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MISCELLANEOUS.

M'CORKLE, LUSK & CO.,
JORDAN'S POINT,
Lexington, Va.

HAVING taken the old stand of McCorkle & Lusk at the Point, for the purpose of conducting the **Commission And Forwarding Business,** solicit the custom of the old concern and public generally. Tuck Lumber House is large and well adapted to produce intended for shipment, being situated immediately on the Canal, where boats can come up to the very door. Will also run in connection with this house, two regular **BOATS** with careful and responsible Captains, making transportation of goods and produce as safe and quick as any other line.

They are also fitting up a store room, which will soon be ready, when they will keep as good a stock as the times will admit of, and will sell them too on as reasonable terms as they can be bought elsewhere. Goods, &c., must necessarily be high during the war; but we will adopt the old motto, and endeavor to carry it out, viz:—"Quick sales and small profits."

We will also trade for all kinds of produce.

Freight to be shipped by Packet Boats must be delivered here.

Persons bringing produce to our house will pass the toll bridge free of toll.

All persons indebted to the old concern of McCorkle & Lusk will please come forward and settle their accounts. CALVIN McCORKLE,
A. M. LUSK,
May 19—tf JOHN GIBSON.

☞ Staunton Spectator and Lynchburg Virginian please copy, and send their bills to this office.—*Lex. Gazette.*

J. H. HAYMOND. S. A. MORGAN.

HAYMOND & MORGAN,
Commission Merchants,
FOR THE SALE OF
Country Produce and Tobacco,
Corner 6th and Broad Streets, Richmond, Va,

WE will pay strict attention to all consignments, and make returns promptly. We will keep on hand an assortment of Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, Cigars, &c., &c.

We respectfully refer to Major J. M. McCue, Augusta Co., Va., Capt. Wm. L. McNeil, Pocahontas Co., Va., Dr. C. P. Bryan, Bath Co., Va, and others.
Oct. 20, 1863—tf.

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.

$200 REWARD.—Ranaway, from the subscriber, on the 10th inst., two Negro men, Sampson and Abner.

SAMPSON, is low, chunky, black and about 25 years old.

ABNER, is of gingerbread color, small, sharp-faced, and about 40 years old.

I will pay the above reward or $100 each, if taken and confined so that I get them. Address
Aug 26—tf T. P. JONDAN,
Cowpasture Bridge, Alleghany co., Va.

NOTICE.

The undersigned has removed to Dr. Young's old stand, where he will be pleased to see his friends and customers. Having purchased of Dr. Young his entire stock of DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c., and having employed an excellent druggist, he will carry on the Drug business, hoping to receive a liberal share of patronage. Cash required on delivery of all articles.
G. C. YEAKLE.
Nov 24—tf

"BEYOND QUESTION.

WE are now receiving a supply of TOBACCO that for quality and variety, cannot be surpassed in the State, comprising all the different grades, running up from a very low price to the choicest chew that can be had. Merchants will please examine our stock before laying in their fall supply.
R. J. GLENDY,
Staunton, Sept. 25, 1861. per C. T. Cochran.

GOOD TIME TO PAY.—I avail myself of this favorable opportunity to wind up my business, and therefore request all persons knowing themselves indebted to come forward and pay up, as longer indulgence cannot be given. All persons having claims of any kind whatever against me are requested to present them immediately.
Jan 13—tf. DAVIS A. KAYSER.

LYNCHBURG HOSE AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—During the absence of the General Agent, I will attend to the issuing of Policies and Renewals.
Office in the "old Bell Tavern."
Dec. 24, 1861, JOEL ETTINGER.

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

EXTRACT OF LOGWOOD, ALUM, COPPERAS, and the various other Dyestuffs for sale at P. H. TROUT'S
June 16. Drug Store.

DENTAL NOTICE.—DR. W. CHAPMAN has removed his office to Main Street, opposite Dr. Donaghe's, where he will be pleased to see his friends.
Staunton, Oct. 13, 1863.

