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A Quaint Democratic Electioneering Document.

More Aid for Seymorr and Blair from their Southern Friends.

Ould, the Ex-Commissioner, Ventilates the Exchange Business.

We take the following voluminous document from the journal to the editor of which it is addressed: -

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 17, 1868 .- To the Editors the National Interfigencer-Gealementhave recently seen so many misrepresentations of the action of the late Confeserate authoritie. in relation to prisoners that I feel it due to the trath of history, and peculiarly incumpent on me as their agent of exchange, to bring to the attention of the country the facts set forth in this paper:-

The cartel of exchange bears date July 22, 1862. Its chief purpose was to secure the de-livery of all pursoners of war.

To that end, the fourin article provided that all prisoners of war should be discharge 1 on paiole in ten days after in ir capture. From the date of the cartel until the summer of 1863 the Confederate authorities bad the excess of pr.sopers. During that interval deliveries were as fast as the Federal Government furnished transportation. Indeed, upon more than one occasion, I urged the Feieral authorities to eend increased means of trausportation. It has never even been alleged that the Confederate authorities failed or neglected to make promodeliveries of prisoners who were not nel t under charges, when they had the excess. On the other hand, during the same time the cartel was openly and notoriously violated by the Federal uthorities. Officers and men were kept in confinement, sometimes in irons, or doomed to cells, without charge or trust. Many officers were kept in continement even a ter tae notices published by the Federal authorities had de-

clared them exchanged. In the summer of 1863 the Federal authorities insisted upon limiting exchanges to such as were held in continement on eather side. This resisted, as being in violation of the cartel. Such a construction not only kept in conduct ment the excess on either side, but ignored all the paroles which were held by the Contedera i Government. These were very many, being the paroles of officers and men who had been re-leased on capture. The Federal Government at that time held tewor no paroles. They use all, or nearly all, been surrendered, the Confederate authorities giving prise ets as equiva ents for them. Thus it will be seen, that as long as the Confederate Government had the excess of prisoners, matters went on smoothly enough; but as soon as the posture of adars in that respect was changed, the curtel could no longer be observed. So, as long the Federal Government had the paroles of Confederate officers and men they were respected, and made the basis of an exchange: but when equivalents were tained for them, and no more were in hand, the paroles which were held by the Confederate authorities could not be recognized. In consequence of the position thus assumed by the Federal Government, the requirement of the cartel that all prisoners should be delivered within ten days was practically nullified. The deliveries which were after varus made were the results of special agreements.

The Confederate authornies adhered to their position until the 10th of August, 1864, when, moved by the sufferings of the men in the prisons of each belligerent, they determined to abate their just demand-. Accordingly, on the last-named day, I addressed the jolio sing communication to Brigadier General John E. Mulford (then Major), Assistant Agent of Ex-

change:-

To this communication no rep'y of any kind was ever made. I need not state how much sufdischarged from further attendance." I have got the curious document before me now, signed fering would have been proven ed if this offer had been met in the spirit in which it was die tated. In addition, the world have had truthfui with the name of "N. P. Chipman, Colonel." etc. I intend to keep it, if I can, as the evidence of the first case in any court, of any sort, where a accounts of the treatment of prisoners on both witness who was summoned for the defense wa sides by officers of character, and thus much of dismissed by the prosecution. I hastened to dethat misrepresentation which has flooted the part, confident that Richmond was a safer place that misrepresentation which has noored the courtry would never have been poured forth. The jury-box in the case of Wirz would have had different witnesses, with a different story. It will be borne in mind that nearly all of the suffering endured by Federal prisoners happened ofter January 1864. The accentance of the for me than the metropolis.

Some time ago a committee was appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate the treatment of Union prisoners in Southern prisons. After the appointment of the committee-the Hon. Mr. Shanks, of Indiana, being its chairman-1 wrote to the Hon. Charles A. Eldridge and the Hon. Mr. Mungen (the latter a member of the committee) some of the facts berein detailed. Bo h of these gentlemen made an effort to extend the authority of the committee, so that it might moure into the treatment of prisoners North as well as South, and espe of prisoners North as well as Fould, and espe-cially that it might inquire into the truth of the matters which I had alleged. All these attempts were frustrated by the radical majority, although several of the party voied to extend the inquiry. As several thousand dollars of the money of the prople have been spent by this committee, will not they demand that the inves-tionize shall be thereach and investigations. tigation shall be thorough and impartial? The House of Representatives have declined the in quiry; let the people take it up. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

Ro. OULD.

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RTCACE BONDS

RICHMOND, August 10, 1864.-Major John E. Multord, Assistant Agent of Exchange .- Sir:have several times proposed to me exchange the prisoners respectively held by the two belligerents-officer for officer, and man for man. The same offer has also been made by other officials having charge of matters connected with the exchange of prisoners. This proposal has heretofore been declined by

the Confederate authorit er, they insisting upon the terms of the cartel, which required the de-livery of the excession either side on parole. In view, however, of the very large number of prisoners now held by each party, and the suffering consequent upon their continued confinement, I now consent to the above proposal, and agree to deliver to you the prisoners held in captivity by the Confederate authorities, provided you agree to de-liver an equal number of Confederate Officers and men. As equal numbers are de-livered from time to time, they will be declared avalant and the prisoned is made with the exchanged. This proposal is made with the understanding that the officers and men on bo h sides who have been longest in captivity will be first delivered where it is practicable.

