EPISCOPAL CLERGYMEN AND THE DRAFT.—A petition, to be presented to the authorities in Washington, is now in circulation among the clergymen of New Jersey and New York, containing a series of resolutions adopted at a meeting of the clerical and lay members of the Diocesan Convention of New Jersey, held immediately after the adjournment of the convention at Newark, on the 26th of May. The resolutions set forth that "whereas, by recent enactments of the Government of the United States, contrary to the usual custom and laws of nations, the clergy are liable to enrolment and draft for military service, thus imposing, in the alternative of a substitute, a burden of expense that, from their self-denying position, they are, in the majority of cases, unable to bear, in case of a repeal of the exemption clause, forcing them into a service and position inconsistent with their vows, separating them from their hallowed responsibilities, and leaving the people to perish in 'irreligion and vice;' therefore the clergy "respectfully and earnestly petition the Government of the United States to enact such exceptions to the general laws respecting enrolment and drafting as may leave the clergy in those States secure in the administration of their respective offices."

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