EXTRACT OF LOGWOOD and other DYE STUFF for sale at G. C. YEAKLE'S
Dec 8—tf DrugStor

MACHINE OIL.—Superior lubricating Oil, for sale at P. H. TROUT'S
Sept 8, Drug Store.

MISCELLANEOUS.

EXCHANGE OF SALT FOR GRAIN.

The subscriber will exchange Salt for Grain, at Staunton and Waynesboro' as follows:

One bushel (50 lbs) of salt for two bushels of corn, or two bushels of rye, or four bushels of oats, and will exchange three bushels of salt for five bushels of wheat or one barrel of flour, and one bushel of salt for 15 pounds of Bacon.

He will meet persons who desire to make such exchanges at the "Spectator" Office on Friday and Saturday next, the 12th and 13th inst., and on the same days of the weeks following, and at Waynesboro' on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the weeks following.
Feb 9—4ts* L. J. HOOKE,
Agent for the Virginia State Salt Works.

DISSOLUTION.—The Partnership heretofore existing between A. M. Bruce & H. H. Peck, in the auction business is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
January 1st, 1864. A. M. BRUCE,
Feb 9—3ts Vin copy H. H. PECK.
—:o:—
H. H. PECK. ALEX. H. TAYLOR.

Auction And Commission Business.

THE Auction and Commission Business will be conducted at the old stand of Bruce & Peck, by H. H. Peck and Alex. H. Taylor, under the style of Peck & Taylor. We solicit consignments of all kinds of Property. Sales in the country attended if desired. H. H. PECK,
Feb 9—3ts Vin copy ALEX. H. TAYLOR.

OFFICE VA. CENTRAL R. R.,
RICHMOND, Jan. 11th, 1864.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—On and after FRIDAY, January 15th, 1864, the Mail and Passenger Train will leave Richmond, daily, for Staunton, at 6 o'clock, A. M., and will leave Staunton at 6:45 A. M., and arrive in Richmond at 7 P. M. The Accommodation Train between Richmond and Gordonsville is discontinued until further notice.
H. D. WHITCOMB,
Jan 19—tf General Superintendent.

TO THE FARMERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY.—The undersigned, a Committee appointed to disburse the funds of the Corporation for the relief of the families of Volunteers now in the field are prepared to purchase wheat, flour, corn, rye, and wood. They sell to the above families at about one half price, and they earnestly request those farmers who have the above articles for sale to give them a call before disposing of them else where.
J. W. CRAWFORD.
W. B. KAYSER.
J. C. WHEAT.
November 3—tf.

NOTICE.

G. C. YEAKLE, has just arrived from Dixie, with a fine assortment of *DRUGS* and *MEDICINES*, consisting in part, as follows:

Soda, Sulphur, Indigo, Copperas, Alum, Assafoetida, Cream of Tartar, Davis' Pain Killer, Epsom, Salts, Castor Oil, Gum Arabic, Gum Camphor, Sweet Spirits Nitre, Balsam, Copavia, Sugar of Lead, Iodide Potash, Chloroform, Calomel, Borax, and Strychnine. Persons in want of articles in his line would do well to give him a call at Dr. Young's old stand. Every available means will be used in keeping on hand a general assortment of Drugs and Medicines.
Staunton, Sept. 4, 1863—tf.

DR. JAS. H. HARRIS,
SURGEON DENTIST,

Graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery,

WILL spend Court week and the two weeks following of every month in Harrisonburg, where he will be pleased to wait on all those wishing his professional aid. All operations guaranteed equal to any. Office in Hill's Hotel.

Address, Mt. Meridian, Augusta county, Virginia, or Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Va.

☞ Old Gold Plate wanted.
Feb 6—6mo

DR ARTHUR

HAS returned to Staunton PERMANENTLY. For eight years' liberal patronage he reviews with much gratitude and acknowledged thankfulness. Rejoicing that he is still able to serve his old, tried friends with more experience and improved skill, diligence and faithfulness.
Oct. 15, 1861.—tf.

