriotic, treatment. Martyrdom, while representing the death for heinous crimes, were allowed not only often cowardly desperadoes, seeking gold and nople, whose future liberties were now at stake in his allowing such letters to pass without scrutiny?— serious injury to the prospects of the South; but two armed guards.

"My people," he added, "attempted what your justified; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth pairing and defeated, though righteous cause.

Mr. Davis complained this sleeplessness was aggrainflamed and swollen. He reiterated belief that
word by the lamp kept burning in his room all night,
the casemate was full of malaria poison, caused
wood pipe, and from time to time taken five of
signals which they gradually established with the
word pipe, and to prevent his physician from consignals which they gradually established with the "Doctor," he said, "had you ever the conciousness of being watched? Of having an eye belonged.

your most minute actions, and the variations of fever, the swelling of his face spreading to his mit suicide," his food had to be cut up before be- the Austrian officer of the day entered, flashed a of torture on anything the Camanches or Spanish In- They were docile, as a general rule, easily embued ance obviated by his retaining one for use. This obtaining their release, which was secured by the of nearly all who have been eminent in pursuits The road to grants of power is known and quisition ever dreamed. They, in their ignorance with religious sentiment, quick in sympathies, only changed the form of trophy, however; nap- representations of General Washington, the power- involving mental labor, contending that as the laopen; and thus all questions of reserved rights of eruel art, only struck at the body; and the land of warm family affection. Their passions, kins that he had used being the next class of pri-ful advocacy of Mr. Fox and the Liberals in the British bor of the tailor developes the muscles of the right on which men of highest distinction may differ, nerves have a very limited capacity of pain. This however, were intense and uncontrollable. Slavery zes seized and sent home to sweethearts, by loyal Parliament and the humane sympathy of the Count thumb and fore-finger, those of the delver the is a maddening, incessant torture of the mind, in- had been blamed for their incontinuance, but this warders at the gates.] Mr. Davis then spoke of the restrictions placed shaking the reason by its incessant recurrence of inous? The Southern slaves were incomparably entillness. He was not one of those who, when second imprisonment was never shackeled; and, a fault in his parallel, he knew, or rather what miserable pain. Letting a single drop of water more chaste, or less unchaste, than people of the in trouble, wished to die. Great invalids seldom though treated with the utmost cruelty, no indig- appeared to be a fault—that we can establish no had this wish, save when protracted sufferings had nities were offered to his person, save that he was analogy between the mental and physical phases be indispensable to preparing his defence, nor did he see how he could be denied free intercourse alleged, if the infliction be continued. The torture of being incessantly watched is, to the mind, what improvident to a degree that must reduce them brought close to death nor thought about it seri- clothes, and stripped of every little comfort that had means of judging, and that while we did not Books, if he could get them, would be a great the water-dropping is to the body, but more efficive, to destitution if not cared for. They had to be outly. A good old Bishop once remarked, that been previously allowed him, save such betterments know how the brain acted in its reception or emis-Books, if he could get them, would be a great of food—his regulation diet being bread and water Omniscience looks upon us with tenderness and patches every year, no remonstrances sufficing to about," and the mixture of wisdom and quaint hucould not keep continually at the height and strain | compassion ; even if conscious of guilt, we have | make them | provide one season for the wants of | mor in the phraze had impressed Mr. Davis. the comfort of knowing that Eye sees also our re- the next. It was in their affections they were Even to Christians, with the hope of an immortal of earnestness required for their profitable reading. That the papers and other profitable reading. That the papers and other their profitable reading. That the papers and other their profitable reading prison, proceeded, by invitation per their profitable reading. The papers and other their profitable reading prison, proceeded, by invitation per their profitable reading. The papers and other their profitable reading prison, proceeded, by invitation per the first of them were those of men pursuing different call per the form of parting forever from the tenement of per their profitable reading prison, proceeded, by invitation per the first of the first of

having been through life never to sleep except in er suffering severely, but in a less critical state, the ones gone before!

