

[FOR THE CAMDEN JOURNAL.]

Mr. EDITOR: Having heard some criticisms made upon the course of one who is now a candidate before the people for their votes as a member of the Legislature, of which he is now a member, Maj. JOHN M. DESAUSSEUR, we applied to him for information on the subject, and now state the result of those enquiries: Having a surplus of corn and peas from the crop of 1863, we have seen his book in which his sales are kept, and find he sold his corn at an average of four dollars per bushel, and the peas at an average of three dollars and forty cents per bushel. None of the corn was sold for over five dollars, and a fair proportion of it at from two to three dollars per bushel; and one lot of two hundred bushels was sold at one dollar per bushel to the wives and widows of soldiers and needy women with children; and one lot was sent to Charleston to aid soldiers families there as a gratuity. Not one bushel of corn or peas was sold out of Kershaw District, except to some necessitous persons in Sumter District, near his plantation, who are embraced in the classes above stated. He positively refused to sell to persons who wished to purchase to sell again for a profit. Whatever distinction was made as to purchasers it was in favor of wives and widows of soldiers, and the refugee families of Charleston and the low country. Every demand for corn was supplied when he had it to sell to those who wanted it for their own domestic use. But it was manifestly impossible to supply all demands—The urgent demands of soldiers and refugee families making bargains for it, even in December last, had to be supplied first, and then all others were supplied as fast as asked for; and to those who first asked for it got it in their turn, so long as there was corn or peas to get. The applications were very numerous, at least two hundred, and no distinction was made, except as above stated. Grain was sold to persons whom he never saw, (and did not even know or see them) simply because they came within the above classes. One lot was sold to a person who it is stated sent it to another District and sold for a profit. If this be true the intention was concealed from him at the time when the sale was made. On the contrary, he was told by the purchaser it was to supply the necessitous families of this town. If this purchaser abused the confidence reposed in him let the sin lie at his own door, it is not right that Major DESAUSSEUR should be made responsible for the misrepresentations of others. His object was to throw the corn in the hands of those who were in need of it, and supposed this purchaser would do all he promised at the time of the purchase. If he has done otherwise, the fault is none of Maj. DESAUSSEUR's; it has been also most unreasonably alleged against him that he sold corn to the Jews. We would ask why the Jew should not be fed as well as others? Some of them have been long citizens of our town, others of them are refugees who have sought shelter and asylum in our midst from the grasp of a ruthless foe, and it ill becomes us who have felt so little the inconvenience from the war to set up such a clamor against any one for selling them corn. They have as much right to purchase as others, and we know Maj. DESAUSSEUR too well to suppose him capable of making distinctions of this kind. While he had the grain to spare he let it go freely. All he desired was to be assured they stood in need; not whether they were rich or poor, Jew or Gentile. We are prone to think that any can be found in this or any other community who would urge this as an objection against him. How many of this people have shed their blood—many now lie in their cold graves whose lives were freely offered upon their country's alter; and for what? to save your homes and firesides from desolation. O! shame who is thy blush, to make such distinctions. Carolina, is it true, at this time, that you are less kind and hospitable to the stranger than in former times. No, we are sure you will repudiate this as not the truth. Not now, while our enemy are thundering at the gates of our capital, and our own beloved city is besieged for our subjugation—we say, not now. We will never say so while we see them bearing their breast to our common foe. Let us be united and do our duty to the Jew and the Gentile, and God will bless us.

All his most ardent friends ask for him, is to place in review his many acts of kindness to young men in starting in life; when in want of a friend in their time of need, and we doubt if many can be found who has so willingly and freely given his name and paid so dearly for the privilege of helping others to do well in life; and we are sure few can be found that applied for either sympathy or kindness who were turned empty away; but we claim for him the suffrages of his citizens upon higher ground than mere charity or kind acts to others. We claim for him a seat in the Legislature upon his capacity to fill it, and his experience to carry out the interest of the State. But few, if any, have so large an interest at stake as he has, and most certainly is it true that those who have most to lose will be the most assiduous in its preservation. The time was when it made but little difference who was sent to the Legislature, but times have sadly changed. A crisis is upon us, when we require not only wisdom but experience. We should not be expected or called upon to try experiments but should be satisfied with such as we have tried and

found faithful in time that has passed in guarding the best interest of our State and District. Major DESAUSSEUR has not called upon you, fellow citizens, to solicit your suffrage, and when asked by the writer why he did not, his reply was, you knew him and have known him long, and he was willing to leave the issue in your hands. If you think he has been faithful in the past, you will have the same guarantee for the future.

