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ADJT. AND INST. GENL'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, Nov. 27, 1862.

General Orders No 96

Commandants of conscripts will cause the following order to be published for at least seven times in a sufficient number of newspapers in each State of the Confederacy to ensure its reaching every part of the country.

I. All commissioned officers and enlisted men who are now absent from their commands, from any other cause than actual disability, or duty under orders from the Secretary of War, or from their department commanders, will return to their commands without delay.

II Commissioned officers failing to comply with the provisions of the foregoing paragraph within a reasonable length of time, in no case to exceed twenty days after the publication of this order, shall be dropped from the rolls of the army in disgrace, and their names will be furnished to the commandant of conscripts for enrollment in the ranks.

III. All enlisted men who shall fail to comply with the provisions of Paragraph I., of this order, within a reasonable length of time, shall be considered as deserters, and treated accordingly, their names to be furnished to the commandant of conscripts in their State, for publication or such other action as may be deemed most efficacious.

IV. In order to ensure the efficient co operation of all concerned to carry this order into immediate effect, Department Commanders are directed to require from the commanding officer of each separate command in their Departments a prompt report of the names of all commissioned officers and enlisted men now absent from their commands. These reports must state in each case the cause of absence, and if any regimental, battalion, or company commander who shall neglect to furnish such a report, or who shall knowingly be guilty of concealing any case of unauthorized absence, shall on conviction thereof, be summarily dismissed.

V. Under the provision of the 2nd clause of paragraph I, of General Orders, No. 82, commissioned officers and privates who are incapable of bearing arms in consequence of wounds received in battle, but who are otherwise fit for service, are required, if not otherwise assigned, to report to the nearest commandant of conscripts in their respective States, who will, if they are fitted for such duty, assign them to the collection of stragglers and the enforcement of the provisions of this order, with full power to call upon the nearest military authority for such assistance as may be necessary thereto.

VI. Officers of the Quartermaster's Department, charged with payment of troops, are hereby directed not to pay any commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer or private, who does not furnish satisfactory evidence that he is not liable to the penalties described in the foregoing order. Any disbursing officer who shall make payment in violation of this order shall be liable on his bond for the amount of such payment. By order,

(Signed,) S. COOPER,
Dec 9—8t Adj. and Inspector General.

CARD.

The undersigned, Central Committee, appointed by the County Court of Augusta county, at its November term, for receiving and making a proper disposition of articles of clothing, &c., for the benefit of the soldiers of this county in actual service, beg leave, earnestly, to urge upon the Justices of the county, promptness in the appointment of Committees and Canvassers in their several districts, for soliciting contributions in money, clothing and other things for the benefit of our suffering soldiers. There is no time for delay It is now two weeks since the appointment of the Committee, and no contributions have yet been received.

The Committee would further state, that if any persons object to their donations passing through the Quartermaster Department, that they are authorized to receive special donations for the benefit of soldiers named by the donors, and forward them according to direction.

The Committee would also call the special attention of donors to the wants of the soldiers under the command of Colonel Imboden, who are principally refugees, and who are now our only defence from the invasion of the enemy on the North West.

Let those who are living at their homes in peace, plenty, safety and comfort, remember the poor soldiers in their wants and sufferings to whose instrumentality they are indebted for the continued enjoyment of these blessings; and let them contribute liberally of the means which a kind Providence has placed at their disposal.

All contributions intended for the committee can be left at the Store-house of Woods & Gilkeson.

We call particular attention to the great destitution of blankets, and request that all that are sent should be colored if possible. When an amount of contributions sufficient to justify the sending of an agent to the army for their distribution such agent will be sent. The donations will be received by any one of the committee, of which Rev. Wm. G. Campbell is Treasurer.

A. J. GARBER.
WM. G. CAMPBELL.
J. C. WHEAT.
J. R. WHEELER.
D. M. GILBERT.

Dec. 16—4ts

VIRGINIA, to wit:

At a county Court of Augusta, held at the Court-House on Monday, the 25th day of November, 1862.

Samuel B. Finley, Plaintiff,
vs. In Chancery.
John Givens, Defendant.

This day came the plaintiff by attorney, on whose motion it is ordered that the death of the defendant, John Givens, be entered of record, and that this cause be revived in the names of Georgiana, his wife, and Victoria and Nancy, the children and heirs at law of John Givens, deceased. The object of this suit is to obtain a conveyance of the legal title of a small portion of land, omitted from the deed of John Givens and wife to the plaintiff, dated 18th March, 1857, and of record in the Clerk's office of this Court.

It appearing from satisfactory evidence that the defendants, Georgiana Givens, and Victoria and Nancy, her children, are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, and they not having entered their appearance and given security according to law, it is ordered that said defendants, Georgiana Givens, Victoria Givens, and Nancy Givens, do appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to defend their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be posted at the door of the Court-House of this county, on the 1st day of the next term of said Court. Teste.

