

Late Northern News.

Yankee Estimate of our Loss at Vicksburg.

The Confederacy to be Recognized by Napoleon.

Richmond, July 14. The Baltimore American of Saturday evening, on the authority of a telegram from New York, claims 27,000 prisoners captured at Vicksburg, 102 field pieces, 30 siege guns, 50,000 stand of arms, and 57 stand of colors. Only one hundred and fifty men of the garrison were reported fit for duty.

Boonsboro' July 11th, a. m. All is quiet at the front this morning, and there does not seem to be much probability of a general engagement to-day.

The rebels during the night have entirely changed their front, having abandoned Hagerstown and Funkstown, and fallen back to St. James' College, which is about four miles from the Potomac. Their new lines extend from the College to the river, about two miles this side of Williamsport.

The Philadelphia "Inquirer" contains the following important item:

"Our European files by the Asia contain the important information that Gen. Forfeit, of the French army, had left Paris for Mexico, bearing despatches from the Emperor to General Foray, in which he was ordered that when he entered the city of Mexico he should issue a proclamation announcing Napoleon's intention to recognize the Davis Government. This news is contained in "La France," of Paris, the special organ of the Empress Eugenie and the High Church party of France." After the fall of Vicksburg Grant sent ten thousand men to Banks, and afterwards twenty thousand. Gen. Morgan, with 5000 men, will push his raid in Indiana, moving towards New Albany, where large supplies are stored. Great excitement prevails. A call is issued for fifty thousand men. Nothing from the flotilla in James River this morning.

From Jackson, Mississippi.

JACKSON, July 11.—Another day has passed without an engagement. In the morning the enemy threw a force on our right, threatening to flank Gen. Featherston. Buford was sent to reinforce him, and drove the enemy back after half an hour's hard fighting. Gen. Buford lost sixty men, principally of the 7th and 8th Kentucky regiments. The enemy then withdrew from our right, and in the afternoon made a demonstration on our left and centre. Van Amburg's brigade repulsed them after a hard fight. Our loss to-day is about 200. The enemy is still fortifying.

[SECOND DISPATCH.] JACKSON, July 11—11 P. M.—The enemy are still concentrating on our right, to reach Pearl river. Our forces have just driven them back in the centre, and burned the houses occupied by their sharpshooters.

[THIRD DISPATCH.] JACKSON, July 12.—The enemy opened fire at six o'clock this morning from his batteries on our left, and at eight o'clock A. M. rained shells upon the city. The enemy made a charge, and the "Washington Artillery and Cobb's battery repulsed them with heavy loss, taking 300 prisoners and three stand of colors. Adams' and Stovall's brigades acted gallantly. The enemy are now moving around our right. Scouts report that Burnside is crossing Birdsong's ferry with two divisions. Col. Withers, an old citizen, was killed by a shell.

The Attack on Charleston.

The War Department yesterday received the following despatch from Gen. Beauregard: CHARLESTON, July 13, 1863. To General S. Cooper, A. & L. G.: Nothing new since yesterday; the enemy establishing batteries for long range guns on middle of Morris Island, aided by five monitors and three wooden gun-boats firing on batteries Wagner and Gregg, on north end of Morris Island. (Signed.) G. T. BEAUREGARD.

Reported Fall of Port Hudson.

The following despatch was received at the War Department yesterday: MOBILE, July 13, 1863. Gen'l Cooper, A. & L. G.: The New Orleans Era, of the 10th, announces the unconditional surrender of Port Hudson at 6 o'clock on the 9th inst. (Signed.) GEO. G. GARNER, Chief of Staff.

Roscrans is stuck fast in the mud, and can't advance because his provision and ammunition trains can't follow.

\$100 Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 18th of May, his boy BILEY. He is 23 years old, heavy built, about 5 ft. 6 inches high, weighs about 170 lbs., remarkably white, would pass for a white man, with straight brown hair, and has a large scar from a burn on either the right or left side about the waist. He was seen in Pulaski county on the 11th inst., passing himself for a white man, and saying he was on his way to Kentucky, and should go by way of Bristol. He had on a black wool hat, soldiers' gray roundabout, with one brass button in front, marked with the letter J, and brown jeans pants. I will pay the above reward if confined so that I can get him. Surt's 28th Va. Battalion, Preston's Brig., Abingdon. July 17—14.

DEPOSITORY, C. S. A., Abingdon, July 16, 1863.

