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### LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, June 7, 1865.

That the suggestion of President Johnson, in his proclamation appointing Wm. W. Holden Governor of North Carolina, should create discussion, is no reason why it should excite dissension. It reaches the very heart of the "great argument;" and thinking men, who were looking for some point to rally to, should be grateful, rather, that the opinion of the President has been so frankly and patriotically stated. He does not propose to dictate *who* shall vote in the States. His object is to assist in building the State governments from the base; and although it has been objected that while he proposes to obliterate all secession legislation subsequent to the period when, in fact, North Carolina was stolen out of the Union, yet by this very step he recognizes the odious forms of the old Constitution, and the tyrannic laws made in pursuance thereof. But the answer to this is that, after all, the whole question must go to the people of the State; and if, on the idea that we are to hold the seceded commonwealth by force of arms until there is a sound strong sentiment in favor of negro suffrage, might not *this* precede and in making the entire white population disaffected—or worse? Now, negro suffrage in North Carolina and in Tennessee is not a new thing. In the days of the Haywoods and the Masons in the one, and the Carrolls, Coffeys, Jacksons, and Cave Johnsons in the other, colored men voted freely, on certain conditions. The National Government may be as strongly in favor of giving this sacred right to the black man in the seceded States, on President Johnson's theory of maintaining the State machinery, under the Federal Constitution, as those who object to this theory; and I take it for granted that, with President Johnson's known generosity to the colored men of Tennessee, he would be enabled to wield a tremendous influence in aiding them elsewhere to all the rights which law and gratitude, and the condition of society, may induce the people to yield and themselves to demand. In our earnest anxiety to protect the colored men of the South, we must take care lest we weaken their best friends there and elsewhere, and keep back, instead of pushing forward, the wonderful reform in their condition. As I have said before in this correspondence, that race has advanced more during this rebellion than in ordinary times it would have gained in a century. Public opinion has been purified and heightened in their favor. Some of the soundest publicists heretofore opposed to the bestowal of any of the great franchises upon the colored man, frankly say, and boldly state that he has prepared himself for a higher destiny. But we profit nothing by precipitate action. I do not fear debate on any principle, but I *oppose* dogmatism. Ignorance is the parent of mischief; and the wisest reasoner becomes the hottest anarchist if, in tranquil times, he is not permitted to discuss great truths. "They are able who run fast," as Friar Lawrence wisely admonished the impetuous Romeo. Surely, with a President known to be steadfast and true to the great cause of human freedom; both Houses of Congress controlled by heavy anti-slavery majorities; with nearly three-fourths of the States committed to decided measures against everything that savors of sympathy with the rebellion—surely, with these advantages, we may afford to be patient and to allow the experiment a few short months of trial. We are educating not alone ourselves, but the world, with every hour. From the carnage of slavery in the South; from the ruins of the rebellion; from the crushed hopes of the traitors; from their prison cells, and in the sure presence of that awful fate daily growing blacker and blacker before their eyes, I gather confidence in the strength of my country and in the supreme final conquest of free principles, before which these mists of doubt, in the minds even of good-men, pass away like the clouds of the morning before the beams of the rising sun.

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IMPORTANT ORDER FOR THE DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following general order for the discharge of certain prisoners of war has just been issued:

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, June 6, 1865.—The prisoners of war at the general departments in the North, will be discharged under the following regulations and restrictions:

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Second. Officers of the rebel army not above the rank of captain, and of the rebel navy not above the grade of lieutenant, except such as have been mustered into the United States Military or Naval service, and such as hold a commission in either the United States army or navy at the beginning of the rebellion, may be discharged upon taking the oath of allegiance.

Third. When discharges hereby ordered are completed, regulations will be issued in respect to the discharge of officers having higher rank than captain in the army or lieutenants in the navy.

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By order of the Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation to all released prisoners to the most accessible point to their homes by rail or by steamboat.

By order of the President of the United States:

E. A. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

A MEETING OF CORPORATORS OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AND NAVAL ASYLUM.

