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13 SYCAMORE ST., PETERSBURG, VA.

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BOOK BINDERS,
—AND—
BLANK BOOK MANUFACTURERS
RALEIGH, N. C.
oc 15—tf.

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RALEIGH N. C.
Sept. 26 1860. f

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PULLIAM & CO.
AUCTIONEERS FOR SALE OF NEGROES,
Odd-Fellows' Hall, Franklin St.,
RICHMOND, VA.
DAILY SALES—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.
We pledge our strictest attention to the business entrusted to us, and will, answer all communications promptly.
PORTER ALWAYS AT EACH DEPOT.
1y 9—tf.

PEEBLES, PLUMMER & CO.,
(FORMERLY PEEBLES & WHITE.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND GROCERS,
No. 22, Old Street, Petersbury Va.
PROMPT and diligent personal attention given to the sale of all consignments of Produce. Always on hand a full supply of standard quality Groceries, suited to the wants of Farmers and Families.
LEM'L PEEBLES, JNO. J. THOMPSON.
HENRY L. PLUMMER, jr., late of the firm of N. M. Martin, Brother & Co.
☞ Sole Agents for Reese's Phospho Peruvian, or Manipulated Guano. june 27—tf.

OAK CITY SAVINGS BANK.
DR. T. D. HOGG, President.
JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Casher.
DIRECTORS.
Dr. T. D. Hogg, H. S. Smith,
Q. Buebee, John G. Williams.
This Bank is now receiving deposits, at the Exchange Office of John G. Williams & Co. Discount day Tuesday, feb 18—tf.

TO THE FRIENDS OF
HOME MANUFACTURES.
THE KINSTON
SHOE FACTORY
IS NOW IN
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.
ORDERS for negro BROGANS and BOOTS are solicited. J. C. CARPENTER, Agent.
Kinston, N. C., June 24, 1860. aug 4—tf.

JARRATT'S HOTEL,
PETERSBURG, VA.
THIS WELL KNOWN ESTALISHMENT,
HAVING BEEN RECENTLY FITTED UP AND SUPPLIED WITH ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES,
Now offers to Travellers Attractions
Unsurpassed by any Hotel
In the Country.
mar 5— JOHN JARRATT & BRO.

DONNANS & JOHNSTON,
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Petersburg, Va.
ja 1—1y.

DONNAN & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Richmond, Va.
ja 1—1y

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA, Winchester, Virginia, Capital $300,000. Incorporated March, 1852. Charter perpetual. Losses equitably adjusted and promptly paid, Fire Losses paid in 8 years to July, 1860, $538,292.19. Insurance against loss or damage by fire, on as favorable terms as other responsible Companies.
JOS. S. CARSON, Pres't.
WM. L. BENT, Sec'y.
W. S. SIMPSON, Ag't
ap'l 10—tf Petersburg, Va.

WANTED! WANTED!!
AT THE
INIMITABLE WHITAKER'S,
A CONTENTED MAN; FOR WHICH he offers a premium of FIVE GALLONS of Drewry's Celebrated Southampton (Va.) BRANDY.
Speaking of the above OLD BRANDY, the
THE INIMITABLE WHITAKER
has on hand
DREWRY'S OLD APPLE BRANDY.
SETH JONES' OLD APPLE BRANDY,
TISDALES' OLD APPLE BRANDY,
and many other choice BRANDS.
P. S. The contented man can find the INIMITABLE at his Store, on Hargett St., between the hours of 6, a. m. and 10 p. m. Call on him.
ap'l 13—tf.

MEDICINES, &C.

OLD SACHEM BITTERS
AND
WIGWAM TONIC.
THESE DELICIOUS AND FAR-FAMED BITTERS are recommended by the FIRST PHYSICIANS OF THE COUNTRY, on account o their PURITY AND GREAT MEDICINAL VIRTUE.
They are pleasant as nectar to the taste, and are pronounced the BEST TONIC AND STIMULANT EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.
Their curative powers in cases of GENERAL DEBILITY, LOSS OF APPETITE, CONSTIPATION, etc., are unparralleled, and as a guarantee that we feel warranted in claiming what we do, we beg leave to state that our assertions are endorsed by
Prof. SILLIMAN, of Yale College.
Prof. HAYES, of Massachusetts,
and hundreds of others.
For sale by Grocers, Wine Merchants, and Druggists generally.
Principal Depot, 145 Water St., New York.
dec 1—1y

