OUR BRILLIANT VICTORY!

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ARRIVAL OF GEN. BUTLER IN WASHINGTON.

HIS SERENADE AND SPEECH.

We present below a detailed account of the brilliant victory off the coast of North Carolina, achieved by the naval expedition which left Fortress Monroe on Monday last, under the command of Commodore Stringham and Major General Butler:

HATTERAS INLET,

Situated about twelve miles from Cape Hatteras lighthouse, is the inlet in question. It is known to the mariner by a low sand island, which was formerly a round hammock, covered with trees on the eastern side of the entrance. The breakers seldom extend entirely across the entrance to the cove or harbor, but at nearly all times make on each side, and between them lies the channel. The bar should be approached from the northward and eastward, and vessels should keep in four or five fathoms of water along the breakers until up with the opening. The least water on the bar is fourteen feet mean low water, and the rise and fall of the tide but two feet. Once inside the inlet, the mariner finds good anchorage in a hard sand bottom, except a few sticky spots at the head of the channel. The anchorage affords protection from all winds except those from the southward and westward.

As an entrance to Pamlico, Albemarle, and Currituck Sounds, the possession of Hatteras Inlet is of vast importance to the cause of the Union. With Ocracoke and Hatteras Inlets closed, North Carolina may be said to be completely shut in from the ocean. Privateers can no longer be sent to sea through the Dismal Swamp Canal and Albemarle Sound to annoy our commerce, and all communication between Virginia and Europe is effectually cut off. Newbern, on the Neuse river; Washington, on the Pamlico river; Elizabeth City, on the Pasquatank, and a number of other ports on the Roanoke and Chowan rivers, will also be included in the blockade. Pamlico Sound, an inland sea, eighty miles long, and from fifteen to twenty-five miles wide, connecting with the Albemarle Sound on the north, and the Pamlico and Neuse rivers on the west) can no longer be of any service to the rebels of North Carolina, now that its principal inlet has been closed. Albemarle and Currituck Sounds will also be effectually closed, and the light-draught vessels which have been continually annoying the Government, by bringing in supplies to the rebels, will no longer be permitted to carry on their nefarious traffic.

OCRACOKE INLET,

which is about twelve miles southwest of Hatteras Inlet, is defended by a battery of 32-pounders, six in number. It is probably ere this in the possession of the Federal Government, as it was well understood that Commodore Stringham would pay it a visit immediately after the reduction of Forts Hatteras and Clark. In a military point of view its possession is equally as important as that of Hatteras Inlet, as it affords an easy entrance to Pamlico Sound and its numerous tributaries. Through this inlet vessels from Tarborough, Greenville, and Washington, on the Pamlico river, and Waynesborough, Goldsborough, and Kinston, on the Neuse river, have been in the habit of proceeding to sea and carrying aid and comfort to the enemy at will. But, thanks to our intrepid navy and the volunteers acting in concert, this game has been stopped, and North Carolina suffers from something more than a mere paper blockade.

REPORT OF THE REBEL ENGINEER OF THE COAST DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

FORT HATTERAS, July 25, 1861.

COL. WARREN WINSLOW, Military Secretary:

COLONEL: The day before yesterday we hoisted our glorious flag over Fort Clark, a strong battery, nearly finished, of five heavy thirty-two pounders, about half a mile from Fort Hatteras, which secures to us a cross fire upon the bar and the entrance to this inlet. I now consider this inlet secure against any attempt of the enemy to enter it. Our force of men I think rather weak to resist a land attack, in case the enemy should effect a landing in the bite of Hatteras. If we had three or four additional companies here I should feel quite safe, even in that event. As I have before remarked, this inlet is the key to Albemarle Sound, and it cannot be too strictly guarded. We certainly are under the espionage of the steamers, as they are seen every day or two in the offing, although they keep without the range of our guns. If I had received the ten-inch columbiads we could have damaged them some on their last visit. three days since. We now have two privateers in this harbor, besides the war steamers *Winslow*, and the *Gordon*, of Charleston, Captain Lockwood, armed with three guns—a fine, large steamer. She returned this morning with a prize brig, laden with three hundred and sixty hogsheads of molasses. We have, also, a saucy little pilot schooner, the *Florida*, mounting one six-pound rifled cannon. She captured a prize two days since, took her crew out, and sent her in with her own men. A United States Government steamer gave chase to the prize, and they were obliged to beach her at Nag's Head. She, of course, is a total loss.