A meeting of the corporators of the National Military and Naval Asylum for the relief of totally disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States, which was incorporated by an act of the second session of the 38th Congress (the incorporators named in the bill numbering one hundred gentlemen from different parts of the country), was held at the Smithsonian Institute to-day, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization in accordance with the provisions of the incorporating act. Eleven of the incorporators were present in person, and thirty-two represented by proxy. Among those present were Secretary STANTON, General BURNSIDE, Surgeon General BARNES, General MEADE, General HOWARD, and Admiral DAHLGREN. Generals GRANT, BUTLER, Dr. President MCOSH, and others were among those represented by proxy. Hon. MORRIS P. ODELL, of New York, was called to the chair, and Professor HENRY appointed secretary. A motion having been made to proceed to a permanent organization, a question arose as to the legal right of the meeting to elect officers and directors, in view of the fact that the incorporating bill does not name how many members shall constitute a quorum, and there was but few of the incorporators present. After an expression of views by Secretary STANTON, General BURNSIDE, General MEADE, Mr. ODELL, and others, Secretary STANTON was requested to obtain from the Attorney General an opinion in reference to the questions involved in the organization.

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## RICHMOND.

**The Delegations to the New Governor—Present Status of the Negro—What the Chivalry now Say and Feel—Confiscation and Reorganization—The Proscribed Class—Rebel Island Copperheads.**

RICHMOND, June 6, 1865.

Gov. Peirpont is being daily visited by delegations of citizens from the Valley, along the Blue Ridge, and some beyond the Alleghany Mountains—by individuals who have held prominent places of *distrust* in the State and Confederate Governments; by officers of rank, who are included in the excepted class of the amnesty proclamation; by civilians who have been notorious rebels, and Union men who have remained true to their country—all of whom recognize the inevitable conclusion that slavery is ended; that secession was a delusion, and that State rights is a theoretical idea, which can never be reduced to practice.

IMPRESSION UPON THE GOVERNOR.

These respective delegations have made a decided impression upon the Governor as to the truthfulness of their utterances and the sincerity of their resignation. He has conversed freely and frankly with the people in all conditions of society, soliciting their opinions as to the return of the national authority, which have been given in such a spirit of candid submission to the old flag, as to leave no doubt of their sincerity. The Governor is so impressed with the bearing and deportment of the people of Virginia, as to express the opinion that they accept the triumph of the Union arms with a degree of cheerfulness which he did not anticipate. The original Secessionists, having assured him that their Government has taken the wings of a very early morning for an indefinite flight, have no compunctions in renouncing all allegiance to an authority which has passed away, or philosophically giving up all faith in rebel bonds. This class magnanimously admits that there is nothing in State sovereignty as originally held by them, and that Virginia must, in accordance with the decision from which there is no appeal, be reconstructed upon the basis of freedom.

THE CONDITION OF THE NEGRO.

A large number of visiting gentlemen are extremely solicitous about the condition, and, not unfrequently, the status of the negro. Some state that their former slaves have remained with them, and are equally, if not more faithful to their employers under the inspiration of remuneration; while others complain that their property, which has always had a lugacious aspect, has unceremoniously deserted them, and are seeking employment with other persons. The farmers are now crying the advantages of the Yankee system, which proposes a bargain to the negro, giving to each laborer ten dollars per month and rations. Not a few of the chivalry have declared, with a good deal of pride, that their negroes positively declined to leave them, but are determined to remain.

CHANGE IN REBEL FEELING.

All classes of persons who have called upon the Governor have announced, with a great deal of unanimity, that they were heartily rejoiced to be back in the old Union again as citizens of a grand and great country; many of them were rebels from the beginning.

HOW THE CHIVALRY NOW FEEL.

The chivalry have now no hesitation in associating the Union Government with fraud, starvation, destitution, and all manner of iniquities. They have no hesitation now in informing the Governor that the rebellion commenced in that spirit, and was ended with those disgraceful results which have added additional infamy to the crime of treason. It is only since the return of the Union army that they have professed to experience any relief from these great wrongs, under the sanction of usurped authority.

CONFISCATION AND REORGANIZATION.

