

**Congressional.**

**Richmond, 8th May.**  
The Senate was occupied to-day in the election, by ballot, of the Standing Committees. The Chairmen of the principal committees are: Orr, Foreign Affairs; Barnwell, Finance; Oldham, Commerce; Sparrow, Military Affairs; Brown, Naval Affairs; Hill, Judiciary.  
In the House, Mr. Clinton offered a resolution of investigation of the charges of disloyalty against William R. W. Cobb. Adopted—yeas sixty-nine, nays six. A committee of five was appointed.  
Mr. Cruikshank introduced a bill to repeal the act suspending the writ of Habeas Corpus. Various resolutions were introduced and appropriately referred, including propositions to increase the pay of the army one hundred per cent., to issue rations to officers, and to put the five dollar notes on the same footing with the new currency.

**A Skirmish near Dalton.**

**DALTON, 29th.**  
A large force of the enemy, consisting of infantry, artillery and cavalry, attacked our pickets this morning, on the Ringgold road, capturing ten and wounding several. The pickets retreated nearly to Tunnel Hill, when meeting reinforcements, they turned upon the Yankees, and, after a sharp engagement, drove the enemy back. The loss on either side was small. The affair is regarded simply as a reconnaissance to discover our position. The enemy was also reported moving out slowly from Cleveland yesterday, in the direction of Red Clay.

**For the Virginian.**

**Messrs. Coale & Burr:**—In your paper of the 18th ult., an extract from a correspondent signed "A Citizen," reads thus: "The present Sheriff of Russell county at last Court, sooner than return as delinquents the absent soldiers who may not be able to pay their State Tax out of \$1 per month, shouldered the responsibility himself and told the Court he'd pay it, and be second to none in providing for their wives or widows."  
Some of my opponents have reported and have tried to make it appear, that I had an ulterior object in view, that I wanted to hold the debt till money would be better than it is now, and then demand it, that I ought to make an order of Court, or perhaps take a big Bible oath that I meant what I said.  
As I don't mean to let any reptile in the shape of a lie or any other shape, vilify me, I will put my heel on it the moment it shows its head during this canvass—or after it, if even a hydra should report that I had voted for the ratification of the new constitution. As some persons feel so much interest about the poor soldiers, let us see how many tax-tickets they will get me to tear up and make me pocket the insult.  
As your "Abingdon Virginian" is such a widely circulating medium, please publish this for your friend,  
WM. SAMPLE.  
May 6—2w

**CAMP 37TH VA. INFANTRY, April 15th, 1864.**

**To the Voters Russell County.**

At the solicitation of many friends, I would respectfully announce myself a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue in the Eastern District of Russell County, Va.  
Having been in active service with the army of Northern Va. for three years, my health has been greatly impaired, and I feel satisfied that I can render more efficient service to the country in the position for which I announce myself a candidate, than in the field, otherwise, I should not solicit your votes. If elected, I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office promptly, and to the best of my ability.  
Respectfully,  
ABRAM FLETCHER,  
Private Co. G, 37th Regt. Va. Infy.

We are requested to announce GRAYVILLE GILMER, the present Clerk of the Circuit Court of Russell county, as a candidate for re-election.  
We are requested to announce Col. A. M. LEE as a candidate for the Clerkship of the County Court of Russell county.  
We are requested to announce NIMBON KISSER a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for the Western District of Russell county.  
We are requested to announce ANDREW HENEGAR as a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue in the Northern District of Smyth county.  
We are authorized to announce WM. D. NOTTINGHAM a candidate for Sheriff of Scott county.

**To the Voters of Scott County.**

I hope you will not be surprised to see this note from me, as some of my friends have had my name announced in the Virginian as a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue in the Northern District of Scott county. I now declare myself a candidate, and will remain one until the election is over. I will have no time to canvass the county, from the fact that I will be absent with the army contending for Southern rights and Southern institutions, but if my fellow-citizens will honor me with the position, they may rest assured that its duties will be faithfully performed. But notwithstanding my duties to the public service render it impossible for me to see you in person, I hope you will be as mindful of me when you come to the polls as though I had paid you a thousand visits.  
Now, fellow-citizens, I submit my claims to your consideration. My fitness for the position needs no explanation, as you all know me, and if elected, I shall feel myself under many obligations to serve you to the best of my abilities.  
I am gentlemen,  
Your friend and fellow-citizen,  
WILLIAM P. RAMEY.