Yours, respectfully,

MAJOR W. BEVERSHOW THOMPSON.
Chief of Engineer Department Coast Defence.

The following is the report made to Genera WOOL by General BUTLER:

U. S. FLAG SHIP MINNESOTA, August 30, 1861.

GENERAL: Agreeable to your orders, I embarked on the transport steamers *Adelaide* and *George Peabody*, 600 of the Twentieth Regiment New York Volunteers, Col. Weber commanding, 320 of the Ninth Regiment New York Volunteers, Col. Hawkins, 100 of the Union Coast Guard, Capt. Nixon commanding, 60 of the 2d U. S. Artillery, Lieut. Larned commanding, as a force to operate in conjunction with the fleet under command of Flag Officer Stringham against the rebel forts at Hatteras Inlet.

We left Fortress Monroe on Monday, at 1 o'clock P. M., and the last ship of our fleet arrived at Hatteras Inlet about 4 o'clock, on Tuesday afternoon. Such preparations as were possible for the landing were made in the evening, and at daylight next morning dispositions were made for an attack on the forts by the fleet, and for the landing of the troops. Owing to the prevalence of southwesterly gales, a heavy surf was breaking on the beach. Every effort was made to land the troops, and after about 315 were landed, including 55 marines from the fleet, and the regulars, both the iron boats upon which we depended were swamped in the surf, and both flat-boats stove, and a brave attempt being made by Lieut. Crosby of the U. S. A., serving as a post captain at Fortress Monroe, who had volunteered to come down with the steamer tug *Fanny*, belonging to the army, to land in a boat from the war steamer *Pawnee*, resulted in the beaching of the boat, so that she could not be got off.

It was impracticable to land more troops because of the rising wind and sea. Fortunately, a 12-pound rifled boat gun, recovered by the tug-ship and a 12-pound howitzer, were landed, the last slightly damaged. Our landing was completely covered by the shells of the *Monticello* and *Harriet Lane*. I was on board the latter, directing the disembarkation of the troops by means of signals, and was about landing with them at the time the boats were stove.

We were induced to desist from further attempts at landing troops by the rising of the wind, and because, in the meantime, the fleet had opened fire upon the nearest fort, which was finally silenced and its flag struck.

No firing had opened upon our troops from the other fort, and its flag was also struck. Supposing this to be a signal of surrender, Colonel Weber advanced his troops already landed upon the beach. The *Harriet Lane*, by my direction, tried to cross the bar to get into the smooth water of the inlet, when a fire was opened upon the *Monticello* (which had proceeded in advance of us) from the other fort. Several shots struck her, but without causing any casualty, as I am informed. So well convinced were the officers of the navy and army that the forts had surrendered at this time, that the *Susquehanna* had towed the frigate *Cumberland* to an offing.

The fire was then reopened (as there was no signal from either) upon both forts. In the meantime, a few men from the Coast Guard had advanced up the beach with Mr. Wiegel, who was acting as volunteer aid, and whose gallantry and services I wish to commend, and took possession of the smaller fort, which was found to have been abandoned by the enemy, and raised the American flag thereon. It had become necessary, in consequence of the threatening appearance of the weather, that all the ships should make an offing, which was done with reluctance from necessity, thus leaving the troops upon the shore, a part in possession of the small forts (about 700 yards from the larger one) and the rest bivouacked upon the beach, near the place of landing, about two mile north of the forts.

Early the next morning the *Harriet Lane* ran in shore, for the purpose of covering any attack upon the troops. At the same time, a large steamer was observed coming down the sound, inside the land, with reinforcements for the enemy, but she was prevented from landing by Capt. Johnson, of the coast Guard, who had placed the guns from the ship, and a six-pounder from the enemy, in a small land battery, and opened fire upon the rebel steamer.

