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Sonnet—Abraham Lincoln.

Great men ere now have fallen, and the crowd
Has stopped its busy traffic for a space
To mourn for those whose long-accustomed
place
Knew them no longer—and, with voices loud,
They hymned the praises of the noble dead.
Thus will it ever be; the world, though weak,
Will still revere its heroes: still will seek
O'er honored graves some honoring tears to
shed,
And, more than all, o'er thine—our rusty, red
chief—
LINCOLN, pure patriot, statesman good and
wise—
Will good men's tears be falling! Sadly rise
The mournful wrailings of a people's grief
O'er the cold ashes of her noblest son;
A stricken nation sobs, "Thy will be done!"
W. H. A.

Maj.-Gen. Wm. T. Sherman.

Running the rounds of the Northern press there is a great deal of indiscreet matter in relation to the recent action of General Sherman—stuff, that in cooler moments, when every thing becomes sifted and properly weighed, will have to be taken back. We admit we are sorry the General ever signed the now renowned "Memorandum." We admit he should have placed himself on the basis of negotiation indicated by the President and studiously followed by General Grant respecting the surrender of Lee—that of taking into consideration military matters alone, leaving those of a civil character to the Government. But, we do not countenance the idea for one moment, that General Sherman was influenced by any other than the most patriotic of impulses, and an intense desire to bring the country to a state of repose. Had he other, and particularly ambitious motives, why should he have stipulated to send the document to Washington for approval? We are afraid men do not take into consideration the fact, that the mind of the country was irritated by the brutal assassination of our Chief Magistrate—intensified almost to the point of indiscriminate revenge upon the instigators of rebellion—and that Sherman and his army were not yet apprised of the occurrence. Neither do they think of the peculiar position of a commanding officer, and of the necessity for his acting with promptitude and decision in great emergencies. His line of conduct may have been faulty, to some extent, but for this, a generous people should not impugn the motives of so devoted a public servant.

We are not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but we venture to predict that

in the calm light of history, General Sherman will stand out, in a purely military view, as a genius of the very first order—that his operations upon the field will have a tendency to modify the tactics of European nations, and that military criticism will award him a lofty position among the great commanders of the world. It becomes us, we think, to be more careful of the reputation of men, who have shown heroic devotion to the cause of the Union and of Freedom, and not suffer a single mistake to cloud entirely our appreciation of the inestimable value of their services.

Port Royal, S. C.

The following interesting extracts are from a recent correspondent of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. We have taken the liberty of substituting the proper name of this place which is PORT ROYAL instead of "Hilton Head" which we do not like. The Treasury and Post-Office Departments have called us on their books PORT ROYAL and all correspondence from them to their agents here is so directed.

It will not do to sugar-coat the thing, as some gentlemen about here would like to do, (probably Land's End speculators) by calling us "Hilton Head City"—for short, H. Head City, i.e. Hog's Head City. We are bound that so royal a spot, as we have got, on which to build the METROPOLIS OF THE SOUTH, shall have the no less royal name of PORT ROYAL. The following are the extracts:

"PORT ROYAL.—Here we have the headquarters of the Department of the South, under the command of Major-Gen. Q. A. Gillmore. When our forces took possession of the place it consisted of one or two unimportant buildings and the usual spattering of negro huts. Although favored with a magnificent harbor, the people of this section do not seem to have regarded it in any other light than as a good cotton district. On this group of islands the best cotton in the world was raised, but it never occurred to the ungenerous planters that from this harbor it might be shipped at once to all the markets of the world, without the necessity of sending it first to New York, and from thence to Europe. If the idea ever entered their brain, there was no energy to put it into execution.

The enterprising Yankees soon discovered in it the best harbor from New York to Pensacola, and on this account, chiefly, it became the headquarters of the Department. The violent fluctuations of the tide rendered the building of a long pier necessary. This obstacle, however, was soon overcome, and now we have a pier extending about a quarter of a mile out into the bay. Here the largest ships can come up, and with great facility discharge or receive their cargoes. This wharf, and indeed the entire bay, presents a busy scene, and is more like the harbor of Philadelphia, or some other northern commercial mart, than a deserted part of the little State of South Carolina. Large vessels are loading and unloading, barques, brigs and schooners are lying at anchor in the stream, while steamboats and tugs are plying vigorously from one island to another along the bay. Toward the north the fleet lies quietly at anchor. Many of these were formerly stationed "outside" on blockade duty, but their "occupation," so far

as that business is concerned, is now gone.

