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ADJT. AND INSP. GEN'L'S OFFICE, Richmond, Nov. 27, 1862.

General Orders No. 95.

Commandants of conscripts will cause the following order to be published for at least seven times in a sufficient number of newspapers in each State of the Confederacy to ensure its reaching every part of the country.

I. All commissioned officers and enlisted men who are now absent from their commands, from any other cause than extent disability, or duty under orders from the Secretary of War, or from their department commanders, will return to their commands without delay.

II. Commissioned officers failing to comply with the provisions of the foregoing paragraph within a reasonable length of time, in no case to exceed twenty days after the publication of this order, shall be dropped from the rolls of the army in disgrace, and their names will be furnished to the commandant of conscripts for enrollment in the ranks.

III. All enlisted men who shall fail to comply with the provisions of Paragraph I., of this order, within a reasonable length of time, shall be considered as deserters, and treated accordingly, their names to be furnished to the commandant of conscripts in their State, for publication or such other action as may be deemed most effectious.

IV. In order to ensure the efficient so operation of all concerned in carry this order into immediate effect, Department Commanders are directed to require from the commanding officer of each separate command in their Departments a prompt report of the names of all commissioned officers and enlisted men now absent from their commands. These reports must state in each case the cause of absence, and any regimental, battalion, or company commander who shall neglect to furnish such a report, or who shall knowingly be guilty of concealing any case of unauthorized absence, shall on conviction thereof, be summarily dismissed.

V. Under the provision of the 2nd clause of paragraph I, of General Orders, No. 58, commissioned officers and privates who are incapable of bearing arms in consequence of wounds received in battle, but who are otherwise fit for service, are required, if not either winged, maimed, to report to the nearest commandant of conscripts in their respective States, who will, if they are fitted for such duty, assign them to the collection of stragglers and the enforcement of the provisions of this order, will fall power to call upon the nearest military authority for such assistance as may be necessary thereto.

VI. Officers of the Quartermaster's Department, charged with payment of troops, are hereby directed not to pay any commissioned officer non-commissioned officer or private, who does not furnish satisfactory evidence that he is not liable to the penalties described in the foregoing order. Any disbursing officer who shall make payment in violation of this order shall be liable on his bond for the amount of such payment. By order,

(Signed,) S. COOPER,
Adj. and Inspector General.

Dec 23—2t

A CARD.

The undersigned, Central Committee, appointed by the County Court of Augusta county, at its November term, for receiving and making a proper disposition of articles of clothing, &c., for the benefit of the soldiers of this county in actual service, beg leave, earnestly, to urge upon the Justices of the county, prompt action in the appointment of Committees and Canvassers in their several districts, for soliciting contributions in money, clothing and other things for the benefit of our suffering soldiers. There is no time for delay. It is now two weeks since the appointment of the Committee, and no contributions have yet been received.

The Committee would further state, that if any persons object to their donations passing through the Quartermaster Department, that they are authorized to receive special donations for the benefit of soldiers named by the donors, and forward them according to direction.

The Committee would also call the special attention of donors to the wants of the soldiers under the command of Colonel Imboden, who are principally refugees, and who are now our only defence from the invasion of the enemy in the North West.

Let those who are living at their homes in peace, plenty, safety and comfort, remember the poor soldiers in their wants and sufferings to whose instrumentality they are indebted for the continued enjoyment of these blessings, and let them contribute liberally of the means which a kind Providence has placed at their disposal.

All contributions intended for the committee can be left at the Store-house of Woods & Gilkeson.

We call particular attention to the distribution of clothing, and request that all that are sent should be colored if possible. When an amount of contributions sufficient to justify the sending of an agent to the army for their distribution such agent will be sent. The donations will be received by any one of the committee, of which Rev. Wm. G. Campbell is Treasurer.

A. J. GABBEE,
WM. G. CAMPBELL,
C. W. MAY,
J. S. WHEELER,
D. M. GILBERT.

Dec. 16—4t

VIRGINIA, to wit:

At a county Court of Augusta, held at the Court-House on Monday, the 27th day of November, 1862.

Samuel B. Finley, Plaintiff,
vs. } In Chancery.
John Givens, Defendant.

This day came the plaintiff by attorney, on whose motion it is ordered that the death of the defendant, John Givens, be entered of record, and that this cause be revived in the name of Georgiana, his wife, and Victoria and Nancy, the children and heirs at law of John Givens, deceased. The object of this suit is to obtain a conveyance of the legal title of a small portion of land, entitled from the deed of John Givens and wife to the plaintiff, dated 16th March, 1857, and of record in the Clerk's office of this Court. It appearing from satisfactory evidence that the defendants, Georgiana Givens, and Victoria and Nancy, her children, are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, and have not having entered their appearance and given security according to law, it is ordered that said defendants Georgiana Givens, Victoria Givens, and Nancy Givens, do appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to defend their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be posted at the Court door of the Courthouse of this county, on the 1st day of the next term of said Court. Teste,

WM. A. BURNETT, D. C.

SHERRY & BUMGARDNER, P. Q.

Dec 2—4t

THE SOUTHERN ALMANAC FOR 1863

Will be published on Monday, December 8th.