WM. A. BURNETT, D. C.

SHEFFEY & BUMGARDNER, P. Q.
Dec 2 - 4t

THE SOUTHERN ALMANAC FOR 1863

Will be published on Monday, December 8th.

It will contain, besides the Almanac proper, the Officers of the Confederate Government, Members of Congress, Receipts and expenditures of the Government from its organization, Rates of Postage, Latitude and Longitude of the Principal Places in the Confederate States and their distance from Richmond, State Governments, Railroads in the Confederate States, Census of 1860, Militia force, Chronological events for 1862, compiled with great care, statement of the killed, wounded and captured in 1861 Herschell's celebrated Weather Table, Great battles, &c., &c

The Southern Almanac will be printed on beautiful English paper, and in the best style of the art.

The trade supplied at $12 per 100; $2.40 cents per dozen. Single copy 25 cents.

Address cash orders to

SCHAFFTER & BRYANT,
Dec. 2—to amt $5. Lynchburg, Virginia.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Augusta county, December 5th, 1862.

TO the creditors of the estate of Isaac H. Steele, dec'd, and all others concerned: You are hereby notified that, at the request of John J. Larew, Administrator of the estate of the said Isaac H. Steele, deceased, I have appointed MONDAY, the 5th of January, 1863, at my office, for receiving proof of debts or demands, against the said decedent or his estate, at which time you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the County Court of Augusta County, the day and year first aforesaid. WM. G. STEARETT,
Dec 9—4t Commissioner.

$25 REWARD.

Runaway from the subscriber on the night of the 26th insant, my boy ABNEY. He had on when he left home a light drab suit of clothes, slouch hat and boots. He is about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, bright yellow color, pleasant countenance, and intelligent, the middle finger on the right hand is rather stiff, and stands out when he closes his hand. He is about 40 years of age.

The above reward will be paid for his apprehension if taken out of the county and secured that I get him, and $10 if caught in this county.

WM. P. TATE,
Dec. 2—tf. Staunton, Va.

$30 REWARD!

Stolen, from my farm, near Staunton, a BLACK HORSE—both hind fet-locks white, about 15 hands high, supposed to be 9 or 10 years old, no other distinguishing marks recollected. I will give a reward of $5 for the detection of the thief, and $5 for the recovery of the horse. JOHN NUNAN.
Dec 9—3t*

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Directors of the Central Bank of Virginia have declared advidend of 3½ per cent nett out of the profit of the last five months, payable to the Stock holders on demand. W. H. TAMS,
Dec 9—3t Cashier.

WANTED,

To purchase, a good FARM in Augusta county. Apply at this office. R.
Dec 9—3t*

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW AUCTION & COMMISSION HOUSE
No. 102, Main Street, Lynchburg Va.

The undersigned have associated themselves together under the style and firm of JAMES P. SCOTT & CO., for the purpose of conducting a general AUCTION and COMMISSION BUSINESS. They have rented that large and elegant building, No. 102, Main Street, Lynchburg, lately occupied by John T. Davis & Co.; and are now ready to receive MERCHANDISE of all kinds for private and auction sales.

They solicit consignments of Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, and other groceries; Bale Cotton, and Cotton Fabrics of all grades; Woolen Goods; Boots, Shoes, Leather, and all other goods usually offered for sale.

Their first auction will take place at an early day in December next, of which due notice, with catalogue, will be published.

They respectfully refer to the merchants and business men of Richmond, Petersburg, Danville, and other Southern cities, whose aid and co-operation will be duly appreciated.

JAMES P. SCOTT,
of the late firm of John T. Davis & Co.
HENRY F. BOCOCK,
WM. H. PARRISH,
Members of the Firm of Bocock & Parrish.

The concern of Bocock & Parrish, No. 9, Bridge Street, will continue at the old stand, as usual,
Dec 9—6mo B. & P.

T. F. MINOR, Richmond. | R. W. BURKE, Augusta co., Va.

NEW COMMISSION HOUSE

MINOR & BURKE,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Cary street, 3d door below 18th,
For the sale of COUNTRY PRODUCE, GROCERIES, &c. &c.

We solicit consignments of the above articles, and will guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor us with a trial. MINOR & BURKE.
Nov. 11—2mo*

☞ Rockingham Register copy and charge this office $3.

FOR SALE—THE MILLER IRON WORKS.—We offer for sale, privately, the FURNACE, with the extensive TIMBER LANDS thereto attached. The Forge is in complete working order The Merchant MILL, which, with the Forge, has the best Water Power in the Valley.