The Governor is important more upon the subject of confiscation than any other. There are extremely nervous upon this point, which consumes more of the Executive time and receives more of his attention than any question which is now under consideration in the reconstruction. There seems to be such a general conscientiousness of guilt among the chivalry as to prevent them as yet comprehending or applying the proclamation of the President on the subject of reorganizing the State. The Governor has done much to repress the solicitude of those most culpable, and explain the proclamations of the President to their satisfaction. Many of these broken-down chivalry are relieved of much anxiety in the assurance, which has come to their former homes with the Executive comfort so considerately given, to communicate the good news, which has the effect of stimulating an extra curl of the lips and noses of the fair ones at the Yankee officers as they pass by their residence, since they have a hope that their property will not be confiscated, or in any way interfered with by the acts. The Governor deems the question of political suffrage the most difficult to settle in the reorganization of the State. The Government, of which he is the chief Executive, has designated, in order to exercise the right of suffrage, that the individual must be white; must take the oath to support the restored government of Virginia; that they have not done anything to support the rebellion since 1864. Along the valley of Virginia and the borderers he is very well posted in a number of cases, who can consistently take the prescribed oath. Then, of course, there are other parts of the State in which everybody has been engaged, one way or the other, against the national authority. The people in some localities were poor and without clothing, food, and other necessaries of life, and the rebel leaver was supplied by the rebel authorities to a certain extent. General Lee not unfrequently made his appeals directly to the people for sustenance and supplies for his army, which they could not refuse, as they were connected by other ties than political destiny with the ragged rebels, hungry and starving. The instincts of humanity, without any sympathy with the rebellion, might have dictated such a course, and, in some cases, very probably did. This support—for it can be regarded in no other light—has been rendered to a much greater extent since 1864 than at any previous period. The necessities of the case have compelled it. Some are willing contributors to the rebellion in this respect, while others yielded to the force of circumstances.

WHO ARE DISFRANCHISED?

It is very obvious to the Governor that a large class of persons cannot take the oath, and are, by the restored government of Virginia, disfranchised. He has ascertained, after consulting with the most intelligent persons, that, in organizing some of the counties, there are not qualified constituents enough to fill the county offices, and that hardly one-twentieth of the people could take the oath and become voters. The Governor is also under the impression that there is great danger of what he terms the honorable and truthful men refusing to take the oath, while those who care nothing for the privilege of voting may indifferently avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Governor is of the opinion that, while many of the citizens, who were in the rebel service against their inclination, and from force of circumstances, the policy of excluding their officers, who can exert an influence upon those who served under them, will be productive of great evils. The disfranchised officers would create, he thinks, a great deal of sympathy, which would enable them to control votes which might be used to their prejudices, while the bane of proscription rested upon them. The Governor regrets this, since the soldiers and a large number of politicians, whom he deems to be every way inferior to the excluded class, can under the law become qualified voters. He deeply sympathizes with the poor, unfortunate class of this locality, who have stirred up the very depths of his compassion. He is even now considering whether it is best to restore them to their former political rights or forever disgrace them.

WHAT GOVERNOR PIERPONT SAYS.

In speaking upon this subject yesterday, Governor Pierpont remarked that he would sooner cast his lot among the proscribed class, under all the penalties of the authorities, than to be identified with the Copperheads of Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, or Boston, who had the desire to injure the country, but did not possess the courage to enter the field in support of their treason.

The above is neither speculation or conjecture, but may be relied upon as correct in every particular.

ROLLIN.

**Wendell Phillips' Great Speech—What he Really Did Say, and when it will Appear.**

NEW YORK, June 7.—The *Anti-Slavery Standard* of to-morrow will contain a full report of Wendell Phillips' speech at the New England Anti-Slavery Convention, in Boston, last week, in which he is reported as having advocated the repudiation of the United States debt. What Mr. Phillips really did say, was that reconstruction on the basis of white suffrage would be followed by the assumption by Congress of the Confederate debt, which would be a fraud upon the people, and against which he protested in advance. "I, for one," said Mr. Phillips, "there avow my purpose to be bound to no such fraud, however covered up. I will be a lifelong advocate of the repudiation of any rebel debt adopted by any such reconstructed Congress. I shall hold myself at liberty to co-operate with any party which puts on its banner 'repudiation of all rebel debts,' no matter how sacredly such a bastard Congress may have assumed them. I invite others to join me in this avowal, till it swells to a national protest, and becomes a fair and sufficient warning to all creditors."

The speech nowhere contains any reference to such measures as repudiating the debt of the United States.

**Departure for Boston.**

HALIFAX, June 7.—The steamship Africa sailed at noon for Boston, where she was due early on Friday morning.

