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From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

In your issue of November 22, I see an account of the last days o the Confederacy. I contribute *this* as my mite to a full history of that eventful month. I was a full member of Dibrell's Division of Wheeler's cavalry, and had some opportunities for knowing much of what was transpiring.

Our division had been selected to escort Mr. Davis from Greensboro to Charlotte, and leaving Battle Bridge, over the Neuse River, we reached Greensboro about midnight of April 17, after two days and a half of rapid marching. For the first time we were fully informed of the extent of our disasters—of the retreat, defeat, surrender, annihilation of General Lee's great army—and were told that we were relied upon to guard Mr. Davis, his cabinet and archives to Charlotte, and keep off Sherman, who was hovering upon our right flank. Next evening as Mr. Davis and General Breckinridge rode through the division, at the head of the Government *cortege*, they were welcomed with the most enthusiastic cheers.

We continued our march toward Charlotte. General Breckinridge—the will and brains of the government in its last days—left us upon the third morning, returning to the army to hold those consultations with Generals Johnston and Sherman, of which so much has been said. Perhaps the country may yet believe that Sherman, Johnston and Breckinridge were better statesmen and truer patriots than Seward and Stanton. Mr. Davis rode near or at the head of the column all the time; was always polite, affable and accessible; seemed cheerful and resolute; talked pleasantly, kindly and sociably to all who approached. Mr. Benjamin and General Cooper rode in an ambulance, Mr. Trenholm and family in another. Judge Reagan, Colonels Lubbock, of Texas, Taylor Wood and Preston Johnston always rode near the President. General Lawton, Quartermaster-General, General Gilmer, Chief Engineer, and General St. Johns, with their *attaches*, Mr. Mallory, Mr. George Davis, and others of less note, accompanied the Presidential party. Besides General Dibrell's division, General Geary, of South Carolina, had a small body of mounted men, some seventy-five or one hundred, collected at Greensboro, from the *debris* of the Virginia cavalry. At Salisbury we met General Echols and staff, of South-Western Virginia, and various staff, post and furloughed officers, who had run from Richmond, Lynchburg, Abingdon, Western North Carolina and various parts of South Carolina; men driven to a common center by Grant, Sherman, Stoneman, Wilson and Foster; members of Congress, civil functionaries and refugees. You may be sure, we dirty soldiers who had borne the heat, and burden, and danger of the war, made great sport of the beloved "post" officer, the "biled" shirt and black-coated gentry, who without horses and unused to camp life, were begging for mules, (horses were not attainable,) so that they might accompany us. Gladly would a kingdom have been given for a horse. Alas! our kingdom was in as desperate a condition as poor Richard's was, and was not worth a horse. For the first time during the war we soldiers had revenge upon the gentlemen who had been seeking and filling soft places.

After moving across Yadkin river, Gen. Dibrell received word from Gen. Ferguson, who with a small cavalry brigade was at Charlotte, that Stoneman was approaching Charlotte, and begging him to move on immediately, which he did, marching all night and reaching Charlotte about sunrise, to find that Stoneman was not near the place, but had deceived our officers there and burned all the bridges over the Catawba. General Ferguson moved out of Charlotte as soon as we reached there, to Nation Ford, over the Catawba, the point where the railroad from Charlotte to Columbia crossed that river. About midday General Basil Duke, with the remnant of Morgan's celebrated cavalry—about five hundred—reached Charlotte from Christianburg. When General Echols disbanded his infantry and abandoned his wagons and artillery at Christiansburg, he ordered his cavalry to follow him across the mountains to General Johnston. General Duke's brigade was dismounted, their horses being in North Carolina, but they seized the artillery and wagon mules and rode bare-backed to Charlotte. A few of Duke's men refused to accompany him, and came to Kentucky with some Kentucky cavalry, who surrendered at Mount Sterling; but over one hundred under Lieutenant-colonel Diamond, of this cavalry, reported to and accompanied Duke. General Vaughn, also, with about three hundred of his brigade, marched with General Echols to Charlotte. So that on the evening of Charlotte, Dibrell's Division, consisting of his own brigade, under Colonel McLemore, and Williams' Kentucky brigade, under Colonel Breckinridge—about 1,300 fighting men; General Duke's brigade of Kentuckians, badly mounted, five hundred; Vaughn's Tennesseans, badly armed and disciplined, three hundred; Ferguson's brigade of Alabamians and Mississippians, seven hundred; in all 2,800 men—a large part badly mounted and armed—some of them disheartened and demoralized. Mr. Davis reached Charlotte late that afternoon and made the speech so falsely reported. Two days afterward, General Breckinridge returned from Greensboro', with a definite account of what had occurred and been agreed upon between himself and General Sherman, and the existence of a truce was officially promulgated.