HOLDERS of Certificates issued from this office for Bonds, are hereby notified that the Bonds for Certificates issued prior to the 2d of May, will be issued to the holders on and after the 22d inst., when the Certificates are presented properly endorsed. JAS. K. GIBSON, 4w. Depository.

\$50 REWARD.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 2d inst., a Negro Boy named ALFRED, 16 years old, not a very dark black, weighs 120 lbs., took away with him a Yankee cap, and a black cotton cap, dark pants, and no coat. Supposed to be making his way to Kentucky, and is probably in company with another black man who left the neighborhood about the same time. I will give for his apprehension and confinement so that I can get him, Fifty Dollars reward. STEPHEN CARTER, New Canton, Tenn. July 17—4w.

OBITUARIES.

Departed this life, on the 27th of June, at her residence in New Garden, Russell county, Va., Mrs. SUSAN COMBS, in the 58th year of her age. This noble and christian lady has been removed by the righteous dispensations of a wise Providence, from the chequered scenes of an earthly career, and transplanted in a more friendly and congenial clime above.

The writer of this brief notice had been intimately acquainted with the deceased, and can, with confidence, say that she was an "Israelite in whom there was no guile."

She had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for several years. Her illness, though painful and distressing in the extreme, she bore with great resignation, and was entirely submissive to the will of her Heavenly Father. Under the excruciating suffering of her disease, she was not heard to murmur or repine, but fortitude and patience marked her dying bed, in a most remarkable degree. In the relations of life, her unassuming modesty and unobtrusive merits, shed a lustre over her private and social virtues.

As a wife, the unobscured grief of a bereaved husband, plainly indicates her genuine worth and attests her sterling merits; as a mother, tenderness, kindness and mildness distinguished her general deportment, and as a neighbor, hospitality, gentleness and sociability formed some of the most striking traits of her character. This visitation of Providence will long be felt and remembered in her neighborhood. It has left a void that never can be filled. But alas, she is gone. Her spirit has fled to the spirit land. The loss of her disconsolate husband and numerous friends, is her eternal gain. J. N. M.

Died, near Green Spring, on Sunday morning, the 28th of June, MARGARET S., daughter of Robert and Mary Graham, aged 11 years and 20 days. Dear sister,

"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee, Though sorrow and darkness encompass the tomb; The Saviour has passed through its portals before thee, And the lamp of His love is thy guide through the gloom."

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

A PROCLAMATION.

THE frequent and destructive raids of the enemy render it necessary that the reserves of our population, capable of military service, should be employed for local defence, and for repelling, with deserved punishment, those engaged in such invasions.

For this purpose I have received a requisition from the President of the Confederate States for eight thousand men, to be furnished from this State for service therein, for six months from the first day of August next. I am informed, at the same time, by the Secretary of War, that the Congress has passed an act authorizing the President to accept the services of volunteers, to serve for such time as he may prescribe, for the defence of exposed localities, or such special service as he may deem expedient; that the President prefers to accept such volunteers in lieu of the militia, and that any number of men rendered under that law will be deducted from the requisition for the militia.

But it being impossible for me to ascertain, at this time, what number will choose to organize themselves under the act of Congress referred to, I feel it to be my duty to aid the President, as far as the power of the Executive extends, to provide for the necessary home defence; and for that purpose I do hereby proclaim, that the militia of this Commonwealth, between the ages of 40 and 45 years, now liable to militia duty, shall forthwith be organized and hold themselves ready for duty by the first day of August next.

To this end, all commandants of regiments of the militia of the line within the Commonwealth, will cause their respective commands to be immediately summoned, appointing time and place of meeting for the purpose of electing company and field officers for making out mental districts, consolidating companies when below the minimum strength, perfecting their organization as far as practicable, and making a full report of the strength and condition of their commands as soon as possible to the Adjutant General. It becomes each private to prepare himself for a six months tour of duty, and to be prompt in his preparations. It is incumbent upon the officers to perform the preliminary duties, necessary to effect this organization with efficiency and zeal. Additional orders will be issued by the first day of August, appointing the places of rendezvous and designating the officers for mustering them into service.

If the voluntary organization referred to be accepted, it will diminish the number of the militia called for, and those who adopt it will have the privilege of remaining at home in the pursuit of their ordinary avocations, unless when called on for a temporary emergency to perform for a more limited time active duty.