The City of Port Royal consists, as I have already intimated, of buildings put up by the Yankees since their occupation of the place. Many of these are used for military purposes, as department headquarters, quarter-master's establishment, commissary department, barracks, hospital, etc., but there are some of them occupied by "civilians." There is a street known as "Merchants' Row," which is composed almost exclusively of sutlers. There are also a few private dwellings, mostly occupied by officers' families.—The trade of the place is of sufficient importance to warrant Uncle Sam in establishing a Custom House and keeping revenue cutters in the harbor. Of course we have that inevitable sign of American civilization, a Post-Office, which, considering that all the mails of the department, both for the army and navy, are distributed here, wears rather a busy aspect.

There remains but little more of interest in the town, except the inevitable newspaper, without which no town can be considered complete in our country, at least. This, we have in *The New South*, published and edited by Joseph H. Sears, Esq. It is yet only a weekly, but will be increased as soon as possible, to a daily. It is devoted, of course, to the regeneration and disenthralment of the South, especially of the State of South Carolina.

THE FUTURE OF PORT ROYAL.

It is very evident that this will be a place of some importance from this time forth. Arrangements have already been made to erect a United States Navy Yard and Arsenal on one of the islands in the bay. The Committee appointed at the last session of Congress to select a site along the Atlantic coast for a United States General Military Hospital, have chosen Port Royal as the most central as well as the most healthy on the coast.

In addition to all these projected improvements, there is a movement on foot to run a railroad from Port Royal to Hardeeville, on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad, and thus establish connection with all the great arteries of travel throughout Georgia and South Carolina. Nothing of this kind can be done, however, for some time to come, except it should be done by Northern enterprise and capital. The South is too poor at present to do anything. Still, this whole section of country is rapidly coming under the influence and control of Northern men, and will ultimately be made to flourish like the great West."

THE FINAL SETTLEMENT.—We sincerely hope no settlement will be made with any one of the States which have been in rebellion against the United States authority, until full protection and guarantees are secured by the thousands of NORTHERN MEN who have been attracted here by and during the war, either as soldiers or civilians. This Northern element is full of energy and enterprise. It wants to open up this country to newness of life such as it can never enjoy if separate State action is to hamper improvements contemplated, if properly fostered by the general Government.

Already, English and other Foreign capital is being freely offered in this Department for the purchase of such property as the Georgia Central, the Charleston and Savannah and other railroads. Let these English hounds who are now coming to the surface, in Charles-

ton and Savannah once get a fair foot hold here and the elements of still more and greater trouble are left behind. We cannot tolerate these *aliens* who under protection of a foreign flag have remained at the South aiding and abetting this accursed war. It is said Gen. Sherman remarked to a British subject living in Savannah when he took the place and who laid claim to large quantities of the cotton stored there—"Sir, I have been fighting England all the way from Atlanta to Savannah. I have taken British guns and small arms, British ammunition, British clothes for the rebel army and British stores of all kinds." Let our Government at Washington be made fully alive to this subject and the proper elements of a thorough national regeneration will permeate this entire section—"a country flowing with milk and honey."

—SOME friends of ours recently visited Spanish Wells and wishing to get a "tip-top" view of the surrounding country—probably to select the best route for our new railroad, ascended to the roof of the building formerly occupied as a signal station on the route to Fort Pulaski. They observed, on their way up stairs, that the house was well filled with negroes.

While deeply absorbed in tracing the meanderings of Scull creek and the many beautiful water-ways on that side of the island they were informed by a colored sentinel who had but just then discovered them from his beat in the garden, that "all dem niggers in dat are hous hab got der small pox." It is needless to say that no man of them "stood on the order of his going" but that he leaps then and there performed would have made even Sam. Patch envious "had he been there to see." Probably no branch Post-Office will be established in that neighborhood at present.

CINDERS IN THE DOCK.—A stringent order should be issued (if it has not already been) forbidding the throwing overboard of cinders or other matter which may tend to shoal the water anywhere in the harbor. We were told that a day or two ago several barrels of cinders were thrown into the water from a tug lying at the end of the pier.

It would be an excellent plan to have a sign placed in a prominent position near the end of the pier where some of the more important rules of this harbor may be seen by all in any way connected with shipping.

THE NAVAL BURIAL GROUND.—Our article, in a late number, on this subject, has, we are happy to know, attracted the attention of Admiral Dahlgren, and other gentlemen of the South Atlantic Squadron, who intend, we hear, to have these graves properly preserved, and marble slabs take the place of the pine boards which mark the spot where the brave fellows who fell in the famous battle of Port Royal now "sleep their last sleep."

Several of the 8th Michigan Volunteers, who came here with the original "E. C.," are also buried in this lot. We must make some effort here, ashore, to have these latter graves put in proper order, in conjunction with the improvements contemplated by the Navy. Who will attend to it?