



THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1878.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF HERTFORD COUNTY.

BY JOHN W. MOORE. Chapter LXXXI.

Upon the secession of Virginia, April 17th, 1861, the Confederate Government had removed from Montgomery Alabama to Richmond Va. The Old Dominion was to become the great battle field and its devoted borders were sent as fast as assembled along the whole available force recruited in North Carolina.

Five companies of the 17th N. C. Regiment under Col. Martin were first carried to Fort Columbus in New York harbor. That work thus converted into a prison was commanded by Col. Loomis. He was an ancient martinet with a soul too narrow for charity, and he treated Messrs. Mason and Slidel and the Confederate officers under his charge as if they were delinquent school boys or so many penitentiary convicts.

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This state of affairs produced a change in our condition in eastern North Carolina. There was a speedy exodus of the free negroes to Roanoke Island accompanied by a few obscure white men who were either deserters from the Confederate army or fugitives from conscription. Many of these known as Buffaloes, became agents and spies of the enemy, and made frequent midnight visits to the slaves and disaffected whites to procure recruits for the Federal army.

(To be continued)

REMINISCENCES OF THE BORO.—No. 2. "Invatad reminiscence hac res."

The kind reception given to the little sketch sent to you some time since as to the Boro, encourages me to send an account of an event that once occurred in your ancient village, which created great excitement at the time; and may yet be remembered by some among the events that have gone by. But few indeed, are left, who were witnesses of this event. Even that correct and veracious chronicler of Hertford (Judge Moore) has omitted it in his sketches; perhaps he has never heard of the event, since it occurred long before he was born.

The scene occurred in the very spot where my former sketch (as to Dr. Bolland and Aunt Sally) was laid; at the house now occupied by Col. Uriah Vaughan. This house was built by Benjamin Roberts who was an extensive merchant, much esteemed for his intelligence, integrity and virtues. He died early, leaving a widow, and three children—one son and two daughters. Many in our midst knew the son (Dr. Thomas V. Roberts) amiable, intelligent and honorable. He died recently at the house of his niece, Mrs. Ransom, in Northampton County, the wife of

Senator Ransom. One of the daughters married Matt B. Murfree, the brother of Hon. William H. Murfree, who was distinguished as a Statesman and a Lawyer, and represented the district in Congress from 1813 to 1817.

Time and again they were driven back with loss. Capt. Wise, while bravely serving the few Confederate field guns, was slain at his post. Federal pluck and persistence discovered that they could cross the quagmire, and soon blue coated thousands were seen massed on the Confederate right. All resistance was now hopeless. Col. Shaw and his command laid down the arms and became prisoners of war. He had done his best and angels could do no more. If in the progress of the war he became a more skillful soldier, he waxed no braver with stricken fields, for in the whole Confederate army on that disastrous 8th of February there was no more valiant soul than Henry M. Shaw.

Gen. Burnside had landed between ten and fifteen thousand men under Gen. Runo. Col. Shaw, after manning the batteries, had but a thousand left to defend the main entrenchment. Twenty-two gunboats heavily armed with Parrot guns, confronted six small merchant steamers under the command of Com. W. F. Lynch. The Curlew, so well known to the people of Hertford county, was sunk by a single shell; but her consort bravely held their own until forced to retire for want of ammunition. The Confederate loss in killed and wounded were one hundred. Two thousand were taken prisoners. Among the number were Major Jesse J. Yeates of the 31st N. C. S. T., and his former company then commanded by Capt. Julian Picot. Another valued citizen of Hertford Capt. H. G. Traylor, Quarter Master of the 8th N. C. S. T., was likewise a captive. Under the cartel recently agreed upon, they were all paroled in a few days and speedily exchanged. President Davis and J. P. Benjamin, then Sect. of War, were much blamed for this disaster, and a committee of Congress censured the great Louisiana lawyer and statesman of the inadequacy of his preparations at Roanoke Island. But this was all wrong. Something had to be done to protect and satisfy the people of North Carolina. Ten thousand men, by superior naval forces, could have been isolated and starved into submission, and quite enough force was subjected to capture in view of impossibility of holding any island then in reach of the United States fleets. Mr. Davis deserved no reproach; except for his hasty and ungenerous criticisms upon the gallant commander he knew must surrender, and who died on the field of battle afterwards, still smarting under the sense of injustice done him by the President of the Confederate States.

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Mr. Editor: Everything is life, bustle and stir along the Chowan. Fish by the millions. It. H. Saunders Esq., landed here yesterday, the largest haul of herrings in our recollection. He sold and salted 350,000 and lost and gave away at least 25,000 or 40,000. They were piled along the beach over one hundred yards, and from two to three feet deep. To-day he caught nearly 200,000 at one haul. He is selling at one dollar per thousand. At this writing, there are about one hundred carts waiting for fish. Too many fish for the good of the country. It is a blessing and a curse combined to our section. It is a blessing, because there are so many poor people who are enabled to purchase, and it is a curse, because "niggers," dead-beats and loafers will not work any more in the next twelve months. They can work a month and buy sufficient quantity of fish to last them a year or longer. They will attend all the "lections dis summer," with a dozen "hans" in one pocket, and and two corn cakes in the other. It is quite amusing to see the avidity they manifest in "getting their fish."

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