

rate forces having evacuated Columbia, I deem it my duty, as Mayor and representative of the city, to ask for its citizens the treatment accorded by the usages of civilized warfare. I therefore respectfully request that you will send a sufficient guard in advance of the army to maintain order in the city and protect the persons and property of the citizens.

Very respectfully,
T. J. GOODWYN, Mayor.

At 9 o'clock, on the painfully memorable morning of the 17th February, (Friday,) a deputation from the City Council, consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen McKenzie, Bates and Stork, in a carriage bearing a white flag, proceeded towards the Broad River Bridge Road. Arriving at the forks of the Winnsboro Road, they discovered that our skirmishers were still busy with their guns, playing upon the advance of the enemy. These were troops of General Wheeler. This conflict was continued simply to afford the main army all possible advantages of a start in their retreat. Gen. W. apprised the deputation that his men would now be withdrawn, and instructed them in what manner to proceed. The deputation met the column of the enemy under Capt. Platt, who sent them forward to Col. Stone, who finally took his seat with them in the carriage. The advance belonged to the 15th corps, (Gen. Howard,) and the corps were told, is the one usually sent in advance when the purpose is destruction. It is tacitly understood in the army that the occupation of a city by the 15th corps is virtually its doom. It is very certain that these troops had long before become experts in the business of a sack, thorough pillage and all manner of incendiarism.

The Mayor reports that on surrendering the city to Col. Stone, the latter assured him of the safety of the citizens and of the protection of their property while under his command. He could not answer for Gen. Sherman, who was in the rear, but he expressed the conviction that he would fully confirm the assurances which he (Col. Stone) had given. Subsequently, Gen. Sherman did confirm them, and that night, seeing that the Mayor was exhausted by his labors of the day, he counselled him to retire to rest, saying, "Not a finger's breadth, Mr. Mayor, of your city shall be harmed. You may lie down to sleep, satisfied that your town shall be as safe in my hands as if wholly in your own." Such was very nearly the language in which he spoke; such was the substance of it. He added: "It will become my duty to destroy some of the public or Government buildings; but I will reserve this performance to another day. It shall be done to-morrow, provided the day be calm." And the Mayor retired with this solemnly asserted and repeated assurance.

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The Fire.

The following is a list of the owners and occupants of the houses destroyed:

RICHARDSON OR CHAIN STREET.
Cotton Thresh — West Side.
Wm Price. Warehouse filled with cotton.
W McAlister and R Keenan, jr. Dwelling.
James Cathear. Store and warehouse filled with cotton.
R O Neale. 2 warehouses filled with cotton.
P P Chambers. Warehouse " "
Mrs J J Kinsler. Dwelling.
Mrs Law. Store and warehouse containing provisions belonging to Dr A W Kennedy.
East.
James Crawford. Dwelling.
R O Neale. Store and warehouse containing a quantity of cotton.
J R Kennedy. Dwelling.
L D Childs. Dwelling and out houses.
The houses of A Civil and Jas Tarrar saved.
Upper to Lumber.—West.
Mrs Kirk. Store, dwelling, etc, occupied by Mrs Cartwright.
Estate Jas A Kennedy. Storehouse containing Government provisions.
Estate Jas A Kennedy. Dwelling occupied by A Boney, M P Brennan and others.
P H Flanigan. Store and dwelling occupied by Milroy.
G B Nunemaker. Store, dwelling, cotton house, etc.
A Crawford. Cotton warehouse.
" Dwelling occupied by Mrs J Jacobs and C Agnew.
East.
Kraft, Goldsmith & Kraft. Sword factory.
Henry Hunt. Dwelling.
Mrs P Patterson. Dwelling occupied by Dr I D Durham.
St Mary's College. Government stores, etc.
R Lewis. Store and dwelling occupied by R Caldwell and Government goods.
Wm Lyles. Store and dwelling.
Lumber to Richmond.—West.
Wm Hennies. Store and warehouse used as cooper's shop and Government storehouse
Wm Hennies. Dwelling occupied by owner, store filled with Government goods
H Hess. Store and dwelling
" Store filled with furniture
Grishabers & Wolfe. 2 stores and dwelling
Dr T J Roach. Dwelling occupied by Moilenbauer
M. McElrone. Dwelling
East.
John Judge & Co. Stocking factory
A Riley. Store and dwelling
" Dwelling occupied by
W McGuinnis. Store and dwelling.
A Riley. Store and dwelling occupied by P Pinkersson
The dwelling owned by A Riley and occupied by Mr Huchet was not burnt.
Richland to Laurel.—West.
Estate John Beard. Dwelling occupied by S Mathews, store used by State Commissary
Mrs J Blankenstein. Store and dwelling occupied by John Mason
Mrs J Blankenstein. Store and dwelling occupied by M Thomer and others

M C Co. Store and dwelling
A J James. Store and dwelling occupied by M Thompson
W W Purse. Store and dwelling
R Lewis. Store occupied by J Fraser & Co
" Vacant store
" Store used for Government stores
Last.
Bishop Lynch. Dwellings occupied by Possignon and others
John McCally. Dwelling, store occupied by F D Fanning
H C Frank. Dwelling
Mrs Law. Dwelling, store used as Government warehouse
Laurel to Bladensburg.—West.
Keatinge & Ball. Engraving establishment
Estate C Beck. Dwelling occupied by John Davis and others
Dr F Marks. Store occupied by dwellings by F Marks, J A Patton and others
Estate John J Kinsler. Dwelling occupied by Jos Sampson and others, store by A Jones
Estate John Kinsler. Store occupied by H Reckling
David Jacobs. Dwelling
M Comerford. Store and dwelling occupied by H Kaufman
M Comerford. Store and dwelling
East.
Boyne & Sprowl. Stone Yard
Estate C Beck. Store occupied by J C Keane, dwelling by N Thompson and others
James Brown. Government store
Thos Boyne. Dwelling
C Norman. Store occupied by Mrs Hertwig
" " " J Mende.
" Dwelling " "
E Stenhouse. Store and dwelling
E Hope. Store occupied by H Hunt, dwelling by W Phelps
E Hope. Store occupied by A Miles
E & G D Hope. Store, sleeping room, occupied by P Schwartz, A Kepper and others
Bladensburg to Taylor or Camden.—West.
R Bryce. Store occupied by M S'Associat'n
" " " Mrs DuRoss
" Dwelling occupied by Mrs D C
Speck as a boarding house
M Ehrlich. Shoe store and dwelling
" Store occupied by W Steglitz
John Seegers. Store occupied by J Bahlman
" " " Miss K Frank
Bruns & Filhardt. Shoe store and dwelling
John Rawls. Store occupied by John S Dno
" Barber's shop occupied by C Carroll
" Store occupied by
" " P Pape
W T Walter. Store occupied by Mrs Zernow, dwelling by
W. T Walter. Express Co, unclaimed freight
" Dwelling unoccupied
" Store occupied by I. Blum
Estate J J Kinsler. Store occupied by C Clarke
" " " S R & Still
" Rooms in second story used by Evans & Co as a public office, third story as Treasury Bureau