She has landed the passengers having encountered head winds during her passage.

She was intercepted by the news yacht off Cape Race, on Monday morning, but as the Newfoundland telegraph line was not in working order, the news was not transmitted.

**Key West News.**

BOSTON, June 7.—The U. S. steamer Ariel, Lieut. Williams, from Key West, June 1st, arrived here to-day. She left at Key West the U. S. steamer Powhatan, Tallapoosa, and Paul Jones, and ships Dale and Ino.

**Robbery of Assets of a Richmond Bank.**

CINCINNATI, June 7.—A despatch from Chattanooga to the *Gazette* says the officers of one of the Richmond banks, while on the way to that place with the assets of the bank, were attacked by robbers, near Washington, Ga., and robbed of $200,000.

**Guerillas Hung by Georgians.**

CINCINNATI, June 7.—Ten guerillas were hung by the citizens of Cass county, Georgia, a few days since.

## THE TRIAL.

### THE DEFENCE OF ARNOLD.

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**FACTS CONCERNING MRS. SURATT AND DR. MUDD.**

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The record of the previous day was read, and the Commission then went into secret session, and after a short time the doors were reopened. After considerable delay in consequence of the non-attendance of witnesses, the testimony proceeded as follows:

**Re-Examination of Geo. Boose, (colored).**

By Mr. BINGHAM: The day in regard to which I testified previously as the one on which I met the prisoner, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, on a by-road, near his house, was Easter Saturday, the day after the assassination; from the point where I crossed the main road, I could not see the whole of that by-road; anybody had been travelling along the main road with Dr. Mudd, the person would have been very near me when I crossed the road.

By Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham: Did not say that I saw Dr. Mudd when he turned off the main road, and not having seen him then, could not say that there was no person with him.

**Testimony of R. B. Nash, (colored)**

By Mr. EWING: Live in Charles county, Md.; and have been the slave of Mrs. Thomas, mother of Daniel J. Thomas, whom I have known for thirty years; his reputation as a truth teller is bad, but I could not say that I would not believe him on his oath; there are many gentlemen say that they would not believe him on his oath; when the war broke out he was not a loyal man; since then he has been rather quiet.

By Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham: Have not heard any one, since the commencement of the present rebellion, speak of Thomas as a man who could not be believed on oath; did not hear any gentleman say that he was not to be believed on oath in a court of justice.

There being no further witnesses present, Mr. Ewing stated that there remained to be called, in Baltimore, a number of witnesses, many of whom lived more than twenty-four miles from Washington. He presumed that the substance of the witnesses had been sworn to before, and if they were called they would be cumulative.

Assistant Judge Advocate Burnett said that the subpœnas in each case had been promptly issued and sent to General Augur's headquarters, with the direction of the Secretary of War that they be served forthwith.

The Commission then took a recess until 2 o'clock, at which hour the body reassembled.

**Testimony of John W. Wharton.**

By Mr. BINGHAM: Live in Baltimore, am engaged at Fortress Monroe, on the outside of the fort; the prisoner, Samuel Arnold, was in my employment as a clerk, from the 2d to the 18th of April, and day of his arrest; during that period I was absent only three days; the prisoner performed his duties regularly and faithfully during the time he was employed by me; I received a letter from the prisoner about the latter part of March, before he entered into my employ.

Q. Did he say anything in that letter in regard to his former occupation?

Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham objected to the question, as irrelevant. The objection was sustained.

Mr. Ewing then moved that the translation of the cipher letter alleged to have been found in the house of Morehead City, North Carolina, be stricken from the record for the two-fold reason that it bore upon its face no authority for having been found there, and upon the plainest rule of evidence it was wholly inadmissible, inasmuch as the letter was in cipher, and the witness had not shown that he could read it, and it had not been shown to have been addressed to, or been in the possession of, anybody connected with or charged with having been connected with the conspiracy. The rule in regard to declarations in cases of conspiracy was, that they might be admitted where they were the declarations of a co-conspirator, and that where they are the declarations of a co-conspirator they must accompany some act of the conspiracy.

Mr. Ewing read from Benays, page 239, and stated further that the contents of the letter had not been proven to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, but were entirely unconnected with the subject under investigation, and were, therefore, inadmissible. The letter in question had been taken by the speaker owing to the fact that he was not in the court room when the letter was presented, and was not informed of its production until to-day. The letter referred to has been published.

Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham stated that it was alleged by the counsel for the defence that this conspiracy was entered into by the parties named, and by others unknown. He cited instances in which the declarations of parties were received, neither indicated nor on trial were admissable as far as those declarations had a bearing upon cases of conspiracy, and the principle was well settled that a letter written and never delivered was admissible on trial for conspiracy. The letter in question would not probably affect the accused at the bar, but it should not be excluded from the record. The letter was evidently intended to be in furtherance of the conspiracy, and for the purpose of affecting a permanent organization in accordance with the provisions of the incorporating act. Eleven of the incorporators were present in person, and thirty-two represented by proxy. Among those present were Secretary STANTON, General BURNSIDE, Surgeon General BARNES, General MEADE, General HOWARD, and Admiral DAHLGREN. Generals GRANT, BUTLER, Dr. President MCOSH, and others were among those represented by proxy. Hon. MORRIS P. ODELL, of New York, was called to the chair, and Professor HENRY appointed secretary. A motion having been made to proceed to a permanent organization, a question arose as to the legal right of the meeting to elect officers and directors, in view of the fact that the incorporating bill does not name how many members shall constitute a quorum, and there was but few of the incorporators present. After an expression of views by Secretary STANTON, General BURNSIDE, General MEADE, Mr. ODELL, and others, Secretary STANTON was requested to obtain from the Attorney General an opinion in reference to the questions involved in the organization.

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**FAREWELL ADDRESS OF ITS COMMANDER, GENERAL SLOCUM.**

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WASHINGTON, June 7.—The following farewell address has been promulgated by Major General Slocum to "the Army of Georgia:"

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF GEORGIA,
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*General Orders, No. 16.*—With the separation of the troops composing this army in compliance with recent orders, the organization known as "the Army of Georgia" will virtually cease to exist.

Many of you will at once return to your homes. No one now serving as a volunteer will probably be retained in the service against their will. But a short time longer, and all will be permitted to return and receive the rewards due them as gallant defenders of their country.

While I cannot repress a feeling of sadness at parting with you, I congratulate you upon the grand results achieved by your valor, fidelity, and patriotism. No generation has every done more for the permanent establishment of a just and liberal form of Government, more for the honor of their nation, than has been done during the past four years by the armies of the United States and the patriotic people at home, who have poured out their wealth in support of these armies with a liberality never before witnessed in any country.

Do not forget the parting advice of that great chieftain who led you through your recent brilliant campaign: "As in war you have been good soldiers, so in peace be good citizens." Should you ever desire to resume the honorable profession you are now about to leave, do not forget that the profession is honorable only when followed in obedience to the orders of the constituted authority of your Government. With feelings of deep gratitude to each and all of you for your uniform soldierly conduct, for the patience and fortitude with which you have borne all the hardships it has been necessary to impose upon you, and for the unflinching resolution with which you have sustained the holy cause in which we have been engaged, I bid you farewell.

H. W. SLOCUM,
Major General Commanding.

### CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, June 7.—The steamer Grenada, Captain Baxter, from New York, arrived this morning at 7 o'clock.

Admiral Dahlgren will soon leave for the North. Most of the naval vessels of this squadron have gone home.

The North and South Atlantic blockading squadrons are to be consolidated under command of Commodore Radford.

The steamer Delaware has been wrecked off Fort Johnson.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

EFFECT ON THE REMOVAL OF THE RESTRICTION ON TRADE—HARD TIMES AT WILMINGTON, N. C.

The Wilmington *Herald* of the 3d inst. says: "It is surprising to those who have been in the city since its occupation by the Union army, and who formed a very unfavorable estimate of the amount of articles of trade here, to witness the cart and dray-loads of cotton, rosin, &c., now being stored in warehouses for shipment to the Northern markets. Where it comes from no one knows. Ten days ago all kinds of vehicles for hauling could be found in idleness in the streets, but since the removal of the restrictions on trade not one is to be seen; all are busy hauling.

**From New Orleans.**

NEW YORK, June 7.—The steamer Republic arrived to-night, from New Orleans on the 31st of May.

She brings no news except a report from the officers of a steamer which had arrived at New Orleans from Brashear City, that the country thereabouts was inundated to the depth of fifteen feet.

