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BELEOTED POETRY

From the Charleston Mercury. Maryland. Maryland.
The despot's heel is on thy shore,
Maryland!
His touch is at thy temple door,
Maryland!
Avenge the patriotle gore
That flocked the streets of Baltimore,
And be the battle queen of yore.
Maryland! My Maryland!

Hark to wand'ring son's appeal. Maryland ! My mother State! to thee I kneel,

Maryland I
Por lite and death, for wor and went,
Thy peerless chivalry reveal,
And gird thy beauteous limbs with steel. Maryland! My Maryland! Thou will not cower in the dust,

Thy bearing sword shall never rust.

Maryland! Remember Carroll's sacred trust, Remember Howard's warlike thrust— And all thy slumberers with the just, Maryland! My Maryland!

Come! 'tis the red dawn of the day, Maryland!
Come! with thy panoplied array,
Maryland! With Ringgold's spirit for the fray, With Watson's blood at Montercy, With fearless Lowe and dashing May,

Maryland! My Maryland! Come! for thy shield is bright and strong.

Maryland! Come! for thy dalliance does thee wrong, Maryland! Come! to thine own heroic throng,

That stalks with Liberty along, And give a new Key to thy song. Maryland 1 My Maryland 1 Dear mother ! burst the tyrant's chain, Maryland! Virginia should not call in vain,

She meets her sisters on the plain—
"Sie semper." 'tis the proud refrain,
That baffles minious back amain, Maryland!

Ariso, in majesty again, Maryland! My Maryland! I see the blush upon thy cheek, Maryland!

But thou wast ever bravely meek, Maryland! But lo! there surges forth a shrick From hill to hill, from creek to creek— Potomac calls to Chesapeake. Maryland! My Maryland!

Thou wilt not yield the Vandal toll, Maryland!
Thou wilt not grook to his control, Maryland!

Better the blade, the shot, the bowl,
Than crucifixion of the soil.
Maryland! My Maryland!

I hear the distant thunder hum, Maryland! The Old Line's bugle, fife and drum,

She is not dead, nor deaf, nor dumb-Huzza! she spurns the Northern seum! She breathes—she burns! she'll come! she'll come Maryland! My Maryland! R. Pointe Coupce. April 26, 1861.

POLITICAL.

From the Patriot and Mountaineer. SPEECH OF MAJ. B F. PERRY, At the Public Meeting at Greenville, on Mon

doy, the 20th of Moy, 1861. Mr. Chairman and Fellow-Citizens: I un derstand the object of this meeting is to pre pare for action, in the field, a Troop of Cavalry which has already been organized in this Dis triot, and to raise a subscription for the sup port of such families as are in need, whose fathers and husbands have gone forth in the

defence of their country.

It is known to you, fellow citizens, that have not attended for many months past, any of your political meetings. It is known to you, also, that I was opposed to this great movement which has been made throughout the Southern States. I saw that the movement would be made in South Carolina, and 1-thought my duty, as a good citizen, was to stop aside and make no division in the State.

I have done so. Early last Fall, I said to my friend, Gov Means, that I should not oppose the action of the State, but that when she did act, I would sustain her with all the means in my power. As soon as it was known that South Carolina had seceded from the Federal Unjon, I said to my son. "You must volunteer your ser vices in defence of your State." His reply was, "I have already done so." Hearing that my Union friends in the upper part of Green-wille District were dissatisfied with the act of secession, and disaffected towards the State. I gode up to see them, and addressed two or sthree hundred of them at one of their musters. I told them that no man in South Carolina Had been more opposed to the act of secession shan myself. I had honestly believed that with a majority in both houses of Congress opposed to Lincoln's Administration, and in favor of the South, there was no reason to upprehend any immediate danger from the Republican party. But the whole State, with a unanimity never before witnessed, thought differently, and had dissolved the Union !--This being done, we had no other country or dovernment than that of South Carolina to look to for protection, and that we must sustain and defend her. When volunteers were called