FRESH MEDICINES
AND TOILET ARTICLES.
The Subscriber has the pleasure of announcing to his friends and the public generally, that after much delay trouble, and expense, owing to the war, and interruption of trade, he has procured a fresh supply of Medicines, Toilets and other articles in his line, which he has been unable to furnish for some time past.—He has to pay CASH for all he buys, and hopes that such of his patrons as do not pay promptly, will take the hint, and that all in arrears, who have not gone to the seat of war to fight for our independence and dearest interests, will pay up their arrearages or a part at least, so that he may be able to meet pressing demands, and keep his Stock replenished.
☞ All orders from the country (unless from prompt and reliable parties,) will go unnoticed, if not accompanied with the CASH or its equivalent.
P. F. PESCUD,
au 17—tf Druggist, Raleigh, N. C.

FOR BEAUTIFYING AND IMPROVING THE HAIR.--I have received the following favorite articles, viz:
Mrs. Allen's Restorer and Zylabalsamum,
Wood's and Ezekial's Restorer,
Burnett's Cocoaine and Cocin,
Rosemary and Castor Oil,
Lowe's and Piver's Pomades,
Demerson, Petit & Co., Hygienique Societe, and Monpelas Pomades,
Tricopherous, Kathairon,
Essence Bay Leaves,
Sayne's Hair Tonic,
Philecome, and
Pescud's Hair Tonic.
Also, the most approved Hair Dyes known in this country.
For sale at
PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.
Raleigh, May 18, 1860. ma 30—tf.

BUIST'S FRESH AND NEW CROP TURNIP SEED.
CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES:
Early Large Flat Duch,
Early Red Top,
Ruta Baga, (a superior variety.)
Large White Norfolk,
Large Yellow Norfolk,
Large White Globe. Also,
Altringham Carrot, Mangel Wortzel, Beet, and large Winter Drumhead Cabbage Seed.
For Sale in quantities to suit purchasers at
june 18—tf. P. F. PESCUD'S.

CHISMAN'S YEAST POWDERS.--MY Materials are to hand, and Mr. Chisman has put up a large quantity, all who have been waiting for supplies can send in their orders.
If you doubt that these great Powders are not superior to any now known, you can find testimonials from the most respectable families in Raleigh, at my store, where you can be supplied at wholesale or retail. P. F. PESCUD.
may 23—

ANOTHER BRILLIANT VICTORY!--While on my recent visit to the Old Dominion, I had the good fortune to procure from an old friend a demijohn of Rose Cordial of the most delectable flavor—a splendid and invigorating article for the sick. Call, by all means, and get some before it is gone; price 25 cents a bottle. Among the choice variety of other things too tedious to mention, to which the attention of the public is respectfully called, I have a fine lot of the best Hair Brushes. If you want to feel good and poetical in these gloomy times, just call around, procure a brush and a bottle of cordial, and I will guarantee a fine flow of the most *highfalutin pheelins.* P. F. PESCUD, Druggist.

NEW AND SPLENDID EXTRACTS--Consisting of
THE WOOD VIOLET,
HUMMING BIRD,
BUTTERFLY VIOLET,
PATCHUTLY MUSK,
PINK JOCKY CLUB,
FRANGIPANI ROSE, &c.
Also, Frangipani, Verbena, Cologne and other Toilet waters. All of which are of the finest quality and put up in elegant style.
For sale at
PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.
Raleigh, May 18, 1860. ma 23—tf.

JUST RECEIVED AT
PESCUDS DRUG STORE.
A VERY FINE LOT OF TOILET SOAPS.

BAKERS PREMIUM BITTERS.
A new supply of these celebrated Bitters on hand
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.

MUSTARD.
A fresh supply just received
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.

PHALONS HAIR INVIGORATOR.
Barrys Tricopherous,
Ezekials Hair Restorer,
Pavsons Indellible Ink.
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.
au 14—tf Raleigh, N. C.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!
I SELL MY GOODS FOR CASH! I DON'T do a Credit Business! Therefore I hope every person that sees this advertisement will not ask me for CREDIT--because I am not able to do a credit business; and have to pay CASH myself.
I have called on every person that owes me a DOLLAR, and have not been able to collect the first CENT. I wish you would call on some one that is able to credit. J. B. FRANKLIN.
ap'l 17—tf

OLD DOMINION "TOBACCO."--ANOTHER Lot of Old Dominion Smoking "Tobacco," Just received at "Turner's" North Carolina Book Store. Said to be Superior to the former.
jan 5 td

WHITAKER'S IS THE PLACE TO BUY.—Goods delivered free of Charge, to any part of the City.
mar 6—tf.

