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CLAIMS AGAINST the UNITED STATES

FINLEY BIGGER, (late Register of the U. S. Treasury,) and CHARLES E. SHERMAN, Counsellors at Law, will devote their entire attention to the prosecution and settlement of demands against the United States, growing out of the present war, including the Accounts and Claims of States, Contractors, and Disbursing Officers; applications for the restoration of property illegally stolen or captured, and for compensation for the use of private property for Government purposes, and for damages for the injury of such property by the army; for military pay, pensions, and bounty lands; and for distributive shares of monies payable at the Treasury and due to sub-contractors and others.

They will also give legal advice to claimants, contractors, and to unprofessional agents in litigated cases; and prepare written arguments when desired.

With Non-resident Agents who may send them claims, an equitable division of commissions will be made.

Undisputed Demands will be collected and promptly remitted for a commission of from a half to two and a half per cent—depending on the amount; and negotiations with the Departments conducted on moderate terms.

By prompt attention, moderate charges, long experience and a minute knowledge of the of laws, regulations, rules and precedents, governing this class of business at the Departments, they hope to render their services useful to claimants and public creditors.

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Address—"Messrs BIGGER & SHERMAN, Washington, D. C."

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It has no connection with and is in no way like the trashy mixtures sold as "Egotian Gin" or "Dog Tom," or "Redneck Dock," or "London Gin," &c., &c., no matter how much 'antiquity' or "respectability" is assumed by their begetters.

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dec 9—1m

TO THE VOTERS OF WASHINGTON.

The Assessor of each Ward will meet at the following places from 10 o'clock a. m. till 3 o'clock p. m. from the 14th to the 31st December, inclusive, to correct and register the names of those omitted from the poll list:

First Ward—John A. Rheem, 172 Pennsylvania avenue, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets

Second Ward—Thomas Stewart, corner of Twelfth and H streets.

Third Ward—Henry Curtis, corner of Eighth and L streets

Fourth Ward—Thomas W. Burch, Fifth street, between G and H streets.

Fifth Ward—William A. Harper, Third street east, No. 428, between East Capitol and A street north.

Sixth Ward—George Collard, at T. E. Clark's office, Virginia avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets

Seventh Ward—Peter Hepburn, No 85 south F street, between Eighth and Ninth streets west.

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OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

Fresh supplies on hand EVERY DAY

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dec 11—1m*

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PRESERVED MEATS, FISH, SOUPS, &c.

Pure Wines and Liquors by the Package.

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HELMBOLD'S BUCHU for Excesses arising from Indiscretion, and all Diseases of

Females, Females, Females,
Females, Females, Females.

TAKE NO MORE PILLS,
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THEY ARE OF NO AVAIL.
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Use HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU for all complaints incident to the sex.

No Family Should be Without It!

TAKE NO MORE BALSAM or Injurious and Unpleasant Medicine for unpleasant and Dangerous Diseases.

Use HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU for Excesses arising from habits indulged in

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And for diseases arising from Habits of Dissipation. It removes all improper discharges and will restore the patient in a short time to a state of Health and Purity.

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Urinary Organs,

Whether existing in Male or Female, from whatever cause originating and no matter of How Long Standing.

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JOHN WILEY,
S. S. ENTWISTLE,
J. E. MAJOR.

And by all Druggists every where.

Cut this out—send or call for it, and avoid imposition and exposure. dec 7—3m

PIES! PIES!! PIES!!!

$8 per hundred! $8 per hundred! $8 per hundred!

SUTLERS, ATTENTION!

The attention of Sutlers, and dealers generally, is respectfully invited to the large assortment of

Pies, Cake, Bread, Rolls, Buiscuit &c.,

kept constantly on hand and baked every day by the undersigned.

Sutlers can rely on getting a good Pie at the low price of $8 per hundred, and have them at all times fresh from the oven.

PEACH PIE! APPLE PIE! DRIED APPLE PIE! CRANBERRY PIE! PLUM PIE! CURRANT PIE! PUMPKIN PIE!

The subscriber would respectfully call the attention of the public to his assortment, and while thanking them for the patronage already bestowed, solicit their orders, which will be promptly filled.

GEORGE SEITZ, No. 361 New York avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

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Compensation Essential to Peace and Civilization.

In which it is made apparent that the resources of the country are three-fold greater than the emergency, which will call for little, if any, additional taxation.

BY DANIEL R. GOODLOE, OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Price 5 cents Sold at ADAMSON'S 478 Seventh street, Opposite General Post Office

dec 13—tf

GOVERNMENT LOAN AGENCY.