**CAMP OF THE 37TH VA. INFANTRY, April 22d, 1864.**

**Fellow-Citizens of Scott County.**

We, the undersigned, as an evidence of our appreciation of the gallant service of our comrade in arms, private JAMES M. HARRIS, of Co. D, 37th Va. Infantry, who lost his leg while gallantly advancing in the front rank on the bloody field of Gettysburg, Pa., do hereby nominate and request him to become a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for the North District of Scott county, Va., and ask for him the support of our friends at home, knowing as we do that it will meet with your cordial approbation thus to confer a means of remuneration on one of the old 37th's gallant members, who has sacrificed so much in defence of your sacred rights. His qualifications are good, and being no longer able for military duty, it is but justice to him to place this means of support in his hands, while it will take no able-bodied man from the field.  
COMPANY D, 37TH VA. INFY., and many friends in the 48th Va. Infantry.

**To the Voters of Scott County.**

In obedience to the urgent request of many citizens of this county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for the Southern District of Scott county. I have been in the service better than two years, and was wounded at the last battle of Manassas, in the left hand and left hip, so it disables me for field service. If I had been able for the service, I would not have come out as a candidate, but owing to my disability for service, I announce myself as a candidate for this office; but, if my fellow-citizens will honor me with the position, they may rest assured that its duties shall be faithfully discharged. I now leave myself with you for to say whether I ought to have the place or not.  
Respectfully yours,  
THOS. E. REYNOLDS.  
April 25th, 1864.

**April 30th, 1864.**

**Editors Virginian:**—Announce the name of WILLIAM L. HILTON, of Co. H, 48th Regt. Va. Vols., as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in District No. 2, Scott county. He has been in the service going on three years, and has been at home one or two days on furlough. We say to the voters, go forward to the polls and vote for the man who has done his duty in the service of his country. This is the wish of  
MANY VOTERS.

We are requested to announce Lt. A. S. STROUT as a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk of Lee county.

**Candidates for Wise County.**

**CAMP SALTVILLE, VA., 7th Confed. Cav. Battalion, May 2d, 1864.**

**To the Voters of Wise County.**

I declare myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue. If elected I will try to serve the people with the best of my ability. I need not speak of my qualification, as I presume that most of the voters know me and my character. I promise that I will use industry in promoting the welfare of soldiers wives and children. I have shared some of the dangers and hardships of a soldier's life as well as my opponent. Very respectfully,  
R. L. SKEEN,  
Captain Co. D.

**CAMP 50th VA. REG'T, Near Orange C. H. Va., April 12th, 1864.**

**To the Voters of Wise County.**

**Fellow Citizens:**—It becomes your duty shortly to elect a Clerk of your Circuit and County Courts. In obedience to what I believe to be the wishes of a large number of the citizens of the county, I present myself before you as a candidate for both those offices. The service I have rendered to you and to the Confederate Government in the past, both before and since the war, are so well known to you that I need not speak of them. But I will say something as to the future.  
I want you to understand plainly and distinctly, that if I am elected I will not leave the army during the continuance of the war. And not till peace, happy peace, comes again to help us, will I return home to enjoy the gift made at your hands. Three years ago I left these very offices for the field. To-day I would do the very same thing over again. With these feelings, how can I leave the service, and shield myself from the dangers and hardships of camp, behind a county office at home, I will not do it. Voluntarily I entered the army and now I shall remain in the field during the war. In the meantime if you should elect me, I could employ some good citizen to attend to such business as there might be to do. There is very little doing in the courts now as I understand, and I certainly could find some one not liable to conscription, who would do that little well. When the war is over I should then come home and attend to every thing myself.

If you will think a moment, you will see what a deplorable condition the court-business of our county will be in at the close of the war. I can put this business in good order in the office, and keep it so too. You will need me then—now you don't need me so particularly, for nearly any one can attend to the business now. But to have me then, you must elect me now. But I have said enough. Before I close however let me remind you that I will be a candidate on the day of the election, when I hope you will freely give me your votes. If it is possible I will see you before the election. But if I cannot see you, vote for me any way. Many of you have known me twenty years or upwards. Surely that is time enough to make an acquaintance. Hoping my friends that you will circulate the papers containing this card among the citizens generally.  
I am yours respectfully,  
L. H. N. SALYER.