district of Virginia could what we called a "loy- and that in following my State I was only carrying speedy conversion from quarters to a prison, the better his condition, or secure him the justice of a ilar sentiments. Why organize hypocrisy by at-

position as his multiplied cares and labors would poisonous inhalation. of greatest rigor. This can only be explained bitterty of the restrictions impermit. Behind Mr. Lincoln, during his first Assured Mr. Davis that his opinion on the matter ral treatment Mr. Davis acknowledged to be good, spoke of ex-President Franklin Pierce in terms of a father confessor. His letters, on the contrary, had gle only justifiable in continuance by its better atwarm admiration, as the public man who had stu- to be sent open to General Miles, and from titude for obtaining terms; and from no ruler the Mr. Davis spoke of the wretchedness of being

failed; but your people have suffered a revolution thing he wrote to his wife were published to the Pennsylvania Artillery, officer of the day. Prison- fayette's liberation. Mr. Huger was a young gen- he would not leave. If anywhere in the South the the opinions of mankind, deprive him of the which must prove disastrous to their liberties under the opinions of mankind, deprive him of the would not leave. If anywhere in the south the opinions of mankind, deprive him of the would not leave. If anywhere in the south the opinions of mankind, deprive him of the would not leave. If anywhere in the south the confidence of less promptly remedied by legal decision, in their turb the peace, what easier than to say: "This Had no appetite for ordinary food, but found the upon landing near Georgetown, South Carolina, different; but as that cause was now wrapped in coolness and moisture of fruits agreeable. Said he accompanied by Baron De Kalb, had first been a the shroud of a military defeat, the only duty left August 14.—Had been absent in Baltimore on had concluded not to lose any more spoons for guest of Major Huger, the father of his rescuer. to him—his only remaing object—was to vindicate official business some few days, during which Mr. me, but would retain the one that morning sent Dr. Bollman's visit to Vienna, where he remained the action of his people, and his own action as

forming on the prisoner's face, which was much guard had to secure trophies of anything Mr. Da- cautious, but daring men, mutually discovered to in power. In particular it would place the respon- were handed to the prisoner through the grated tal eye as though in the unrolling of a panorama. sibilty for the non-exchange of prisoners where it doors of the inside room, the keys of which were Huger and Bollman were heavily ironed round the belonged.

Called the same evening. Prisoner in a high being allowed the prisoner, "lest he should com- geons, in utter darkness. Once every half hour

mission substituted. If so, they might do with him as they pleased, for he would not plead, but tice to his cause, that he pleaded.

or contempt of ninety-nine in every hundred of judgment, in any immediate danger. His words, the people? Either the South should be declared as quoted were taken down on my return to quar
Called this day (Oct. 5) with Captain Korte, leave his cause to the justice of the future. As to Assured Mr. Davis that no effort of care or such so many conquered provinces under military rule, ters, and are here given for what each reader may Third Pennsylvania artillery, officer of the day, think them worth. They certainly impressed me and found Mr. Davis already looking much bright ate trouble in the South, would not be the gallant in the good faith of a religious man, who thought opening on the corridor, in which a sentry's face June 10.—Mr. Davis out of sorts, very ill-tem- Mr. Davis said when he had last been out on and well-born gentlemen who fought loyally, and death might very possibly be near, if not immi- was framed, gave him some annoyance, and he re-

been received. General Miles had taken charge of edly, and seeing him made Mr. Davis realize more troons and renegades who remained "neutral" Titlow, officer of the day, to see State-prisoner movements. If his wish were to commit suicide, his clothing, and seemed to think a change of them acutely his own humiliating position. Men at sea through the contest, only anxious to avoid danger Davis, who appeared rapidly sinking, and was be-such a precaution would prove wholly unavailing. twice a week enough. It might be so in Massachu- in a ship never realize how forlorn and frail the ves- for themselves, and jump over to the side that won. lieved in a critical condition. The carbuncle on It looked rather as if the wish were to drive him setts. But now even this wretched allowance was sel is they are on board, until their counterpart in The former class accepted defeat, and would loyally his thigh was much inflamed, his pulse indicating to its commission. He then referred to some emdenied. The General might know nothing of the matter; but if so, some member of his staff was Absorbed in exercise and the emotions of the some closely passing vessel is brought under notice.— preserve any obligations that might be imposed on extreme prostration of the vital forces. The ery-sipelas which had subsided now reappeared, and studied anatomical dianegligent. It was pitiful they could not send his scene, he had previously failed to realize his situers, commanding no popular confidence, chastened the febrile excitement ran very high. Prescribed grams for the purpose of learning how life could trunks to his cell, but must insist on thus doling ation, with an officer at his side as custodian, and by no memories of the struggle; and now that no per- such remedies, constitutional and topical, as were be most certainly and painlessly lost, or with least out his clothes, as though he were a convict in four bayonets pacing behind him to secure that sonal risk could be incurred, would seek to obtain indicated; but always had much trouble to per- disfigurement. He discovered that precise part some penitentiary. If the object were to degrade he should make no effort to escape. The moment popularity—the siven in very nearly, if not precisely, his own limit, it must fail. None could be degraded by unmerited insult heaped on helplessness but the periodic and nothing but his strong conviction that to repetrators. The day would come that our people would be equivalent to suicide, would be ashamed of his treatment. For himself doctor as captain of the patient's health, and obey- wound of a pin-prod would be fatal. Some time good with his people (the South.) Even those who a few words in French, nothing more than the August 20.—Called with Captain Evans, officer ed every direction, however irksome, disagreeable, after, being transferred to France, and re-incar-

ions might be held, it was clear he was selected as chief victim, bearing the burden of Northern hatched, which should be more equally distributed.