Nine Farms, varying in size from 150 to 500 acres, of good arable land, and several of them well improved.

This property is so well known in the Valley of Virginia that any detailed description of it is unnecessary, and other means will be adopted to bring it to the attention of the Iron men of other States.

The Iron Works are now in full operation, and a purchaser of the Furnace or Forge, will be furnished at valuation with the stock necessary to carry it on.

The terms of sale will be such, that upon paying a moderate share of the purchase money, and securing for the remainder, the purchaser shall have a liberal time for the after payments.

Mr. John F Lewis, who resides upon the premises, will show the property to persons wishing to purchase. For further information, address—

BENJAMIN CRAWFORD, or
JOSEPH SMITH,
Nov 18—6t Staunton, Va.

OFFICE VA. CENTRAL R. R. CO., September. 11th, 1862.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE—The following trains will be run on this road on and after Monday, September 15th:

The Mail and Passenger Train leaving Richmond at 7 o'clock A. M. for Staunton and intermediate points daily, returning will leave Staunton at 7 o'clock A. M., and arrive in Richmond at 6:15 P. M.

The Accommodation Passenger Train, leaving Richmond at 3:30 P. M. for Gordonsville and intermediate points daily, Sundays excepted, returning will leave Gordonsville at 6 o'clock P. M. and arrive in Richmond at 12 o'clock M.

The Mail and Passenger Train West of Staunton, leaving Staunton at 6:30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and returning the same days.—The Mail Train connects with the Orange and Alexandria Mail Train at Gordonsville for Rapidan, and at Charlottesville for Lynchburg. It connects at Staunton with Stage Lines for Lexington, Harrisonburg and points further North. Servants traveling in first class cars will pay full fare.

The Freight Train leaving Richmond daily, Sundays excepted, at 3:30 A. M. and Staunton for the West at 6:30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The trains will not run West of Milloro.

H. D. WHITCOMB,
General Superintendent,
Sept. 23—tf

A DESIRABLE INVESTMENT.

A VERY VALUABLE ESTATE IN THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA FOR SALE UPON REASONABLE TERMS.—Said estate is situated in Augusta county, containing 1,620 acres, well adapted to all kinds of grain and grass. Between 300 and 400 acres are enclosed for cultivation, the balance in valuable timber. The buildings are numerous, and in good order, consisting of a large frame dwelling, extensive stabling, barn, corn crib, granaries, and all other necessary out buildings. The water is of a superior quality—cold, requiring no ice, and very conducive to health. Running water through the entire length of the place. For particulars inquire of Messrs. Harman & Bell, Staunton, Va. [Nov. 4—3mos.

NOTICE—

Can be had, at John B. Hoge's (Taylor & Hoge's old stand) the following articles:

Letter Paper,
Note Do.,
Cap Do.,
Chocolate,
Concentrated Lye,
Black Varnish,
Indigo,
Camphor,
Magnesia,
Red Pepper,
Essence Coffee,
Paint Brushes, assorted sizes,
Tea Spoons, &c.
Oct, 14, 1862.

RICHMOND, VA., November 11th, 1862.

EXCHANGE NOTICE—No. 3.

All Confederate officers and men who have been captured and paroled in Virginia or Maryland at any time from the beginning of hostilities to the 1st of November, 1862, have been duly exchanged, and are hereby so declared.

2. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at Aiken's Landing, on James river, at any time previous to the 5th of November, 1862, have been duly exchanged and are hereby so declared.

3. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at Vicksburg, Mississippi, previous to the 1st of November, 1862, and including said date, have been duly exchanged, and are hereby so declared.

ROBERT OULD,
Nov 18—6t Agent of Exchange.

NOTICE.—

Can be had, at John B. Hoge's (Taylor & Hoge's old stand,)

Sugar, Molasses,
Rice, Salt, Cotton Yarn,
&c., at low figures, for CASH.

Taylor & Hoge's accounts are made off, and they desire to have them settled. All knowing themselves indebted will please come forward; and all having claims against them will present them for settlement.
Oct 7—tf JOHN B. HOGE.

NOTICE.

The co-partnership heretofore existing under the style of "Crawford & Cochran," is dissolved by limitation. All indebted to the late firm will please come forward and settle without delay, with either of them, who are only authorized to close the late business.—In the absence of B. Crawford, G. M. Cochran will attend, at the old stand, to the settlement of the business.

B. CRAWFORD,
Nov. 18—6t G. M. COCHRAN.

SHOE PEGS.

The subscribers are prepared to furnish all sizes of SHOE PEGS by wholesale or retail.
Dec. 2—1mo* H. J. LUSHBAUGH & BROS.

The Richmond Dispatch copy one month in daily and send account to this office. Staunton, Va.