OFFICE OF

LEWIS JOHNSON & CO.,

BANKERS,

CORNER OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND TENTH ST.

LEWIS JOHNSON, of our firm, having been appointed a Subscription Agent for the National Loan authorized by the act of Congress of 17th July, 1861, we are prepared to furnish, to parties desirous of making investment, any amount of 7 3 10 Treasury Notes, of convenient sizes.

dec 2—tf LEWIS JOHNSON & CO.

OHIO WINES AND BRANDIES.

Having received a consignment of Zimmerman & Co.'s Cincinnati Ohio Catawba Wines and Brandies; we therefore offer to Druggists, Grocers, Hotel and Saloon Keepers, &c.,

DRY CATAWBA WINE,

Light and strong—the former in boxes for table use, and the latter in half barrels for mixing and cooking purposes.

Sweet Catawba or Ladies' Wine,

in barrels and half barrels, for table use; a very superior article for the holidays.

CATAWBA BRANDY,

An unsurpassable stimulant and very useful for Brandy Punch.

LYLE & COFFIN, 59 Louisiana avenue.

dec. 16—1m. [Star & Intel.]

WRAPPING PAPER FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

GOVERNMENT ADV'TS.

PENSION OFFICE, JUNE 6, 1861.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Application having been made under the act of 22d June, 1860, for the reissue of the land Warrants described herein, which are alleged to have been lost or destroyed, notice is hereby given that, at the date following the description of each warrant, a new certificate of like tenor will be issued, if no valid objection should then appear.

No. 79,810 for 160 acres, (act 1847) in favor of Eleanor Bryant, formerly widow, and Lawrence Sloan, only surviving child, heir at law of Michael Sloan deceased, late a private of Company "C," eleventh United States Infantry,—January 6, 1862.

No. 72,524, for 160 acres, issued under the act March, 1855, in the name of Thomas Johnson, granted on the 9th day of September, 1857—January 6, 1862.

No. 49,216, for 80 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Polly, widow of John Camp, and was granted on the 23d day of September, 1858—January 4, 1862.

Case No 25,426, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of William Scott, and was granted on the 1st day of May, 1856—January 11, 1862.

No. 26,856, for 80 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Simeon Teameter, and was granted March 26th, 1856.

No. 88,802, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Nancy Johnson, widow of John Richards, and was granted August 24th, 1859—18th January, 1862.

No. 40,077, for 80 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Sarah, widow of Everi Vanvickle, and was granted November 28, 1860—January 30, 1862.

No. 47,150, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Cyrus S. Ward, minor child of Cyrus S. Ward, deceased, and was granted October 16, 1856—January 30, 1862.

No 36,601, for 120 acres, issued under the act of March 3, 1855, in the name of Joanna M., widow of John Van Buskirk, and was granted August 27, 1860.

No. 48,220, for 80 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Jacob Fockler, and was granted August 20, 1856—February 9, 1862.

No. 45,449, for 80 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Benjamin Pack, and was granted on the 2d day of March, 1857—February 24, 1862.

No. 14,922, for 80 acres, issued under the act of September, 1850, in the name of John Denny, and was granted September 27, 1851—March 1, 1862

No 108,317, for 40 acres, issued under the act of September, 1850, in the name of John Barton, and was granted March 17, 1858—March 15, 1862.

No 7,191, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of George W. Warren, and was granted October 5, 1855—March 15, 1862.

No. 96,126, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Barnabas Cook, and was granted September 29, 1860—March 1, 1862.

No 81,825, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Thomas Johnson, and was granted June 22, 1858—March 15 1862

No. 56,618, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Abigail, widow of Jonathan Beard and was granted August 7, 1856—March 22 1862.

JOSEPH H. BARRETT, Commissioner

NEW INVENTION OF ARTIFICIAL CHEOPLASTIC BONE TEETH, without metal plate or clasps, by

DR. S. B. SIGESMOND,

910 Broadway, New York; and 260 Penna. avenue, bet 12th and 13th sts., Washington, D. C.,

Calls the attention of the public to the following advantages of his improved system:

1st The teeth of his manufacture will never corrode or change color by any acids, and are three-fourths lighter than any other.

2d No teeth or roots need be extracted, as the artificial ones can be inserted over them.

3d. The root will be made inoffensive and never to ache.

4th. No temporary teeth are needed, as permanent ones can be made immediately, thereby preserving the natural expression of the face, which, under the old system, is frequently disfigured.

