

Staunton Spectator.

STAUNTON, VA. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1863.

FROM GEN. LEE'S ARMY.

There being no official news from Gen. Lee's army, it is very difficult among the multiplicity and contrariety of rumors...

LATER.—Passengers by the train of last evening report that Gen'l Lee, having driven the enemy within his entrenchments at Centerville, is now coming back.

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On Saturday night, as coming from a reliable source, that the Yankees, after burning all the bridges between Bristol and Abingdon, have taken the A. C. track. If this be true, the Salt Works are relieved from the threatened attack.

Abundance.—A gentleman just from Greene county, Ga, informs the Macon Confederate that the harvest of corn is amazing in its quantity. The titling of one planter is 10,000 bushels. Peas are in wonderful quantities, and sweet potatoes encumber the ground.

THE ENGLISH CONSULS.

The Richmond papers of the 15th inst., contain the official correspondence of the State Department with our commissioners, Messrs. Mason and Slidell to the English and French governments...

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NORTHERN NEWS.

We are indebted to Mr. Thomas Ryan, of Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah county, for copies of the Baltimore American, dated October the 12th, from which we take the following interesting extracts:

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OUR FINANCES.

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