REMOVAL.—DR. ARTHUR has removed his Office diagonally opposite his former place of business, one door east of White's Old Corner.
Oct 6, 1863—tf.

$100 REWARD.—Stolen from the stable of the subscriber, near Staunton, on last night, 18th inst., a young dark bay Horse, 4 years old last Spring, no white upon him, except a little on the end of his nose, about 16 hands high, rather light made, and a good looking horse. He had a little thick place on the right hind leg, between the pastern joint and knee on the back part of the leg, had a blind bridle on when taken.

The above reward will be paid to any one delivering him to me, or by giving me information that I may get him. WM. P. TATE.
Nov 17—tf

GOOD MATCHES.—I have removed my *Friction Match Manufactory*, to the corner known as "Bickle's Corner," on Augusta street, opposite the dry good's store of Mr. Owen C. Morris, where I shall be prepared to furnish Matches by the Gross or Box. These Matches are extensively used in Staunton and Richmond and thought to be fully equal to any ever sold in this market. I shall always have a supply on hand, as the manufactory is kept constantly in operation.
Jan 26—1yr D. R. BLACKBURN.

P. B. HOGE. JNO. B. HOGE.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

WE have this day, May 11th, 1863, entered into Co-partnership, for the purpose of conducting the *MERCHANTILE BUSINESS*, in the town of Staunton, under the style and firm of P. B. & J. B. HOGE.

☞ We solicit the patronage of our friends and the public generally. P. B. HOGE.
May 19, 1863. JNO. B. HOGE.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE—
2 Bales 4-4 COTTON,
150 PADS COTTON YARN, No 5 to 12
BLACK AND GREEN TEA—Good,
COFFEE, PEPPER AND COPPERAS,
CHEWING AND SMOKING TOBACCO
10 BBLS BROWN SUGAR,
1 BBL CRUSHED DO.
50 SACKS SALT,
5 BBLS MOLASSES,
2 BBLS VINEGAR.
Sept 1, 1863 P. N. POWELL.

J. W. S. TAYLOR,
GROCER AND
Commission Merchant,
FIFTH STREET, BETWEEN BROAD AND MARSHALL,
Richmond, Va.

Solicits, on liberal terms, consignments of all kinds of Country Produce. To those who favor him with their patronage, he promises the highest market price for their produce. Also, all orders in his trade promptly filled. Jan 12—6mo*
N. P. CATLETT. J. W. ALBY.

CATLETT & ALBY,
AUCTION AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
UNDER VIRGINIA HOTEL, STAUNTON, VA.,

Solicit consignments of all kinds of Goods, for public or private sale. Special attention paid to sales in the country. Public sale day: Monday.
Nov. 17—Vindicator copy.

McADAM, WIGHTMAN, & CO.,
WHOLESALE
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
13TH STREET, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

Respectfully solicit consignments of Flour, wheat, Corn, Meal, Butter, Bacon, Lard and Country Produce generally, pledging themselves to make satisfactory sales and to render prompt account sales.
Jan 26—1mo

CASTEEL AND SHOE THREAD WANTED.

The subscriber will pay the highest cash price for Casteel, new or old, such as drills, cold chisels, &c.
—*ALSO*—
Wanted a large amount of Shoe Thread, for which the highest cash price will be paid. Persons will deliver these articles at the store of Price and Gerber, Staunton. WM. H. PEYTON,
Feb 9—4ts* Agent for the State.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SOLDIERS.—A car will leave Staunton every Friday morning to convey such supplies as persons may desire to send to their friends in the army in charge of a reliable person who will see to their delivery at a convenient point. Packages should be delivered (plainly marked) on Thursday, or very early on Friday. Persons who wish can deliver packages at Fishersville and Waynesboro which will also be taken.
Nov 24 H. M. BELL, Major & Q. M.

