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TO ADVERTISERS.

The circulation of the National Republican is now much larger than that of all the other dailies published in and out of Washington...

MORE VIGOR.

The Northern newspapers are just now complaining in chorus, that the Administration does not prosecute the war with sufficient energy.

Mr. Wood, of the Albany Journal, and Mr. Cummings, of the World, join in this chorus, the latter gentleman demanding, specifically, "more vigor in the field."

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We hope and trust, and believe, that Gen. McClellan will take his own time, and without the least regard to military critics, who change their system with every change of the moon.

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ARREST OF HON. A. B. BUTLER.—The following letter to the Boston Journal, dated at Sharpsburg Camp, August 19, confirms the statement of the arrest of Mr. Butler:

A detachment of companies B and H, the 10th Maine Volunteer Infantry, under command of Major Child, crossed the Potomac last night, and surrounded the house which was the place of Mr. Butler's residence.

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