The carbuncle much inflamed. Spirits ted atmosphere of the casemate, declaring it to be casemate, d Sunday, July 11.—Was sent for by Mr. Davis and called in company with Captain R. O. Bickley, officer of the day.

Found prisoner very desponding, the failure of his sight troubling him, and his nights almost with-list in the should die without of the ramparts. Clay was naturally delicate, of an atrabilious type, and no animal life could preventing suicide by watchfulness. Even before prosper in an atmosphere that generated these hyphomycetous fungi. From the rising and falling in which Mr. Davis could not have thrown down of the tides in the loose foundations of the case-him justiced. Mould gathered upon his shoes, showing the clay and in shoes, showing the dampness of the place, and no animal life could preventing suicide by watchfulness. Even before prosper in an atmosphere that generated these hyphomycetous fungi. From the rising and falling in which Mr. Davis could not have thrown down of the tides in the loose foundations of the case-him justiced. Mould gathered upon his shoes, showing the dampness of the place, and no animal life could preventing suicide by watchfulness. 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His present treatment was killing him by He had a tendency to asthma, but that was a long charge be its own refutation, he had cheerful con- which, floating in the air, were thrown off in such October 13,—Called with Captain Theodore Price inches, and he wished shorter work could be made of lived disease. Mr. Davis inquired how Clay was fidence while in health; but in his feebleness and quantities, and with such incessant repetitions of Third Pennsylvania artillery, serving on the staff his torment. He had hoped long since for a trial, fed. Replied that at first he had received soldier's depondency, with knowledge how powerful they reproduction, as to thoroughly pervade the at- of Major General Miles, officer of the day. Mr. which should be public, and therefore with some rations, but latterly, his condition demanding it, were who wished to affix this stain, his alarm, lest mosphere, entering the lungs and blood with every Davis in good health, but complained of being semblance of fairness; but hope deferred was had been fed from the hospital. Mr. Davis ex- it might become a reproach to his children, grew breath, and redeveloping their poisonous quaili- treated as though he were a wild beast on exhibities in the citadel of life. Peculiar classes of these tion, not a prisoner of State awaiting trial. La-The odious, malignant and absurd insinuation begging me to do whatever I professionally could Of Mr. Lincoln he then spoke, not in affected fungi were characteristics of the atmosphere in dies, and other friends of persons in authority at Or, from those citizens who, being absent from their States, were unconnected with the event, but great crime and folly of Mr. Lincoln's assassination and the form has a connected in some manner with the for his relief, and to hold up his hands. Let me terms of regard or admiration, but paying a simble that he was connected in some manner with the for his relief, and to hold up his hands. Let me the form the form of plague were the form, were let loose on the ramparts about the hour of his walk, to stare at him as though he on its occurrence returned to their homes to share tion, was his chief personal motive for so earnest- ism of manner, no patient has ever crossed my ter, honesty of purpose, and Christian desire to be the Rev. Mr. Osborne, in a long and interesting were the caged monster of some traveling menageness. the fortunes of their States as a duty of primal al. ly desiring an early opportunity of vindication. path who, suffering so much hiriself, appeared to faithful to his duties according to such light as series of experimental researches with the achro-But apart from this, as he was evidently made the feel so warmly and tenderly for others. Sickness, was given him. Also to his official purity and matic microscope during the cholera visitation of his last walk, when he saw a group of ladies waitrepresentative in whose person the action of the as a general rule, is sadly selfish; its own pains freedom from avarice. The Southern press la- 1854 in England. Men in robust health might de- ing for his appearance, by turning short round and seceding States was to be argued and decided, he and infirmities occupying too much of its thoughts. bored in the early part of the war to render Mr. fy these miasmatic influences; but to him, so phy- re-entering his cell. Dear and valuable as was the home by the ordinance, and returning, joined seconding States was to be argued and decided, he and infirmities occupying too much of its thoughts. bored in the early part of the war to render Mr. bored in the early part of the war to heard in beharlf of the defeated, but to him still or rather he was an exception calling attention to forts were against his judgment, and met such op- mould found no vital force sufficient to resist its were prices at which he could not consent to pur-