Upon the morning of the 26th of April, we were ordered to Nation Ford, and then to cross the Catawba River. After resting nearly twenty-four hours on the bank of the river, we received orders to move by way of Yorkville and Unionville to Cokesbury—Duke's Brigade and Vaughn to move by Chesterville, Unionville and Laurensville—Furguson to move by a lower route. High water, burnt bridges, &c., made us change our route, and we reached Cokesbury after Duke, Vaughn and Furguson had passed through; thence we moved to Abbeville, where all were concentrated by noon of May 2. In the mean time, rumors had reached us of Johnston's surrender; General Bragg had disbanded the Second and Third South Carolina Cavalry; news of Wilson's Cavalry moving toward Augusta and Lexington, Ga.; Stoneman crossing the Savannah and moving to Athens, and Atlanta being occupied, thus closing the entire line of retreat to Taylor and Forrest; of the defeat of Forrest at Selma; of Foster moving toward Augusta from the coast; and of the utter demoralization of that part of Johnson's army that had not surrendered—had become rife through the commands. The men appreciated the utter hopelessness of the contest—the almost equal hopelessness of reaching the Mississippi River and crossing it, or of General Smith making any resistance.

At Abbeville, late in the afternoon of May 2, a consultation was held—the last military consultation in which the Confederate Government participated. It was a historic scene. Mr. Davis presided with General Bragg, who had become, by the surrender of Lee, Johnston, Beauregard and Cooper, the senior General of the Confederacy, on his right hand, and General Breckinridge, Secretary of War and Major-General, on the other side of him. Next came Brigadier-General G. W. Ferguson, a gallant and enterprising South Carolinian, a West-Pointer, a pet of Beauregard's, and a favorite of Davis; next General George G. Dibrell, a plain, practical, sensible, middle-aged Tennessee clerk and merchant, who was beloved by his men, and had justly won his spurs by long, hard, skillful, devoted service; next, on a little sofa, sat two younger men—Brigadier-General Basil W. Duke and Colonel William C. P. Breckinridge, well known among the troops from Kentucky in the Confederate army, and then, near General Bragg sat General Vaughn, of East Tennessee, a brave officer and earnest man. Each officer was called upon to state the condition of his command, General Ferguson, sanguine himself, gave a too glowing account of his men, as the sequel showed, but still bad; he could count on one hundred men fighting as well as ever—upon all for other duties and for skirmish. General Dibrell could not count on any fighting in his own brigade, except to save Mr. Davis and General Breckinridge, and every hour was weakening his hold upon them, and I have heard that he declared, almost with tears, he would not risk another life among his noble men except for that purpose; that the cause and Confederacy were lost, and his duty now was to take care of his men. General Duke thought one hundred and fifty of his men would follow him anywhere, and that he did not believe the cause lost if all felt as he did and would inspirit their men. Colonel Breckinridge announced his own determination not to surrender until ordered by Mr. Davis or the Secretary of War, but that very few of his men shared that feeling, and he would not urge them to go any further. General Vaughn and his command would accept whatever terms General Johnston had; which were then not known to us. Mr. Davis said it was then useless to keep men under arms who would not fight; criminal to risk the lives of the men who would fight, to the bravery of those who would not. Therefore, the commands must be winnowed. That he could have been at Shreveport by that day, but was not willing to leave the men who were still in the field. That he supposed General Johnston had surrendered—that all the army left in that department were the commands represented in that meeting—that of them not more than four hundred could be depended upon any further. That he would attempt to go to General Taylor, and if that army went to pieces, he would cross the river, and if the cause should be finally lost, he would feel he had done all his duty as he best could. That, called to his place without his intervention, he would continue to discharge its duties as long as possible. That this contest might have resulted disastrously, but the cause was not lost; the blood shed during four years was not shed in vain, and under other auspices and abler leaders would yet succeed.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that Mr. Davis, with a small escort, should go immediately to Washington, Georgia, and then go on such route as seemed best; that General Breckinridge should take personal command of the cavalry there, and move that night across the Savannah River at Vienna, where there was a pontoon bridge. This was carried out, and at daylight we crossed the river. That day was spent in paying the men actually present *per capita*—General Breckinridge and the humblest private sharing alike; each receiving about $26 in coin.

