WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1861.

Where breathes the for but fails before With Freedom's soil beneath our feet. And Freedom's banner waving o'er us!

The Letter of Mr. Seward. The letter of Mr. Secretary SEWARD, in reply to Governor Hicks, of Maryland, in relation to the passage of troops through that State, is important as an official announcement of the present position of the Adminis- | the Potomac. tration on this question. It will be seen that the Governor of Maryland made to the President two distinct propositions: firstly, that he should order elsewhere the troops off Annapolis, and send no more through Maryland; and, secondly, that he should invite Lord Lyons, the British minister, to act as "medicountry to prevent the effusion of blood." Maryland that the route by Annapolis was selected by General Scorr as the most practi- sault on Washington. cable, and reminds them that there was a time the suggestion that the representative of a foreign court should be the arbiter of domestic

spurn such an intervention. While the letter of the Secretary might have been more explicit, it satisfies us that nation will adopt such measures as it may replied that troops had to be brought for the deem necessary, without consulting the wishes of even so distinguished a person as Lord

LYONS. on their return that the interview was very The Administration appreciates the position it occupies. It Maryland will raise the unsatisfactory. standard of rebellion, she must be prepared to encounter all the responsibilities of that ville for Harrisburg, probably by order of the position.

The Defence of the Capital. publish to day, will gladden the hearts of all true patriots, and strike terror into the ranks of the traitors. The measures for the protecof such a character, we trust, as to render it through the State! perfectly secure. On Sunday night last, as we learn by special messenger, at least eight thousand men were under arms to defend it. housand men is supposed to have been availanumber of steamboats, tugs, propellers, by the cool and sagacious action of Lieutenant and other floating craft are in the possession of the Government, and ready to where they expected to find valuable stores of transport troops from Perryville to Annapolls, while the connection by railroad be- ral Government. By the telegraphic inteltween the former point and this city, via the ligence we received last night, it appears that Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Rail. their scheme to equip themselves, at Norfolk, road, is unbroken. Should any attempt be with a small navy to commence the piratical made to laterrupt the progress of troops from expeditions upon Northern commerce, which Annapolis to Washington, or at any other por. | their rebel chief has authorized, proved Annapolis to Washington, or at any other por. their rebel chief has authorized, proved fers of money and position in order to secure their tion of this line, we are satisfied the aggressors equally unfortunate. The ships which could services in piloting vessels with Secession troops will be severely punished. It is not impronot be speedily sent to sea were promptly de to a landing near fort Washington on the Marybable that, notwithstanding the order to break stroyed, so that the disgrace of having an enup the camp at Cockeysville, and to direct sign of piracy and treason hoisted to desecrate the militia stationed there to return to Harris- | the mast-heads where the banner of the Stars burg, other lines of approach to the capital and Stripes long waved in triumph, has been through Maryland will be established and kept | averted. open at all hazards. The first great point involved in this contest is to preserve free communication between the regularly constituted authorities of the nation and the great body of the faithful citizens. And towards this end so much skilful military vigor has been directed that its complete accomplishment can be no longer doubtful. The readiness with which so many brave men have responded to the appeal for aid, and to the first signal of danger in that quarter, is unparalleled in the history of the world, and wonder. fully attests the patriotic devotion of our citizens to their country. When our rulers are thoroughly apprised of the extent of this feel. ing, and the mighty resources at their comand—the blood, the treasure, the resistless force and power which they can, at a word, direct into any channel which the restoration of peace and order and the suppression of rebellion may require—they will, doubtless, at parties in our country to prevent the effusion of once adopt a vigorous policy, fully adapted to blood. the exigencies of the occasion, and common.

in all proper measures, to the bitter end. that there is an imperative necessity for great activity in rushing to the defence of the States, with very extensive preparations for the capital Those who control our military ope- effusion of blood, have made it his duty to call out rations are no doubt fully apprized of the true | the force to which you allude. state of affairs, but we have been informed that | The force now sought to be brought through the attempt to forward reinforcements from Maryland is intended for nothing but the defen Annapolis proved unsuccessful; that the junc- of this capital. The President has necessarily contion road from that point to the road between fided the choice of the national highway which Baltimore and Washington had been torn up, Lieutenant General commanding the army of the and the whole surrounding country was in United States, who, like his only predecessor arms. We trust that efficient measures have not less distinguished for his humanity than for been adopted to secure a passage to Washing- his loyalty, patriotism, and distinguished publi ton, but the routes which have heretofore been | service relied upon do not appear to have been available. It is evident that very vigorous and prompt measures are necessary.