It will contain, besides the Almanac proper, the Officers of the Confederate Government, Members of Congress, Receipts and expenditures of the Government for the preceding year, Rates of Postage, Institutions and Localities of the Principal Places in the Confederate States and their distance from Richmond, State Governments, Railroads in the Confederate States, Causes of 1862, Militia force, Chronological events for 1862, compiled with great care, Statistics of the killed, wounded and captured in 1861, Moonbull's celebrated Weather Table, Great battles, &c., &c.

The Southern Almanac will be printed on beautiful English paper, and in the best style of the art.

The trade supplied at $12 per 100; $2.50 cents per dozen. Single copy 25 cents.

Address all orders to

SCRAFFTER & BRYANT,
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dec. 2—4t cnt 85.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Augusta county, December 8th, 1862.

TO the creditors of the estate of Isaac H. Steele, dec'd, and all others concerned: You are hereby notified that, at the request of John J. Steele, administrator of the estate of the said Isaac H. Steele, deceased, I have appointed MONDAY, the 5th of January, 1863, at my office, for receiving proof of debts or demands, against the said decedent or his estate, at which time you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the County Court of Augusta County, the day and year first aforesaid. WM. G. STEWART,
Commissioner.

Dec 9—4t

$25 REWARD.

Strayed from the subscriber on the night of the 20th inst., my bay MARE, 10 hands high, left hind foot and right fore foot white, shod with new boots. Her colt about 6 feet 3 or 4 inches high, bright yellow color, without countermarks, and docked; the middle finger on the right hand is rather crooked, and stands out when she shows his hand. She is about 10 years of age.

The above reward will be paid for his apprehension if taken out of this county and secured that I get him, and $10 if caught in this county.

WM. F. TATE,
Staunton, Va.

Dec. 9—4t.

$30 REWARD!

Stolen, from my farm, near Staunton, a BLACK HORSE—both hind feet white, about 16 hands high, supposed to be 9 or 10 years old, no other distinguishing marks recollected. The above reward will be paid for the recovery of the property, or $15 for the thief, and $15 for the horse.

H. H. HOGE.

Dec. 9—4t.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The President of the Central Bank of Virginia have declared a dividend of Eleven dollars and of the profits of the bank, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 1st of January next.

W. H. SAUNDERS,
Cashier.

Richmond, Dec. 20, 1862.

WANTED,

[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW AUCTION & COMMISSION HOUSE

No. 103, Main Street, Lynchburg, Va.

The undersigned have associated themselves together under the style and firm of JAMES P. SCOTT & CO., for the purpose of conducting a general AUCTION and COMMISSION BUSINESS. They have rented that large and elegant building, No. 103, Main Street, Lynchburg, lately occupied by John T. Davis & Co., and are now ready to receive MERCHANDISE of all kinds for private and auction sales.

They solicit consignments of Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, and other Groceries, Hats Cotton, and Cotton Fabrics of all grades, Woolen Goods; Boots, Shoes, Leather, and all other goods usually offered for sale.

Their first auction will take place at an early day in December next, of which due notice, with catalogue, will be published.

They respectfully refer to the merchants and business men of Richmond, Petersburg, Danville, and other Southern cities, whose aid and co-operation will be duly appreciated.

JAMES P. SCOTT,
of the late firm of John T. Davis & Co.
HENRY F. BOOOCK,
WM. H. PARRISH,
Members of the Firm of Boocock & Parrish.

The concern of Boocock & Parrish, No. 9, Bridge Street, will continue at the old stand, as usual.

Dec 9—4mo B. & P.

T. F. MINOR, Richmond. | R. W. BURKE, Augusta co., Va.

NEW COMMISSION HOUSE

MINOR & BURKE,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Cary street 3d door below 15th,

For the sale of COUNTRY PRODUCE, GROCERIES, &c. &c.

We solicit consignments of the above articles, and will guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor us with a trial. MINOR & BURKE.

Nov. 11—2mo*

☞ Rockingham Register copy and charge this office $3.

FOR SALE—THE MILLER IRON WORKS.

We offer for sale, privately, the FURNACE, with the extensive TIMBER LANDS thereto attached. The Forge is in complete working order. The Merchant MILL, which, with the Forge, has the best Water Power in the Valley.

The Farms, varying in size from 150 to 500 acres, of good arable land and several of them well improved.

This property is so well known in the Valley of Virginia that any detailed description of it is unnecessary, and other means will be adopted to bring it to the attention of the Iron men of our States.

The Iron Works are now full operation, and a purchaser of the Furnace or Forge, will be allowed at valuation with the stock necessary to carry it on.

The terms of sale will be such that upon paying a moderate sum on the purchase money, and securing the remainder, the purchaser shall have a liberal time for the after payments.

Mr. John F. Lewis, who resides upon the premises, will show the property to persons wishing to purchase.

For further information, address

BENJAMIN CRAWFORD, or
JOSEPH SMITH,
Staunton, Va.

Nov. 18—6t

OFFICE VA. CENTRAL R. R. CO.,

Staunton, Va., November 18, 1862.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—The following trains will be run on this road on and after Monday, September 15th:

The Mail and Passenger Train leaving Richmond at 7 o'clock A. M. for Staunton and intermediate points daily, returning will leave Staunton at 7 o'clock A. M., and arrive in Richmond at 6 15 P. M.