FRESH MINERAL WATERS.--CONgress, Rockbridge Alum, and Green Brier Va., White Sulpher Water, also Rock Bridge Alum Mass. For sale at
may 23— PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.

Census of North Carolina.

As Reported by the Secretary of the State Convention.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	FREE COL'ED.	SLAV'S.	TOTAL.
Alamance,	7,987	421	3,445	11,853
Alexander,	5,392	19	611	6,022
Anson,	6,562	151	6,951	13,664
Alleghany,	3,357	27	206	3,590
Ashe,	7,423	142	391	7,956
Beaufort,	8,172	729	5,878	14,779
Bertie,	5,846	279	8,186	14,311
Bladen,	6,235	435	5,327	11,995
Brunswick,	4,515	260	3,621	8,406
Buncombe,	10,623	100	1,931	12,654
Burke,	6,647	219	2,371	9,237
Cabarrus,	7,402	104	3,040	10,546
Caldwell,	6,297	114	1,088	7,499
Camden,	2,940	276	2,127	5,343
Carteret,	6,064	152	1,969	8,185
Caswell,	6,581	279	9,355	16,215
Catawba,	9,038	28	1,664	10,730
Chatham,	12,555	304	6,246	19,105
Cherokee,	8,609	38	519	9,166
Chowan,	2,978	151	3,713	6,842
Cleaveland,	10,108	109	2,131	12,348
Columbus,	5,779	355	2,463	8,597
Craven,	8,795	1,288	6,190	16,273
Cumberland,	9,561	978	5,830	16,369
Currituck,	4,671	221	2,524	7,416
Davidson,	13,378	147	3,076	16,601
Davie,	6,001	101	2,392	8,494
Duplin,	8,286	374	7,126	15,786
Edgecombe,	6,880	388	10,108	17,376
Forsythe,	10,716	211	1,764	12,691
Franklin,	6,490	541	7,079	14,110
Gaston,	7,009	102	2,199	9,310
Gates,	4,180	362	3,902	8,444
Granville,	11,189	1,121	11,086	23,396
Greene,	2,826	152	3,947	7,925
Guilford,	15,738	693	3,625	20,056
Halifax,	6,642	2,450	10,349	19,441
Harnett,	5,351	104	2,584	8,039
Haywood,	5,488		313	5,801
Henderson,	8,981	85	1,382	10,448
Hertford,	3,948	1,111	4,445	9,504
Hyde,	4,682	259	2,793	7,734
Iredell,	11,141	29	4,177	15,347
Jackson,	5,241	6	281	5,528
Johnston,	10,548	193	4,916	15,657
Jones,	2,210	107	3,413	5,730
Lenoir,	4,903	177	5,131	10,211
Lincoln,	6,000	80	2,115	8,195
Macon,	5,370	115	519	6,004
Madison,	5,698	2	213	5,908
Martin,	5,435	451	4,303	10,189
McDowell,	5,542	273	1,305	7,120
Mecklenburg,	10,543	290	6,541	17,374
Montgomery,	6,781	45	1,823	7,649
Moore,	8,725	184	2,518	11,427
Nash,	6,319	688	4,681	11,688
New Hanover,	10,617	766	10,332	21,715
Northampton,	5,912	656	6,808	13,376
Onslow,	5,198	159	3,499	8,856
Orange,	11,318	522	5,109	16,949
Pasquotank,	4,473	1,484	2,983	8,940
Perquimans,	3,287	392	3,569	7,248
Person,	5,708	318	5,195	11,221
Pitt,	7,480	127	8,473	16,793
Polk,	3,317	106	620	4,043
Richmond,	5,211	345	5,453	11,009
Randolph,	14,768	380	1,645	16,798
Robeson,	8,584	1,450	5,456	15,490
Rockingham,	10,021	407	6,318	16,746
Rowan,	10,522	135	3,929	14,586
Rutherford,	9,060	122	2,391	11,573
Sampson,	9,106	489	7,028	16,623
Stanly,	6,590	42	1,169	7,801
Stokes,	7,847	86	2,469	10,402
Surry,	8,949	184	1,246	10,379
Tyrrell,	3,203	143	1,597	4,943
Union,	8,903	53	2,246	11,202
Wake,	16,470	1,424	10,733	28,627
Warren,	4,923	402	10,401	15,726
Washington,	3,596	296	2,465	6,357
Watauga,	4,771	82	104	4,957
Wayne,	8,721	734	5,451	14,906
Wilkes,	13,280	261	1,208	14,749
Wilson,	5,944	280	3,496	9,720
Yadkin,	9,110	168	1,433	10,711
Yancey,	8,229	64	362	8,655
	631,489	30,097	331,081	992,667