At 8 o'clock the fleet opened fire again, the flagship being anchored as near as the water allowed, and the other ships coming gallantly into action. It was evident, after a few experiments, that our shot fell short. An increased length of fuse was signalled, and the firing commenced with shell of fifteen seconds fuse. I had sent Mr. Fiske, acting aid-de-camp, on shore for the purpose of gaining intelligence of the movement of the troops, and of the enemy.

I then went with the *Fanny* for the purpose of effecting a landing of the remainder of the troops, when a white flag was run up from the fort. I then went with the *Fanny* over the bar into the inlet. At the same time the troops under Col. Weber marched up the beach, and signal was made for the flag-ship to cease firing. As the *Fanny* rounded in over the bar the rebel steamer *Winslow* went up the channel, having a large number of Secession troops on board, which she had not landed. We threw a shell at her from the *Fanny*, but she proved to be out of range. I then sent Lieut. Crosby on shore to demand the meaning of the white flag. The boat soon returned with the memorandum from Commander Barron, (already given,) and a verbal communication stating that he had in the Fort 615 men, and 1,000 more within a few hours' call, but that he was anxious to spare the effusion of blood. To both the written and verbal communications I made the reply inserted in other despatches.

After waiting three-quarters of an hour, Lieut. Crosby returned, bringing with him Capt. Barron, Major Andrews, and Col. Martin, of the rebel force, who, on being received on board the tug *Fanny*, informed me that they had accepted the terms proposed in my memorandum. I informed them that, as the expedition was a combined one, the surrender must be made on board the flag ship, to Flag Officer Stringham, as well as to myself. We went on board the *Minnesota* for that purpose, when the articles of capitulation were agreed on. (Already given.)

I then landed and took a formal surrender of the forts, with all the men and munitions of war, inspected the troops, to see that the arms had been properly surrendered, marched them out, embarked them on board the *Adelaide*, and marched my own men into the fort, and raised our own flag upon it; amid the cheers of our men and a salute of thirteen guns, which had been shotted by the enemy.

The embarkation of the wounded, which was conducted with great care from a temporary wharf erected for the purpose, took so long that night that it was impossible for the pilots to take the *Adelaide* over the bar, thereby causing delay.

I may mention in this connection that the *Adelaide*, in carrying in the troops at the moment that my terms of capitulation were under consideration by the enemy, had grounded upon the bar, but by the active and judicious exertions of Commander Stellwagen, after some delay, was got off. At this same time the *Harriet Lane*, in an attempt to enter the bar, had grounded and remained fast. Both were under the guns of the fort. This to me was a moment of the greatest anxiety. By those accidents a valuable ship of war and a transport steamer with a large portion of my troops on board were within the power of the enemy.

I had demanded the strongest terms, which he was considering. He might refuse, and, seeing our disadvantage, renew the action. But I determined to abate not a tittle of what I believed to be due to the dignity of the Government, not even to give an official title to the officer in command of the rebels. Besides, my tug was in the inlet, and at least I could carry on the engagement with my two rifled six-pounders, well supplied with Sawyer's shell.

Upon taking possession of Fort Hatteras, I found that it mounted ten guns, with four yet unmounted, and one large ten-inch columbiad, all ready for mounting. I append the official muster-roll of Colonel Martin, furnished by him, of the officers and men captured by us.

The position of the fort is an exceedingly strong one, nearly surrounded on all sides by water, and only to be approached by a march of 500 yards circuitously over a long neck of sand within half musket range, and over a causeway a few feet only in width, and which was commanded by two 32-pound guns loaded with grape and canister, which we expended in our salute.

It had a well-protected magazine and bomb-proof capable of sheltering some three or four hundred men. The parapet was nearly of an octagon form, enclosing about two-thirds of an acre of ground, covered with sufficient traverses and ramparts, upon which our shells had made but little impression. The larger work, nearer this inlet, was known as Fort Hatteras. Fort Clark, which was about seven hundred yards northerly, is a square redoubt, mounting five guns and two six-pounders. The enemy had spiked these guns, but in a very inefficient manner, upon abandoning the work the day before.