I shall be happy to hear from you as speedily as possible, whether this arrangement can be carried out.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, Bo. OULD, Agent of Exchange.

The delivery of this letter was accompanied with a statement of the mortaluy which was harrying so many Federal prisoners at Ander so wille to the grave.

On the 22d day of August, 1864, not having heard anything in response, I a toressed a com-junication to Major General E. A. Hitchcock, Inited States Commissioner of Exchange, cover-ig a copy of the foregoing letter to General fulford, and requising an acceptance of my popositions.

o answer was ever received to either of these leters. General Mulford, on the 31st of August. 184, informed me in writing that he had no Communication on the subject from the United Bites authorities, and that he was not at that the authorized to make an answer, his offer, which would have instantly re-

steed to freedom thousands of suffering captives. wich would have released every Federal soldier in onfinement in Contederate prisons was not poticed. Was that because the Federal ofials did not deem it worthy of a reply; of beause they feared to make one? As Feeral authorities at that time had a large exess of prisoners, the effect of the proposal which I had made, if carried out, would have been to release all Union prisoners, while a lars number of the Contederates would have retained in prison, awaiting the chances of theapture of their equivalents.

IJanuary, 1864, and indeed, some time carlierit became very manifest, that in conse-quese of the complication in relation to excharges, the large bulk of prisoners on both sidewould remain in captivity for many long andeary months, if not for the duration of the war Prompted by an earnest desire to alle-viathe hardships of continement on both sides, I actessed the following communication to Genal E. A. Hitchcock, United States Commissner of Exchange, and on or about the day of idate, delivered the same to the Federal aut rity :-

COFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DE-TABENT, RICHMOND, Va., January 24, 1864 --Maj-General E. A. Hitchcock. Agent of Ex-chae-Sir:-In view of the present difficulties atteling the exchange and release of prisoners I prose that all such on each side shall be atteled by a proper number of their own surunder rules to be established. geo, who, shabe permitted to take charge of their healtn andomfort.

I to propose that these surgeons shall act as comissaries, with power to receive and distributuch contributions of money, food, clothing ad medicines as may be forwarded for the reliof prisoners. I further propose that these surgas be selected by their own Governments, and at they shall have full liberty at any rad all tes, through the agents of exchange, to makeports not only of their own acts, but of any sters relating to the webare of prisoners. Beethally, your obedient servant,

Ro. OULD, Agent of Exchange.

firing the popular heart of the North ?" IV.

after January, 1864. The acceptance of the propretition made by me, on behalt of the Con-

federate Government, would not only have fur-nished to the sick meditines and physicians, but to the well an abundance of food and cloth-

ing from the ample stores of the United States.

The good faith of the Confederate Government in making this offer cannot be successfully

questioned, for food and clothing (without the surgeons) were sent in 1865 and were allowed

to be distributed by Federal officers to Federal

III.

not be made erher on the basis of the cartel, or officer for officer and man for man, I was

instructed by the Confederate authorities to offer to the United States Government their

sick and wounded, without requiring any equivalents. Accordingly, in the summer of 1864, I did offer to deriver from ten to inteen

thous and of the sick and wounded at the mouth

of the Savannah river, without requiring any

equivalents, assuring at the same time the agent of the United States, General Mattord,

that if the number for which he night send transforts could not readily be made up from

sick and wo nded, I would supply the diderence

with well men. Although this offer was made in the summer of 1864, transportation was not

ning some of the Savannah river until about the hiddle or last of November, and then I oclivered as many prisoners as could be transported -some thirteen thousand in number,

amongst whom were more than five thousand

More than once I urged the mortality at

Ander-onville as a reason for basic on the part of the United States authorities. I know, per-sonally, that it was the purpose of the Confede-

ra'e Government to send off from all its prisons

could not be brought to Savannah within a

reasonable time that the five thousand well men

Although the terms of my offer did not re-

quire the Federal authorities to deliver any for the ten or fif een thousand which I promised,

et some three toousand sick and wounded were

flicer and man who saw the cargo of living

death, and who is familiar with the character of

the deliveries made by the Confederate authori-

ties, to bear witness that none such was even

made by the latter, even when the very sick and

desperately wounded were alone requested. For, on two occasions at least, such were spe-

made for those who were so desperately sick that it would be doubtful whether they would

survive a removal a few miles down James river.

