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A correspondence which refutes some of the slanders upon the Administration.

CULPEPPER, VA., Oct. 16.

To the Editor of the State Journal:

Dear Sir—I noticed some time ago an article in the Enquirer taken from the New York World headed "Grant's beef eaters," and as it is being repeated by the Democratic speakers all over the State as a reason why Grant should not be re-elected, I have taken the pains to ascertain the facts in the case, and to send you an article for publication the following correspondence which fully explains itself.

I am very truly, your obedient servant, JORDAN P. WIGGIN.

S. E. Bryant, Esq., Deputy Collector, Kennebunkport, Maine.

Dear Sir—I notice in the Richmond Daily Enquirer an article taken from the New York World, headed "Grant's beef eaters," which I believe does you great injustice, as it is made to appear that the offices attached to your post have been created by General Grant for partisan purposes. I enclose you an extract from said article. I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject. Very respectfully, JORDAN P. WIGGIN.

KENNEBUNKPORT, ME., Oct. 7.

Jordan P. Wiggin, Esq., Culpepper, Va.

Dear Sir—Yours of the 4th instant came to hand to-day, and in reply would say that I had my attention called to the article in the New York World, and at first I was inclined to reply to it, but as we had virtually completed our work here in Maine, when we were through with our State election, I did not suppose it to be hardly worth while.

If, however, I can do you any good out in Virginia, I shall be glad to do so, and will give you a few items in regard to the business of this office.

There was formerly quite a foreign trade with the West Indies done at this port, but of late years there has not been much. We have been engaged in ship-building and in the coastwise trade. There are registered here forty-six vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 111,000-57-5/8 tons; in 1863, ten vessels, 5,311 20-105 tons; in 1864, eleven vessels, 5,359 10-105 tons; in 1865, eighteen vessels, 3,850 50-100 tons; in 1867, twenty vessels, 2,287 94-100 tons; in 1867, eleven vessels, 3,324 78-100 tons; in 1868, fourteen vessels, 3,769 75-100 tons; in 1869, five vessels, 3,253 10-100 tons; in 1870, eight vessels, 4,032 23-100 tons; in 1871, ten vessels, 3,724 10-100 tons. Total, 119 vessels, 43,757 1/2 tons.

The District of Kennebunk comprises the towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells, and was established about the year 1790. It has about 20 miles of sea-coast, five harbors and six rivers. The nearest custom-house is Saco, distance ten miles; west York, twenty miles; and for our ship-owners and masters to go to either of those places to procure their papers would be a serious inconvenience.

The officers here formerly were: a collector with a salary of \$280; deputy collector, \$650; inspector, \$600; inspector at Wells, \$320; one at Cape Porpoise, \$450; total, \$2,306. Now there is a collector who is paid by fees, and receives nothing from government. The sum of \$109, set down as being his salary is wrong, he has none; his fees are paid by the masters and owners for measuring cargoes, for papers, &c. There was also \$120 for temporary inspectors. This was in 1870, when a foreign steamer came ashore on the beach remote from either inspector, and a person living near employed for a while, and is not a regular expense.

The cargo which was foreign was afterwards conveyed to Portland and entered there.

The salaries officers are an inspector at Kennebunk, salary \$600 (he also acts as deputy collector without pay); one inspector at Ogunquit, Wells and Cape Porpoise, salary \$150; total \$1,050.

As every intelligent person is aware, these inspectors are to prevent smuggling, for if there were none whose business it is to look out for frauds upon the revenue, these small ports would be full of visitors from abroad, and the result would be smuggling carried on to a very great ex-

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The Bankrupt Law, as amended, exempts \$500 in land or personal property, State exemption of 1860, and wife's dower. on 14-dwly & w3m

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of the steamer "Clara," in admiralty.

Whereas, a libel has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1872, by J. B. Alderdice, libellant, against the steamer "Clara,"

In a cause-civil and maritime, and praying process and motion against said steamer "Clara," and the said J. B. Alderdice, and the said steamer "Clara," may be condemned and sold to pay such claims with costs, charges and expenses.

It is ordered, that the said steamer "Clara," and the said J. B. Alderdice, do appear before the court in person, or by their attorneys, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., and answer the said petition, and show cause, if any, why such order should not be granted.

WM. H. ALLDERDICE, Assignee.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—That on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1872, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, against the estate of Crewe W. Crockett, of York county and State of Virginia, who has been adjudged a bankrupt by the said court, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden, under penalty, to be held at the Register's office, Fredericksburg, Va., before J. L. Waterman, Esq., Register, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

DAVID B. PARKER, U. S. Marshal.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—That on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1872, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, against the estate of John G. Goff, of Northampton county and State of Va., who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden, under penalty, to be held at the Register's office, Fredericksburg, Va., before J. L. Waterman, Esq., Register, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Lemuel G. Bell, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

Please take notice, that a petition has been presented to the Hon. John D. Underwood, Judge of said District Court in Bankruptcy, by Wm. H. Alderdice, assignee of the estate of said bankrupt, to sell the real estate belonging to said bankrupt, free from all liens and encumbrances thereon.

This is to give notice to all persons interested, that in the terms of said petition an order has been issued by the Judge aforesaid, for all persons who may be interested in said estate, to appear before Register W. W. Forbes, at his office, in the said city of Richmond, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any, why such order should not be granted.

WM. H. ALLDERDICE, Assignee.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of William Thwait, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

Please take notice that a petition has been presented to the Hon. John D. Underwood, Judge of said District Court in Bankruptcy, by Wm. H. Alderdice, assignee of the estate of said bankrupt, to sell the real estate belonging to said bankrupt, free from all liens and encumbrances thereon.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of John B. Coates, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To Whom it May Concern—The undersigned, David M. Miller, of Loudoun county, Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of John B. Coates, of Loudoun county, Virginia, in said district, who was, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1871, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district.

Dated October 14, 1872. DAVID M. MILLER, Assignee.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—That on the 10th day of October, A. D. 1872, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of J. B. Kidd, of Richmond city, and State of Virginia, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition.—That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden, under penalty, to be held at a court of bankruptcy, to be held at Richmond, Va., before J. L. Waterman, Esq., Register, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of William A. Phillips, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.