I had all the troops on shore at the time of the surrender of the forts, but re-embarked the regulars and marines. I disembarked the provisions, making, with the stores captured, five days' rations for the use of the troops.

On consultation with Flag-officer Stringham and Commander Stellwagen, I determined to leave the troops and hold the forts, because of the strength of the fortification, its importance, and because of the difficulty of its recapture, if again in the possession of the enemy with a sufficient armament, until I could get further instructions from the Government. Commodore Stringham directed the steamers *Monticello* and *Pawnee* to remain inside, and these, with the men in the forts, are sufficient to hold the position against any force which is likely to be sent against it.

The importance of the point cannot be overrated. When the channel is buoyed out, any vessel may carry fifteen feet of water over it with ease. Once inside, there is safe harbor and anchorage in all weather.

From there the whole coast of Virginia and North Carolina, from Norfolk to Cape Lookout, is within our reach by light draft vessels, which cannot possibly live at sea during the winter months. From it offensive operations may be made upon the whole coast of North Carolina to Roque Inlet. extending many miles inland to Wilmington, Newbern, and Beaufort.

In the language of the Chief Engineer of the rebels, Col. Thompson, in an official report, "It is the key of the Albemarle." In my judgment, it is a station second in importance only to Fortress Monroe, on this coast. As a depot for coaling and supplies for the blockading squadron, it is invaluable. As a harbor for our coasting trade, or inlet from the winter storm, or from pirates, it is of the first importance.

By holding it, Hatteras light may again send forth its cheering ray to the storm-beaten mariner, of which the worse than vandalism of the rebels deprives him. It has but one drawback, a want of good water. But with a condenser, like the one now in operation at Fortress Monroe, at a cost of a few hundred dollars, will relieve. I append to this report a tabular statement of the prizes which have been taken into that inlet within a few days, compiled from the official documents captured with the forts. I add hereto an official report of the Chief Engineer of the Coast Defences of the rebels.

Please find also appended a statement of the arms and ammunition of war captured with the fort, as nearly as they can be ascertained. While all have done well, I desire to speak in terms of especial commendation, in addition to those before mentioned, of the steadiness and cool courage of Colonel Max Webber, whom we were obliged to leave in command of a detachment of three hundred men on a strange coast, without camp equipage, or possibility of aid, in the face of an enemy 600 strong, on a dark and stormy night; of Lieut. Col. Weiss, who conducted a reconnoissance of twenty men; of the daring and prompt efficiency of Capt. Nixon, of the Coast Guards, who, with his men, occupied Fort Clark during the first night, although dismantled, in the face of an enemy of unknown numbers. I desire to commend to your attention Capt. Jardine, of the New York Ninth, who was left in command of the detachment of his regiment, when the unfortunate casualty to the *Harriet Lane* prevented Col. Hawkins from landing.

I cannot speak of the efficiency of the regulars under Lieutenant Larned, who worked zealously in aiding to land their comrades of the volunteers, overwhelmed with the rolling surf. I wish specially to make acknowledgments to Messrs. Weigel and Durviage, volunteer aids, who planted the American flag upon Fort Clark on the second morning, to indicate to the fleets its surrender, and to prevent the further wasting of shells upon it—a service of great danger from the fire of their own friends. I made honorable mention of my young Aide, Fiske, who risked his life among the breakers; being thrown on shore to carry my orders to the troops landed, and to apprise them of the movements and intentions of the fleet. Also, my thanks for the valuable aid of Captain Hagerty, who was employed in visiting the prizes in the harbor while we were agreeing upon the terms of capitulation. Of the services of my country of the gentlemen of the navy proper I may not speak, for no one should praise when he has no right to censure, and they will be appropriately mentioned, I doubt not, by the commander, who is capable of appreciating their good conduct, but I am emboldened to ask permission, if the Department shall determine to occupy the point as a permanent post, that its name may be changed by general order from Fort Hatteras to Fort Stringham. But of those gentlemen who served under my immediate command I make honorable mention, as I have done before, of the zealous, intrepid, and untiring action of Lieut. Crosby, who took an armed canal boat, the steam-tug *Fanny*, from Fort Monroe to Hatteras Inlet, in order that the expedition might have the aid of a steamer of the lightest draught.