but to vindicate the theory and justice of his cause, posed by General Miles on his correspondence with term, stood an infinitely more objectionable and had for some time been my own, and that on sever- though there were in it many annoyances of deshowing the authority of the Constitution and the wife; certain subjects, and those perhaps of most in- less scrupulous successor (Mr. Hamlin;) and the all occasions I had called the attention of Maj. Gen- tail-such as the sentry's eye always fastened on Fathers of the Country, that his people had only terest, being forbidden to both. The convicts in State blow that struck down the President of the United eral Miles to the subject. Satisfied that the danger his movements, and the supervision of his corresasserted a right-had committed no crime; this prisons were allowed this liberty unimpeded, or only States would place that successor in power. When was now serious if he were longer continued in pondence with his wife-unworthy of any country was the last remaining labor which life could im- subject to the supervision of the chaptain whose scru- Mr. Lincoln was reinaugurated the cause of his such an atmosphere, I would make an official re- aspiring to magnanimity or greatness. menced, and subsequently strove my uttermost to pose on him as a public duty. Mr. Davis then ting had a religious and kindly character—that of people was hopeless, or very nearly so—the strug- port on the subject to the General commanding,

died constitutional law, and the relation of the States to highest profit, remarking, that if he were States to highest profit, remarking, that if he were torney-General. What unbosoming of continually given any choice of counsel, Mr. Pierce would be fidence—mutual griefs, mutual hopes, the of heart, naturally longing for the glory and reone of those whose advice he would think most interchange of tenderest sympathies—was possipose of a second term to be spent in peace. Mr. torments imposed on Marquis de Lafayette in the reliable. He also spoke of Mr. Charles Eames of ble, or would be delicate under such a system?— Johnson, being from the South, dare not offer dungeon of Magdeburgh and Olmutz. Indeed, Washington, as a walking encyclopædia of consti- He pictured idle young staff officers here, or yet such liberal treatment; his motives would be im- the parallel between their prison lives, if not in some other respects, was remarkable. Lafayette ence to precedents; adding that he had seen a re- ington, grinning over any confessions of pain, or In every embittered national struggle, proposals was denied the use of knife or fork, lest he should commit self-destruction. He was confined in a and Charles O'Conner of New York, had professed and this thought embittered the pleasure such cor- mon, eminating from different classes of men with casemate, or dungeon, of the two most powerful fortresses of Prussia first, and then Austria.-While in Magdeburgh, he found a friend in the humane physician, who repeatedly reported that nents of that party, in the same section, share and his people. His own fate was of no importance in poor human life; and who could expose its believing the act would prove acceptable to Heapurer air than that of his cell; and on this recomto believe. We believed, and preached, and p "was not ill enough yet" the illustrious prisoner was eral declaring such description to be objectionable,

deliberate action of his people, would be immorfree correspondence with their wives, but intertoriety by attempting, or promising to attempt,

at length allowed to take the air—some times on fined, Mrs. Davis would storm the fort and rescue tality; but for the sake of justice, not merely to views at which no jailor stood within earshot.— the crime. At the time it occurred, Mr. Lincoln's foot, at other times in a carriage, but always action to the present moment, should be re-written, his own people, but to the whole American peo- What possible public danger could there be from death, even by natural causes, would have been a compained by an officer with drawn sword, and

study or practice medicine: his there meeting with necessary for the support of life.

WHEN HE WAS PREPARING FOR TRIAL. He would then lived two long in the woods to be frightened by rious illnesses. Was with his wife on board the rows—was one full of awe, if hot terror. What it State prisoner. Decided that rooms in second great extent be a believer in phrenology, to which require to know what phase of public opinion he an owl, and have seen death two often to dread Clyde, but might possibly have deserted the sink- must be to the unbeliever, who entertained absorbate protesting addressed; for in all such trials—and in this age any form of pain. But I confess, Doctor, this ing ship by this time. Did not think he would, lute and total annihilation as to his prospect, he suit—a building long used as officer's quarters, against the charlatanisms which had overlapped torture of being watched begins to pray on my though others with greater claims to keep them could not conceive. Never again to hear of wife near the main sally-port, and in which nearly every for selfish purposes of gain, what of truth there or children—to take the great leap into black vary officer of the old army was for some months was in the science. Before the matter could be would seem a torment devised by some one who had intimate knowledge of my habits, my custom de-Camp of Gen. Miles, officer of the day. Prison-happier life the loved ones left behind, the loved ones left behind the loved ones left behind, the loved ones left behind, the loved ones left behind, the loved ones left behind the loved o er suffering severely, but in a less critical state, the ones gone before!

tradition in and around Old Point Comfort that sistence of innumerable subjects for many years.

