WM. H. THIMMILEH.

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## SPARTANBURG, S. C., WURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1864.

A N ASSESSOR will attend at the followpurpose of receiving returns of income and
salaries for the year 1808. Persons having
taken to sugged in agriculture, and
quarterly returns of gress sales and receipts
from registered makings will make them to the
pany the amessor for the purpose of receiving
present their claims to the District Enrolling
possess the following business; wholesale
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stable; cattle brokers; butchers; peddlers; apputhecarys; lawyors; physicians; confectioners; dentists; grist and lumber mills; smith shops; thos sheps; leather yards; wheel wrights; wool machines; catton and iron manufacturers and all other business requiring registration. At Glona Springs, 15th February; Cross Ancher, 16th February, Hobbys, 17th February; Woodruffs, 18th February; Cashville, 19th Fabreary; Esideille, 20th February; Cashville, 19th Fabreary; Esideille, 20th February; Grassy Fond, 25th February; Macumson's Store, 23th February; Walnut Grove 17th February; Mebron, 18th February; Cavins Old Field, 19th February, Rober Oatts, 20th February; Hebron, 18th February; Cavins Old Field, 19th February, Rober Oatts, 20th February; J. H. Kzells, (Cowpeas, 23rd February; Thorns, 24th February; Fingerville, 25th February; Wilking Store, 26th February; Pollard's Mill, 27th February; Grawfordsville, 1st March; Johnson's 2nd March; Morgan's 3rd March Vernousville, 4th March; Cannon's Store, 1st March; Holly Springs, 2nd Jasech, Beach Vernousville, 4th March; Cannon's Store, 1st Vernousville, 4th March; Cannon's Store, 1st March; Holly Springs, 2nd March; Beach Springs, 3d March; Fort Prince, 4th March; Rolling Mill, 3d March; Bivingsville, 4th March; A number of persons have registered Grist and Lumber Mills, Smith Shops, &c., and have made no return of proceeds which must be done. This is the last notice of 1863 dealt with as the law prescribes.

J. W. WEBBER,

Collector 27th Collection District. 48

## WALKER HOUSE.

O wind to the advanced age and the inability of the Proprietress of this HOUSE, with the great increase of patronage that this House has been receiving from day to day for months past—being seldom less than from FORTY to SIXTY—she will close the same from and after this date, and no boarders or transient persons will be hereafter accommodated therein.
This House, situated in the town of Spar-

Main arrest, midway between the Spurtanburg and Union Rail Road Depot and the Court House, and which has been regularly kept open as a Rotel for upwards of 22 years past,

NOW OFFERED FOR SALE. with the Furniture contained therein. The

FIFTY ROOMS Several of them quite large, at least 10 of them 20 feet square, and the balance confortable chambers—all well ventilated with large axindows, and well shaded with large oak trees

around the premises.

The House is in perfect order, and needs no Terms made known by applying to the Pro-pricticess. The Servants belonging to the House are well skilled, can be hired, it desired

M. B. WALKER, Proprietiess. Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 8, 1863. Sept. 10 24 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT. In the Court of Ordinary. J. H. Hadden and Lowis McMillan. · Applicants.

Hiram MeMillan, Alfred McMillan, et al;

Defendants. Thaving been shown to my satisfaction that the heirs of Smith McMillan, deceased, names not known, Hiram McMillan, Alfred McMillan and Alexander McMillan, Defendants, in this gase reside without this State: it is or. dered and deceed that they appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden at Spartamburg Court House for Spartamburg District, on Friday the 29.h day of April next, to show cause if any they can, why a final settlement of the estate of Elijah McMillan, deceased, should not be

Jan 28 JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY A FARM or HOUSE AND LOT or a re-

Several Cows and Caives. CORN, WHEAT. Bacon and Lard for which the highest market price will be paid.

Apply to Major A. H. KIEBY, Spartanburg, S. C.

