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☞ FOR SHERIFF.—HENRY H. LEWIS, of Sharpsburg, is a candidate for Sheriff of Allegheny county, subject to the Republican Nominating Convention. fe18-ts

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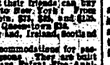

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FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 12.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 9th, 1861.

Lieut. Slemmer has found means of communicating with the Government, in spite of the surveillance exercised by the investing army. He explains why the troops were not landed from the Brooklyn, conformably to the orders issued by the War Department several weeks ago.

According to his view, Fort Pickens can withstand any assault which may be made by the force now assembled there, or any which is likely to be collected by Jefferson Davis. He has four months' provisions, and feels himself fully able to maintain his position and defend himself, without drawing upon the contingent force at his disposal in the ships of war.

In case of an attack, which is not feared, notwithstanding all the demonstrative display, the troops could be landed at a signal, just as easily as at this time. The intelligence was received by telegraph, and has, necessarily, modified some of the opinions entertained here, but without affecting the policy in any respect.

As the responsibility of a collision at either Fort Sumter or Fort Pickens will rest exclusively with the Montgomery managers, strong hope is entertained here that it may yet be avoided. The purpose expressed by Mr. Seward, in his letter to the Southern Commissioners, is that of the Administration, and was fully approved by the President. It includes any idea of aggression, but insists upon the proper assertion of the Federal authority. If the Executive functions are willfully resisted by armed bodies of men, they will be vindicated firmly. Without such a policy, the Government would be powerless, and a mockery of forms, without strength or substance.

When the conspirators who instigated this Southern rebellion find that they must confront the consequences of actual war, if they provoke a contest, they will reflect before striking the first blow. Thus far, they have shown remarkable prudence, except in the affair at the Star of the West, which, fortunately, terminated without injury.

It can hardly be supposed that the President will enter into any detailed explanation of his policy with the Committee sent here by the Virginia Legislature. Being distinctly avowed in the Inaugural, some surprise is excited that such an inquiry could be made. An Ambassador is the chief of the Army and Navy, he has a constitutional right to make such disposition of the federal forces as he may deem most consistent with the public interests, without being called to account by any Convention or other body. The Committee will be received kindly and hospitably, and told that the military preparations are not intended for hostile purposes, but only as a precautionary measure for the protection of the public property, and the lives of American soldiers.

The messenger from the War Department should have reached Charleston last evening, but no intelligence had been received from him this morning, at the time the Cabinet met.

It is quite probable, however, that an important communication was sent from Major Anderson to Gov. Pickens to-day, announcing the intention of the Government to send provisions immediately to Fort Sumter, and expressing the hope that no resistance would be offered, inasmuch as it would necessitate the exercise of all the power at its command for that object. Reinforcements, as already stated in my former dispatches, are not contemplated in this movement, and will not be introduced unless the State authorities should compel that resort, as a defensive operation.

It is the opinion of the best and most experienced officers of the Government, that no former Administration, in 30 years, has so quietly and efficiently matured and directed its policy as that now in power. The quickness are much exercised that such important movements should be concerted with such little publicity, and they excluded from information which was almost sold out under Mr. Buchanan. New rules have been introduced in the Departments, which forbid messages and gossipers from interrupting the public business, or prying into matters with which they have no proper concern.

If the threats of Ben. McCulloch and his confederates should ever be attempted here, they will be met with that sort of stern justice which always startles and discomfits cowards. Texas will soon find her people pretty well cowed, and he may find them exploded, and their author rendered harmless, without much further ceremony. Col. Chas. F. Smith, who recently returned from Utah, will have charge of the defences connected with this capital, and the fortifications in the neighborhood. He is the right man for the place, and will soon infuse the vigilance and energy need his which are required by this important duty. He knows no "section of country," and regards the flag of the Union as commanding his first and highest devotion.

Gen. Sumner has gone to take charge of the Pacific division, thus superseding Gen. Johnston, who has been some time in command, and who is a kinsman of Mr. Floyd. Unpleasant reports have reached here of late of a probable defection in the army there, and of correspondence carried on between high officers and Jefferson Davis. These facts (and others which may not be referred to,) induced the change. Gen. Sumner is a proved man, and will meet all the responsibilities of his position. —*N. Y. Tribune.*

Messrs. Stuart, Preston and Randolph, the Committee from the Virginia convention, arrived here