$20 REWARD,

For a bay MARE stolen from my field. She was 6 years old, left hind foot white, and also part of the hoof of right fore foot; also, a grey spot on the left fore shoulder; heavy mane and tail—the latter cropt off a little. Address— PETER FITCH, Sr.,
Nov. 4—tf. Burke's Mill, Augusta co., Va.

☞ Rockingham Register copy.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, STAUNTON, VA., November 15, 1862.

PERSONS having claims against my Department are requested to present them at once for payment. Persons holding back their claims will find difficulty in settling them. H. M. BELL,
Nov. 18—6t. Maj. & Q. M. C. S. A.

NEW MILITARY BOOKS.

Cavalry Drill and Sabre Exercise, by Geo. Patten.
Notes on Artillery, by W. Leroy Brown.
The Volunteer's Hand Book, by Cap. J. K. Lee.
Cary s Bayonet Exercise and Skirmish Drill.
Volunteers' Camp and Field Book, by Jno. P Curry.
Instruction for Field Artillery, from Gilham's Manual
The Field Manual for the use of Officers on Ordnance Duty.
The First Year of the War.
The Second Battle of Manassas,
The Partisan Leader
War Songs of the South.
Napoleons Maxims of War.

Just received and for sale by
Dec 2—tf. ROBERT COWAN.

PUBLIC SALES.

RECEIVER'S SALE OF LAND AND LOTS.—By virtue of decrees rendered by the District Court of the Confederate States for the Western District of Virginia, held at Lexington, on the 3d day of October, 1862, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, before my office door in Staunton, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 P. M., the following real estate lately belonging to the following named alien enemies, but now confiscated to said Confederate States:

1st. A two-story framed house and lot, on the East side of New street, Staunton, late the property of James Campbell, an alien, formerly owned by Robt. Campbell, dec'd.

2d. A 2-story framed house and large lot near Staunton, a short distance beyond the Steam Mills, late the property of John B. Wright, an alien.

3d. A small house and lot on Green street, Staunton, late the property of Mason Hirsh & Bro., aliens.

4th. A tract of 100 acres of land, about 2 miles S. West of Staunton, with a dwelling house and good Apple Orchard thereon, joining the lands of John Paris and others, late the property of C. D. Watson, an alien; subject to a lien in favor of Pike Powers and Wm. W. Donaghe, whose amount will be made known on the day of sale.

The terms of sale for all the above property (except the Campbell lot,) are one-third of the purchase money down, the balance in equal instalments of 6, 12 and 18 months, secured by bond with personal securities and liens on the land and lots, and bearing interest from date.

As to the Campbell lot, one-third down, the balance in two equal instalments of six and twelve months, with interest from date, secured in the manner. But the purchaser to have the option of paying all down except the lien on the Watson tract, which will have to be negotiated with its owner.

The above property is all very valuable, and the title is believed good; but acting as Receiver, I will convey with special warranty. THOS. J. MICHIE.
Dec 9—tds

☞ Richmond Enquirer please insert in semi-weekly issue till day of sale and forward account to this office for collection.

VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE.—As executors of the will of John Craun, senior, deceased, we will, on the 1st day of January next, (New Year's day,) sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following FARMS:

1st. A tract of about 225 acres, the Home Farm, called the "Long Farm." It lies on the North Branch of Naked Creek, adjoining the lands of S. Long and Esquire Brown, in Augusta county. It has on it a fine BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, with eight rooms, a fine basement story and two good cellars; also, a good Barn and Horse Stable, Corncrib, Smokehouse, and all necessary buildings. The land of this farm is of excellent quality, and the Meadow unsurpassed by none in the Valley for the production of Hay of a good quality.

2d. A tract containing 125 acres, lying on the North branch of Naked Creek, adjoining the Home Farm.—This tract contains a Dwelling House and Stable, and is also of fine quality. It has a No. 1 Meadow, the land is fine, every field in both tracts has water on it, and, we believe, never failing stream runs through both in the town of Staunton, one lot in the bill in said Meadows.

3d. A tract of 100 acres, near Centreville, adjoining the farms of Samuel Fox, dec'd, and others, containing about 100 acres of land, about 2 miles S. West of Staunton, near Hebron Church,—on a credit of 6, 12 and 18 months, except one-fourth to be paid down, the purchaser giving bond with good personal security, for the deferred payments, and the title retained as ultimate security.—There is an excellent fence, nearly altogether of plank, around the lot; a garden enclosed tastefully with palings within it; and upon it a blacksmith shop, with two fire places; a dwelling house two and a half stories high; kitchen; dairy; meat house; corncrib; and stable; all in good order, and the stand considered one of the best in the county for a blacksmith.

Capt. David Sterrett, or Wm A. Brown, Esq., living near the property, will show it to any who may wish to examine it, until the day of sale.