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Assistant Surgeon William E. Poole.

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J. G. Carraway, ordnance officer.

Roanoke Guard, Seventh Regiment—Captain John C. Lamb, Second Lieutenant W. Biggs, non-commissioned officers and privates, 98. Total 100.

Washington Grays—Captain Sparrow; Lieutenants Shaw, Whitaker, and Thomas, non-commissioned officers and privates, 54. Total 58.

Tar River Boys—Lieutenants M. T. Moze, G. M. Danier, non-commissioned officers and privates, 68. Total 70.

Morris Guards—First Lieutenant G. W. Grimes, Lieutenants T. Morris, Johnson, non-commissioned officers and privates, 63. Total 65.

Lenori Braves—Captain Sutton, Lieutenants Kincey, Eizell, non-commissioned officers and privates, 65. Total 68.

Independent Grays—Captain Cohoon, Lieutenants Hez. Tolliezz, non-commissioned officers and privates, 54. Total 57.

Hertford Light Infantry—Captain Sharp, Lieutenants Wise, Moore, non-commissioned officers and privates, 64. Total 67.

Jonesboro' Guards—Captain Duke, Lieutenants Bell, Lamb, and Taylor, non-commissioned officers and privates, 65. Total 69.

Hamilton Guards—Captain L. L. Clements, Lieutenants Augustus Whiteley, and Griffin, non-commissioned officers and privates, 60. Total 62.

North Carolina Defenders—Captain G. Luke, Lieutenants Shannon and Noah, non-commissioned officers and privates, 56. Total 59. Grand total, 691.

COMMODORE BARRON.

Commodore Samuel Barron, late captain in the United States navy, was born in Virginia, and appointed from that State. He entered the navy January 1, 1812, was nineteen years at sea, eight years on shore, and twenty years unemployed His total term of service in the navy up to the time of his resignation was forty-eight years. He was last at sea in 1850. Commodore Barron holds the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy under Jeff. Davis.

COLONEL MARTIN.

Colonel William F. Martin, of the Seventh North Carolina volunteers. Colonel Martin is a native of Elizabeth City, N. C., and is about thirty-eight years of age. He is a lawyer by profession, having studied under the late Hon. Wm. B. Shepard, and until the present rebellion, we believe, has paid but little attention to the science of war. Colonel M has always been an admirer and follower of John C. Calhoun, and a strong advocate of the nullification doctrine. He is possessed of superior natural ability, firm and determined in his opinions, but in private life has undeviatingly maintained the character of an amiable and accomplished gentleman.

LIEUTENANT WM. SHARP.

Lieutenant William Sharp, late United States navy. He was appointed from Virginia, and is a native of that State. He entered the service in September, 1841, and at the time of his resignation he had been nineteen years in the service.

MUNITIONS AND ORDNANCE CAPTURED.

In the large battery, known as Fort Hatteras, the following ordnance was captured:

No.	Description.	Calibre.	Weight of Metal.
24	Barbette	32-pounder.	4,701
64	Pivot	32 "	6,211
68	Barbette	32 "	6,211
261	Barbette	32 "	6,202
76	Barbette	32 "	6,220
86	Barbette	32 "	6,229
225	Ship	32 "	5,721
614	Pivot	32 "	—
395	Ship	32 "	5,721
614	Pivot	32 "	6,711
2	Barbette	— "	—
264	Barbette, not m'nted	32 "	6,121
87	Barbette	32 "	6,230
322	Barbette	32 "	6,212
251	Barbette	32 "	6,212
232	Barbette	32 "	6,201
48	Barbette	32 "	6,210
158	Pivot	32 "	5,731
623	Pivot	32 "	7,721
26	Pivot	32 "	4,721

One ten-inch columbiad on the beach, not mounted, with a pivot carriage for the same.