Institution in Charleston, has already won an when the war is over, will be pointed at as enviable distinction in Columbia and Richmond, for their discipline and fine appearance. Legion !' I see it also stated in the newspapers that Capt. Hawthorn's and Col. Pool's companies of Cavalry, but to take care of the families of are rapidly being converted into well drilled There is no better material for good

I hope, fellow-citizens, that we shall now will do credit to the District and to the volunteer service. It is known to you that Colonel Legion for twelve months. Col. Hampton is grandson of General Wede Hampton, of the

mander in battle but a kind and protecting father to his Legion throughout the campaign. The second in con mand is Col. Johnson, a gentleman of decided military talents, and and bity dollars, for the support of necessitous was supposed by one half of your Legislature to be the proper person to place at the head of the State in this revolutionary struggle.

This Legion will be composed of the chivalry of the State, and will be called into in-mediate action in the field. I am anxious to see the "Brooks Troop" attached to this Le-gien. I think they will do honor to the Legion, and to their country in the hour of battle. Their commander, Captain Lanneau, is a young gentleman of spirit, courage and accomplishments, a graduate, with the first honor, in the Military Institution of the State. He has been in command of one or two conpanies since his graduation, and is now a Professor in the Furman University. Such an officer, with such a military education, is not met every day at the hand of a troop of eaval ry. The birst Lieute and is the Rev Mr. Gaillard, a gentieman or talents, courage and learning. He was a secessionist of the first water, and is now going to fight for the doctrines he preached. Mr. Prince, a young gentleman of as true courage as ever treoper had, is the Second Lieutement. Mr. Alexan and twenty miles from Washington City. der McBee, who will be found a tru bright in campor in bettle, is Cornet of the Company, The Troop is or posed of young Lawyers and Doctors, graduates of collèges, young farmers and planters of fortune, merchants and me chanies of the highest respectability.

But this Troop is not yet full, and every young man who is ambitious of fame or dis tinetion, and who desires to serve his country. should step forward and join it. He connot be in a better position in the Confederate Ar. my. His associates in this Troop, and in the Legion, will all be gentlemen-men of spirit Philadelphia, thirty eight from Washington, and courage. Col. Hampton writes me that two of his sons will be privates in a troop of Harper's Perry, and seventeen from Admapaeavalry to be raised in Columbia. In a troop of Cavalry the soldier avoids all the fatigues of unrolling on foot which engenders dise se. and destroys more than the lettles of the continuously and is about two miles and it with the topography of Kentucky and

coward with courage. But, fellow-citizens we want horses,

and equipments for this Troop of Q v !ry.-There are a great actuy young too who be long to it, or are willing to join it who are not able to furnish themselves as will be required of them. You wast not hesitate to contribute liber dy for this purpose. They go forth to fight your bettles, to risk their lives, and perh ps die in your service. Can you refuse to fit them out? I hope no former Union man will hesitate, and I am sure no secessionist can, without having his face nantled with the blast of shame. This contest is to be one of blood, and con

inued for years. Much will depend on the result of the first battle fought. If the vie tory is to the South, its prestige will be worth a great deal. I have no fears of being conquered by the North. It is impossible that a free people, imbued with courage and the love of liberty, like the Southern people are, can be conquered and if conquered, they cannot be held in subjection by all the powers of the earth. But we shall have enough of hard fighting to do before we can convince the Northern people of this fact. They can send two or three hundred thousand a en from their cities have them all killed fighting the South and be in a better moral, social and industrial condition at the end of the campaign. Alriedy I see the boast of Col. Billy Wilson published in the Northern papers, that when his regiment leaves the city of New York. there will not be a hotel thief or burglar in the city. Can such mercenary hirelings and thievist soldiers contend in battle with Southern gentlemen ? 'A rogue is always a coward, and a mean man is always cowardly. Courage is a virtue, and a high virtue, and never dwells in a mean bosom.

is more than counter-balanced by the fact that we are fighting for our homes, our independence and liberty, whilst they will be fighting to subdue and rob and murder a free people It was said by Frederick the Great, Providence always took sides in battle with the strongest and best disciplined regiments. for, they must turn out and show the world think it may with more truth be said, "Thrice that they were not wanting in spirit and pa-If was most happy to learn afterwords that they obeyed my injunction cheerfully and with algority. More than two-thirds of Col. Poole's and Captain Hawthorn's volunteer companies now in the service of the State, from the Upper Regiment of Greenville, were Providence does overrule and direct the des-