The loss of stock and other property was incalculable. The inhabitants were destitute, but no lives were lost as far as is known.

**Forthcoming Presidential Proclamation.**

NEW YORK, June 7.—The *Tribune* announces that the President will soon issue a proclamation restoring the privilege of the habeas corpus, and ordering a general clearance of military prisons.

## EUROPE.

**Further Facts Concerning the Alabama Indemnity Affair.**

**An Interesting Discussion in the House of Commons and Comments from the Press.**

**The Press Opposed to the Payment of the Claims and Some of the Journals Warlike.**

**SPECULATIONS ON THE TREATMENT OF THE CAPTURED REBEL "PRESIDENT."**

**The American People Considered Placable, and all Vengeance Expected to End in Mercy and Palaver.**

**Evidences of the Particular Feeling Towards Us in France and England.**

**Resignation of Prince Napoleon—The Inferences Drawn from it.**

HALIFAX, June 7.—The steamship Africa, Capt. Anderson, from Liverpool at ten o'clock on the morning of the 27th, via Queenstown on the 28th ult., arrived at this port at half past six o'clock this morning. Her dates are two days later than those already received.

The Africa has seventeen passengers for Halifax and thirty-nine for Boston.

GREAT BRITAIN.

In the House of Commons, on the 26th, Sir J. Welsh asked Lord Palmerston whether the Government had received from the United States any formal official demand for compensation to American subjects for property destroyed by the Alabama or any other Confederate cruiser alleged to have been equipped in British ports.

Lord Palmerston said correspondence had been going on for some time between the two Governments, on the prizes taken by the Alabama and all the vessels of the same kind. That had been received within the last few days further correspondence on the subject through Mr. Adams, but there had not been time to reply to it. He was bound to say that in that correspondence, in which each Government had stated its views of the case, the question had been discussed in the most kindly and amicable terms.

Mr. Baxter asked Lord Palmerston whether, in looking at the changed aspect of affairs in America, her Majesty's Government would not authorize, in connection with that of the United States, would consider the propriety of sending a squadron to the west coast of Cuba, to effectually terminate the slave trade.

Lord Palmerston said that twelve months ago the Government invited the Government of the United States to participate in its measures on the West coast of Africa, but difficulties arose on account of treaties and belligerent rights which could not be overcome; but, in the present altered state of things, Her Majesty's Government had renewed the application to the United States, and, as that avenue of interest the news as to the system which is in future to be carried on with, merely from its bearing on the few remaining years of the life of an individual, but because the effects of it there myself; my daughter was in the room with her, and I went to the room to see my daughter; I did not talk to her about John or about Harold; I do not know that I got into any particular row with the Government; I was arrested on the road on the 15th of April; I do not know why; there is no charge against me that I know of; I suppose I am to know if I am here as a witness or on trial.

Judge Bingham: You have the right to decline to answer on the ground that the answer would criminate you. I want to know whether you are not accused of offence against the Government in Maryland? A. I do not think I am accused of any offence; I was arrested for; I have not heard of a soldier being killed lately down in my neighborhood; they were talking about something about Booth's death; I knew him, and if I had not harbored him—I told them I had not; they said he was charged with the murder of a man by the name of Wardle; I knew Boyle when he was a boy, but I have not seen him for four years; I do not know when the murder was committed; I have been living in Canada; I have from me; I do not think I have joined in any jollification in honor of rebel victories; I could not expect the success of the rebellion.

Mr. Ewing said this was a species of inquisition of a witness not often indulged in.

Judge Bingham stated that the witness must answer, unless on the ground that the answer would criminate himself. The examination was a proper one.

The witness resumed: I hardly know what will criminate me here. [Laughter.]

Q. Is it your opinion that these Confederates down here are criminals at all? A. I do not know much about it.

Q. Have you not expressed an opinion that the Confederacy was all right? A. I do not think I have.

Q. Do you not think that way? A. I think a good many things.

Q. State whether you made an assault upon a man on election day, about four years ago, and what you did to him? A. Are you going to try me for that? because, I have been tried for that twice. [Laughter.]

Q. State whether you attacked a man down there, about four years ago, and killed him? A. There was a pretty smart attack made on me; I understood the man was killed, but I do not know who did it; I have answered these questions before, and I do not know whether I ought to answer them again; I could not tell whether somebody killed him or not.