He had more reasons than other men, and now both Grant and Sherman occupied in their day But the men who now put themselves forward as The conversation, so far as related to its medical head. Found that a carbuncle was forming on his more than ever, to wish for some prolongation of the very chambers selected for the second incar-professors of the science, had probably never seen maiarial atmosphere in his cent, renerating missist and the first have food or prey upon itself, and this was his case at present. Except for the purpose of this case at present. Except for the purpose of the footstool, in whatever pain or having a place of rest. His duties to the cause he had recombined to be rid of him with that, if the Government wanted to be rid of him with that the control of hi himself since entering Fortress Monroe, and was misery, at least until by the ordeal of a trial he grated door. Opposite this door was a fireplace. Davis instanced what he called the foul falsehood July 20th. Called on Mr. Davis, Captain Korte, now losing it for his people. The action and tone could convince the world he was not the monster To its right when facing the door, a window heav. that he had preached and effected the repudiation June 8.—Was called to the prisoner, whom I had not seen for a week. Entered with Captain E. A. Evans, officer of the day. Found Mr. Davis relapsing and very despondent. Complained again of intolerable pains in his head. Was distributed in the day of the day and intolerable pains in his head. Was distributed in the day and the prisoner, whom I had entered the reputation of the day and effected the reputation in regard to the Richmond elections, gave evil his enemies would make him appear, and that no lygrated, and with a sentinel continually on duty of the Mississippi bonds. There is no truth in the report, he said.—

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the two sentinels in his room, and the murmur or gabble of the guards in the outside cell. He said his casemate was well formed for a torture-room of the inquisition. Its arched roof made it a perfect whispering gallery, in which all sounds were jumbled and repeated. The torment of his head was so dreadful, he feared he must lose his mind. Already his memory vision and hearing were included in the property of the two sentinels in his room, and the murmur or gabble of the guards in the outside cell. He said the physical should be abandoned, or free acceptance given to the men who had be abandoned, or free acceptance given to the men endorsed by the people. To ask men who had fought, sacrificed, and lost their all for a cause, of this conscience.

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chase it, and this was of the number. His gene

The change to Carroll Hall had been of the greatest benefit to the prisoner's health, the air being purer as it was loftier, his own room more cheerful, and only subject to the drawback that he room, the window opening on the piazza at his left, and the door opposite the window, with an open panel in it, opposite which stood a sentry.

Mr. Davis said it was scandalous that govern-

ment should allow General Miles to review his letters to his wife. They had to pass through the hands of Attorney General Speed, who should be a quite competent judge of offensive matter, or what was deemed offensive. General Miles had returned to him several pages of a letter written to Mrs. Davis, containing only a description of his him vi et armis. This was both absurd and cruel -one of those acts of petty tyranny which was person, a fair and public trial was now the necessity of the situation.

Time will set all these petty tyrannies in their true light. He that first pleadeth his own cause seems mind, was the last crowning calamity of a desminuteness, the efforts made by Count Lally-ToMr. Davis then narrated with great spirit and minuteness, the efforts made by Count Lally-ToMiles might give himself no uneasiness. Mr. Davis lendal, assisted by Dr. Eric Bollman, of Hanover, desired a trial both for himself and cause, and if August 23.—Called with Captain Evans, Third and Mr. Huger, of South Carolina, to effect La- all the doors and gates of the fort were thrown open

Finally, in December, 1865, the jailer in charge of Mr. Davis was ordered by his employer, Secreversing with him; and upon Dr. Craven's venturing to send to a tailor for a heavy overcoat to protect the invalid from the increased cold weather, this humane Surgeon was "relieved from duty at the fort." Great interest is given, and some relief to this

wretched narrative of petty tyranny and degrading malignity wreaked upon a captive, by Dr. Craven's spirited reports of conversations with Mr. Davis, on all sorts of subjects, political, scientific religious, and even artistic.

CONVERSATION WITH MR. DAVIS.

Speaking of how greatly the powers of the sight Metrouskie, who wielded a powerful influence in the muscles of the leg, and so forth, so the increased ex-Mr. Davis expressed some anxiety as to his pres. Austrian court. Layfayette, however, even in his ercise of the brain increased its size. There was know for sertain that the brains of all great intel-After quitting prison, proceeded, by invitation lectual workers were much larger, on the average,