The Accommodation Passenger Train, leaving Richmond at 3:30 P. M. for Gordonsville and intermediate points daily, Sundays excepted, returning will leave Gordonsville at 6 o'clock P. M. and arrive in Richmond at 12 o'clock M.

The Mail and Passenger Train West of Staunton, leaving Staunton at 6:30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and returning the same days.—The Mail Train connects with the Orange and Alexandria Mail Train at Gordonsville for Rapidan, and at Charlottesville for Lynchburg. It connects at Staunton with Stage Lines for Lexington, Harrisonburg and points further North. Servants travelling in first class cars will pay full fare.

The Freight Train leaving Richmond daily, Sundays excepted, at 5:30 A. M. and Staunton for the West at 6:30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The trains will not run West of Hillsboro.

R. D. WHITCOMB,
General Superintendent.

Sept. 23—tf

A DESIRABLE INVESTMENT.

A VERY VALUABLE ESTATE IN THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA FOR SALE UPON REASONABLE TERMS.

—Said estate is situated in Augusta county, containing 1,620 acres, well adapted to all kinds of grain and grass. Between 300 and 400 acres are enclosed for cultivation, the balance in valuable timber. The buildings are numerous, and in good order, consisting of a large frame dwelling, extensive stabling, barn, corn crib, granaries, and all other necessary out buildings. The water is of a superior quality—cold, requiring no ice, and very conducive to health. Running water through the entire length of the place. For particulars inquire of Messrs. Harman & Bell, Staunton, Va. [Nov. 4—3mos.

NOTICE—

Can be had, at John B. Hoge's (Taylor & Hoge's old stand) the following articles:

Letter Paper,
Note Do.,
Cap Do.,
Chocolate,
Concentrated Lye,
Black Varnish,
Indigo,
Camphor,
Magnesia,
Red Pepper,
Essence Coffee,
Paint Brushes, assorted sizes,
Tea Spoons, &c.

Oct. 14, 1862.

EXCHANGE NOTICE—No. 2.

RICHMOND, Va., November 11th, 1862.

All Confederate officers and men who have been captured and paroled in Virginia or Maryland at any time from the beginning of hostilities to the 1st of November, 1862, have been duly exchanged, and are hereby so declared.

2. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at Aiken's Landing on James river, at any time previous to the 7th of November 1862, have been duly exchanged and are hereby so declared.

3. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at Vicksburg, Mississippi, previous to the 1st of November, 1862, and including said date, have been duly exchanged, and are hereby so declared.

ROBERT OULD,
Agent of Exchange.

Nov 18—6t

NOTICE.—

Can be had, at John B. Hoge's (Taylor & Hoge's old stand,)

Sugar, Molasses,
Rice, Salt, Cotton Yarn,

&c., at low figures, for CASH.

Taylor & Hoge's accounts are made off, and they desire to have them settled. All knowing themselves indebted will please come forward; and all having claims against them will present them for settlement.

JOHN B. HOGE.

Oct 7—tf

NOTICE.

The co-partnership heretofore existing under the style of "Crawford & Cochran" is dissolved by limitation. All indebted to the late firm will please come forward and settle without delay, with either of the undersigned who are only authorized to close the late business.—In the absence of B. Crawford, G. M. Cochran will attend, at the old stand, to the settlement of the business.

B. CRAWFORD,
G. M. COCHRAN.

Nov. 18—6t

SHOE PEGS.

The subscribers are prepared to furnish all sizes of SHOE PEGS by wholesale or retail.

H. J. LURKSBURN & BROS.
Staunton, Va.

Dec. 2—1mo*

The Richmond Dispatch copy one month to daily and send accounts to this office.

$20 REWARD,

For a bay MARE stolen from my field. She was 6 years old, left hind foot white, and also part of the hoof of right fore foot; also, a gray spot on the left side of saddle. Heavy heads and tail—the latter cropt off little. THOS. PITCH, Sr.,

Nov. 4—4t. Burk's Mill, Augusta co., Va.

☞ Rockingham Register copy.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT,

Staunton, Va., November 18, 1862.

Persons having claims against my Department are requested to present them at once for payment. Persons holding bonds, their claims will find payment by tendering them.

H. M. BELL,
Maj. & Q. M. C. S. A.

NEW MILITARY BOOKS.

Cavalry Drill and Sabre Manual, by Gen. Patten.
Guide on Artillery, by W. Mercer Brown.
The Volunteer's Guide, Part I, Col. J. E. Lee.
Infantry Tactics, Part II, Lee.
Cavalry Tactics, Part III, Lee.
Infantry Drill and Field Book, by Jno. P. Curry.
Regulations for Field Artillery, from Gilham's Manual.

Dec 9—1t

PUBLIC SALES.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF LAND AND NEGROES.

—By virtue of decrees rendered by the District Court of the Confederate States for the Western District of Virginia, held at Lexington, on the 3d day of October, 1862, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, before my office door in Staunton, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 P. M., the following real estate lately belonging to the following named slave executors, but now confiscated to said Confederate States:

1st. A two story framed house and lot, on the East side of New street, Staunton, late the property of James Campbell, an alien, formerly owned by Robt. Campbell, dec'd.