It is true, the North has more men and

more money than we have, but this difference

soldiers who once "belonged to Hampton's

It is our duty not only to fit out this Troop soldiers who are in need. Surely none will be so hard hearted as to refuse to give to such soldiers than that in these mountain com- a charity. One who has, and refuses to give panics. worse, then the young man who refuses to debe able to send forth a troop of Cavalry which fend his country, when that country is invaded by a foreign toe. I we stold by Mr. Poinsett, when he first visited brance, he formed the Wade Hampton has been authorized by the seque intence of a very pleasant and agreeable President of the Confederate States to roise a young gentleman, highly accomplished, who seen ed to be shunned in society and despised. a gentleman of military inheritance . Ite is a Tre coquired the cause, and was informed that he had never served a campaign, or been in a American Revolution, and a son of Col. Wade battle in all the wars of France! So it will Hampton, one of Gen. J. ekson's gallant Aids be with a young man in South Carolina, who and the private British yacht Camilla .in the battle of New Orleans. He is a gentle- does not volunteer in this great struggle for man of great military pride and honor, a prus our national existence; and worse will it be dent, sagacious man, and a slillful officer. He for the old man who refuses to give his money will not only wake a spirited and wise com- freely to support the soldiers abroad or their families at home.

As an old Union man, I give to this Brooks Lavalry my son, two horses and a negro boy, tauilies of soldiers. I hope no secessionist, who were in peace his blue cockade, ready to march at a mement's warning, will refuse to do less, tow that war has come upon us. And urthermore, 1 tender ny own services, when over the occasion requires them.

LOCALITIES AND DISTANCES .- The intense interest with which the movement of our troops is followed, renders the following topographical notes of value in getting a clear idea of the current news :

HAVRE DE GRACE .- At the mouth of the Fusquehanna River, near the head of Chesapeake Bay, is sixty two miles from Philadelphia. At this point continuous railroad comannie tion is interrupted by a ferry.

ANNAPOLIS. -On the West side of Chesape ke Bay bout fifty miles from Havre de Grace, thirty nine miles by railroad from Washington.

Annapolis, Junction.-The junction of the Annapolis branch road with the Wash ington branch, nineteen miles from Annapolis Forr Monroe .- At the junction of James

River (Northern side) with Chesapeake Bay, about forty eight hours steaming from Boston, and twenty four from New York.

Norrolk .- About twelve miles South of Fort Monroe, which commands the entrance

Cockarsville.-Feurteen miles from Baltin ore, on the railroad to Harrisburg, theing probably the nearest point accessible on the rail to Baltimore, from that direction.) BALTIMORE.-Ninety-eight miles from

eighty live from Harrisburg, eighty-one from

Tors delilenry is situated at the extremity a point of land extending from the city to emy. In a camp life ten die of die so to the scale on the coast survey map tennessee. [A truly wonderful piece of in-where one is killed by a bullet. To fight on the centre of Baltimore. Opposite the telligence!] He has been called to Washcmy. In a camp life ten die of dis setta where one is killed by a bullet. To fight on our two centre of Baltimore. Opposite the where one is killed by a bullet. To fight on our two centre of Baltimore. Opposite the where one is killed by a bullet. to in width, is the Lazaretto lightduse

The distance from Washington City to Charleston is five hundred and eighty-seven miles: Washington to Wilmington, North Carolina, three hundred and seventy-eight; Washington to Weldon, North Carolina, two hundred and sixteen; Riehmond to Washington one hundred and thirty; Wheeling to Baltin ore three hundred and seventy-nine.

COLLECTIVE SOUTHERN DEBTS .- A New York fire having forwarded to James Fartow. Esq., a note, on parties in Spartenburg, or collection, that gentleman wrote to them of following note:

"C. S. A., SOUTH CAROLINA, SPARTANBURG C. II., May 15, 1861. Gentlemen: Yours of the 6th instant enclosing for collection a note on in favor of T. B. Bynner & Co., came to hand this day.