**CAMP 51ST VA. INFANTRY, April 15th, 1864.**

**To the Voters of Wise County.**

By solicitation of many of my friends, I have consented to become a candidate for Sheriff in the coming May election in the county of Wise. I, therefore, call on you for your help, for the first time. You know me. My claims are as good as any that are now in the field. I hope you will think of the familiar name, Wampler, when you go to the election.  
I am yours, most truly,  
JOHN M. WAMPLER.

**CAMP 50TH VA. REG'T, March 24th, 1864.**

**Fellow-Citizens:**

In response to solicitations from numerous friends, both in and out of the army, I announce myself as a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for the county of Wise.  
The gentlemen who have preceded me in the papers, have expressed their zeal and devotion for the glorious cause of independence, and have vowed that they are willing to remain in the field. I cordially congratulate them upon the expression of their fidelity and patriotism. The efficiency of the army would doubtless be impaired by electing such willing soldiers to a civil office; and I am induced to believe that the people will take a proper view of the matter, and allow them to remain in the army.  
I am proud to know that my opponents are in the army. As I have risked my chances with theirs on many sanguinary fields, I cannot afford to show the white feather in this contest for civil office.

Fellow-Citizens, I submit my claims to your considerations. My fitness for the position needs no explanation, as you are all familiar with me. I can neither rant nor brag, but if elected can promise you all a *Hor...*  
I am, gentlemen,  
Your friend and fellow-citizen,  
JESSEE HORN.

We are requested to announce Lt. J. R. DAVIS as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for Wise county, Va.

JOHN N. PERRY, of Lincoln county, Ky., will address the undersigned at Wytheville, Va. T. J. CORNELISON.  
May 6, 1864.  
Atlanta Register will please copy.

**MARRIAGES.**

Married, on the 19th ult., by Rev. Jas. A. Davis, Mr. WILLIAM KELLEY and Miss LOUISA C. DEBRUK, all of this county.

**Notice to Tax-Payers.**

I Am now ready to receive all the Taxes due for the year 1863, in the 67th District, composed of the counties of Russell and Buchanan, and for that purpose, will attend at the following places at the times here specified:  
Wednesday, May 18th, at Fielding Combs' House, N. G.  
Thursday, May 19th, at H. D. Astor's Store, N. G.  
Friday, May 20th, at Hugh Johnson's House, N. G.  
Saturday, May 21st, at John W. Lampkin's Store.  
Monday, May 23d, at J. C. Ferguson's Mill.  
Tuesday, May 24th, at A. L. Hendrick's Old Store.  
Thursday, May 26th, at Hobbs & Hendrick's Store.  
Friday, May 27th, at N. E. Burdine's House.  
Saturday, May 28th, at J. C. Fugate's Tan-Yard.  
Monday, May 30th, at Robert Fugate's Store.  
Tuesday May 31st, at James H. Dickenson's Store.  
Wednesday, June 1st, at John Bickley's Old Store.  
Thursday, June 2d, at Wm. Grizzle's House.  
Friday, June 3d, at Mrs. Archer Jesse's Mill.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 6th, 7th and 8th, at Thos. C. M. Alderson's Store.  
All persons failing to meet me and pay their Taxes according to this notice, will be required to pay 10 per cent. Tax as the law requires.  
THOMAS H. GARRETT,  
Tax Collector for Dist. No. 67.  
May 6, 1864—5w

**NOTICE.**  
HEREBY give notice that I have destrained for taxes of the property of W. E. Mathes & Co. the following named articles, to wit:—One Furnace and 26 Silt Kettles, and a lot of Salt, estimated to be 500 bushels. I will proceed to sell, on Tuesday, the 17th day of May, At Saltville,  
the above named articles, or so much of the same, as is necessary to pay certain claims for taxes held by me, together with all costs accruing thereon.  
Sale to take place at 11 o'clock.  
JAMES C. CAMPBELL,  
Collector 65th Dist. of Va.  
April 30th, 1864—2w