2d. A story framed house and large lot near Staunton, a short distance beyond the Steam Mills, late the property of John B. Wright, an alien.

3d. A small house and lot on Green street, Staunton, late the property of Mason Hirsh & Bro., aliens.

4th. A tract of 38½ acres of land, about 2½ miles S. West of Staunton, with a dwelling house and good Apple Orchard thereon, joining the lands of John Parks and others, late the property of C. D. Watson, an alien; subject to a lien in favor of Fike & Peters, and W. M. Bumgardner, whose amount will be made known on the day of sale.

The terms of sale for all the above property (except the Campbell lot, for one third of the purchase money down, the balance to equal instalments of six and twelve months, secured by bond with personal security in the town of Staunton, the lot in the 3d and 4th clause mentioned, containing between 1 and 2 acres, situate 5 miles West of Staunton, near Mahron Church,—on a credit of 6, 12 and 18 months, except the purchase money to be paid down, the purchaser giving bond with good personal security, for the deferred payments, and the title retained as ultimate security.—There is an excellent fence, nearly altogether of plank, around the lot; a garden enclosed tastefully with palings and shrubbery within it; and upon it a blacksmith shop, with two fire places; a dwelling house two and a half stories high; kitchen; dairy; meat house; corncrib; and stable; all in good order, and the stand considered one of the best in the county for a blacksmith.

Capt. David Sherrett, or Wm. A. Brown, Esq., living near the property, will show it to any who may wish to examine it, until the day of sale.

Dec. 9—4ts. WILLIAM MATIER,
Commissioner.

THREE TRACTS OF LAND AND A VALUABLE MILL FOR SALE.

—In obedience to a decree of the Circuit Court of Nelson county, rendered at its recent term, in the suit of John Fox and Wm. Fox, Plaintiffs, against Woodson B. Fox and others, Defendants, we the undersigned, as Commissioners appointed by said decree, will, on Wednesday, the 24th day of December next, proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, two tracts of LAND, of which Samuel Fox, died, seized and possessed, lying in the said county of Nelson, about 2½ miles North of Afton Depot. The one, the mansion-house tract, containing about 320 acres, of good quality, a considerable portion of which is cleared, and in complete order for farming, having on it a good dwelling house, with convenient out-houses, and one of the best orchards in the county of choice fruit.

The other tract is also valuable, and adjoins or lies very near to the mansion-house tract, containing about ninety acres, of like quality, the greater portion of which is cleared, and in cultivation, having on it a good dwelling house, and convenient out-houses.

Also, by virtue of said decree, we will, on Thursday, the first day of January next, proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, a tract of land belonging to the same estate, lying in the county of Albemarle, near Batesville, containing about 70 or 80 acres of excellent quality, it has on it a valuable Grist Mill, and two dwelling houses.

All the sold property will be sold on a credit of 6, 12, and 18 months, the purchaser or purchasers executing bonds with approved security, and the title withheld as ultimate security.

JOHN B. SPICER and
WM. WILLIAMS,
Commissioners.

Dec 9—4ts

PUBLIC SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE OF WM. B. YANCEY, DEC'D.

The undersigned, as surviving Commissioner appointed by the decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, in a cause therein pending in the name of Geo. O. Conrad, Guardian, &c., vs. Conrad, &c., will proceed, on the premises, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of December, 1862, to offer, at public auction, that large and valuable tract of land, situated on the Shenandoah River, in the county of Rockingham, and known as the home place of the late Wm. B. Yancey, deceased. Bland land is adjacent to the town of Mount Crawford, in Rockingham. It is well improved and in fine order. The improvements are of the best order, consisting of a dwelling house, with convenient out-houses. There is a Mill seat, but supplied by a fine water power, on the premises, with ample water for a Mill, and sufficient to drive a Woolen Factory. The property is well adapted to the business of a Woolen Factory, and is now occupied for that purpose. The property will be shown to any who may desire to see it, by any one of the undersigned.

The sale will be made on the day of sale, and will be made known on the day of sale, or all cash, if the purchaser desires it.

S. A. RICHARDSON,
W. H. TAMS.

Dec 2—tds

☞ Richmond Whig and Lynchburg Republican copy three times a week till sale. Rockingham Register and Lexington Gazette copy till sale. All send bills to this office for payment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF NEGROES.

—As Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of William Smith, dec'd, I will proceed, at the hour of twelve, in Augusta county, to sell, at public auction, on the 27th day of December, 1862, to likely negroes—men, women and children—which were left by the Will of said William Smith to Nancy Taibert and wife for life, and directed by his Will to be sold at their death.

Terms of Sale:—Three months credit for bonds with approved security. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

WM. E. SMITH,
Administrator de bonis non with the Will annexed of William Smith, deceased.

Nov. 18—tds*

COMMISSIONERS SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Augusta, rendered in a suit in chancery, I will sell to the highest bidder on Friday, January 9th, 1863, the undivided interest of D. Linn, late of Augusta, dec'd, (being one-twelfth, subject to the Widow's dower claim,) in about 200 acres of land belonging to estate of D. Linn, dec'd, deceased. It lies in the upper end of Augusta county, near Newport.

Terms—One half cash and balance in six months. Bond with good personal security, and the title retained as further security.