Q. Did you have a hand in it? No answer.

Q. What was the man's name that was killed? No answer.

Mr. Ewing to witness: If you have any statement you wish to make of the circumstances of the case you can make it.

Witness. I do not know whether the Judge wants to know all the particulars about it or not; I have been tried by our court and acquitted.

By Mr. Ewing: Q. In what court were you tried? A. In our county court.

Q. Were you, during last spring, winter or fall, in any house on H street in Washington? A. I do not think I was; I do not think I have any acquaintance living on H street; I do not know in what part of the city Mrs. Suratt lives; I never saw her house in my life, and do not know anything about her residence at all.

By Judge Bingham: You say you were tried in your county court; what were you tried for? A. I suppose I was tried for what you said awhile ago; you said I killed a man; I was tried in that case.

Q. Were you tried for the murder of a Union man? A. I do not know whether he was a Union man or not.

Mr. Thompson and Dr. Blanford were called by Mr. Aiken, and testified to the loyalty of the witness, J. Z. Jenkins.

**Re-Examination of Miss Anna Suratt.**

By Mr. Aiken: Q. State whether you recognize that picture? (picture containing the motto "thus will it ever be with tyrants. Virginia the mighty, *sic semper tyrannis.*")? A. Yes, it was given to me by a lady about two and a half years ago; I asked her for it; she at first refused to give it to me; I put it in my portfolio, and it has lain there ever since; I have scarcely seen it.

By Mr. Ewing: Q. How long have your family been living at the house they now occupy on H street between Sixth and Seventh street? A. Since the 1st of October last.

Q. Have they occupied any other house in Washington? A. No, sir.

Q. Have you seen Judson Jarboe at your house; A. No, sir; he never visited there, and I never saw him there; I have seen him pass when I was in the country in a buggy, but have never spoken to him; I was not acquainted with him.

Q. Are you the only daughter of Mrs. Suratt? A. Yes; I am her only daughter.

Q. Did you ever see or hear of Dr. Samuel Mudd? A. No, sir.

The court then adjourned.

Democratic views generally, but more particularly for uttering hostile sentiments on the Emperor's American policy.

Messrs. Woodhouse, Kenrick, & Co., an old Bombay house, has suspended. Liabilities, £10,000 sterling.

**Commercial Intelligence.**

(The report of the weekly Liverpool Cotton market was received per steamship North America, at Father Point.)

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.—The Breadstuffs market is dull and much lower. Messrs. Richardson, Spence & Co., Bigland, Athya, & Co., and others, report: Flour dull and nominal. Wheat inactive, with a downward tendency. Corn quiet, with a decline of 3 per cent. Barley more declined at the date.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.—The Provision market is quiet and steady. Messrs. Gordon, Bruce, & Wakefield, Nephi, & Co., and others, report: Beef quiet and steady. Pork has a downward tendency. Bacon quiet and easier. Lard active and advancing; quoted at an advance of 4@4s—5@6s. Tallow steady.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.—Sugar quiet and steady. Coffee steady. Rice quiet and firm. Ashes easier. Linseed downward. Sperm Oil flat. Linseed Oil quiet and steady. Rosin very dull. Spirits of Turpentine no sales.

PETROLEUM.—Scott, English, & Brandon report small sales at 1s 10d@2s 3d for refined.

LONDON MARKETS.—(Baring).—Breadstuffs quiet and steady. Corn firm. Sugar steady. Coffee firm. Tea has an upward tendency, with an active demand for America. Rice steady. Spirits of Turpentine quiet at 35s 6d. Petroleum firm at 1s 10½d@2s 4½d for crude, and 2s 2½d@2s 9½d for refined. Sperm Oil steady. Linseed Cakes flat and declined 5s. Tallow dull.

LATEST.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday Evening, May 27.—Corrected Sales for two days 8,000 bales, including 2,000 bales to speculators and exporters. The market closes quiet and unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS.—The market is inactive, but steady.

PROVISIONS.—The market is quiet and easier. Beef steady. Lard firm and advancing; quoted at 65s 6d.

LONDON, Saturday Evening, May 27.—Consols closed at 89@89¼ for money.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.—The latest sales were: United