Dec. 9—tds. WILLIAM MATIER,
Commissioner.

THREE TRACTS OF LAND AND A VALUABLE MILL FOR SALE.—In obedience to a decree of the Circuit Court of Nelson county, rendered at its recent term, in the suit of John Fox and Wm. Fox, Plaintiffs, against Woodson B. Fox and others, Defendants, we, the undersigned, as Commissioners appointed by said decree, will, on Wednesday, the 31st day of the present month, (December,) proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, two tracts of LAND, of which Samuel Fox, died, seized and possessed, lying in the said county of Nelson, about 3 miles South of Afton Depot. The one, the mansion-house tract, containing about 200 acres, of good quality, a considerable portion of which is cleared, and in complete order for farming, having on it a good dwelling house, with convenient out-houses, also one of the best orchards in the county of choice fruit.

The other tract is also valuable, and adjoins or lies very near to the mansion-house tract, containing about ninety acres, of like quality, the greater portion of which is cleared, and in cultivation, having on it a good dwelling house, and convenient out-houses.

Also, by virtue of said decree, we will, on Thursday, the first day of January next, proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, a tract of land belonging to the same estate, lying in the county of Albemarle, near Batesville, and containing about 70 or 80 acres of excellent quality, it has on it a valuable Grist Mill, and two dwelling houses.

All the said property will be sold on a credit of 6, 12, and 18 months, the purchaser or purchasers executing bonds with approved security, and the title withheld as ultimate security.

JOHN B. SPIECE and
WM. WILLIAMS,
Dec 2—tds Commissioners.

PUBLIC SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE OF WM. B. YANCEY, DEC'D.—The undersigned, surviving Commissioner appointed by the decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, in a cause therein pending in the name of Geo. O. Conrad, Guardian, &c., vs. Conrad, &c., I will proceed, on the premises, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of January, 1863, to offer, at public auction, that large and valuable tract of land, situated on the Shenandoah River, in the county of Rockingham, and known as the home farm of the late Wm. B. Yancey, deceased. This land is not surpassed by any in the county of Rockingham. It is well improved and in fine order. The improvements are of the first order, consisting of a dwelling house, with convenient out-houses. There is a Mill and Saw Mill, supplied by a fine water power, on the premises. There will be offered about 350 acres; it will be divided into tracts to suit purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE—One-fourth of the purchase money money in 60 days; one-fourth in 12 months; one-fourth in 2 years; and one fourth in 4 years from the day of sale; the payments to bear interest from the day of sale. The purchaser will be required to execute bond with good personal security, and a lien retained as ultimate security.

Dec 9—tds WM. B. YANCEY,
Surviving Commissioner.

PUBLIC SALES.

FOR SALE,
THE STAUNTON STEAM MILLS.

THIS valuable property, built in 1858, at a cost of $27,000, and furnished with the most improved machinery, will be sold at public sale in front of the Post-office in Staunton, on the 27th day of December, 1862, unless previously disposed of, of which due notice will be given.

There are 5 pairs of best French Burrs of 4 feet diameter and 22 inches depth. The pair of Plaster Burrs are in a seperate room and entirely cut off from the flouring Mills. The Bolts and Chests are of the most superior character and have a small Burr attached for regrinding middlings. The whole are driven by one of the celebrated "Corliss" Steam Engines of 60 horse power, capable of working up to 90 horse power and with more regularity than can be secured by ordinary water power, and has consumed only a cord of wood in manufacturing 40 barrels of flour. The Mill House is 70 by 45, and four stories high; and the Engine House 50 by 35, one story high, and both covered with slate. The Mill is planned with reference to additional improvements, and which a rapidly increasing custom will soon render necessary. Present capacity of the Mill, 120 barrels per day.

The Mill Lot contains 2½ acres, adjoins the depot of the Central Rail Road, a side track of which runs to the Mill-door. It has also abundance of water and the site for a Tannery. A Cooper Shop, 65 by 24, is on the Mill lot and furnished with the most improved machinery for making barrels, buckets, &c. which machinery may be bought with the Mill at the option of the purchaser.

The attention of the public is invited to this Property, which is believed to be in competent hands, one of the most valuable in the grain growing Valley of Virginia.

Terms liberal as to time, and will be made known on day of sale, or all cash, if the purchaser desires it. S. A. RICHARDSON,
W. H. TAMS.
Dec 2—tds

☞ Richmond Whig and Lynchburg Republican copy three times a week till sale. Rockingham Register and Lexington Gazette copy till sale. All send bills to this office for payment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF NEGROES.—As Administrator *de bonis non* with the Will annexed of William Smith, dec'd, I will proceed, at the town of Greenville, in Augusta county, to sell, at public auction, on the 27th day of December, 1862, 10 likely negroes—men, women and children—which were left by the Will of said William Smith to N. Tarbet and wife, for life, and directed by his Will to be sold at their death.