HENRY OTT,
Commissioner.

Dec 9—tds

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF NEGROES

Under order of the Circuit Court of Augusta county rendered at the November term 1862, in the case of Randolph's widow and heirs, vs. Randolph's Administrator's, &c., the undersigned Commissioners will proceed, at the town of Greenville, on the 27th day of December, 1862, to sell seven likely SLAVES, consisting of 4 men, 1 woman, 1 boy and 1 girl.

Terms of Sale—Three months credit for bonds, with approved security.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WM. F. SMITH,
JOHN J. LAREW, } Com'rs.

Nov. 18—tds*

DESERTER ARRESTED.

On the 17th of November, a man who calls himself WILLIAM HINSON, and representing himself as a deserter from the 44th Georgia Regiment—Col. Lumpkin—was taken up in Gaston county, N. C., and lodged in Mocksville jail. He was riding a large gray mare about 7 years old, foretop slightly trimmed, and shod in front only. He acknowledges having stolen said mare from a gentleman living between Winchester and Staunton, Va. The undersigned has the mare in possession awaiting the call of the owner, who can have the same by proving property and paying charges. I live in Lincoln county, 3 miles below Beattie's Ford. JOHN DAVIS.

Dec 2—4t

Some newspaper in Staunton, Va., will please copy four times, and send bill to J. A. Fox, Esq., Charlotte, North Carolina.—*State's Democrat.*

NEW BOOKS AND STATIONERY JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE AT ROBERT COWAN'S CASH BOOK STORE.

—Gibson's Manual of Military Surgery; The First Year of the War, by E. A. Pollard; The Second Battle of Manassas, by E. A. Pollard; The Partisan Ranger, by Judge Beverly Tucker; The Quartermaster's Guide, by Major Bloomfield. Letter and Foolscap Paper, Envelopes, &c. &c. West & Johnston's Map of Virginia.

Nov. 4—tf

NEW BOOKS!

REGULATIONS
for the
Army of the Confederate States,

authorized edition, just received and for sale by

Dec 2. ROBERT COWAN.

LAST NOTICE.

Having disposed of our entire Stock of Goods, we are very desirous of closing our late business, and request all persons knowing themselves indebted to us on open accounts to come forward, without delay, and pay up, for to give their notes a longer indulgence cannot be granted. Those having claims against us are requested to present the same for payment.

CRAWFORD & COCHRAN.

Oct. 28—tf.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

Taken up, by Hugh W. Sheffey, on his land in said county, near Staunton, on the day of August, 1862, an estray of the following description, to wit:

A HEIFER of redish color, white on back, and left horn partly broken off, no brand or flesh mark except in right ear, which has a crop, slit and under-keel, supposed to be about 2 or 3 years old, and appraised at $35.

[Extract—teste.]

WM. T. JEWELL, D. C.

Dec 9—3t.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

Taken up, by Jacob Bear, on his land near Church ville, on Monday, the 24th day of November, 1862, an Estray HEIFER, of the following description, to wit:

An Estray HEIFER of a brindle color, with white belly, no ear marks, supposed to be four years old, and appraised at $50.

[Extract—Teste] WM. T. JEWELL, D. C.

Dec. 16—3t

HAVING

disposed of our entire stock, we will proceed forthwith to settle all amounts due the concern. Persons having accounts against the same will please present them. ROANE & ALBY.

Dec 16

GENERAL COMMISSION HOUSE,

84 Main Street,
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

Will buy and sell on Commission, Leaf, Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Wheat, Flour, Corn, Cotton Fabrics, and, in fact, everything kept in a General Commission House.

Net proceeds of sales promptly rendered.

We refer to the business men of Lynchburg generally. WILLS, CALHOUN & CO.

Dec 16, 1862.—1mo

NOTICE.

Came to my house on the 10th of June last, 7 head of fat CATTLE. Said Cattle was appraised, proved and killed, by order of Dr McGuire, for the use of the Hospital at Greenwood Depot. The owner will please come forward, describe the Cattle, and receive his pay from the undersigned.

Dec 16—1mo G. A. FARROW.

THE KALORAMA FAMILY SCHOOL,

STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, will be re-opened, for a session of five months, on THURSDAY, the 15th of January next.

Terms PER SESSION—

Board and English tuition,	$136.00
(Washing, Extra.)	
Instruction on Piano or Guitar,	30.00
Use of Instrument,	3.00
French,	12.00

One half to be paid in advance—the other, in the middle of the session.

Dec 16—4t

WANTED,—

A SUBSTITUTE for the war

Inquire at my office.

Dec. 1—tf GEO. BAYLOR.

COTTON BAGS.—

Just received 37 Bales
COTTON BAGS,

Oct. 31. JOHN B. HOGE.

WANTED,

10,000 pounds Tallow,

Lard, old grease, rancid butter,

For which I will buy the highest market price.

JOHN B. HOGE.

Oct 31—tf

SALT! SALT!!

Quartermaster's Depot, 6 barrels Salt, fine table, suitable for salting Beef and pickling Pork.

JOHN S. WALLACE,
Depot Agent.

Dec 16—3t

PUBLIC SALES.

FOR SALE,

THE STAUNTON STEAM MILLS.