In the smaller battery, known as Fort Clark, five thirty-two pounders, weight fifty-seven hundred pounds each, made in 1848, all spiked.

Three six-pounder field pieces on the beach, two spiked.

MUNITIONS OF WAR IN FORT HATTERAS.

One thousand stand of arms; four stands regimental colors; five hundred knapsacks; ten strong tents; ten drums.

In the inlet, under cover of the guns at Fort Hatteras, were found as follows: One sloop laden with provisions and coffee; one brig laden with cotton and assorted cargo; two United States light boats, in good order; one hundred and fifty bags of coffee, about fifty bags in good condition.

MAGAZINE STORES.

Fifteen hundred and seven cartridges, fifty-eight cartridges, ten loaded thirty-two-pounder shells, four thousand musket caps, eight barrels cannon powder, twenty-four kegs F, eighteen kegs FF, thirty-three kegs FFF; fifty kegs F on board Neuse river lightboat. The cannon powder in magazine and in lightboat, with the fixed ammunition, will make twenty-eight rounds for thirteen guns, exclusive of fifty kegs FFF of starks.

N. B.—The fixed ammunition at this post now are seventy eight cartridge, seven seven cartridge. At Fort Clark are fourteen eight cartridge. The grape and canister has not been taken in account, nor ammunition for six-pounder field-pieces.

SERENADE TO GEN. BUTLER.

On arriving in Washington, General Butler, accompanied by Commander Stellwagen, of the navy, and Captain Hagerty, of the General's staff, visited the President, and were received by the full Cabinet, and were congratulated upon the glorious success attending the expedition to Hatteras Inlet.

The General and Commander afterwards visited General Scott, the Secretary of the Navy, and General McClellan.

On Sunday evening a serenade was given to General Butler, at Willards' Hotel, when he responded as follows:

FELLOW CITIZENS: I am, by far, too much complimented by this expression of your kind regards, and I feel it to be a compliment to the cause which we all love, and for which any of us are ready at this hour to lay down our lives. It can be no mere personal congratulation, no more regard for one whom accident made a participator in an event which I hope will have some effect on the future of our country's history; but it is the result of the love you feel to the Union we cherish and the Constitution we defend. [Cheers.] Were it any degree personal it would not belong to me, it would belong to the gallant navy, under the command of Commodore Stringham, whose hands were mainly successful in achieving the result which you seem so much to welcome. Oh, it was glorious to see that arm of the Union stretched out against its rebellious children! Would that you could have stood, as I did, on the deck of one of the smaller vessels and seen the *Wabash*, the *Minnesota*, and the *Cumberland* go into action; and then, looking afar off on the deep blue sea and observe the *Susquehannah*, which, by accident, hearing the firing, came up to have her share in what resulted in a glorious victory, [cheers,] and as the cannon roared out, one after another, a rebuke to treason, it was music such as would lengthen a man's life long years to hear. [Cheers.] It came out that on the first day's cannonade the forts, which seemed from the distance, in the cloud of smoke, to be but one, was silenced, and the rag of Secession came down. We had supposed there had been a surrender, and measures were taken to ascertain that fact. The *Monticello* stood in, with the *Harriet Lane*, for the purpose of making it certain, when, treacherously, the larger fort opened upon her, and succeeded in inflicting some injury upon the navy, striking the vessel in eight places. The threatening aspect of the weather made it necessary for us to draw off, leaving upon the land, under the command of Colonel Weber, of the New York Twentieth, who fought for the land of his adoption as he would fight for the old fatherland of Germany—leaving, I say, three hundred and fifteen of the United States troops upon the rebel shore, with seven hundred and over of the enemy entrenched within five hundred yards of them, there to bivouac under a cloudy sky, without tents, without provisions, and without any of the appliances necessary for safety or comfort, save strong hands and brave hearts. [cheers;] and, my friends, it was an anxious night for those who landed their life among the breakers; being thrown on shore to carry my orders to the troops landed, and to apprise them of the movements and intentions of the fleet. Also, my thanks for the valuable aid of Captain Hagerty, who was employed in visiting the prizes in the harbor while we were agreeing upon the terms of capitulation. Of the services of my country of the gentlemen of the navy proper I may not speak, for no one should praise when he has no right to censure, and they will be appropriately mentioned, I doubt not, by the commander, who is capable of appreciating their good conduct, but I am emboldened to ask permission, if the Department shall determine to occupy the point as a permanent post, that its name may be changed by general order from Fort Hatteras to Fort Stringham. But of those gentlemen who served under my immediate command I make honorable mention, as I have done before, of the zealous, intrepid, and untiring action of Lieut. Crosby, who took an armed canal boat, the steam-tug *Fanny*, from Fort Monroe to Hatteras Inlet, in order that the expedition might have the aid of a steamer of the lightest draught.