5th. This work has been fully tested, for over five years, by many of the first Chemists and Physicians of this and the old country.

Dr. S. has also invented a white indestructible metal filling with which the most sensitive teeth can be filled without pain, and can build up a perfect sound tooth on any side roots, which will last through a lifetime.

He refers to the following gentlemen: Dr. V. Mott, Dr. Dorsmus, Professor of Chemistry; Hon. A. Maun, jun; Capt. Crabtree, Vice President of the Emigration Co of New York; Hon. Judge Wayne, of the Supreme Court, of Washington, D. C.; and thousands of others.

Call and examine for yourselves. nov 8—6m

TO THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.

Just arrived, a direct importation per steamer Fulton, from Europe, a very fine and large assortment of Marine, Opera, Field Glasses, and Telescopes, which I will sell a very little above the cost in Paris. As to the qualities, there are none superior to be had, having been selected purposely for this market. Also, a large and well assorted stock of Opera Glasses, Microscopes, gold, silver, and steel Spectacles and Eye Glasses, suited to the sight by the use of an Optometer. A considerable number of certificates to be seen at my office, from gentlemen who have been suited at my old establishment

436 Pennsylvania avenue, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth Streets.

My Establishment is up stairs.

Glasses fitted to suit. The trade supplied.

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FAIRBANKS'S STANDARD SCALES,

For sale by J. P. BARTHOLOW, Hardware and Agricultural Warehouse, 358 Seventh street, Between Pa. avenue and canal, Opposite east end Centre Market.

dec 17—tf

ATTENTION, RANK AND FILE.

ROTHROCK'S,

At 460 Ninth street, near E.

Is the place, of all others, to supply yourselves with all kinds of

CAMP FURNITURE,

At the very Lowest Prices

He also keeps on hand, and makes to order, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS AND COMFORTS, of all qualities. Come and render yourselves comfortable for the winter, by a very small outlay of money

Remember the place.

dec 21—3taw3w [Star]

TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PROFESSIONAL Gentlemen, and others.

The undersigned are prepared to print Speeches, Briefs, Pamphlets Reports, or any description of Book-work, and solicit orders.

W. C. SCAMMELL & CO., Office corner Indiana avenue and Second street, third floor.

nov 21—tf

HEAD QUARTERS for Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, and Caps, at No. 460 Seventh street. dec 12—1m

NEW AND BEAUTIFUL.

460 NINTH STREET.

I have just received from New York a very choice selection of the following goods. The attention of those in want is solicited:

PAPER HANGINGS FOR Parlors, Bed Rooms, Vestibules, Dining Rooms, and Ceilings

GOLD BAND and other styles of WINDOW SHADES.

[illegible] Lines and Trimmings, Picture Cords, Tassels and Cords, Shade Cords and Tassels.

MATTRESSES AND CUSHIONS, Of all [illegible], made to order.

UPHOLSTERY [illegible] AND PAPER HANGING, in all its various [illegible], executed promptly, at the [illegible] Possible Prices.

STOVES [illegible] MADE AND LAYTERED.

L. J. ROTHROCK.

[Star]

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited till the [illegible] of January, 1862, at 12 o'clock, m., for supplying the Government with BEEF CATTLE. The cattle to be delivered at Harrisburg, Chambersburg, or York, Pennsylvania, as soon after the 15th day of March, 1862, as the Government may direct. The Government will receive, under this contract 4,000 head, and reserve the right to call for any additional number up to 10,000.

Each lot of cattle delivered shall average at least 1,300 pounds gross weight; and no animal will be received which weighs less than 1,000 pounds gross weight.

Government reserves to itself the right to pay in Treasury notes, and to reject any bid for any cause. No bid will be entertained unless the bidder is present to respond.

The bids to be directed to Maj A. BECKWITH, A. C. S. U. S. A., Washington, D. C., and endorsed, "Proposals for Beef."

FORM OF BID.

I, A B, do hereby propose to deliver to the Government good Beef Cattle on the hoof for —— per hundred pounds gross weight. The cattle to be delivered at ——, according to the terms of the enclosed advertisement. The cattle to be weighed on the scales, and the weight so determined to be the purchase weight. I hereby agree to give a good and sufficient bond for the fulfilment of the contract, and to receive Treasury notes or other Government funds in payment for the cattle. dec 25—td

ATTENTION! ARMY OFFICERS!!