**Attachment—Justice's Court.**

**State of Tennessee—Johnson County:**  
ASA REECE vs. Elijah King. In this cause an Attachment having been issued and returned before me on the 23d day of April, 1864, levied on one hundred and fifty-two acres of land as the property of deft., lying in the 9th Civil District of Johnson county, Tenn., and conditional judgment having been rendered against said defendant for sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents debt, and all costs of the suit. It is ordered by me that publication be made for four consecutive weeks in the Abingdon Virginian, a newspaper published in Abingdon, Va., notifying the defendant to appear before me at my house, on Saturday, the 11th day of June, 1864, and defend said suit, or the same will be proceeded with ex parte. This 25th day of April, 1864.  
ROBERT E. BERRY, J. P.  
May 6—4w. Prs. fee \$15.

**Strayed.**

A LIGHT Bay Horse, about sixteen hands high, seven years old, long neck and heavy ears, rather drooping, black, heavy mane and tail, branded with U. S. The said horse strayed from camp near Emory and Henry, on the night of the 27th inst. A reward of fifty dollars will be given if taken up. Address  
GEORGE P. THOMPSON,  
May 6, 1864—1f Co. H, 8th Va. Cav.

**Strayed.**

A DARK Bay Horse, with a star in his forehead, about sixteen hands high, four years old, in good order. The said horse strayed from camp near Emory and Henry, on the night of the 27th. A reward of fifty dollars will be given if taken up and kept until I get him. Address  
Z. T. DANIEL,  
May 6, 1864—1f Co. C, 8th Va. Cav.

**Saddle Bags Found.**

A PAIR of Saddle Bags were found near Abingdon on Thursday or Friday of last week, which the owner can get by calling at this office and describing.  
May 6th, 1864—1f

**Warning to Trespassers.**

I HAVE suffered so much from the depredations upon my fences, that I am under the necessity of giving notice that the Law will be enforced against all persons taking and burning my rails, or trespassing upon my premises.  
MARTIN HAGY, Sr. &c.  
April 29, 1864—2w

**HD. QRS. DEPARTMENT E. TENN.**

OFFICE CHIEF COMMISSARY, Abingdon, April 25th, 1864.  
**NOTICE.**  
ALL persons from whom supplies for use of the Commissary Department have been purchased or impressed without payment being made, are notified to present the same to this office for settlement, on and after the 1st proximo.  
All certificates of indebtedness of Commissaries made out in due form, will be paid, and prompt measures taken to secure at an early day settlements of all hand receipts, or informal claims.  
ISAAC SHELBY, Jr.,  
Captain and Chief Commissary.  
April 29, 1864—4t

**Southern Literary Messenger FOR 1864.**

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Single copies, 2.00  
Orders addressed to the undersigned, will receive prompt attention.  
RO. P. BUTTON, Ag't,  
April 15, 1864—1f Lynchburg, Va.

**Washington County, to wit:**

**To the Clerk of the County Court of said County:**  
W. E. Thomas W. Warren, Daniel Rush and Job Clark, three freeholders of the said county, do hereby certify, that by virtue of a warrant to us directed by Noble I. McGinnis, a Justice of the said county, we have this day, on our oaths, viewed and appraised a Sorrel Mare Colt, taken up by Jeremiah C. Rush on his land as an estray, and assess the value of the said estray at \$260. The said sorrel mare colt is fifteen hands one inch high, supposed to be three years old, and a small blaze in her forehead, right hind foot white, hind feet rose, supposed to be scratches. Given under our hands this day of April, 1864.  
DANIEL RUSH,  
JOB CLARK,  
THOS. W. WARREN.

A Copy.—Teste,  
JOHN G. KREGER, c. c.  
May 6, 1864—3w. Prs. fee \$12.

**Washington County, to wit:**

**To the Clerk of the County Court of said County:**  
W. E. George W. Alderson, R. M. Parrott and Francis Smith, three freeholders of the said county, do hereby certify, that by virtue of a warrant to us directed by F. B. Hurt, a Justice of the said county, we have this day, on our oaths, viewed and appraised a Gray Mare, taken up by Samuel A. Preston, on his land as an estray, and assess the value of the said estray at Seventy-five dollars. The said mare is about fifteen hands high, blind of the left eye, flea-bitten gray, and about 16 years old, in low order. Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 1864.  
GEORGE W. ALDERSON,  
R. M. PARROTT,  
FRANCIS SMITH.