Sept 24

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HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

Toffer for sale a large and commodious brick house, containing six large rooms. The house is built after an approved model. The improvements are all new. The lot is eligible and well shaded by forrest grove. The situation is beautiful, and convenient to the Male and Female Colleges of this Town. This prop-erty can be treated for at private sales at any time, until sale day in November when it will be sold at public out-cry unless sold before,-The late purchaser having no use for it.

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NOTICE A LL persons holding claims against the Estate of ANDREW BONNER, dec.'d, will present them properly attested, to either one of the undersigned for settlement. M. BONNER, Exor's.

ALSO, those holding claims against the Estate of Dr. P. BONNER, dec.'d, are requested to present them properly attested to the undersigned for payment, on or before the undersigned, and those indebted to said Estate, will please come forward and make settlement.

EDW. BONNER

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EXECUTE:

Late of G. B. Styles deceased, are hereby notified to present them duly attested, to the undersigned for payment, on or before the undersigned for payment, as a final settlement will be made before the Ordinary on that day.

S. F. STYLES.

EDW. BONNER. June 18

Wanted

TO HIRE or purchase a good COOK, WASH-ER and IROMER—one from the Country preferred. Liberal wages will be paid. Ap-ply at this office.

Dec 17

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

By command:

(Signed.)

A. C. GARLINGTON,

Adjutant and Inspector-General S. C.

Official: G. A. Follin, Capt. and A. A. G. Peb 4 42 5t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ... SPARTANBURG DISTRICT. In the Court of Ordinary. W. W. Hammett, Administrator, Applicant,

James Hammett, et al Defendants. Petition for final settlement and dccree. It appearing to my satisfaction that James Hammet one of the Defendants, in this case resides beyond the limits of this State; it is therefore ordered that he do appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden for Spartanburg District. at Spartanburg Court House, on the 6th day of May next to show cause if any he can why a final seitlement of the es-tate of Martha Hammett deceased, should not be made, or his consent to the same will be entered of record

Given under my hand and seal of office thi February 1st 1864. Feb 4 1864. JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D. 3m

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. SPARTANBURG DISTRICT. In the Court of Ordinary. Elias Wall Administrator, Applicant,

Catharine Little, et al., Defeadants. Petition for final settlement and decree of en

tate of Wm Robbins deceased.
T-appearing to my satisfication that Catharine
Little and Wilkinson Summerville and wife Margaret Defendants in this case, reside beyond the limits of this State: it is therefore ordered that they appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden for Spartanburg District at Spartanburg Court House on the 29th day of April next to shew cause if any they can why a final settle-ment of the estate of William Robbins deceased, should not be made and a decree rendered

Witness my hand and seal of office. January

JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D. Feb 1 42 3m STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPARTANBULG DISTRICT. In the Court of Ordinary Isham Hines Administrator, Applicant,

John Little, Ambrose Little, et al., Defendants.

Petition for final settlement and decree Tappearing to my satisfaction that Her y Little, Miles Little, the here of Frankin. Little, deceased, names not known, the neirs of Marion Little, deceased, names not known, and Alfred Holt and wife, defendants in this Nufficient amount of good woodland to seive the use of the House for annual years within 11 milet of the place, can be purchased with the Court of Ordinary to be holden for Spartanburg District, at Spartanburg Court House. cause if any they can, why a final settlement of the estate of Wm. Little deceased should not be made and a decree rendered thereon. January 25th 1864.

JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D.

Jan 28

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPARTANBURG DISTICT. In the Court of Ordinary. Jesse Harman and wife Nancy Harman, Applicants,

John Little, Miles Little, et al. Defendants. Petition for sale of real estate of William Little, deceased.

Tappearing to my satisfaction that John Little, the legal heirs and representatives of Frances Little, deceased, names not known, Miles Little, Ambrose Little, Henry Little, the legal heirs and representatives of Marion made and a decree entered thereon.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 26th day of January, 1864.