And purchase the

ARMY FEED AND WATER BUCKET,

Particularly Useful to Artillery and Cavalry Service.

Patented September 16, 1861.

In the cuts A is the body part of the bucket and is made of cotton duck, water proofed to prevent soaking and mildew; B is the jointed rim, which may be folded with the ball C between the two parts. The head rope D may be detached from the bucket when used for water purposes, and it may be handled by the bail C like an ordinary bucket.

The feeding a horse from a simple nose bag is injurious to his healthful condition, but in the use of the Army bucket, the horse is not suffocated by the dust in the grain, and gets a free circulation of breathing air. The Army bucket may be used for water at any moment; wherein, perhaps, it possesses its greatest usefulness. Its compactness, when folded for transportation, is shown by cut No. 2, its extended condition, ready for use, being shown in cut No 1

It is highly recommended by a large number of officers both in regular and volunteer armies

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THE undersigned also manufactures and keeps on hand a large assortment of

Officers Saddles
do Shabraques
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do Sword Belt Supports
do Skeleton Knapsacks
Saddle Blankets
Bridles and Martingales
Saddle Valises
Hair Girths
Officers Sword Knots
do Haversacks
Plain Feed Bags
Buffalo Robes
Horse Covers and Hoods
do Blankets
Superior Leather Trunks
Traveling Bags
Side Saddles
Riding and Carriage Whips
Brass and other Spurs
Carriage and other Harness

And every article in his line at low prices for cash.

JAMES S. TOPHAM, dec 27 499 Seventh street.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., December, 1861.

Holders of the two years' Treasury notes, with interest at six per cent., payable semi-annually, issued under the act of 3d of March, 1861, are informed that the interest on such notes to the 1st of January, 1862, will be paid at this office on and after that day, provided that such notes, with a schedule, signed by the holder of each note, showing the number, date, and amount of such note, together with the interest due thereon to said 1st of January, are lodged here, one day beforehand, for verification.

(Signed) F. E. SPINNER, Treasurer U. S.

dec 27

FOR SALE CHEAP.—A FARM OF 312½ acres, convenient to the Agricultural College station, 7½ miles from Washington, adapted to wheat and tobacco, large portion limed and set in clover; sufficient meadow, through which are running streams of water. House contains eleven rooms. Two large tobacco houses, corn, smoke and hen houses; all in good repair, and under good fences. Springs of excellent water near dwelling; place very healthy. Estimated that about 3,000 cords of wood may be cut thereon

Price $38 per acre. United States Scrip, or Bonds of loyal States, taken in payment. For cash—horses and waggon, all the farming utensils, furniture, green grain in ground and provender, will be included in the price

Address: SAMUEL B. STAFFORD, Hyattsville P. O., Md.

Reference—F. M. Ozmi, Esq., Merchant, No. 311 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington City.

dec 18—2w*

NOTICE.

OFFICE WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, December 21, 1861.

Agreeably to the requirements of the charter, the stockholders of the company are hereby notified that an election for five Directors to manage the affairs of the same during the year 1862, will be held at its office, (No. 514 Eleventh street west) on MONDAY, the 6th day of January next, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m.

By order: J. F. BROWN, Secretary.

dec 23—eod2w

TO MILITARY MEN.—We offer every variety Swords, Sashes, Belts, Epaulets, Shoulder Straps, Bugles, Wreaths, Caps, Gloves, Gauntlets, &c., &c.

Also a large assortment of Military Clothing of every description.

Clothing of all kinds made to order at short notice.

WALL, STEPHENS & CO., dec 2—1f1m 326 Pennsylvania avenue

U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION, 244 F street, Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1861.

The Sanitary Commission has a collection of books of reference on Military Surgery and Army Hygiene, which military surgeons at or near Washington are invited to consult.

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, dec 3—1m General Secretary.

GREAT ATTRACTIONS.—Grand rush for Seventh street, to see the new stock of Clothing, just received at [illegible], No. 460 Seventh street. dec 12—1m

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

For the National Republican.

OUR FLAG.

Dedicated to the Eleventh Regiment of Maine Volunteers.

BY DR. A. S. CLARK, SURGEON OF MAINE ELEVENTH.

You've flung out the stars and stripes to the breeze,
That glorious old flag of the free!
Let others exult in the rattlesnake flag,
But the stars and the stripes are for me!

'Tis the banner our fathers unfurled
In the days that tried men's souls,
And their sons have found on many a field
A shroud in its ample folds.