WANTED.—We want Country Soap, hard and soft, and wool in exchange FOR GOODS.
No Goods sold for money because we must have supplies in exchange,
Feb 2—4mos. CRAWFORD & YOUNG.

BARK.—The highest cash price will be given for 100 CORDS OF Chesnut Oak and Black Oak Bark, delivered at the Tanyard, Staunton.
Feb 2—5mos* Vin copy JAMES MAYES.

GENERAL ORDERS.

ADJ'T & INSP'R GENL'S OFFICE,
RICHMOD, Va., Feb. 9, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 18.

I. Applications from officers of the Nitre and Mining Corps for field service cannot now be considered. Workmen employed by them may be organized and armed for local defence; but their military orders must be subordinated to work as the leading aim and consideration: and second in importance to no other military service.

II. A limit not yet reached to the number of able-bodied workmen to be assigned to this service, submitted by the Chief of the Nitre and Mining Bureau, has been carefully considered and approved, and communicated to the Bureau of Conscription as a guide for action.

III. Military commanders will extend to the Nitre and Mining service, especially in districts exposed to the enemy, protection, aid and encouragement.

IV. General Orders No. 32, Series 63, forbids interference with the workmen or employees at mines, furnaces or nitre works, whether worked by the Government or contractors. These orders are now repeated, and especial attention is called to them.

By order.
(Signed) S. COOPER,
Adjt. and Insp. General.

NITRE AND MINING OFFICE,
STAUNTON, February 11th, 1863.

Contractors in the Nitre and Iron Works, and the men who have been detailed to work under them, are not included in any order emanating from the Enrolling officer. Any order having reference to them, must come from this office.
Feb. 16—3t JAMES F JONES,
Captain in charge of District.

☞ Staunton Vindicator, Rock Register and Lexington Gazette copy 3t and send bills to this office.

ADJ'T AND INSP'R GENL'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, Feb. 4 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 14.

The following Order is published for the information of all concerned:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 1, 1864.

EXCHANGE NOTICE, No. 8.

1. *All prisoners* heretofore held by the United States authorities, whether *officers, soldiers, or civilians*, received at City Point, before the 1st of January, 1864, *are hereby declared exchanged.*

II. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture, who reported for duty at Enterprise, Miss., at any time before the 14th November, 1863, and whose names were forwarded to me by Major General John H. Forney, *are declared exchanged.*

III. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture belonging to the 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery, who reported for duty at Marietta, Ga., and whose names were forwarded to me by Col. A. Jackson, *are declared exchanged.*

RO. OULD,
By order, Agent of Exchange.
(Signed) S. COOPER,
Adj't and Insp'r General.

☞ Confederate newspapers publish six times and send bills to the War Department.
Feb 9—6t

ADJ'T & INSP'R GEN'LS OFFICE,
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 1, 1864.

General Orders, No. 11.

I. Examining Boards for conscripts will, when practicable, be composed of two medical officers and one employed surgeon.

They will hold continuous sessions in the several counties of their respective districts to facilitate the execution of the duties prescribed by General Orders No. 141, 1863, from this office.

II. Paragraph III, General Orders No. 141, last series, from this office, is amended to provide that in all cases when there are two medical officers on the Boards for the examination of conscripts, recommendations and certificates must be concurred in and signed by both medical officers. By order.
(signed) S. COOPER,
Adj't and Insp'r General.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUBLIC SALE OF LAND.—The undersigned, appointed commissioner for that purpose by the County Court of Augusta, will sell, at public auction, in Staunton, in front of the Court House, on

the 29th of February, (Court day,)

a tract of land belonging to the estate of Baily Shumate, deceased, containing 56¼ acres, and lying on Buck Hill, adjoining the lands of John W. Hogshead, Chesley Kinney, Michael Snider and others, in Augusta county. This tract is finely timbered and supposed to contain iron ore.