Little, deceased, names not known, Alfred Holt and wife Charlotte, Defendants in this the 26th day of January, 1864. it is therefore ordered that they do appear and object to the division or sale of the real estate of William Little, deceased, on or before the 29th day of April next, or their consent to the same will be entered of record.

Civen under my hand and seal of office this January 26, 1864.

JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D.

## JACK FOR SALE.

THE undersigned will sell, at public outery, JACK, said to be the largest in the District and is 10 years old. Persons desiring to pur-chase property of this kind, would do well to

THOMAS J. BOMAR. November 12 38

LOST SHEEP! STRAYED from the Subscriber, on Lawson's
Fork, near McMakins Factory, in November last, Ten head of Sheep Five are marked with a crop in the right ear, and a slope in the left; marks of the others unknown. A liberal reward will be given for these Sheep or any in-

formation concerning them. C. H. MABRY.

Dental Notice MY office is over Bobo, Edwards & Carlisle'
Law Office. C. LEE D. D. S. C. LEE D. D. B.

Executor's Notice.

Il persons having demands against the es-A ll persons having demands are hereby notified to present them duly attested, to the

S. F. STYLES, Executor.

Lost CAPTAIN'S Military Cap trimmed with A gold lace. By leaving it at this office the oder will be properly rewarded.

Taxes for 1863.

At Otts' same evening. At Walnut Grove, Saurday 5th, forencon.

At Beihiebem, Tuesday 8th, forenoon, At Crawfordsville, same evening. At Reidsville, Wednesday 9th, forencen.
At Castrine, same evening.
At Brockman's store, Thursday 10th forencen.

At Johnson's, same evening.
At Burton's store, Friday 11th, forencon. At Morgan's store, same evening. At Vernonsville, Saturday 12th, forencon. At Gen. Homar's, same evening. At Cherokee Springs. Monday 14th, forenoon At Walls Mills, same evening. At Pollard's Mill, Tuesday 15th forenoon. At Beech Springs, same evening At Holly Springs, Wednesday 16th.

At Deans Still, Thursday 17th. At Wilkins Store, Friday 18th, forencon, At Fingersville, same evening. At Thorn's, Saurday 13th, forencon. At McKelveys, same evening At Rolling Mills, Monday 21st forencon.

At Bivingsville, some evening.
At Sparanburg C. H., Salesday in March,
April, May and Jone, and Court week so many
days as Court may be in session—and on Thursdays as Court may be in session—and on Thursday the 12th April, Thursday 25th April, Thursday 15th May and Thursday 24th May. The villagers can have an opportunity to make their returns and pay their Taxes on any of said Thursdays ias above named. Books to close on the first Monday in June. All persons are expected to be prompt in making their returns and paying their taxes as executions will certainly be issued against all who fail to make their returns as well as those who make returns and tail to pay by or on Salesday in June. All returns will be reconired to be in June. All returns will be re made an oath, and subscribed to required to be

Eree persons of color are required to return and pay within the mouth of April, they are liable to pay Taxes from the age of 15 to 50. All must return and the Tax Collector to decide who of them are exempt from Taxes.

The property Taxable are the as heretofore, viz: Lands, Negroes, Goods, the city of Rich and. Professions, Town Lots, Monies at Interest, Bonds, Salaries and Wages, &c., &c. of success in such a ho

State Taxes are double and over the amount of last year District Tax will be less than half the per cent, on the State Tax, but will give a larger amount of District Taxes than last year. The Collectors feet is greatured from 70 per cent, to 30 per cent, Commissions on Commis-sions now allowed them by law.

Town-lots are to be assessed at the present valuation in Confederate notes or Current money, a dit will be repeated 121. The of Land to recollect that the Sd quality of Land is the very last quality and whatever properties of their Lands babove the last quality it will be rendered in as second quality or higher.