THIS valuable property, built in 1858, at a cost of $27,000, and furnished with the most improved machinery, will be sold at public sale in front of the Post-office in Staunton, on the 2d day of December, 1862, unless previously disposed of, of which due notice will be given.

There are 5 pairs of best French Burrs of 4 feet diameter and 2½ inches depth. The pair of Plaster Burrs are in a separate room and entirely cut off from the flouring Mills. The Bolts and Chests are of the most superior character and have a small Burr attached for regrinding middlings. The whole are driven by one of the celebrated "Corliss" Steam Engines of 60 horse power, capable of working up to 90 horse power and with more regularity than can be secured by ordinary water power, and has consumed only a cord of wood in manufacturing 12 barrels of flour. The Mill House is 70 feet by 45 and four stories high; and the Engine House 70 by 45, one story high, and both covered with slate. The Mills are planed with reference to additional improvements, and which a rapidly increasing custom will render necessary. Present capacity of the Mill, 125 barrels per day.

The Mill Lot contains 2½ acres, adjoins the depot of the Central Rail Road, and each of which runs by the Mill door. It has also a sufficiency of water and a fine site for a Tannery. A Copper Shop, 40 by 34, is on the Mill lot and fore shed with the most improved machinery for making barrels, buckets, &c., which machinery may be bought with the Mill at the option of the purchaser.

The attention of the public is invited to this Property, which is believed to be in competent hands, one of the most valuable in the grain growing Valley of Virginia.

Terms liberal as to time, and will be made known on day of sale, or all cash, if the purchaser desires it.

S. A. RICHARDSON,
W. H. TAMS.

Dec 2—tds

☞ Richmond Whig and Lynchburg Republican copy three times a week till sale. Rockingham Register and Lexington Gazette copy till sale. All send bills to this office for payment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF NEGROES.

—As Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of William Smith, dec'd, I will proceed, at the hour of twelve, in Augusta county, to sell, at public auction, on the 27th day of December, 1862, to likely negroes—men, women and children—which were left by the Will of said William Smith to Nancy Taibert and wife for life, and directed by his Will to be sold at their death.

Terms of Sale:—Three months credit for bonds with approved security. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

WM. E. SMITH,
Administrator de bonis non with the Will annexed of William Smith, deceased.

Nov. 18—tds*

COMMISSIONERS SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Augusta, rendered in a suit in chancery, I will sell to the highest bidder on Friday, January 9th, 1863, the undivided interest of D. Linn, late of Augusta, dec'd, (being one-twelfth, subject to the Widow's dower claim,) in about 200 acres of land belonging to estate of D. Linn, dec'd, deceased. It lies in the upper end of Augusta county, near Newport.

Terms—One half cash and balance in six months. Bond with good personal security, and the title retained as further security.

HENRY OTT,
Commissioner.

Dec 9—tds

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF NEGROES

Under order of the Circuit Court of Augusta county rendered at the November term 1862, in the case of Randolph's widow and heirs, vs. Randolph's Administrator's, &c., the undersigned Commissioners will proceed, at the town of Greenville, on the 27th day of December, 1862, to sell seven likely SLAVES, consisting of 4 men, 1 woman, 1 boy and 1 girl.

Terms of Sale—Three months credit for bonds, with approved security.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WM. F. SMITH,
JOHN J. LAREW, } Com'rs.

Nov. 18—tds*

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

A PROCLAMATION.

HAVING received a communication from the President of the Confederate States, invoking the aid of the State Executive on several important points, I deem it proper, in giving my cordial co-operation, to call upon the officers of the State, civil and military, and upon the people of the Commonwealth generally, to lend their assistance.

By united and harmonious action our independence can and will be obtained. A cheerful and ready obedience to the laws should be given until they are pronounced by competent tribunals to be unconstitutional.

It is the duty of every good citizen to sustain the constituted authorities in their just endeavors to promote the public welfare.

The President asks for assistance in the "enrollment of conscripts and the forwarding of them to the proper points of rendezvous. To render his appeal effectual, I invoke the aid of the Commissioners of the Revenue, the Sheriffs and Constables, and the Justices of the Peace. From their general knowledge of all the inhabitants of their several districts, they have it in their power to find out and to report to the enrolling officers all persons liable to conscription, and will render efficient service by expediting the conscripts to their several destinations.

The cause in which we are engaged, the holy purpose we have at heart, requires that every man, liable to military duty, should be stimulated to moral action, and, if need be, by compulsatory processes to give to the country the advantage of his intellect and his physical energies. The country has a right to the services of all, and none should be allowed to sneak or shrink from duty.