" I am permitted to practice law by virtue of a commission from the State of South Carolina-one of the Confederate States of As erica. It is not consistent with my ideas of the obligations I owe to my State to use by official character, however humble it may in prostituting the remedies founded upon the comity of States to the gain of alien enemies, thus directly strengthening a foreign hostile government.

would say, in justice to its makers, that it has not been presented; nor have they had my information of its being in my possession. Very respectfully, JAMES FARROW, To Messrs. Birney, Prentiss, & Flanders, At torneys and Councillors, New York city. Spartanburg Express.

"Therefore, I herewith return said note.

BATEST FROM NORTHERN TEXAS .- Mr. Tea. W Wright, direct from Paris, Texas, which place he left on Monday, 6th instant, states that the night previous to his leaving, an express arrived from Col. Wm. C. Young, asking for assistance in besieging Fort Arbuckle in the Indian Nation. Col. Young had already taken Fort Washita, but found no arms. He had with him 500 Texans and 1,000 Choctaw Indians-1,500 United States troops were reported to be in Fort Arbuckle. Northern Texas was volunteering en masse to go to Young's assistance.

A CAPTURE.-The Ship Thomas Watson, Captain Allen, from New York, got aground near Wilmington, N. C., on Wednesday last. A tug boat went from Smithville to her assistance, to whom the captain represented that old Union men!

Orcenville has already sent forth three companies of volunteers, and has three niore at home ready organized for the field. One of these companies, the "Butler Guards," under the command of Cept. Hoke, a gallant and spirited officer, an honored graduate of the Military is to go that he is to go the is to go the is the is to go that he is to go the is to go that he is to go that he is to go that he is to go the is to go the is to go that he is to go that he is to go the is to go the is to go that he is to go the is to go the is to go the is to go the is to go that he is to go that he is to go the is go the is to was bound to some military post on the Gulf. killed, and we hope none-are seriously wounwhich are and any parties for

Telegraphic News from all Quarters RICHMOND, May 28-11 p. m.—The vote Bombardment for secession here is almost unanimous. For Headquarters, Bat. Artillery, S. C. A., ratification, 4,000. Against it, 16.

With the exception of Alexandria and Portsmouth, the returns received by telegraph here give no votes at all against the ordinance. editors of the Disputch estimate the majority in the State in favor of the ordinance at 150,000.

FLORENCE, S. C., May 23 .- The Eighth Regiment South Carolina Volunteers have this day responded nobly to the call to enter the service of the Confederate States Government.

SAVANNAH, May 23 .- The Spanish Consul has just returned from a trip outside Tybee. No blockading vessel was in sight. He spoke a pilot boat sixteen miles outside These confirmed the statement that there was no blockade. The Spanish Consul will, therefore, return immediately to Charleston.

RICHMOND, May 23.—It is reported in private advices from Europe, that the commissioners of the Confederate States have been introduced to Lord John Russell, and entertained by him at his residence.

ALEXANDRIA, May 23 .- It is reported that President Lincoln has proposed to the European powers to give the assent of the United States to the propositions of the Paris Congress, prohibiting privateering-which proposition was rejected in 1856 by this Gov-

ernment.— Courier.
ALEXANDRIA, May 23.—Several members of Lincoln's Cabinet are urging him to push forward a corps d'armee into Virginia. Gen. Scott says that he is not yet ready for such a

It is now believed that the Abolition roops will move on Harper's Ferry from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and at the same time attempt to toree the passage of the Potomae river at Point of Rocks. The troops from Williamsport will endeavor to storm the position of the Kentuckians on the Maryland heights, opposite Harper's Ferry. Maryland volunteers are constantly arriving

here in large numbers. The London Times says that a letter of

marque from Jeff Davis, is quite as good as one from Lincoln.