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MILITARY BOOKS for CASH ONLY.
HARDEES' TACTICS, Complete Edition; Revised by and published under the personal supervision of the Author in 2 Volumes. Price $2.50
When sent by mail, 2.70
VOLUNTEERS MANUAL of Infantry and Rifle Tactics, with Honors paid by the troops; Inspections, Reviews, Duties of Captains, Companies, Duties in Camp, and Garrison, Soldiers Rations and Mode of cooking them Abriged and compiled by Lieut. Colonel WM. H. RICHARDSON, graduate and formerly Assistant Instructor of tactics, Virginia Military Institute. Price $1.50
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ALSO a complete New Pocket Map of VIRGINIA. Price $00.75
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GILHAM'S MANUAL for the Volunteers and Militia of the Confederate States. Price $2.50
When sent by mail, 3.00
For sale by W. L. POMEROY.
se 11—tf Raleigh, N. C.

A SUPERIOR ARTICLE OF CHEWING "Tobacco." The Pure Southern Quid. A Supply of the above just received at
TURNER'S
N. C Book Store.
jan 9—tf ☞ Age please copy.

SODA, WATER AND SUGAR CRACKers; 3 doz. Jars of Pickles, at
no 13 WHITAKER'S.

CLOTHING, &C.

NEW CLOTHING STORE!!
JUST OPENED BY
ISAAC OETTINGER,
at the corner of Fayetteville St. and Market Square $20,000 worth of MEN'S and BOYS' Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, and many other articles. I wish it distinctly understood that these Goods were bought in times of peace, and consequently at much lower prices than they could be bought for now. They will be sold again at the
OLD RETAIL PRICES.
I have no particular fancy for saying much. All I ask of the public is to give me a call. They will certainly not be disappointed in the quantity, quality or in the prices of my
GOODS.
Remember, corner of Fayetteville Street and Mar-Square, (formerly occupied by Mr. Pool.)
Respectfully,
au 31—tf ISAAC OETTINGER.

1861. SPRING TRADE! 1861.
GENTLEMEN AND BOYS.
IN WANT OF CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, BOOTS, &c., of every description, will find me prepared this SPRING to furnish them with BETTER GOODS, at more
Reasonable Prices
than heretofore; and I most cordially invite them to examine my
GOODS AND PRICES
before purchasing.
Notwithstanding the crisis, I have been NORTH and purchased, to great advantage, a most BEAUTIFUL and VARIED STOCK of
CLOTHING
AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS,
and my friends can be furnished, at short notice, from head to foot.
Having a splendid Stock of the most fashionable and approved French CLOTH, DOESKINS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS of all kinds, &c, the most ACCOMPLISHED AND SUPERIOR
CUTTER AND WORKMEN
in my TAYLORING ESTABLISHMENT, I am ready to compete with any one in the old North State in making any Garment or Clothing to order, in the most superb and artistic manner.
The liberal encouragement I have received and continued indications of increasing confidence, inspire me with the hope that I shall be more liberally patronized than ever; to merit which I will give my undivided attention to the wants of all who favor we with a call. M. GRAUSMAN.
ap'l 13—tf