Terms, CASH or on time as may suit the purchaser. JOSEPH S. SHUMATE,
Feb 2—4ts Commissioner.

SUPERIOR GRAZING FARM FOR SALE.

Situated in Pocahontas county, on Elk, (Old Field Fork,) belonging formerly to J. M. Hogshead, containing

SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES,

a large portion of Bottom Land, and about 300 acres cleared, two good dwelling houses on the same and other improvements.
S. C. ROBINSON,
Feb 9—1mo Richmond, Va.

$100 REWARD—HORSE STOLEN.—Stolen, from the subscriber's stable, 2 miles South of Bridgewater, Rockingham county, on the night of the 5th of January last

A Dark Blood Bay Horse,

about 12 years old, near 16 hands high, of good form and sound limbs, except the right hind leg just above the hoof, on the outside of which is a hard growth resembling half an oyster shell which causes him at times to limp considerably; he is, at other times, free of lameness.

I will pay $100 reward for his return, or information, addressed to me at Bridgewater, by which the horse may be obtained.
Feb 9—3t cost $12 HENRY H. WYANT.

☞ Staunton Spectator insert 3 times, mark cost and charge this office.—*Register.*

HORSE STOLEN—$200 REWARD.—The subscriber had a horse stolen from him, in Staunton, on Friday, the 5th inst., of the following description: He was a dark dun, with heavy black mane and tail, seven years old, and about 16 hands high. Both hind feet white to the pastern joint and a little white in the forehead, with the face slightly dished, and several white spots caused by the saddle. The saddle, bridle, and blanket were taken with the horse. The saddle was cushioned on the skirt, but on one skirt the cushion had been torn off. The bridle had a double head-stall, though a single rein. The blanket was a new grey one with a small quantity cut off one corner. The reward of $100 will be given for the horse and trappings, and $200 for the recovery of the horse and the apprehension of the thief. Address GEORGE SHUEY,
Feb 9—tf Staunton, Va.

HORSE STOLEN—$100 REWARD.—About the latter part of October last, near Huntersville, in Pocahontas county, the subscriber had a Mare stolen of the following description: She was a black mare, about 14 years old, with a little white near the hoof on the right hind leg, she had a lump on the back caused by the saddle. She paces well. He has reason to believe that she is in Augusta County. He will give $100 reward for the recovery of the mare. He lives on Mr. Hull's land near Dr. Hendren's and his address is
Feb 9—3ts* SILVESTER MITCHELL,
Churchville, Augusta county, Va.

HORSE STOLEN—$100 REWARD.—On Friday, the 5th inst., I lost, in Staunton, a Horse, about fifteen hands high. He is perfectly black, except his right hind foot, which has a little white. He also has a place on his left side which has been burnt with lime and caused the hair to turn red. He is three years old past—four next Spring. He, also, has a cavalry saddle on him and a common stiff bit bridle; also a halter put together with copper rivets. Any one returning the above horse to me shall have fifty dollars reward, and the horse with the thief one hundred dollars.
Feb 9—tf PETER STROUSE.

NOTICE.—The undersigned is authorized to purchase supplies for Central Lunatic Asylum, and to execute his bond, as Steward, payable without interest, on demand, or at the expiration of the war as the seller may prefer. He invites proposals for Flour, Corn, Rye, Potatoes, Molasses and other articles needful for sustenance, also for wood.
SAMUEL A. HOSHOUR,
Feb 16—3ts Steward C. L. Asylum.
Vindicator, Rock. Register and Lex. Gazette copy 3t, and send account to Central Lunatic Asylum.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE IN VIRGINIA.—Whereas, the condition of the country still renders a regular session of our Conference impracticable, as it did in 1862 and 1863, you are hereby invited to meet in Bridgewater, Va., on the second Thursday in March next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to transact such business as may be proper. E. R. VEITCH.
Feb 9—tm
Staunton Spectator and Vindicator and other papers copy tm.—Rock Register.