The Tax payers would do well to turn out to the Tax paying in their neighborhood as world save having such a throng at the C. House on public days. All persons the Houses and Leis within Spanishing at the reader tasm in on Tuesday in the save and the sav February first, to a sessors appointed a sess said floures and hots. Assessors will at tent at the Sparian Office to receive said re-

assessment. All Transfers of Real Esinte made from 1st October 1802, and Oct. 1863 rything depends upon a surprise, and ne must be reported at the time of making Tax

R. C. POOLE, T C. S. D. N. B. The Magistrates throughout the Dis trict will do me a special favor by reporting, all free persons of color within their different Precents All owners of Slaves engaged in Agriculture are required to render them in at the time of making their Tax returns in three classes, viz: From 12 to 15, from 15 to 50 and

from 50 to 65 years of age. R. C. POOLE, T. C., S. D.

A NORTHERN OPINION OF THIS WAR. -The Chicago Times one of the leading papers opposed to Lincoln, speaks thus of the war and the prospects of its continu-

What inducements have the South to give up the contest and return to the Union? What have they to gain by it? What have they that they will not lose by it? Do not the possession of all their rights of property and all their civil rights depend upon successful resistance? What is submission but acceptance of outlawry? . Are they not placed in that position where extermination is preferable to submission? Is anything left for them but desperation to the end.

It is immaterial how many or how signal victories we may obtain, so long as the Abolition policies of the war are retained, they will not bring peace; they will bring no accommodation of the difficulties. The war will continue while the policies continue. We may, and we doubtless shall, reduce still further the boundaries of the rebel territory, but as the rebel line shall be circumscribed, the desperation of the contest will be increased. It will become literally a war of extermination on one side and of self preservation on the other.

There is no earthly way of peace and the re-union but withdrawing the Abolition policies—none. We surely believe that if they were withdrawn, and this wicked Administration at Washington were out of the way -air Administration, as has been justly said, as incapable of ma-king honorable peace as of conducting successful war-the war could be closed in

The distance from Singapors to Amoy is some 2,000 miles, and Capts. Baker and Ranlett. both old and experienced China shipmasters, state that it would be impossible for the Alabama to reach Amoy in nine days, in the face of a heavy monsoon.

The distance from Singapors to Amoy is local destroying the man bridges. &c. They must be prepared to destroy in the road, have fallen by the state of our armies, as no editor would be comfitted enemy in the road, have fallen by the state of our armies, as no editor would be man bridges. &c. They must be prepared to destroy railroads. Men will branch off their comrades in an indisportant fight in the dark, while the opportunities of scape by the enemy would be recommended in the road of their comrades in an indisportant fight in the dark, while the opportunities of scape by the enemy would be recommended in an indisportant fight in the dark, while the opportunities of scape by the enemy would be recommended in an indisportant fight in the dark, while the opportunities of scape by the enemy would be recommended in an indisportant fight in the dark, while the opportunities of scape by the enemy in the road, have permitted, of his own accord, to appear in his columns.

The Sabbath is a quiet bend in the river of Time, which reflects the flux of Time and the dark of the result of Time and the river of Time and the r tf days, in the face of a heavy monsoon.

Richmond not Destroyed.

The following papers and memoranda were found on Dahlgreen's person, and contain the indisputable evidence of the diabolical designs of the enemy.

The following address to the officers and

men of the command was written on a sheet Theorer having in printed letters, on the apper corner, "Headquarters Third Division, Cavalry Corps, ——,1864:"

"You have been selected from brigades and regiments as a picked command to a'tempt a desperate undertaking—an under-taking which, if successful, will write your names on the hearts of your countrymen in letters that can never be erased, and which will cause the prayers of our fellow-soldiers now confined in loathsome prisons o follow you and yours wherever you may

"We hope to release the prisoners from Belle Island first, and having seen them fairly started, we will cross the James River into Richmond, destroying the bridges after us, and exhorting the released prisoners to destroy and burn the hateful city, and do not allow the rebet leader Davis and his traitorons eres in escape. The prisoners must really goat assistance, as you cannot leave the state too far or become too much ar arel, or you will be

"Do not allow say personal gain to lead you off, which we can y bring you to an ignominious death at the hands of citizens. Keep well repether, and obey or-ders strictly; and a will be well, but on no account sen. ... lar, for in union there is strength .