It is necessary that the people of the Commonwealth, who have heretofore cheerfully borne all the discomforts and privations incident to an invaded territory, and to the heartlessness of an unscrupulous and worse than savage foe should exert themselves still further to protect their property and their homes with their cherished inmates. I doubt not they will be found now, as heretofore, equal to the emergency.—They will prove to our enemies that the gulf that severed us has widened and become impassable, and that the breach cannot be re-united and will demonstrate to the world that we are imitating and endeavoring to excel our fathers in detestation of tyranny and tyrants in our determination to be independent and free.

Given under my hand as Governor, L. S. and under the seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 13th day of June, 1863, and in the eighty-seventh year of the Commonwealth. JNO. LETCHER.

By the Governor: GEO. W. MUMFORD, Sec'y of the Commonwealth. July 17, 1863—2w

Runaway in Jail.

TAKEN up on the 13th inst., a slave who calls himself Sam Strange, formerly of Winchester, Va., and says he was sold at Richmond on the 11th inst., to a man by the name of Steel, somewhere in the mountains. He left his master at Marion on Sunday last, the 12th. He is about 25 years old, between a black and copper color, with a tooth out of each lower jaw, without scars, except one on his back caused by an axe, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, talks slightly through his nose, dressed in rather Yankee style, and had \$3.50 in silver with him. The owner is notified to come forward, prove property and take him away. W. W. BARKER, Jailor W. C. July 17—3t

A Negro Boy for Sale.

I WILL sell on the 27th inst., Court day, at the Court House, a likely Negro Boy, 14 years of age. Cash. J. L. F. CAMPBELL, July 17, 1863—2w Auctioneer.

Attention Volunteers!

THE undersigned is desirous (by authority of the Secretary of War) to organize a Regiment of Cavalry for local defence and special service—the companies to be formed within the limits of the 18th Congressional District, and composed of persons not within the age of conscription, (18 and 40.) The organization of the Regiment will conform to that prescribed for a Regiment in the Provisional Army. The minimum number for a Company, 60 rank and file, and ten Companies in the Regiment. Members of Companies furnish their own horses, for which they receive pay while in service. Arms and equipments will be furnished by the Confederate States. The Regiment is expected to serve only in cases of emergency, and when that no longer exists, the members return to their ordinary pursuits, being exempt from all calls of Militia.

The subscriber would be pleased to confer with individuals who are disposed to enter such a Regiment, or organize Companies for it. It has many advantages over the Militia organization. Time is limited, and it must be organized quickly if at all. R. P. CARSON, Late Lt. Col. 87th Regt. Va. Vols. Abingdon, July 10, 1863.

ATTENTION!

HAVING been authorized to recruit men for either the Cavalry or Infantry service, we are now ready to receive their names. Persons can have choice of the service. These companies are to be attached to the Brigade of Gen. Williams, which is designed to operate in this part of the State.

Persons who may desire to join either of these Companies, will do so at once, otherwise they will be enrolled in the Militia the 1st of August. We will be in Abingdon at the July Court. R. WRIGHT, JAS. W. VERMILLION, En. Officers for Brigade. July 17, 1863—2t

HEAD QRS. 64th VA. REGT., Near Abingdon, Va., July 14th, 1863. \$30 REWARD.

THE legal reward of \$30 each will be paid for the apprehension of William Combs, Solomon H. Combs, Franklin Ingle, Thomas H. Garrett, Gordon Gibson, Pierce Napier, Calvin Olinger, Joseph L. Venable, Henry M. Yeary, Thomas Spurlock, John B. Gibson, Robert Napier and William D. Yeary, deserters from Co. K, 64th Va. Regt., all residing in Lee county, Va.; and Andrew J. Crager, John W. Dickenson, Joseph M. Elkins, Jonathan Hunsucker, John Hughes, Solomon Blessing, George Ison, Edmund Ison, John W. Stidham, Joel Sturzill, John Sturzill, Ira Stidham, William M. Collier, Absalom Gilley and Reason Joseph, also deserters from Co. K, 64th Va. Regt., residing in Wisp county, Va.; and David Young, in Hancock county, Tenn., Joel L. Barker in Scott county, Va.

The above reward will be paid when any of the above-named deserters are forwarded to this Regiment, and expenses paid, or \$30 if confined in jail and notified of the same. It is hoped the citizens will aid in bringing these men to justice. GEORGE N. TYLER, Capt. Comdg. Co. K, 64th Va. Regt. July 17, 1863—3w

HEAD QRS. 64th VA. REGIMENT, July 14th, 1863. \$240 REWARD.