A VOTER.

P. S. We have examined the book kept as a memorandum of sales, which speaks for itself, the facts, as stated above, and can be seen by any one who desires to do so.

[FOR THE CAMDEN DAILY JOURNAL.]

Mr. EDITOR: It is a matter of astonishment to myself, as well as to many others, that the patriotism of such a well tried public servant as Major DESAUSSEUR should, for one moment, be questioned by any one. His record is clean, his acts of charity are without a parallel in Kershaw District. His name can be found on notes in Bank for the poor, that he probably knew he would have to pay when he signed them; but his heart has always felt for the necessities of the poor, and his hands have always been found ready to relieve them. The past summer, when he had spared all the corn that he thought he possibly could spare, one poor man applied to him for corn—one hundred bushels. Listen to his reply: You do not want it for speculation but for consumption; I have not the corn to spare, but you must have it. He did get it. He had not the money to pay for it, and was never asked for it. Now this corn was bought at \$5 per bushel, when speculators were offering \$10 per bushel cash for the same corn, but were refused. These facts can be proved, when ever required. Then voters of Kershaw District remember a well tried, faithful, diligent, public servant, whose services are well appreciated in our Legislative Halls.

A VOTER.

Special Notices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. EDITOR: You will please announce the following gentleman as candidates for re-election to the House of Representatives, from Kershaw District, at the ensuing election in October, and oblige their friends:

Major J. M. DESAUSSEUR.

Capt. D. D. PERRY.

July 1

Mrs. EDITOR: As the time is approaching when the people of Kershaw District, will have to select, those who will represent them, in the ensuing Legislature we respectfully recommend the following gentlemen as candidates.

For Senator.

Maj. A. H. BOYKIN

For Representative.

Maj. J. M. DESAUSSEUR,

Capt. W. Z. LEITNER.

By inserting the above, you will oblige
April 15. MANY VOTERS.

For Representative.

We are authorized to announce Col. A. D. GOODWYN, as a candidate for the Legislature at the ensuing election.

April 22

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For Representative.

We are authorized to announce Col. W. R. TAYLOR as a candidate for the Legislature at the ensuing election.

June 10

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Mr. EDITOR: You will please announce Capt. WILLIAM CLYBURN, as a candidate for re-election as clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for Kershaw District, and oblige MANY FRIENDS.

April 15.

Clerk of Council.

Council Notice.

THE TOWN AUTHORITIES HAVING CON-

TRACTED with a party to cut all grass and

weeds in the Cemetery, (outside private lots) do hereby

forbid any one else cutting grass within the enclosure.

By order of Council. R. M. KENNEDY.

Clerk of Council.

Oct. 7

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The assets of all banks or other joint stock companies, whether incorporated or not, are taxed just as individuals are taxed—banks not employing in agriculture, and all tools of mechanics or others, musical instruments and all articles of domestic use, carriages, wagons, drays, carts and every species of vehicles on wheels not employed in agriculture; books, maps, pictures, paintings, statuary and other works of art.

Gold and silver ware and plate, jewels, jewelry and

watches; gold and silver coin, gold dust, gold or silver bullion; value of moneys held abroad, bills of ex-

change on foreign countries, promissory notes, bills of credit and securities, including Confederate bonds; all solvent credits; bank bills and all other paper issued as currency—except non-interest bearing Confederate Treasury notes—and not employed in a registered business.

On all profits made by buying and selling articles purchased since the 1st January, 1863—between the

17th February and 1st July, 1864, a tax of 30 per cent.

There is also a tax of 1 per cent. on all property due and payable in 1864, under the Act to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers.

Tax-payers are urged, as there has been necessarily

so much delay, to be prompt in making their returns as above enumerated. Office hours from 9 o'clock a.m., to 2 o'clock p.m.

JOHN CANTREY,

R. M. KENNEDY,

Assessors 17th Collection District, S.C.

Sept. 17

D. D. HOGOTT,

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