Accordingly, the hospitals were searched for the

worst cases, and a'ter they were delivered they

graphed as specimen prisoners. The photographs

at Annapolis were terrible, indeed; but the

misery they portrayed was surpassed at

The original rolls showed that some thirty-

five hundred had started from Northern prisons,

and that death had reduc d the number during

the transit to about three thousand. The mor-

tality amonest those who were delivered alive

during the following three months was equally

summer and November in sending transporta-tion for sick and wounded, for whom no equiva-

lents were asked? Were Union prisoners mate

to suffer in order to aid the photographs "in

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Il the rick and wounded, and to continue to do the same, from time to time, without requiring any equivalents for them. It was because the

and wounded at points distant from Georgia

January, 1864, have been accepted?

Why could not the more humane proposal of

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were substituted.

Savannah.

In the summer of 1864, in consequence of cerain information communicated to me by the Surgeon-General of the Contederate States as to the dediciency of medicines, I offered to make curchases of medicines from the United States authorities, to be used exclusively for the relief of Federal prisoners. I offered to pay gold, cotton, or tobacco for them, and even two or three prices, if required. At the same time I gave assurances that the medicines would be used exclusively in the treatment of Federal prisoners, and moreover agreed, ou behall of the Confederate States, if it was insisted on, that such medicines might be brought into the Confederate lines by the United States surgeous, and dispensed by them. To this offer I never received any reply. Incredible as this appears, it is strictly true.

General John E. Muliord is personally cognizant of the truth of most, if not all the facts which I have narrated. He was connected with the cartel from its date until the close of the war. During a portion of the time he was Assistant Agent of Exchange on the part of the United States. I always found him to be an honorable and truthful gentleman. While he discharged his duties with great Edelity to his own Government, he was kind, and I might almost say, tender to Confederate prisoners. With that portion of the correspondence with which his name is connected, he is familiar. He is equally so with the delivery made as Savannah, and its attending circumstances, and with the offer I made as to the purchase of medfor the Federal sick and wounded. 1 cines appeal to him for the truth of what I have written. There are other Federal corroborations to pertions of my s atements. They are found in the report of Major General B. F. Butler to the "Committee on the Conduct of the War." About the last of March, 1864, I had several conferences with General Butler at Fortress Monroe in relation to the difficulties attending the exchange of prisoners, and we reached what we both thought a tolerably satisfactory basis. The day that I leit there General Grant arrived. General Butler says he communicated to him the state of the negotiations, and "most emphatic verbal directions were received from the Lieutenant-General not to take any step by which another able bodied man should be exchanged until further orders from him;" and that on April 30, 1864, he received a telegram from General Grant, "to receive the sick and wounded the Confederate authorities may send you, but send no more in exchange." Unless my recollection fails me, General Butler also, in an address to his constituents, substantially lectared that he was directed in his manage ment of the question of exchange with the Con-federate authorities, to put the matter offensively, for the purpose of preventing an exchange.

The facts which I have stated are also well known to the officers counceted with the Con-

iederate Burean of Exchange. At one time I thought an excellent opportu-nity was afforded of bringing some of them to nity was allorded of bringing some of them to the attention of the country. I was named by poor Wirz as a witness in his behalf. The summons was issued by Chipman, the Judge Advocate of the Military Court. I obeyed the summons, and was in attendance upon the Court for some ten days. The investigation had taken a wide range as to the conduct of the Confederate and Federal Governments in the matter of the treatment of prisoners, and I matter of the treatment of prisoners, and I thought the time had come when I could put before the world these humane offers of the Contederate authorities, and the manner in which they had been treated. I so expressed myself more than once-perhaps too publicly,

ut it was a vain thought. Early in the morning of the day on which I expected to give my testimony. I received a note from Chipman, the Judge Advocate, requiring me to surrender my subpena. I refused, as it was my protection at Washington. Without it the doors of the Old Capitol might have opened and closed upon me. I engaged, however, to access before the court, and did so the same norming. I still refused to surrender my subpoint, and thereupon the Judge Advocate in-dorsed upon it these words: - "The within subpoena is hereby revoked; the person named is

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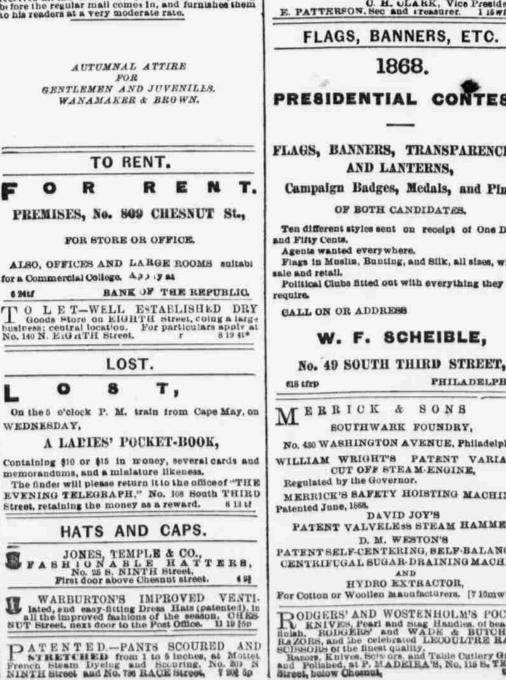
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