WANTED to hire for the remainder of this year a servant without incumbrance who is a first rate cook, washer and ironer, and who can come recommended for honesty. For such, the highest price will be paid. Apply to this office.
Feb 2—tf K-

A VALUABLE NEGRO BOY FOR HIRE, aged 13 or 14 years. A situation in the Country required.
Enquire of WOODS & GILKESON.
Feb 9—tf

MILITARY BILL.

"SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this act all white men, residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of seventeen and fifty, shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war.

"SECTION 2. That all the persons aforesaid, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, now in service, shall be retained during the present war with the United States, in the same regiments, battalions and companies to which they belong at the passage of this act, with the same organization and officers, unless regularly transferred or discharged, in accordance with the laws and regulations for the government of the army: *Provided*, that companies from one State, organized against their consent, expressed at the time, with regiments or battalions from another State shall have the privilege of being transferred to organizations of troops, in the same arm of the service, from the States in which said companies were raised; and the soldiers from one State in companies from another State, shall be allowed, if they desire it, a transfer to organizations from their own States, in the same arm of the service.

"SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted*, That at the expiration of six months from the first day of April next, a bounty of one hundred dollars in a six per cent. Government bond, which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue, shall be paid to every non commissioned officer, musician and private who then shall be in the service, or in the event of his death, previous to the period of such payment, then to the person or persons who would be entitled by law to receive the arrearages of his pay; but no one shall be entitled to the bounty herein provided, who shall at any time, during the period of six months next after the said first day of April, be absent from his command without leave.

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted*, That no person shall be relieved from the operation of this act by reason of having been heretofore discharged from the army, where no disability now exists; nor shall those who have furnished substitutes be any longer exempted by reason thereof: *Provided*, that no person, heretofore exempted on account of religious opinions and who have paid the tax levied to relieve him from service shall be required to render military service under this act.

"SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all white male residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of seventeen and eighteen and forty-five and fifty years, shall enroll themselves at such times and places, and under such regulations, as the President may prescribe, the time allowed not being less than thirty days for those east, and sixty days for those west of the Mississippi river, and any person who shall fail to enroll himself without a reasonable excuse therefor to be judged of by the President, shall be placed in service in the field for the war, in the same manner as though they were between the ages of eighteen and forty-five: *Provided* that the persons mentioned in this section shall constitute a reserve for State defence and detail duty and shall not be required to perform service out of the State in which they reside.

"SECTION 6. That all persons required by the fifth section of this act to enroll themselves, may within thirty days after the passage thereof, east of the Mississippi river, and within sixty days, if west of said river, form themselves into voluntary organizations of companies, battalions, or regiments, and elect their own officers; said organizations to conform to the existing laws; and having so organized, to tender their services as volunteers during the war to the President; and if such organizations shall furnish proper muster rolls, as now organized, and deposite a copy thereof with the enrolling officer of their district, which shall be equivalent to enrollment, they may be accepted as minute men for service in such State, but in no event to be taken out of it. Those who do not so volunteer and organize, shall enroll themselves as before provided; and may, by the President, be required to assemble at convenient places of rendezvous, and be formed or organized into companies, battalions and regiments, under regulations to be prescribed by him; and shall have the right to elect their company and regimental officers; and all troops organized under this act for State defence, shall be entitled, while in actual service to the same pay and allowance as troops now in the field.

SECTION 7. That any person who shall fail to attend at the place of rendezvous as required by the authority of the President, without a sufficient excuse, to be judged of by him, shall be liable to be placed in service in the field for the war, as if he were between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.

