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From the 4th North Carolina.

JULY 31st, 1863.

Camp near Madison Court House.—Expected to remain some time but left at short warning—Fight at Manassas gap—up the Shenandoah—Recruits—Something about deserters—Hot work—distressing thirst—Our fare—new clothes.

A day's rest affords me an opportunity to write again for the gratification of my numerous friends; hitherto incessant marching has prevented it. After scrambling among mountains and wading creeks and rivers for ten days, in succession, we are at last within three miles of Madison Court House, where it is possible that we will remain for some time.

Most unexpectedly as I finished the last sentence above, orders came to move immediately. The sun was hardly an hour high, the men about half done cooking, nearly every man had been washing his clothes and they were still wet, but no allowances were made, and in fifteen minutes all were ready, and on their way to Madison, through which we passed at dusk.

We fare sumptuously on beef, bread and blackberries, the last constituting the larger half our living by far; and wherever we go we find them in the greatest abundance—it is a most fortunate thing for us, though the fact betokens a country going to wreck. Briers, thistles and thorns grow luxuriantly and a few years ago the fields were covered with golden wheat or rusting corn.

MEETING OF THE 13TH N. C. T. NEAR ORANGE C. H., VA., Aug. 8, 1863. At a full meeting of the 13th regt. N. C. Troops, Lt. Col. H. A. Rogers, commanding, held this day, on motion of Captain T. T. Lawson, Lt. Col. Rogers was called to preside over the meeting, and Capt W W Robinson, of Mecklenburg, and Lt Jas D Mason, of Alamance, were appointed Secretaries.

hundreds of miles under assumed names and on North Carolina credit. It makes our blood boil to hear North Carolina denounced as a harbor for deserters and traitors when in fact, there are fully as many from Salisbury, he says that the last call taken the few men who have been lawfully left in his section of country. Some are brought out whose legs have been broken, others their arms broken, some out with their hands off, one man had his neck disjointed; and he says it is a fact that blind men have been taken to Raleigh, their eyes operated on, and then sent to the army. He is my authority—of course it is generally believed.

ORANGE COURT HOUSE, VA., August 24, 1863.

At a meeting of the 14th N. C. Troops, held this day in its camp, to express their sentiment respecting the reconstruction and "honorable peace" proclivities of a portion of the press of North Carolina. On motion, J. W. Tracy was called to the Chair and T. S. Lemay and N. C. Jenkins appointed Secretaries.

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MEETING OF THE 54TH N. C. TROOPS. CAMP 54TH N. C. REGT., Near Orange C. H., VA., Aug. 10, 1863. At a meeting held this day, by the officers and men of the 54th N. C. Regt., for the purpose of expressing their disapprobation of the course of certain persons of North Carolina, who are advocating peace measures detrimental to the interest of the South.

MEETING OF THE 28TH N. C. TROOPS. 28TH N. C. REGT., Aug. 10th, 1863. A meeting was organized this day in said regiment by calling to the chair Capt G. G. Holland, who explained the objects of the meeting. Upon motion, the following Committee was appointed to draft resolutions for the action of the meeting, to wit: company A, Sergt Hollyfield; company B, Sergt White; company E, Capt Clark; company F, Capt Apperson; company G, Sergt Morrow; company H, Private L H Matheny; company I, Capt S S Bohannon; company K, Lieut Stone.

gency, and at all hazards, until our colors shall wave triumphantly over an independent South. Resolved, moreover, That we will acknowledge no terms of peace save those of a full recognition of our independence and nationality, and to this end we dedicate anew our lives, our blood and our souls, even to the last gasp.

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any of the people or press of the good old State. The soldiers are as much determined to be free as they ever were, but we would hail with delight an honorable and permanent peace. What we conceive to be an honorable peace is the arrangement of money and resources of the Confederate States, and nothing short of this will begin to satisfy us.

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United States. Resolved, 3rd, That we have ever manifested an earnest desire for an amicable adjustment of the difficulties now existing between us, and for the discontinuance of this war when let alone.

Resolved, 4th, That while we are willing to entertain propositions from the enemy for an amicable adjustment of the difficulties now existing between us, we do not deem it dishonorable and ungrateful any such proposals from us to the enemy, and declare that it is our opinion any scheme for the reconstruction of the Union upon any basis whatsoever, deserves to be met by the halberd with our hands.

Resolved, 5th, That we are for an unwavering prosecution of the war until peace shall be established on terms honorable to the South and our independence is acknowledged among the great family of nations.

Resolved, 6th, That we unite our voices with those of our noble President and Governor, in calling upon all true patriots and our fair country women to exert their influence in driving back to their duty all who have so basely deserted it, together with those who owe their service to their country, but are now tamely and subserviently standing aloof in this hour of her peril, for the sake of shielding their own worthless carcasses from Yankee bullets, and to consign to deserved infamy those who are shamelessly endeavoring to fasten the stigma of dishonor and to rivet the chains of servitude upon them and their posterity.

Resolved, 7th, That the above resolutions be published in all North Carolina papers favoring the object of the meeting.

COMMITTEE. Lt. G. H. Lindsay, Chairman; Capt. D. A. Culbreth, Capt. G. F. Smith, Private John H. Swicegood, Co. A; Sergt. W. W. Edwards, Co. D; Private Wm. H. Young, Co. E; Sergt. Sam'l. Stock, Co. F; Sergt. H. T. Felts, Co. G; Corp'l D. V. Davis, Co. H; Sergt. Wm. H. McFarland, Co. I; Private Wm. J. Harris, Co. K.

Capt. D. S. Cockerham, Lieut. G. H. Lindsay and Private Wm. H. Young, in a patriotic manner, then addressed the audience, urging upon them the importance of united and determined effort at this particular juncture, for securing our independence.

On motion of Capt. J. B. DeBerry, to appoint delegates to represent this meeting of North Carolina soldiers, to be held at Orange Court House the 12th inst., the Chairman appointed Capt. J. B. DeBerry and N. B. Hampton.

On motion of Lt. Ogburn the meeting adjourned, with three cheers for President Davis and Governor Vance.

CAPT. A. H. MARTIN, Chairman. CAPT. SAM'L J. PARHAM, Secretaries. Lt. W. W. COLE.

VALLANDIGHAM. Among the late Northern items is one that "a crowd of visitors have driven Vallandigham from the Clifton House into the country." The Clifton House is in Canada, within gun-shot of the United States.

The election in Ohio comes off early in October. Should Vallandigham be elected, the United States will be exposed to one of the severest trials it has ever encountered. It will be a question whether Lincoln will dare to seize the Governor elect of a great State and prevent his inauguration. We incline to think he will. And then, will the people submit? That is more doubtful.

The Queen of England, in her recent speech proroguing Parliament, says: "The civil war continues in America, inflicting much evil not only on the contending parties, but on other nations. We see no reason, however, to depart from our strict neutrality."