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offer was so liberal, so magnani- American animal whose strained re- his letter in pencil he took it to Genncus and so chivalrous that it was lations with the chancellor of the Ger-leral Lee, who remained seated. Genccepted forthwith. man empire made it necessary at last eral Lee read the letter and called I wish to have another matter un- for the president of the United States General Grant's attention to the fact

derstood before beginning a consecu- to send an Ohio man to the court of that he required the surrender of the cavalry, as if they were public horses. He told General Grant that Confed-"Tantas componere lites."

is in regard to General Horace Porter's statement, made repeatedly, or erate cavalrymen owned their horses, As soon as we all had our turn at ally and in writing, that General Lee the shaving can we rode toward Ap-ally and in writing, that General Lee the shaving can we rode toward Apoffered his sword to General Grant. pomattox Courthouse, when the sound ing a spring crop.' General Grant at take exception to this statement. of guns announced that Gordon had once accepted the suggestion.

Drawing Up the Articles. ee never offered his sword to Grant already begun the attempt to open The terms of the letter having He forced his way through the

ly monotonous.

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been agreed to General Grant directed Colonel Parker to make a copy of it in ink, and General Lee directed me to write its acceptance. Colonel Parker took the table upon which General Grant had been writ-

explaining that it was not possible vance further, and it became evident ing to the other side of the room, and I accompanied him, and after he had finished copying the letter I sat down at the same table and wrote

General Lee's acceptance. When General Grant had signed the copy of his letter made by Colonel Lee to have offered his sword to Lee proceeded down this road to Farker, and General Lee had signed

the answer, Colonel Parker handed to me General Grant's letter and I

the sake of history to have them guard, composed of the remnants of handed to him General Lee's reply Longstreet's corps, the men cheered and the work was done. leared up.

After the disaster of Sailor's Creek, their chieftain as he passed. Their When General Lee returned to his n April, 1865, the army, reduced to confidence and enthusiasm was not hnes a large number of men gathered wo corps under the command of one whit abated by defeat, hunger around him, to whom he announced General Longstreet and General Gor- and danger. It was lucky for the what had taken place and the causes secretary of the treasury that this that had rendered the surrender don, moved through Farmville, where necessary. Great emotion was manirations were issued to some of the rear guard was not permitted to try starving troops. A close pursuit by its hand at increasing the pension lested by officers and men alike, but Lee maintained admirably his selfthe overwhelming army of General roll with which he is now struggling. Grant made it necessary to remove These men made no fraudulent pen- control. Although the surrender was the wagon trains before all the men sioner. When they were done with a fearful blow to him, he did not could be supplied, and the remnant a man he or his representative had wince. He was a noble, pure, good man.

As we advanced through the rear

of the great army of Northern Vir- an indisputable claim to a pension never heard him utter an oath, alginia, exhausted by fight and starva- under any kind of a pension law. though at times there seemed to be General Lee, with an orderly in tion, moved in the road to Appomatprovocation. I never saw him lose front bearing a flag of truce, had his temper. He was always the same;

proceeded but a short distance after Grant Writes to Lee. the afternoon of the 7th of passing through our rear guard when never irritated or flustered. Even in the rush, roar and rumble of pattle April, 1865, General Grant wrote to he became upon the advancing enehe was cool and collected, and gave General, Lee stating that the hope- my. I rode forward to meet a federhis orders in a quiet tone of voice. essness of further resistance was al officer, who turned out to be Lieuapparent, and asking a surrender of tenant Colonel Whittier of General COL. CHARLES H. MARSHALL. he army of Northern Virginia. Humphrey's staff, and who delivered One way to get rich is by attending When this letter was received there to me General Grant's reply to Gento one's own business-but it is awful-

was some difference of opinion among eral Lee's letter, declining to discuss the general officers as to the nature terms of a general pacification. I of the reply to be made to General took this letter to General Lee, who Grant's letter, some thinking it was at once dictated to me a letter to

yet possible to save the remnant of Grant asking an interview for the he army. Finally, however, General purpose of discussing terms of sur-Lee decided to meet Grant, and I was render. Colonel Whittier took this directed to draw up a communication letter to Grant.

ive narrative of the surrender. This Berlin.

and the latter never refused it. I the way.

tain from the time he greeted Grant cavalry of the enemy only to en-

in the McLean house until he rode counter a force of infantry far su-

away, and the only time the mention perior to his own wearied and starv-

of a sword was made was when ing command. He informed General Grant apologized to Lee for his dress, Lee that it was impossible to ad-

and at the same time keep the ap- General Lee had written Grant

pointment. The terms of capitulation stating that he would meet him at

expressly excepted side arms, and in 10 o'clock on the morning of April

view of that fact it would have been 9 on the old stage road to Richmond.

most unusual procedure for General Attended by myself and one orderly,

for him to get access to his baggage that the end was at hand.

Grant. These matters are unimpor-|meet General Grant.

was with the great Southern chief-

tant in themselves, but it is well for

tox Courthouse.

On

o that effect - This is the letter Gen-General Lee then returned to the front, and with General Longstreet ral Lee signed: April 7, 1865 .- General: I have re- proceeded to a small orchard, and ceived your note of this date. Though there waited for Grant's reply. As not entertaining the opinion you ex- he was much fatigued a rude couch press of the hopelessness of further was prepared under an apple tree. esistance on the part of the army of upon which he reclined uptil the ap-Northern Virginia, I reciprocate your pearance of a flag of truce and desire to avoid useless effusion of Grant's affirmative reply.

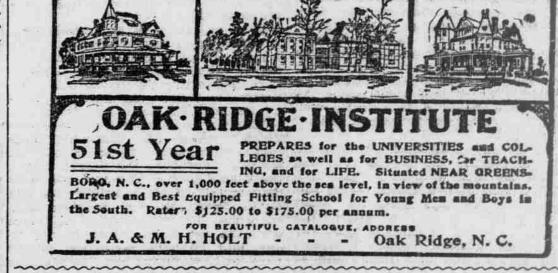
blood, and therefore, before consider-Where the Meeting Was Held. ng your proposition, ask the terms Colonel Babcock, who brought the you will offer on condition of sur-render. Very respectfully, your obe-dient servant, R. E. LEE, General. It was not until the next day that reply was received to this letter federate lines.

Grant states that he would insist General Lee directed me to ac-upon but one condition. This was company him with an orderly, and that the men and officers surrendered immediately mounting his horse rode should be disgualified to take up with Colonel Babcock toward Appoirms against the United States until mattox Courthouse.

We passed through an infantry roperly exchanged. Even after this correspondence, force in front of the village, and General Lee did not abandon hopes General Lee directed me to find a of successfully extricating himself suitable place for the meeting. I from the dilemma. The army had rode forward and asked the first

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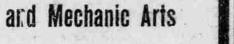
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