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THE SOUTHERN CONSPIRACY. The Secretary of War states the number of men now in the field at 600,971, of whom 20,334 are regulars. Of the volunteers 579,208 infantry; 54,554 cavalry; 20,380 artillery, and 8,295 rifles and sharpshooters. The Secretary states that this invading force could have easily been swollen to a million, if the Government had not restricted enlistments when it became evident that the number of men authorized by Congress was already exceeded.

THE AMENDED PASSAGE. It is already a grave question what shall be done with the slaves who are abandoned by their owners on the advance of our troops into southern territory, as at Beaufort district in South Carolina. The number left within our control at that point is very considerable, and similar cases will probably occur.

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