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Odd-Fellows' Hall, Franklin St.,
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We pledge our strictest attention to the business entrusted to us, and will, answer all communications promptly.
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1y 9—tf.

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DIRECTORS.
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Q. Busbee, John G. Williams.
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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.

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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.

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

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ja 1—1y

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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 8, a. m. and 10 p. m. Call on him.
ap'l 12—tf.

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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.

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dec 1—1y

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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.
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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 gheeline.* 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 now supply of these celebrated Bitters on hand
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.

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A fresh supply just received
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Barrys Tricopherous,
Ezekials Hair Restorer,
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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'RED.	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,	5,693	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	15,793
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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N. C. Book Store.
jan 9—tf Reg. Age please copy.

SODA, WATER AND SUGAR CRACKers; 5 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.
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ap'l 13—tf

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Blankets and Shawls for Soldier's use.
Oil Cloth Overcoats, Leggins and Cap Covers.
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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!
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Can furnish Military Companies with the following named goods at short notice:
Oil Cloth Over Coats,
Oil Cloth Caps,
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	20,000 Havana CIGARS.	
10 do Potatoes,	4 00	20 Cases Crackers.	
40 Boxes Candles (⅌ 100 lbs.,)	22c.	20 Bbls. Crackers.	
40 boxes Common Candy,	16c.		
10 boxes Fancy Candy,	20c.		

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 conceivable 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, JAN. 1, 1862.

LATE NORTHERN NEWS.

THE EFFECT OF THE ENGLISH NEWS.

From the New York *Herald*, of the 17th inst., we make the following condensation of news:

The *Herald* pretends that the Federal Administration will not attach much importance to the denunciations of the British press, nor will it accept the statement of the decision of the British Cabinet as a just exposition of the policy of Her Majesty's Government. It relies upon the sober second thought of the statesmen of England.—After a full examination of the situation of affairs, the *Herald* admits a belligerent aspect, but says that however much John Bull may bluster and try to bluff the Cabinet at Washington, he cannot afford to fight. The confiscation of debts and loss of Canada will make England pay the expenses of the war.

The Washington correspondent of the *Herald* says that the Cabinet was in session several hours on Tuesday, discussing the difficulty with England. It was decided that, whatever demands the British Government might make of the United States, the Confederate Commissioners should never be surrendered. This is a fixed fact.

The Bank Convention assembled in New York on the 16th inst., and decided not to suspend specie payment. The *Herald* says, however, that the decision was not final. One bank has already suspended, and it is thought others will soon follow.

A telegrapic despatch from Port Royal to the New York *Herald* says that *three thousand* negroes from South Carolina have sought protection at the hands of the Federal forces, and that they have already picked *two millions* pounds of cotton for the U. S. Government.

An article in the same paper says that Gen. Butler is landing at Ship Island, and that the Federal coil is surely crushing out the Southern rebellion.

The English brig Mary Morton reports that the privateer Sumter and the Federal gun-boat Iroquois had a severe engagement, and one of them is now at Martinique for repairs. This is doubted.

The latest commercial reports quote Federal 6's at 88, and 5's at 80; Erie shares at 47; Virginia 6's 46. Cotton 40 cents per pound. Coffee 20 cents. Mess pork $12.50. Bacon 7 cents.—Lard 8 cents.

From the New York *Times*, of the 17th inst., and other papers, we make up the following summary:

The News from Englaud has created great excitement at the North; and its effect there was very unsettling on the markets. Exchange on London went up to 110 to 111 per cent., which presupposes an immediate suspension of payments at bank in specie, (or in other words, as we have just learned from another source, the Northern banks have suspended specie payment.) The consequence on the stock market was a general fall of about three per cent., and a depreciation in several instances of 5 a 6 per cent. Federal securities fell 2 per cent.; Missouri's, 3 per cent. Cotton has gone up; sales of middlings 40 cents, and a lot of good middlings 42 cents.

THE PRESS ON THE NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

From the Baltimore Sun, of the 17th.