The statement that at any time upon the march from Charlotte to Washington any attack was made upon the specie train is a mistake. This train was guarded to Abbeville by a detachment of midshipmen, President Guards, and perhaps a few other "Virginia army" soldiers; at Abbeville it was placed under a picked guard from Duke's brigade, under the command of Colonel Steele, and from Abbeville to Vienna it was guarded by a picked body from the whole cavalry, under the personal command of General Duke.

By this time more definite information had been received of Gen. Johnston's surrender. Gen. Vaughn and his whole command, Gen. Dibrell, Col. McLemore and the whole division, except Col. Breckinridge and some fifty officers and men, about equally divided between the two brigades, and all save about one hundred and fifty of Gen. Duke's command, determined to remain and accept the terms received by Gen. Johnston. On the 4th, at Washington, Gen. Ferguson's brigade stopped, leaving Gen. Breckinridge, upon the morning of the 5th, near Woodstock, Georgia, with a company of about fifty Kentuckians and Tennesseans, well armed and mounted, under Col. Breckinridge, and one hundred and fifty Kentuckians, only tolerably armed and mounted, under Gen. Duke. The Federals had possession of Athens, Lexington, Macon, Augusta; also of Atlanta, Marietta, Catersville and Dalton; also of Montgomery, Selma and Mobile, so that, with patrols and scouts everywhere, it seemed hopeless to attempt any escape. No official announcement of the terms and extent of Johnston's surrender had been received,

On the morning of the 5th General Breckinridge ordered General Duke and Colonel Breckinridge to surrender at Vienna, saying, in his manly, unselfish way, "Not one of these young Kentuckians shall risk his life for me; I am now only a fugitive, and would not have a life saved by the sacrifice of lives younger, as dear, and perhaps to be more useful than my own. I have done my full duty—I have nothing left but to preserve a life dear and useful to my family." Accompanied by a few personal staff-officers he rode down a by-road, not thirty minutes before a battalion of Federal cavalry passed its mouth. Next morning this small command divided, part going to Dalton to surrender, part to Athens, part to Augusta—all conscious that the failure of a cause for which they had sacrificed so much and fought so long and so gallantly, was not chargeable in any degree to them. Defeated, but not dishonored, they felt they had shown themselves worthy to be the founders of a great empire; worthy to be the children of revolutionary sires, whose deeds of heroism they had equaled, if not surpassed.

The Self-Made Men of our Times—Dean Richmond.

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Dean Richmond, one of the ablest politicians and most successful merchants of the present age, was born on the 13th of March, 1804, in Vermont, where he passed most of his early boyhood, penniless and friendless, so far as monied friends were concerned; for his father's death, in 1811, had thrown him entirely on his own resources. The first venture for himself was to buy a large kettle, and obtain salt through the process of boiling. In this trade he soon became a proficient, and had accumulated a considerable sum before he attained his majority.