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Congress last week voted, on motion of Mr. ARNOLD, of Illinois, to suspend the prosecution of the work on the Coast Survey, with a view of saving to the government the appropriations of $281,000, previously made for that purpose.

The following remarks, by Hon. ROBERT McKNIGHT, of the Allegheny and Butler District, will show the great importance of this branch of the service, not only in time of peace, but during war:

Mr. McKnight. I submit the following amendment, to come in at the end of the amendment adopted day before yesterday, on motion of the gentleman from Illinois, [Mr. Arnold,] directing the work on the Coast Survey to be suspended:

Provided, further, That such portion of the Coast Survey appropriation as shall be deemed by the President important to the prosecution of the blockade or the suppression of the rebellion, shall not be suspended.

I desire to say, in explanation and support of this amendment, that the day before yesterday an amendment was adopted, on the motion of the gentleman from Illinois, [Mr. Arnold,] the effect of which was to suspend, during the war, the appropriation for the Coast Survey, namely: for the Atlantic coast $170,000, for the Florida Keys $11,000, and for the Pacific coast $100,000—amounting in all to $281,000.

Now, I wish to state to the House some data which I trust will satisfy them that there is no more important auxiliary to our army and naval expeditions than this Coast Survey.

It will be seen by a letter from Professor Bache, which I have before me, and also from a printed pamphlet which has been laid on the desks of members this morning, that on the arrival of the Port Royal expedition off the coast of South Carolina, it was found that the rebels had destroyed the light-houses and had removed the buoys and beacons. Yet, under the direction of Mr. Boutelle, of the Coast Survey, who accompanied the expedition, the channel was sounded out and buoyed out in three days, and Commodore Dupont was informed that he could sail into Port Royal harbor the next morning; and Commodore Dupont says that but for this service the expedition must have proved a failure. I, sir, I desire to read some testimonials in reference to the value of this Coast Survey from the pamphlet to which I have referred. On page 5, I find the following:

Extract from the Report of Flag Officer S. F. Dupont to the Navy Department.

FLAG-SHIP WABASH, OFF HILTON HEAD, PORT ROYAL HARBOR, S. C., Nov. 0, 1861.

* * * The Department is aware that all the aids to navigation have been removed, and the bar lies ten miles seaward, with no features on the shore line sufficient to make any bearings reliable; but, by the skill of Commander Davis, the fleet captain, and Mr. Boutelle, the able assistant of the Coast Survey, in charge of the steamer Vixen, the channel was immediately found, sounded out, and buoyed. * * * In the evening of Monday, Captain Davis and Mr. Boutelle reported water enough for the Wabash to venture in. * * * On the morning of Tuesday, the Wabash crossed the bar.

S. F. DUPONT, Flag Officer,
Commanding South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

Extract from the Report of Brigadier General T. W. Sherman to the War Department.

HEADQUARTERS EXPEDITION CORPS,
PORT ROYAL, S. C., November 8, 1861.

* * * It is my duty to report the valuable services of Mr. Boutelle, assistant in the Coast Survey, in assisting me with his accurate and extensive knowledge of this country. His services are invaluable to the Army, as well as to the Navy; and I earnestly recommend that important notice be taken of this very able and scientific officer by the War Department.

T. W. SHERMAN,
Brigadier General Commanding.

I now read from page two of this pamphlet:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ANNAPOLIS,
BALTIMORE, JUNE 21, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR: I thank you most cordially for your thoughtful courtesy in sending me the notes and charts of the coast surveys of this military department. They will be of most valuable assistance to us in our operations here.

I am very glad, as one of the results of our unhappy condition, that the people may now see how useful, in a public view, the survey may become. It has been too lightly appreciated by those disconnected with commercial pursuits.

I am, very truly, your friend,
Professor BACHE. N. P. BANKS.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, JUNE 11, 1861.

DEAR SIR: I am very glad to possess the notes on the Potomac, Rappahannock, York, and James rivers, with the accompanying charts sent with your letter of the 10th inst., and for your thoughtfulness in thus kindly supplying this department with details of important information, which could have been derived from no other source than the Coast Survey. Be pleased to accept my thanks.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JOSEPH G. TOTTEN,
Brevet Brigadier General, U. S. Engineers.

Professor, A. D. BACHE,
Superintendent Coast Survey, Washington, D. C.

Now, sir, I have a letter from Professor Bache, from which I quote:

COAST SURVEY.
Services in aid of the suppression of the rebellion.

1. Maps and charts—Twenty-five thousand have been supplied since the war broke out.

2. Hydrographic notes of the whole coast have been prepared for the blockade commission. Acknowledged by the members as very satisfactory.

