FROM THE SOUTH.

APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL OF THE VOLUNTEER FORCES OF VIRGINIA.

Governor Letcher has appointed Major Walter Gwynn to the office of major general of the volunteer forces of Virginia. Major Gwynn is a graduate of West Point, an experienced and distinguished Virginian, and is believed to possess, in a high degree, the peculiar qualities of head, heart, and nerve required at this moment in the commander of the military forces of Virginia. The appointment, we predict, will give satisfaction and confidence to the people. Major Gwynn arrived on our city on Sunday night, at 9 o'clock, and has taken command. We know the General well, and will endorse that whatever he does will meet the approbation of every Virginian.—*Richmond paper.*

DIVISION OF VIRGINIA.

[From the Wheeling Intelligencer, April 22]

We are informed that there is a strong movement on foot among many of the counties west of the Alleghany, urging a general convention in this city early in May, to look to such action as shall be necessary in case of the movements of Eastern Virginia and other parts of the State against the Government. The object is a new organization, either as a State or as part of some other State under the Federal flag. We have been requested by several of our friends in the back counties to give the notice a prominent place in our columns, so that the Union men may promptly take such action in the premises as may be necessary. It is action in the premises as may be necessary. It is needless for us that we heartily endorse and encourage the movement.

GOVERNOR LETCHER ORDERS THE CUSTOM HOUSE AT WHEELING SEIZED.

[From the Wheeling Intelligencer, April 20.]

Information entitled to credit was lodged at the Post Office last night, to the effect that an order had been issued by Governor Letcher, to one or more of the State military companies here, to take and occupy the Custom House. The information was promptly acted upon, and put in possession of the Mayor, and other trustworthy parties, and despite all precautions to make secret movements, it was soon spread like wildfire through the city. In less than an hour hundreds of people congregated about the Custom House to tender their services for its defence, and the utmost excitement prevailed. When it became known, however, that the city authorities would take the matter in hand, and use all necessary precautions for the defence of the property, the sensation cooled down and the people quietly dispersed.

THE SECESSIONISTS DOWN ON NEW YORK.

Expelled Union men from Richmond report that the Secessionists are fearfully "down" on New York. It had been confidently expected that thousands of volunteers, and millions of money would be sent to New York in favor of revolution and anarchy. They say they built up New York themselves, and consider it a very ungrateful thing for the metropolis now to turn round against them. They intend to make fearful retaliation for our ingratitude.—*New York Tribune.*

GENERAL SCOTT'S APPROVAL OF MAJOR ANDERSON.

The following is an extract of a private letter received in New York city from Washington:

"General Scott says that Anderson has performed the greatest piece of artillery generalship in the history of the world in holding out so long as he did, and keeping his guns going for thirty hours, with so few men, without rest or sufficient sleep. He was forced to yield from sheer exhaustion."

TURNING BACK FROM A VOYAGE ABROAD, AND GOING FOR THE COUNTRY.

President Stearns, of Amherst College, after going so far as Boston and paying his passage money, has decided not to go to Europe at present. In some remarks to the students on his return, he said: "I would no more leave my native country at this time than I would desert my house when it was on fire."

MATERIAL AID FROM CANADA.

A private letter to a gentleman of Philadelphia, dated Chicago, April 22, says:

"The volunteers from our place have just left for Camp Yates, at Springfield. The Illinois quota is already raised and will be quartered by this evening. There is a scarcity of arms in the West; but the Government of Canada has nobly come to aid and offered us 50,000 stand of arms, 10,000 of which will be here to-night."

NEWS FROM JEFF. DAVIS.

Captain Wise, of No. 347 Eighth avenue, conversed this morning with a Mr. Cohen, a friend of his and a Northerner, just arrived from Montgomery. Mr. Cohen told that he saw Jefferson Davis on Saturday last, the 20th inst., at 4 P. M., in Montgomery, when he left there on Sunday morning, by way of Tennessee and Virginia, and arrived in this city this morning.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

One Dr. Rowe for the southern army.

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