MILITARY GOODS!
50 SUP. GREY AND DRAB MILITARY Overcoats with large capes, price 16, 18, 20 and 22 dollars, all home made.
500 Merino Shirts, Grey and White, for camp life.
500 Pairs Merino and Shaker Drawers, all sizes, Grey and White, just to hand.
50 Pair Grey, Blue, Drab and Mixed colored Cloth and Cassimeres, made to measure or sold by the pair or single pattern to suit purchasers.
Overcoatings in Beaver, Pilot and Petersham.
40 Dozen sup. White Shirts.
70 Dozen Cassimere, Gingham and Calico fatigue Shirts.
Blankets and Shawls for Soldier's use.
Oil Cloth Overcoats, Leggins and Cap Covers.
Gilt Buttons by the gross.
Gold Braids by the pair.
Haversacks by the hundred.
200 Pair Drill Gaiters.
Heavy Socks by the dozen.
Gloves and Gauntletts.
Pants, Vests and Dress Clothing; a complete assortment at T. W. ROYSTON & CO.'S.
oct 9 Petersburg, Va.

1861. AUGUST 17th, 1861.
MILITARY GOODS!
NO. 51½ SYCAMORE, PETERSBURG, VA.
T. W. ROYSTON, & Co.,
Can furnish Military Companies with the following named goods at short notice:
Oil Cloth Over Coats,
Oil Cloth Oaps,
Oil Cloth Haverlocks,
Oil Cloth Haversacks,
Oil Cloth Leggins,
Fatigue Jackets,
Plain and fancy fatigue Shirts.
Gingham and Calico Shirts.
Mirino under Shirts (White and Grey.)
Merino Drawers, (White and Grey.)
Velvet and flannel Zouave Caps,
Heavy Grey Over Coats,
ALSO, ON HAND,
Grey and Blue Satinet,
Grey Gasimere,
Grey Flannel which they will make up to order and warrent satisfaction in every instance.
T. W. ROYSTON, & CO.,
No. 51½ Sycamore St.,
au 21—tf Petersburg, Va.

WHITAKER'S!
WHITAKER'S!!
WHITAKERS!!!
SPRING GOODS!
SPRING STOCK!!
E. A. WHITAKER,
THE INIMITABLE.
THE INIMITABLE WHITAKER.

50 Boxes Oranges,	$4 00	10 boxes French Candy,	45c.
50 do Lemons,	4 00	20 boxes Webb & Whitted's celebrated TOBACCO.	
50 Bbls. Apples,	4 00		
10 do Potatoes,	4 00		
40 Boxes Candles (⅌ 100 lbs.,)	22c.	20,000 Havana CIGARS.	
40 boxes Commen Candy,	16c.	20 Cases Crackers.	
10 boxes Fancy Candy,	20c.	20 Bbls. Crackers.	

WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.
Daily expected at the INIMITABLE WHITAKER'S a great variety of WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.
FISH! FISH!! FISH!!!
Herrings, Mullets, Mackerel, Salmon, White Fish, and Shad are daily expected at
WHITAKER'S CITY EMPORIUM.
ap'l 6—tf.

JUST RECEIVED AT FRANKLIN'S.
Strong Fresh and Salty Snuff, and all to be had in the SOUTEERN CONFEDERACY.
Also, a Large lot of Every conceiveable article known to the trade.
Come one, come all, to
se 7—tf FRANKLIN'S Call.
☞ Standard and Spirit of the Age copy

FINE GOLD JEWELRY.--THE SUBSCRIBER has in store a splendid assortment of *FINE GOLD JEWELRY,* embracing a variety of styles of patterns of Brooches, Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Bracelets, Finger Rings, Ladies and Gentlemen's Watch Chains, Pencils and Pens, Cuff Pins, Miniature Lockets, Gold Thimbles, &c. Call and examine.
nov 9 C. B. ROOT.

USE
CHISMAN'S YEAST POWDERS

The Raleigh Register.
WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1861.

THE LONDON TIMES ON THE MASON-SLIDELL SEIZURE.

If requires a strong effort of self-restraint to discuss with coolness the inteligence we publish to-day. An English mail steamer sailing under the British flag and carrying letters and passengers from a Spanish port to England, has been stopped on the high seas and overhauled. Four of the passengers have been taken out and carried off as prisoners, claiming and vainly claiming as they were being forced away, the protection of the flag of Great Britain. These are the naked facts.

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It is then true that every officer of the American Navy can stop and overhaul our ships wherever they may be found, and can take out of them any persons whom he may claim to be citizens of the United States or officers of the Confederate Government? If we were to admit the Federal view of their own position, it would be plain that no such right exists.

