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NOTICE.

The annual assessment in the above-named district of all persons liable to tax on gas, carriages, billiard tables, and pleasure yachts, and also of all persons required to take out licenses, having been completed, notice is hereby given that the taxes due under said assessment will be received by the undersigned, daily, Sundays excepted, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M., at his office, southwest corner of THIRD and WALNUT Streets, on and after SATURDAY, the 9th inst., and including Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1863.

PENALTIES.

All persons who fail to pay the annual taxes on gold and silver plate, carriages, billiard tables, and pleasure yachts, on or before the aforesaid 9th of May, 1863, will incur a penalty of ten per centum additional upon the amount thereof, as provided for in the 16th section of the excise law of July 1, 1862.

All persons who in like manner shall fail to take out their licenses, as required by law, on or before the 9th day of May, 1863, will incur a penalty of three times the amount of said licenses, in accordance with the provisions of the 59th section of the excise law aforesaid.

Money of the United States only will be received.

JOHN H. DIEHL, Collector,
ap6-dtmy9 S. W. cor. of THIRD and WALNUT Sts.

UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION,

No. 1307 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

To all who have Friends in the Army.—Soldiers, Aid Societies, Clergymen, Editors, and others, are respectfully requested to aid in disseminating the following notice, which is of interest to all who have friends in the Army:

DIRECTORY OF THE HOSPITALS.

The Sanitary Commission have made arrangements for supplying information gratuitously with regard to patients in the United States General Hospitals at the following points (others will be added):

PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT.—For information, address Office Sanitary Commission, No. 1307 CHESTNUT Street.

Philadelphia, Germantown, Chestnut Hill, Chester, Reading, Harrisburg.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT.—For information address Office Woman's Central Union, No. 10 Cooper Institute.

New York, N. Y.; New Haven, Conn.; Boston, Mass.; Portsmouth Grove, R. I.; Brattleboro, Vt.; Burlington, Vt.; Albany, N. Y.; Newark, N. J.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.—For information address Office Sanitary Commission, Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.; Georgetown, D. C.; Baltimore, Md.; Frederick City, Md.; Alexandria, D. C.; Annapolis, Md.; Annapolis Junction, Md.; Point Lookout, Md.; Aquia Creek, Va.; Cumberland, Md.; Fairfax, Va.; York, Pa.

WESTERN DEPARTMENT.—For information address Office Sanitary Commission, Louisville, Ky.

Columbus, Ohio; Keokuk, Iowa; Clarksville, Tenn.; Cleveland, Ohio; Davenport, Iowa; Jackson, Tenn.; Camp Dennison, Ohio; Paducah, Ky.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Gallipolis, Ohio; Bardstown, Ky.; La Grange, Tenn.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Lebanon, Ky.; Gallatin, Tenn.; Quincy, Ill.; Columbus, Ky.; Nashville, Tenn.; Cairo, Ill.; Columbia, Ky.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Mound City, Ill.; Louisville, Ky.; Corinth, Miss.; Jeffersonville, Ind.; Covington, Ky.; Helena, Arkansas; Evansville, Ind.; Lexington, Ky.; Grafton, Va.; New Albany, Ind.; Danville, Ky.; Point Pleasant, Va.; St. Louis, Mo.; Perryville, Ky.; Parkersburg, Va.; Jefferson, Mo.; Bowling Green, Ky.; Clarksburg, Va.; Rolla, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn.; Charlestown, Va.; Springfield, Missouri.

Information will, under ordinary circumstances, be given to any one applying for it in answer to the following questions. If the application is by letter, the answer will be sent by return of mail. If in person, it will be answered at once.

1. Is —— (giving name and regiment) at present in the hospital of ——?
2. If so, what is his proper address?
3. What is the name of the Surgeon or Chaplain of the hospital?
4. If not in hospital at present, has he recently been in hospital?
5. If so, did he die in hospital, and at what date?
6. If recently discharged from hospital, was he discharged from service?

If not, what were his orders on leaving?

More specific information, as to the condition of any patient in the Philadelphia hospitals, will be furnished within twenty-four hours after a request to do so is received at the office, No. 1307 CHESTNUT Street.

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FIFTH.

The GROVER & BAKER Sewing Machine Company are the only parties who manufacture and sell machines which both SEW PERFECTLY and EMBROIDER PERFECTLY.

We do not deem it essential, nor find it necessary, in order to sell our machines, to depreciate the many excellent productions of our competitors; but, on the contrary, we prefer that parties in quest of a truly superior and reliable article, either for family or manufacturing purposes, should make an examination and comparison of our latest and most approved machines with any and all others in the market; and to facilitate such inquiry, we append the names and places of business of our principal competitors, to wit:

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Kinglake's "Invasion of the Crimea."