Aye, the soldier, on many a gory field,
Expiring has turned his glazed eye,
To cheer his soul with one sight of that flag,
Ere he laid him down to die!

And is there a son of the broad, free North
That would see that flag disgraced—
See one of its ancient stripes grow dim,
Or one of its stars erased!

And shall we, the sons of those glorious sires,
To rear it who suffered and bled,
Permit traitors or tories to trail it in dust,
And raise their black flag in its stead!

No! we swear by the altars our country has raised!
We swear by the God of the just!
Neither treason abroad nor traitors at home
Shall trample that flag in the dust!

And what would they give us—the traitors who raise
The black flag of treason, the rattlesnake rag?
Why, slavery, disunion and venom they proffer
The sons of the free for their fathers' old flag!

O, ever dear flag of our country! we hail thee,
The emblem of unity, freedom and peace!
Before thee the heart of the tyrant shall fail him,
And the wrongs of the captive shall cease!

And is there one here with a soul so devoid
Of every emotion that patriots feel—
Should the hands of a traitor in rudeness assail it,
In the heart of that traitor not bury his steel!

Let the Southron exult in his flag so befitting,
Where in union the snake and the palmetto wave,
It is dyed in the blood wrung from innocent hearts,
It is reared on the bones of the slave!

But ours is the flag of the free mountain bird,
Whose wing cleaves the cloud like some glorious thing!
Undazzled he carries the sun in his eye,
And the thunderbolt under his wing!

Camp Washburn, Augusta, Nov. 6, 1861.

For the National Republican.

Christmas Visit to General Blenker's Brigade and Camp D'Utassy.

To those removed from the seat of war, incidents of Christmas festivity give pleasure, in proof that the soldier is remembered and cared for far from home. Christmas, of 1861, will be a strong feature of future history. Those privileged to pass it on Virginia soil, can tell their own stories; as one of these I tell mine. Forts Runyon, Jackson, and Albany are garrisoned by the Massachusetts Fourteenth. The former of these forts, occupied by company D, was most tastefully and elaborately decorated. Here the men not on duty were engaged in various manly sports. The morning was very beautiful, infusing its bright sunshine into every eye and heart, and merry Christmas greetings were given to all who passed. The colonel's wife, of this regiment, presented every soldier with a chicken for his dinner.

We observed, as we passed Fort Albany, that the men had cut, in the north side of the hill, a plateau, twenty-five feet in width, and constructed twelve comfortable and commodious houses, or huts of logs, plastered; the top, thatched with fir, and covered with planking, the cost to Government being only the nails and boards. Merry faces lined the roads until we reached the headquarters of General Blenker. Presentations were here made of the ladies of our party. Gen. Blenker, though suffering severe physical disability, was, as usual, the dignified, graceful, and courteous host; and we left him with kind wishes, that clouds may be removed from his way, and sunshine illume his path to glory.

From this point we wended our way to Camp d'Utassy, as the guest of Col. d'Utassy. Everything here was in holiday brightness—officers and men prepared to do honor to the friends of their beloved colonel. The colonel himself was providing for the comfort and happiness of his men, before assuming the head of his table, and the company of his guests.

A party of ladies and gentlemen from New York were entertained sumptuously. One could scarcely realize that they were partaking of a soldier's hospitality upon a tented field. I had witnessed the power of fascination which Colonel d'Utassy exercised over officers and men, and thought his magic wand had touched his table, too. Many toasts were given: "The President, our brave Commander-in-Chief;" "The Ladies;" and last of all, "The Garibaldi Guard, and its brave colonel—may they ever reign as now, a pride to the loyal and a terror to the traitors." After dinner, we visited many other camps, and found a kind reception in each. We returned to Washington convinced that we were quite safe in the hands of Gen. Blenker and his noble division. And thus ended our delightful Christmas visit. L.

NEW YORK KEROSENE WORKS BURNED.—On Thursday night last the still-house connected with the buildings belonging to the New York Kerosene oil works, on Newtown Creek, near Hunter's Point, L. I., was destroyed by fire. The first appearance of the fire was quickly followed by a terrific explosion, that was distinctly heard at a distance of several miles, and in a few moments the flames burst forth with appalling grandeur, and soon the whole building was in a blaze. As the fire spread from one apartment to another, it was followed by loud explosions, and portions of the buildings were scattered in all directions. All attempts to stop the progress of the flames were entirely futile, and although a strong force of the fire department were present, their services were of no avail. The building in which the fire originated was about 100 feet in length by 40 wide, one story high. It contained, at the time of the fire, about 30,000 barrels of oil and a large quantity of costly machinery, all of which was destroyed, involving a loss, it is estimated, of not less than $150,000.