The President asks assistance "in restoring to the army all who are absent and who now within the State absent without leave, or whose term of absence has expired or who have recovered from disability, and are now able to return to duty. This absence is the cause of the fruitless victories heretofore gained. If in any one of the great battles in which our armies have been victorious, all the force composing those armies had been present, none can entertain a doubt but that the enemy would have been utterly crushed and destroyed and that our Slave territory would have been released from the pride of invasion and the consequent desolation of the larger portion of our territory. How essential, then, is it that this troubled portion of it should cease to exist. An officer or private absent without leave is nothing but a deserter. Let the finger of scorn of the young and the old, of the matron and the maiden, be pointed at such delinquents, and if shame will not cause them to return to duty, let them be hunted from the neighborhoods in which they are quartering and be carried back under guard to their encampments—as the law of Virginia prescribes that, "If any person shall fail to appear at the place of rendezvous when ordered, or shall absent himself without leave, he shall be treated as a deserter." There is reason to believe and I regret to state it, that it is too common for men who have received furloughs from disability, and are now able to return to duty, to continue to absent themselves on the plea that their pay while rendering no equivalent. This is a burning disgrace, and no family should tolerate an inmate who will thus act in contempt of their virtues and sufferings. Let men not to ask them to do so, but to implore them to go back to their duty and their country in conquering a speedy peace. Then, and not till then, will they be able, with honor and graduation, to recline under their own vine and fig trees, and to enjoy the blessings they will have secured by their manly exertions for themselves and their posterity.

The President, with an earnestness solicitude, asks assistance, "in securing for the use of the army all such necessary supplies as exist within the State in excess of the quantity indispensable for the support of the people at home. I have, heretofore, with earnestness, appealed to my fellow citizens, invoked from the people these necessary supplies. I repeat now, that the necessity for such supplies still exist, and that prompt assistance will prevent, or, at any rate, alleviate much suffering. Men who are fighting for us, and risking their lives for the common cause, have a right to expect that proper exertions shall be made to protect them, by suitable clothing, from inclement weather, and to provide them with necessary food.—I am happy to testify that I have had presented to me, by individuals, noble examples of liberal gifts, to old veterans and their comrades, and that I have seen, in all our public prints, such evidence of a boundless charity, which would reflect the highest honor upon any people. Virginia have not been lagging of her duty, but have opened their hearts and their purses in generous aid. Such conduct deserves the thanks of the State and is worthy of imitation.

It is asked of the direct tax to provide a fund to pay "the wife, children and dependents of volunteers, who have left their families in destitute circumstances, labor to the extent which may be required in the production of works conducive to the public defence." This application will greatly conduce to the public defence. In addition to the several subjects, I deem it to be my duty to call the attention of the people generally, but of the county and corporation courts especially, to the necessity that now exists for increased vigilance in regard to domestic and county police. Our slaves have hitherto been contented and happy, peaceable and trust-worthy, and I doubt not they will continue so, notwithstanding the disgraceful proclamation of the President of the United States, and the shameful attempts of abolition preachers and others to render them discontented and insubordinate. But in times like these it is proper to be ever watchful, ever on the guard. I therefore recommend, earnestly, that the several county and corporation Courts shall forthwith proceed to execute the provisions of the State law relative to establishing a patrol in each county and corporation, to visit, within such bounds as the Courts may require, all negro quarters and other places suspected of being the resort of such assemblies, or such persons as may stroll from one plantation to another without permission. Let every master keep a watchful guardianship over his plantation, and cause his slaves to keep within their own premises, and prohibit visitors from their cabins at unseasonable visits. If the county courts cannot assemble promptly, let each justice of the peace order out patrols, as the law authorizes him to do, to continue in service until the next term of the county or corporation Court.

And, finally, the President declares, in appropriate terms, the true spirit of patriotism, now so rife in all portions of the Confederacy, and urgently appeals to the Executives of the States to urge upon their several Legislatures the necessity of passing such laws as will effectually restrain such evil doers. I earnestly invoke the patriotic everywhere to discountenance extortions and extortioners, and if patriotic appeals will not induce them to change their policy, and abandon a course of conduct calculated to prejudice our holy cause, I hope they will impress upon their Senators and Delegates in the General Assembly the necessity of adopting such legislation as will remedy the evil at their next session in January.

We have another struggle to make against our unscrupulous foe. It may not be the last, but let it be at least worthy of our ancestors and ourselves. Let it be a gallant fight in which we shall put forth all of manhood, of vigor and of courage that has been given us from Heaven. Let it be recorded in future ages that Virginians emulated their glorious sires and fought with determined resolution and valor, leaving nothing undone that might have been done to ensure success.

Given under my hand at Richmond, and under the Seal of the Commonwealth, this 3d day of December, 1862, and in the 87th year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:
Geo. W. Munford,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Dec 16—3t

NOTICE.

On the first day of January, 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will be sold, at the Middle Alley, at public auction, between Lots No. 1, in Gordon's Range, and Lot No. 2, in Gordon's Range, the property of the late firm of A. G. & B. J. Gordon, consisting of CARPETING, part of which is very nearly new.

Terms—Cash.

Commission, R. C. GORDON,
Dec 16—4ts Principal.

Battle at Fredericksburg, Saturday, the 13th Inst.

We clip the following account of the battle at Fredericksburg, on Saturday, the 13th inst., from the Richmond Dispatch of the 16th:

About 9 o'clock the booming of the first gun was heard at Hamilton's Turnout, away off to the left, in the direction of Port Royal. As a short time the successive reports of artillery told us unmistakably that the ball was opening, and along the whole line of the right wing the troops buckled on their armor for the conflict before them. As the morning wore on, and the fog which had partially obscured the light was lifted from the earth, the cannonading became more general until about 11 o'clock, when what had before been but an occasional report became an uninterrupted roar. So general was this cannonade that no unprecedented ear could scarce distinguish the report of our own from the guns of the enemy.

