

# Blacks Journal

POTTSVILLE, PA.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1861.

**THE CASE IN A BRIEF:**

Fort Sumter belonged to the United States.

Rebels demanded its unconditional surrender—the Government refused—provisional terms were rejected, and an application to provision it with an unarmed vessel was refused.

The Government then offered, for the sake of peace, to withdraw all the forces, but two or three men, who were to occupy it, but keep the Stars and Stripes flying over it. Even this concession on the part of the Government would render it sway in the South, was also rejected, and the usual supplies of provisions bestowed granted were cut off.

Of course the Government would not permit the gallant Anderson and his 46 comrades to starve; and so soon as it was discovered that the Government was determined to provision the Fort at all hazards, the rebels again demanded an unconditional surrender, which was refused by Maj. Anderson.

The 14 hours passed twelve o'clock, the number of people that had assembled about the armament of the two companies, was so great, that it was with difficulty that a place was cleared for them in the street. Every body was pressing forward, and all striving to speak, panting wind and breath, to gain a final leave of their friends, with whom they were compelled to separate.

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**MAJOR ANDERSON.**

"The surrender of the gallant Major has been the subject of some

severe strictures in the New York Courier and Eagle, and has also caused considerable discussion among the people. We think that it would be unjust to treat a single laurel from the head of the gallant officer, until the instructions received from the Government are known, and it is clearly proved, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that he was remiss in performing his duty, and was not ready to die in defense of the Stars and Stripes. After this course, of course Major Anderson will demand a Court Martial for investigation, and until then it would be both ungenerous and cruel to question his loyalty.

**ARMY AND NAVY RESIGNATIONS.**

"It is stated that of the eleven hundred and ten officers whose names are on the Army Register, the number of resignations to date since the secession movement commenced, is eighty-six; and that of the eight hundred and six commissioned officers of the Navy, thirty-three have resigned from all causes since the first of January, to which should be added four lieutenants who resigned in December from their sympathy with secession. Of the seventy-six commissioned officers of the Navy from the seceded States on the first of January, twenty-five remain in the service.

**ALL HONOR TO THE GALLANT PATERSON GOV. REED.**

"Gov. Hicks stands firm for the Union. The Governor's Guards paid him a visit and sang the "Star Spangled Banner." The Governor hoped it might be sung forever. "You have done your duty," was the response, and we will stand by you. All honor to the true Southern men.

**BALTIMORE HAS RAISED THE AMERICANS AGAIN.**

"Gov. Wickes has raised the Americans again over the doors of the new Catholic Cathedral in Lopey square, Philadelphia—the height being 229 feet.

## DEPARTURE OF VOLUNTEERS.

The Washington Artillery and National Light Infantry left for Harrisburg, to obedience to the call of the President. During the whole day the general excitement prevailed among our citizens, and the scene at the streets of the respective companies was quite lively and spirited. New recruits were rolling in at every moment, and the lists were soon swelled to above the requisite number. The Artillery numbered one hundred and thirty rank and file, and the Infantry somewhat above a hundred, many who wished to volunteer their services, were prevented from doing so, on account of the short notice at which the companies were ordered off.

The day was very cold and disagreeable; but notwithstanding this, the people flocked in by thousands from all parts of the country, and it seemed as if the whole population had been poured forth to witness the departure of our gallant volunteers, who with a noble spirit of self-sacrifice, have exchanged the comforts of home, for the dangers and labor of a soldier's life.

About half past twelve o'clock, the companies of people that had assembled about the armament of the two companies, was so great, that it was with difficulty that a place was cleared for them in the street. Every body was pressing forward, and all striving to speak, panting wind and breath, to gain a final leave of their friends, with whom they were compelled to separate.

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