"With strict obedience to orders, and fearlessness in consecution, you will be

We will join the main force on the other side of the city, or perhaps meet them

"Many of you may fall; but if there is any man here and willing to sacrifice his life in such a great and glorious undertaking, or who down not feel capable of meeting the enemy in such a desperate fight as will follow, let man step out, and he may go hence to the .. ... of his sweetheart and read of the .... es who swept through

"We want no man who cannot feel sure of success in such a holy cause. "We will have a desperate fight, but stand up to it when it does come and all

"Ask the blessing of the Almighty, and

do ne four the enemy.
U. DAHLOREEN, "Colonel." SPACIAL ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS. The following special orders were writon on a similar sheet of paper, and on de-

tached slips, the whole disclosing the diabolical plans of the ders of the expedi-"Gaides-Pioneers (with oakum, tur-

penting and torped es) - Signal Officer-Quartermaster-Commissary: "Secuts and pickets-men in rebel uni-

iorm: These that own Houses, Lots and Lands and they of the force on the south within the Incorporation at Reidsville, will bank, not getting ahead of them, and if the make returns of the same at Reidsville on Vednesday morning the 9th day of March for column . Information must be gathered in regard to the crossings of the river, so that should we be repulsed on the south side we will know where to recross at the ponts. All mains must be burned and the canal destroyed; and also everything which can be used by the rebels must be destroyed, metading the boats on the river. Should a ferryboat be seized. and can be worked, have it moved down. Keep the force on the south si e posted of any important movement of the enemy, and in case of danger some of the scouts must swim the river and bring us information. As we approach the city, the party must take great care that they do not get ahead of the other party on the south side, and must conceal themselves and watch our movements. We will try and secure the bridge to the city (one mile below Belle Isle,) and release the prisoners

through the woods and slong the river hensive of their impending fate. As the information closed upon them cannot conbank. The bridges once secured, and the head of the column neared the point of colve.

"Pioneers will go along with combusti ble material. The officer, must use his discretion about the time of assisting us." Horses and cattle, which we do not need As Gen. Custer my follow me, be careful not to give a false ularm."

"The signal officer must be prepared to communicate at night by rockets, and other things pertaining to his department. "The quartermaster and commissaries

ments, and see that there are no delays on their account "The chaineer officer will follow to sur-

must be on the lookout for their depart.

ish ship Martaban, from Moulmein, and balis, and given to the men to burn when Much praise is due Capt. Magrader for American ships Sonora and Highlander. we get in the city. Torpedoes will only his coolaess and judgment in this affair. The distance from Singapore to Amoy be used by the pioneers for destroying the If he had ordered a charge upon the dis-

does, &c. The line of Falling creek is ually the result desired without a single probably the best to work along, or as they approach the city, Goode's creek; so that no reinforcements can come up on any cars. No one must be allowed to pass ahead for fear of communicating news. Rejoin the command with all haste, and, his way through our lines. He was shot if cut off, cross the river above Richmond. and rejoin us. Men will stop at Bellona the night," with his stolen plunder around Arsenai and totally destroy it, and anything him, while seeking, unser cover of darkelse but hospitals, then follow on and reelse but hospitals, then follow on and reness, to elude the punishment he so richioin the command at Richmond with all ly meritod, haste, and, if cut off, cross the river and rejoin us. As Gen Custer may follow me, be careful and not give a false atarm.

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PROGRAMME OF THE ROUTE AND WORK. The tollowing is an exact copy of a paper written in lead pencil, which appears to have been private memorandum of the

"Saturday-Leave camp at dark, (6 p. m.) Cross Ely's Ford at 10 p. m.
"Twenty miles—Cross North Anna at

4 a m Sunday-feed and water-one hour. "Three miles-Frederick's Hall station, 6 a. m., -destroy arts, 8. a. m. "Twenty miles-Near James River, 2 p. m .- Sunday - reed and vater -oue hour

and a half. "Thirty miles to Richmond-March towards Kilpatrick for one hour, then as soon as dark cross the river, reaching Richmond

early in the morning. (Monday) "One squadron remains on north side, and one squadron to cut the Railroad bridge at Falling creek, and join at Richmond—eighty three miles.