3. Approval of the military and naval authorities, generals-in-chief, Secretary of Navy and Assistant Secretary, General Sherman, Commodores Dupont, Goldsborough, and Stringham, &c.

4. Officers for piloting and new surveys are attached to all the expeditions, &c.

Washington, 3 parties, (topographical;) Accomac county, Virginia, 2 parties, (topographical and hydrographical;) General Burnside's expedition, 2 parties, (topographical and hydrographical;) Commodore Goldsborough, 1 party, (hydrographical;) Commodore Dupont, 5 parties, (topographical and hydrographical); with four vessels, of which two are steamers; naval part of General Burnside's expedition, 1 party, (topographical and hydrographical;) General Halleck's expedition, 2 parties, (topographical.)

Commodore Dupont speaks of the survey as the right hand of the Navy; and General McClellan, as indispensable to the land operations of the war.

I have also this morning received a series of resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce, of New York, protesting against the suspension of the coast survey work, declaring that it is very important in time of peace, but still more important in time of war.

Now, sir, if gentlemen desire to strike out the $100,000 contained in the bill for the Pacific coast, I shall make no objection, although I think even that should be retained. It seems to me, however, that it is absolutely indispensable that such portion of the work as is required in the prosecution of the war should not be suspended, and I have therefore offered this amendment.

The amendment of Mr. McKnight was adopted.

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 1862.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

The Senate Military Committee to-day passed upon a large number of military appointments. The following Brigadiers were sent up for confirmation: Generals Shields, Meagher, Keys, Richardson, Stanley, Palmer, Van Vliet, French, Brooks, and Steele. Among those who are hung up are Generals McKinstry, Gorman, Todd, Sykes, Stevens, Strong, Sickles, and Ward. These latter are not reported against, but laid aside for inquiry.

GENERAL STONE.

General Stone's place on the Army list is admitted by his friends to be very precarious. When the great list of military nominations was sent into the Senate it was printed for the private use of Senators, and an understanding had that each might erase from it names that they knew to be objectionable, and that at an early day all the rest of the nominations, with these exceptions, should be confirmed—the excepted nominees to be subsequently passed on by themselves.

Of the higher officers we can comfortingly say that not a single one convicted in Senatorial inquest of surrendering slaves will be confirmed—not one of them.

VALUE OF SLAVES DEPRECIATING.

Intercepted letters here show that the value of property in slaves has greatly depreciated in the Carolinas, the market of large drilling, caused by the recent withdrawal of the seaboard population into the interior. In North Carolina slaves cannot be hired out for more than $40 or $50 a year. In South Carolina it is difficult to let them for more than their board.

THE ASSAULT ON GEN. MONTGOMERY.

Capt. Chapman and Lieut. McHenry, who committed the murderous assault on General Montgomery, at Alexandria, on Saturday, are to be tried by court martial immediately. There is no doubt, as it is a plain case, but that they will be sentenced to be shot. They may escape the death penalty through the intercession of Gen. Montgomery. McHenry is well known in Philadelphia. He had a recruiting station in the neighborhood of Fourth and Chestnut strets some time since.

SECESSIONISTS IN ALEXANDRIA.

The citizens of Alexandria, wherever there is a show of business, are occupied by merchants engaged in supplying military stores to sutlers, and selling goods to soldiers. Brigadier General Montgomery is the military Governor of the town. The General, from some cause or other, appears to be exceedingly unpopular with some of the Union men, who complain of his levity towards known Secessionists, and some go so far even as to charge him with sympathising with them in political sentiment. This is, however, a mistake, and originates in prejudice.

There is no use, however, of attempting to disguise the fact that nineteen out of every twenty of the old residents are rebels at heart, and are hold only in check by the presence of the military who surround them. Unionloving people cannot walk the streets without encountering insult, and these insults come mostly from women in the garb of ladies. There is most unquestionably a foundation of treason at this place which flows into the very Cabinet, camp, and citadel of the rebels. A visit would satisfy the most skeptical of the truth of this assertion. If Gen. Montgomery could succeed in making an example of some of these traitors, it would be highly satisfactory to a large number of true Union-loving men in Alexandria.

THE DEMAND TREASURY-NOTE BILL.

Mr. Spaulding, from the Sub-Committee of Ways and Means, this morning, proposed the following additional section to the Hundred Million Demand Treasury-Note bill, which the majority of the Committee approve:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury to fund the Treasury Notes and floating debt of the United States, he is hereby further authorized to issue, on the credit of the United States, coupon bonds or registered bonds to an amount not exceeding $500,000,000 in sums of $100, $200, $500, $1,000, $5,000, $10,000, and $20,000, and for such purposes of each as the exigencies of the public service may require, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, redeemable for twenty years, and after that period redeemable at the pleasure of the