Terms of Sale:—Three months credit for bonds with approved security. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

WM. F SMITH,
Administrator *de bonis non* with the Will annexed
Nov. 18—tds* of William Smith, deceased.

COMMISSIONERS SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Augusta, Va., (in chancery) I will sell to the highest bidder on Friday, January 2d, 1863, the undivided interest of D. Lucas, Jun., Deceased, (being one-twelfth, subject to the Widow's dower claim), in about 200 acres of land belonging to estate of D. Lucas, sen., deceased. It lies in the upper end of Augusta county, near Newport.

Terms:—One half cash and balance in six months. Bond with good personal security, and the title retained as further security. HENRY OTT,
Dec 9—tds Commissioner.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF NEGROES.

Under order of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, rendered at the November term, 1862, in the case of Randolph's widow and heirs, vs. Randolph's Administrator's, &c., the undersigned Commissioners will proceed, at the town of Greenville, on the 27th day of December, 1862, to sell seven likely SLAVES, consisting of 4 men, 1 woman, 1 boy and 1 girl.

Terms of Sale:—Three months credit for bonds, with approved security.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WM. F. SMITH,
Nov. 18—tds* JOHN J. LAREW, } Com'rs.

DESERTER ARRESTED.

On the 17th of November, a man who calls himself WILLIAM HUNSON, and representing himself as a deserter from the 44th Georgia Regiment—Col. Lumpkin—was taken up in Gaston county, N. C., and lodged in Mecklenburg jail. He was riding a large grey mare about 7 years old, foretop slightly trimmed, and blue spot on the wether. He acknowledges having stolen said mare from a gentleman living between Winchester and Staunton, Va. The undersigned has the mare in possession awaiting the call of the owner, who can have the same by proving property and paying charges. I live in Lincoln county, 6 miles below Beattie's Ford. JOHN DAVIS.
Dec 2—4t

Some newspaper in Staunton, Va., will please copy four times, and send bill to J. A. Fox, Esq., Charlotte, North Carolina.—*Western Democrat.*

NEW BOOKS AND STATIONERY JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE AT ROBERT COWAN'S CASH BOOK STORE.—Chisolm's Manual of Military Surgery; The First Year of the War, by E. A. Pollard; The Second Battle of Manassas, by E. A. Pollard; The Partisan Leader, by Judge Beverly Tucker; The Quartermaster's Guide, by Major Bloomfield. Letter and Foolscap Paper, Envelopes, &c., &c. West & Johnston's Map of Virginia.
Nov. 4—tf

NEW KOOKS!

REGULATIONS
for the
Army of the Confederate States,

authorized edition, just received and for sale by
Dec 9. ROBERT COWAN.

LAST NOTICE.

Having disposed of our entire Stock of Goods, we are very desirous of closing our late business, and request all persons knowing themselves indebted to us on open accounts to come forward, without delay, and pay up, for to give their notes a longer indulgence cannot be granted. Those having claims against us are requested to present the same for payment. CRAWFORD & COCHRAN.
Oct. 28—tf.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE to wit:

Taken up, by Hugh W. Sheffey, on his land in said county, near Staunton, on the — day of August, 1862, an estray of the following description, to wit:

A HEIFER of redish color, white on back, and left horn partly broken off, no brand or flesh mark except in right ear, which has a crop, slit and underkeel, supposed to be about 2 or 3 years old, and appraised at $35.

[Extract—teste.]
Dec 9—3t. WM. T. JEWELL, D. C.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

Taken up, by Jacob Bear, on his land near Churchville, on Monday, the 24th day of November, 1862, an Estray HEIFER, of the following description, to wit:

An Estray HEIFER of a brindle color, with white belly, no ear marks, supposed to be four years old, and appraised at $60.

[Extract—Teste] WM. T. JEWELL, D. C.
Dec. 16—3t

HAVING disposed of our entire stock, we will proceed forthwith to settle all amounts due the concern. Persons haying accounts against the same will please present them. ROANE & ALBY.
Dec 16

GENERAL COMMISSION HOUSE,
83 Main Street,
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

Will buy and sell on Commission, Leaf, Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Wheat, Flour, Corn, Cotton Fabrics, and, in fact, everything kept in a General Commission House.

Nett proceeds of sales promptly rendered.

We refer to the business men of Lynchburg generally. WILLS, CALHOUN & CO.
Dec 16, 1862—6mo*

NOTICE.