"SECTION 8. That hereafter the duties of provost and hospital guards and clerks, and of clerks guards, agents, employees or laborers in the Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments, in the Ordnance Bureau, and clerks and employees of navy agents, as also in the execution of the enrollment act, and all similar duties, shall be performed by persons who are within the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, and who by the report of a Board of army surgeons shall be reported as unable to perform active service in the field, but capable of performing some of the above said duties, specifying which, and when those persons shall have been assigned to those duties as far as practible, the President shall assign or detail to their performance such bodies of troops, or individuals, required to be enrolled under the fifth section of this act, as may be needed for the discharge of such duties: *Provided*, that persons between the ages of seventeen and eighteen shall be assigned to those duties: *Provided further*, that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the President from detailing artizans, mechanics, or persons of scientific skill, to perform indispensable duties in the departments or bureaus herein mentioned.

"SECTION 9. That any Quartermaster, or Assistant-Quartermaster, Commissary, or Assistant Commissary (other than those serving with brigades or regiments in the field,) or officers in the Ordnance Bureau, or Navy Agents, or Provost Marshal, or officer in the conscript service, who shall hereafter employ or retain in his employment any person in any of the duties mentioned in the eighth section of this act, in violation of the provisions thereof, shall, on conviction thereof by a court-martial or military court be cashiered; and it shall be the duty of any department or district commander, upon proof, by the oath of any credible person, that any such officer has violated this provision, immediately to relieve such officer from duty; and said commanders shall take prompt measures to have him tried for such offence; and any commander as aforesaid failing to perform the duties enjoined by this section, shall, upon being duly convicted thereof, be discharged from the service.

"SECTION 10. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws granting exemptions from military service be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and hereafter none shall be exempted except the following:

"1. All who shall be held unfit for military service, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

"2. The Vice-President of the Confederate States, the members and officers of Congress and of the several State Legislatures, and such other Confederate and State officers as the President, or the Governor of the respective States, may certify to be necessary for the proper administration of the Confederate or State Governments, as the case may be.

"3. Every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his church, and who, at the passage of this act, shall be regularly employed in discharge of his ministerial duties; superintendents and physicians of asylums for the deaf, dumb, and blind, and of the insane; one editor for each newspaper being published at the time of this act, and such employees as said editor may certify, on oath, to be indispensable to the publication of such newspaper; the public printer of the Confederate and State Governments, and such journeymen printers as the said public printer shall certify, on oath, to be indispensable to perform the public printing; one skilled apothecary in each apothecary store, who was doing business as such on the 10th day of October, 1862 and has continued said business, without intermission, since that period; all physicians over the age of thirty years, who now are, and for the last seven years have been, in the actual and regular practice of their profession, but the term physician shall not include dentists; all presidents and teachers of colleges, theological seminaries, academies and schools, who have been regularly engaged as such for two years next before the passage of this act: *Provided*, That the benefit of this exemption shall extend to those teachers only whose schools are composed of twenty students or more. All superintendents of public hospitals, established by law before the passage of this act, and such physicians and nurses therein as such superintendents shall certify on oath, to be indispensable to the proper and efficient management thereof.

"4. There shall be exempt one person as owner or agriculturist on each farm or plantation upon which there are now, and were on the 1st day of January last, fifteen able-bodied field hands, between the ages of sixteen and fifty, upon the following conditions:

"1. This exemption shall only be granted in cases in which there is no white male adult on the farm or plantation not liable to military service, nor unless the person claiming the exemption was on the first day of January, 1864, either the owner and manager or overseer of said plantation, but in no case shall more than one person be exempted for one farm or plantation.

"2. Such person shall first execute a bond, payable to the Confederate States of America, in such form, and with such security, and in such penalty as the Secretary of War may prescribe, conditioned that he will deliver to the Government at some railroad depot, or such other place or places as may be designated by the Secretary of War within twelve months next ensuing, one hundred pounds of bacon, or at the election of the Government, its equivalent in pork, and one hundred pounds of net beef (said beef to be delivered on foot) for each able-bodied slave on said farm or plantation, within the above said ages, whether said slaves are in the field or not, which said bacon or pork and beef shall be paid for by the Government at the prices fixed by the Commissioners of the State under the impressment act: *Provided*, that when the person thus exempted shall produce satisfactory evidence that it has been impossible for him, by the exercise of proper diligence, to furnish the amount of meat thus contracted for, and leave an adequate supply for the subsistence of those living on the said farm or plantation, the Secretary of Warhall direct a commutation of the same, to the extent of two-thirds thereof in grain or other provisions, to be delivered by such persons as aforesaid at equivalent rates.