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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

Passed at the Second Session of the Thirty-seventh Congress.

[PUBLIC—No. 2.]

AN ACT to increase the duties on tea, coffee and sugar.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the date of the passage of this act, in lieu of the duties heretofore imposed by law on articles hereinafter mentioned, there shall be levied, collected and paid on the goods, wares and merchandise herein enumerated and provided for, imported from foreign countries, the following duties and rates of duty, that is to say: First. On all teas, twenty cents per pound. Second. On coffee of all kinds, five cents per pound. Third. On raw sugar, commonly called Muscovado or brown sugar, and on sugars not advanced above number twelve, Dutch standard, by copying, boiling, clarifying, or other process, and on sirup of sugar or of sugar cane, and concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, two cents and a half per pound, and on white and clayed sugar, when advanced beyond the raw state, above number twelve, Dutch standard, by clarifying or other process, and not yet refined, three cents per pound; on refined sugars, whether loaf, lump, crushed or pulverized, five cents per pound; on sugars after being refined, when they are tinctured, colored, or in any way adulterated, and on sugar candy, eight cents per pound; on molasses, six cents per gallon: *Provided*, That all sirups of sugar or of sugar cane, concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, entered under the name of molasses, or any other name than sirup of sugar or of sugar cane, concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, shall be liable to forfeiture to the United States, and the same shall be forfeited.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

[PUBLIC—No. 3.]

AN ACT relative to courts martial in the army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in time of war the commander of a division, or separate brigade, may appoint general courts martial, and confirm, execute, pardon, and mitigate their sentences, as allowed and restrained in the sixty-fifth and eighty ninth articles of war to commanders of armies and departments: *Provided*, That sentences of such courts extending to loss of life or dismission of a commissioned officer, shall require the confirmation of the general commanding the army in the field to which the division or brigade belongs: *And provided further*, That when the division or brigade commander shall be the accuser or prosecutor, the court shall be appointed by the next higher commander.

Approved, December 24, 1861

[PUBLIC—No. 4.]

AN ACT to provide for allotment certificates among the volunteer forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States shall appoint, for each State having volunteers in the United States service, not exceeding three persons, who shall be authorized by the President's commission to visit the several departments of the army in which volunteers from their respective States may be, and there procure from said volunteers from time to time their respective allotments of their pay to their families or friends, duly certified in writing, and by them, or by some commissioned officer of such department, attested in pursuance of such orders as may be made for that purpose by the Secretary of War, and upon which certified allotment the several paymasters shall, at each regular payment to troops, give drafts payable in the city of New York to the order of such persons to whom said allotments were or may be made.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons appointed as commissioners to carry into effect the preceeding section of this act, shall receive no pay or emoluments whatever from the Treasury of the United States.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the fifth section of the act of twelfth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, giving sutlers a lien upon the soldier's pay, be and the same is hereby repealed; and all regulations giving sutlers rights and privileges beyond the rules and articles of war, be and the same are hereby abrogated.

Approved, December 24, 1861.

[PUBLIC—No. 5.]

AN ACT making an appropriation for gunboats on the Western rivers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million of dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for gunboats on the Western rivers.

Approved, December 24, 1861.

[RESOLUTION—PUBLIC No. 1.]

JOINT RESOLUTION expressive of the recognition by Congress of the gallant and patriotic services of the late Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon, and the officers and soldiers under his command at the battle of Springfield, Missouri.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 1. That Congress deems it just and proper to enter upon its records a recognition of the eminent and patriotic services of the late Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon. The country to whose service he devoted his life will guard and preserve his fame as a part of its own glory.

2. That the thanks of Congress are hereby given to the brave officers and soldiers who under the command of the late General Lyon, sustained the honor of the flag and achieved victory against overwhelming numbers at the battle of Springfield, in Missouri, and that, in order to commemorate an event so honorable to the country and to themselves, it is ordered that each regiment engaged shall be authorized to bear upon its colors the word "Springfield," embroidered in letters of gold. And the President of the United States is hereby requested to cause these resolutions to be read at the head of every regiment in the army of the United States.

Approved, December 24, 1861.

The Missouri *Republican* announces, authoritatively, that Senator Polk has joined the rebels at Memphis, and that Johnson, the other Missouri Senator, has been with the rebels in Western Virginia since July last.