The first portion of this work, bringing the narrative down to the battle of the Alma, may be said to have had an ovation in England. *There*, its high price ($8) keeps all but moneyed people from buying it, leaving the public to read it from circulating libraries; *here*, finely printed on good paper and neatly bound, Messrs. Harper produce it at a rate ($1.50), which enables all who read to purchase it. This difference in the price of books will explain, as well as any thing else, why the masses of the United States are more intelligent and better informed than the general public of any other country in the world.

Before noticing this work, let us give a few particulars respecting its author. There are two public men in England named Kinglake. They are first cousins. Both are in Parliament. Both are lawyers. The elder (John Alexander Kinglake) is over sixty years old; has been a sergeant-at-law since 1844; has been Recorder (city judge) of Bristol since 1856, and has represented the ancient and small city of Rochester since 1857. The younger Kinglake, whose baptismal name is Alexander William, is now in his fifty-fourth year; is a Chancery barrister, but quitted the practice of the profession in 1856; has represented the borough of Bridgewater since 1857; like his cousin, is a man of independent fortune, and, like him, also, is a liberal in politics. Neither has been successful in Parliament. The essential difference between these men is that Mr. Sergeant Kinglake never fell into the sin of authorship, while Mr. Alexander William Kinglake fairly "won his spurs," in the tournament of letters, as far back as 1844, soon after he quitted the University, over twenty-five years ago. Mr. Kinglake made a tour in the East. On his return, he collected the letters which he had written home to his friends, carefully revised them, and, after more than an unknown author's difficulty in obtaining a publisher, there appeared a small volume entitled "Eothen; or Traces of Travel brought Home from the East." The word *eothen*, be it known, signifies "from the early dawn," "from the East." There was so much freshness, grace, and graphic power in this little volume, published anonymously, that it soon became popular. It was reprinted into this country, and was translated into several European languages. The chapter which more especially whetted public curiosity, was that which described a visit paid by Mr. Kinglake to Lady Hester Stanhope, at Beyrout; the eccentric lady receiving him because she had been the friend of his mother, whom she remembered as "a sweet, lovely girl, when I knew her." With the exception of a forgotten pamphlet and an article or two in the *Quarterly Review*, Mr. Kinglake published nothing between 1844, when "Eothen" appeared, and 1863, when his history of the "Invasion of the Crimea: its Origin, and an Account of its Progress down to the Death of Lord Raglan" was given to the world of readers. Though he ceased to write, Mr. Kinglake did not cease to travel, having visited many parts of Europe, and even extending his tour into Africa. In 1854, when the Invasion of the Crimea was on foot, he went to Turkey, and found his way to the Crimea. The Battle of the Alma took place immediately after the landing of the Allied forces, (French, English, and Turkish,) and Mr. Kinglake was an eye-witness of this, being by the side of Lord Raglan, the British commander-in-chief, nearly the whole day. He continued with the army until within a short time of the capture of Sebastopol, when severe illness drove him home. He thus had unusual opportunities for becoming the historian of the campaign, and, curiously enough, it was reported and generally believed, long before he had determined to do so, that he would use his pen in this capacity. His own words are:

"Before I had determined to write any account of the war, there were grounds from which many inferred that a history of the Invasion of the Crimea may say that, from the hour of their landing on the enemy's coast close down to the present time, men, acting under him, have been giving me a good deal of their knowledge.

"In 1856 Lady Raglan placed in my hands the whole mass of the papers which Lord Raglan had with him in the field. Under the influence of these, she made it her request that I would cause to be published a letter which her husband addressed to her a few days before his death, and which came to me. Time passed; and no history founded upon these papers was given to the world. Time still passed; and to me, with the conviction of power, people who longed for the dispersion of what they believed to be falsehoods, were striving to impart to Lady Raglan the sad unnatural impression that all this delay had provoked. But with a singleness of purpose and a strength of will which remind one of the great soldier who was her father's brother, she answered, 'The papers having once been placed under *my control*, she would not disturb me with expressions of impatience, nor suffer any one about her to disturb me. I seemed to her to be grateful to her for her generous and resolute trustfulness. If these volumes are late, the whole blame rests with me.' Such an idea of the work I might be too soon, the fault is still mine.

"Knowing Lord Raglan's habits of business, knowing his tendency to connect all public transactions with his own deeds, and feeding in every part of the correspondence the least semblance of any thing like a cheam, I am led to believe that, of almost every thing connected with the business of the war, there was known to Lord Raglan himself, there lies in the papers before me a clear and faithful record."

