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The subject of the defence of James river cannot be too often and too earnestly pressed upon the attention of the Confederate authorities and the people of this city. In the very beginning of the contest—indeed, before the famous Palmetto alarm, we called attention to the imperative necessity of powerful fortifications upon this river, never doubting that the approach of the enemy to Richmond would be by the Peninsula, supported by a powerful fleet.

But if, at the beginning of the war, we might invoke (as we long invoked in vain) the attention of our people to the thorough fortification of James river, how much more so now with the lights of the present contest. Nevertheless the Yankee gunboats have penetrated our fortifications, with the exception of Donelson, have been silenced, an exception which proves what powerful guns and good gunnery can effect.

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Can able-bodied men be substituted? Legally they can; and on the grounds of patriotism and morality, as judged by obvious common sense, they should. The class of individuals mentioned, in the present war every interest is at stake; property of all kinds, and the very life of the nation as well as state sovereignty, are being set upon, and human rights become null and void.

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NOTES OF THE WAR.

The Battle in Arkansas—Mr. Yancy's Speech in New Orleans—Cotton Planting, &c., &c.

The Little Hook Tree Doctor, of March 15, has a letter from Fort Smith, which pays the following tribute to our brave commander who recently fell in the bloody battle of Arkansas.

The noble and brave McCulloch has fallen. No nobler blood will flow, no better man will yield up his life for the liberty of the South.

Gov. Pickens has issued a proclamation to the planters of South Carolina, urging them to raise an abundance of provisions in lieu of the usual cotton crop.

It is a noble and patriotic people, and a noble and patriotic people, and a noble and patriotic people, and a noble and patriotic people.

The N. O. Plebeians say. The 'ol (not general) Habert who is reported to have also fallen in the bloody strife of Arkansas.

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