THE legal reward of \$30 each will be paid for the apprehension of Levi Grubb, William Shelton, Andrew Johnson and John Harris, deserters from Co. F, 64th Va. Regt. They reside in Lee county, Va., and Simeon Belcher, John D. Weston, Ransom Sullins and Samuel Young, residing in Sullivan county, Tenn. THOMAS MILLER, Capt. Co. F, 64th Va. Regt. July 17, 1863—3w

Valuable Little Farm FOR SALE.

ON the first day of August Court, the subscriber will offer for sale to the highest bidder, before the Court House door in Abingdon, the Farm on which he now resides, 11 miles west of Abingdon, and 5 miles east of Bristol. It contains 150 acres, about one-third of which is timbered, the balance all in grass and in good condition. There is a new brick residence on the premises not quite finished, all necessary out houses, and fine Apple and Peach Orchards.—The land is of good quality, and the whole place in excellent repair. Terms made known on day of sale. JAS. L. F. CAMPBELL. July 17, 1863—tds

THE fourth number, with a supplement of four extra pages, appears to-day, (Thursday), July 9th, 1863.

Articles from Fraser's Magazine, Blackwood and other Foreign Journals, are among its contents. The object of this paper is to supply for the Confederate States a Niles' Weekly Register and Littell's Living Age combined.

It gives all important information concerning the Army and Navy, a chronicle of events, Postal and Patent Office intelligence, able Financial articles, and a select literary banquet of Poems, Essays, Sketches, &c.

Its circulation already ensures its brilliant success. Subscription, \$10 per annum; \$6 for six months; invariably in advance. Address WEST & JOHNSTON, Publishers, 145 Main Street, Richmond, Va. July 17, 1863—1t

STOLEN

FROM the undersigned, at Saltville, on the 18th of June, 1863, a Roan Mare, about 15 hands high, seven or eight years old, the point of each shoulder was skinned by the collar, the hair rubbed off her rump just above the root of her tail about as big as a hat crown, black mane and tail, with black hoofs, except one white hind hoof, not remembered which, with a small star in the forehead. Fifty dollars reward will be paid for her delivery to me on Clear Fork, 12 miles east of Tazewell Court House, or \$25 for information that will lead to her recovery. Address SAMUEL WALKER, Croftsville, Tazewell county, Va. July 17, 1863—1m

\$25 REWARD.

RANAWAY in April last, a negro boy by the name of BOB, about 12 years old. A dark mulatto with gray eyes, the last heard from, he was on the stage road between Glade Spring and Seven Mile Ford, and supposed to be making his way toward Appomattox county, where he came from. He belonged to the estate of the late Rev. W. W. Slickley. I will give the above reward for his apprehension, or information by which I can get him. JAS. EAKIN, Forks P. O., Washington co., Va. July 10, 1863—3t

VIRGINIA:—At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Grayson county, on the first Monday in July, 1863: Ferriba Willits, Plaintiff, AGAINST Hiram Higgins and Polly his wife, Richard Bongris and Ann his wife, Isaac Collins and Catharine his wife, Defendants. IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to sell two negro men of the estate of Mrs. Willits. It appearing from an affidavit filed, that the defendants in this suit as above stated, are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, on motion of the plaintiff by her attorney, it is ordered that the said defendants do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest; and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks, in the Abingdon Virginian, a newspaper printed in the town of Abingdon, and posted on the front door of Grayson Court House on the first day of the next County Court. A Copy.—Teste, F. J. LUNDY, c. c. July 17, 1863—4w

VIRGINIA:—At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Grayson county, on the first Monday in July, 1863: David Garrison, Complainant, AGAINST Mary Garrison, John Dickenson, Benjamin Shoope and Polly his wife, Peyton D. Shoope, Isaac Shoope, Abraham Wampler & Hesteranna his wife, Garrison Shoope, Sarah Shoope, Martha Shoope, Rufus Shoope and Lee Shoope, Defendants. IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit, (so far as the absent defts. are concerned,) is to obtain a confirmation by the Court of assignments of interests in slaves made by the absent defts. to the complainant, and also to procure a decree for the division of the assigned and other slaves. It appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause, that the defendants, Peyton D. Shoope and Isaac Shoope, are non-residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on motion of the plaintiff by his attorney, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest; and that a copy of this order be published once a week, for four successive weeks, in the Abingdon Virginian, a newspaper printed in the town of Abingdon, and posted on the front door of Grayson Court House, on the first day of the next County Court. A Copy.—Teste, JAS. W. BALLARD, d. c. July 17, 1863—4w

VIRGINIA:—At a Circuit Court held for Grayson county, at the Court House, on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1863: Dennis Fielder & als, vs. B. B. Roberts, surviving partner of the firm of Jenkins, Roberts & Co., UPON A WRIT OF ERROR.