A Copy.—Teste,  
JOHN G. KREGER, c. c.  
May 6, 1864—3w. Prs. fee \$12.

**NOTICE TO CONSCRIPTS Of the 13th Cong'l District.**

ALL persons liable to military duty, whether under previous, or the late legislation of Congress, will report themselves for enrollment and examination, at the places and on the days fixed in the annexed notice of the Examining Board. This notice includes  
1st. All persons between the ages of 18 and 45, who have not heretofore been enrolled.  
2d. All persons between the ages of 18 and 45, who have been examined and exempted, whether temporarily or permanently.  
3d. All of the reserve classes, i. e. between the ages of 17 and 18, and 45 and 50, whether enrolled heretofore or not.  
IV. All persons heretofore exempt by law of Congress, whose exemptions are revoked by virtue of the new military bill, approved 17th February, 1864.  
V. All persons claiming exemption under the new law.  
6th. All male free negroes and other free persons of color, not including those free under the treaty of Paris of 1803, or under the treaty of Spain of 1817, between the ages of 18 and 50 years.  
N. B.—This class will report on the last day of the examination in each county.  
This notice includes all persons of any of the above classes, whether residents of this or any other portion of the State, or other States, and all persons who have been at any time discharged from the army.  
All the laws and regulations applicable to deserters will be applied to such persons in the classes above named, who shall fail to report at the places of rendezvous, or who shall desert after enrollment.  
D. B. BALDWIN, Captain and Enrolling Officer 13th Cong'l District.

The undersigned Examining Board for the 13th Congressional District, do hereby give notice to all whom it may concern, that they have appointed the following places and days for the examination of conscripts in the 13th Congressional District, in pursuance of the above notice, and all exemptions heretofore granted are revoked and a re-examination ordered.  
This includes all persons between 17 and 50, except those detailed for Government contractors.

- Washington County, at Abingdon, on the 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th May.
- Smyth County, at Marion, on the 12th, 18th and 14th May.
- Wythe County, at Wytheville, on the 16th, 17th and 18th May.
- Tazewell County, at Tazewell Court House, on the 23d and 24th May.
- Bland County, at the Crab Orchard, on the 27th and 28th May.
- Grayson County, at Independence, on the 1st and 2d June.
- Russell County, at Lebanon, on the 9th, 10th and 11th June.
- Scott County, at Estillville, on the 13th, 14th and 15th June.
- E. R. WALKER, Surgeon & Prent., JAMES P. HAMMET, M. D., I. A. T. PAINTER, M. D., Examining Board.

**\$50 REWARD.**

STOLEN from my pasture on the night of the 22d of April, a Black HORSE, about six years old, rather ewe necked, heavy mane and tail, and very poor. No flesh marks remembered. The above reward will be paid for his delivery.  
T. P. CLAPP.  
April 29, 1864—3t

**\$100 REWARD.**

LEFT me on my way from Abingdon to Russell county, my black boy CHARLES.  
I bought Charles in Richmond, Va., some five weeks ago; and said boy ran off from James Ireson, Jr., and was taken and lodged in jail at Abingdon; and on my way home with him, ran again. Charles is a out 5 feet 8 inches high, very black, a ship carpenter by trade, had on when he left black cloth coat and white overcoat, gray pants and slouch hat. No doubt he will try to make his way to Richmond.  
I will pay the above reward for his delivery to me, or confinement in jail, so that I get him again.  
D. J. AYRES.  
April 22, 1864—1f

**\$50 REWARD.**

WAS stolen from my pasture, near Davenport's Mill, on the night of the 18th inst., a BROWN MULE, of small size, and looks as if he has been shaven from the points of his hip bones to near his hoofs. He is 6 or 7 years old, has chain and back band marks about his sides. I will give the above reward upon the delivery of said Mule, or any information by which I can secure him again.  
CALEB J. LOGAN.  
April 22, 1864—3t