

### Pursuit and Capture of Booth.

A special despatch to the New York Times, dated Washington, April 27, 1865, says:

The following facts I obtained from Col. Baker and the other persons engaged with him:

All the lower counties of Maryland were covered by a large force, consisting of 1,600 cavalry and 600 detectives and citizens. On Sunday last, Col. Baker learned of a little boy in Maryland some facts which satisfied him that Booth and Harrold had crossed the river about 11 o'clock a. m., and had gone into Virginia. A telegraph operator, with a small body of soldiers, was sent down the river to tap the wires at a given place, and make certain inquiries. This party returned on Monday morning last, bringing with them a negro man, whom they picked up at Swan Point, who, on being closely interrogated, disclosed that he had seen parties cross in a boat, and the description of these parties assured Col. Baker that Booth and Harrold were the men. Demand was made upon Gen. Hancock for a detachment of cavalry, and twenty-eight of the 16th New York were immediately sent to Col. Baker, under the command of Lieut. Doherty. They were instructed to go immediately to Port Royal; that Booth had crossed the river, and had had about time to reach that point; that he could not ride on horseback, and must therefore have traveled slowly.

That night, the party went down the river four miles, but heard nothing satisfactory. They finally, at daylight, brought up below Port Royal some miles. They returned, finding no trace of the criminals, till they got to Port Royal Ferry. Lieut. Baker rode up, found the ferryman, and made inquiries. The ferryman stoutly denied having seen any such persons as those described. Lieut. Baker throttled him and threatened him, yet he denied any knowledge of the persons sought. By the side of the ferryman, a negro was sitting. Lieut. Baker presented a likeness of Booth and Harrold. The negro, upon looking at these, exclaimed, "Why, massa, them's the gentlemen we brought cross the river yesterday." The ferryman then admitted that he had brought Booth and Harrold over the river in his boat. The cavalry was started off and went fourteen miles beyond Garrett's place. There they met a negro, who said he saw two men sitting on Garrett's porch that afternoon. The description of one accorded with that of Booth. Lieut. Baker and his party returned to Garrett's house. Garrett denied that the two men had been there. Baker threatened to shoot him if he did not tell the truth. Garrett's son thereupon came out of the house, and said the two men were in the barn. The barn was at once surrounded. Baker went up and rapped at the door. Booth asked, "Who are you, friends or foes? Are you Confederates? I have got five men in here, and we can protect ourselves." Lieut. Baker replied, "I have fifty men out here; you are surrounded, and you may as well come out and surrender." Booth answered, "I shall never give up; I'll not be taken alive." The instructions were that every means possible must be taken to arrest Booth alive, and Baker, Conger and Doherty held a consultation a few feet from the barn. In the meantime, Booth was cursing Harrold for his cowardice, charging him with a desire to meanly surrender, etc.

Col. Baker and his party returned, and held a parley with Booth, thus consuming about an hour and a quarter. Another consultation of officers was held, and it was determined that, in view of the probability of an attack from a tolerably large force of rebel cavalry, the barn should be fired, and Booth thus forced to come out.

Conger gathered a lot of brush, and placed it against and under the barn. The lighted candle was applied to the hay and brush, and directly the flames caught the hay inside the barn. Booth rushed toward the burning hay and tried to put out the fire. Failing in this,

he ran back to the middle of the floor, gathered up his arms and stood still pondering for a moment. While Booth was standing in this position, Sergeant Boston Corbett ran up to the barn door and fired. Col. Baker, not perceiving where the shot came from, exclaimed, "He has shot himself," and rushed into the barn and found Booth yet standing with a carbine in hand. Baker clasped Booth around the arms and breast; the balance of the party had also, in the meantime, got inside. Corbett then exclaimed, "I shot him." Booth fell upon the floor apparently paralyzed. Water was sent for and the wound bathed. The ball had apparently passed through the neck and the spine. In a few moments, Booth revived. He made an effort to lift his hands up before his eyes. In this he was assisted, and upon seeing them, he exclaimed, somewhat incoherently, "Useless! useless! blood! blood!" and swooned away. He revived from time to time, and expressed himself entirely satisfied with what he had done. He expired at 7.10 yesterday morning.