The press, of course, freely comment on the news from England, in relation to the Slidell-Mason excitement. The N. Y. *Times*, Rep., speaking of the decision of the legal officers of the British Crown, remarks:

It reduces the offence of Capt. Wilkes very materially. It admits his right to visit and search the ship, but insists that he should have taken her into a prize court for adjudication. We are by no means sure that our Government will not concur at once in this opinion. Indeed the only official utterance we have yet had on the subject leans decidedly in that direction.

The Secretary of the Navy, while commending in the warmest terms the spirit and patriotism evinced by Capt. Wilkes, complains that he did not take the Trent herself into a neutral port, and only forebore to censure him for this omission in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case. Neither the President nor any other member of his Cabinet has expressed any opinion on the subject.

The *Times* does not anticipate any serious trouble. The N. Y. *World*, Rep., is also of the opinion that a war is not very probable.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* is disposed to take a serious view of the subject, and remarks:

Whatever may be the intentions of England it is evident that her attitude is of the most horrible character, and we should, therefore instantly prepare for the worst. Every ship-yard in the country should be put instantly at work building vessels-of-war. They will be useful for home service if they are not needed for a foreign war. Our lake and river defences should be at once seen to, and active measures taken to put them into the best possible condition. If Great Britain refuses to sell us saltpetre and arms, we should prohibit the exportation to England of breadstuffs, which she will more need than we do her war material.

The New York *Tribune* says:

In this emergency we do not presume to say what the Government should or should not do. Whatever course it may adopt will be determined by mature and careful consideration of all the rights and duties of the case. Meanwhile, the first and most pressing of our duties is to finish the rebellion and the blockade at once, by employing the promptest and most efficient means.

President Lincoln wisely forebore any allusion to the arrest in his message to Congress. The Government is, as yet, uncommitted with reference to it. * * * * * * *

Lord Lyons will probably in his first communication merely recite the facts, and make a demand for suitable reparation. Our Government will have first committed itself to the position it intends to take in Secretary Seward's reply, which will, no doubt, be well weighed and couched in guarded language. The result will very likely be a long diplomatic correspondence, by which the English Government may seek to keep the question open with a view to peace or war, according as its interests may seem to dictate in the future progress of our civil war.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* says:

Notwithstanding all this bluster of the newspapers, we do not believe there is any more purpose on the part of the English Government to rush headlong into a war with the United States, than there is on our part to provoke a war with England. A conflict between two such powers is no holiday diversion to be engaged in without reflection.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the Senate a number of petitions touching upon the slavery question were presented.

Mr. Ten Eyck, of N. Y., offered a resolution against radicalism in any sense, which was laid over.

The Committee on Military Affairs, on motion of Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, was instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing a uniform manner in which to deal with the slaves of the rebels.

The Committee on the Judiciary were instructed to prepare a law to prevent the aiders and abetters of treason from bringing suits for the collection of debts in the United States Courts.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Minnesota, offered a preamble and resolution for the expulsion of Senator Bright, of Indiana.

Mr. Bright made a brief speech, denying the truth of the charges brought against him, and the subject was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

In the *House*, the difficulty between Messrs. Conway, of Kanas, and Fouke, of Illinois, commenced on Thursday last, in reference to the battle of Belmont, was renewed, and terminated in a direct quarrel, which is likely to lead to a duel.

A bill was passed which strikes from the pension roll the names of all persons who have taken up arms against the Government, or in any manner aided the rebellion.

Mr. Vallandigham, of Ohio, (Opp.,) introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Secretary of the Navy has reported to this House that Captain Charles Wilkes, in command of the San Jacinto, an armed public vessel of the United States, did on the 8th of November, 1861, on the high seas, intercept the Trent, a British mail steamer, and forcibly remove therefrom Jas. M. Mason and John Slidell, disloyal citizens, leading conspirators, rebel enemies, and dangerous men, who, with their suites, were on their way to Europe to promote the cause of the insurrection, claiming to be Ambassadors from the seceded Confederate States; and

Whereas, The Secretary of the Navy has further reported to this House that the prompt and decisive action of Capt. Wilkes on this occasion, merited and received the emphatic approval of the Department, and, moreover, in a public letter, has thanked Captain Wilkes for the act, and