Mr. Gregory, M. P., introduced the Com-

missioners of the Confederate States to Lord John Russell on the 4th inst. The interview was informal.—Moreury.
Sr. Louis, May 22 — Major General Price and Gen. Harney have been in consultation

in reference to the neutrality. Both professed a desire for pe co. Price pledges the power of the State to preserve order, and-General Harney agrees on his part to make no unther movements. NEW YORK, May 22 .- The London Times

urges absolute neutrality in the American difficulties. It says the law as well as the moral feelings of England forbids the contrary
The Tribune says Gen. Walbridge is famil-

ington, and it is supposed to indicate a southwestern movement.

Mexico has been assured by the Washington Government that the Monroe doctrine will be enforced, and that should any European powers interfere, she will be supported. Spain has been informed that if she proceeds in the San Domingo affair, she will do so at her peril.

RICHMOND, May 24.—Alexandria is in possession of the federal troops, about 5,000 in number. Early this morning the telegraphic wires were cut, and our troops, about 600, making no resistance, retired in good order, in full view of the enemy, to Fairfax Station, ten miles from Alexandria.

Gen. Bonham, of the South Carolina brigade, is at Manussas Gap Junction, with his brigade, consisting of Col. Gregg's and Col. Kershaw's regiments-1,600 men-and has command of Gen. Cocke's force at Culpepper C II .- in all 5,000 or 6,000 men. An additional regiment has been sent to him

RICHMOND, May 24.—Alexandria is now occupied by federal troops. They made their appearance early this morning, causing imnense excitement.

The federal authorities have sent a cavalry egiment towards Harper's Ferry MANASSAS JUNOTION, May 24 .- The Lin-

colnites in large numbers are in possession of Alexandria. Col. Ellsworth was shot and instantly kill-

ed by Mr. Jackson, proprietor of the Marshall House. The cause was an attempt to remove the Confederate States flag from his house, over which it was floating. Jackson was cut to pieces by the bayonets of Ellsworth's Zonaves.

All the Virginia troops that were in Alexandria are safely here.

MONTGOMERY, May 25 .- President Davis conclusion of a trenty, offensive and defensive, of Ten see. All arms of the State are turned over to the Confederate States, and the control of all military operations.

Col. William Henry Walker has been ap-

pointed a brigadier general in the provisional army. Capt. John D. Walker and Lieutenant Bagley are here.

place this morning on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, in sight of Orange C. II., between two train of cars, wounding some of the men of Col. Kershaw's regiment of South Carolina volunteers. No names are given. The deepest distress prevails here in couse.

SECOND DISPATOR. RIGHMOND, May 25 -Say to the friends of the South Carolina boys that none are ded. They may depend upon it that they will bave a action a nursing

The State Flag of Fort Moultrie During the

FORT SUMTER, May 13, 1861. To His Excellency the Hon. F. W. Pickens,

your hands the flag of South Carolina, which ern Confederacy, was the signal for general action on the 12th and 13th ultimo.

This flag was presented to the garrison of Mrs. Julia Kunhardt and Miss Kate Hall .was worn upon that fort until replaced by the last upon the occasion alluded to.

rated by the shots from this fort, three of great manufacturer of artillery, and has alwhich are still visible. The fourth was cut out by a prominent citizen of Virginia, who He cannot be blamed, for Virginia herself is wished to show to the people of his State a tangible evidence of the battle. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

R. S. RIPLEY, Lieutenant-Colonel Artillery Commanding ..

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Headquarters, May 14, 1861. To Lieutenant-Colonel Ripley.
Sir: I received yours, with the flag you

delivered to me, and I will keep it as a suitable memorial of the gallant and intrepid bearing of yourself, and the noble garrison under your immediate command in Fort Moultrie. It was confidently asserted that Fort Moultrie would be nothing but a "slaughter-pen" under the fire of Fort Sumter. Many believed it, and therefore, I think your garrison deserves the higher credit for meeting with cagerness the conflict of the 12th and 13th ult.