About 1 o'clock, P. M., the long black columns of the enemy, in regular order, were observed moving up from their position near the river, in the direction of our batteries on the hillside, three-fourths of a mile in advance of Hamilton's crossing. As they moved act as the wide valley, stretching away between the river and the railroad, one of our batteries away off to the right opened upon them a fire which was kept up until the head of their columns had reached the woods in which our line was formed, when the sharp crack of infantry, first at intervals and then in volleys quickly succeeding each other, was heard and observed from the surrounding hills. At this time the fight at this point had become general in every sense, both sides contending the ground with more than usual obstinacy. Here, and to the left of the right wing, the battle raged for perhaps an hour, our engaged being A. P. Hill's division and a portion of Early's and Taliaferro's forces. Meanwhile, the enemy's columns were observed to falter, and presently to recede when it very soon became evident that the fire was too warm for them, and that they were yielding and gradually giving way, as our own forces pressed on. For a

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STAUNTON, VA.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1862.

The Battle in Fredericksburg.

The victory won by our gallant army at Fredericksburg, on Saturday, the 13th inst., was more decided and brilliant than the first accounts represented. It was known then that the enemy had been crumbled with great loss—much greater than they had inflicted upon us—but it was not then known that they had been crippled to such a degree as to be unable to renew the engagement. Gen. Lee supposed the engagement would be renewed the next day, and was prepared to give the enemy as hospitable a welcome as he had done the day before. It is shown by the despatch of Gen. Burnside that he intended to renew the struggle on Sunday morning, but for some good reason the battle was not renewed, and, instead of fighting, his army was countermarched, and recrossed to the North side of the Rappahannock on Monday night. At 4 o'clock on Sunday morning Gen. Burnside sent the following telegram to President Lincoln:

HEAD'Q'S ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, 4 A. M., 14th Dec.

To the President of the United States:

I have just returned from the field.—Our troops are all over the river, and hold the Ridge out side of the town, and three miles below. We hope to carry the Crest to day. Our loss is heavy—say five thousand.

(Signed) A. E. BURNSIDE, Maj. Gen'l Com'dg.

This despatch is brief, but it serves to reveal more than Burnside intended.—It shows that all of his troops were on the southern side of the river, and not a part only as had been supposed, and it shows, also, that, at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, he intended to renew the fight, for he expresses to Lincoln his hope of carrying the Crest to-day (Sunday).—The "Crest" to which he alluded is still standing, but the crest of Burnside has fallen, and he is now in a fair way to follow all of his predecessors who attempted to reach Richmond—Scott, McDowell, McClellan, and Pope.—"Jordan is a hard road to travel."

It is now evident that Burnside was prevented from renewing the fight, by the fact that his army had been so badly whipped and demoralized that the officers and men would not agree to go into battle again at that place. "The burnt child dreads the fire." They were taught the day before the efficacy of the fire of Southern troops, and were not willing to take another lesson in the same branch of knowledge. Our loss will not exceed in killed and wounded, 1,500, or 2,000, whilst the loss of the enemy is supposed to be between twelve and eighteen thousand. Their loss is supposed to be eight times as great as ours.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, speaking of the casualties among the Yankee officers, says:

"Gen. Bayard was killed in the battle, and his body sent to Washington.—He was to have been married on the Wednesday following. Brigadier General Conrad F. Jackson, of Pennsylvania, was also killed. Among the wounded Generals are Vinton, Kendall, Caldwell, Gibbon, and Meagher, the latter reported severely. Lieutenant Colonel Dickinson was killed."

It seems that Burnside took good care of No. 1 on the day of battle. He was at the Phillip's House about a mile and a half from the river on the Northern side, beholding the death struggle of his troops by means of a large my glass.—

The city of Fredericksburg, as a city, is no more. The old town has been battered by balls and shells from 275 cannon—it has been sacked and plundered by the enemy, who wantonly destroyed everything they could lay their worse than Vandal hands upon. We hope it will not be long before it will rise from its ruins, like the fabled Phœnix from its ashes, revivified by the terrible baptism of fire through which, with such a heroic spirit, it has passed.

Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson, who, many almost believe, leads a charmed life, had a very narrow escape. He was watching the battle, and standing at the base of an oak tree, when a ballet struck not more than two inches above his head. The Old Hero continued his observations, unmoved by the incident." [illegible] the battle, the question asked [illegible] "Where is Burnside?" [illegible] disappeared as suddenly as the [illegible] Richmond Whig says the [illegible] Burnside, whither dost thou wander, [illegible] you left Fredericksburg and went over yonder?"

Christmas.

"Christmas comes but once a year," and will be here before we issue the next paper. In accordance with our terms we offer, in advance, the greetings of the season to all of our patrons, and express the hope that every family may enjoy the cheer blessings of a fat turkey of eggnog. When it is [illegible] that turkeys are worth $5. [illegible] $1.25 per gallon, and [illegible] it will be seen that [illegible] enjoyment of no [illegible] express the [illegible] Christmas [illegible] Dutchman [illegible] suspect [illegible] name [illegible] the [illegible] Christmas [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] Christmas [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] Christmas [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] Christmas