The object of this suit, (a writ of error,) is to reverse a judgment of Grayson County Court. It appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause, that the defendant is a non-resident of Virginia, on motion of the plaintiffs by their attorney, it is ordered that he do appear here on the first day of the next term of this Court, and do what is necessary to protect his interest; and that a copy of this order be published once a week, for four successive weeks, in the Abingdon Virginian, a newspaper printed in the town of Abingdon, and posted on the front door of Grayson Court House, on the first day of the next County Court. A Copy.—Teste, JAS. W. BALLARD, d. c. July 17, 1863—4w

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Certificate.

WE have received many letters from all parts of the Confederacy similar to the following, but for want of space we cannot give them publicity. This however is sufficient to dispell any skepticism. F. E. G. LINDSEY.

CHAFIN'S BLUFF, VA. April 23, 1863. Mr. F. E. G. Lindsey: Sir—I have received your circular explaining the Chinese Art of catching fish, have tried it to my satisfaction and am thoroughly convinced that it is what you propose to sell. July, 10th 1862.—3w JOEL W. PARISH.

VIRGINIA:—At a Court continued and held for Washington county, the 3d day of July, 1863.

Ordered that Thomas G. McConnell, William R. Rhea and Robert C. Allison, be and they are hereby appointed County Agents for the distribution of the portion of salt, which will be due to Washington county from John N. Clarkson, the Superintendent of the State Saltworks at Saltville, for the State of Virginia. Thomas G. McConnell is hereby authorized to issue Certificates to citizens residing in the bounds of the Magisterial Districts, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9; William R. Rhea is hereby authorized to issue Certificates to citizens residing in District No. 3, and Robert C. Allison is hereby authorized to issue Certificates to citizens residing in Districts Nos. 6, 7 and 8. It is further ordered that each one of the County Agents aforesaid shall keep a record of the Certificates which he may issue, with the number and date thereof, and the person to whom issued, and for whose benefit, and receive the money for the said Salt from each one to whom a Certificate may be issued, at the rate of Two dollars per bushel, and pay over the said money to John N. Clarkson, State Superintendent every week. It is further ordered that no orders shall be issued by the County Agents for a less amount than ten bushels of salt, as orders for a less amount will not be paid at Saltville by the Superintendent; and each Agent is to receive a reasonable compensation for his trouble, which will be fixed by the Court. And it is also further ordered that the faith of Washington county is hereby pledged to the said John N. Clarkson, State Superintendent for said country's proportion of Salt, under the present distribution. A Copy.—Teste, JOHN G. KREGER, c. c. July 10, 1863—4w

SALT NOTICE.

THE citizens of Washington county residing within the limits of civil districts, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 are informed that I will commence issuing certificates for their allowances of Salt on Monday, the 20th of this month, (July,) in obedience to the foregoing order of the County Court. No certificate for less than 10 bushels Salt is allowed, it is, therefore, desirable for as large a number of neighbors as practicable to combine, in order to reduce the number of certificates, and they are also particularly requested to be prompt in making application to me between the 20th July and the 10th day of August next. T. G. MCCONNELL, Agt. July 10, 1863.

MARTHAWASHINGTON COLLEGE

WILL commence its next Annual Session, the 13th of August, 1863. The President will be assisted by an efficient corps of Instructors in the several departments of the College. The price of almost every article of provisions having advanced one thousand per cent. above former prices, the Directors of the College are therefore compelled to increase very largely the rate of charges. The following will be the charges for the Fall Term, beginning the 13th of August, and closing the 25th December, 1863:

For Board and Tuition, \$265.00 For Tuition in Preparatory Course, 90.00 " " Collegiate Course, 40.00 " " Music, 40.00 " Contingent Fee, 3.00 " Matriculation Fee, 3.00 " Use of Piano, 4.00

Each Boarder will be required to furnish her own light. For this purpose, let each pupil bring with her a few pounds of candles.

All pupils entering in the month of August will be charged for Board and Tuition from the beginning of the term. All pupil entering within the first two months, will be charged for Tuition from the beginning of the term.