"General Kilpatrick-eross at 1 a. m., Sunday -ten miles.

"Pass riwer 5 a. m., (resistance.) "Childsburg-fourteen miles-8 a.m "Resistance at North Anna, three miles.

"Railroad bridges at South Anna, tweny-six miles, 2 p. m. Destroying bridges. Pass the South Anna and feed not leatter dark, then signal each other After dark move down to Richmond, and be in front of the city at daybreak.

"RETURN .- In Richmond during the day-feed and water men outside.

"Be over the Pamunkey at daybreak eed and water, and then cross the Rappa hannock at night. (Tuesday pight,) when they must be co the lookout.

"Spies should be sent on Friday morning early, and be ready to cut. A GUIDE PURNISHED.

The following paper was enclosed in an Colonel Dahlgreen, etc., etc: -

"Dear Colonel: At the last moment I have found the man you want-well acquainted with the James river, from Richmond up. . "I send him to you mounted on my own

him a horse. "Question him five minutes, and you christianized society.

Ill find him the very man you want. The history of what the Confederate will find him the very man you want. "Respectfully and truly yours,

JOAN C. BABCOCK. has late information.

## Capture of Dahlgren's Party.

[From the Richmond Whig.]
From information derived from a reliable source, it appears that the credit of the capture of the "Dahlgren party" is mainly due to Capt. Wm. M. Magruder and a squadron of Robin's battallion under his command, who have for some time past been posted in King and Queen County, as a corps of observation. . Learning that the the Confederacy, and upon each of the evident intention of reaching Glonceshis camp with about one hundred of his scription command, and Licut. Pollard and seventeen men of the 9th Virginia Cavallymaking for a point on the river between would scarcely be sufficient to turn the tide Mantua Ferry and King and Queen Court of fortune in a skinnish. On the other House, which he succeeded in reaching in hand, its absence from the business in Mantua Ferry and King and Queen Court

advance of the enemy.

Posting his command at an eligible point at the same time. If we do not succeed, along the roat in ambush, he had not long they must then dash down, and we will to wait before the enemy made his appeartry and carry the bridge from each side - ance, heatled by Dahlgren himself, slowly When necessary, the men must be filed and cautiously approaching, as if appreprisoners loose and over the river, the concealment, Dahlgren's attention was atprisoners loose and over the river, the concealment, Dahlgren's attention was atstroyed. The men must keep together occasioned doubtless by the movement of and well in hand, and once in the city, it some of our party. Drawing his pistol. must be destroyed, and Jeff Davis and Cabi- he called out, "Surrender, you damued net killed." In an instant, Private McCloy sprang into the road, and levelling his piece, shot the miscreant dead. A general voiley was then poured into the enemy's ranks, which had the eff immediately, must be shot rather than left. ect of emptying their saddles and killing gle act of the administration. And what Everything on the Canal and elsewhere, as many horses and throwing the rest into of service to the rebels, must be destroyed: inextricable confusion. Then ensuel a scene of the wildest parfe, which was heightened by the intense darkness of the night. Each man looking to his own safety, all sought reruge in flight, and spurring their juded horses over the sodies of their wounded and each other, the whole body broke pell-mell over a ditch and watlings that the press, on the whole, has been refence, which the most adventurous fox-Lunter would hardly have essayed in the heat of the chase, into a small field Capt cessful war—the war could be closed in ninety days.