The Defences of Philadelphia. We are glad that preparations for placing Philadelphia in an impregnable position of defence are being pushed forward with so much rapidity, and that in a short time it will be The President cannot but remember that there abled to laugh to scorn any attempt that has been a time in the history of our country can possibly be made, in any contingency, to when a General of the American Union, with attack it. We are well aware that some may forces designed for the defence of its capital, was deem all fears of its safety to be perfectly idle, | net unwelcome anywhere in the State of Maryand we confess that if mere present probabili | land, and certainly not at Annapolis, then, as now, ties were considered, such an opinion would the capital of that patriotic State, and then, also. seem well tounded. But, forewarned of the one of the capitals of the Union. actual commencement of hostilities, the duration of which is extremely uncertain, we the President would be hopeful, nevertheless, that should be forearmed for everything that can there is one that would forever remain there and occur. At all events, much good will result everywhere. That sentiment is that no domestic in the present startling emergency from a tho- contention whatever, that may arise among the rough development of the military energies of parties of this Republic, ought in any case to be our citizens, and their instruction in all soldierly duties, offensive and defensive, as well as the accumulation here of a large quantity of arms, that may be rendered available at short notice. Two weeks ago nothing would have seemed more improbable than that what was then deemed the loyal city of Baltimore was | under the command of Capt. Wm. McMullic in the slightest danger. But subsequent occur- composed of one hundred picked men. is anxious rances have rendered its position at the present time very insecure. We cannot imagine | they desire thorough equipments, and as there is a that any similar change will come over the prospects of our own city. But while the tide

object. In the present flood of enthusiasm for the holy cause of our country and flag, it is natural that here and there misguided and malicious men give vent to the personal and political enmities of past days, by secretly exciting

Hole, and is awaiting orders.

Important from Baltimore and Wash-Last evening we had an interview with entleman of distinction in this country, who left Washington yesterday morning at half past seven o'clock. He gives us the startling telligence that Washington is in a much led to expect from previous reports. No and to go with the conspirators, and certain i troops have reached there since the arrival of telligence of them had been received, with the | Posal. exception of a rumor that they had landed at Annapolis. General Butles, in command of Potomac. The Commissary of the regiment cape in a disguise, and arrived at Washington

will attempt to reach Washington by way of It is rumored that the authorities of Virginia are establishing batteries at Arlington Heights, a position commanding Washington City. A. H. Stephens is reported to be in Richmond, while General BEAUREGARD, our is supposed to be in Montgomery awaiting the

Our informant was in Baltimore vesterday when a General of the American Union was afternoon at one o'clock. He called on many not unwelcome in the capital of Maryland. of the leading men of the city in order to as-With admirable tact the Secretary rebukes certain the true state of feeling. There was the greatest possible excitement in the city treason, and hopes that if eighty years had and the whole population appeared to be under obliterated in Maryland the noble sentiments arms. At present, however, they were per of another age, its people would still preserve feetly quiet, in consequence of an agreement a sense of that national honor which would which Mr. Lincoln had made, assuring them no troops should pass through the city. A deputation of the Young Men's Christian Asthe Administration will bring troops from the | sociation, headed by a leading minister, went North to the defence of the capital, even at | to Washington on Sunday in a special train the risk of offending the people of Maryland. to remonstrate against sending any troops It assures us, too, that the Government of the through the State of Maryland. Mr. Lincoln defence of the capital, and did not express a final determination. The deputation reported

Yesterday morning, the troops left Cockeys President. They had been previously waited upon by a deputation of Baltimore citizens. The many items of intelligence in regard to | who liberally provided them with provisions important military movements, which we as they appeared to be in great want. The Baltimore people now say that they will resort to no measures of an aggressive nature tion of the capital which have been taken are so long as the President brings no troops

Virginia Baffled. With all the deceptive secrecy of the Vir and by yesterday morning a force of fourteen | ginia Secessionists, they have been baffled in their efforts, thus far, to emulate the achieve ble for this purpose. The communications ments of their rebellious brethren in the Guli between Annapolis and the Northern States | States by stealing the public property. Their have been kept open, and it seems impossible efforts to provide themselves with a large quan tity of arms at Harper's Ferry were thwarted Jones, who left them little but a blaze of ruins. munitions with which to war against the Fede-

> MARYLAND AND THE TROOPS FOR THE CAPITAL.

Highly Important Letter from Secretary Seward.

The following letter was addressed, on Monday, te Governor Hicks, of Maryland, by the DEPARTMENT OF STATE, April 22, 1861.

His Excellency Thomas H. Hicks, Governor of Sir : I have had the honor to receive your com. munication of this morning, in which you informed me that you have felt it to be your duty to advise the President of the United States to order elsewhere the troops off Annapolis, and also that n more be sent through Maryland; and that you have further suggested that Lord Lyons be requested to act as mediator between the contending

The President directs me to acknowledge the surate with the wishes and true interests of receipt of that communication, and to assure you the great and overwhelming population who that he has weighed the counsels which it contains are prepared to enthusiastically sustain them in all proper measures, to the bitter end.

with the respect which he habitually cherishes for the Chief Magistrates of the several States, and Since the above was written we have learned any magistrate or citizen of the country can, tha especially for yourself. He regrets, as deeply as demonstrations against the safety of the United

that force shall take in coming to this city to the

The President instructs me to add that the na tional highway thus selected by the Lieutenan General has been chosen by him, upon consultation with prominent magistrates and citizens of Maryland, as the one which, while a route is absessary, is further removed from the populous cities of the State, and with the expectation that it would therefore be the least objections

If eighty years could have obliterated all the referred to any foreign arbitrament, least of all to the arbitrament of an European monarchy. I have the honor to be, with distinguished consideration, your Excellency's most obedient ser-

WILLIAM H. SEWARD. THE INDEPENDENT RANGERS .- This company. Hotel to day to receive subscriptions, or they may way, the lot of these who are far from home, and of war may rage within a short distance of us, be forwarded immediately to the committee. The each important community should as far as company expect to leave this city in a few days.

possible not only aid to the full extent of its The despatch published by us, several days power the national cause, but endeavor to render itself entirely and completely self-pro. since, relative to a minister from Lebanon leading tecting. Philadelphia can and doubtless will a company from that place, is incorrect. We since this important learn that the minister referred to is the Rev. S. W. McDaniel, of Lewisburg, Pa., who has since been chosen chaplain of the regiment to which his company is attached. Mr. J. Wesley Chamberlain is now captain of the Lewisburg Infantry.