Came to my house, on the 10th of June last, 7 head of fat CATTLE. Said Cattle were appraised, pressed and killed, by order of Dr McGuire, for the use of the Hospital at Greenwood Depot. The owner will please come forward, describe the Cattle, and receive his pay from the undersigned.
Dec 16—1mo G. A. FARROW.

THE KALORAMA FAMILY SCHOOL STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, will be re-opened, for a Session of five months, on THURSDAY, the 15th of January next.

TERMS PER SESSION—

Board and English tuition,	$180.00
(Washing, Extra.)	
Instruction on Piano or Guitar,	30.00
Use of Instrument,	2.50
French,	12.00

One half to be paid in advance—the other, in the middle of the session.
Dec 16—tf

WANTED,— A SUBSTITUTE for the war
Enquire at my office.
Oct. 7—tf GEO. BAYLOR.

COTTON BATS.—
Just received 37 Bales
COTTON BATS.
Oct. 21. JOHN B HOGE.

WANTED,—
10,000 pounds Tallow,
Lard, old grease, rancid butter,
For which I will pay
the highest market price. JOHN B. HOGE.
Nov. 4—tf.

SALT! SALT!!

For sale, at the Waynesboro' Depot, 8 barrels SALT, (35,00 lbs) suitable for salting meat and stock. Enquire of JOEL S. WALLACE,
Dec 16—3t* Depot Agent.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

A PROCLAMATION.

HAVING received a communication from the President of the Confederate States, invoking the aid of the State Executive on several important points, I deem it proper, in giving my cordial co-operation, to call upon the officers of the State, civil and military, and upon the people of the Commonwealth generally, to lend their assistance.

By united and harmonious action, our independence can and will be obtained. A cheerful and ready obedience to the laws should be given until they are pronounced by competent tribunals to be unconstitutional.

It is the duty of every good citizen to sustain the constituted authorities in their just endeavors to promote the public welfare.

The President asks for assistance in the "enrolment of conscripts and the forwarding of them to the proper points of rendezvous." To render his appeal effectual, I invoke the aid of the Commissioners of the Revenue, the Sheriffs and Constables, and the Justices of the Peace. From their general knowledge of all the inhabitants of their several districts, they have it in their power to find out and to report to the enrolling officers all persons liable to conscription, and will render efficient service by expediting the conscripts to their several destinations.

The cause in which we are engaged, the holy purpose we have at heart, requires that every man, liable to military duty, should be stimulated by moral suasion, and, if need be, by compulsatory process to give to the country the advantage of his intellect and physical energies. The country has a right to the services of all, and none should be allowed to sneak or skulk from duty

The President asks assistance "in restoring to the army all officers and men now within the State absent without leave, or whose term of absence has expired, or who have recovered from disability, and are now able to return to duty." This absence is the cause of the fruitless victories heretofore gained. If in any one of the great battles in which our armies have been victorious, all the force composing those armies had been present, none can entertain a doubt but that the enemy would have been utterly crushed and destroyed and that our State would have been relieved from the curse of invasion and the consequent desolation of the fairest portion of our territory. How essential, then, is it that this fruitful source of ill should cease to exist. An officer or private absent without leave is nothing but a deserter. Let the finger of scorn of the young and the old, of the matron and the maiden, be pointed at such delinquents, and if shame will not cause them to return to duty, let them be hunted from the neighborhoods in which they are skulking and be carried back under guard to their encampments.—The law of Virginia prescribes that, "If any person shall fail to appear at the place of rendezvous when ordered, or shall absent himself without leave, the commandant of the detachment or of the regiment to which he belongs, may order him to his proper officer, and such person without [illegible] satisfactory excuse shall be treated as a deserter." There is reason to believe, and I regret to state it, that it is too common for men who have recovered from disability, and are now able to return to duty, to continue to absent themselves and to draw their pay while rendering no manner of equivalent. This is a burning disgrace, and no family should tolerate an inmate who will thus act in times like these. It becomes their friends not only not to ask them to stay, but to implore them to go, that they may aid their comrades in conquering a speedy peace. Then, and not till then, will they be able, with honor and gratification, to recline under their own vine and fig trees, and to enjoy the blessings they will have secured by their manly exertions for themselves and their posterity.

The President, with an anxious solicitude, asks assistance, "in securing for the use of the army all such necessary supplies as exist within the State in excess of the quantity indispensable for the support of the people at home." I have, heretofore, with earnest appeals in my proclamations, invoked from the people these necessary supplies. I repeat now, that the necessity for such supplies still exist, and that prompt assistance will prevent, or, at any rate, alleviate much suffering. Men who are fighting for us, and risking their lives for the common cause, have a right to expect that proper exertions shall be made to protect them, by suitable clothing, from inclement weather, and to provide them with necessary food.—I am happy to testify that I have had presented to me, by individuals, noble examples of liberal gifts, to add to the comfort of our troops, and that I have seen, in all our public journals, ample evidence of unbounded charity, which would reflect the highest honor upon any people. Virginians have not been lagging of their means, but have opened their hearts and their purses in generous acts. Such conduct deserves the thanks of the State and is worthy of all emulation.

