

HEPBY, S. FOOTE ON THE REBELLION.

Secret History—Jefferson Davis—The Rebel Cabinet—General Hindman, Etc. Etc.

Meers, Harper & Brothers will publish this week a work by H. S. Foote, of Mississippi, entitled "War of the Rebellion; or, Soylia and Charybdis; consisting of Observations upon the Causes, Course, and Consequences of the late Civil War in the United States."

He discusses the political history of the country from the settlement of the colonies, rapidly, and blames abolitionists and sectionalists alike for the war.

His discussion of political questions has little value or interest. It is an attempt to warm up very stale meats. There are issues and questions so dead that they can never be infused with life again now that the struggle is over which killed them.

He married, led the army, and settled himself on a plantation of respectable dimensions in the southern part of Louisiana, where he remained twenty miles from the city of Vicksburg, where he has constantly resided since, until he became President of the Confederate States.

Mr. Davis and his official associates had no correct conception of the true character and dimensions of the war into which they had so hastily plunged, and as a result of this they were unable to make any adequate preparation.

There were only two of these functionaries whose official qualifications were even respectable—the Attorney-General, Mr. Watts, of Alabama, and the Postmaster-General, Mr. Reagan, of Texas.

Just about the time that I was laboring most assiduously to relieve the Department of War of Mr. Benjamin, by calling forth, as far as it might be in my power to do so, co-operative responses from the people, an occurrence took place in recent history which had a most important effect, not only upon the fate of Mr. Benjamin, but which, in the sequel, had much influence also upon the course of public events.

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years that I occupied a seat in the Confederate Congress, I received numerous letters from citizens of the highest respectability residing there, urging me, in the warmest terms, to aid in displacing him from the position which he was so signally disgracing.

I am not prepared to assert anything in regard to his pecuniary honesty, but it is undoubtedly true that all over the Confederate States he had men employed to purchase supplies for his department of notoriously bad character, not a small number of whom are known to have accumulated large fortunes during the war, the names some of whom I could not, were it necessary, quite easily specify, having brought their iniquities heretofore to the view of the Confederate Congress.

Yet he was retained in the Commissary Department for four years, in utter contempt of remonstrance, of complaint, and of direct and positive accusations of delinquency. It is even true that Mr. Northrop was not a constitutional officer of the Confederate government, but was nominated to the Senate.

The career of Mr. Seddon, as Secretary of War, will long be remembered by all who ever entered the War Department, while he sat enthroned there, with unmixed regret and indignation. It may be safely said that he did not possess one of the qualities needed to a creditable and useful performance of the duties which were now devolved on him.

General Hindman, of Arkansas, when a very young man, had, in the State of Mississippi, been a most ardent and unscrupulous advocate of Jefferson Davis and his military expeditions, and he had afterwards gone to Arkansas, where he had led for several years a very turbulent and disreputable life.

And yet Mr. Davis retained this man in the office of Secretary of War, amid continual indications of popular indignation and disgust, from month to month and from year to year; nor would he have been so long so deeply honored, but for the undeniable fact that I had directly charged him upon recorded testimony, that to say, upon the evidences supplied by the books in his own department, of having caused to be paid to himself, by his own officials, forty dollars per bushel for his whole crop of wheat for the year 1864, while he was, by the instrumentality of forcible imprisonment, compelling the farmers of North Carolina, Virginia, and other States, to yield up their wheat to the Government officials at an inadequate price of from seven to nine dollars in Confederate paper.

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The fact was very well known to me that Mr. Davis and his friends were confidently looking for foreign aid, and from several quarters. It was stated in many places, repeatedly, by several special friends of the Confederate President, that one hundred thousand French soldiers were expected to arrive within the limits of the Confederate States by way of Mexico; while it was more than rumored that a secret compact, wholly unauthorized by the Confederate Constitution, with certain Polish commissioners who had been lately on a visit to Richmond, had been effected, by means of which Mr. Davis would soon be supplied with some twenty or thirty thousand additional troops, such refugees from Poland,

and sojourning in several European States; which latter force, when it should arrive, not being levied under Congressional authority, would be completely at the command of the President, for any purpose whatever.

Alleged Monster Fraud—Thurlow Weed Accused of Selling the Rights of Others—Injunction to Restrain Thurlow, Etc.

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