They tell us that they are not at war, but are only putting down a rebellion. They say, or said that they are not blockading their own ports, but are simply enforcing a law which has closed the Southern ports as ports of entry. They insist upon putting their quarrel upon the same ground as if the Queen of England were putting down a rebellion in the Isle of Wight. Now, if this were so, it is clear that the Federal States of America have in stopping our mail steamer been guilty of an act of aggression which could only be properly punished by laying an embargo on every American ship in British ports, and sweeping their little navy from the sea.

They would according to that point of view not be at war, and would have none of the rights of belligerents over neutrals. They would no more be belligerents than England was after the celebrated Smith O'Brien battle in the cabbage garden, and they would have no more right to stop our ship and carry off our passengers than we should have had to stop a French ship, and take Mr. Smith O'Brien out of her. But this assumption of the Federal Government has been disallowed.

The world generally has refused to see in this disruption, and re-constitution of the North America Republic, a mere rebellion. They have regarded both republics as belligerent States.—We declare neutrality between them as two warring powers. We note out a precise degree of equal consideration for the ships of war of each. In everything but our supremacy we bear ourselves exactly equal between them. Whenever the Southern States shall have given proof of such stability, as may make it sure that they can sustain their independence, we shall doubtless recognize them, diplomatically, as we already do *de facto.*

Unwelcome as the truth may be, it is nevertheless a truth, that we have ourselves established a system of international law which now tells against us. In a high-handed and almost despotic manner, we have in former days claimed privileges over neutrals, which have at different times banded all the maritime powers of the world against us.—We have insisted upon stopping the ships of war of neutral nations, and taking British subjects out of them; and an instance is given by Jefferson in his memoirs, in which two men of war, Washington were impressed by our cruisers, as they were returning from Europe, and placed as common seamen under the discipline of ships of war.

We have always been the strenuous asserters of the right of belligerents over neutrals, and the decisions of our Courts of law, as they must now be cited by our laws officers, have been in confirmation of these unreasonable claims which have called into being Confederates and armed neutralities against us, and which have always been modified in practice when we were not supreme in our dominion at sea. Owing to these facts, the authorities which may be cited on this question are too numerous and too uniform as to the right of search by belligerent ships-of-war over neutral merchant vessels, to be disputed.—"The only security that nothing is to be found inconsistent with amity and the law of nations, known to the law of nations," said Lord Stowell, in the celebrated case of Maria, "is the right of personal visitation and search to be exercised by those who have an interest in making it."

The great American authority, Kent, treating upon the same subject in his Commensaries, says: "The duty of self-preservation gives to belligerent nations the right. The doctrine of the English Admiralty Courts on the right of visitation and search, and on the limitation of the right, has been recognized in its fullest extent by the courts of justice in this country."

So far as the authorities go, the testimony of international law writers is all one way, that a belligerent war cruiser has the right to stop and visit and search any merchant ship upon the high seas.

We do not say that there is any provision in the law of nations which will entitle us to maintain that their persons were sacred by reason of their mission; but, on the other hand, we are not aware of any authority which show that these envoys are contraband of war.

If we had recognized the Confederate States we apprehend that we should have been perfectly justified in taking these ambassadors on board our own vessels of war and bringing them to England without in any way forfeiting our character as neutrals.

But, even if it were necessary to admit that these gentlemen were in a belligerent or contraband character on board the English vessel, it is, we believe, the opinion of every eminent jurist that this was not a question to be adjudicated on by a naval officer and four boats' crews. The legal course would have been to take the ship itself into port, and to ask for her condemnation, or for the condemnation of the passengers, in a Court of Admiralty. The result might, no doubt, have been the same; but if the proceeding was irregular we have surely a right to demand that these prisoners shall be restored.

When such tremendous interests are at stake we feel deeply the responsibility of discussing a question like this. Our first duty is to be calm, certainly not to inflame the general indignation which will be felt in these islands as the news is told. We cannot yet believe, although the evidence is strong, that it is the fixed determination of the government of the Northern States to force a quarrel upon the powers of Europe.—We hope, therefore, that our people will not meet this provocation with an outburst of passion, or rush to resentment without full consideration of all the bearings of the case.

On the other hand, we appeal to the reasonable men of the Federal States—and they have some reasonable men among them—not to provoke war by such acts as these. It is, and always has been vain to appeal to fools and bygone authorities in justification of acts which every Englishman and every Frenchman cannot but feel to be injurious and insulting.

