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VOICES FROM ALEXANDRIA.

CHAPTER I. LEWIS MCKENZIE, taken Jan. 31, 1865.—[EXTRACT.]

Question. In your opinion what proportion of truly loyal men were there in Virginia?

Answer. The district where I was a candidate runs from Frederick down to Prince William, and embraces the counties of Frederick, Fairfax, Shenandoah, Fauquier, Alexandria, Warren, Spotsylvania, &c. I think eleven counties in all. I had supposed from the hindness I had exhibited to that people all along that they would have given me a tolerably decent vote. I was born in the State and have always lived in the State. I used to be everybody in my district for the legislature; and, before the war, I was a tolerably popular fellow, because I was an industrious man and worked pretty hard. I got about 1,900 votes in the district, and I was beaten about 3,000 by a secessionist. The county of Frederick did very well, giving me, perhaps, 600 votes. I got a tolerably decent vote in Loudoun county, 400, perhaps, and about 400 in Alexandria. I think that in the county of Fauquier, Billy Smith's county, I got only 19 votes; that is the South Carolina of Virginia. These people would not vote for me because I was a Union man; of course they would not; they told me openly at the polls that they did not intend to vote for anybody who was a Union man. There are some very good Union men in the State, but they were to be found among the masses of the people chiefly; mostly hard-working Union men, for instance, in the town of Winchester there are very respectable, sensible, hard-working men, who are Union men, and you will find that pretty much of all the Union men are of the middle class of people; but there is no hope in the Union men of Virginia. I had hoped myself that the rebels would have left the State, would have gone to Jamaica, Iowa, Illinois, or to Mexico, and that their places would be supplied with honest, industrious northern settlers; but the rebels are coming right back, and I do not see any hope in the world for the Union men without the immediate aid of Congress or the President. I do not know what is to become of me. We had a meeting at Alexandria the night before last, and we were going to memorialize Congress to put Virginia in a territorial condition. I do not know whether Congress will have the power to do that, and I suppose the President will be opposed to it. The proposition is pretty radical, but the evil requires a radical cure. The difficulty about the provisional government is simply this: We have had experience of it in Governor Peirpoint; that gentleman did as well as he could under the circumstances. If you put a provisional governor there, the same people who controlled Governor Peirpoint; that gentleman did as well as he could under the circumstances. If you put a provisional governor there, the same people who controlled Governor Peirpoint will have the control. You have got to commence at the foundation and build up. This is my opinion about it: it is the unanimous opinion of pretty much all the Union men of Alexandria, and it is going to be the opinion of the Union men throughout Virginia.

Q. How do the rebels in the neighborhood feel toward the freedmen?

A. The Union government treat them remarkably well. They are paying them fair wages. In 1860 and 1861 I was a large amount of money, and I had to do with negroes all my life. The price of labor in Virginia then for field-hands was \$120 to \$130 a year, and \$70 a year for a woman. In addition to that the master who hired them, furnished them with clothes, provisions, house, and fuel, and at Christmas the bond was paid for his wages. That was after the price of cotton had advanced, and when the negroes had advanced in South Carolina to \$1,000 and \$1,500. Now, at the close of the year, employers are only willing to pay these people from six to seven or eight dollars a month, or a hundred dollars a year, out of which these laboring people have to buy their clothes and pay their doctors' bills, while the price of clothing is double what it was in 1860. I employed three months ago, from eighty to a hundred of these freedmen to work on land I have got this side of Drainesville. They came in at Christmas, when I paid them their wages, I gave them seventy-five cents a cord for cutting pine wood, and supply them with a month's provisions in advance. They all work cheerfully and pleasantly. They went back after Christmas, and have remained there ever since.—There is no difficulty about the freedmen working, but they work better for gentlemen who treat them kindly than they work for rough people. If you pay them and treat them kindly there is no difficulty about the negro working. The only difficulty about it is with overseers who become proprietors, and between them and the colored race there is a natural antagonism. That is the trouble I apprehend about all this affair. These people and the miserable newspapers will destroy the colored people finally. My own opinion is, that whenever the day comes for colored men to vote, they will vote for nobody but gentlemen. They are not going to vote for pot-house politicians. It will be the most conservative voter given.

Q. What is the disposition of the freedmen in your neighborhood in regard to education?

A. They are very smart; very anxious for education.

Q. Very much so?

A. Are there any facilities for education?

A. Oh, yes; there are a good many free schools in Alexandria.

Q. What is the feeling of the whites generally in regard to the education of the colored people?

A. The rebels are not in favor of it; they are opposed to it.

Q. What is the feeling of that class of people in regard to noxious voting?

A. They are very much opposed to it. They think it is a very great outrage.

Q. In case the negro should be allowed to

vote, how would he be treated at the polls in voting?

A. I reckon if the dinkies ever get to vote some of these fellows will want their votes, but they will not get them. I reckon there will be no difficulty on that head; but I do not think it would do to remove the freedmen's Bureau from Virginia at present.

Q. What would be the effect of that removal?

A. It would be very disastrous to the colored people.

Q. Would it not have the effect of reducing them to a condition worse even than slavery itself?

A. I do not know about that. I am not prepared to say. The effect would be very injurious, and I think it would be very unsafe to do so.

Q. Has not a bill passed the Senate of Virginia requiring a five years' residence in the State before a person can vote?

A. The bill has not passed. It was reported by committees of both houses; but I think the legislature got alarmed about it, and has put back the provision of the old law requiring a two years' residence. The object of the five years' limitation was to prevent northern people from voting there, and to keep the power in their own hands. They have taken our Alexandria charter away pretty much, merely to get power in their hands; and that is the fear I have about this Congress.

Q. They do not intend to permit any immigration from the north?

A. They do not want northern immigrants to vote there anyhow, and do not want them there at all, if they can help it.

Q. How are their commercial relations with the northern people? Are they friendly?

A. I do not know. The secessionists, or disloyal people, hold very little intercourse with the loyal people after their pardons are obtained. They all worship in the same church.

Q. The rebels go to rebel churches, and the Union men to Union churches?

A. Yes, sir. It is a great misfortune. I do not know how it is to be settled. I think you will find that Alexandria is a very fair exponent of Virginia.

Q. You think that these disloyal newspapers do a great deal of mischief?

A. I think they are the cause of all our present difficulties. I think the war was prolonged two years by them. During the time that Gen. McClellan was in command in Virginia the number of newspapers sold in the camp was one thousand newspapers, five hundred copies of the Daily News, ten copies of the Tribune, and five copies of the Times. What could you expect? You could not get the government to say that these copy editors should not be sold in the army. If it had stopped their circulation I think the war would have been closed long ago, unless it was that God did not intend it to be closed so soon.

Q. If the rebels had the opportunity, would they assume the payment of the rebel debt?

A. Why of course. All the rebel States would if they could do it. And I do not know what constitutional amendment can be devised to prevent them. The difficulty to be apprehended is, that if these people are permitted to come in and effect a coalition with the democrats of the north they will finally control the government, and will certainly never pay the federal debt. That is my opinion. The government ought to take care of the public debt.

Q. Would they not also overturn the whole system of emancipation if they could?

A. I really cannot say about that; but they hate the government of the United States bitterly. There is no question about that. They have no love for the government of the United States. It is a great misfortune.

Q. To them?

A. Yes, and to the government.

Q. Do you think the rebel people in Virginia and elsewhere respect the power of the United States?

A. No, sir; but they are afraid of it.

Q. Is there anything about the United States which they respect?

A. I do not know that there is. They will give the government trouble some of these days. They will try to get into power before 1868.

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