> A CORRESPONDENTMENTS us the following communication. The caution he suggests is worthy of

for all who know the gentleman are well aware of his uncompromising loyalty. The public should be on their guard against such machinations.

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LATE AND AUTHENTIC NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, April 21, 1981. Attempt to Bribe Gen. Scott. An attempt was made, as I learn from good authority, on the part of some of the Virginians, t more defenceless condition than we had been induce General Scott to throw up his commission. ducements were hinted at. The noble veteran rebuked the person or persons making these offers. the First Massachusetts Regiment, and no in- and emphatically declined the scandalous pro

The Ohio and Pennsylvania Troops Ordered Back. That division of troops from Ohio and Pennsyl the regiment, attempted to land at the navy vania, including those from Lancaster and Harris yard with his men, but the opposition was so burg, which left Harrisburg on Saturday, was digreat that they re-embarked on board the vesfrom Cockeysville, (Md.,) on the Northern Central sels, and were compelled to go towards the Road, and to rendezvous at York, Pa. Doubtless, much indignation was expressed by the soldiers was arrested at An napolis. He made his es. and their officers; but the action of the Presider was in response to the earnest appeal of the Mayor oncentrate at Annapolis, Md.

General Resignation of Officers of th

Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, Yesterday and to day a large number of office threw up their commissions. Among the rest, I hear the following names : Commodore Buchanan at the Washington navy yard, and the most of the officers under him. Lieutenants McBlair, Simme informant has no doubt, is at Portsmouth, Vir- Lewis, &c.; in the marine corps, Mejor Terret, ator between the contending parties in our ginia, with five thousand men. JEFF. DAVIS Major or Quartermaster Tyler, and several lieu enants; and in the army Col. Jno. Magrader, o the Flying artillery. It is alleged that his brother The reply of the Secretary, dignified and concentration of his troops. The impression Captain George Magruder, of the navy, now head diplomatic as it is, informs the people of was that Beauregard was meditating an as- of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing in the Navy Department, will go and do likewise. Col. Lee's resignation from the army is creatly re gretted by General Scott. But it is better to know our friends; and if those who have received th pay of this Government, and swore obedience to ts Constitution and laws, choose to disavow thei illegiance, and attach their fortunes to the ene nies of their country, there are plenty of brave Americans, ney thousands, who will gladly take the positions thrown up when danger three

> The Condition of Fort Delaware. Grave charges are made against Gov. Burton, of Delaware, who is supposed to be in league with the Disunionists. He has put arms in the hands of sionists, and taken them from the Union men. The object of the conspirators in Delaware is to seize the gunpowder mills on the Brandywine and take Fort Delaware by a coup d'état. They will be defeated in both.

The New Federal Officers. The commissions of the new officers of the Go vernment at Philadelphia were yesterday made out and forwarded or handed to them Collector Phomas and Marshal Millward are still on the

Fort Washington. This fort, near Mount Vernon, on the Potoms about fifteen miles from Washington, is said to be to situated and commanded as to be certain to fall into the hands of the enemy. Fort McHenry.

News, in which ful confidence is placed, ha reached here to the effect that Fort McHenry, which commands Baltimore, and is occupied by about six hundred men, has been, or is to be, besieged by the mob of Baltimore. The most tertible vengeance will be taken if they attempt it. Captain Dahlgreen. This splendid officer of the navy, whose celebrated gun is known all over the world, is still

cationed at our navy yard, and since the stam-

pede will, it is to be hoped, be placed in command of that important pest. The Disunionists on the Potomac. To day several steamboats in the hands of the onspirators attempted to pass Fort Washington,

Buying Produce. The Secessionists South send heavy orders for produce to Baltimore, which of course cannot be

filled in the present condition of that city. The Design upon Washington. Information has been lodged with the Presiden o the effect that three persons, well known in Washington, whose names are given, have been trying to corrupt the pilots on the Potomac by ofand side. They failed in securing one at a late nour; and, as their plan is known, they will be closely watched. Offers from the South to Sustain the

Government. To-day despatches were received by the Presi dent, from Louisville, Kentucky, and Wheeling, Virginia, offering regiments to the President t id him in the defence of the capital. Flight of the Conspirators.

Most of the open allies with Secession in Washngton have gone to Richmond, to offer their ser

rices to the Governor of that State.

Washington correspondence.

Letter from "Occasional." dence of The Press. Washington, Sunday night, April 21, 1861. The Disunionists having done precisely what .

eredicted months ago—in taking possession of the

amone and other dops broken up, and readers that with particles and displayed to the read of the second of the sec ailroads between the capital and Philadelphiaened by Southern men, and nearly all opportunities for intercourse with the people of the Union out off? They see that every step taken by the Disunionists, from the start, has been conceived in mischlef, and carried out in treason. The Covernment has never attacked these Disunionists, while at all points they have attacked the Government, while at all points they have attacked the Government, at all points they have attacked the Government at all points they have a supplied to the U

at all points they have attacked the Government, even at the sacrifice of life itself. Under such circumstances, the attempt to make a direct assault apon the Government is well calculated to stir the popular heart to its profoundest depths.