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Lieutenant Thomas H. Allen, engineers and ordnance.

Surgeon W. M. Brown.

Assistant Surgeon William E. Poole.

Colonel Bradford and Lieutenant Lassell, Seventh Regiment North Carolina Volunteers.

J. G. Carraway, ordnance officer.

Roanoke Guard, Seventh Regiment—Captain John C. Lamb, Second Lieutenant W. Biggs, non-commissioned officers and privates, 98. Total 100.

Washington Grays—Captain Sparrow; Lieutenants Shaw, Whitaker, and Thomas, non-commissioned officers and privates, 54. Total 58.

Tar River Boys—Lieutenants M. T. Moze, G. M. Danier, non-commissioned officers and privates, 68. Total 70.

Morris Guards—First Lieutenant G. W. Grimes, Lieutenants T. Morris, Johnson, non-commissioned officers and privates, 63. Total 65.

Lenori Braves—Captain Sutton, Lieutenants Kincey, Eizell, non-commissioned officers and privates, 65. Total 68.

Independent Grays—Captain Cohoon, Lieutenants Hez. Tolliezz, non-commissioned officers and privates, 54. Total 57.

Hertford Light Infantry—Captain Sharp, Lieutenants Wise, Moore, non-commissioned officers and privates, 64. Total 67.

Jonesboro' Guards—Captain Duke, Lieutenants Bell, Lamb, and Taylor, non-commissioned officers and privates, 65. Total 69.

Hamilton Guards—Captain L. L. Clements, Lieutenants Augustus Whiteley, and Griffin, non-commissioned officers and privates, 60. Total 62.

North Carolina Defenders—Captain G. Luke, Lieutenants Shannon and Noah, non-commissioned officers and privates, 56. Total 59. Grand total, 691.

COMMODORE BARRON.

Commodore Samuel Barron, late captain in the United States navy, was born in Virginia, and appointed from that State. He entered the navy January 1, 1812, was nineteen years at sea, eight years on shore, and twenty years unemployed His total term of service in the navy up to the time of his resignation was forty-eight years. He was last at sea in 1850. Commodore Barron holds the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy under Jeff. Davis.

COLONEL MARTIN.

Colonel William F. Martin, of the Seventh North Carolina volunteers. Colonel Martin is a native of Elizabeth City, N. C., and is about thirty-eight years of age. He is a lawyer by profession, having studied under the late Hon. Wm. B. Shepard, and until the present rebellion, we believe, has paid but little attention to the science of war. Colonel M has always been an admirer and follower of John C. Calhoun, and a strong advocate of the nullification

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Pennsylvania Railroad Co.'s stock	4,000 00
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The Humane Fire Insurance Co.'s stock	1,300 00
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Mortgages, ground rents, real estate	$322,981 97
United States stocks, Treasury notes, State of Pennsylvania, city of Philadelphia, &c.	268,705 34
Premium notes, loans or collaterals, &c.	237,694 53
Pennsylvania, North Pennsylvania Railroads, and County 6 per cent. bonds	105,802 50
Bank, insurance, railroad, canal stocks, &c.	97,647 49
Cash on hand, agents' balances, &c., &c.	38,206 14
	$1,071,138 02

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$100,000	United States five per cent. Loan	$100,000 00
117,000	United States six per cent. Treasury Notes, (with accrued interest,)	110,