The corpse was placed in a cart and conveyed to the steamer Ide, and brought on to the navy yard.


While the barn was being fired, Harrold rushed out and was grappled by Lieut. Baker, thrown to the ground and secured.

Corbett says he aimed with the intention of wounding Booth in the shoulder, and did not intend to kill him.


Booth had in his possession a diary, in which he had noted events of each day since the assassination of Mr. Lincoln. This diary is in possession of the War Department. He had also a Spencer carbine, a seven-shooter, a revolver, a pocket pistol and a knife. The latter is supposed to be the one with which he stabbed Mayor Rathbone. His clothing was of a dark blue, not Confederate gray, as has been stated.

Surgeon General Barnes says the ball did not enter the brain. The body, when he examined it this afternoon, was not in a rapid state of decomposition, but was considerably bruised by jolting about in the cart. It is placed in charge of Col. Baker, in the attire in which he died, with instructions not to allow any one to approach it, nor to take from it any part of apparel, or thing for exhibition hereafter; in brief, it is necessary for the satisfaction of the people that two points shall be positively ascertained: first, that the person killed in Garrett's barn, and whose body was brought to this city, was J. Wilkes Booth; secondly, that the said J. Wilkes Booth was positively killed. The first point was to day confirmed by overwhelming testimony, such as no jury would hesitate to accept. The substantial one of the second point is shown in the report of Surgeon General Barnes, which will be officially announced. Booth's leg was not broken by falling from his horse, but the bone was injured by the fall upon the stage at the theatre.

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### Court of Appeals.

THE COURT OF APPEALS will meet at Columbia, S. C., on THURSDAY, 18th instant. Parties interested will govern themselves accordingly. By order of

B. F. DUNKIN, C. J.  
D. R. DeSAUSSURE, Clerk Court of Appeals.  
Chester, Camden, Newberry and Greenville papers please copy. May 11 6.

### Headquarters District of South Carolina, COLUMBIA, MAY 6, 1865.

#### ORDERS NO. 2.

IN order to carry into effect the terms of the Military Convention between Generals Johnston and Sherman, made on the 26th ult., duplicate muster rolls should be prepared at once, upon which all officers and men who come under these terms may enter their names and receive the immunity from molestation therein guaranteed. Major-General Young, Brigadier-Generals Ripley, Robertson, Blanchard, Conger, Chesnut, Preston, and Bonham and Major Jenkins, are charged with the duty of preparing these rolls for the signature of such officers and men as may be within their reach. Rolls will also be prepared at these Headquarters for those who are in Columbia and its vicinity.

If there is no authority to disband troops until the forms prescribed in the convention have been complied with, and the Major-General commanding regrets to observe, on the part of some few demoralized persons, a disposition to interfere by violence even with the articles of public property necessary to enable their superior officers to arrange the terms by which protection can be given to those in the service who desire it; to procure subsistence for the sick and wounded in the hospitals; and to feed the soldiers passing through the State on their way to their distant homes. He trusts that those who have so fought so long and so well, will accept their fate with becoming dignity, and repress any attempts to throw aside the restraints imposed upon us as good citizens and the honored veterans of many battles.

By command of Maj. Gen. LOVELL,  
JOSEPH MANGAULT, A. A. G. May 9 4.

### Bonds and Stocks.

STOLEN, on the night of the 17th February, \$10,000 Confederate 7 per cent. BONDS, in sums of \$1,000 each, dated March 2, 1862, signed by C. A. Rose, and numbered Nos. 20,624, 20,625, 12,110, 12,109, 12,108, 12,107, 12,106, 12,105, 12,104, 12,103.

Also, four Bonds, \$1,000, 8 per cent; numbers will appear in next notice.

Also, one Certificate, 8 per cent, for \$100, to the order of I. D. Mordecai.

Also, 70 shares of Capital Stock of the Exchange Bank of Columbia, S. C., in the name of I. D. Mordecai.

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M. C. MORDECAI,  
April 6 ths Executor I. D. Mordecai.

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