You always said that you could stand the fire as long as Major Anderson, and your eye always kindled with enthusiasm for the day of That day did come and you proved yourself his superior in every military point

The flag you have delivered was shot through four times, and yet the flag-staff was never cut down, nor was the flag ever lowered. Fort Moultrie is identified with the separate independence of South Carolina in 1776 -when the flag-staff was cut down, and when the heroic Jasper nailed it to the gun redand now it has become doubly dear to the heart of every Carolinian, in maintaining our

second independence, and although this flag had been cut through and through by cannon. balls, yet it continued to float in defiance and triumph under a bombardment of thirty-three hours, and kissed the breeze, in eager welcome, hoping it might waft the hostile fleet in sight up to a hospitable reception from the Columbiads that lay under its haughty folds, with your enger boys ready to draw the strings and let the world know that the old fort of '76 was alive, and ready to answer again for the independence of South Carolina.

I tender you personally, the thanks of the State, for the daring and patriotic manner in which you have served her from the 27th day of December last up to this time, on all occasions and under all circumstances. With great regard, yours, very respectfully. F. W. Pickens.

INDIANA THREATENING KENTUCKY. We learn that federal troops are being rapidly concentrated all along the Indiana shore, to stop the commerce of the Ohio river, and drive Kentucky out of the Union.

The tow-boat James Guthrie, that has just arrived from the South with a lot of empty barges, was fired into twice at Rockport, Indiana, the first gun from the wharf-boat, and the second from the top of the bank. The last was shotted, but luckily missed the boat. Its splash in the water was seen and heard, an evidence that mischief was intended.

It is rumored that boats will be searched at Evansville, and we learn that a body of troops is stationed at Newburg, Ind., and that it is contemplated to stop all boats from entering Green river, a tributary of Kentucky. At New Albany and Jeffersonville, the

most despicable espionage is established, at the instigntion, we hear, of some wisenere who thinks he is acting by nuthority, to protect the American flag. There the country people, market men, express messengers and wagoners are stopped and examined, and none are permitted to bring butter, eggs, hay, staves, or even empty barrels to Louisville .- Louisville Courier, May 15.

A REVIEW ON SULLIVAN'S ISLAND .-Yesterday the Governor, with his staff, proeceded to Sullivan's Island to review the fifth regiment S. C. V., Col. Jenkins. His Excellency, after witnessing the discipline and excellent drill of the regiment, addressed them in a short speech. He alluded to the has issued his proclamation, announcing the trying days of the Revolution, when Virginhad rendered most valuable assistance to between the Confederate States and the State South Carolina-especially at the battle of King's Mountain-the home of many of the gallant men of the fifth. He then spoke of the call which had been made upon them to enter the service of the Confederate States, and expressed the conviction that they would respond with alacrity and unanimity. The Governor also reviewed Col. Anderson's regi-RICHMOND, May 25 .- A collision took ment of regulars, and was received at Fort Moultrie with such a thundering of the big gues as had not been heard since Sumter fell. [Charleston Mercury,

> CROPS IN TEXAS. The Belton (Texas) Independent, of the 4th inst , says : "Wheat is being harvested this week, and will continue nutil finished. Never was there such a vast amount of grain in Texas. Oats and barley are in a fair way to make the largest yield we ever saw. Corn will now be made without additional rain, but we are certain of chowers after this."

What the English Papers Say.

NAPOLEON III IN ALLIANCE WITH JEFF DAVIS .- We are informed upon the best, most unnameable authority, that all this up-roar is caused by the Beelzebub of the Tuille-Governor of South Carolina. ries. Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi were Sir: I have had the honor to place in all French possessions once. The French ries. Louisiann, Florida and Mississippi were owned the half of St. Domingo, and many of flying on Fort Moultrie with that of the South- the little fragments of a submerged continent which peep up above the waters, as the Antilles, were French. The Emperor has an idea; is to revendiquer frontiers. The inference is Fort Moultrie in February last, while South easy. He has set the Spaniards at St. Domin-Carolina was an independent State, by three go and the Americans by the ears, that by ladies of Charleston, Mrs. Chas. A. Scanlan, and by he may step in as a benevolent mediator to stop the effusion of blood, and to quarter the Palmetto of Carolina with the lilies of the Confederate Ensign and rehoisted with France. Quantities of rifled cannon and shell are sent to New Orleans and Pensacola During the action it was four times perfo- in French bottoms; but Louis Napoleon is a ways a store from whence to lend a friend .-easting cannon by night and day, and it is a tess up whether they are sold to Northerners or Southerners. It is quite true that the French are making vast preparations in the naval department, but t. e American navy could all be split into matches by La Gloire alone. The Emperor doubtless watches events, and as surely will "consult the interests of France" hereafter; but he has other objects nearer home at present, and the voyage to the Gulf of Mexico would exhaust all the coal his steamships can carry .- Liverpool Courier,