The piercers must be prepared to construct a bridge or destroy one. They this port on the 24th ult., and afterwards, in the Straits of Malacca, burned the Brit-

YANKLE RAID AROUND RIHMOND They must be well prepared with torpe dent course adopted secured most effect

Dahlgren's guide, recommended to him "at the last moment" as "she very man he wanted," by one "truly yours, John C. Babcock," has reached the Libby, in company with the 200 or 300 brigands be attempted to guide into the heart of Richprogramme which Dahlgreen had made to man. His name is John A. Hogan, Irish-soable him to keep his work clearly in mind:

"Saturday—Leave camp at dark, (6 p. When asked his rank, he declared himself a full, high private, and did not aspire to anything e se. Being interrogated as to his knowledge of Richmond and its aburbs, he said he knew it "like a hog," was a guest at the hotel de Libby in July. 1863, and knew the officers of the prisen. Then recognizing Mr. Ross, the clerk, Hogan broke out, "How d'ye do, Lieut. Ross, glad to see you." Hogan busted of his narrow escape, having had four bullets put through his clothing and hair. In reply to a question as to what he was fighting for he replied he was fighting for fun. When such tun ends in a hempen rope, as we trust it will, Lingan will cease to estimate his business a joke .- Richmond Ex-

Prom the Daily South Carolinian.

THE PRESS The mission of the press is a very noble one, and, in general, it has been nobly ful-

Count its many services to mankind, and compare them with the services of every found that not one of them, not even the pulpic itself, has been more widely benefi-

cial in its action and influence. First of all, it has ever been the watchful guardian of the liberties of the people. In the broad light of knowledge which it difluses through the land, tyranny, which loves the durkness, cannot exists Hence it is, that one of the first steps which despots take, in their stride towards power, is its complete suppression, or the destruction

of its freedom. It has also been the reformer of innumenvelope and directed to "Col. U. Dahl- erable abuses, and the author or suggester green, &c., at General Kilpatrick's head- of countless improvements. It has built quarters;" and marked "confidential." The railwaps, opened ports, and founded charities is not dated: it has diffused among the people, it has elevated their character, humanized their sentiments, and refued their tastes. Sometimes familiarizing science, sometimes expounding ethics, new defending religion, and now discussing politics, or collecting private horse. You will have to turnish news, it has ministered to every interest, and co operated in every lofty aim of a

press has nemerved during this war would alone fill a volume. In the beginning of On the margin of this letter is written: the contest it aroused the spirits of volun-"He crossed at Rapidan last night, and teering, and since that time it has furthered every public and private plan for the benefit of the army and the country. Without its assistance the former would have been only half fed and clothed, and the latter left in almost utter darkness as to its

own fortues and prospects Such is the institution which our panicstricken and unwise legislators would de-stroy, for the sake of the few men who could be withdrawn from it for the field.

There are forty-one daily newspapers in enemy was moving down the North bank an average of lifteen men are employed. of the Mataponi, by the river road, with Of these, not less than two hundred are exempted on other grounds than their capaciter Point, Capt. Magruder determined to ty as editors or printers. Little more than anticipate him, and with this view left four hundred are left as subjects of con-

The presence of so small a force in the field would not be felt for a moment. It which it is at present occupied would be a public misfortune, and would be regretted from one end of the Confederacy to the other. Every intere t would suffer, and to a degree which a people who have never known what it is to have every avenue of

er. No, the journals are to be continued by detailed soldiers, subject to the will of the Government. We need not inform our readers how this scheme would completly deprive the press of its independence, and, consequently, of its osefulness. What editor, under the circumstances, would dare to point out a single acuse, or question a sinwould he be, whose utterance could be sealed at a moment by the teach of a hav-

We know that it has been charged against the press, that it has occasionally done harm to the cause by imprudent revelations. It is our conviction, however, markably pradent during this war; and, certainly, whatever objectionable information it may have occasionally published, it has never given half so much confort to the enemy, as the memorial which prota-bly suggested the wholesale measure under discussion. That memorial, over the signature of General Hardee and other officers of high rank, furished the public of both North and South with such a descripton of the state of our armies, as no editor would