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THE STANDARD'S NULLIFICATION SCHEME.

Speaking of its plan for nullifying the... the Standard, in the course of a leading article, says: We hear a great deal on this subject about the importance of avoiding a conflict with the Confederate government.

P. S. By reference to the proceedings of the House of Commons on Monday, it will be seen that that body has refused to disclaim any intention or desire to bring the authorities of this State into conflict with those of the Confederate Government.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER EXPEDITION. A correspondent of the Chicago Times says that the expedition for opening the navigation of the Mississippi river is being organized on a gigantic scale.

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AN APPEAL FOR PEACE.

LETTER OF EX-SENATOR BIGLER, OF PA.—HIS PLEA FOR PEACE—THE SWORD NOT TO DECIDE THIS STRUGGLE—A PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT.

Ex-Senator Bigler, of Pennsylvania, has written a letter which, had not the opposition party in the North been successful, would likely have con- sidered the writer to a Northern prison. It is dated at Clearfield, Pa., and addressed to S. D. Anderson, of Philadelphia.

He agrees with Lincoln's prophetic remarks in his inaugural address, that after the war was over "the identical old questions as to terms of intercourse" would be up for settlement.

When war was waged against Mexico, peace commissioners followed the army; why, he asks, should the same thing not be done now with our own people? If it is desired to bring the South back to the Union, it must be seen that they are to be the equals of the North in rights, sovereignty, and dignity.

With much esteem, "I remain, yours truly," "WM. BIGLER." Such is the substance of Ex-Senator Bigler's letter, and such is the proposition for peace which he gravely submits to the people of the North.

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FROM THE RICHMOND DISPATCH OF FRIDAY. FROM FREDERICKSBURG—THE BATTLE COMMENCED—REPUSE OF THE ENEMY—PROBABLE CONTINUATION OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

Early yesterday morning intelligence was received in this city that the ball had opened in earnest at Fredericksburg, and that, from the character of the fight, there was little room to doubt a general engagement would come.

The city was kept in a state of anxiety and suspense, on yesterday, in reference to the operations at Fredericksburg. From various sources we gather the following particulars: The enemy, under cover of artillery firing, crossed the river and occupied the city.

The fighting yesterday was in Bernard's woods, about two and a half miles this side of the town, and was very heavy, but no general engagement was expected when our informant left.

Up to the time of the departure of the train from Hamilton's Crossing, the two armies had been engaged in skirmishing, which had commenced early and continued briskly.

Indeed, in the language of a gentleman who came from near there, late yesterday evening, there is scarcely a house in town which is not more or less injured.

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From the Richmond Whig of Thursday. CONFEDERATE FINANCES—IMPORTANT MOVEMENT. We would invite the attention of the authorities of Virginia to the following joint resolutions, adopted by the Legislature of Alabama, in relation to the War debt of the Confederate Government:

Resolved, That the Confederate stock should be guaranteed by the several States of the Confederacy, according to the respective Confederate proportions, and that the Congress be requested to bring the subject to the attention of the Legislatures of the several States.

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VALUABLE SALE. I OFFER FOR SALE, PRIVATELY, the beautiful residence of Mrs. Cotton, in the City of Raleigh. Terms to suit the purchaser. Persons wishing to buy will please apply to the undersigned before the 1st of January, 1863, or until the premises are sold on that day.