30th April. BEWILDERED .-- Very few persons in 'this ountry ever believed in the possibility of a Southern secession and of a separate Southern Confederation, until the fact was actually accomplished. Fewer still, perhaps, were prepared for the display of energy, resolution, and political sagacity apparent in all the proecedings of the South, and furnishing so marked a contrast to the treachery, the imbecility, or the bewilderment of certain Northern statesmen. No one anticipated that some of the foremost men of the victorious antislavery majority would seek in the hour of triumph to evade the "irrepressible conflict" which they had themselves announced, by unworthy suggestions of compromise; and it was equally contrary to most people's expectations that every conciliatory overture should

be contemptuously ignored by a beaten minor. At one time the most sanguine friends of peace would have hardly ventured to suppose that six weeks could clapse from the date of the new President's inauguration without a single blow being struck on either side. On the other hand, many persons had lately been encouraged to hope that there might possibly be no war at all.

[Liverpool Mercury, April 80d.]
THE BLUNDERS OF LINCOLN.—By talking of coercion, Mr. Lincoln kept up a continual fever in the South, enabled the Montgomery Government to concentrate its energies on military preparation, and forced the border States into hostility to the Union. Were co-The flag shall be sacredly preserved, and the ladies who made it will be cherished in have been defensible, but strong words do not the hearts of the brave, as long as the Palmetto take forts, and Mr. Lincoln is further now from success against the South than he was when he started from Chicago. As regards Fort Sumter itself, he did the worst thing he could do. He intended to evacuate it in a few days; but sooner than consent to acknowledge that South Carolina was rebellious, he expressed his intention to send in provisions, by force, if necessary. He thus gave the South the provocation and opportunity of a brilliant victory, and had to submit to a mor-tifying defeat. The conduct of the Scuthern Government has, on the contrary, been marked by moderation and good sense. to no fictions, and were hampered by no legal ignorance of plain facts. They wanted to leave the Union and they left it. They wanted to take Fort Sumter and they took it.-They wished the border States to join them, and, by precipitating a collision, they seem to have got them—unless, indeed, some good sense at Washington prevent them at the eleventh hour,—London Chronicle, May 4th.

> GEN. GWYNN .- We are permitted, says the Richmond Enquirer, to publish the following complimentary letter to Gen. Gwynn, from the Governor of South Carolina. It is an honorable testimonial to the efficient services rendered by General Gwynn to the gallant State of South Carolina : STATE OF SOUTH CAROBINA.

Headquarters, April 28, 1861. To Major-General Gwynn:

Sir: I have just received yours, resigning your office, "Chief of the Engineer Corps," under my appointment. I cannot accept it without returning to you my thanks for the ability and zeal with which you served the State, at a period of great trial. You were the first man I appointed and called into service, the night I was inaugurated at Columbia. I then gave you a special appointment, which you discharged faithfully, and afterwards I appointed you chief of our engineer corps, and it was your professional information, together with Major Trapier, that enabled me to form those batteries which finally reduced Fort Sumter, and I again return you my thanks for your patriotic service,

I trust the new and wider field of service

to which you are called by the noble State of Virginia will add a large reputation to your name. With great regard, yours, most respectfully. F. W. PICKENS.

PRIVATEERS .- The first privateer fitted out in the South-the Calhoun, at New Orleans —is commanded by a Yankee from Portland,

The Charleston Mercury has seen a letter of marque, bearing the autograph of President Davis, and dated Montgomery, May 18, addressed, and commissioning a prominent and enterprising Charleston gentleman for the pri-

BEWARE of little expenses—a small look will sink a great ship.

yateer service.