It is asked of the different States to provide such laws "as will enable the Governors to command slave labor to the extent which may be required in the prosecution of works conducive to the public defence." The State of Virginia has already responded to this call, and the Legislature has passed an act ample for the purpose, but I regret to say that the counties heretofore called on, with few honorable exceptions, have not complied with the requisitions as fully and promptly as could have been desired. There are proper laws. The slave population is a large one, nearly one-third of the population of the whole State, not far from being one-half of the population of the loyal part of the State. The slaves are exempted from serving in our armies, they are freed from all military duty, and it is but reasonable that a small portion of their time and labor should be devoted to the prosecution of works conducive to the public defence. The law is a liberal one to the owners. It allows sixteen dollars per month as a compensation for the labor of each slave, besides rations, medicines and medical attendance. It provides that "the value of all such slaves that may escape from the Confederate authorities and not returned to their owners, or be seized or killed by the public enemy, or may, by want of due diligence on the part of the authorities of the Confederate States in any manner be lost to the owners, shall be paid for by the Confederate States to the owners, and in like manner allows compensation "for any injury to slaves arising from a want of due diligence on the part of the authorities of the Confederate States."

As our army is constituted, it is but right to lessen the burdens they have to bear, and to cause the earthworks upon our fortifications to be constructed by the laborers who are inured to such service. The County Courts are authorized to apportion the slaves called for in their respective counties, and they ought to make the appointment in such manner as to be least onerous upon their fellow-citizens, particularly as there is no appeal from the decision they make. By a careful exercise of this power, much hardship may be averted. If the Courts fail or refuse to comply with the requisitions, the law invests the Executive with authority, by officers and agents of his own selection, with the aid of the Commissioners of the Revenue, to impress the proportions of slaves demanded from the county, not exceeding five per centum of the entire slave population thereof. The performance of this duty the Executive would gladly forego, greatly preferring that the justice exercised by the people, and who know their situation and circumstances, should discharge it, but if the failure continues after due notice, the duty will be performed with unshrinking fidelity, under the full belief that the labor called for is necessary, and that the prompt completion of the fortification will greatly conduce to the public defence.

In addition to these several subjects, I deem it to be my duty to call the attention of the people generally, but of the county and corporation courts especially, to the necessity that now exists for increased vigilance in regard to domestic and county police.—Our slaves have hitherto been contented and happy, peaceable and trust-worthy, and I doubt not they will continue so, notwithstanding the disgraceful proclamation of the President of the United States, and the shameful attempts of abolition emissaries and armies to render them discontented and insubordinate. But in times like these it is proper to be ever watchful, ever on the guard. I therefore recommend, earnestly, that the several county and corporation Courts shall forthwith proceed to execute the provisions of the State law relative to establishing a patrol in each county and corporation, to visit, within such bounds as the Courts may require, all negro quarters and other places suspected of having therein unlawful assemblies, or such slaves as may stroll from one plantation to another without permission. Let every master keep a watchful guardianship over his plantation, and cause his slaves to keep within their own premises, and prohibit others from making unnecessary visits. If the county courts cannot assemble promptly, let each justice of the peace order out patrols, as the law authorizes him to do, to continue in service until the next term of the county or corporation Court.

And, finally, the President denounces, in appropriate terms, the vile spirit of extortion, now so rife in all portions of the Confederacy, and urgently appeals to the Executives of the States to urge upon their several Legislatures the necessity of passing such laws as will effectually restrain and crush it. I earnestly invoke the patriotic everywhere to discountenance extortion and extortioners, and if patriotic appeals will not induce them to change their policy, and abandon a course of conduct calculated to prejudice our holy cause, then I urge them to impress upon their Senators and Delegates in the General Assembly the necessity of adopting such legislation as will remedy the evil at their next session in January.

We have another struggle to make against our unscrupulous foe. It may not be the last, but let it be at least worthy of our ancestors and ourselves. Let it be a gallant fight in which we shall put forth all of manhood, of vigor and of courage that has been given us from Heaven. Let it be recorded in future time that Virginians emulated their glorious sires and fought with determined coolness and valor, leaving nothing undone that might have been done to ensure success.

{L. S.} Given under my hand at Richmond, and under the Seal of the Commonwealth, this 3d day of December, 1862, and in the 87th year of the Commonwealth.

JOHN LETCHER.

By the Governor:
GEORGE W. MUNFORD,
Secretary of the Commonw