We are here in a state of great uncertainty. Many families have left the city, and most of the hotels are nearly entirely deserted. Willard has but reventy-five guests, and Brown's, and the National, and Kirkwood's have very few. The avenues and streets, usually so gay at this season, are not much promenaded. Even this lovely Sunday afterneon did not tempt the ladies to incese beautiful thoroughfares. Last night found our city silent, save where the sentinel "walked his weary round," and the borseman on his beat dashed from point to point. Washington is a great arsenal or point to point. Washington is a great arsenal or garrison. Fancy Independence Hall, the National Hall the Academy of Music Concert Hall and all Hall, the Academy of Music, Concert Hall, and all your great public edifices crowded with armed men, and every third man you meet in a military cloak or some other evidence of the art of arms, drums through Baltimore at 1 e'clock P. M., heard of the armed day and night healer and the same of Park Birthers and passed through Baltimore at 1 e'clock P. M., heard Hall, the Academy of Music, Concert Hall, and all bearing day and night, bugles pealing their sweet of the capture of Fort Pinkens on the read, but not at Baltimore. Extras had been issued at Baltimore but he did not see them, and brought none with him treets, and you have a reasonable idea of the cenes among which we live. Of those who remained here. I notice the number gradually di-One has a sick wife, another remem bers a note he has to meet, and many frankly admir, for one or another reason, their indisposition to fight. With all this we are in splendid spirits Having had no letters since Friday, and no New York or Philadelphia papers, we realize, in a small

hear nothing of distant friends. Some of the rumors affoat every morning and vening seem to be very ridiculous, but not improbable. I am disposed to believe anything after what has transpired. The question whether Washington can be capthink it can without great loss of life. The exclu. solutions were adopted censuring saverely the sion of the troops intended for its defence has determined General Scott to open communications with the free States at whatever hazard. We must to meet delegates from other northwestern counties. have a passage through Baltimore at all risk. It tr meet at Wheeling, May 13th, to determine what will never do to have a city so completely controlled by a blood thirsty mob in the neighbor-hood of this nify; and if this mob again provokes

LATEST NEWS By Telegraph to The Press. FROM NORFOLK.

Destruction of the Vessels-of-War. THE ACT ACCOMPLISHED BY THE his country.

UNION MEN. Commodore Rogers and Captain Wright Left Behind. LIST OF VESSELS DESTROYED

New York, April 23 -The steam-tug Yanke has arrived from Norfolk. She reports that on arriving at Norfolk, on the afternoon of the 17th, iding that there was a movement on foot to seize her, she proceeded to the navy yard, and took was in response to the earnest appeal of the Mayor of Baltimore and the Governor of Maryland, who dreaded a riot if the troops offered to pass through Baltimore. These troops will now be ordered to concentrate at Annapolis, Md.

her, she proceeded to the navy yard, and took protection under the guns of the battery. On the Baltimore are troops will now be ordered to seize the Yankee, but the commander refused to yield her un. on Monday afternoon. It is supposed they dreaded a riot if the troops offered to pass through 18th the custom house officers of the State came to yield her up. The Yankes then towed the United States sloop-

-war Cumberland to Fortress Monroe. The United States steamer Pawnee, under con mand of Commodore Paulding, on her arrival at Fortress Monroe, took on board the Third Massachusetts Regiment, and proceeded to the navy yard. On arriving there, they found that the United States officers had commenced the destruction of the public property, in order to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy. They had souttled all the ships except the Cumberland, which was the only one in commission. They had cut down the shears, &c., destroyed the machinery, and preparations were made to make the demo lition complete. The steamer Paunes, assisted by the steame

Yankee, towed out the Cumberland, and alter passing the navy yard, sent up a signal rocket, when the match was applied, and in an instan the ships, ship houses, storehouses, and workshop were all in flames; and so rapid were they, that odore Rogers, of the navy, and Captain Wright, of the engineers, were unable to reach the rendezvens, where a boat was waiting for them and they had to be left behind. Besides the buildings, there was a valuable stock of pr cordage, and machinery.

Among the most valuable property de were the following vessels: Ship-of-the-line Pennsylvan " Columbus " New York On the stocks, I elaware. Steam frigate, Merrimack. Frigate, Sloop of war,

Plymouth.

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The burning of the navy-yard was accomplished by the Union men, who are in a majority in that adjabborhood, but comparatively unarmed.

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Deaths at the Pennsylvania Camp.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE. ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES.