These papers included not only all the military reports which were from time to time addressed to the commander of the English army, by all the generals and other officers serving under him, including their holograph narratives of the part they had been taking in the battles, but also Lord Raglan's official and private correspondence with sovereigns and their ambassadors; with ministers, generals, and admirals; with the French, with the Turks, with the Sardinians; with public men, and official functionaries of all sorts and conditions; with adventurers, with men propounding wild schemes, with dear and faithful friends. Mr. Kinglake says, "The strategic plans of the much-contriving Emperor—still carrying the odor of the Havanas which aid the ingenuity of the Tuileries—are ranged with all due care, and can be got at in a few moments; but, not less carefully ranged, and equally easy to find, is the rival scheme of the enthusiastic nosologist who advised that the Russians should be destroyed by the action of malaria, and the elaborate proposal of the English general who submitted a plan for taking Sebastopol with bows and arrows." Other materials came into Mr. Kinglake's hands, from British officers and statesmen, as answers to all inquiries he made from French officers, (though the French War Office did not specially contribute,) and, very largely, from Russian sources, including the narratives of the three Divisional Generals who held command at the battle of the Alma under Prince Mentschikoff. The concluding volume will describe what happened between the battle of the Alma and the fall of Sebastopol—of course, including the great contests at Balaclava and Inkermann.

The landing of the Allies in the Crimea was completed on September 18, 1854; the battle of the Alma on September 20th; the death of Lord Raglan on June 28th, 1855; and the fall of Sebastopol on September 10th, 1855. Therefore, the whole transactions in the Crimea were crowded within a year.

Lord Raglan, who had lost his right arm at Waterloo, was placed in chief command of the British army in the Crimea, at the mature age of 66, and nearly forty years had passed since (then only lieutenant colonel) he had "set a squadron in the field." The greater part of that interval he had been employed as Military Secretary to the Duke of Wellington, who, in peace, had Wellington died, Lord Fitzroy Somerset (as he was then called) was created Lord Raglan, and made Master-General of the Ordnance. This was a compliment to his own long public service, and also to his wife, who was Wellington's niece. The fault which oppressed Lord Raglan was this—a brave man, he yet was timid; afraid of the high responsibility which was placed on him; perpetually over-anxious to act within the traditions of Wellington war, as he had seen it, in his youth, in the Peninsula. The first great special purpose of Mr. Kinglake's book is to apologize for the short-comings of Lord Raglan—in fact, it is greatly an apology for that commander. The second special purpose is to abuse Louis Napoleon and his friends, and detract from the gallantry of the French army and its leaders. These two purposes Mr. Kinglake carries out, (a little too palpably,) yet his work possesses surpassing merit and wonderful interest. It has been correctly said that it stands to the Crimean War in the same relation as Sir William Napier's "History of the Peninsula War." It excels it in one respect—its political expositions and its sketches of eminent personages.

About the first moiety of the volume before us is devoted to a recapitulation of the causes which brought on the Crimean War. These are mainly stated to have been the ambitious policy of the Czar and Louis Napoleon's desire to interest France in a foreign and distant war, which would occupy the public mind so much as to turn its thoughts from the *coup d'état* of December, 1851. The manner in which the Emperor Nicholas' ambition and bad faith are described compliments while it condemns him. For Louis Napoleon, on the other hand, there is a constant and raking fire of insinuation, which is more damaging than open accusation, and of depreciation of his talents, his character, his purposes, and even of his personal courage. As he himself is reported to have exclaimed, when he concluded his perusal of the attack on himself: "C'est ignoble." As for personal courage, nobody can affirm, with any regard for truth, that Louis Napoleon has ever failed in that respect. His very fearlessness, we believe, has done more than police surveillance to prevent political malcontents from attempting his life. On every occasion, however sudden or great the danger, Louis Napoleon has shown the calmest, which is confessedly the greatest courage.

It must be conceded, however, that Mr. Kinglake's onslaught upon Napoleon's personal and moral character is executed with wondrous force and skill. So are the notices of "St. Arnaud, formerly Le Roy;" of Fleury, of Magnan, of Persigny, of Maupas, and of other leading men who assisted in the *coup d'état* of 1851. Upon St. Arnaud, in particular, he casts almost every base insinuation (none on his bravery), and winds up by saying: "The people of the capital knew of no crime too vile to be imputed to the new Marshal of France now entrusted with the command of her army in the field." This intimates a great deal; but Mr. Kinglake continues: "Yet, so far as I know, they failed to make out that he had ever been convicted, or even arrested on a criminal charge; and when I look at the affectionate correspondence which almost through his life M. St. Arnaud seems to have maintained with his near relatives, I am led to imagine that they at least—and they would have been likely to know something of the truth—could have hardly believed his worst errors to be errors of the more dishonoring sort. Therefore *there is ground for surmising that the Marshal was a man slandered.*" Yet, Mr. Kinglake scatters insinuations, almost accusations, of the worst kind against one whom there is ground for surmising was "a man slandered." On the other side, however, Mr. Kinglake is pertinaciously laudatory. His sketches of