Whereas, This House, on the first day of the session, did propose to tender the thanks of Congress to Capt. Wilkes for his brave, adroit, and patriotic conduct, in the arrest of the traitors James M. Mason and John Slidell, and

Whereas, further, on the same day, this House did request the President to confine the said Jas. M. Mason and John Slidell in the cells of convicted felons, until certain military officers of the United States, captured and held by the so-called Confederate States, should be treated as prisoners of war; Therefore, be it

Resolved, As the sense of this House, it is the duty of the President to now firmly maintain the stand thus taken, approving and adopting the act of Capt. Wilkes, in spite of any menace or demand of the British Government, and that this House pledge its full support to him in upholding now the honor and vindicating the courage of the Government and people of the United States against a foreign Power.

Mr. Vallandigham moved the previous question. They had heard the first growl of the British Lion. It remained to be seen who would cower.

Mr. Fenton, of New York, (Rep.,) hoped that the resolutions would be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Vallandigham remarked that a former resolution, approbatory of Captain Wilkes, was passed without being so referred. He (Vallandigham) had offered this resolution in good faith, and would stand by it.

The House then refused to second the demand for the previous question.

Mr. Fenton again moved that the preamble and resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The motion was agreed to, by yeas 109, nays 16.

DISPATCHES FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE IROQUOIS.

The Washington telegraphic correspondent of the New York *Times*, under date of the 16th inst., says:

The Navy Department has received dispatches from Captain Palmer, commanding the steamer Iroquois, in which he minutely relates his movements in order to capture the pirate Sumter.

The Government at Martinique, he says, refused to give the Sumter coal, but allowed her to come to St. Pierro, where she obtained a supply from English merchants. The Sumter had been received with courtesy at the seat of Government, and Capt. Palmer discovered, to use his own language, that "this farce of non-recognition of the Confederate flag by France and England, is played out." He had a correspondence with the Governor, the result of which was he was referred to a paragraph of Wheaton's International Law, to the effect that no belligerent could depart from port until twenty-four hours after another had left. The Sumter was at that time in port, and the Iroquois obliged to anchor one marine league from shore.

The majority of the citizens of Port Royal were in favor of the Sumter, and therefore anxious for her escape. Being French, they sympathized with Louisiana, to which State they thought the Sumter belonged. Throughout his proceedings Captain Palmer was apprehensive and fearful that the Sumter would escape him, and wished she were anywhere else than under the French protection, as the authorities were throwing every obstacle in his way.

The Governor, however, repudiated everything unlike friendliness in reply to Captain Palmer's complaint. Owing to the distance from shore which the Iroquois was obliged to occupy, and the fact that the bay is fifteen miles wide, and for the reasons above stated, the Sumter succeeded in escaping. The Iroquois followed her, but found no vessel visible on the background of the sky.

THE COMMANDER OF THE IROQUOIS TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESCAPE OF THE SUMTER.

It is understood here that the Captain of the United States gun-boat Iroquois will be brought to rigid account for not capturing the privateer Sumter at Martinique. His extraordinary regard for Capt. Semmes, of the Sumter, because the latter was his school-mate, and had once been his superior officer, is looked upon as a display of affection and respect of such exalted and unusual character as to require investigation.

P. F. PESCUD, WHOLESALE AND Retail Druggist, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, N. C., would announce to the public that he is now receiving from the South a splendid assortment of Perfumery, consisting of a superior article of Cologne Water, the very choicest variety of Extracts for the Handkerchief, namely: Victoria, Jockey Club, West End, Forget-Me-Not, Geranium, Violet, Musk, New Mown Hay, Ess. Bouquet, Spring Flowers, Patchouly, Moss Rose, Sweet Briar, &c. He is also receiving a fine assortment of the best and most highly perfumed Soaps of the following kinds, namely: Toilet, Omnibus, Old White Windsor, Antiseptic and Aromatic Tooth, Transparent, Military, Barber's Shaving, Bouquet, Forget-me-not, Walnut Oil, &c.
In addition to the above articles, he is also receiving a Fresh supply of Medicines, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Pastes, a good article of Fine and Coarse Combs, Seidlitz and Soda Powders,