SEIZURE OF GUN CARRIAGES HAVRE-DE-GRACE, Md., April 23.—Passengers

acrived here, bring Baltimore papers of this morn-

ing, from which the following items have been The excitement of Sunday had been followed by comparative quiet, and the city continues in good rder, the people generally being tired of startling rumors. In every direction scouts have been sent ont, to guard against the approach of the troops. Nearly all the city bar-rooms were closed on Monday. During the morning, several messengers from the Cookeysville camp brought information of the Morthern troops. They will invade Virginia if the troops of that State reported that the troops were from 2,000 to 3,000 strong, but had no tents, and were short of provigo over any of the bridges without a strict exami-

By order of Marshal Kane, several wagon-loads bread and mest were sent to the camp of the Pennsylvanians, a number being sick and suffering. Three Pennsylvanians had died, and were buried in the camp, and a number were sick. The troops

A system of martial law had been adopted in both citles, but there was no official proclamation

in Clarksburg, Harrison county, yesterday. Resolutions were adopted censuring severely the course pursued by Governor Letcher and the Eastern Virginians. Eleven delegates were appointed killed and several wounded. The steamboat was course should be pursued in the present emergency. are not the best times for theatres, genuine ability The facilities for obtaining information are very has its numerous friends who will take pleasure in

Boston, April 23 — The steamer S. R. Spaulding, from Fort Monroe, has arrived off Wood's Hole, and is awaiting orders.

Rev. Wm. H. Brisbane. Fourth Page.—The listend this and the news by messenger, who may offen make to tear up the track. The citizens declare that no more lute. See Thomas & Sons' advertisements of the per cent. dividends! Which of them will lead off the lute. See Thomas & Sons' advertisements of the per cent. dividends! Which of them will lead off the lute. See Thomas & Sons' advertisements of the lute. See Thomas & So

From New Orleans and Texas. New Orleans, April 28.—The Governor has in formation that 1 500 Tennesseans are on the way THE STEAMER JURA OFF FATHER POINT join the Confederate army. The steamer Hubana is being converted into

war vossei. Ex-Governor Houston speke at Galveston on Fri THE DEMOLITION OF THE NAVY YARD. day, emphatically denying that he had communicated with the Federal Government. He also denied that he claimed to be still the Governor o Texas. He said that he had retired to private life, and would never leave it except for the defence of

From Washington. ARMY RESIGNATIONS—DEFENCES FOR THE CAPI-TOL BUILDINGS—BARRICADES AROUND THE TREA-SURY DEPARTMENT.

WARMINGTON, April 21—Midnight—Captain El-rey, of the army, has resigned. It will be remem-bered that he commanded at the Augusta (Ga.) arsenal at the time of its surrender. On his arbered that he commanded at the Augusta (Ga.) arsensi at the time of its surrender. On his arrival in this city, he was ordered to Fort Monroe, whither he was sent. He is a native of Maryland. The current rumor is, and seems to be true, that Col. May, of the same State, resigned yesterday. Our neighbor, Alexandris, is in commotion teday. The Confederate and State flags are flying in every direction, and every preparation is being at the public buildings to night. The Capitol is surrounded by hastily thrown-up defences, while workmen last night and to-day have been bar-ricading the Tressury Department. In fact, pre-cautionary movements are visible in every direc-

A number of Washingtonians, earnestly sympathizing with the Secessionists, have left the city for Virginia.

The local trade with Alexandria, and that from down the river is almost entirely suspended. Provisions, especially flour, have already risen in price.
One of the river boats—the George Page—was one of the Pver constructed and several engine on secret service—some say for the transportation of troops and munitions of war.

Several prominent Secessionists from Virginia yesterday paid a hurried visit to Washington.

Troops from the North were all day expected to arrive here. Much solicitude is expressed concerning them; but it is generally believed that they will be successful in their journey. will be successful in their journey.

Whatever truth there may be in the report of a concentration of troops about twelve miles from Washington, or six from Alexandria, it is certain that the Becessionists are earnestly at work; but there is no public knowledge of their plans and purposes.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo, April 23.—There are ten companies organized in this county, provided te act in any emergency that may arise. Three companies have been formed in this city, besides one artillery company. The arming of the people is intended for home-protection. They are disposed to maintain friendly relations with their neighbors, but are prepared to meet them in hostile array if invaded. It is thought that twenty thousand men will soon be enrolled in Upper Missouri, for the defence of their soil egainst all invaders.

Lexington, April 23.—Between two and three handred Union men assembled in the Third ward yesterday afternoon and raised the Stars and Stripes, and expressed their determination to stand by them to the last. Speeches were made by Messrs. Field, Crittenden, Cooley, and others. The most unbounded enthusiasm prevailed, and The most unbounded enthusiasm prevailed the accitement in the City.

[From the Norfolk Herald of Monday.]

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was arrested here this morning, on the strength of a despatch from the Pittsburg Committee of Safety, being charged with uttering Secession sentiments. The accused was examined before the mayor, when he acknowledged that his brother lately resigned his commission in the U.S. Army. He proposed three cheers for the Union, and the examination haing califeature he was discharged. The shapes

Naval recruits are constantly arriving, and a large number of caulkers have velunteered for the

Military Movements. PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISEURG, April 23.—The Marylanders arned all the bridges on the Northern Control ailroad between Cockeysville and the Pennsylania line as soon as the Pennsylvania troops re-

advance.

Three new regiments and twenty-three companies that find offewed their services were rejected for the present, but directed to be held in readiness, as another requisition to fill the quota of Maryland and Virginia, is expected in a few days. General Negley is expected to arrive here to morrow with 1,500 men from the western counties. NEW YORK, April 23.—The 8th, 13th, and 69th regiments sailed to day—the latter being accompanied to the pier by about 10,000 recruits, for whom there is as yet no means of transportation.