"3 Such person shall further bind himself to sell the marketable surplus of provisions and grain now on hand, and which he may raise from year to year while his exemption continues, to the Government or to the families of soldiers, at prices fixed by the Commissioners of the State under the impressment act: *Provided*, that any person exempted as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a credit of twenty-five per cent, on any Am't. of meat which he may deliver within three months from the passage of this act: *Provided further*, that persons coming within the provisions of this exemption shall not be deprived of the benefit thereof by reason of having been enrolled since the first day of February, 1864.

"4. In addition to the foregoing exemptions, the Secretary of War, under the direction of the President may exempt or detail such other persons as he may be satisfied ought to be exempted on account of public necessity, and to insure the production of grain and other provisions for the army and families of soldiers. He may also grant exemptions or details, on such terms as he may prescribe, to such overseers, farmers or planters as he may be satisfied will be more useful to the country in the pursuits of agriculture than in the military service: *Provided* that such exemption shall cease whenever the farmer, planter or overseers shall fail diligently to employ, in good faith, his own skill, capital and labor exclusively in the production of grain and provisions, to be sold to the Government and the families of soldiers at prices not exceeding those fixed at the time for like articles by the Commissioners of the State under the Impressment Act.

"5. The president, treasurer, auditor and superintendent of any railroad company engaged in transportation for the Government, and such officers and employees thereof as the president or superintendent shall certify on oath to be indispensable to the efficient operation of said railroad: *Provided*, that the number of persons so exempted by this act on any railroad shall not exceed one person for each mile of such road in actual use for military transportation; and said exempts shall be reported by name and description, with the names of any who may have left the employment of said company, or who may cease to be indispensable.

"That nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing the act approved April the 14th, 1863, entitled an act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States, and the drivers of post coaches and hacks, from military service: *Provided* that all exemptions granted under this act shall only continue whilst the the persons exempted are actually engaged in their respective pursuits or occupation.

"SECTION 11. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant details under general rules and regulations to be issued from the War Department, either of persons between forty-five and fifty years of age, or from the army in the field, in all cases where, in his judgment, justice, equity and necessity require such details, and he may revoke such order of details whenever he thinks proper: *Provided*, that the power herein granted to the President to make details and exemptions shall not be construed to authorize the exemption or detail of any contractor for furnishing supplies of any kind to the Government, by reason of said contract, unless the head or secretary of the department making such contract shall certify that the personal services of such contractor are indispensable to the execution of said contract:—*Providing further*, Whenever any such contractor shall fail, diligently and faithfully, to proceed with the execution of such contract, his exemption or detail shall cease.

"SECTION 12 That in appointing local boards of surgeons for the examination of persons liable to military service, no member composing the same shall be appointed from the county or enrolling district in which they are required to make such examination.

THE TAX BILL.

AN ACT, TO LAY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR THE COMMON DEFENCE AND SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Sec. 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America, do enact:* That in addition to the taxes levied by the "act to lay taxes for the common defence and to carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved 24th of April, 1863, there shall be levied from the passage of this act, on the subject of taxation hereafter mentioned, and collected from every person, co-partnership, association or corporation liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit:

I. Upon the value of property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted or taxed at a different rate, five per cent. *Provided*, That from this tax on value of property, employed in agriculture, shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind delivered therefrom, as assessed under the law imposing it, and delivered to the Government. *Provided*, That no credit shall be allowed beyond five per cent.

II On the value of gold and silver wares and plate, jewels, jewelry, and watches, ten per cent.

III. The value