March 8.—A large fire broke out about midnight of the 8th, at the three-story brick store on King street, between Sarepta Hall and Exchange Block. The flames made great headway, and, before the progress of the fire was stayed, Sarepta Hall and Exchange Block were destroyed. The establishments of Messrs. Henry Cook, W. E. Reynolds, & Co.; James Ennis & Son, J. W. Stewart, D. H. Has and others were embraced in the conflagration, the total loss being estimated in the neighborhood of $150,000—the largest destruction of property by fire in Alexandria since the great fire of 1827.

March 18.—Wm. H. Marbury and W. A. Taylor, members of the Volunteer Relief Association, returned to Alexandria after twenty days imprisonment in the U. S. military prison at Washington; they were followed within the week succeeding by the remainder of the gentlemen arrested the 26th ult., except Messrs. Henry Peol and H. O. Cloughton, who remain prisoners yet.

March 20.—During this week the river began to be filled with U. S. transports, and the streets with soldiers en route to be shipped for Fortress Monroe.


March 27.—Atwell’s ice house on Oranoko and Pitt streets destroyed by fire.

April 1.—General order of Gen. W. Worthworth, U. S. A., abolishing all necessity for passes in traveling to or from Alexandria, or fishing in the Potomac within the limits of his military district.

April 2.—The Warehouse of James Green, on the river side, between Duke and Wolfe streets burned.

April 7.—May term of new County Court; a number of persons summoned as jarymen refuse to take the Wheeling oath; Col. Veile addresses the Court and declares his purpose to stop the sale of liquor in Alexandria; first number of the Alexandria News issued.

April 10.—R. J. Janison, President of the Exchange Bank, and an old citizen died; U. S. soldier killed at a house on St. Asaph street, near Duke; Alexandria and Washington railroad sold at public sale to Alexander Hay of Philadelphia, for $12,500. Farmers Bank and Bank of the Old Dominion cease to do business, and close doors.

April 11.—Stable near jail burned.

April 13.—Funeral of Miss Mary Min; French steamer Gassendi passed up the Potomac and came to anchor off town.

April 14.—Steamer Gassendi stranded down the Potomac.

April 15.—Death of Christopher Neale, an old citizen, and for many years Judge of the Orphan’s Court.

April 16.—Performances on a rope stretched from Phenix Hall to the Witmer building, drew large crowds.

April 23.—Col. Gregory 91st Pennsylvania Volunteers succeeds Col. Veile as military Governor of Alexandria.