No deduction for Board or Tuition on account of the absence of the pupil, unless her absence is caused by protracted sickness.

Patrons who will furnish the College provisions at old prices, can have board at \$10 per month, and Tuition at the same diminished rate. For further information, Address WM. A. HARRIS. July 10, 1863.

\$150 REWARD.

STOLEN from my stable, near Taylorsville, Johnson county, Tenn., on the night of the 3d of July, 1863, a Black Mare, about 15 1/2 hands high, 9 years old, with a small lump on her Right hind leg just above the hoof; also an Iron Gray Horse, 4 years old, with very little mane. I will give the above reward for the delivery of the horses, or \$75 for either, and \$75 dollars for the thief. J. W. McQUEEN. July 10, 1863—1t

Shoemakers Wanted.

TWO good Shoe and Boot Makers wanted.—Constant employment and good wages given. Only sober men need apply. July 10, 1863. G. W. MANTZ & Co.

WORTH ATTENTION.

ALL the Bricks, Lumber, Iron, &c., in the old College Building on the hill north of Abingdon, will be sold before the Court House door in Abingdon, on the first day of July Court. A bargain may be expected, as the materials will all be sold in a lump, and they are valuable. July 3, 1863—4w.

\$50 REWARD.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, about the 1st of June, a negro boy by the name of SOLOMON, about 14 or 15 years old, copper-color, with his left fore finger off. I will give \$25 reward for his apprehension, if taken in this county, and \$50 if taken out of it. When last heard from, he was going in the direction of Bristol. JNO. M. HAMILTON. July 3, 1863—3t

A Currier Wanted.

I WILL give good wages and constant employment to a good Currier. A man of sober, steady habits is wanted. GEO. V. LITCHFIELD. July 3, 1863—1t

\$50 REWARD.

STOLEN from my pasture, on the night of the 23d of June, a Bay Mare, 4 years old, supposed to be about 15 hands 3 inches high, has a slender neck, square across the hips, and had a small lump on the outside of one of her hind legs, (probably the right,) a few inches above the hock joint. I will pay the above reward for her delivery to me at Glade Spring Church, Washington county, Va., or \$25 for information that will lead to her recovery. Also stolen on the same night, a black quilted saddle, pretty well worn, for the recovery of which, I will pay a suitable reward. E. A. ROBINSON. July 3, 1863—3t

BRUCE & FULKERSON, LEBANON, VA.

HAVE just received a fresh lot of goods, to which they invite the attention of the people. Among other things, they have Calicoes, Domestic, Cotton Yarns, Queensware, Copperas, Brimstone, Sugar, Powder, Lead, &c., &c. Call and see our goods, and buy bargains. Lebanon, June 26, 1863—4t

Ass't Quartermaster General's Office, Richmond, Va. 13th June, 1863.

TAX IN KIND.

TWO FARMERS AND QUARTERMASTERS.

The following is the system adopted for the collection of the tax in kind:

An officer of the Quartermaster General's Department is assigned to the special charge of the subjects. A controlling Quartermaster, with the rank of Major, is assigned to each State, and a Post Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain, to each Congressional District, where it is practicable to collect the tenth.

Each Congressional District will be subdivided by the Post Quartermaster in charge of it into sections, for the convenient delivery by the tax-payer of his quota of produce, and agents will be appointed by that officer to take charge of the depots to be established in each section.

Before these depots can be established, or the assessments required under the law be made, the crops of small grain, hay, and the clip of wool for the present year will have been secured.

To relieve farmers from the risk and inconvenience of storing the Government portion, as well as to obtain immediate supplies for the use of the army, the Department authorizes and requests farmers residing near posts where Quartermasters are now stationed to deliver the government's tenth or any part of it, to that Quartermaster.

Under the law, farmers are required to deliver their tenth at depots not more than eight miles from the place of production. If they will deliver under this request, the Government will pay for the transportation in excess of eight miles. The Quartermaster receiving produce under the rule will give receipts to the producer as evidence that so much of his tax is paid. And as the Post Quartermaster of the Congressional District is responsible for the tenth, after the assessor has established and made it known to him, the Quartermaster to whom the produce is delivered will also receipt for it to the Post Quartermaster of the District who will endorse a copy of the receipt upon the assessor's estimate before transferring it to the agents at the receiving depot.

LARKIN SMITH, Quartermaster Gen'l in charge.

June 26th, 1863—1m