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Financial Resources of South Carolina.

A State or people who undertake to set up for themselves in the entire business of maintaining a rank among nations, should have adequate funds in hand, or a reasonable prospect that they will grow out for future events. When our colonies began business on their own account they were poor, and expected to suffer from poverty until the vast resources of the continent they had begun to occupy could be developed. There was good ground for hope of the future with them, but what ground for present satisfaction for prospective improvement can any man see in South Carolina? The debates in the Legislature of that State, on the first two days of its session subsequent to the adjournment of the convention, furnish the following facts in regard to the financial resources now at their command. A member remarked that "the Committee of Ways and Means, on starting out, had to meet an appropriation of over $100,000 originally appropriated," which we understand to be a deficit of that sum in payments for last year. Next it is said, "last year $612,000 were appropriated for roads," which sum it is also said is mostly needed for the service of the year gone by. Then $100,000 has been appropriated for the ordnance department, and $500,000 for an "armed military force" having already been voted, the member very properly asks where this million and a half of dollars already voted is to come from, all of which "was to be raised by taxation or on the credit of the State."

All this provides nothing for the new State house, nothing for the coast police, nor for any postal, naval, or commercial protection expenses. The items voted to be raised, and necessary for a service which has not a dollar in hand, are the following:

Deficiency from last year,	$100,000
Appropriated for roads last year, and yet to be raised,	$612,000
Just voted for new State-house,	$90,000
Voted to "arm the State,"	$500,000
Voted for arms and munitions,	$400,000
Just voted for coast police,	$150,000
Total,	$1,852,000

Of this sum $150,000 has just been drawn from the State Bank, being the only money yet used for any purposes. It has been paid to the "troops" in and about Charleston. In a special message, dated January 7, the Governor declares that he has actually appointed officers for one regiment, whose services for one year will cost $200,000, and he is making up one more which, for six months' service, will cost $100,000. These armaments will therefore draw the whole $500,000 appropriated—but not yet raised—"to arm the State," when the extraordinary expenses of the present employment of the force in the harbor are paid. It has been said that the $400,000 appropriated for arms and warlike stores was advanced by the banks of the State, but it is not so stated in the recent discussions in the Legislature, and it is probable that but partial success has attended the attempt to force that loan from them. It is well known that a forced loan was attempted, and generally submitted to, but it will not be accepted as complete by the Legislature.—*Phila. North American.*

From the Philadelphia North American.

The Late Town Meeting and Maj. Anderson.

The following correspondence has been handed to us for publication:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7, 1861.

Dear Sir: As presiding officer of the great public meeting held in this city on Saturday evening last, the agreeable duty devolves on me of transmitting to you the enclosed account of its proceedings, as published in our morning papers.

Although I am well aware that the consciousness of having performed his duty is the soldier's highest reward, and that, therefore, your love of country needs no spur to incite you to continue faithful to its flag, it is no less the duty of your fellow citizens everywhere to greet your patriotic devotion in the present perilous crisis of our national affairs, with their hearty sympathy and applause. In this feeling, responsive as I know it to be to that of the vast mass of my fellow citizens, I have the pleasure to hand you the instrument of making to you the present communication.

Trusting that the Federal Government will perform its whole duty towards you and the brave officers and men under your command, by giving you without delay, the needful reinforcements and supplies, I have the honor to remain, dear sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. D. LEWIS.

To Major Robert Anderson, U. S. Artillery, Commanding at Fort Sumter, Charleston, S. C.

MAJOR ANDERSON'S REPLY.

FORT SUMTER, S. C., Jan 12, 1861.

Wm. D. Lewis, Esq., Philadelphia, Dear Sir: Thave the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th inst., enclosing a copy of the proceedings of the public meeting held in Philadelphia on the 5 h inst.

I will not attempt to express the feelings which such an approval of my poor efforts to do my duty excites, but will now merely thank you personally for the handsome manner in which you have performed your part as presiding officer of the meeting, and for the flattering terms of your letter of transmittal.

Hoping that by the blessing of God the impending political storm may be dispersed without bloodshed, I am, dear sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT ANDERSON, Major U. S. A.

Arrival of the U. S. Steamer Brooklyn in Hampton Roads.

As mentioned previously, the United States steamer Brooklyn, Capt. Walker, which sailed from Norfolk on the 9th instant, with sealed orders, has returned to Hampton Roads, where she arrived on Monday night. The Norfolk *Day Book* says:

It is well known that she went down the coast to Charleston harbor and would have gone in—or, at least would have attempted it—but for the fact that just as she got off the mouth of the river she met and spoke a small, rough looking schooner coming out, said schooner carrying no flag.

"Where are you bound?" was asked by one of the officers of the Brooklyn.

"Philadelphia," answered the schooner. The schooner then imparted the intelligence that the Star of the West had attempted to enter the harbor and had eighteen or twenty shots fired into her, and she thought it imprudent for the Brooklyn to enter in.

The Brooklyn rounded to, and was surprised to see that the schooner did not proceed to sea. It was also observed that a steamer came out of the harbor and talked with the schooner, and then took her in tow until she was some distance from the Brooklyn. The steamer finally went back and the schooner leisurely made her way into the harbor. It now occurred to those on board the Brooklyn that the sailors on the schooner were black silk hats, standing collars, store clothes, etc., and the impression soon prevailed that the schooner was one of the guard vessels that had been sent out to intercept the Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn made no attempt to enter the harbor, but remained outside until she started homeward. She arrived in Hampton Roads about dark on Monday night, and came to anchor under the guns of Fortress Monroe, in or near the spot occupied by the Great Eastern, when she was off Old Point.

Fleeing from Danger.

A distinguished gentleman, just from Charleston, informs us that a fearful reign of terror prevails there. The Secession authorities knowing exactly what all the rich men, merchants, and persons engaged in business of every kind, severally have in bank, and what means of other kinds they are supposed to have at their command, continually levying upon them accordingly, no man daring to resist the levy inasmuch as a wild and infuriated mob is ready to execute vengeance upon every man deemed refractory. Our informant says that the deepest distress and the deepest alarm go hand in hand, and that all the railroads and other roads leading from South Carolina are thronged with persons escaping from the State, as if they felt that a rain of fire and brimestone were already falling upon it. We earnestly hope there will be no necessity for the shedding of South Carolina blood by the general government. If South Carolina be but left to herself a little longer, the spirit of rebellion and revolution will perish within her borders like a rat in an exhausted receiver.—*Louisville Journal, Jan. 13th.*

THE RECEPT OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT.—The President elect will be escorted to Washington by the Springfield (Ill.,) Zouaves. This company is composed of young men who have for some months past been under the instructions of Col. Ellsworth, and it is said they are said to be fully equal to the genius original Zouaves. A correspondent writing to the Davenport [Iowa] Gazette says: This company intends to do escort duty to the President elect on the 6th of March next, accompanying him to Washington, and returning by Philadelphia, New York, Albany, &c. They number over sixty, and are in a perfect state of drill, having already taken several prizes, and surprised the famous Chicago boys in their efficiency. They are commanded by Captain Cook, a gentleman who understands the Zou