Even Mr. Seward himself must know that the voices of these Southern Commissioners, sounding from their captivity, are a thousand times more eloquent in London and in Paris than they would have been if they had been heard at St. James and the Tuilleries. Questions of, this kind in countries where the people exercise power pass but too quickly out of the hands of lawyers and statesmen, and give irresistible power to neither the wisest nor the most peace loving members of a community.

MORE BRIDGE BURNERS HUNG.—The Knoxville *Register*, of the 18th inst., says:

Henry and Jacob Harman, father and son, of Greene county, engaged in burning Lick Creek Bridge, on the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, were executed here yesterday, by hanging, agreeably to sentence passed by the Court Martial convened by order of Gen. Carroll. At the scaffold they stated, through the Chaplain officiating, that they had been not only deluded, but forced to commit the crime for which they were about to suffer, by representation that unless they made this demonstration of allegiance to the Lincoln dynasty, their lives and their property would be in greater jeopardy than from the Confederates. The younger Harman stated, further, that his sympathies had been originally with the Confederate Government, and he had at one time contemplated volunteering in the Confederate army, until he was persuaded and misled by the misrepresentations above stated. Whether they revealed the names of those who have thus led them to their unhappy fate or not we have not learned.

HEAD QUARTERS N. C. MILILIA,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
RALEIGH, Dec. 16th, 1861.

General Order No. 4.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 IS SO FAR MODIfied as to require the Militia of the State to drill once a month instead of once a week.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.
J. G. MARTIN,
dec 18—3t Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS N. C. TROOPS,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Raleigh, Dec. 17, 1861.

GENERAL ORDER No. 24.

All military officers or agents having in their possession money or property belonging to the State, particularly quartermaster stores, clothing, camp and garrison equipage, commissary and ordnance stores, are required to make a full and complete return of it to the Adjutant General, according to the forms required by the regulations, showing the amount received, issued and remaining on hand at the end of the present and each subsequent quarter.

General Order No. 17 not having been complied with, all officers failing to comply with this order will be reported to the Governor to be dismissed from the service as the following extracts of the law direct.

By order of the Commander in-Chief:
J. G. MARTIN, Adjt. Gen.

[Extract from the "Bill," approved Sept 20th, 1861.]

"SEC. 78. All military officers having the charge of money or property belonging to the State shall make a quarterly return of the same to the Adjutant General, in such form as he may prescribe, and also any other returns or reports which he may require. * * All said returns shall be made within twenty days after the expiration of the quarter, and any officer failing to make the same in one month after the expiration of such quarter, or to settle up his accounts when required to do so, and pay any balance due by him on account for any property for which he ought to account, shall be dismissed by the Governor, unless sufficient excuse is rendered for such failure or default."

"SEC. 89. All former disbursing officers who shall not have closed their accounts and had the same settled prior to the 20th of August, 1861, shall make the settlement of the same with the Adjutant General: * * and all officers having public property of every kind and description, which they hold by virtue of their offices, shall go out of office on the 20th of August, or before or after that time, shall account for and deliver such property to the Adjutant General, and failing to do so shall be liable to be sued in the name of the State; and all suits at law which it may be necessary to prosecute under this act for the State, may be brough in the Superior Court of Wake County."
dec 21—3t

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NOTICE.--BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Equity of Wake county, at the Fall Term, 1861, I will sell at public outcry, on Monday, the 6th of January next, and within the hours prescribed by law, to the highest bidder, the Tract of Land commonly called the
"FORESTVILLE TRACT,"
containing about 326 acres; and on the next day, upon the premises, the Tract called
"PENNY HILL,"
containing about 1,100 acres, both belonging to the estate of BRIAN GREEN, deceased. The property will be sold on a credit of six months, purchasers giving bond with two approved securities.
Also, on Monday, the 6th, at Forestville, will be rented for the ensuing year the HOUSE and LOT now occupied by Dr. Wm. J. Green; also, on Tuesday, the 7th, at "Penny Hill," will be sold a number of articles of a perishable nature.
C. B. HARRISON, Adm'r.
Wake County, Nov. 28, 1861. no 30—10t

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oct 9—tf J. DEVEREUX, A. Q. M.

OFFICE N. C. M. F. INS. CO.
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