The steamer Montgomery, it is said, will be converted into a gunboat.

charter twenty steamers of light draught for three months' service, to arm them with nine-inch pivot kind known.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS. Reported Capture of a Steamer with
Arms.

New York, April 23—It is said that a party of

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Union Meeting in Elkton, Marvland. ELETON, Md , April 23 -A large Union meeting was held to day here, attended by 800 delegates Resolutions were passed declaring that, let Mary-land do what she will, Cecil county will not seconde.

The Union in New Hampshire. NASHUA, N. H., April 23.—General Stark, late bemooratic candidate for Governor, to night eledged at a mass meeting the thirty thousand the voted for him at the last election to support

obliged to turn down the stream.

MISS MART WELLS' BENEFIT .- Although these onsideration:

A CAUTION AS TO FIRES.—Aff. Editor: Now they have heard of one instance in which the grossest injustice has been done. A gentleman who has been with as from the Eginning of our struggles against the traitors who plotted the destrock and as the traitors who plotted the Democratic party and they line, against the traitors who plotted the Democratic party and they line, against the traitors who plotted the Democratic party and they line, against the traitors who plotted the Democratic party and they line, against the traitors who plotted the destrock and skillul misres would not be needed to man the machines owning, no doubt, to secret and skillul misres owning not as a stack upon Fort Me. The substant of the fire owning for the Union sentiment in Western Virginia.

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LATER FROM EUROPE.

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The political news is not important. FRANCE. FRANCE.

It is rumored that the French National Guards are to be reconstituted on a grand scale, with Marshal Canrobert as Commander-in-chief.

ENGLAND.

It is said that England intends sending an expeditionary corps to Syria, to occupy the point of territory between Upper Syria and Egypt.

PORTUGAL.

Portugal has recognized the new Kingdom of

EPAIN. Warlike preparations on the grandest scale, in Spain is spoken of, and the expenditure will amount to £20,000,000 sterling.

The French and Spanish troops in Cochin China have captured five forts, after an obstinate resist-Immense damage has been caused in Java, with much loss of life, by heavy floods. DENMARK. The Danish army is to be placed on a war foot

ing
Liverpool, April 11.—Cotton has advanced isl.
The sales of the week have been 95,000 bales, closing steady. The sales on Friday were 10.000 bales, at 8d for fair Orleans, and 7ld for middling Orleans.

Breadstuffs were dull and declining. The weather was favorable for the crops.

London, April 12.—Cousols 91 a92; for money and account.

The steamship Bohemian arrived at London The steamship Bonemian arrived at London-derry on the 12th inst.

In the Heuse of Commons, Mr. Baines' motion extending the right of suffrage in the boroughe from £1046 occupiers, was debated and rejected by a vote of 245 against 193

Intelligence from Warsaw states that the city was quiet, but a renewal of disturbances was authonated.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE SOUTH. etails of the Burning of the Govern ment Property at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia.

We have received an extra copy of the Balti more Sun, issued yesterday at noon, from which we extract the following interesting details: By the steamer Georgiana, Capt. Pearson, which arrived from Norfolk this morning, we have full particulars of the destruction of Government vessels and their property at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., by the U.S. officers, and of which we have always given by the Georgian which constitutions are supported by the Constitution of the Constitution o ave already given brief accounts.

Great Excitement in the City.

was arrested here this morning, on the strength of adespatch from the Pittsburg Committee of Safety, being charged with uttering Secession sentiments. The accursed was examined before the mayor, when he acknowledged that his brother lately resigned his commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed his commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed this commission in the U. S. Army. He proposed the cammination being satisfactory, he was discharged. The cheers for the Union, and the examination being satisfactory, he was discharged. The cheers for the Union, were responded to by the crowd present.

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As far as we could judge from a cursory observation, the property destroyed embraced, besides the ship houses and contents, the range of buildings on the north line of the yard, (except the commodore's and commander's residences, which were unburt,) the old marine barracks, and one or two workshops; the immense lifting shears, the ships Pennsylvanza, Merramac, Haritan, Columbia, and brig Dolphin—burnt to the water's edge; the sloop Germantoum, broken and sunk; the Ply-mouth, souttled and sunk even with her decks;

Encampment at Perryville, Maryland.

BAYRE-DE-GRACE, April 23.—Cel. Dare has taken up a position at Perryville, on the Maryland bank of the Susquehanna, oppesite this place. The veluntesis occupy the large depot building of the Baltimore Railroad Company, and are comfortably heused, and have room for driving.

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Arms.

New York, April 23 — It is said that a party of fourteen gestlemen, from Washington, captured a stoamer, at Alexandria, on Friday night, and took her to the Washington navy-yard. She had 24,000 stand of arms on board.

Cairo, Ill., Invested by U. S. Troops.
Louisville, April 23 — A private despatch says tones we edestroyed, but the citizens secured immonse quantities of provisions, guns, powder, and ball.

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[For The Press.] MESSES. EDITORS : The City Councils have appropriated large sums of money to aid the Governent in the present crisis and assist the families of the volunteers, the banks have tendered their resources to the State, most of the citizens are ac-

THE WAR EXCITEMENT.

MORE TROOPS LEAVING THE CITY EFFECT OF THE INTELLIGENCE FROM THE SOUTH.

CURRENT MILITARY TOPICS.

If Philadelphia had been declared under martial law one week ago, there would have resulted no martial display to denote the fact further than the daily demonstrations which occur in every highway. Staid people in sober streets are summoned to their thresholds, at all hours, to witness incur-Portugal has recognized the new Kingdom of sions of long lines of men, stepping to the shrill sions of long lines of men, stepping to the suring at twelve, as above stated. They were officially music of the fife, and bearing the smblem of their at twelve, as above stated. They were officially purpose in the flag that precedes their ranks. The received by Major General Patterson, town is in every respect a camp, given up to sol-diery, and filled with myriad preparations for con-tions for any company of volunteers. diery, and filled with myriad preparations for con-flict. Ancient and fair ladies sew promiscuously un in line after they entered the description. Alict. Ancient and fair ladies sew promiscuously up in line after they entered the depot, stacked the clothing for the troops; tew families are there their arms, and were ordered to half at their arms, and were ordered to half at that have not lost some dear connection in the sumnons to conflict; and the expectancy and pride of mothers and wives at the anticipated absence of some manly form is broad spread and impressive

GENEROSITY OF CIVILIANS. The prompt responses of the troops to the calls f country are only paralleled by the exertions and szerifices of civilians. The latter, whether of ercantile, manufacturing or mechanical pursuits, exhibit a like interest, and a spirit of equal heroism. We are daily beset with notices of halls gratuitously given for drill purposes; of nurses who are anxious to accompany the volunteers, and adninister to them in sickness, without return or renumeration; of ladies offering to give money and make clothing; of merchants who tender of their stock and means to encourage and assist the gallant volunteers. In a few cases, unworthy men have not scrupled to make the necessities of the nation an avenue to profit. We have information of parties that have raised the prises of military ons and weapons, because the voluntee need them to oppose an insidious foe. For such there are no words of denunciation too strong,

r contempt too deep. But the general feeling is an exponent of the true strength of a government like ours, which nows no majesty so high as the people themselves. Their own defenders, they have made common sause against the treason that menages their omes and their institutions. At the appeal of the Executive, faction stilled its voice, and the people heard only the stern call to duty, with the Monday evening, by the arrival of a susplcious. nderstanding implied that the question at issue Philadelphia has gallantly responded to the exigency of the time. The full complement of men required of this city has been furnished, and are vaiting for clothing and arms alone to proceed ever the Administration orders them

APPECTING ROUNDS The departure of this large number of men ne ssitates, of course, scenes of varied and erratic character. We remarked, yesterday, a little,

then read, from which we select the following:

**Resolved, That we who are here assembled, a portion of the true-hearted people of Pennsylvan nia, residents of Chestnut Hill, Mount Airy, and its vicinity, equi-distant from the Hall of Independence, and the blood-stained foot-prints of Valley Forge, dwelling upon the spot forever associated with Washington's memorable night march on the 4th of October, 1777, and breathing an atmosphere laden with patriotic and ennobling recollections, have come here to testify our unchanged and heartielt devotion to our beloved and glorious Unibn, and to that invariant the following:

miles below the capital. The Government had not yet taken possession of Arlington Heights. It had seized four large steamers, however, belonging to the Potomac Navigation Company. Our informant states that the news of the assault upon the Pennsylvania troops in Baltimore created the most intense excitement and indignation.

Our messenger reached Baltimore by the regular train from Washington, at twelve o'clock on Monday morning. He proceeded to the house of a friend, procurad a house.

FROM ANNAPOLIS.

Private despatches from Annapolis, dated at eight o'clock lest evening, state that Northern triain nate of the steamers Maryland and Boston, had been landed without obstruction, and that a many was intended to Annapolis jenetico. The other troops have taken possession of mores for transporting their luggage and artill lery.

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regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers arrived at the Baltimore depot, Broad and Prime streets, ing to Baltimore. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel on the curpost was direct from H. The sentinel of the purpose of proceeds. direct from Harrisburg. The regiment is composed of ten companies, numbering saven hundred and eighty men—principally from Schuylkill and Carbon counties. The regiment is under command nizing the officer; whereupon, he gave the count of Capt. James Nagle of Pottsville. This gallant tersign to the sentinel, which the latter recognized officer served with distinction in the war with Mexico, and is fully qualified, by his extensive have been obtained surreptitionally. He ordered military experience, for the important position as signed him. His assistants are Lieut. Col. James fired. The officer tripped and fell to the ground, . Seybert and Major John E. Wynkoop. The in order to escape the shot; after which the following are the names of the companies:
Anderson's Guards, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, from Mauch

The seven companies from Schuylkill county are as follows: Tower Guards. Nagle Guards. Lewellyn Guards. Port Clinton Artillerists. Keystone and Marion Rifles

The soldiers left Pottsville at one o'clock on

Port Carbon and Ashland Riffes

JUSTICE. Monday afternoon, and were well furnished with

Washington Yesgers.

funds by their friends in that pate funds by their arready was provided with a hang ome revolver, presented by private sul in addition to the arms furnished by the G ment. One or two of the Pottsville companies have been established for over twenty years, and The metaare well skilled in military tactics. The however, were raw recruits, composed however, were raw all nations—Welsh, Irish, Scotch, English, an Datch. They were principally mine brave men, who are filled with the fire of patriot ism, and anxious to engage in combat with the enemies of our country. They arrived at Barries burg on Monday night, where those who were not already in possession received muskets, blanket de. Each man was also furnished with a haver sack, well stored with provisions. Harrisburg at eight o'clock, and reached this city their arms, and were ordered to hold the in readiness to depart at any momen A detachment of Major Sherman's Battery, Joh sisting of 75 men and 80 horses, are

sisting or to mon at the same time, and are ready to start at a moment's warning. The cheer are Mejor Sherman, First Lieutenant R. D. Ha. som, and Second Lieutenant Yeates. This con. pany consists of mounted flying artillery. They have with them two six-pounders, brass field pieces, and two twelve-pound howitzers, together with gun-carriages, ammunition, and all the equipments necessary for effective execution. This corps is direct from Fort Ridgley, Minnesot The depot at Broad and Prime is one of the most capacious buildings in the city of Philadel phia, and is most admirably adapted for the head. quarters of a large body of soldiers The interior being fitted up specially for that purpose. s being naced up spooner, the platforms cough savies made to render the situation of the troops as comfortable as possible during their stay in this city. The Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment have all left Philadelphia. A portion of them started on Mon. day night by the Eriscion steamers. The ma.

ority, however, spent the night at the Baltimor depot, and left early yesterday morning by reil. way for Havre de Grase. GREAT EXCITEMENT AT CHESTER. The inhabitants of Chester, Delaware county, were thrown into a state of intense excitement on looking schooner, which sailed up the river, having aboard a crew of about forty persons. hester is located on the line of the Bultimore Railroad, and adjacent to the town are Wildy's creek, Plum creek, and other small bridges. In onsequence of the successful efforts of the Section dists to destroy all railroad communication with Bultimore by the burning of the bridges on the other side of Havre de Grace, the company have taken extra precautions to guard those adjacent to Philadelphia. One hundred and fifty guns were sent to Chester from Harrisburg, and fifty to Mar-

d. These gans, it is asserted, were double-shotted and directed at different parts of the yard for the and directed at different parts of the yard for the purpose of insuring its complete demolishment. This, however, is certain—that, if all her gans had been thus prepared and directed, the "burnt district" could not have been more completely cleared of appurtenances.

This COMBERLAND AND PAWEES.

As soon as the toron had been successfully applied to the ship-houses, the Pawnes, which had been kept under steam from the moment of her arrival, about nightfall on Saturday, was put in sight, and to the soil on which we stand having been consecuted by the footprints of Washington and taking the Cumberland in tow, redicted and directed and directed, the "burnt display" of car soidiers at Valley Forge in 1777, both in sight, and to the soil on which we stand having been consecuted by the footprints of Washington and taking the Cumberland in tow, redicted with a great portion of valuable to uncertained down the harbor out of the reach of danger, freighted with a great portion of valuable. The motions, &c., from the yard, and the commodore and other efficers, who had won for themselves the inglorious distinction of destroying devils in accomplishing such a vandal work. The ships proveded as far down as the barricades at the narrow where the Cumberland was left at anchor, and the Pawnese continued on to Fort Monroe.

The property destroyed embraced, besides the ship-houses and contents, the range of build-leaved the reach of the ship house, the property destroyed embraced, besides to the ship has a sound at the purpose of the ship has been driven from the city. The leaders of the motion, or and taking the curtain of our country, and to take some steps to protect if from the ship of the fall of Independence and to the sufferings whe refused to take the oath to sufferings whe refused to take the o

A long preamble and a series of resolutions were miles below the capital. The Government had then read, from which we select the following:

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been made good for service by the citizens, and many of them mounted at prominent points for defence.

The Pawnee has sailed for Washington, and, on Monday evening, the Cumberland was lying opposite Old Paint

A steamer, supposed to be the Baltic, arrived off Old Point on Monday evening, with about 1,000 for them troops on board. Capt. Pearson passed another steamer this morning, with troops, off Anangolis.

Every wise precaution on the part of the Federal Government.

Resolved, That a committee of six, of which the chairman of this meeting shall be chairman of the ch and now use them for transporting troops.

We are happy to state that uninterrup munication between Philadelphia and Havre de-Grace is now assured. Detachments of troops guard every bridge between these points, and videttes are placed at short intervals all along the road, so that any important intelligence can be speedily communicated. A sad assident occurred at the camp on Monday night, which has east a deep gloom over a laige body of the soldiers. We allude to the sudden and unexpected death of a man, named Ressuin, a resident of Norristown, and a member of Com-YANIA YOLUNTEERS, AND A DETACHMENT OF PANY B, from that place. The circumstances are sherkan's eattery.

Pany B, from that place. The circumstances are sherkan's eattery. At twelve o'clock yesterday morning the Sixth citizens obtained permission from the commanding guard attempted to bayonet him. The chief, finding his life in peril, ordered the other sentinels te fire. They obeyed, and killed Mr. Resmin,

the sentinel, instantly. The name of the soldier wer koad. Deceased leaves a wife and several children. His remains were brought to this city Jester day afternoon, in charge of the chaplain of the company, and forwarded to Norristown. In one of the regiments encamped between this city and Baltimore, is a company commanded by a citizen of Montgomery county, Pa., who was born in the State of Maryland. A brother, who still esides in Maryland, called on him at the camp.